

THE COVE BEACON JANUARY 2026



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AMY ZEGERS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and welcome to a new year of fun and adventure. This year we hope to bring you exciting events, and gatherings and hope to bring more of you out of your home to meet your neighbors old and new.

The cold weather is upon us and many of us have older or disabled neighbors. Please be aware of their presence or lack of and check on them. There are also many of us getting sick and the Flu is hitting hard so please be cautious and remember if you are sick, please stay home.

We have had a few changes to the board. Due to health changes Al Wentworth will be stepping down from Membership chairman. Alice Cachola will be stepping down from her role as Treasurer due to personal reasons. Eric Goss has had an increased need of his time at his employment and is no longer an At Large member. Barbara Conroy stepped down from At Large to work at her church. Laura Aldrich will be taking her place as she was next in line from the ballots during voting in October.

We will be looking for a new **Secretary, Treasurer, At Large Member, and Membership Chairman**. If anyone is interested, please submit your interests to the board via email: MC_HOA@outlook.com. We will then review all submissions, and the board will vote who will replace each position for the duration of the terms. We will accept submissions up to end of day Sunday, February 1, 2026. When voting is complete, we will send out an email with updated board member information.

With that being said for the time being HOA dues can be handed to any of the board members or you can mail them to me, Amy Zegers at 35484 Joann Drive. **\$20 fee amount until February 28, 2026.**

We ended last year with a wonderful cultural community dinner with Polish cuisine and good friends. This coming year we will be bringing back the traditional Italian dinner that many of you asked about with a tweak or two. Thank you to all the hard-working residents who came out to help make the delicious food.

We will be looking for more community involvement on many levels. Some of the committees could use resident participation, so if anyone is interested, please send an email to MC_HOA@outlook.com. The tasks would be not only to help with the committee activity but to possibly be the person to report to the president and vice president monthly with updates. We will also be looking for individuals to help with the breakfasts, upcoming events, and crafting activities. The goal is to have more participation by our residents.

The creation of our webpage is coming along very well. There was a pause through the holidays, but it is looking good. Our webmaster is looking to add features to allow interaction with board members through the site as well as having updated information regarding events and concerns in the community.

Some residents have asked about having routine game nights. We can start with one a month to see how many attend and make changes from there. The game nights can be a group playing one game or small groups coming together to play individual games. Being together at the clubhouse is the main objective. Let's try it and see where it goes. Keep your eyes open for when it will be scheduled. It will be posted on Facebook, signs will be put up by the mailboxes, and it will be announced via email. And don't forget our weekly Poker and Bingo nights!





TREASURER – ALICE CACHOLA

A big THANK YOU to all our residents who contributed to our Bless Our Children campaign and also to our Toys for Tots campaign. Because of your generous support to both of these campaigns, no child will be without something on Christmas Day.

A check in the amount of \$ 1,505.00 was mailed to WBOC Bless Our Children on behalf of the residents of Mariner's Cove.

A total of 134 items, a full two boxes were picked up on 12/14/25 by my ambassador and taken to the warehouse for distribution to our Long Neck and Oak Orchard area children. Donations varied for ages 1 to 12 years of age.

A round of applause to everyone for your generosity and dedication and support all year long!!

Sincerely hoping your holidays were wonderful and wishing you all the best in the upcoming new year.

Just a reminder, HOA membership is \$20.00. Get in on the “Early Bird Special “ for year 2026 now! Deadline 2/28/26 (for this year only) when membership goes to \$25.00.

Thank you,

Alice Cachola



LYNN KONOPKA

Saturday, January 31st 2 pm	Soup Sale Preorders Preferred*Text Lynne at 302-858-6290 Cream of Crab ~ Pasta Fagioli ~ Chicken Noodle First come – First served for leftovers
Saturday, February 7th Noon until...	Learn to crochet a throw class All supplies provided <i>FREE</i>
Wednesday, February 11th Noon until... RSVP BY Mon Feb 9th Hoping for 10+ participants	My Ceramics Class at 36932 Silicato Dr #9, Millsboro (behind WAWA) \$4.00 sitting fee plus the cost of item Bring your own snacks/beverages Text Lynn at 302-858-6290 to reserve your spot and make arrangements for payment
Saturday March 7th 6 pm	Chili Cook-Off If entering, Chili needs to be dropped off by 5 pm
Saturday March 14th 8 to 11 am	All You Can Eat Breakfast All your favorites!!!
Saturday April 11th 10 am	General Meeting
Saturday April 25 th 9 – 2 pm	Craft Fair Over 30 Local Artisans

***All Events are held at the Community Building unless otherwise noted.**

ON GOING EVENTS at COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mon, Wed & Friday's	Chair Yoga	9:00 am
Wednesday Nights	Texas Hold 'Em	6:30 – 9:30 pm
Thursday Nights	Bingo	6:00 pm

SOUP SALE

SAT JAN 31st

2 pm

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at 302-858-6290

1st come - 1st served on leftovers



*Cream of Crab
Pasta Fagioli
Chicken Noodle*



Learn to
Crochet a
Throw

Saturday

Feb 7th

Noon

Community Bldg

FREE





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

LANIE WOOD

I hope all of you had a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year's. All is well within the community. Unfortunately, we had one of our volunteers leave the Watch – Jerry and Linda Cox have moved upstate. We miss them and wish them well.

Anyone wishing to become a part of the team can contact me and I will put you on the schedule. Participation is easy. Once every three months you are asked to patrol the community for one week (usually twice a day) – walking; by car; or by golf cart. We ask that you keep an eye out for anything awry in the common areas (boat yard, community center, etc.); and on all of the streets.

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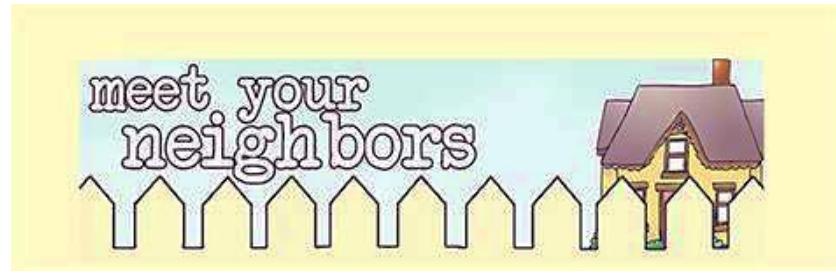
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SCHEDULE
September 22, 2025 – JUNE 21, 2026

FROM	TO	NAME
01/05/2026	01/11/2026	Skip Lamon
01/12/2026	01/18/2026	Jim Bailey
01/19/2026	01/25/2026	Gene Bradley
01/26/2026	02/01/2026	Wayne Vallieu
02/02/2026	02/08/2026	James Koplin
02/09/2026	02/15/2026	Barbara Conroy
02/16/2026	02/22/2026	Ryan Polletta
02/23/2026	03/01/2026	Lesa Smitley
03/02/2026	03/08/2026	June Henkel
03/09/2026	03/15/2026	Doug Hall
03/16/2026	03/22/2026	Drew Zegers
03/23/2026	03/29/2026	Jim Pyle
03/30/2026	04/05/2026	Skip Lamon
04/06/2026	04/12/2026	Jim Bailey
04/13/2026	04/19/2026	Gene Bradley
04/20/2026	04/26/2026	Wayne Vallieu
04/27/2026	05/03/2026	James Koplin
05/04/2026	05/10/2026	Barbara Conroy
05/11/2026	05/17/2026	Ryan Polletta
05/18/2026	05/24/2026	Lesa Smitley
05/25/2026	05/31/2026	June Henkel
06/01/2026	06/07/2026	Doug Hall
06/08/2026	06/14/2026	Drew Zegers
06/15/2026	06/21/2026	Jim Pyle



Welcome to our new feature in The Cove Beacon. Each publication of The Beacon we would like to introduce you to your neighbors. Perhaps you will find someone that lives nearby that shares a similar interest with you or even moved here from your home state or town!

If you would like to be featured in the next edition of the Cove Beacon “Meet Your Neighbors” section, please copy and complete the form below and email it to Laura Aldrich at ljaldrich13@gmail.com

Meet your neighbor questionnaire.

Name	
Mariner's Cove Address (optional)	
Marital Status (optional) and Spouses name (optional)	
Where were you born? City, State	
Where did you grow up? City, State	
When did you move here? From where? City, State	
What do you like best about our community?	
What is something interesting about yourself that you may like to share?	

*** You can also just answer the questions into an email to Laura.**



**Mariners Cove Homeowners Association
2026 Membership Application**

We are now accepting applications for membership for 2026. Please mail your check payable to MCHOA and membership enrollment form to:

Membership is \$20.00 if paid by **February 28th** and \$25.00 if paid after **February 28th** (\$20 for new residents). 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 events in the Community.

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:	
MARINER'S COVE ADDRESS:		
HOME ADDRESS (IF SEASONAL RESIDENT):		
HOME NUMBER:	CELL NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	# OF CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS:	

We also need volunteers to help us with Community Events. If interested, please indicate:	YES	NO
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Your membership includes: DMHOA Membership; the quarterly Beacon newsletters; and, the Poker Runs; eligibility for prizes for the 4th of July Golf Cart parade, the Christmas Decorating prize; free admission to the Annual Picnic and Christmas Dinner; other social 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 1/20/2026)

RESIDENT COMPLAINT FORM **PLEASE PRINT**

DATE:		
NAME: (First)	(Last)	
ADDRESS:	Lot #	
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT:		

Complaint Reported By:	
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CORRECTIVE ACTION

COMPLAINT FORWARDED TO:				
DATE FORWARDED:				
ACTION TAKEN:				
RESIDENT ADVISED:	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATE COMPLAINT CLOSED:				

RECYCLE INFORMATION

RECYCLING IN DELAWARE

ACCEPTED IN BIN

Place only these materials loose, empty, clean and dry in your recycling cart or dumpster:



PAPER

Magazines, junk mail, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, etc.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Leave lids on.



CANS, BOTTLES, JARS

Remove lids and recycle separately.



CARTONS, PAPERBOARD, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

KEEP YOUR RECYCLING
OUT OF BAGS. PLACE
ITEMS LOOSE IN THE BIN.

NOT ACCEPTED IN BIN

Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:



SHREDDED PAPER



FROZEN FOOD/ REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS



FOOD WASTE



COFFEE CUPS

Visit the website to learn about recycling these items:



BATTERIES



STYROFOAM



GARBAGE



MIRRORS AND WINDOW GLASS



TANGLERS Garden hoses, string lights, nylon tape, etc.



SCRAP METAL



PLASTIC BAGS Return to retail store.



ELECTRONICS



YARD WASTE



DSWA

DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

For More Information Visit:
www.dswo.com or call 1-800-404-7080

Acceptable items should be placed loose, empty, clean, and dry into a curbside recycling bin.

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, eggbeaters 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 (Tyvek), 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 recycling bin.

WHERE DO I 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 or Call: 2-1-1 or 1-800-560-3372 or

Text: text your zip code to 899-211 or Website: www.delaware211.org

Additional substance abuse help for individuals, families, and children:

Call: 1-855-378-4373 Text: 55753

- Website: <https://drugfree.org/delaware>
- 24/7 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 (all of DE).
- Call: 302-933-7255
- Email: ioseph.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, and wood.

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

Kent County: 302-674-1782

New Castle County: 302-654-9295 or 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 homeowners 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 eighteen 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.dmhao.org