

# CEDARHURST *on the Bay*

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## Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) Events

**Board of Directors Meeting** | Thursday, January 9 @ 7:00 PM

**Valentines & Winter Crafts** | Sunday, February 9 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Newsletter Deadline** | Thursday, February 20

**General Meeting** | Thursday, February 27 @ 7:30 PM

**Board of Directors Meeting** | Thursday, March 13 @ 7:00 PM

**Historic Research Committee** | Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

**General Meeting** | Thursday, April 24 @ 7:30 PM

**Please be sure to check your email for more event details as they become available.**

## From the President, Chuck Quintero

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Happy New Year, Cedarhurst Neighbors!

I hope this first newsletter of 2025 finds you well and ready for another great year in our wonderful community. As I write this snow blankets our streets, and my daughters are outside with neighbors making snow angels, and I am thankful for how lucky we are to be here.

First, a heartfelt thank you to Amanda Schick for her dedication to the Events Committee over the last few years. Amanda's creativity and hard work have helped bring to life so many memorable moments, from craft days to larger community celebrations. She is moving on, and while we will miss her deeply, we wish her the very best in her next adventure. But we are excited to welcome Emily Motto as the new Events Committee leader! Emily is already hard at work planning her first event - Valentine's & Winter Crafts. Read on in the newsletter for more details. It will be a fun way to kick off the year, and I know she'll bring great energy and new ideas to the role. Let's show her the same warm support we've shown Amanda.

On another note, we've had an unexpected change in leadership on the board. Brooklyn recently had to step back from her new role as Secretary due to unforeseen circumstances. We wish her all the best. I want to thank Pam Foster for once again stepping in to help the community and to keep things running smoothly in the interim. We're working on a long-term solution so Pam can eventually pass the baton. If you are interested or have ideas, please reach out. Your understanding and support mean a lot as we navigate this change.

As we start this new year, I encourage everyone to get involved however they can. Whether it's attending an event, volunteering on a committee, or even just looking out for your neighbors, every effort helps make Cedarhurst the vibrant and welcoming place we all love.

Here's to a great 2025—filled with community spirit, fresh ideas, and lots of good times. If you have questions or suggestions or just want to chat, feel free to reach out or stop by if you see me around.

With heartfelt gratitude,

**Chuck Quintero**

President, Cedarhurst Citizens Association

## From the Acting Secretary, Pam Foster

[CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com)

Please plan to attend our next **General Meeting on Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 pm**. At General Meetings, Committee Chairs and Board Members report on their activities and plans, as well as answer questions. Volunteers are working hard for our community. Come and see how you can get involved.

Secretary-Elect, Brooklyn Cutler, resigned from the position, due to unanticipated personal obligations. The Board of Directors will address this issue at the January Board of Directors Meeting.

## From the Treasurer, Betsy Weinkam

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Every property owner should have received, in the mail, a copy of Cedarhurst's proposed budget for FY 26 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026). If for some reason you did not receive your copy, there is one attached.

The FY 26 budget will be submitted to Anne Arundel County by January 31, 2025.

Also included on page 7 & 8, is a copy of our most recent Budget versus Actual spreadsheet detailing how much money has been spent as of December 11, 2024.

## Harbor Committee, Taylor Holtz, Harbor Administrator

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Water is off for the season. Sometimes in the evening you can see otters in the harbor and evidence of them on the floating dock as well as on the pier.

As some of you might know, Jim Foster started keeping oysters from the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) in baskets in the harbor in 2020. Then Covid, then other stuff and finally 9 of the 10 baskets were pulled (missing one). Some baskets had nothing but empty shells but about 6 were full with big "You want a piece of me?" oysters. They have been moved them to the bayfront near the middle of the pier where other oysters have established.

If we decide to do it again, the oysters might do better in floating baskets.



## Grounds Committee, Pam Foster

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Fall marsh maintenance (trimming) was performed by EQR.

There are simple but endless gardening tasks that need to be done to keep our community property beautiful. If you *dig* gardening and would like to help, please contact me.

As always, we encourage everyone to pick up trash from the ditches and grounds whenever you encounter it. Enjoy the brisk weather, and we hope to see you on the Community Grounds!

## Building & Structures, Eric MacKay

443.534.5231 | [ShadyMacKay@gmail.com](mailto:ShadyMacKay@gmail.com)

Jim Foster met with a contractor to provide a proposal to complete some structural upgrades on the pier. An engineer inspected and evaluated the pier and provided recommended repairs including better fastening of the handrail, improved supports for the walkway where it goes over the shoreline (span is too long for the existing beams), and other minor attachments. The contractor is recommending against redecking the entire pier as initially suggested and instead continue to replace boards as needed. He will need to remove the walkway decking for the first 30 feet to work on the superstructure underneath.

Trash update—As you may know, the county stopped picking up the trash and recycling from the community receptacles without notifying us. They finally returned our calls and said we need to pay for trash pickup. We have agreed to be billed going forward.

## Social Committee, Emily Motto

[CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com)

Valentines Day and Winter Craft Day at the Community House - Join us on Sunday, February 9 for a craft day at the Community House from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Adult supervision is required for any children attending.

As with all events, we are looking for more volunteers to help! Please email [cedarhurstevents@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstevents@gmail.com) if you are able to help out.

Kindly Note: Cedarhurst Events are limited to Cedarhurst Residents Only unless otherwise noted.

## Editor's Note:

[CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com)

Email **Jennifer Dieux** by February 20 at [CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com) with news for the next newsletter. If needed, an audio file or a reader can be provided so that everyone can enjoy the newsletter. In addition, if you wish to receive a printed copy in the mail, kindly send us your mailing address.

## Community House Committee, Rose Bademan

[CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com)

The community house had lots of use in 2024 and 2025 looks busy too. If you have a plan for a party or event, reserve ASAP, spots are filling up!

We are looking at a few updates in 2025, stay tuned!

A few reminders:

- This is OUR house. Let's use it and enjoy it, and "leave no trace" when it's time to go.
- Make sure you are following the post event checklist.
- There is no trash service so make sure you take your trash with you.
- If you rent the house, what happens at the event is YOUR responsibility.
- Painting is expensive so make sure you are not using tape of any kind on the walls or window trim.

For renting, please visit the [Community House Calendar\\*](#) to view rental availability. A day marked "busy" indicates the Community House is already reserved. If you see an open date you would like to reserve for a private rental, send your name, address, and the date(s) to [CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com).

Please note an open date is not a guarantee of availability. Email requests are processed in the order they are received. The calendar is updated immediately after the email is reviewed and a hold is placed.

Other Important notes on renting the Community House:

- Private Community House rentals are for Cedarhurst on the Bay residents and property owners only!
- The resident that rents the house MUST be onsite at the event at all times!
- Rental fees are \$150/day, plus a refundable \$150 security deposit.
- If your date is available, it will be held for 10 days while you submit paperwork and fees. You will receive a reply email with the lease, waiver, and submission instructions.
- After completed paperwork, rental fee, and security deposit are received, a booking confirmation will be sent via email.

Any questions should be directed to our rental volunteer at [CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com).

## Communications | Brian Moore

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Please visit the Cedarhurst website at [www.ccaonthebay.com](http://www.ccaonthebay.com) or join the group at [facebook.com/ccaonthebay](https://facebook.com/ccaonthebay). In addition to providing your email address for updates, both the website and Facebook help keep you informed about what's going on in the neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Cameras are functioning, if you want to viewable access of the cameras, please reach out for instructions for downloading the app.

Cedarhurst Security | Message from Corporal Rovell

Hello Cedarhurst,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. As we enter these next couple of months I wanted to talk about some issues related to the cold weather we may be facing. From what I understand it is supposed to be a very cold winter.

If you are planning on being outdoors for an extended period of time consider dressing in layers. I recently bought a battery powered heated jacket which is an amazing option as well. If you are out in the snow or rain try to limit your time. The wetter you get the colder you get. This goes for sweating as well. Take breaks and seek shelter in a warm area. Know the signs of hypothermia; numbness, discolored skin, inability to move easily, and low energy are a few.

For your home, insulate all your outdoor exposed fixtures or pipes. Keep windows closed. If you are using a fireplace or wood burning stove make sure to have a carbon monoxide detector and/ or make sure the batteries are good. Have flashlights and candles handy in the event of a power outage. If you use oil or propane heat, make sure there is a clear path to your tank for deliveries.

Finally, let's not forget our furry friends. Make sure to bring dogs or cats inside. Make sure they have access to water and shelter if they are outside. I saw a tip the other day where a woman put water in a crock pot and kept it on the lowest setting to prevent it from freezing. If you are using an ice melt on your walkways, make sure its pet friendly.

As always please feel free to contact me with any issues: [p91963@aacounty.org](mailto:p91963@aacounty.org). If there is immediate action necessary please contact 911 or the non-emergency number 410.222.8610.

Cpl. Rovell

Of Community Interest

**Garrett Foster** on Chesapeake Avenue completed his BA in Environmental Studies at McDaniel College. Congratulations, **Garrett!**

**Rose Bademan** on Spruce Avenue is one proud mom. Her daughter, Martha Guyas, is the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) Southeast Fisheries Policy Director. In January of this year she was named by the State Department as a US Representative to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT). She recently traveled to Cypress for a conference with other experts from around the world to discuss saving our precious ocean resource. Way to go Martha!

**Camren Paddy** on Oak Avenue turns 2 on February 15. Happy Birthday **Camren!**

Have news to share? Send an email **Jennifer Dieux** at [cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com) with any items of community interest - births, deaths, graduations, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, etc.

Historical Research Committee, Elaina Uhl

The Historic Research Committee is pleased that the community has continued interest in the Historic Exhibit and learning about our history and to commemorate the foresight and achievement of generations of dedicated volunteers who continue to strive to make Cedarhurst the thriving and beautiful waterfront community that it is today. I personally want to thank the members of the Historic Research Committee for their support and dedication to this effort and the many residents who have opened up and shared their personal experiences living in Cedarhurst. While the committee will not meet over the winter, we will continue to interview residents. Please contact Elaina if you have material or stories to share. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 6:30 PM.

**Elaina Uhl,**  
Historic Research Committee Chair



## Trash and Recycling

Cedarhurst's trash and recycle pickup day is **Monday**.

Please note [Anne Arundel County's Bureau of Waste Management Services](#) Holiday Schedule:

January 20, 2025 (MLK Birthday) - Landfill & Recycling Centers Closed; normal collections will occur

February 17, 2025 (Presidents Day) - Landfill & Recycling Centers Closed; normal collections will occur

**Don't forget to put your Christmas trees out for pick up.**

## Anne Arundel County News

Have a question or need to talk to someone in the County Executive Office? Contact Community Engagement and Constituent Services at 410.222.1785 or email at [CECS@aacounty.org](mailto:CECS@aacounty.org)

- To see upcoming events around the County, visit <https://www.aacounty.org/news-events/events>.
- If you want to report a violation or concern in our community, please visit the County's website at <https://seeclickfix.com/md/anne-arundel> or call 311.
- Did you know there is an on-demand transit service in South County? For more information, please visit <https://www.aacounty.org/transportation/transit/demand-services> or call 410.222.0025.
- [The Blue Crab Community Fridge](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides an accessible food source through a community refrigerator. The fridge's purpose is to reduce food waste, fight food insecurity, and build a stronger community. Do you have extra perishable food, drop it off at the fridge. Doing your holiday grocery shopping? Grab extras (Milk, cheese, yogurt, meat, produce, etc.) and donate it to the fridge. In this season of giving, please remember to stop in and donate food. The community fridge is located behind the Franklin United Methodist Church at 5345 Deale Churchton Road in Churchton.
- Bill pay Assistance - With these cold months ahead, did you or your neighbor need help paying your electric, oil, gas, or utility bill? If so, there are resources available. Visit <https://www.aacounty.org/finance/bills-payments/bill-payment-assistance> or contact the County's customer service line for additional resources at 410.222.1144 or email [custserv@aacounty.org](mailto:custserv@aacounty.org).

## Neighborly Tips

- If you see something, say something, please call 911 if you need the police to come. If you don't call, they will not come. You can be anonymous.
- Can emergency vehicles get past your vehicles parked on the street? It's a matter of safety.
- Is your house clearly marked with your house number? Emergency vehicles must be able to clearly see your house number to be able to respond to emergencies.
- If you have questions about projects being done required a permit, call 311. Permits are required for many projects and for various reasons and it's normal to question if the proper permits are issued and are being met. Inquiring before you begin, may save you extra work in the long run.
- Be cautious of children and people in the street during a snow event.
- Try to park your vehicles in your driveway during a snow event so the plows can get down your street.
- Remind your children to stay off the ice in the bay, we don't need any winter water emergencies!
- Safety first, be mindful of overloading your circuits with space heaters on these extra cold nights.
- Remember your elderly or disabled neighbors in this cold weather, make sure they are staying warm and their walkways are clear.
- We have heard a lot of dogs barking, please don't leave your furry friends outside during the cold weather. This includes dogs and cats!

## Did You Know?

### 10 Ways to Keep Your Pets Safe When It's Bitter Cold Outside

Published on January 18, 2024

[Click here to view this article and more on the American Red Cross Website](#)

Winter weather can be rough on our furry friends. Follow these steps from the American Red Cross to help ensure your pet's safety when chilly weather hits their area.

**Bring your pets inside during cold weather.** Keep your animals inside. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) reports if pets are left outdoors, they can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed. In addition, don't leave pets alone in a car during cold weather, as cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to freeze to death.

The Humane Society of the United States adds that if pets cannot come indoors, you should make sure they are protected by a dry, draft-free enclosure large enough to allow them to sit and lie down, but small enough to hold in the pet's body heat. Raise the floor a few inches off the ground and cover it with cedar shavings or straw. Turn the enclosure away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure they have access to non-frozen drinking water. If the animals are outside, make sure their access to food and water is not blocked by snow drifts, ice or other obstacles.

**Protect their paws.** Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate a pet's paws. Wipe their paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth. The ASPCA adds that you can also use petroleum jelly or booties to protect sensitive paws. Use pet-friendly ice melt products.

**Take care of their coat and skin.** To avoid itchy, flaking skin, the ASPCA recommends keeping your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he or she comes inside. Pay special attention to paws and in between the toes. Remove any snow from between foot pads. If possible, keep your dog's coat longer in winter for warmth. If your dog is short-haired, consider getting a coat or sweater for your pet. Keep pet bathing to a minimum when it's cold to avoid dry skin. If your pet needs a bath, use a moisturizing shampoo.

**Antifreeze is a deadly poison.** Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.

**Know your pet's limits outdoors.** The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) reports you should be aware of how your pet tolerates cold weather and adjust as needed. Consult your veterinarian if you need advice.

**Check your engine.** A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to make sure a cat hasn't taken refuge on your engine.

**Use space heaters with caution.** The heater can burn your pet or be knocked over, possibly starting a home fire.

**Watch for hypothermia.** If your pet is whining, shivering, anxious, slower than usual or stops moving, seems weak or starts looking for warm places to burrow, get them back inside quickly because they are showing signs of hypothermia. Frostbite is harder to detect and may not be fully recognized until a few days after the damage is done. If you suspect your pet has hypothermia or frostbite, consult your veterinarian immediately.

**Be prepared:** Winter can bring blizzards and power outages. Prepare an emergency kit and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications as well as heartworm and flea/tick preventives) on hand to get through at least five days.

**Avoid walking on frozen water.** Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water. You don't know if the ice will support your pet's weight and falling through the ice could be deadly.



FY 2025 Budget by Committees		2025 Budget	As of 12.11.24
Carry over amount in bank from FY 24 starting balance			\$53,840.80
Payments from County 6.27.24			\$4,521.69
Payments from County 11.25.24			\$61,232.00
Cash Held by County			\$5.00
	<b>SubTotal in SCBD</b>		\$119,599.49
	Spent to Date		\$55,268.15
	<b>Total in SCBD</b>		<b>\$64,331.34</b>
<b>Grounds</b>	Mowing	\$14,000.00	
	Plantings	\$5,000.00	\$39.92
	Tables & Benches	\$2,000.00	
	Wetland/Marsh	\$15,000.00	\$2,550.00
	Pier Parking Lot	\$2,000.00	
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$1,464.92
	Childrens Garden	\$1,000.00	
	Survey	\$5,000.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,054.84</b>
<b>Structures</b>			
<b>Community House</b>	Fire protection	\$2,500.00	
	Surveillance	\$3,000.00	
	BGE	\$5,000.00	\$2,303.67
	Comcast/Fios	\$3,000.00	\$1,893.43
	Replace ceiling under House	\$30,000.00	
	Sound panels	\$3,000.00	
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$10,580.79
	Replace windows		\$4,834.09
	Chairs Tables Shades	\$12,000.00	
	AED Equipment	\$2,500.00	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$86,000.00</b>	<b>\$19,611.98</b>
<b>Pier</b>	Maintenance/Improvements	\$5,000.00	\$379.63
<b>Playground</b>	Maintenance/Improvements	\$2,500.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$93,500.00</b>	<b>\$19,991.61</b>
<b>Social/Hospitality</b>	Fall Crafts	\$600.00	
	Halloween 2024	\$400.00	\$561.13
	4th of July 2024		\$288.28
	Events	\$11,000.00	
	Labor Day		\$1,066.33
	Easter 2024		\$382.02
	Yard Sale		
	Celebrate Cedarhurst	\$20,000.00	\$15,882.20
	Holiday Crafting 2024	\$3,000.00	\$208.37
	History Exhibit	\$500.00	\$21.19
	Hospitality	\$500.00	
	Valentine Crafts		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,409.52</b>

FY 2025 Budget by Committees		2025 Budget	As of 12.11.24
<b>Administrative</b>	Communications	\$300.00	
	Office Supplies/Software	\$3,000.00	\$1,126.66
	Budget Mailing	\$400.00	\$277.40
	Professional Services	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Insurance & Bond	\$17,000.00	\$4,780.81
	Security	\$3,500.00	\$1,960.00
	AA Co Stormwater fee	\$650.00	\$667.31
	First Aid/CPR class		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,850.00</b>	<b>\$10,812.18</b>
<b>Funds Held for Future Use</b>		\$60,000.00	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$271,350.00</b>	<b>\$53,268.15</b>
	County Fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL SCBD</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$273,350.00</b>	<b>\$55,268.15</b>
<b>Harbor Income</b>	Carried over from FY24		\$49,105.88
	Slip Rentals	\$14,500.00	\$1,050.00
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$50,155.88</b>
<b>Harbor Expenses</b>	Electric		\$14,478.79
	Supplies and Materials		\$205.28
	Maintenance		\$3,756.38
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$18,440.45</b>
	<b>Balance in Harbor Account</b>		<b>\$31,715.43</b>
<b>Community House Income</b>	Carried over from FY24		\$14,314.00
	Rentals		\$5,100.00
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$19,414.00</b>
<b>Community House Expense</b>	Refunds		\$900.00
	Cleaning		\$6,450.00
	Supplies		\$293.04
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$7,643.04</b>
	<b>Balance in Comm. Hse Account</b>		<b>\$11,770.96</b>
<b>SECD Expenses for FY25</b>	Loan Payment	\$67,322.71	\$67,322.71
	Shoreline design/permitting		
	Funds for future use	\$174,000.00	
	County fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	<b>Total SECD Expenses</b>	<b>\$243,322.71</b>	<b>\$69,322.71</b>



**Cedarhurst Citizens Association, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 185, Shady Side, Maryland 20764

December 12, 2024

Dear Cedarhurst Property Owner:

On the back side of this letter is a copy of the two budgets adopted by the Cedarhurst Citizens Association Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026.

One budget is for the Cedarhurst Special Community Benefit District and the other budget is for the Cedarhurst Shore Erosion Control District. The total combined assessment for the two Districts is 0.224/100 of \$109,600,000 (total tax assessment). The tax rate is the same as FY 2025. The allocation of 0.224 is designated for the Cedarhurst Special Community Benefit District and 0.000 is designated for the Cedarhurst Shore Erosion Control District.

If you have comments on either of the enclosed budgets, please send them by United States Postal Service (USPS) mail by December 31, 2024 to:

Betsy Weinkam, Treasurer  
Cedarhurst Citizens Association, Inc.  
P. O. Box 185  
Shady Side, Maryland 20764

All comments submitted will be reviewed by the Cedarhurst Citizens Association Board of Directors prior to the final submission of the budget to the Special Taxing District Coordinator of Anne Arundel County, Maryland by January 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

Chuck Quintero  
President, Cedarhurst Citizens Association, Inc.

