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Aug 5:
National Night Out
6-8pm

Sept 16:
CLHA Board Meeting
7pm

Sept 20:
Community Clean up
9am

Oct 4:
Community Yard Sale
7am until...

Online at
CLHA.org

NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT: National Night Out

Bring your family down to the park on Tuesday, August 5 from 6-8pm for National Night Out. Various local organizations will be in attendance, such as the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department, SMECO, Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, MEDSTAR St. Mary's Hospital, and more. See demonstrations and meet the folks behind the organizations!

CLHA Board members will be on hand to grill hamburgers and hotdogs. There will be various door prizes and lots of fun games for the kids. Special thanks to Laser Lube of California, Md. and Patuxent River Naval Air Museum for donating door prizes. More to come! Let's all hope and pray for good weather and a great neighborhood turn-out! See you on the 5th.



Protect your Pets in the Hot Summer Months

While it may be tempting to take your pets along for a car ride, remember that it is too hot during the summer months to leave them in the car unattended (even with the windows down or the A/C on). **DID YOU KNOW:** On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die. Learn more about helping your pets cope with the heat by [clicking here](#).





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 204 followers, but our posts often go viral, extending to "friends" of those followers as well. Our most popular post in the 2nd quarter of 2014 reached 592 people on Facebook; It was about an auto accident in the community and a reminder to please obey our speed limits. We hope you are all staying safe.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION! [Facebook.com/CLHOA](https://www.facebook.com/CLHOA)


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 **204**

13 MORE THAN
LAST QUARTER!!


Country Lakes Homeowners Association (CLHOA) via Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, INC.
May 15 · 🌐

Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to follow the speed limits posted throughout our neighborhood. Thankfully this person was not seriously injured and did not injure anyone else.



One Injured in Country Lakes Collision - Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
At 2334 hours, RES2CUE was alerted to a motor vehicle accident on Yowaiski Mill...
MVFD.COM | BY FIREHOUSE SOLUTIONS

592 people reached [Boost Post](#)

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We share details about important happenings in our neighborhood

We share local summer events and news.

Country Lakes Homeowners Association (CLHOA) via St. Mary's County Tourism
June 19 · 🌐



Beerfest | St. Mary's County MD Tourism
Visit St. Mary's County, MD on the Chesapeake Bay - travel and tourism info, including attractions, events calendar, hotels, restaurants & shopping.
VISITSTMARYSMD.COM


47 people reached [Boost Post](#)

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We help you find your lost pets! Philly found his way home thanks to help from our neighbors!!

Country Lakes Homeowners Association (CLHOA) shared Rhonda Weston's photo.
June 21 · 🌐


Have you seen this dog? Please read and share.



Rhonda Weston · Country Lakes Homeowners Association (CLHOA)

This little boy is missing in country lakes. His name is Philly. He's been missing since yesterday. I'm posting for his owners. They are heartbroken please contact me by message or 240-577-0429 if you have seen him or have him.

69 people reached [Boost Post](#)

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AND MORE...

Spot pets on the loose? Having a fundraiser? Looking for childcare? Post to our wall and we'll share it with our "friends" and followers!

Need to spread the word even farther?

We offer affordable advertising on our Website and in this newsletter. Email webmaster@clha.org for details!



Special Announcements

Recent Local Crimes

There have been several local armed robberies in our part of the county lately. Local crime solvers have identified and charged suspects in these cases; however, please be reminded to be aware of your surroundings at all times. It is the awareness and alertness of our neighbors that aide in helping the local Sheriff's department solve these crimes and keep our area safe. If you have any information or witness any crime, please call the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Dept. at 301-475-8008.

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.

Looking for Board Members

We always welcome you to join our board meetings and consider joining the board of directors. We are a group

of residents that volunteer to help manage the maintenance and events throughout the community. It is because of all of our (and your) dues that we are able to maintain the park and have these fun events. We are always looking for help and volunteers, so please consider participating. New ideas and suggestions for events and community interaction are always welcome and encouraged.

Help Keep Our Pavilion Clean

We have recently repaired and repainted some of the tables and rafters at the pavilion. Please urge your children to respect all equipment at the common area in Country Lakes. Thank you for your cooperation!

Yearly Dues Reminder

You should have received your yearly dues statement in June. The due date was July 1 to avoid a \$5 late fee. Please contact us immediately (and include your name and address) if you have any questions about your dues. Email: propertymanagement@clha.org

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 third quarter of 2014 are as follows:

- Sept 16  This meeting is at the Pavilion!

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.



National Night Out - Tues, Aug 5

Come to the park to meet your CLHA board and local community organizations. Food, fun, and prizes! Thanks to Laser Lube of California, Md. and Patuxent River Naval Air Museum for donating door prizes for this event. More to come!

View our Event Calendar Online:

www.CLHA.org

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

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



CLHA Voice Mail:
301-884-7297

*You must accept calls from a blocked number
to have your call returned.*



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