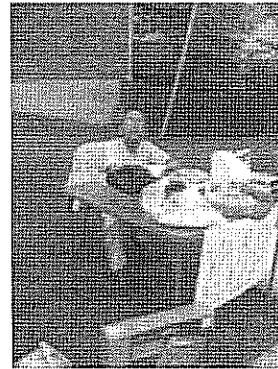


# Carter's Cove Chronicle

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## A Message from the Property Manager

Summer is Here! Time for picnics, outdoor activities, swimming and fun! Remember to use caution when entering and exiting the community. The children are out of school and are frequenting the community areas. Also lets remind our children to practice bike safety and street safety at all times.



All homeowners should have received their inspection notices by now! If yours was clear...way to go! If not, please remember to take care of the items that were noted. I will be doing a follow up within the next few weeks!! Let's all work together to keep our property values from falling during this economic struggle.

Remember, these inspections are performed to ensure that the community is being kept up to standard not only for you as the owner but as a community as well.

Remember to mow your lawns! It is imperative during this season that we keep on top of our landscaping! Reports of rodents and snakes have been received from the area. Good lawn care will help take care of this issue.

Thank you, Theresa Prochaska, Property Manager

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

### RECAP

Who would have a yard sale during the rainy season? Well, we did! Six or eight households participated in the June 6th event. In addition to making sales, neighbors got to learn more about each other and the community we live in.



## Schools Out!

Keep an eye out for children in the community!

As well, parents keep a close watch on what your children are doing during these summer months.



## Connect with County Council Representative Jen Terrasa

District 3 is one of the most vibrant districts in Howard County. New homes are being built; older communities are getting upgraded and expanded; and BRAC will be making a major impact along Route 1 and around the MARC stations.

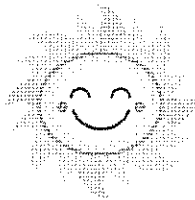
Vice Chair of the County Council Jen Terrasa is our representative to County Government and is an excellent resource for our community.

Check out her communications at [http://www.com.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC\\_DistrictThree.htm](http://www.com.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictThree.htm)

Mary Clay is Jen's special assistant and both can be reached by calling 410-313-3108.

In the last few months the Carter's Cove community has been hit by numerous vandals as well as other safety concerns. During these months when people are on vacation and family outings, lets work together as a community to keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Any non emergency issues can be reported to 410-313-2929 and major issues can be sent directly to 911 Emergency Line.



Have a Safe Summer!

**Re-inspections  
will be performed in  
July 2009  
Remember to take care of  
those items listed on your  
notice.**

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

The County has adopted a new schedule for picking up trash when there is a holiday in the week. Check the County website for more information. [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://www.howardcountymd.gov) and PLEASE comply with the calendar. It is not good for our communities value to have trash cans out for days on end.

The community has experienced a lot of trash strewn around the neighborhood.

This leftover mess is costing the community as a whole and will affect the HOA fees for next year.



### Dumpster Weekend Recap

In May, the Carter's Cove Board along with Tidewater Management arranged for the semi-annual Dumpster Days. Residents were able to dispose of items that are difficult to get rid of during normal trash days. It looks like all community members did a good job of putting the trash into the dumpsters and refrained from overflowing them! Way to Go!

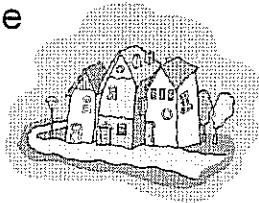
### Talk to County Executive

Ken Ulman

July 8, 2009

Annually our County Executive holds a community forum to hear concerns for residents of the County. He varies the locations to encourage participation. This year he will be holding the forum at:

**Mt. Hebron High School (9440 Route 99 in Ellicott City) on July 8th starting at 7:00 pm.**



You are encouraged to share your joys and your concerns.

Leadership from the County's Departments are also present (i.e. Housing, Planning and Zoning, Citizen Services).



### 4th of July Festival 2009

Howard County Recreation & Parks

Saturday July 4th, 5-10pm

Fireworks 9:30 pm

County Executive Ken Ulman invites you to The Columbia Lakefront for an evening of family, fun & fireworks!

Entertainment, Food, Children's Entertainment Area

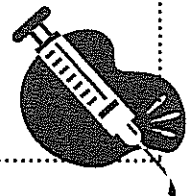
(Rain Date July 5th)

Call 410-313-2452 for more info.

### Pandemic Flu

The World Health Organization has now declared the H1N1 virus to have reached pandemic proportions. Extra concern has been expressed about the flu season ahead of us. If the flu hits our area it means we will all need to be ready to live in isolation (or at least in a restricted manner) for several weeks. So, it is a good time to prepare ourselves and to consider how we might help our neighbors.

Howard County is fortunate to have a Community Emergency Response Network ([www.CERN.us](http://www.CERN.us)) that has been working on this and many other emergency issues. Planning tools are there as well as on the site [www.Pandemicflu.gov](http://www.Pandemicflu.gov). Both sites have excellent tools to help you get ready!



### Hurricane Season Underway

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)) issues stories and statements about hurricanes and other weather-related activities. In it initial forecasting for the 2009 hurricane season (June-November), they predict a 50% probability of a near normal season. That means that there is a 70% chance that the Atlantic region will have 9-14 named storms. Of these storms, 4-7 could become hurricanes with 1-3 becoming major hurricanes.

While we infrequently experience a full hurricane, we certainly feel the impact before and after. So, like preparing for the flu season ahead, it is critical that all of us are prepared for unpredictable weather. Do you have an emergency communications plan in case electricity goes out and communications are limited? Have you tested your batteries in your flashlights and portable radios? Do you have a disaster kit in your home, office and car? Is it up to date with food, water, and medications?

Good guidance on all of this is at [www.prepare.org](http://www.prepare.org) or [www.bepreparedbeready.org](http://www.bepreparedbeready.org).

During a disaster, volunteers are always needed. These sites describe ways you can be involved in helping our community - potentially an important part of your preparedness plan!



#### **Rodents, Birds and Snakes....**

Homeowner's have reported sightings of these standard pests. Remember to check your dryer vents to see if you have a screen on them. If not now is as good of time as any to get one. This will keep these pests from entering your home. You can find the vent covers at your local Lowe's or Home Depot stores.



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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>

