COUNTRY LAKES HOA Spring Newsletter 2022

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office – Has suggested members keep their doors always locked while at home if possible. Keep automobiles lock when parked. There have been a few cases with people going through automobiles at night and people walking into member's homes. Protect yourself and your property.

Code Enforcement – Are checking homes in Country Lakes for automobiles with no registration/ tags. It is unlawful to store any automobiles, trailers, boats on your property that is not registered/not tagged.

Newsletter – Will be published January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1. Please sent items to PO Box 632 Mechanicsville MD 20659. Please mark "Newsletter" outside on envelope to get to the correct person.

Lighted Sign Rental – If you want something stated on the lighted sign at the park. Please go to website to contact the Event Coordinator to make arrangements. The message is for a 24-hour period. Member dues must be paid in full. All rentals are at the discretion of the board for approval. No political messages will be allowed.

Dues Management – Country Lakes Dues statement will be mailed out the first of June and due back July 1. Any member behind in their dues are subject to be forwarded to our attorney for collection. Once a member is turned over, the members account is no longer in the hands of the dues manager. All concerns will be directed to our attorney. If the members account has been turned over, the member will be responsible for attorney fee's, all cost associated with collection of this account.

Up Coming Events:

Quarter Auction – CLHA is having a Quarter Auction on April 24th at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge. Doors open at 12 noon with auction starting at 1 pm. This event is to help raise money to add more playground equipment to the park. Please come out to help support this event.

Spring Clean-Up – This event is scheduled for Spring and Fall. So far, the board has decided a Spring clean-up for May 14. Anyone who is interested in helping with this event is asked to come down to the park at 8 am to receive your job description, gloves, and trash bags for the job. This is a fun event that will be taking place for a few hours. If you are a high school student and need community hours for graduation, this is a good way to help and get your hours recorded. Yard Sale – Is scheduled for May 21. You can put up your sign and have yard sale at your home or come to the parking lot at the park to claim your spot. First come gets the best spots. This will be advertised on Country Lakes web site, Newspaper, Facebook page, and other means of getting the word out. Have a fun day and make lots of money!

National Night Out – is schedule for August 2nd. This event will start at 5 pm until 7 pm. We are excited to have back St. Mary's Sheriff's Department, Maryland State Police Department, St. Mary's County Parks & Recreation, St. Mary's County Fire Department, St. Mary's County Rescue Department, and many, many more. We are also trying to get the Maryland State Helicopter back. Last years was a big hit with all the organizations come to share and talk about their goods, answering questions from the many persons that attended. Come on out, eat a hamburger, hot dog, chips, desserts, water or cold drink. Kids games, Lots of handouts. A good time will be had by all.

Vendor Fairs – is schedule for September 17 on the grounds at the park. Country Lakes Board is looking for Arts & Crafts vendors who would like to set up at the park to sell their goods for this event. This is an event to help raise money to buy more playground equipment for the park playground. Please look on web site for information on this event.

Other Events dates are set for the Country Lakes Membership are;

- 1. Truck-Or-Treat, October 29, 5 pm 7 pm
- 2. Santa at the Park, December 11, 12 pm 2 pm
- 3. Meet & Greet, December 18, Board Election
- 4. Christmas Home Decoration Contest, December 18

Past Events:

Walking path has completed, and all are welcome to come walk the new path. The cable fence is being update and the T-Ball games are getting ready to start.

All are asked to keep an eye on the park and neighborhood, and if you see anything that looks suspicious, please contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (911) so we can keep our park safe.

If you have a question that you would like answered here, please send your questions to P.O. Box 632 Mechanicsville, MD 20659 and we will do our best to find an answer for you. Mark your envelope "Newsletter" to it gets to the right person.

Thank you and have a Great Spring! Jim \ The CLHA Board