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# CMHOA Messenger

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## President's Message

*Bonjour!*

My name is Andre' Gariepy and I am the president-elect for the Crofton Meadows Homeowner's Association. I have lived in Crofton Meadows for over 10 years and I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to help this community by being the association president. Being partially retired, I have time to devote to the issues in our community and I enjoy the work that I do for this association.

As with any strong association, community involvement is key. I encourage you to take an active voice in your community and come to one of our monthly meetings to see how you can get involved. The Board meets the first Thursday of every month in the library at Community United Methodist Church at 7:30. We would love to have you there. The more help we have, the better we become.

My goal as president is to help keep our property values at their highest by insuring the neighborhood is kept clean, maintained, and that crime is kept at bay. If we all do our part, we can make it happen.

I love living in this community and I hope you will take time to get involved! If you have a concern or an idea that you want to share, please e-mail me and I'll do my best to answer your concern.

*A Bientot!*

Andre'

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## Ecological Update

Many things are being done around our community to make Crofton Meadows a beautiful place to live. You will notice on Tilghman Drive, many trees were removed after being damaged from this winter's storms. Plans are to plant crepe myrtles in their place. The Board is also looking into adding new plants around the entry way signs to the community.

Many improvements are being done at the lake as well. There are plans to finish the walkway that encircles the lake and many native plants will be planted in the lake to help filter the water naturally. On May 1st, the lake was stocked with a variety of fish...remember, have fun fishing, but the lake is a catch and release lake.

## Questions for the Board



**This spring, I would like to paint my garage door? Can I pick the color of my choice?**

All improvements made to the exterior of your home must be submitted in writing to our architectural review board prior to having the work done. This is done so that there is some

uniformity in our community. Go to [www.croftonmeadows.com](http://www.croftonmeadows.com) for an architectural form, or contact our Pro-Com representative Hayley Hancock at [hhancock@procomgt.com](mailto:hhancock@procomgt.com).

**When are the monthly meetings?**

The Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 7: 30 in the library of the Community United Methodist Church on the corner of 424 and Reidel Road. The Board would love to have you there to give your input.

## Crime Prevention Tips for Warm Weather

Crofton Meadows HOA employs police officers to routinely patrol the property.

If you wish to report a non-emergency concern, please e-mail [policebeat@croftonmeadows.com](mailto:policebeat@croftonmeadows.com) to voice your concern.

If there is anything suspicious going on, call 911 immediately. The non-emergency number for the AACo Police is 410-222-8610 .

Here are some tips from the officers for keeping safe in warm weather.

With the warm weather we WILL see an increase in theft from autos, due to the increase in foot traffic. It is easier for a thief to blend in since so many people are out and about in the warmer weather.

### Prevention strategies:

- Lock your car doors.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight. Something as simple as the mount for your GPS can be enough to encourage a thief to go into your car.
- NEVER leave the keys in the car.
- Lock your doors when you leave home. It sounds silly to say but many burglaries are through unlocked doors and windows.
- Do not leave windows open while you are away from the home. Ground floor windows especially, however second story windows are also targeted if you leave easy access to them. If you store a ladder outside secure it to something so it is not used to break into your own house.

- Burglaries and thefts from garages also pick up this time of year
- Do not leave your garage door open and unattended, even if you are "just in the backyard." Lawnmowers, tools and even your car are inviting targets.
- Do not leave your garage door partially opened, an 8 inch gap (to allow Fluffy the cat in and out) is enough for the average teenager to shimmy under the door and have access to the entire house.
- Be aware of your surroundings, know who your neighbors are and which kids belong in your neighborhood.

**And finally...let's all work together to be good neighbors and to keep our community looking it's best!**



## Fishing Tournament



Look for signs in the community mid summer about the Crofton Meadows fishing tournament! The date is tentatively set for mid August!



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## Useful web sites for residents in Anne Arundel County:

- Anne Arundel County Government—** <http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/>
- Trash/Recycling Information:** **Annapolis Capital Newspaper**  
<http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/index.cfm> <http://www.hometownannapolis.com/>
- Recreation and Parks:** **Real Property Value Search**  
<http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/index.cfm> [http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp\\_rewrite/](http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/)
- Anne Arundel County Animal Control/Adoptions/Rules** **Anne Arundel County Police Press releases**  
<http://www.aacounty.org/Police/Pressreleases>

*Please remember...*

*dumping of grass, limbs, and trash is not allowed in common areas. Please dispose*



*of your yard waste and trash in the appropriate way. Anne Arundel County will take all yard wastes on your recycling day!*

*Let's all work together to keep Crofton*

*Meadows as beautiful as we can!*

## Mosquito Abatement Services

It is time for the community to participate in the adult mosquito surveillance and control program offered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. If you would like more information regarding mosquito control activities, polices, and spray schedules, or if you wish to have your property excluded from this program, you may visit :



Info [www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito\\_control](http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control)  
Form [www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/mcsprayexemption.pdf](http://www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/mcsprayexemption.pdf)

## Crofton Meadows Community Yard Sale

Crofton Meadows Homeowners Association will be sponsoring a community-wide yard sale on June 5th from 8 am till Noon, with a rain date of June 6th. Please remember that yard sales should be confined to a resident's own property and should not be set up in any common area or along any of the community roads. In addition, please remove all items that did not sell, after the yard sale has been completed.



## Support Crofton Meadows Elementary School

The school is holding a Health Walk on May 14, to help raise funds for technology in the classrooms. If you wish to support the school, contact John Riva, at [giovariva46@verizon.net](mailto:giovariva46@verizon.net)



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## Curb Appeal in a Day

Looking for some ways to improve the appearance of your house from the curb, in a short amount of time?

With the past winter we had, many of us find that our flower beds took a beating and need some attention! Get garden beds into shape by pruning growth, pulling weeds, planting flowers, and adding new mulch to restore color that was taken away by sunlight and harsh weather. If you have stone or brick borders around your flower bed, consider cleaning and resetting any pieces that are soiled or dislodged. If your border is old or tired-looking, try upgrading to stone or a decorative cast-concrete edging system.

Simply replacing a worn out light fixture, mailbox, or numbering at your entryway can spruce up the appearance of your home. Quick, easy week-end jobs can make your "curb appeal" so much nicer.

Finally, if the idea of meeting an earth-worm face to face doesn't excite you and you have some money stashed away, hire a professional. The advantages are, that the project will be completed quickly, you aren't doing back breaking work, and if you get the right contractor they may have creative ideas that are inexpensive and offer the same end result you were looking for.

Good luck with all those property value increasing projects!

## Pool Memberships Now Available for the 2010 Season

- 2 Olympic Size Outdoor Pools
- Volleyball
- Basketball & Tennis Courts
- Swim & Tennis Teams
- Social Events All Summer Long

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