

THE COVE BEACON

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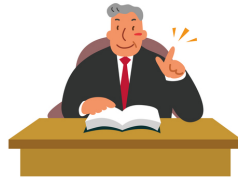
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PRESIDENT- MIKE LHOTSKY

Happy New Year to All. 2024 is over and I think of the most part we have made a lot of progress. Considering all the obstacles, with the tides and the wind, the bulkhead project is moving along, although at a snails pace, it is still moving along.

As an HOA we had several GREAT EVENTS: Several All you can **Eat Breakfast Buffets**, A lovely **Picnic** which we served Brisket, Hamburgers, Barbecue Chicken. And Hot Dogs, **Movie nights, Taco Nights, Funky Fish Fry**, and one Heck of a Holiday Dinner with Prime Rib and Chicken Chesapeake. WOW!!! We also managed to support 2 of our residents with **Scholarships** of \$1,000.00 to help them further their educations . We also contributed \$1,300.00 to the **WBOC's Bless our Children** campaign. We were able to bring in the **Help Initiative** which helped 130 residents with outdoor lighting and home safety kits. We all should be proud of the year we had.

Which leads me to my Next and most important subject. **HOA Membership**, 2024 ended the year with 211 members, which is a little over Half of the community. Last year, 2023 we ended the year with our best effort of 225 members. Our goal for this year is to beat that number and you all can help us get there by sending in your \$20.00 before January 31st, after that there will be a \$5.00 late fee to \$25.00. So.i ask you to please sign up by sending your DUES to:

**Al Wentworth
35474 Pine Drive
Millsboro, De. 19966**

Thank You for helping Us make this HOA one of the best in Delaware.

Happy New Year!!!

As usual this year's house decoration contest was very hard to judge. We ended up with 4 houses that did a wonderful job of expressing the holiday season. And with that we as a board decided to award all 4 the \$100.00 prize. In no particular order:

35483 Pine Drive, Lillian Giuliani

35484 Joann Drive, Drew and Amy Zegers

35552 Joann Drive, Jon and Anita Zegers

35624 Joann Drive, Jamie and Annette Zartman

Awards will be given after the holiday as our treasurer is out of town. Each winner will receive a check or gift card for \$100.00.

Thanks to all who made the community look like the season.

Happy Holidays!!



JEFFREY BEAULAC – VICE PRESIDENT

MCHOA Vice-President's Report – HAPPY HOLIDAYS ALL!

HELP INITIATIVE UPDATE: As many of you are aware, The Mariner's Cove HOA hosted the HELP INITIATIVE team for a final round of implementation of the "Lights ON & Safety ON" programs. The team canvassed the community on a brisk November day and completed lighting installation on an additional (40) homes which now brings the grand total of homes fitted with solar and dusk to dawn lighting to (132).

In recognition of this great achievement and collaboration, the HOA and ELS (Landowner) decided to give back to the HELP INITIATIVE, INC. by donating \$500 dollars and \$1,000 dollars respectively so that the HELP team can continue their mission of improving the health, safety and wellbeing of our Delawarean residents.

Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make these programs a success!



2025 HOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

It's that time of the year again when the patio furniture has been safely stowed away, watercraft removed and wrapped for the season and summer memories begin to fade into the shorter days of winter life on Rehoboth Bay.

With all this renewed free time on your hands (not likely!) it's also a great opportunity to remember your Homeowners Association (HOA) and the hard work that the committee and countless volunteers offer to make life at Mariners Cove just a little bit brighter. In 2024, over 50% of our residents joined or remained members of the HOA and in 2025, we are looking to grow that number to 60% or greater.

Being a member of the Mariners Cove HOA provides access and privileges to so many community benefits so we thought we would take a moment to summarize a few as a reminder of how far a \$20.00 investment will take you.

What Value does the HOA bring to Mariners Cove

Residents?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Your annual dues support the Delaware Manufacturing Housing Association (DMHOA). They assist & protect homeowners living on leased land. The Bulkhead project would not have happened without DMHOA/Mariners Cove HOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ HOA provided free boat towing within Rehoboth Bay & Indian River (\$1,500 to \$2,000 typical towing fee via SEA TOW)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Free of charge Winter Boat storage offered by HOA (\$200 value ~ ref Shorts Marine 2024 pricing), \$35 for summer trailer storage to cover site maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ College scholarships offered by HOA to local residents. (\$2,000) donated in 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Golf Car parade, Yard sale, Craft Fair, Movie nights, Breakfast events, Christmas home decoration event, Bingo, Texas Hold-um, Annual picnic & Holiday dinner all coordinated and sponsored by HOA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Recurring Email communication with HOA membership on important projects, topics and events
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ HOA/ELS coordinated free dumpsters provided for bulk trash disposal 2x per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ HELP INITIATIVE organized by HOA (Lights-ON & Safety-ON programs offered free of charge. Over 130 homes fitted with free of charge lighting.

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Please help us meet our annual membership goal by joining the HOA today!

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TREASURER – ALICE CACHOLA

Another amazing year for our Toys For Tots Campaign!

Three boxes were filled with toys, games, stuffed animals and books. Preteen items included costume jewelry and fragrance sets for girls and a soccer ball, basketball ball and a football for boys.

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 \$1,300.00 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 FOR YOUR GENEROISTY AND SUPPORT!!

MCHOA Scholarship Award will be offered again this year. Information regarding eligibility requirements will appear in the April Beacon.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous year.

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ACTIVITIES – LYNN KNOPKA

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

I hope you enjoyed your Fall and are ready for the new year. Things seem to be running smoothly in the park. Our Watch volunteers are doing a great job. Unfortunately Ted Woyton is unable to continue helping out due to medical issues. Currently, we have 12 members and we would always welcome more. If anyone is interested in participating, please feel free to contact me. Following is our schedule through July of 2025.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SCHEDULE

FROM	TO	NAME	FROM	TO	NAME
06/24/2024	06/30/2024	Wayne Vallieu	01/13/2025	01/19/2025	June Henkel
07/01/2024	07/07/2024	Barbara Conroy	01/20/2025	01/26/2025	Jim Pyle
07/08/2024	07/14/2024	Ted Woyton	01/27/2025	02/02/2025	Skip Lamon
07/15/2024	07/21/2024	Justin Mader	02/03/2025	02/09/2025	Jim Bailey
07/22/2024	07/28/2024	Lesa Smitley	02/10/2025	02/16/2025	Gene Bradley
07/29/2024	08/04/2024	June Henkel	02/17/2025	02/23/2025	Jerry Cox
08/05/2024	08/11/2024	Jim Pyle	02/24/2025	03/02/2025	Wayne Vallieu
08/12/2024	08/18/2024	Skip Lamon	03/03/2025	03/09/2025	Sandra Beaulac
08/19/2024	08/25/2024	Jim Bailey	03/10/2025	03/16/2025	James Kaplin
08/26/2024	09/01/2024	Gene Bradley	03/17/2025	03/23/2025	Barbara Conroy
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09/09/2024	09/15/2024	Wayne Vallieu	03/31/2025	04/06/2025	Lesa Smitley
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Skip Lamon	26376 Jennifer Lee	856-986-2316	warrenlamon433@gmail.com
Jim Bailey	35416 Pine Drive	302-945-7629	jimbailey3781@gmail.com
Gene Bradley	35645 Knoll Way	302-245-4321	geneandchris@yahoo.com
Jerry Cox	35406 Pine Drive	484-364-6362	gcox09@comcast.net
Wayne Vallieu	35574 Knoll Way	609-876-9594	wvallieu@gmail.com
James Kaplin	35446 Sussex Lane	860-316-0567	
Barbara Conroy	35647 Joann Drive	302-864-3404.	bconroy2207@gmail.com
Justin Mader	35453 Sussex Lane	302-281-9967	firefighter566668@gmail.com
Lesa Smitley	35615 Sussex Lane	302-724-2261	Smitley.Lesa@gmail.com



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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Mariners Cove Home Owners Association
2025 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 ____

E-MAIL ADDRESS to send issues of The Beacon _____

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





Mariners Cove Homeowners Association (HOA) Annual Membership Drive

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Alan Wentworth/MCHOA
35474 Pine Drive
Millsboro, DE 19966

One of the winners of our Christmas House Decoration



New Year's Eve in Mariner's Cove



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

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 o 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://sussexcountype.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

**The Cove Beacon – Winter Edition
Mariner's Cove, Long Neck, DE**

*"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there
lay an invincible summer" by Albert Camus*

