

THE COVE BEACON

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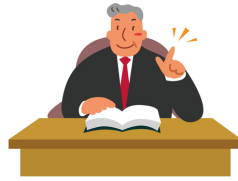
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PRESIDENT- MIKE LHOTSKY

I would like to start by wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR. With the start of the new year I would like to remind everyone that it is time to renew your membership in the HOA. It remains \$20.00 for the year if paid by April 15th, after that it will be \$25.00. Hopefully you realize that the \$20.00 helps to protect your rights as a homeowner on leased land. Also note that if you are not a member you will be at the mercy of the landowners and any favorable decisions passed by legislature you may not be able to benefit. IT'S ONLY \$20.00 and all we want is to protect your rights.

In 2022 we ended the year with 225 Members, while that was a great year we have over 350 homes in the community, we need all of you to join. This past year, 2023, we reached a total 205. A good number, but we can do better. Please help your community by joining today. It's simple, send a check made payable to MCHOA to: AL WENTWORTH 35474 PINE DRIVE MILLSBORO DE. 199676 or you can give it to any board member or drop it off at my house at: 35537 Sussex Lane.

It is important for us to maintain a strong HOA as it is our only defense against landowners that tend to be without feelings and greedy. Being strong and supportive gives us strength keep the landlords in check.

We continue to meet with management on a monthly basis and I feel as though they are going well. The bulkhead project seems to be moving smoothly although we continue to hear that DNREC has not yet given permission to start with the construction of the docks. According to management, ELS is considering legal action to get the project going. Once construction gets started, we have been told they may be able to complete up to 2 docks per day. And we were told the materials to construct are on site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maggie Manglass for her service to the board, she will truly be missed. She has decided to move on to another chapter of her life and we wish her well on this journey. Well wishes and thanks for your support. Taking her place on the board will be Betsy Keppley on Knoll Way. A big THANK YOU to Betsy for accepting the position.

The last thing that I would like to do is say a big THANK YOU to all who helped out with all the holiday activities. Bless Our Children raised \$1500.00, we filled 3 boxes full of toys for Toys For Tots, served over 70 residents at our Holiday Dinner and had many participants in the House Decorating Contest.

Thanks for your continued support and don't forget to JOIN.



TOM SIMONELLI – VICE PRESIDENT

Aside from assisting Mike, our President & the HOA as needed, as most of you know, much of my time is spent in my capacity as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Delaware Manufactured Homeowners Association. Each Beacon, I like to include something about Delaware law as it pertains to homeowners living in manufactured housing on leased land.

It appears that there is still some confusion as to how a “Lot Rent Transfer” works when you sell your home. The details of how to go about it can be found at DMHOA.org. The details of the process are important as must be followed completely. Remember, doing a lot rent transfer can add \$\$ to the selling price of your home. This is part of Title 25 Chapter 70. An example would be: If you have a lot on the water and currently pay \$900 per month without a lot rent transfer the buyer would pay market rent which as of December 2023 will be \$1526 per month.

Think about that difference. If the buyer looks at the savings of \$626 per month, that’s \$7,512 a year. Over just 5 years the buyer will save \$37,560! That makes your home worth quite a bit more than a home for sale where there is no lot rent transfer. Exception: With the majority of the 10 year leases ELS/Mariners Cove included a document that when initialed or signed gave away the new homeowner’s ability to do a lot rent transfer.

This is & was perfectly legal – confirmed by CLASI, our attorneys. The reason it is legal: 10-year leases were not automatically covered by the same laws that govern one-year leases. Therefore, by giving the new homeowner the same conditions & protections of a one-year lease holder, the homeowner received something in exchange for giving up their right to do a lot rent transfer. This give and take makes the agreement legal.



SECRETARY’S REPORT - BETSY KEPPLEY

What fantastic weather we have been enjoying into November! This makes living here so unique! The sunsets are magical, the crabs are abundant, and lots of boats are still in. We have had lots going on, and much more to come, I don’t know if you had the opportunity to attend the Drive-in movie, but it was great, a true sense of community for old and young! Wishing all of you a happy and healthy holiday season.



TREASURER – ALICE CACHOLA

Another amazing year for our Toys For Tots Campaign!

Three boxes were filled with toys, games, and books. Items for the preteens included hair clips, costume jewelry, fragrance sets, nail and makeup products. As the campaign is mainly toys for tots, this age group often falls short of donations.

WBOC Bless Our Children Campaign received a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 on behalf of the Residents of Mariner's Cove.

These campaigns would not have succeeded without the generous donations from our community.

THANK YOU TO ALL !

MCHOA Scholarship Award is new this year! Information regarding the eligibility requirements to appear in April Beacon.



ACTIVITIES – LYNN KNOPKA

These are the activities scheduled for the first quarter of 2024:

January 9th 7:00 PM Activities Meeting in the clubhouse

January 20th 8:00-11:00 AM AUCE Breakfast

January 27th 10:00 AM Craft Day Peace Poll clubhouse

February 4th Soup Day (take-out only) 11:00 AM at clubhouse

February 9th Game Night 6:00 PM at clubhouse

March 9th 8:00-11:00 AM AUCE Breakfast

March 18th 10:00 AM Craft Day Seasonal Wreaths

April 20th Craft Fair Clubhouse

ON GOING EVENTS:

Wednesday Night- Texas Hold Em Poker - 7:00-10:00 PM @ clubhouse

Thursday Night- Bingo - 6:30 PM (set up 6:00) @ clubhouse



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – LANIE WOOD

A big thank you to all of you who volunteer for Neighborhood Watch; your service is important to our community.

I would like you to be aware of a few things that have been going on in Marine's Cove. Unfortunately we have had some vandalism - Christmas lights were cut on more than one occasion and cars have been broken into. Please be aware of what is happening around you and call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Hoping you all have a safe and blessed new year.

Neighborhood Watch Schedule August 28, 2023 – July 28, 2024

FROM	TO	NAME	FROM	TO	NAME
08/28/2023	09/03/2023	Mike Kulp	02/12/2024	02/18/2024	Mike Kulp
09/04/2023	09/10/2023	June Henkel	02/19/2024	02/25/2024	June Henkel
09/11/2023	09/17/2023	Jim Pyle	02/26/2024	03/03/2024	Jim Pyle
09/18/2023	09/24/2023	Skip Lamon	03/04/2024	03/10/2024	Skip Lamon
09/25/2023	10/01/2023	Jim Bailey	03/11/2024	03/17/2024	Jim Bailey
10/02/2023	10/08/2023	Gene Bradley	03/18/2024	03/24/2024	Gene Bradley
10/09/2023	10/15/2023	Jerry Cox	03/25/2024	03/31/2024	Jerry Cox
10/16/2023	10/22/2023	Wayne Vallieu	04/01/2024	04/07/2024	Wayne Vallieu
10/23/2023	10/29/2023	Paul Guidone	04/08/2024	04/14/2024	Paul Guidone
10/30/2023	11/05/2023	Barbara Conroy	04/15/2024	04/21/2024	Barbara Conroy
11/06/2023	11/12/2023	Ted Woyton	04/22/2024	04/28/2024	Ted Woyton
11/13/2023	11/19/2023	Justin Mader	04/29/2024	05/05/2024	Justin Mader
11/20/2023	11/26/2023	Mike Kulp	05/06/2024	05/12/2024	Mike Kulp
11/27/2023	12/03/2023	June Henkel	05/13/2024	05/19/2024	June Henkel
12/04/2023	12/10/2023	Jim Pyle	05/20/2024	05/26/2024	Jim Pyle
12/11/2023	12/17/2023	Skip Lamon	05/27/2024	06/02/2024	Skip Lamon
12/18/2023	12/24/2023	Jim Bailey	06/03/2024	06/09/2024	Jim Bailey
12/25/2023	12/31/2023	Gene Bradley	06/10/2024	06/16/2024	Gene Bradley
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02/05/2024	02/11/2024	Justin Mader	07/22/2024	07/28/2024	Justin Mader



BOAT YARD – ED OLLIS

Thank you in advance to all the HOA members who plan on utilizing the boat yard for winter storage of their trailer/watercraft. Winter storage of your boat is FREE, however, you **MUST** contact me, Ed Ollis, **BEFORE** placing your watercraft or trailer in the yard or on the road. My contact information is (484) 433-4078.

Mariners Cove is one of only a few properties that offers onsite watercraft storage to its HOA members. We only ask that you adhere to the rules so that this amenity can continue to be offered and be used by as many HOA members as possible.

Since winter storage space is available on a first come, first served basis, I make every effort to utilize all the space available to the HOA so we can store as many trailers/watercraft as possible. Because space is limited, no one is guaranteed a specific location within the storage yard or on the road. I reserve the right to move your watercraft or trailer in order to maximize all available space.

All trailers/watercraft are **REQUIRED** to have the HOA member's name affixed to the unit. If the trailer or watercraft is not marked with a name, it will be removed from the boat yard and placed on the main road. From this point the watercraft or trailer will be subject to the rules of property management up to and including being towed from the property. If this occurs, all towing fees incurred are the responsibility of the trailer/watercraft owner.

Currently there are over 30 trailers in the boat yard that are not identified. No names, no address, no HOA identification. If these trailers remain unidentified by April 2024, they will be removed from the boatyard or from along fence line and towed away by the local towing company. Keep in mind if this occurs, all towing charges and storage fees incurred through the towing company will be the responsibility of the trailer/watercraft owner. **PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN. Please affix your name and address to the trailer and be sure your HOA fees are current.**

I hope everyone enjoyed the 2023 boating season and I look forward to assisting you with your storage needs.

Ed Ollis
(484) 433-4078



MEMBERSHIP – ALAN WENTWORTH

Happy New Year and thank you to all the residents that renewed their membership or joined the MCHOA in 2023.

Your membership includes: the quarterly Beacon newsletters; access to local (to inlet) emergency Boating Assistance (out of gas, dead battery, stuck on a sand bar, etc); boat and trailer storage in the community boat yard (winter free, summer +\$35); the 4th of July and Christmas Decorating prizes; and other socials and special events that your HOA sponsors.

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.

Part of your membership fee also supports the statewide Delaware Manufactured Home Owners Association (DMHOA) which is very much involved with the DE Legislature and the Attorney Generals Office to develop and enforce legislation to protect the rights and security of the residents of all Manufactured Home Communities.

The fee for all residents is currently \$20 for 2024. The fee may also be paid on-line via PayPal through our website www.mchoa.webs.com. There is a \$1.00 service charge for online payment.

Please send your membership fee along with your name, permanent address, telephone number, email address and Mariner's Cove lot number and 911 address along with a check to:

**Alan Wentworth/MCHOA
35474 Pine Drive
Millsboro, DE 19966**

Membership payments will be acknowledged by email (if msn does not further enhance my email experience) or by snail mail if a self addressed stamped envelope is included with the application.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mariners Cove Home Owners Association 2023 Membership Application

We are now accepting applications for membership for 2024. 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 12/29/23)



From the Editor Hello from your New Cove Beacon Editor – Elizabeth Kaeton

It was October, 2002 when we first bought our home here in Mariner Cove. It was just supposed to be a vacation home, something we could then sell and use the profits as a down payment for the home wherever it was we chose to settle after retirement. Eight years later we moved here from New Jersey and thought we'd probably stay in Delaware but, until we decided, we thought we would enjoy life in "lower, slower" Sussex County for "a little while".

Well, that was 14 years ago and I'm not sure when it was, exactly, that we decided to stay and make this our permanent home, but, well, here we are. And, home this is. And, honestly? We wouldn't live any place else. I love waking up to the call of the gulls and the Canada geese, watching the tides and nature change from our sun room, and our wonderful neighbors.

I'm a city girl so I haven't really gotten used to life without sidewalks and public transportation but I do find myself complaining just as loudly as everyone else about the traffic congestion so I must be making some progress, eh?

I'm an Episcopal priest and Hospice Chaplain who visits patients in their homes all over Sussex County, from Delmar, to Seaford and Laurel; Fenwick Island to Lewes; and Millsboro, Dagsboro, Selbyville and Georgetown. I have come to love the retired and still-working people of the beaches and resorts, restaurants and take outs, the chicken and cash crop farmers, the mechanics, electricians, plumbers, builders and bankers, medical professionals, pharmacists and lab techs, teachers, students and bus drivers, and, all the small business owners and all who work there, including the hair stylists and, of course, the nail salons.

I love to travel. Last October I was at a cooking school in Tuscany, learning how to cook authentic Tuscan food like Bistecca alla Fiorentina and Tiramisu. The year before I walked a 148 miles pilgrimage on The Camino Portuguese from Lisbon to Santiago, Spain, where legend hold that the Cathedral is built on the burial site of St. James, the brother of Jesus. This year, I'm hoping to travel a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Paul through Syria, Turkey, and Greece.

I have seen MCHA leadership come and go in the almost 22 years we've owned a home here – and long stretches of time when there was, unfortunately, no leadership. I am delighted to be able to support the present excellent leadership team in this small way.

I would love to hear your suggestions about what will make this a more interesting newsletter. I'm going to be experimenting with formats and graphics and pictures. I would love to hear your Mariner's Cove story – who you are, where you're from, how long you've lived here, why you moved, why you stay, why you enjoy and what you'd like to see. Just drop me a note. Let's get to know each other better. We're stronger and better together.

Elizabeth Kaeton, Beacon Editor (MotherKaeton@gmail.com)



Meet The Fox(es) of Mariner's Cove

Many of our neighbors are reporting seeing a red fox in their yard or on their deck. There may be one or more of them in our neighborhood.

Red foxes are the most common and widespread species here in North America. While they are our largest fox species, they are actually much smaller than they look. The folks at the National Wildlife Federation say that, generally, there's not anything to worry about when foxes choose to visit or live in our yards. They are mostly fur and long legs and are not much bigger than a house cat in reality. Their natural diet is wide and includes mice, voles, squirrels, muskrats, rabbits, birds, reptiles, insects, fruit and even grasses and other vegetation. Some of our neighbors have found dead rabbits or mice buried in their empty plant pots where the foxes have buried them. Some have reported seeing a fox digging up their prey from the pot or yard.

They are not a threat to pets or people—as long as we don't artificially feed them and cause them to associate us with food and lose their natural caution around people.

They are naturally nocturnal (night) creatures but it is not unusual to see them out during the day. It does not mean that they are rabid. If the animal shows signs of rabies – such as **aggression, stumbling or foaming at the mouth** – call your local animal control. To report an animal exhibiting these symptoms, call **DNREC's Wildlife Section at 302-739-9912 or 302-735-3600.**

Fox attacks on people, including children, are rare.

Here's some advice from the National Wildlife Federation : “When you exit through the front door, announce yourself loudly to alert the foxes that you’re coming out. Saying something like, “Hello fox, here I come!” will let them know you’re there and they’ll likely dart into their den or hide in the nearby foliage. If in their curiosity they approach you, clap and shout to scare them away. You want to teach them that humans are a danger and to avoid us.

For pets, keep them on a leash to avoid any encounters. Keeping pets under our control while outdoors is always our advice to avoid conflicts with wildlife. More often than not, it's our pets that have the worse impact on wildlife rather than vice versa. Make sure pets are up to date on their rabies and distemper shots–this is as much to protect wildlife populations from diseases that our pets can spread as it is to protect pets from wildlife.

No matter how adorable the new kits are, **NEVER** feed the foxes or try to approach or pet them–this is critically important for their survival. The saying goes, “a fed mammal is a dead mammal.”

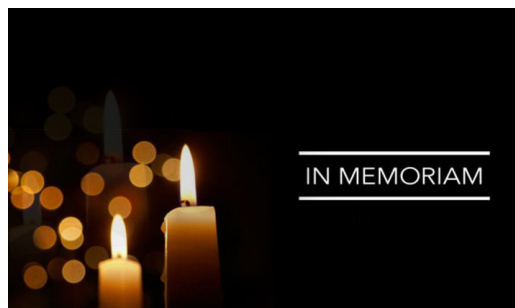
[Photo Credit: David Rhoten 12/25/23 Long Neck Locals FaceBook Page](#)



Thanks to Anita and John Zegers
for the beautiful Christmas Lighthouse



Thanks to all who made the
Mariner's Cove Neighborhood Association
2023 Christmas Party a great Success.



We offer prayers of remembrance and gratitude for the life of
Peg David (1950-2023)

Former Board member, Chair of Activities Committee, Founder of The Dog Park
May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For more Community News, check out FaceBook: [Mariners Cove Neighborhood Information and Activities Group](#)

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Fax # 302-945-5105

RESIDENT COMPLAINT FORM
PLEASE PRINT

DATE: _____

NAME: (First) _____ (Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____ LOT #: _____

Detailed Description of Complaint: _____

Complaint Reported By: _____

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Complaint Forwarded To: _____

Date Forwarded: _____

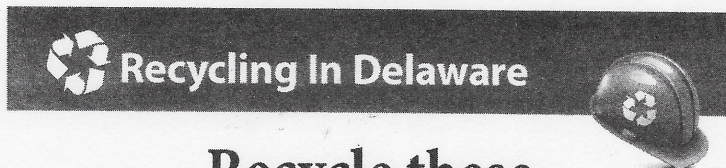
Action Taken: _____

Resident Advised: YES NO (circle)

Date Complaint Closed: _____

RECYCLE INFORMATION

The Guide • 9-1-21



Recycle these

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



Newspapers



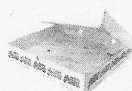
Regular and junk mail/magazines



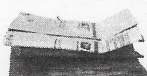
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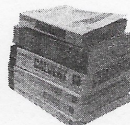
Paper board boxes



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)

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It's second nature.

www.recycling.delaware.gov

Not Accepted

Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:

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



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

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 I 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**