

THE COVE BEACON

SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION



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your summer fun even more enjoyable.

WELCOME TO THE 2024 SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION OF THE BEACON!

Boat rides at sunrise, sunny days, and sunset. Jet-skiing on the open water of Rehoboth Bay. Water Tubing on the back of a Pontoon. Fishing off the dock. Picking up crab pots near the marshes. Family gatherings and BBQ. Puzzles and games on rainy days. Card games at night. Trips to the malls for new school clothes. And, of course, S'mores!

It's summer time at Mariner's Cove.

In the midst of all this activity, the Board of Directors of the Mariner Cove Home Owners Association hope this Special Edition of The Beacon will have information for you that will make

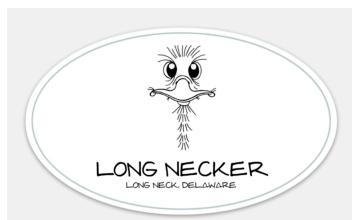
We also hope you consider joining the **Home Owner's Association**.

For a **\$20 Annual Fee**, you will not only have membership in Mariner's Cove HOA, which provides access to lots of enjoyable community activities and access to ELS (Equity Lifestyle Properties) management, but you'll be supporting DMHOA (Delaware Mobile Home Owners Association) which helps homeowners living on leased land in Delaware. **Remember: Only HOA members receive the benefit of class action or other lawsuits**, such as the settlement decision concerning the bulkheads.

There will be more information on HOA membership later in this Newsletter. We'll also provide a whole host of summer fun activities, information about the pool and Community Center, as well as practical information you'll need about trash and recycling, water safety, community notices, neighborhood watch patrol, and some tips on how to deal with the traffic.

For all our year round friends and neighbors, we look forward to seeing more of you as you enjoy the outdoors and the water.

For our summer neighbors and friends, welcome back! We're glad you're here!



NB: Above Photo Credit Long Neck's own, Dave Rhoten

Everybody in the POOL!

The Pool is open from 11 AM to 7 PM, seven days a week.

There is a life guard at the pool.

The ID Bands are still available at the office.



MCHOA Summer Activities 2024

June 29, Saturday: HOA Annual Picnic at The Pavilion by the Pool. There will be lots of food, games (adults and children), a DJ with music New T-shirts will be available. Five baskets of cheer will be available to bid on. Note: Winners must be at the picnic when tickets are drawn. Please see Mike or Lynn if you are able to help with set up or clean up.

July 4th Golf Cart Parade - 11am registration Show your patriotic colors & American spirit!

July 6th Poker Run - 1pm registration 3pm Run (need hosts: please see Mike Lhotsky)

July 13th Breakfast - 8 to 11am \$10 per person AUCE. Eggs, omelets, pancakes, bacon, sausage.

July 20th Movie Night on The Green - movie TBD (Movies nights are at dusk)

August 10th Movie Night on The Green - movie TBD

August 16th Taco Night - 6 to 8pm \$8 per person AUCE

PLEASE NOTE: All activites are subject to change due to inclement weather or other reasons. An email notification will be sent out.

ON GOING EVENTS: Check the Bulletin Boards behind the Mail Boxes

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

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

LOCAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVALS

STRAWBERRY SHORE(T) CAKE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 10 AM to 3 PM
Hudson Fields
29977 Eagle Crest Road
Milton, DE

STRAWBERRY SHINDIG
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 11 AM - 3 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 28
31768 Legion Road
Millsboro, DE

DELAWARE STATE FAIR: July 18-27 Harrington, DE



When and where are the LOCAL FIREWORKS?

MILLSBORO - CUPOLA PARK - June 29 at approximately 9 PM

LONG NECK, PARADISE GRILL - July 3rd approximately at dusk

***LEWES - July 4th. Launched from a barge off Savannah Beach at dusk.**

***BETHANY BEACH - July 4th Fireworks begin at dusk.**

***DEWEY BEACH - July 4th. Launched from a barge in Rehoboth Bay at dusk**

LONG NECK, LEISURE POINT RESORTS - July 6th - approximately at dusk

***REHOBOTH - July 6th Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 PM**

*** As reported in [Delaware Online](#)**

Note: Fireworks can make dogs, cats, birds, and other household pets really anxious. Knowing when and where there will be local fireworks can help us prepare to care for them. Try Increasing the volume on the TV or radio. Check with your Vet or local pet store for natural calming medications. Thunder shirts can also be very helpful.

WANT TO HAVE A GOOD NEIGHBOR? BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

There's an old saying that "A rising tide lifts all boats." When we, individually, raise our attitude and our behavior, we become part of our own one-person "Neighborhood Improvement Association". Together, we can create the BEST Summer Season at Mariner's Cove.



NOISE - When people are enjoying outside summer fun, it's going to sound a lot noisier than it does when it's not summer. So, the first thing we all need to do is to raise our own level of tolerance for the sound of people playing cards on their deck, competing in a fast game of corn hole, going to or returning from a night boat ride, or dancing and singing to their favorite music.

The next thing we can do is to be courteous. Not everyone is on vacation. Try to wrap things up, bring it inside, and start to lower the volume by no later than 10 PM. Remember that sound travels on water so if you've got a radio in your pontoon, keep the volume down until you're out on the Bay, and turn it down or off when you start to approach the neighborhood.

MIND YOUR OWN WAKE - Please drive your boat slowly and carefully as you make your way past the marshes and your neighbor's homes on your way out to the Bay.

TRASH - It's inevitable. We live in a 'disposable' culture. It's amazing how much trash one family can accumulate in a long weekend. Those seagulls you hear laughing when you pile up your trash and recycling bins to overflowing before you leave? You won't be half-way up the street when they'll start to rip open those "hefty" trash bags, and won't even stop to thank you for the ones you got that smell nice. In no time at all, your neighbors will be out, picking up your trash off the street so the wind won't blow it into our yards or in the water.

If you can't fit everything in your trash or recycling bins, you might try asking your neighbor to use/borrow one of their bins. Or, you might want to double bag your trash and put it in the trunk to take home or drop it off at the local recycling place. (More info later in newsletter)

If you smoke, when you're out on your boat, please don't put your cigarettes in the water. Bring an old coffee can with you to use as a Butt Can. Remember to bring a trash bag with you to keep our waterways beautiful and clean. And, when you take them for a walk, please curb your dog.

MIND THE SPEED LIMIT - It wouldn't be summer without kids on bikes or someone running into the street after a runaway ball. And then there are the golf carts which sometimes seem to have a mind of their own. It only takes a split-second for an accident to happen, and tragedy is always hovering close behind. According to the NHTSA, 51% of car accidents happen within 5 miles from home. Please, slow down and stay alert. Please don't drink - or text - and drive.

THEFT & VANDALISM - It's so beautiful here, some of us think it's Paradise. (Some people have even named their Pubs that.) Unfortunately, there is a soft underbelly to life on this side of Eden. It's sad to say but we have been experiencing occasional episodes of car vandalism and theft. Please make sure to lock your car and keep your porch light on. Motion detectors are a good deterrent as is a good security system. Remember: We do not have our own police department in Long Neck but we are protected by the Delaware State Police. Our dedicated Neighborhood Watch is very active and tours the neighborhood twice a day.

Why Join the Homeowner's Association?

You mean, other than you can't possibly get a better deal for **\$20** anywhere for anything else?

You mean, because you get the **Quarterly Beacon Newsletters** and **Special Summer Edition**? And, access to local (inlet) emergency **Boating Assistance** if you're out of gas, have a dead battery, get stuck on a sandbar, etc.? And, you get **trailer storage** in the community boat yard (winter free, summer +\$35)? Plus, all sort and manner of **community activities** all year long, but especially the **4th of July and Christmas decorating prizes**?

That would be enough, but wait! There's more. 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.

The President, VP, and one other board member **meet monthly** with a representative of ELS and the Manager of Mariner's Cove **to discuss problems and concerns** within the neighborhood that have been raised by residents and/or board members. Some issues successfully resolved include obtaining a consistent **lifeguard** for the pool, **road repair work**, issues with the **landscaping**, and the **Dog Park** which will hopefully be returned after the bulkheads are repaired.

With regard to the bulkhead removal and replacement, that negotiated court settled agreement was a major event in the recent life of Mariner's Cove. The HOA Board members with their attorneys, negotiated the settlement which covered all Mariner's 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 General's Office to develop and enforce legislation to protect the rights and security of the residents of all Manufactured Home Communities.



If you're not a MCHOA - Mariner's Cove Home Owner's Association - member, please consider filling out the attached membership application form **today**.

It is, bar none, the best \$20 investment you'll ever make.

MCHOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Mariners Cove Home Owners Association 2024 Membership Application

We are still 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

TRASH AND RECYCLING - Summer 2024

Trash pickup is every Tuesday and Friday

Recycling pickup is every other Friday (July & August 1st and 3rd Friday, and 8/30)

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Recycling In Delaware

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

RECYCLE INFORMATION



(<< This makes seagulls very happy.<<<)

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.

There is a **Delaware Waste Management Station** on Mr. Joy Road and one on Harbeson Road - (Big Red Barn). Both are open from 8:30 - 3:30 on Saturday. Closed Sunday. Charge is \$1 per bag. (Electronics, Paint, Hazardous Waste can be brought to **Jones Crossroads Landfill & Delaware Solid Waste Authority in Georgetown**. Open 10-2, Monday - Saturday.)

Thanks for helping to keep our wonderful neighborhood and our beautiful state clean and beautiful.

(>>>This makes seagulls very unhappy. Please keep trash bin covered>>>)



Just wouldn't be summer without it . . .



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