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January 7:
CLHA Board Meeting
7pm

February 4:
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March 4:
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**Online at
CLHA.org**

2013-14 Board Elections: Meet your executive directors for this year

We held our annual Meet & Greet and Board Elections on Tuesday, Dec 10 at the Christ Church Parish Hall in Chaptico, Maryland. Only one member of the community, with the exception of the board, attended this event. We hope you will consider joining us for next year's elections. It is your suggestions and involvement that is necessary to make our community a better place to live.

The Country Lakes Homeowners Association 2014 Executive Board is as follows:

President/Secretary: Elaine Green, president@clha.org

(NEW) Vice President: Mark Pullium, vicepresident@clha.org

Treasurer: James Loveless, treasurer@clha.org

A special thanks goes out to these folks, in addition to the board of directors that comprises our community HOA. This group of volunteers manage all aspects of up-keep to the park, entrance, and events throughout the year. It is your yearly dues that allow us to maintain the community and for that we appreciate each and every one of you as well. Thanks!

2013 Christmas Decoration Winners - FREE DUES

The winners of the CLHA Christmas Decorating Contest are below. These folks receive FREE dues for 2014. Congrats neighbors!

26869 Kelli Court • 26372 Tin Top School Road • 37045 West Spicer Drive

If you are interested in being a part of the voting process, come join the board. It only takes a few hours of your time each month to participate

Adopt-A-Road Clean Up

Saturday, November 2, was community clean up day. We had seven community service workers and two families from Country Lakes help out. The wooded area at the Park was targeted, along with Asher Rd nearby. We then moved to Tin Top School Rd. and picked up between Asher & Yowaiski Mill. The entire stretch of Yowaiski Mill Rd was also cleaned up. Approximately 30 bags were filled and other larger debris picked up as well. We started at 9:15 a.m. and finished by noon.

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the organization, pickup, and hauling of the bags and debris from this event. Contact us at 301-884-7297 or CLHA.org if you are interested in volunteering for the next event in the Spring.



VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD: What's Happening Online?

Here are some recent posts to the CLHA Facebook page. It's an easy and quick way to communicate with your neighbors and board members directly. We currently have 173 followers, but our posts often go viral, extending to "friends" of those followers as well. Our most popular post in 2013 reached 1,024 people on Facebook; It was a post of a lost cat!!

facebook

 **173**

14 MORE THAN
LAST QUARTER!!

Join us at
[Facebook.com/CLHOA](https://www.facebook.com/CLHOA)

We pass on
important
information and
news from local
organizations
such as the
Sheriff's
department.

We share
details from
community
events

Spot pets on the loose?
Post to our wall and we'll
share it with our followers !



UPCOMING 2014 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CLHA Board Meetings -

Our Board Meetings are held every four weeks on Tuesdays at either the park pavilion (during warm months) or the Christ Church Parish Hall on Zack Fowler Rd. in Chaptico (during cold months). Upcoming meeting dates for the first quarter of 2014 are as follows:

- January 7,
- February 4, and
- March 4.

All meetings are at 7pm and last a maximum of 2 hours. Please bring your ideas/suggestions/complaints and we'll try our best to address them appropriately.

Event Calendar To Be Decided

The CLHA board of directors will discuss and set the dates for the 2014 community events at our first board meeting on January 7. Stay tuned for the calendar to be updated on the Website and Facebook as well.



View the Calendar Online:

www.CLHA.org

[www.Facebook.com/CLHOA](https://www.facebook.com/CLHOA)



Special Announcements

Damage at the Park

There was some damage to the basketball court fence at the park on or around November 6, 2013. It appears to have come from a vehicle. If you have any information related to this incident, please e-mail president@clha.org or leave an **anonymous message** at 301-884-7297.



Neighborhood Watch Program

There are currently 5 neighbors participating in our Neighborhood Watch Program, but we are always accepting newcomers. Please complete our online form at CLHA.org or contact Donald "Pud" Graham at 301-884-5236 or 301-717-6474.

Trunk or Treat 2013

We had beautiful weather for Halloween on October 31st and many of you joined us at the park for our annual Trunk-or-Treat event. We even had a bonfire this year, so we hope you enjoyed it. See you next time.

Santa's Visit at the Park

While the weather for Trunk-or-Treat was unseasonably warm, the weather for Santa's visit was the opposite. It was a very cold, very icy winter day at the park on Sunday, December 8. Unfortunately, this prevented many of you from coming to see Santa. We only had about 20 kids total, but we still had treats, plenty of hot chocolate, a craft workshop, and a special table for sending holiday cards to soldiers. Thanks to all who participated and braved the icy, cold weather and special thanks to the board for organizing the event.



Want to Volunteer? Call 301-884-7297 or go online at CLHA.org

When calling our voice mail, your phone number must accept blocked numbers to receive a call back



COMMUNITY RESOURCE PHONE NUMBERS:

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

Maryland State Police: 301-475-8955

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

State Highway Administration: 301-475-8035

METCOM: 301-373-4733

SMECO: 301-475-5631

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

COUNTRY LAKES
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. Box 632
Mechanicsville, MD 20659



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301-884-7297

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Jen Burtchette

Donald Graham
Kim Beachy, *Property Manager*

Special Contact Emails:

Pavilion Reservations: eventcoordinator@clha.org

Dues Questions: propertymanagement@clha.org