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COUNTRY LAKES HOA Summer Newsletter 2022

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office – Has suggested members keep their doors always locked while at home if possible. Keep automobiles locked 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.

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 dues back July 1. New this year, you can pay your dues online, just reach out to propertymanagement@clha.org for more information. 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 fees, all cost associated with collection of this account.

Up Coming Events:

National Night Out – August 2nd, 6 pm – 8 pm, This event will start at 6 pm until 8 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, ACTS (A Community that Shares) and many, many more. New this year will be the return of the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service to discuss keeping your summer BBQ foods safe. Also new this year will be the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, St Mary's County MetCom. We have secured Trooper 7, Maryland State Helicopter back again this year. Last year was a big hit with all the organizations coming to share and talk about their goods, answering questions from the many persons that attended. Come on out, hamburger, hot dog, chips, desserts, water or cold drink are provided at no cost. Kids games, lots of handouts! A good time will be had by all.

Vendor Fair – September 10th, Will be held on the grounds at the park. Country Lakes Board is looking for Arts & Crafts vendors **NOW** 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 **Country Lakes Homeowners Association website** for information on this event.

Fall Clean Up – October 7th, 8:30 am until (around noon), This event will start at the park as persons are placed in groups to clean a designated area. Gloves & trash bags will be provided along with snacks and drinks. If your high school child needs community credit towards graduation, this is a way to receive community credit. People are needed to pick up trash along the roadways within Country Lakes. People with trucks are needed to drive around and pick up the filled bags and haul to the park so the County can collect. All are welcome to help.



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Quarter Auction – October 9th, Will be held at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge. Doors open at 12 noon with auction starting at 1 pm until 3 pm. This event is to help raise money to add more playground equipment to the park. Refreshments are sold along with 50/50 raffle tickets. Please come out and see all the vendors who display their goods and purchase a paddle or two to help support this event.

Trunk-or-Treat – October 29th, At the park starting at 5 pm until 7 pm. Weather permitting, cars will back up to the ball field and display their decorations from the back of their auto if you choose to decorate. About 300 trick or treaters may past by trying their best to “scare you” or have you guessed who they are dress as??? A fire will be in the center also if weather permits.

Santa Visits the Park – December 11th, From 12 noon until 2 pm Santa will be at the Pavilion to wish all the good children “Merry Christmas” after Santa has a conversation with each. Bring your camera to get that special picture on this great event.

Annual Meet & Greet – December 18th, At the Pavilion starting at 3 pm. This annual Meet & Greet will elect the new officers for 2023. Elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The board is made up of the four (4) executive board members and twelve (12) voting members at the monthly board meeting. All others are invited to the open meeting but are not eligible to vote. All members have the right to vote at the Annual meeting and special called meetings. To qualify for an executive position, you must be on the board for not less than one (1) year.

Home Christmas Decorating Contest – December 18th, From 6 pm until 8 pm, the board will ride throughout Country Lakes to select the best decorated homes. All other members are also eligible to select their three (3) best decorated homes and go to the **Country Lakes Homeowners Association** to the President website to send in their picks. The President will calculate all votes and the Dues Manager will verify that all picked are in good standing with dues paid up to date. A sign will be placed in the front yard and the address will be posted on the lighted sign at the park showing the winners.

Past Events:

Walking path has been completed, and all are welcome to come walk the new path. The cable fencing is being update.

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



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