

Fall, 2012

From the HOA President

It's hard to believe another summer has come to a close and we're already preparing for the holidays! I have two items to tell you about. First, several weeks ago, there were a number of car brake-ins in the neighborhood, all on the same night. These seem to have been "crimes of opportunity" where the only cars broken into were those left **unlocked** in driveways. The thieves were looking for cash in glove boxes and small items they could sell easily. Thanks to resident Mark Joiner, the Delaware State Police have agreed to provide increased patrols in the neighborhood and you may see a police car parked in the pool parking lot keeping an eye on things. In the meantime, please remember to **LOCK YOUR CARS**, especially at night.

Update on boats and trailers. We are still working with residents who have parked boats and utility trailers on their property, and have made a great deal of progress. Last month, nine residents were notified by certified mail that they were in violation of the Arnell Creek Association Regulations prohibiting boats, tool trailers and commercial vehicles in the community. As a result, five of those residents have corrected the situations. The Board would like to express our **sincere appreciation** to those of you who have brought your properties into compliance. We realize that in some cases there may have been some cost or inconvenience involved and we recognize this as a sign of a truly good neighbor! The remaining four residents who are not in compliance have been fined \$100 and will continue to be fined on a monthly basis until these items are removed from their properties. Liens will be placed against properties with delinquent payments. Also, in accordance with the HOA rules, residents who are not current with their payments will not be allowed access to the pool next summer.

With regard to "commercial vehicles" parked in the community, the Board has been advised to use the definition of a "commercial vehicle" provided in the Delaware State statutes in order to determine whether a violation has occurred. Basically, any vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license is qualified as a commercial vehicle for these purposes and would be prohibited from parking on the property, except to load and unload. By using this definition, we will not prohibit some vehicles with advertising or lettering on the sides; therefore, a number of our residents who own small businesses and park their business vehicles in their driveways will not be affected. Again, many thanks to all those of you who have cooperated with this initiative.

The Arnell Creek e-mail list is up and running! This provides the Board with a quick and easy way to get in touch with Arnell Creek residents. If you would like to be included and have not already done so, send your e-mail address to arnellcreek@gmail.com.

Community Happenings - Trick or Treating in Arnell Creek is Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6:00-8:00 PM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The Annual Holiday/Winter Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th at "Hooked" Restaurant at the Midway Shopping Plaza. The price is \$25.00 per person, which includes gratuity and entertainment. It starts with a Happy Hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. And, the restaurant has graciously agreed to extend Happy Hour drink prices for the entire evening! Details and a reservation form (including menu choices) will be mailed to you separately in a few weeks. Plan to join us!

Saturday, November 3 – Rehoboth Art League Holiday Fair, Henlopen Acres. Shop early for one-of-a-kind artist's creations.

Wednesday – Sunday, November 7-11 – Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival. Movies at Midway, Midway Shopping Center.

Friday and Saturday, November 9-10 – Annual Village Improvement Association St. Nicholas Tea and Sleigh Boutique, Rehoboth Beach Fire House Banquet Room. Includes formal Victorian High Tea and Shopping. For more information, see Jeanne Fox.

If you would like us to publish information about a community event, please feel free to e-mail it to the Arnell Creek e-mail address, and we'll put it in an upcoming newsletter.

Thank You Many thanks to Ed Fox for painting the pool rest rooms this summer and putting away all the pool furniture at the end of the season. Way to go, Ed!

Don't forget those Trash Cans! A reminder – Please don't forget to bring your trash cans back into your garage after pick up on trash day. We've noticed a number of trash cans at the end of driveways for several days after pick up. Thanks!

We Want To Hear From You! Send your ideas, suggestions, compliments, complaints and recipes to: P.O. Box 95 Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 (mail), or e-mail at: arnellcreek@gmail.com.

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Enjoy This Great Fall Recipe!

Sticky Bun Pumpkin Muffins

(adapted from Southern Living Magazine)

Ingredients:

1 Cup pecan pieces (toasted)
½ stick butter, melted
¼ C firmly packed brown sugar
1 Tablespoon light corn syrup
1 ¾ C all-purpose flour
1 ½ C granulated sugar
½ Tablespoon Pumpkin Pie Spice
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 C canned pumpkin (half a can)
½ C Canola Oil
2 large eggs



Preheat oven to 350.

Stir together butter, brown sugar and corn syrup. Spoon 1 teaspoon butter mixture into each cup of a lightly greased 12-cup muffin pan and top each with a rounded tablespoon of pecans.

Stir together flour and next four ingredients in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the pumpkin, oil and eggs and 1/3 cup of water. Add wet to dry ingredients, stirring until just moistened.

Spoon batter into prepared muffin pans, filling each three-fourths full.

Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until a wooden toothpick comes out clean. Invert pan immediately to remove muffins, and cool on a wire rack. Serve the same day.

Recipe can be doubled or made in extra-large muffin pans, adjusting baking time slightly.