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This publication is for all of the Mariner's Cove residents and we appreciate your input. If there is anything you would like to see in the Beacon, please email me at bvallieu@gmail.com.

Spring is in the air and April always means the beginning of nicer weather and maybe a few showers. I hope that this new season will bring an end to our isolation and mask wearing rules. Hopefully, you are all well and ready to get together for our upcoming events. We have a lot planned and we can only be successful if you join in. Please remember to join the MCHOA (Mariner's Cove Home Owners Association). We do a lot for all of our members along with the support of the DMHOA. That's who got the laws passed to keep our rent increases down to the CPI-U.

Happy Spring!

PRESIDENT- MIKE LHOTSKY

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a safe and healthy SPRING. Things seem to be changing for the good (except gas and food prices). With these changes, we are trying to get back to normal with events as they used to be. Many activities will be taking place as we move into spring. Please support us if you can. Planned activities will be mentioned later in the publication.

The subject everyone wants to know about is "What's going on with the bulkheads?" We have been told by top management that work will begin early in summer, hopefully by June. What I understand is that the funding for the project has been approved and we are waiting on the contractor who has to secure the materials and equipment to start the job. It has been a long journey that we have been on to get this problem solved and I think we have turned a corner in the process. ELS said they will replace every bulkhead and heights will be established to meet the projections of rising seas in the next 10 years. Thank you for your support and patience over these past years.

Another item important to our community is enrollment into the HOA. As of this time, Al tells me we have 129 members. That is about 25 more than this time last year. This is a great number but we still have a way to go. There are 350 houses in the community and we need to get everyone involved in the organization. It only cost \$20.00 a year if paid by April 15th. Our number one priority is to protect the rights of homeowners on leased land. With the membership in our HOA, you are also a member of the statewide organization DMHOA. They are the group that fights for your rights with legislation, without them we would be at the mercy of the land owners. So please consider joining if you have not yet done so. We will be holding our annual membership drive on **Saturday, April 9th** at the Clubhouse from 10:00 am until 1:00pm. Also, that day we will be serving free Hot Dogs, Soda or Water and chips to all who attend. Stop by even if you have already signed up. In addition to getting protection, you also get a Picnic with food and entertainment, which by the way will be held this year on June 25th and a holiday Dinner at Christmas time all at no expense to you and your family or friends. What a deal!!!! Please take the time and sign up on April 9th and help us become the largest HOA in Delaware.

Another subject that I have been made aware of is some of us have not turned in the Information sheet that the office has sent to all. This process helps identify potential problems and gives them an accurate picture of who is in the community. This is important for security as well as keeping the records correct. If you do not know what I am referring to, please stop in the office and ask to fill out the information sheet they sent to everyone. Having the correct information in the office helps everyone in the community. When problems arise, we can notify the correct people saving time and money for all. Keeping the community safe is all our jobs and working with the office is important to make this happen.

Thank you for your support over the past years. MARINERS COVE is a great community because we work together to make it happen. Thanks for that.

VICE PRESIDENT – TOM SIMONELLI

The CPI-U continues to increase. The CPI-U is now out for February@ 3.61%. This is the 3-year average of February 2020, 2021 & 2022 and is what is used to determine our rent increase.

DMHOA continues to work with our legislators on a new bill that would better define the definition of capital improvements vs maintenance as well as negotiating a more fixed methodology of determining land owner raising rents.

Just to let our residents know, only the persons named on the lease are covered by Delaware law. That means if you purchased your home without signing a lease with the office, you are not protected. Another consideration, if all persons on the lease are no longer among the living, whoever inherits the home will have to apply & qualify for a new lease which would be at market rent not the rent that was being paid. An easy way to prevent this is to have whoever would inherit the home added to the lease while the current leasee is still alive.

I am looking forward to Spring and hopefully some good boating and fishing as management begins bulkhead replacements.

TREASURER – ALICE CACHOLA

April showers bring May flowers and with that brings Summer. The word is the bulkhead project will begin in early summer but talk is cheap and we have heard it all before. Actions speak louder than words and for every action there is a reaction. No action will bring the reaction of taking them to court and letting the judicial system handle this ongoing situation. Enough is enough. It's time ELS lives up to their part of our lease agreement! They show no accountability, no transparency, no responsibility to the residents of this community.

ACTIVITIES – MARIA GUIDONE

Spring has finally Sprung! Looking forward to a more fun and productive year with new activities coming on board. Attending our planned events is a good source of meeting your new neighbors. We always welcome new suggestions. Stay safe and healthy through 2022 Spring and Summer!

ACTIVITIES – PEGGY DAVID

Welcome to Spring 2022! Think positive thoughts and perhaps we will be able to enjoy the rest of this year.

The Activities Committee has gotten together and we have come up with some new ideas along with the regular events. I will give a rundown of all the ideas. If you would like to help out with one or more, let us know. Also, if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

APRIL 9TH HOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM – at the Clubhouse – FREE HOTDOGS, CHIPS & BEVERAGE WHEN YOU SIGN UP!

MAY 7, 2022 ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST – 8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM at the Clubhouse - \$8.00 per person

MAY 21ST YARD SALE - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can set up at your house or in front of the Clubhouse.

MAY 21 & 22ND DUMPSTERS - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, 10:00 to 3:00 on Sunday. (Check Bulletin Boards to check times!)

Dumpsters will be available both days at the maintenance yard directly past the mailboxes. It is **CLOSED for lunch break from 12 - 1** on both days. This is for **residents only!** You may be asked to show proof of residency so this can be a Mariners Cove event. In the event you come when no one is there, please **do not** leave items at the gate.

MAY 28TH **POKER RUN – 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM** registration at the Clubhouse – Run from **12:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

JUNE 4TH **CRAFT FAIR - 8:00 to 2:00 (at the Clubhouse)**

JUNE 11TH **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT – TBA – check bulletin boards and emails for times, etc.**

JUNE 25TH **THE BIG ONE – ANNUAL PICNIC** (We moved the picnic to June to begin the summer and hopefully, it won't be quite as hot as August. This is a **FREE** Event for all residents. Mark your calendars!

Looking further into the summer, we will hold the annual golf cart parade. We have added decorated bikes to this event for the July 4th weekend.

A decorated house contest will also be in the works for July 3rd.

JULY 2ND **GOLF CART AND BIKE PARADE – SEE BULLETIN BOARD AND EMAILS FOR TIMES.**

JULY 3RD **HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST – SEE BULLETIN BOARD AND EMAILS FOR TIME AND PRIZES.**

There will be poker runs coming up along with a comedy show, a dance, a pool party and other events as the year progresses. All events will be posted on the Bulletin boards with all the things you need to know as events get closer.

In closing, I just want to say we are trying hard to give the residents a great place to live. Come join the FUN!

ON GOING EVENTS

*****Wednesday Nights – Texas Hold Em Poker – 7 to 10 PM** at the clubhouse

*****Thursday Nights – Bingo – 6:30 (set up 6:00)** at the clubhouse

Dog Park News

Been a while since we last spoke about this...but I haven't forgotten. Sometimes I think certain people see me coming and their first thought is "Again with the dog park".

Here is the latest update. We have permission to go ahead with the planning of a park, which will then have to be forwarded to Chicago for review and I'm sure riddled with questions for us. However, to move this further along a specific plan has to be presented. I have asked Linda Cox to assist in this effort but it is much bigger than two people. Can we enlist your support in getting a plan made up?

We will hold a meeting at the clubhouse **May 10th at 7pm**. I hope we can count on additional dog lovers to plan our park.

A WORD FROM THE OFFICE

What's going on and what you need to know!

Check your snail mail and emails for upcoming news from the Chicago office, concerning bulkheads, updated rules and regulations for the community and new payment procedures.

Paper checks, money orders will no longer be accepted at the office or through the mail. You will need to sign into the community portal and have your rent electronically sent or sign-up for Automatic Payments with Karen.

This will all be laid out in notifications that will be sent to you. This would be a good time to be sure the office has your correct email address.

If you need help setting up or resetting your password on the portal, Matt or Karen will be happy to help you.

Bulkheads: a news update was recently emailed to residents. A vendor has been selected to do the work and is tentative for a summer start. Once contracts are finalized communication will be sent out to the residents. Marina's will remain closed due to the project and staging areas.

Fencing: On the west side of the community is in sad shape and Matt is waiting on final approval on the replacement project. This might be a 2nd phase project between 2022 & 2023.

Fitness room: the floor has been replaced and a company is on call for any repairs needed for the equipment. Contact the office for the Fitness Room access code.

Cove Drive Paving (Marina Side): Will have another 1.25" of overlay put down in Late April/Early May.

Cove Drive Drainage (Office side): A Contract is in the works to install 3 new catch basins between Joann Drive and Knoll way to help alleviate lake Joann. Work is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

Landscaping: A new company has been hired to do the work and will begin mid-April.

Driveways, mud and water: Please call the office to have stone dropped off to aid in this problem. It is the responsibility of management to help residents with this problem, this pertains to the end of the driveways. Areas from the top of driveway to the street are the responsibility of the resident.

Pet issues: All pets outside must be attended by their owner/resident. Any issues with neighbor's pets should be reported to Animal Control and the office should be notified of the issue.

If there is an incident of biting, PLEASE notify the office AND Animal Control.

Dog waste bags are now available at the designated spot (across from mail boxes) Please use them and you will need to dispose of the bag at your home.

Sewer bills: Residents actually have 2 sewer bills. An annual Sewer Maintenance bill, typically due in April and a Sewage Usage bill paid to Sussex County every quarter.

If you don't pay directly to Sussex County by the strict due date, the office will receive the bill, pay it and then charge you a fee in addition to the bill.

Private Home Sales: You need to reach out to the office even if you are using a realtor. Exterior home inspection is required before putting on the market.

Pool and lifeguards: A new company has been hired and along with that the hours have changed. The pool will now be opened from 11am to 7pm.

That's all for now. Please know I have asked Matt to give me the time to talk about what is going on and what folks need to know, especially if you are new to the community. Please note that certain projects may be delayed due to various reasons. Hopefully this part of the Beacon will be helpful to you.

Questions, comments: **Peg David - pegtim50@gmail.com**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – LANIE WOOD

I want to thank all the volunteers who have committed to participating in Neighborhood Watch. Your service is appreciated.

Management has ordered 5 cameras to be placed throughout the park to help in surveillance. They have video and night vision capabilities. Also, we are noting any “dark” areas that may need additional lighting. If you notice any street lights out, please let me or the office know so DEC can be notified to replace bulbs.

I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable spring.

Here is our current Neighborhood Watch list as of 2/2022. I would like to thank all of you for your participation. If for any reason you are unable to do neighborhood watch when you are scheduled, either switch with someone on the list or let me know and I will reschedule.

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BOAT YARD – ED OLLIS

One of the amenities afforded to Mariner's Cove Homeowners Association Members is onsite watercraft and trailer storage. Since our lease rules only allow for one watercraft to be stored on our property site, having an onsite boat yard available for storage of additional watercraft and/or trailers can alleviate the problem for those homeowners having more than one watercraft or trailer.

For our new HOA members, the boat storage lot is located at the foot of Knoll Way and is only available to currently paid HOA members on a first come first served basis. The fee for using the storage area for either a boat or trailer is \$35 **per** boat or trailer and covers **both** winter and summer storage. We collect this fee to pay the volunteers for the lot maintenance. **Watercraft storage reservations and fee payments**

for the 2022/2023 boating season will begin May 1st and must be paid by June 30th. Storage payments received after June 30 will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. Any member who is not a currently paid HOA member will be denied lot storage until their HOA fees are current and the storage lot fees paid.

The following are the steps for securing watercraft storage:

Step 1: Be sure you are a current and paid HOA member for 2022/2023 season.

Step 2: Ed Ollis must be contacted for boat storage reservation. No watercraft or trailer is to be placed in the storage lot or on the adjacent road without a prior reservation.

Ed's Mobile: (484) 433-4078

Step 3:

- Storage fee is to be paid by **CHECK ONLY; made payable to: MCHOA**
- **Storage Fee Per Watercraft or Trailer: \$35 each**

Payments accepted starting: **May 1**

Final date for payments: **June 30**

\$5.00 late fee applies: **after June 30**

Step 4

WATERCRAFT AND TRAILER IDENTIFICATION

- All boats and trailers in storage **must have proper identification:**
- **Owner's name and address listed prominently on the watercraft/trailer.**
- **Trailers must be ID labeled on the tongue of the trailer.**
- **Watercraft must contain an ID label on the front of the boat or jet ski.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **In order to take advantage of watercraft storage, all the steps listed above must be adhered to.**
- **Any watercraft and/or trailer found in the lot without BOTH proper identification and unpaid HOA fees will be removed from the lot.**

Like me, I hope everyone is looking forward to the 2022/2023 boating season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding your watercraft storage needs.

MEMBERSHIP – ALAN WENTWORTH

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I would like to thank the 128 residents who have already renewed their membership and welcome our new members. The fee for membership is still only \$20.00 if paid by April 15th. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply if paid after April 15th. The late fee does not apply to new residents who join the Mariners Cove community during 2022. You may also pay online through our website www.mchoa.webs.com. There is a \$1.00 service charge for online payment.

In addition to the social benefits of membership, your participation helps build the credible Home Owners Association needed to negotiate with ELS and Local Management on issues important to all Mariners Cove residents.

Also, part of your membership fee goes to support the statewide Delaware Manufactured Home Owners Association (DMHOA) which is very much involved with the DE Legislature and the Attorney General's Office to protect the rights and security of the residents of all Manufactured Home Communities. DMHOA is only as strong as the number of members it represents. Remember, votes get the attention of politicians and we vote!

Please send your membership fee along with your **name**, address, telephone number, **email address** and **lot number** and Mariner's Cove mailing address to:

Alan Wentworth/MCHOA

35474 Pine Drive

Millsboro, DE 19966

Membership payments will be acknowledged by email, or by snail mail if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with your application.

MEMBERSHIP – ALAN WENTWORTH

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mariners Cove Home Owners Association

2022 Membership Application

We are now accepting applications for membership for 2022. Please mail your check payable to MCHOA and membership enrollment form to:

MCHOA
Attn: Alan Wentworth
35474 Pine Drive
Millsboro, De 19966

Membership is \$20.00 if paid by April 15 and \$25.00 if paid after April 15th (\$20 for new residents). You may also pay online through our website @ www.mchoa.webs.com. There is a \$1.00 service charge for online payments. Payments will be acknowledged by email if an address is provided. To receive a paper receipt, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your application.

Please give us your e-mail address to help us control the costs to keep you informed of activities and other happenings in the park. Remember to check the Bulletin Boards (located by the pool on Cove Drive and behind the mailboxes) and signs posted for upcoming events.

NAME _____ LOT NUMBER _____

MARINERS COVE ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS IF NOT A FULL TIME RESIDENT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CELL NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ # of children under 14 years _____

Beacon e-mailed _____ (also available at the mail box location.) The Beacon is published quarterly.

We also need volunteers to help us with the events, if interested please indicate: Yes _____ No _____

Your membership includes: DMHOA Membership; the quarterly Beacon newsletters; emergency Boat Towing (local); boat and trailer storage (winter free, summer +\$35); and, subject to Federal and State Covid guidelines, the 4th of July Poker Run; eligibility for prizes for the 4th of July Golf Cart parade and the 4th of July and Christmas Decorating prizes; free admission to the Annual Picnic and the Christmas/Pasta Dinner; and Craft Shows and other socials and special events that your HOA sponsors.

By checking on the line below, you give us your permission to share your information with Neighborhood Watch. If you do not check on the line, we will be unable to notify you if something goes wrong with your property.

_____ yes, I give my permission to share my information with Neighborhood Watch

Thank you, MCHOA Board of Directors

(Membership Application) revised 12/29/21)

RECIPES FOR THE APRIL – JUNE 2022 COVE BEACON

FROM – Barbara Vallieu (from HGTV Magazine)

I NEED RECIPES TO PUBLISH FOR THE UPCOMING BEACONS. IF YOU HAVE A RECIPE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO ME AT bvallieu@gmail.com. I NEED YOUR HELP IN KEEPING THIS PAGE GOING FOR FUTURE BEACONS. THANK YOU!



sweet potato, black bean, and spinach quesadillas

2 small sweet potatoes, halved lengthwise
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon ground cumin
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cayenne

1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed
1 bunch spinach, thick stems discarded, leaves roughly chopped
4 medium tortillas
6 ounces monterey jack cheese, coarsely grated
Lime wedges and salsa, for serving

1. Heat broiler. Line a large broiler-safe baking sheet with foil. Place the sweet potatoes on a plate, cut-side down, and microwave on high until tender, 5 to 7 minutes.

2. Heat the oil and garlic in a large skillet over medium heat until the garlic just starts to sizzle. Stir in the cumin, cinnamon, and cayenne, and cook for 30 seconds.

3. Add the beans and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water and cook, tossing occasionally, until heated through, about 2 minutes. Add the spinach and cook, tossing until it just begins to wilt, about 1 minute; remove from heat.

4. Place the tortillas on the prepared baking sheet. Scoop the sweet potato from the skins and spread on one half of each tortilla. Top with the bean mixture and cheese, then fold over the tortillas to cover the filling (they will look overstuffed). Broil until the top is golden brown and the cheese has melted, about 2 minutes. Serve with lime wedges and salsa, if desired.



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MARINER'S COVE

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Fax # 302-945-5105

RESIDENT COMPLAINT FORM

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ LOT #: _____

Detailed Description of Complaint: _____

Complaint Reported By: _____

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Complaint Forwarded To: _____

Date Forwarded: _____

Action Taken: _____

Resident Advised: YES NO (circle)

Date Complaint Closed: _____

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(Place these materials loose in recycling carts or dumpsters - no bags please)



Newspapers



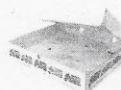
Regular and junk mail/magazines



Paperback books



Paper board boxes



Pizza boxes (empty)
(no food residue)



Corrugated cardboard



Telephone books



Office paper/file folders



Rigid plastic



Yogurt and butter containers



Plastic bottles/jugs



Cartons



Aluminum and metal cans
(Can lids and clean foil)



Glass bottles/jars
(Remove lids and caps -
recycle separately)

Not Accepted
Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:

- Any plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil containers
- Chemical containers
- Ceramics or dishes
- Scrap metal
- Window glass and mirrors
- Yard waste
- Shredded paper
- Food waste
- Straws
- Clothing and textiles
- Propane tanks
- Diapers
- Paper Cups
- Electronics
- Plastic utensils

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS
may be returned to stores. These stores
shall have a receptacle for recycling
plastic bags and may also collect plastic
film. All materials must be clean and dry.



DELAWARE
RECYCLES

It's second nature.

www.recycling.delaware.gov

Pull out this recycling poster as a quick reference guide for what to place in your single stream recycling carts or dumpsters.

RECYCLE INFORMATION

Acceptable items should be placed loose, empty, clean and dry into a curbside recycling cart. **Paper:** Magazines, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, office paper, newspapers, paperback books, paper bags, phone books, wrapping paper (no foil paper), notebook paper. **Paperboard:** Cereal boxes, snack food boxes, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, paper egg cartons, paperboard envelopes. **Corrugated Cardboard:** Corrugated shipping boxes and packaging cartons. **Plastic Containers:** (with caps/lids on. No need to crush) Milk cartons, juice cartons, chicken broth cartons, coconut water cartons, juice boxes, coffee creamer, egg beaters cartons, narrow neck bottles: water, juice, and soda bottles; shampoo and mouthwash bottles; detergent bottles; bleach bottles: plastic tubs yogurt containers, butter containers, plastic jugs (milk jug), plastic clamshell containers (strawberry container) **Cans:** (no need to crush) - Aluminum beverage cans, soup cans,, pet food cans, clean aluminum foil and foil pans **Glass Bottles and Jars:** (Remove tops from glass jars and recycle both items), Glass bottles (any color), beer bottles, wine bottles, soda bottles, glass jars.

Not recyclable in Delaware and should be placed into a trash container:

Paper: Shredded paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, paper plates, paper cups, coffee cups, hardcover books, wax paper, tissue paper, bubble envelopes, Fed-Ex envelopes (ty vex), receipts. **Paperboard:** – Frozen food packaging, refrigerated packaging (box from butter, etc.), ice cream containers. **Corrugated Cardboard:** Greasy pizza boxes. **Plastic Containers - Plastic bags:** bubble wrap; and plastic film packaging from paper towels, toilet paper, water bottles, etc. (take back to retail store), motor oil and chemical containers, potato chip bags, plastic plates, plastic utensils, plastic straws, plastic packaging (blister packaging), plastic toys, plastic furniture, plastic hangers, small pill bottles. **Styrofoam:** Plates, cups, egg cartons, take out containers, peanuts & packaging material (clean Styrofoam can be dropped off at a DSWA facility). **Metal:** Scrap metal, metal hangers, pots, pans, bottle caps, aerosol cans, paint cans, electronics, household batteries, extension cords, string lights. **Glass:** Mirrors, window glass, glass cookware, glass drinkware, lightbulbs. **Food Waste:** Rinse all containers of food and liquid residue. **Yard Waste:** leaves, grass clippings, branches. **Plastic bags and film** do not go in your recycle bin, because they get tangled in the machines at the material recovery facility. Return empty plastic bags and film to retail store's collection bins. Plastic film includes the plastic that covers cases of water bottles, paper towels, etc.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

Delaware Hotline:

A free, confidential, centralized resource that connects people with the support they need, this includes:

- Emergency food assistance
- Shelters — transitional and emergency
- Child nutrition sites
- Utility Assistance
- Crisis services
- Legal help o Call: 2-1-1 or 1-800-560-3372 o Text:
text your zip code to 899-211 o Website:
www.delaware211.org

Addiction / substance abuse for help for individuals, families and children:

- Call: 1-855-378-4373
- Text: 55753
- Website: <https://drugfree.org/delaware>
- 27 7 HOTLINES: 1-833-9-HOPEDE

Veterans:

The American Legion service officers are specifically trained to provide free assistance to veterans and their families. This may involve an application for VA disability benefits, provide information, referrals and resources on education, employment, death benefits and other important topics.

- Delaware's Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is Mr. Joseph Houghton.
He serves all of Delaware.
- Call: 302-933-7255
- Email: joseph.Houghton@VA.gov

Online applications to apply for health and social service benefits:

ASSIST is a free online application program where you apply for any of the following programs:

- Long Term Care Medicaid Programs
- Medicaid Assistance
- Food Supplement Program - This is the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. The food recipient uses this card at local grocery stores to access his/her food benefit.
- Cash Assistance - Provides monthly payments to qualified households
- Child Care Services - Provides assistance for both finding and paying for this help
- Free school lunches for children
- Food Banks
- Medicare Programs
- Healthy Children Program — Provides high quality medical insurance for children under 19

For more information go to: <https://assist.dhss.delaware.gov/>

Heat for your home:

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps people with low incomes pay their energy bills. This covers the expense for: electricity, natural gas, kerosene, propane, coal, wood.

- Contact Catholic Charities to find out where and how to apply:

Kent County: 302-674-1782
New Castle County: 302-654-9295
Sussex County: 302-856-6310

Home repairs:

The Statewide Emergency Repair Program (SERP) helps low-income homeowners with emergency repairs. Administered by the Milford Housing development Corporation on behalf of the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) this program covers:

- Heating system repairs
- Non-functional plumbing
- Hazardous electrical repairs
- Roof repair or replacement for active leaks
- Major structural repairs
- Urgent accessibility modifications
 - Call 844-413-0038 to see if you qualify for the above programs.

Additional help with major home repairs:

Other Government agencies have rehabilitation or repair assistance available. Contact these agencies for details and questions:

- * City of Wilmington: 302-576-3000
 - Website: <https://www.wilmingtonde.gov/government/citydepartments/real-estate-and-housing/resources-for-homeowners>
- * New Castle County: 302-395-5600
 - Website: <https://www.nccde.org/1269/Home-Repair-Programs>
- * Kent County: 302-744-2480
 - Website: <https://www.co.kent.de.us/planning-dept/communitydevelopment.aspx>
- * Sussex County: 302-855-7777
 - Website: <https://sussexcountyde.gov/community-development-housing>

The Replace, Repair Heaters & Conserve Energy (RRHACE) Program:

A statewide program available to help eligible low-income home owners repair or replace furnaces, boilers and other direct heating components necessary to keep the home's primary heating source functional.

Contact First State Community Action Agency:

- Call: 302-856-7761
- Website: <https://www.firststatecaa.org/>

Weatherization Assistance Program:

Program participation requires some investment of time on multiple days by the homeowner, and someone 18 or over must be present when contractors are in the home. Homeowners and renters, at 200% of federal poverty guidelines, can apply. Contact Catholic Charities

- New Castle County: 302-654-9295
- Kent County: 302-674-1782
- Sussex County: 302-856-6310

Problem, question or issue about living in manufactured housing on leased land: DMHOA will answer your question or guide you to the appropriate agency for help.

- Use the contact form on the DMHOA website: www.dmhoa.org
- **Call: 302-845-2122**