# CLHA Newsletter | 4th Quarter 2019

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Sat, Oct 26, 5-7pm Trunk or Treat at the Park

Tues, Nov 12, 6pm: HOA Meeting Christ Church Parish Hall,

Zach Fowler Rd.

Sun, Dec 8, 1-3pm Santa Visits the Park CL Pavilion

Sun, Dec 15, 3-5pm: Meet and Greet & Board Elections Christ Church Parish Hall, Zach Fowler Rd.

Sun, Dec 15, 6-8pm: Holiday Decorating Contest

# 1 st Annual CLHA Vendor and Craft Fair Fundraiser a Success!

Country Lakes HOA would like to thank all the residents, vendors and general public who joined us on September 14th for our First Annual Vendor & Craft Fair Fundraiser. The event was held at the community park and was a great success.

A number of local vendors came out to showcase their unique products. We had vendors selling their own business products such as skincare, pressed flower art, tobacco stick crafts, jewelry, scrapbook supplies, and cakes/cake pops (she sold out of every dessert). Others sold some of the brands we all know and love such as Tupperware, Scentsy, Pure Romance, doTERRA Essential Oils, Origami Owl and more. Many of our vendors and local businesses donated raffle prize items that were raffled off. Many of our residents were winners of these prizes. Congrats!

While vendors were able to keep any profits from their own sales, funds raised from the vendor space rentals and raffle ticket sales went towards the fund for upgrades and maintenance to our community park and playground. The event generated \$1015.27 for our community park playground!

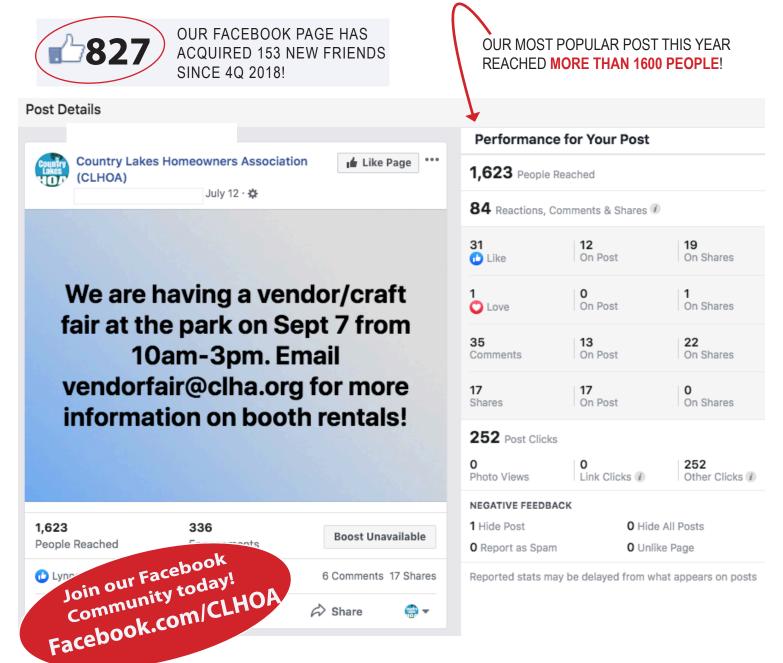
Feedback from our vendors and patrons alike was very positive and many are already planning to join us next year. Mark your calendars because we are already making plans for the Second Annual Vendor & Craft Fair Fundraiser. The tentative date of September 12, 2020 is penciled on the calendar. The HOA is working on including food truck vendors to add to the event. If you or someone you know would like to participate as a vendor in next year's event, please stay tuned. We plan to begin seeking vendors the beginning of 2020. Thanks again to all who made our first event a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

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

## **FACEBOOK: AN EASY WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH NEIGHBORS**



# Remaining 2019 Events -

# Saturday, Oct 26th - Trunk or Treat Park at 5-7pm.

## **Tuesday, Nov 12th - HOA Meeting**

Christ Church Parish Hall on Zach Fowler Road in Chaptico, 6pm. All are welcome.

# Sunday, Dec 8th - Santa Visit

Park pavilion at 1-3pm.

# Sunday, Dec 15th - HOA Meet & Greet and Board Elections

Christ Church Parish Hall on Zach Fowler Road in Chaptico, 3-5pm. All are welcome.

## Sunday, Dec 15th -Holiday Decorating Contest

6-8pm. Don't forget to turn your lights on!



# 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 monthy 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.

### **Neighborhood Tips & Reminders**

#### Park Use

The park is a great place to walk and play with your pets. Please remember to clean up after your pets.

Neighborhood children also play at the park and should not have to worry about stepping in your pet's mess.

#### **Fire Prevention this Fall**

BURNING LEAVES THIS FALL? Until recently, we've had a very dry summer/fall, so please take precaution to keep yourself and your neighbors safe. Don't burn near any buildings; don't use an accelerant; don't burn when it is windy outside; please call the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department at (301) 884-4709 to let them know when you plan on burning. You can also visit their website for more helpful fire prevention tips: https://www.mvfd.com/content/prevent/

# Join the Adopt a Road Cleanup Crew

We organize two of these clean up events each year where neighbors and community service members join together to clean our streets. It's a chance to volunteer your time to a good cause we can all appreciate. We post the dates in our events calendar and on Facebook, so please reach out if interested. SIgn up here: http://clha.org/volunteer-your-time/



Become a Board Member or Volunteer! Call 301-884-7297 or go online at CLHA.org



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

METCOM: 301-373-4733

SMECO: 301-475-5631

Health Department: 301-475-4330

Public Works and Transportation: 301-863-8400

State Highway Administration: 301-475-8035

Maryland State Police: 301-475-8955

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222 Social Services: 240-895-7000

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