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**Monday, Oct 31,
6-8pm
Trunk or Treat
at the Park**

**Monday, Nov 14,
7pm:
HOA Meeting
Christ Church Parish
Hall, Chaptico**

**Sunday, Dec 4, 2-4pm
Santa Visits the Park
Pavilion**

**Sunday, Dec 11,
4-6pm
Board Elections/Meet
and Greet
Christ Church Parish
Hall, Chaptico**

**Saturday, Dec 17,
6-9pm
Holiday Decorating
Contest**

Letter from the President

We are reaching the end of the fiscal year and there are still several events taking place before the year is over. There are two very important events for which the Board historically gets very little or no support. The first is the preparation and submission of the fiscal year 2017 Budget, which will be presented during the November 14 board meeting. Second, the CLHOA Annual Elections (Meet & Greet) which takes place on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at Christ Episcopal Church from 4-6pm. These are both very important events that decide the upcoming and future plans for our community. We encourage you to make every effort to attend these events, so please mark your calendars and support your HOA. You will get a taste of the challenges facing your association. We are working for you, but to see the changes you hope for, we must hear your voice!

In the last newsletter we announced the board's initiative to bring all delinquent accounts into good standing. To achieve the initiative, we acquired the services of the Law Firm of Andres, Bongar, Gormley & Clagett. As of September 30, 2016, CLHA has transferred the first batch of delinquent accounts for collection to the Law Firm. Be aware that once the delinquent account has been transferred, the Law Firm has full control of the collection process. This is a reminder to make every effort to bring your dues current as soon as possible.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Kim Beachy, dues Manager at propertymanagement@clha.org or 301-904-8114.

Kindest Regards,
Cesar Afanador
President

**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 428 followers and our posts often go viral, extending to "friends" of those followers as well.

**Join us
(and invite your
neighbors) at
Facebook.com/
CLHOA**



←
OUR MOST
POPULAR POST
FROM 3RD
QUARTER 2016
REACHED 401
PEOPLE!

Upcoming Community Events - 4th Quarter 2016

OCTOBER

31st - Trunk or Treat

At the park at 6-8pm. Trunkers arrive at 5:30 for setup.

NOVEMBER

14th - HOA Board Meeting

Christ Church Parish Hall (Zach Fowler Rd in Chaptico)
at 7pm.

DECEMBER

4th - Santa Visits the Park

We are returning this event to the park pavilion so all of our neighbors can easily participate. Santa will visit from 2-4pm and your board members will provide snacks, hot cocoa, and fun activities.

11th - HOA Board Elections/Meet and Greet

Christ Church Parish Hall at 4-6pm. Come meet the board and participate in the yearly election.

17th - Holiday Decorating Contest

The board will drive around from 6-9pm to judge your decorations. May the best house win!

**2017 event dates and times will be
decided in the next few months.
Visit our website and Facebook page
often for updates.**



Special Announcements

Your Feedback is Valuable to Us! Our volunteers try their best to respond timely to Facebook messages, voicemail messages, e-mails, and form submissions. We urge you to participate in our monthly meetings, where a local police officer listens to our needs and concerns. The bigger presence we have at these meetings, the better change you will see in your community. Thank you.

Trunk or Treat Details

We will celebrate on Halloween, October 31 from 6-8pm at the park. There will be a bonfire and plenty of candy for the kids. Someone will be on-hand at 5:30 to direct traffic to the parking area for residents that participate in handing out candy. Otherwise, please use the main parking lot. Please watch out for cars!

Community Clean up Report

This year we had five community service workers and four residents helping to clean up the community roads and common areas. There were approximately eighteen (18) bags of trash picked up along Tin Top, Yowaski Mill, and at the bottom of the hill on Asher (at the guardrails). Thanks to those that managed this event and all that participated. Our next community clean up event will be in the Spring of 2017. Stay tuned for the date.

Walking Trail at the Park

Our walking path at the park is about 3/5 of a mile and now that the weather is cooler, it is a great time to get out and exercise. The walking path is level and made with recycled asphalt. Take advantage of it. Your pets are welcome too, but please bring a garbage bag to clean up after your pets.

National Night Out Report

This popular event was on Tuesday, August 2nd at the park. It is an annual event held in conjunction with other National Night Out events across the country. Approximately 100 Country Lakes residents and guests were in attendance.

Special guests were the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, SMECO, the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, the Maryland State Police – Leonardtown Barracks, and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department. SMECO brought one of their line trucks and the fire department performed a "spray-down" in a nearby ball field. Thank you to all of these groups for talking to guests, handing out literature, and doing demonstrations featuring their vehicles and/or equipment.

Thank you to the CLHA board members & others who volunteered their time & efforts to bring food, drinks, desserts, snacks, condiments, supplies and games. A special thank you to our grill-masters who cooked hamburgers & hotdogs for all to enjoy.

The CLHA board also wants to thank the following local businesses that donated door prizes for this event: Clay Creations of Mechanicsville, the Pax River Naval Air Museum in Lexington Park, and Pizza Hotline in Charlotte Hall. We hope to see everyone again at the Country Lakes' National Night Out event in 2017!

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



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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

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