



Mark Your Calendars

April 16:
Community Yardsale
8 am until...

April 30:
Plant Exchange
9 am until Noon

May 14:
Dumpster Day
10 am until 1pm

2nd Neighborhood Entrance Sign Gone Missing

In February someone (or some people) maliciously removed the other sign at the entrance to Country Lakes on Asher Road. The Board of Directors has been in contact with St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department Crime Solvers and there is a reward for information leading to

the arrest and conviction of the person (s) who is responsible for this theft.

If you have any information you would like to share, please call Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333 or text "TIP239" plus your message to "CRIMES" (274637)

Annual Springtime Community Yard Sale

Once a year the Board of Country Lakes holds a community wide yard sale for the residents and the board pays for all advertising for this event. You are welcome to post your signs for directions within the development,

but please remember to take down your signs after the sale. Please feel free to set up in your own yard or you may use the parking lot at the common area. The date for the Yard Sale starts at 8am on April 16th.

Plant Exchange at the Park

The annual Plant Exchange is April 30th from 9am-12noon at the Common Area. If you have never participated in a Plant Exchange, you are in for a surprise. The only requirement is that you bring a plant (up to 10 plants) for exchange. The plants can be an annual, or a

perennial; house plant or garden plant vegetable plant and plant seeds. It's a great way to get needed plants for free and also meet your fellow gardeners. Stop by for a chat too. Everyone has information that is good to share. Tell your friends. It is open to the public.

Got Junk? Come to Dumpster Day in May

My, oh my, how we can accumulate 'stuff' over the winter months! Every year CLHA sponsors a Dumpster Day for the residents. There will be dumpsters so that you can drop off your 'stuff' and the Association pays for the dumpsters! In order to participate, your dues must be current; please bring proof of current residency in Country Lakes. Of course, past due payments will be gladly accepted on site. Please do not bring household trash that you can easily drop off at the County Convenience

Centers; bring items that you would not be allowed to deposit at the Convenience Center. Items you would normally take to the County Landfill on St. Andrews Church Road are permitted with the exception of tires, biohazards, chemicals, paints, construction debris, etc. . Fellow Board members will be on hand to help you load your stuff into the dumpster. The date is May 14th from 10am to 1 pm. There will be a limited dumpster space available, so come early.

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Santa's Scrapbook

We all had a wonderful surprise December 12th when Santa stopped by the Pavilion to visit with the neighborhood kids. Despite the weather, he was jolly as usual and had lots of presents to give. Adults and children munched on sweets and had hot chocolate or spiced cider to drink, keeping them warm. Word has it that Santa will be back next December 11th from 2-4pm at the pavilion. Mark your calendars!



ELECTRICIAN NEEDED

CLHA has some minor electric work needed at the park pavilion. We would like to offer the job to a local electrician. If you are interested in bidding on this job, please contact us for more information:

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NEIGHBORLY TIPS AND ADVICE

Dues Past Due

We all get busy at times and we forget that the Annual Dues for 2010-2011 are past due. Please check through your papers, and if you have forgotten to mail your payment in, please do so.

Untagged Vehicles

Did you know it is illegal to have a vehicle on your property that is not tagged unless you meet certain requirements? All motor vehicles on your property must be tagged, unless they are in a state of repair or for sale (sign must be visible). If the vehicle is untagged, and not in a state of repair or for sale, then the vehicle must not be seen from the road or be covered up entirely.

Park and Pavilion area

Spring time is coming and so will be repairs to the park, pavilion, playground and parking lot. Please be careful when using these areas... areas for repair is clearly marked with a barrel. Since the fall months, some people have used the parking lot as a speeding ground. This disrupts the recycled asphalt that is there. And it costs CLHA (and ultimately you as a dues payer) to have the repairs made. Also the picnic table at the far left end of the pavilion is in need of repair. Again, please be careful when using the common area until all repairs are completed.

Pavilion Reservations

The spring and summer months will be here before we know it. And many people plan outdoor activities that involve using the Pavilion. The pavilion may be reserved 2 weeks in advance by our residents that are in good standing (dues paid to date). Please contact the Voice Mail and leave a message with your requested date, time, your name and phone number. A board member will be in contact with you.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE PHONEN UMBERS:

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office: 301-475-8008

Maryland State Police: 301-475-8955

St. Mary's County Animal Control: 301-475-8018x 2115

St. Mary's County Public Schools: 301-475-5511

Social Services: 240-895-7000

American Red Cross: 301-934-2066

Health Department: 301-475-4330

Verizon: 301-954-6260

Public Works and Transportation: 301-863-8400

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