

THE COVE BEACON

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PRESIDENT- MIKE LHOTSKY

I am writing this article and it is the last day of summer. Where did the time go? Seems like the seasons are getting shorter and shorter each year as time goes by.

Things in the community keep happening with activities like **Craft Fair October 5th, Yard Sale October 19th, Dumpsters October 19th& 20th**. Our next **ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET** is scheduled for **November 9th** and many other events will be held at the end of the year.

Bulkhead construction continues to be a concern. It appears the contractor doing the job is not in any hurry to finish. However management keeps telling us they are on schedule. All we can do is be patient and hope for them to accomplish more work this coming fall and winter.

This year so far we have about 200 members which seems to be a good number but in the past we have done better than that. Anyone paying this last quarter will be counted as paying for next year 2025. We need your continued support to be able to challenge management on many subjects that concern our community. So please consider signing up if you have not yet done so. It is important to all of us as a community. It only cost **\$20.00per year** and this year **2025** it will be due by **February 1st**; after that it goes up to **\$25.00** Please get it in by January 31st. You can send it to **Al Wentworth 35474 Pine Drive , MILLSBORO, De 19966** and **make the check payable to MCHOA**. THANKS.

Also I would like to wish everyone **HAPPY HOLIDAYS in advance**. Be safe and enjoy all the blessings you have.



JEFFREY BEAULAC – VICE PRESIDENT

HELP INITIATIVE UPDATE: As many of you are aware, The Mariner's Cove HOA hosted the HELP INITIATIVE team on September 12th and 13th and launched the "Lights ON & Safety ON" programs across the community. The program launch was considered a resounding success with over (75) homes now fitted with free of charge solar and dusk to dawn lighting along with a home safety kit that included important equipment like a fire extinguisher, first aid kit & water flow aerators that can be fitted to faucets throughout the home.

We understand that some residents that originally signed up were not available to receive the solar lighting during PHASE I deployment and that many other HOA residents missed the two sign-up dates so we, along with the HELP team, have agreed to host one additional sign-up session to capture remaining residents that wish to benefit from these important and free of charge safety programs.

The **PHASE II sign-up date and deployment date** will be communicated to all HOA members over the coming weeks. We strongly encourage further participation in the HELP INITIATIVE programs as we strive to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of the Mariner's Cove community.

DOCK SAFETY TIP: There have been several residents that have voiced concern about the new docks being installed by the Bulkhead team. More specifically, the revised height of the new dock and the two steps that have been added to gain access to the dock. The concern is that there is no handrail to provide stability when transitioning from ground level to the dock surface. The HOA would like to share a few examples (see below) of what residents on Cove Dr. and Knoll Way have implemented to reduce the likelihood of trips and falls when transitioning on and off the new docks:

These fairly inexpensive safety handrail solutions can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowes or on Amazon. The community is also reminded to follow proper protocol by filling out the **Mariner's Cove Structure and Enhancement Form (See main office for form)** and **by not anchoring or securing any enhancements to the new BULKHEAD.**





The Mariner's Cove HOA would like to offer a friendly reminder to all residents that feeding local wildlife should be discouraged. The following are just a few examples of negative consequences associated with feeding local wildlife:

- Human food is simply unhealthy for wild animals or birds.
- Feeding can lead to public health concerns. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission.
- Animals accustomed to people often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive.
- Large concentrations of ducks, geese or seagulls can pollute nearby waterways and surrounding land. Some ducks and geese can drop up to a pound of feces every day.

Remember: We live in a heavily populated community and often times just “feet” from your neighbor’s property so please think about your actions and the impact it may have on others.

IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory of William “Mr. Bill” Smenkowski, long time resident of Mariner’s Cove. He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date to be announced. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



TREASURER – ALICE CACHOLA

Fall is here with its shorter days and longer nights but most importantly, the kids are back in school. Observe all rules of the road for school buses and give them a BRAKE!

The winners of the MCHOA 2024 Scholarship Awards were:

Maddie Smitley \$1,000

Savannah Yosko \$1,000

Congratulations! Best wishes in your future endeavors!

With the holidays coming up, our Toys For Tots will be in full swing. Check out our community bulletin boards for information about time and date TBD.

Thank you for your support and generosity.



ACTIVITIES – LYNN KNOPKA

There has been great community turnout to our activities and events which builds the great community spirit we have here at Mariner's Cove.

October 2024

5th Craft Fair

19-20th Dumpsters

19th Yard Sale and Soup Sale

Maryland Crab Chowder, Italian Wedding soup and Chicken Corn Chowder

November 2024

2nd Funky Fish Fry

1/2lb Shrimp, 1/2 lb Haddock, French Fries, Cole Slaw and dessert

9th All you can eat Breakfast

December 2024

7th Christmas Around the World Craft Show 9-2

14th Christmas Dinner 6pm, Toys for Tots Collection

General meeting 10am

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

We welcome another new member, James Kaplin, to the Neighborhood Watch group. Currently we have 12 members and would welcome more. If you are interested, please call me at 302-265-6186 or email me at lanie35558@hotmail.com.

I hope you all had a safe and wonderful summer and will enjoy this beautiful fall.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SCHEDULE

JUNE 24, 2024 – AUGUST 3, 2025

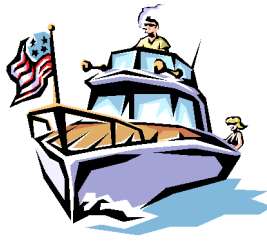
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UPDATED: 08/21/2024

Lanie Wood 302-265-6186



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 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



2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I would like to thank the **199** residents who have renewed their Mariners Cove HOA membership and welcome our new members. The fee for membership is only \$25, including the \$5 late fee. The late fee does not apply to new residents who join the Mariners Cove community anytime during 2024. Membership fee payments received after October 1st will cover the remaining months of 2024 and next year, 2025. On-line payments via PayPal is not currently available. We hope to be able to reinstate this option in the next couple of months.

Your membership includes: the quarterly Beacon newsletters; emergency Boat Towing (local to inlet); boat and trailer storage (winter free, summer +\$35); free admission to the Annual Christmas/Pasta Dinner; and Craft Shows and other socials and special events that your HOA sponsors. More importantly, 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.

In addition, part of your membership fee also supports the statewide Delaware Manufactured Home Owners Association (DMHOA). This organization is very 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.

Please send your membership payment and application to:

Alan Wentworth/MCHOA
35474 Pine Drive
Millsboro, DE 19966

For those who pay by mail, **please** include on/with check:

- Mariners Cove **lot number** or US mail **street** address,
- **email** address,
- contact **phone** number

Membership payments will be acknowledged by US Mail if a self addressed, stamped envelope is included with your payment.

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)

MARINER'S COVE
35356 Sussex Lane #1, Millsboro, DE 19966
Phone# 302-947-9060
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: _____

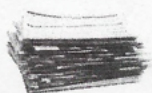
RECYCLE INFORMATION

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Recycle these

(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)

DELAWARE
RECYCLES
It's second nature.

www.recycling.delaware.gov

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.



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**

****Help Us Support Hurricane Helene Victims!****

County Bank is accepting donations for those affected by Hurricane Helene until MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th. We are collecting essential supplies to help families in need during this difficult time. **NO MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Drop off your donations at any County Bank Branch. Your generosity will make a huge difference in helping these communities recover. Let's come together to support those in need!

Hurricane Helene Relief

DROP OFF ALL BRANCHES

ACCEPTING UNTIL MONDAY OCT. 7

ITEMS NEEDED:

Baby Wipes
Feminine Hygiene Products
Diapers (Infant & Adult)
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Toiletries/Sanitation Items
Hand Sanitizer
NEW Socks & Underwear
Sunscreen & Bug Spray
Trash Bags
Cleaning Supplies
Work Gloves/Tarps

Powder Hydration Packs
Baby Formula
Non-perishable Food
Manual Can Openers
Dog & Cat Food

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Used Clothing
Water
HAZMAT
Fuel
Chemicals (Bleach)
Money