



Spring, 2015

## From the HOA President



Hello Arnell Creek Residents!

WOW! What a winter! I can't remember when we've had so much snow and cold weather! Things around the community were relatively quiet this winter – so there's not much news to report. You will see some changes around the pool deck this year (repairing cracks in the concrete) and I hope you've been enjoying the new tennis courts surface. As always, our pool will be ready to go on Memorial Day weekend. This year, we are looking into the possibility of installing a "back board" in the tennis courts, which will allow single players to practice. We'll be discussing that at the annual meeting to see if there is sufficient interest in the community. Happy Spring!

## Community Happenings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**The Arnell Creek Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00AM, at The Landing Clubhouse. Included with this newsletter is a notice of the meeting, a proxy form, an invoice for your annual dues and a ballot for the annual elections. These are all very important documents and it is critical that you review them. We hope you plan on attending the meeting or at least provide us your proxy. Last year, we came dangerously close to not having a quorum (at least 47 owners must be registered, either by being present or represented by proxy). A quorum is necessary to conduct any association business, including election of officers. So, PLEASE try to attend or at least complete and drop off your proxy.

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Rehoboth Beach Garden Tour** – 10:00AM to 3:00PM – Tour 7 lovely gardens. Tickets are \$20, which includes lunch. Admission to the plant sale at the Villages of Old Landing clubhouse is free. For Garden Tour tickets, contact Lisa, at 302-231-8037 or go to [sussexgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:sussexgardeners@gmail.com).

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am - **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer 5K** -- Seaside Tanger Outlets. The event will include a 5k run and walk as well as a 1-Mile Fun Walk. To register online, or for more information, go to [defeetbreastcancerwalk.org](http://defeetbreastcancerwalk.org).

Sunday, June 7th thru Friday, June 12th - **Restaurant Week** in Rehoboth Beach, downtown Rehoboth, presented by Rehoboth Beach Main Street. Features fabulous 3-course

prix-fixe meals at select restaurants all over town, and some restaurants are serving special lunch menus. For more information, call 302-227-2772 or visit [www.downtownreboth.com](http://www.downtownreboth.com)

**The Annual Arnell Creek Community Garage/Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

*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.*

## **Capital Reserve Contingency Fund**

Several annual meetings ago, the community approved the establishment of a Capital Reserve Contingency Fund, which would provide us with funds to do major projects in Arnell Creek, such as replacing the pool house roof and resurfacing the tennis courts. The community authorized an additional \$50 per year, per property, to be collected along with the annual dues. The money is kept in a separate account and is used exclusively for these major improvements. You will notice that the annual Invoice for Membership Dues which is included with this newsletter, includes this amount. For your convenience, you can write just one check for both the Membership Dues and the Improvement Fund for a total of \$300.00.

## **Before you build or renovate, call Ralph!**

The Arnell Creek Rules and Regulations require that all construction/renovations that affect the outside of your house (including fences) require Board approval before you start the work. We've made it easy for you – before you renovate, contact Ralph McCutcheon on Michael Court. He will provide you with the necessary forms and information you'll need to provide to the Board, to make approval for any renovation on your property an easy one. Also, if you plan to locate a *dumpster* for any length of time on your property, please let us know of your plans and how long you intend to have it there! Remember, dumpsters and port-a-potties *may not* be parked on the street.

## **Pool Keys & Pool Parties**

If you need a pool key or would like to have a party at the pool, call Traci Humphries at 227-4158.

## **Tennis Courts**

Many of you have been enjoying the newly resurfaced tennis courts. Please remind your children that the tennis courts are ONLY for tennis and pickleball and are NOT play areas. ***PLEASE, no skateboarding, roller blading or bicycle riding!!!*** These activities will ruin the surface!

## **In Sympathy**

Unfortunately, we've lost two residents this winter. Our sympathies are extended to Mark Joiner on the passing of his wife, Margaret, and Pat Sandy, on the passing of her husband, Jerome.

## Community Roads

The roads in Arnell Creek are owned, maintained and *patrolled* by the State of Delaware. Please remember to make a COMPLETE stop at all stop signs and obey the speed limit!!

## Pet etiquette

Here are a few friendly reminders if you have a pet.

- Your dog should be under your control (leashed) at all times when walking in the neighborhood.
- Dogs *and cats* should not be “let out” of the house to run the neighborhood by themselves.
- County law restricts any property under 5 acres to a total of THREE dogs.
- If you keep dogs in your fenced-in yard, make sure the fence is adequate to keep them in the yard.
- You can make a report about problem dogs to the Delaware State Police at 302-644-5020.

## Thanks

Everyone very much enjoyed the holiday decorations at the pool – thanks Joe Biliski

Many thanks to Jessica Nathan for taking care of the information cards for the annual winter dinner, Margaret Carson for the invitations, and Phyllis Stone for collecting the funds. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and many new residents attended.

Continued thanks to Jerry Talley for looking after our community entrance!

## Green Top celebrates 10 years in business

The owners of Greentop, our community landscaper for many years, are celebrating ten years in business. Greentop owners Shawn Cortijo and Curtis Millman grew up together and began their business immediately upon graduating high school. Their hands-on approach and responsiveness to customer concerns have earned them praise from numerous residential communities, including ours. Their business has grown in size over the years, now employing more than three times their original crew. Congratulations to Shawn and Curtis!!

## 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](mailto:arnellcreek@gmail.com).

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