

Carter's Cove Chronicle

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A Message from the Property Manager

On behalf of the Carter's Cove Homeowner's Association, I would like to give the outgoing President, Erin Hromada, many thanks for all her hard work. Erin will continue to be an imperative part of the Board of Directors and we appreciate all the tasks she has taken on this past year. Thanks so much Erin!!

At the Annual Community Meeting held on October 16th, 2008 the following Board of Directors were elected and their board placements are as follows:

Darren Hogan—President

Irfan Qayyum—Vice President

Marcus Honarvar—Treasurer

Kim Soltysiak—Secretary

Erin Hromada—Member at Large

Donnell Miller—Member at Large

Tonya Taylor—Member at Large

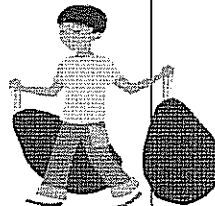
The 2009 budget was approved and the new fees are **\$127.00 per quarter**.

Please note the new section listed "Ask the Board". This section is to allow the community members to ask the questions that pain your brains. Please email your questions to tprochaska@tidewaterproperty.com.

Remember, any questions, concerns or problems may be forwarded directly to my office at 443-548-0191 or by email at the address listed above.

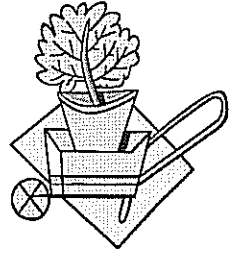
To all: Have a Safe and Happy Holiday

Theresa Prochaska—Property Manager



Trees and More:

During this year's annual inspections, it was noted that the absence of trees, bushes and landscaping was a common citation. As you are thinking of the spring ahead, there is some research you can do to plan for improving your yard next year.



The Maryland Home and Garden Information Center has a fabulous website full of gardening and planting tips and ideas for what types of plants work well and where. They also have hints on where you might get trees and shrubs. Visit www.hgic.umd.edu or call 1-800-342-2507. They have lots of information on pests, plantings, and possibilities.

The Howard County Blossoms of Hope sells Kwanzan Cherry Trees (15 gallon size) for \$125 each with \$50 being tax-deductible for breast cancer research. For more information on the residential program look for it under www.howardcountymd.gov/BOH



Inclement Weather Message for Trash or Recycling Pick-up

Call 410-313-2900 for an update if bad weather strikes and you are not sure if you should put out your trash or recycling.



Crime update in our Community

Graffiti has hit our community! Also known as tagging, this activity is usually conducted at night in a quiet place. However, we have found it on our playground — AND on the bus stops and signs surrounding our community. Graffiti is commonly associated with gang-related activity and every community should take it serious.

What to do:

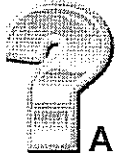
1. Photograph it
2. Call the police and let them process the "scene"
3. Cover it up.

Graffiti is less likely to return if it is covered up within 48 hours of the tagging. Leaving it alone only invites additions and corrections to the original messages. Quiet, dark areas should be surveyed for the ability to clear them and light them so that they are not so conducive to this activity.

There are fines for those who perpetrate graffiti that range from misdemeanors to first degree felonies. Please report any markings to the non-emergency number of the Howard County Police as soon as you notice them.

For more information on gangs, visit <http://gangs.umd.edu> There are many good articles and information on local trends and sightings.

ASK THE BOARD?



Q- What happens if I have an inoperable vehicle parked in the community?

A - First off, you will be tagged for towing. After approximately 10 days, if you have not taken the initiative to have the vehicle become operative or move it yourself. It will be towed at your expense.

Unhappy with your recycling container?

Call 410-313-6444 to exchange it for a different size or to ask for a pick up.



Otherwise, we hope you will pitch in and recycle. It will reduce the costs of the County's waste management system overall— and that will mean less cost to residents.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ANNE TOWNE FOR ALL HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER.





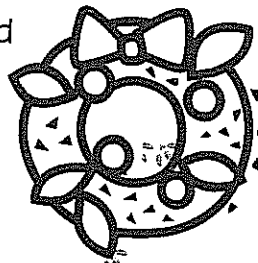
Winter Reminders.....

Working together we make our community safe to walk in the winter. The association and the County maintain the sidewalk in front of your residence. And, it is your responsibility to keep it clear and safe once it has been cleared initially. This is to be done within 48 hours of the snow falling.

Please remember to use *salt-free* products on the sidewalks after snow removal. This preserves the condition of the concrete and helps the grounds remain healthy. Salt products are those that contain *sodium chloride, calcium chloride, or potassium chloride*. Products containing *uric acid* also cause harm to the grass and the Chesapeake Bay.

Sand and cat litter are excellent alternatives and are easy to use and not very expensive!

Thanks for considering our community and beyond with your choices of sidewalk maintenance ingredients.



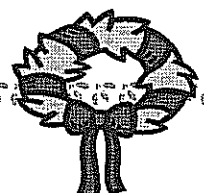
Happy Holidays

from the

Carter's Cove Board of Directors

and

Tidewater Property Management



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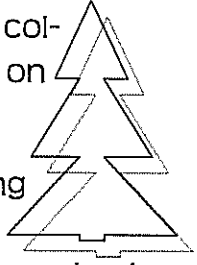
For another year of service to our community

THANK YOU

RECYCLING YARD WASTE AND HOLIDAY TREES

Seasonal curbside yard waste collections (Wednesday's) ends on December 31st.

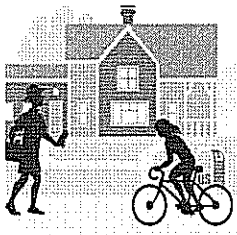
Curbside holiday tree recycling is available January 3rd through January 21st. Trees must be set out the night before (Tuesday) and regular recycling day (Wednesday).



Trees can also be recycled at a local tree drop-off site. The one closest to us is Savage Park, located on 8400 Fair Street.

Trees set out or dropped off for recycling must be free of all man-made items (ornaments, tinsel, garland, lights and stands).





IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Guilford Gardens: Howard County Housing has recently awarded Shelter Properties the opportunity to redevelop Guilford Gardens. The 18-acre property currently has 100 units of garden-style apartments and town homes. The redevelopment concept consists of converting the current property to a mixed-income, multi-generational community that will include up to 270 energy efficient apartments, designed and constructed with sustainable (green) practices and amenities.

The community will also include a pool, basketball/tennis courts, meeting and activity rooms and a gazebo. The buildings will be arranged around an expansive community green that will be available for recreation and will connect to a series of walking paths so that residents will not have to cross a parking lot to reach community amenities, including tot lots and play areas for older children.

The Shelter Group is a national development and property management company specializing in multi-family and senior living communities and has a rich history of working in and around Howard County. Work is projected to begin in the second half of 2009.

Treasurer's Report:



At our annual meeting, the Board discussed our financial position and our obligations going forward. It was determined that we had essentially two options: we could hope for several years without snow so that we could have some funds left over to rebuild our reserves for the future, but risk having to do a special assessment if we needed to pay for major projects. Or, we could raise dues slightly now to make sure we can rebuild our reserves and prevent any unexpected assessments.

We chose the latter with the idea that small increases over time are easier to adapt to, and fixed costs are easier to plan for than unexpected expenses. With that in mind, we are raising dues for 2009 from \$115.50 to \$127.00 per quarter.

- Marcus Honarvar

Board Members

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This is your community newsletter and your comments and articles are welcomed. Send your material to this newsletter care of Tidewater Property Management or email the board at: <http://www.carterscove.info/site/ContactUs/tabid/171/Default.aspx>

