



Marling Farms Community Association

P.O. Box 123, Chester, Maryland 21619

Spring & Summer, 2009

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Upcoming Events



- Saturday, April 11, 10:00am**
Easter Egg Hunt, Beach 4
- Saturday, April 18 —**
Parson Island Road Clean Up
- Sunday, May 3 —**
Community Pot Luck Dinner 4pm
(Rain Date: May 17)
- Saturday, May 16 —**
Community-Wide Yard Sale
- Saturday, June 6 —**
Community Work Day
- Friday, June 19 —**
Kick Back Friday
- Saturday, July 11 —**
Community Picnic &
Youth Fishing Contest
(Rain Date: July 12)

President's Note:

Hello, Neighbors ! We had a general meeting of our Community Association on March 30. The attendance was minimal and the same persons who usually attend were there except for one new person. There was general discussion about how to get more residents involved in our community association. We developed a plan to hold a **Community Pot Luck Dinner** on the first Sunday of each month at Beach 3 Pavilion. (Details in this newsletter.) We hope this will give everyone the opportunity to socialize with neighbors while enjoying dinner. Be sure to read about other upcoming community events and mark your calendars!

There is definitely a need for better communication within the community. For example, we need to inform the community of vandalism that took place on Friday night, March 27. Tires of 5 vehicles were punctured and slashed on several cars belonging to different families. The Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Department was called that evening and a report is on file at www.queenannessheriff.org. Anyone with information about the incident should contact the Sheriff's Department at 410-758-0770.

In the future, call Gloria at 410-643-6771 as soon as possible to post an incident on the community board at the entrance to alert us all.

--Wes Bodin



Support Your Community!
Help out on
Work Day 2009
Saturday, June 6
Meet at 8:00am,
Beach 3

We need volunteers to help with annual community maintenance. Please meet around 8:00am at Beach 3 Pavilion for coffee and donuts. Work projects will be assigned through 10:00am.

This year's projects include:

- ➔ Oiling piers and steps
- ➔ Oil playboat
- ➔ Repair landing, Beach 3
- ➔ Spray paint jungle gym



- ➔ Fence repair, Beach 3
- ➔ Spiffy up entrance sign
- ➔ Rototill around entrance sign
- ➔ Plant and mulch around sign
- ➔ Cut down grasses around sign on Parson's Island Rd.

Let me know if there are other repairs needing our attention. *With your help*, we should finish around 12 noon.

The community thanks last year's work day volunteers. They include: **Wes Bodin, Lynn Cook, Andy Gast, Bob & Joy Good, Melissa Moser, Maria Raithby, Jack Stewart, Anne Tyler and Tom Woodward.** --Wes Bodin

Support Your Community!
Send In Your Membership Dues!
Mail the Form
in the Envelope Provided
and your check for \$50.00
2 Stickers and a member card will be mailed to you after receipt of your dues. Stickers **MUST** be displayed on your vehicle when using the Marling Farms Community Beaches and Boat Ramps.!





**Community Association
Board of Directors**

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Wes Bodin 410-643-8046

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Don Hoffman 410-643-9488

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410-604-1245

Committee Chairpersons

- Beach Maintenance, Work Day and Improvements (vacant)
- County Liaison Jack Stewart
410-643-3755
- Neighborhood Crime Watch (vacant)
- Newsletter Joy Good
410-643-8367
- Social Activities Margie Reilly
410-604-0810
- Social /Welcome..... Carol Bodin
410-643-8046
- Yard Sale Janice Mangum
410-490-8718
- Youth Group (Teens) Taylor Duncan
410-643-6696
(under 13) (vacant)

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter that would be of interest to the community, send it to:



PO Box 123
Chester, MD 21619.

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NEWS from the
SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Annual Community Picnic date is set for **Saturday, July 11** beginning around **3:00pm** at **Beach 3**. The rain date is Sunday, July 12.

This is a popular event! Hamburgers and hotdogs are provided. **Link George** commands the barbeque pit and **Wheeler Baker** provides a half keg of beer. Come hungry, bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.



Calling all cooks! Plan to enter the *Marling Farms Dessert Contest!*



Bring your prepared dessert to the picnic for a taste test. Watch the judges' reactions as they sample each of the scrumptious entries. A prize will be awarded to the cook of the best dessert. Last year's winner was **Maria Raighby** of Calvert Road.

Dorothy Gast will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle at the picnic. Tickets are \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5.



Youth Fishing Contest!



On the day of the picnic, community youngsters compete to catch the biggest fish. The kids really enjoy it!

The fishing contest is open to children 14 and under. Fish must be caught Saturday, the day of the picnic, between 9 AM and 2 PM from shore or pier within Marling Farms. The fish should be alive and legal according to DNR regulations. Measurements will be taken at the Reilly's house, 1717 Bayside Drive during the contest. A prize will be awarded at the picnic for the longest fish caught from each age group, under 10 and 11 to 14.

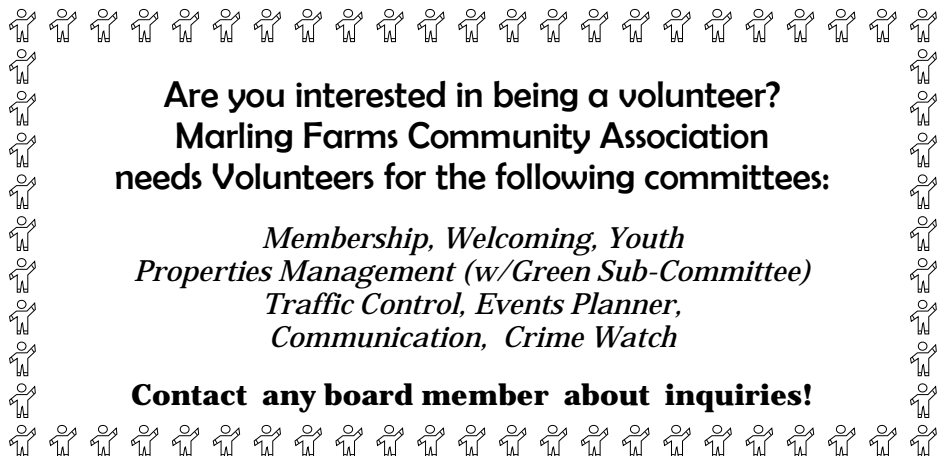
New neighbors are always welcome in Marling Farms! If you know of any new neighbors, please share this newsletter with them. To be added to the mailing list, contact **Joy Good** at 410-643-8367

- Carol Bodin

**Are you interested in being a volunteer?
Marling Farms Community Association
needs Volunteers for the following committees:**

*Membership, Welcoming, Youth
Properties Management (w/Green Sub-Committee)
Traffic Control, Events Planner,
Communication, Crime Watch*

Contact any board member about inquiries!



Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, May 3 at 4:00pm

**Marling Farms Community Pot Luck Dinner
at Beach 3 Pavilion.**

**Hamburgers and hotdogs provided.
Bring a dish, a beverage of choice
and your neighbors!**



**Join the fun!
It's a chance to socialize
with neighbors
and Welcome Spring!**



We hope to see you there!

**-Melissa Moser
443-249-3413**



**The Marling Farms
Annual Community-Wide
Yard Sale
will be held on
Saturday, May 16th
8 AM - noon**



Have you started your Spring cleaning? Are things set aside and tagged for the annual yard sale? Or, do you enjoy the hunt for something special? If yes, you won't want to miss this!

Residents are welcome to set up their own tables near the community entrance at Beach 1, or at their own homes.

The yard sale will be advertised.

— Janice Mangum

Marylanders Plant Trees

Beginning April 1, residents of Maryland can **print a coupon for \$25 off the purchase of a tree.** This is in support of Governor O'Malley's plan to plant 50,000 trees by 2010. The State of Maryland is partnering with businesses, communities and citizens *like you* to help fund and plant new tree cover.



Sounds like a good deal!
And, you're not limited to one coupon!

Trees enhance our quality of life, beautifying neighborhoods and highways, providing sound barriers and shade, and help increase property values.

Go to <http://trees.maryland.gov/> for more information and coupon.

Kick Back Friday is Back!

Join Us!

Kick Back Friday
June 19, 5:00 pm Beach 3

Are you ready for the weekend??

A number of us met last fall under the pavilion after work. We had such a nice time, kicking back and shooting the breeze, we planned to meet again! Why not join us — the more the merrier!

Bring an appetizer and beverage of choice.



Call Tina and Sean Stevens
410-643-9557 for more info.

Marling Farms Community Beaches



- ⚙ For Dues Paying Members Only
- ⚙ Open Sunrise to Sunset
- ⚙ Use At Your Own Risk
- ⚙ Children Under 13 with Adult Supervision Only!
- ⚙ Please Clean Up Your Trash and After Your Pet
- ⚙ CAUTION – Water Subject to Heavy Tidal Action
- ⚙ Swim At Your Own Risk
- ⚙ No Overnight Parking
- ⚙ Violators Will Be Prosecuted!



MARLING FARMS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Account Balance as of March 2008 | \$9,760.46 |
| Income: | |
| Dues | \$11,410.00 |
| Subtotal | \$11,386.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Delmarva Power, electric at Beach #3 | \$ 347.71 |
| Postage | \$284.35 |
| Member Stickers | \$302.10 |
| Grass cutting, community areas | \$975.00 |
| Workday supplies | \$129.81 |
| Liability Insurance | \$1,357.00 |
| Mosquito Spraying | \$900.00 |
| Picnic | \$321.52 |
| Post Office Box | \$70.00 |
| Web Hosting | \$285.00 |
| Rip Rap, Beach 3 | \$6,027.00 |
| Landscaping, Beach 3 | \$435.13 |
| Beach 3 Trash Can | \$172.00 |
| Fall Campfire | \$100.00 |
| Subtotal | \$11,721.85 |
| Youth Group: | |
| Income | \$0.00 |
| Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Account Balance as of March 30, 2009 | \$9,448.61 |

Mosquito Spraying



The county will begin mosquito spraying in late May and will continue with a monthly spraying through August.



Thank you, Jeff Maheux,

for printing
the MFCA
newsletter



and Anne Tyler and Debra Behre
for preparing it
for mailing!



— John & Tracey Blamphin, Treasurer

Nominations Being Accepted

The bylaws of Marling Farms Community Association state election of officers occur every 2 years. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:



President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Interested persons should contact a board member!

Website News

The Marling Farms Community website is under construction.

Shane and Carol Wheeler, St. Mary's Road, are working on making it a reliable source of news and information about our community. The address will be posted on the community board as soon as it's ready!



Earth Day, 2009

Marling Farms Community will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 18 by picking up trash along Parson's Island Road. Participants should meet at the entrance to the community.



Thanks also to those of you who take the time during the year to pick up trash along the road. *It makes a difference when we all pitch in!*

Needed: Community Secretary

- ✍ Attend Board Meetings.
- ✍ Attend General Membership Meetings.
- ✍ Record meeting minutes.
- ✍ Provide copies of minutes.
- ✍ Post community messages on board.

DUES for June 1, 2009– May 31, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Dues \$50.00 to: Marling Farms Community Association
P.O. Box 123
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Yes, include my name, address & phone & email in the Community Directory .

No, do not include me in the Community Directory .

Prefer my newsletter by email.

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*Please include **constructive** ideas when you send in your dues on how to improve our community.*

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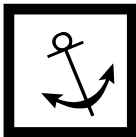
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