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Saturday, April 9
Community Clean Up
9am, Park Pavilion

Saturday, April 23
Community Yard Sale
7 am

Monday, May 9:
HOA Board Meeting
7pm, Park Pavilion

Monday, June 13:
HOA Board Meeting
7pm, Park Pavilion

Spring Community Clean Up

A few years ago, the Country Lakes Homeowners Association (CLHA) discussed joining the county's adopt-a-road program. It only seemed fitting that we, as a community, volunteer to adopt the main thoroughfares in our neighborhood, Asher Road and Yowaiski Mill Road. The only requirement was that we hold a few yearly community clean up events to help maintain the cleanliness of our adopted roads.

Please join us on Saturday, April 9, at 9am at the park pavilion for our annual Spring clean up event. Board members will be on hand to organize the event and provide supplies. If you have yard gloves (and/or latex), we suggest bringing them along too.

Are you already busy on Saturday?

We understand. If you can only stay for an hour or so, that is ok. If not, you can still contribute by picking up any trash you see on your own street. If you have kids, they can apply these hours to the community service requirement for school, so send them down to the park at 9am. We will keep them busy!

Your 2016 HOA Board of Directors

On December 8, 2015 we held our annual Meet and Greet and Board Elections. Your new board of directors for 2016 are as follows. Meet them yourselves by attending an event this year or better yet, a monthly meeting! Contact the board at CLHA.org.

Cesar Afanador, President

Elaine Green, Vice President

James Loveless, Treasurer

Mark Pullium, Secretary

Online at
CLHA.org

Have an idea for the newsletter or an upcoming event?

We are always taking suggestions on how to improve our community. Please submit them online using the **contact us** form or email webmaster@clha.org



VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD: What's Happening Online?

Have you seen the CLHA Facebook page? It's an easy and quick way to communicate with your neighbors and board members directly. We currently have 394 followers and our posts often go viral, extending to "friends" of those followers as well.

We saw our biggest growth in number of friends during this first quarter of 2016! That is great news; It means the word is spreading and our page is getting even more popular. Don't you think that's an even better reason to join us?



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

Upcoming Community Events - 2nd Quarter 2016

APRIL

9th - Spring Community Clean Up - 9am

Meet us at the park pavilion. Board members will manage and provide supplies. Kids can apply these hours to school community service requirements.

23rd - Community Yard Sale - 7am

Set up in your yard or at the park. We will advertise on somd.com, Facebook, and our website. We also encourage you to advertise on your own.

MAY

9th HOA Board Meeting

Park pavilion at 7pm.

JUNE

13th HOA Board Meeting

Park pavilion at 7pm.

**Dates and times are subject to change.
Visit our website and Facebook often for updates.**

**Become a Board Member or 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



Special Announcements

Yearly Dues Reminder!

Are your dues behind? We send out quarterly statements as a reminder to pay your balances. Our community relies on this income to maintain and improve the park, landscaping, utilities, organize events, and more. Thanks for your cooperation.

Easier for You to Reserve the Pavilion

The required Pavilion User's Agreement form can now be found on the CLHA website. Go to www.clha.org. Under "My HOA" or "Quick Access Links", click on "Reserve the Pavilion" and then select "Download required contract (PDF)".

This is a NEW, convenient way of letting you look over the pavilion contract BEFORE making a pavilion reservation request.

If the terms & conditions are acceptable to you, please complete the form or contact Monty Wright at event-coordinator@clha.org to request a pavilion reservation for a particular date. Requests can also be made by phone by calling 301-884-7297.

CLHA members in good standing (ALL membership dues and any late fees paid up to date) are eligible to reserve the pavilion. Requests are accepted on a qualified first-come, first served basis.

The CLHA pavilion can be reserved for private, personal get-togethers such as birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, family reunions, and picnics. The pavilion can NOT be reserved for organizational meetings or for any fund raising efforts. Alcoholic beverages of any kind are NOT allowed. There's NO charge for reserving the pavilion. Only 1 pavilion reservation per day is accepted.

Once your membership status has been confirmed, you'll be asked to print out 2 copies of the Pavilion User's Agreement form and then meet with the event coordina-

tor for you each to sign the copies. One copy the resident keeps and the other copy the event coordinator keep for their records. Once both copies of this form have been signed by the resident & the event coordinator, the resident is "locked in" and all set. The form provides the resident with a record of what they are and are not responsible for. In addition, it serves as the resident's proof to the authorized, exclusive use the pavilion as approved by the CLHA board on the date & time period specified.

PLEASE provide at least a 2 week notice for pavilion reservation requests. The more advance notice the better!

Board Meetings now 2nd Monday

Our Board Meetings are now held on the second Monday of each month at either the park pavilion (during warm months) or the Christ Church Parish Hall on Zack Fowler Rd. in Chaptico (during cold months). Please bring your ideas/suggestions/complaints and we'll try our best to address them appropriately. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend these meetings! Want to Volunteer? Call 301-884-7297 or go online at CLHA.org

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

The CLHA board voted on Thursday night, December 17th on the best decorated houses in the community. This year's winners received gift cards to local businesses. If you didn't see it on Facebook or our web site, here are the winners from the 2015 contest:

26869 Kelli Ct.

26981 Bosse Dr.

36974 David Dr.



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

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

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