# ARNELL CREEK NEWS

**HOLIDAY 2023** 

#### HOA MAILBOX MOVING TO A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD

Starting December 1, 2023, the Arnell Creek Homeowners Association will have a new mailing address: 9 Arnell Drive. That's right, the HOA mailbox will be right here in our Arnell Creek community!



The HOA has used a mailbox located in the Post Office in downtown Rehoboth Beach for the past several decades. It provided an easy and secure place for the HOA to receive its mail. However, times have changed, and so have the needs of the HOA. "Obviously, getting the HOA mail requires driving to and parking in downtown Rehoboth," says HOA President Glen Pruitt. "Twenty-five years ago, that was relatively easy to do. With the increase of year-round traffic, it is more challenging now. That is why we tended to check the HOA mailbox only once a

week. Having the mailbox in the community here makes it easier to check the mail more frequently."

Traffic was not the only thing that increased over the years. So has the cost. With the most recent price increase that went into effect this summer, the HOA is now paying \$194.00 a year for its Post Office Box. "The Board researched the cost of putting in a mailbox at the Pool House property," added Pruitt. "We can buy and install a mailbox for less than what we pay in our annual rent to the Post Office. We will recoup our costs after only one year, and we can eliminate that line item in our HOA budget going forward."

The new mailbox is a residential locking security mailbox approved by the United States Postal Service. Its innovative baffle door easily accepts envelopes and small parcels, but a key is required to retrieve items from the box itself.

#### **NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR HOA BOARD POSITIONS IN 2024**

Elections for the Arnell Creek HOA Board take place at the Annual Membership Meeting held each May. Even though that meeting is months away, now is the perfect time to start thinking about "tossing your hat into the ring".

The Arnell Creek HOA Board is made up of seven persons, who serve staggered two year terms. The Board meets six times a year, usually for an hour at a time. Some meetings are held in-person, while other times the

Board meets virtually via Zoom. Board members also serves one of the Board subcommittees, which sets their own meeting schedules. Most of them meet only two or three times a year, at the discretion of the committee members.

Terri Bald joined the Board last year as a first-time member. "Serving on the Board has given me a greater appreciation for what it takes to have a good community," explains Terri. "It takes work, but the other Board members made it easy for me." She went on to say, "I've met more people from the neighborhood in the past year than I did in the nine years I lived here before that. That has been a real blessing for me!"

The community will vote on four positions this year. One of the incumbents will not be running for reelection, so at least one new person will be joining the Board in 2024. To learn more about serving on the Board, reach out to any of the current Board members. If you would like your name to be put on the ballot, call current President Glen Pruitt at (302) 562-2553 or email the HOA at ArnellCreek@gmail.com.



Make no bones about it! Arnell Creek residents started getting into the holiday mood early this year. Check out these revelers at Liz and Kim's home on Pleasant Drive last month, and then check out pages 6 and 7 for other news about the upcoming holiday season.

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Well, it is according to Andy Williams, who kept singing those words on the car radio as we drove home from my mother's house on Thanksgiving evening. I agree with him. It IS wonderful. However, each year I am tempted to write another verse to the song. From my perspective, it is also the <u>busiest</u> time of the year. Wouldn't you agree? Our calendars sure fill up quickly. Of course there are family gatherings, bursting with food and laughter. From the number of cars that filled driveways and the shoulders of the streets in Arnell Creek on Thanksgiving, many of us started out the holiday season in the company of family and friends.

As I look at the weeks ahead, I see notations on the calendar for several holiday concerts I plan to attend, I also see a date circled for our first Christmas party of the season, only two days away. More food, more laughter, AND a gift exchange to boot! You know the kind. You take turns opening the gifts, but people can also steal your gift from you and you can in turn steal a gift from someone else. [Note to Self: Go out tomorrow and buy a gift!]

That is just one of the many things on my "Holiday To Do List". I love to send (and receive) Christmas cards, so that task is near the top of the list. I bought my cards during the after-Christmas sales last year (I love a bargain), and I bought my Christmas stamps weeks ago. We also need to wrap some more "fake gifts" to go in our sleigh in the front yard. Maybe if we have more gifts in it, we will have a better chance to be recognized in the "Light Up Arnell Creek" Holiday Lighting Contest. To learn more about the contest, see the article on page seven. After that, it will be time to put up the tree, to go out shopping, to wrap presents, to watch some holiday movies on the Hallmark Channel, and maybe go out caroling one night.

Not Getting the HOA E-Mails?
Keep in the loop with time-sensitive announcements

### Sign up for the Arnell Creek HOA Email Distribution List!

Simply send
your name, home address and email address to
ArnellCreek@gmail.com.
We will take care of the rest!

I have two holiday wishes for you and yours this season. Try to make your "Holiday To Do List" a "Holiday to BE ENJOYED List". For instance, when I am addressing Christmas cards, I take a moment to remember a special memory I share with that person. The same thing happens when I decorate my tree. Every ornament has a story, and often we share those stories as we hang the

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ornament on a branch. Yes, it takes a bit more time, but it adds a richness and sweetness to the holiday season.

My other wish is that, in the middle of all the busy-ness, you take some moments to be still, to be quiet, and to reflect on the real meaning of the holiday. It does not matter which one you might be celebrating. They all have the same wish: peace on earth, good will to all. May it be so!



### ARNELL CREEK HOA BOARD of DIRECTORS 2023 – 2024

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### SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REJECTS OSPREY POINT PLANS

In its meeting on November 4, 2023, the Sussex County Council voted 4 – 1 to deny a rezoning application submitted by developer Osprey Point Preserve LLC. The application requested that a 1.8-acre commercial parcel along Arnell Creek in the Osprey Point cluster subdivision be rezoned to allow for a 25-slip marina and a 3,259-square-foot restaurant.



The Council backed a report previously issued by the county's Planning and Zoning Commission. P&Z recommended that the plans for a restaurant be denied, and it changed the marina on Arnell Creek from public use to resident-use only. The original site plan for the project, approved in November 2016, included 217 single-family home lots on 127 acres, but not a restaurant or marina. The community, the site of the former Old Landing Golf Course, is still under construction. In addition, buffers of 50 feet along tidal wetlands and 25 feet along nontidal wetlands are planned.

Osprey Point Preserve LLC has sixty days from the date of the ruling in which to appeal the council's decision to the Sussex County Chancery Court.

### GET ON ACHOA EMAIL LIST (AND KEEP US OUT OF YOUR SPAM FOLDER)

Over the past two years, the Email Distribution List for the Arnell Creek HOA has tripled in size! It now includes 167 email addresses, representing more than 95% of the homeowners in our community. If you are a "numbers person", you know that Arnell Creek was laid out with 140 lots. We have more than 140 email addresses on our list because some properties are owned by two persons, and they each want to get their own email messages.

The HOA sends out email blasts with time-sensitive information or reminders about upcoming events. If you would like to get on the list, just send an email to <a href="mailto:ArnellCreek@gmail.com">ArnellCreek@gmail.com</a> with your name and physical address.

If you are not sure you are getting our emails, check your "Spam" folder in your email services. Adding <a href="mailto:ArnellCreek@gmail.com">ArnellCreek@gmail.com</a> to your Address Book may prevent HOA emails from going to your Spam Folder. Another strategy is to keep an eye on your Inbox on December 22. We will be sending out an email blast that day with the names of the winners from this year's holiday lighting contest.

### SLOW DOWN FOR SAFETY'S SAKE... AND STOP AT THOSE STOP SIGNS

Did you know that only 13% of speeding-related fatalities occur on interstate highways? The fact is that most of the fatalities occur on city or residential streets. That is why the safety of pedestrians in Arnell Creek is such a concern for our community.



Most people know that the speed limit within the Arnell Creek community is 25 miles per hour (MPH). Does that mean one MUST drive at 25 MPH on our roads? Not at all. The speed limit is the absolute maximum speed, but it does not mean it is safe to drive at this speed in all conditions. On roads such as those found in Arnell Creek --- ones without sidewalks and illuminated by few streetlights --- driving at <u>less</u> than 25 MPH is the best course of action.

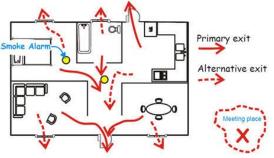
At the request of the HOA, the Delaware State Police on occasion have been posting an unmarked police car within the community. In addition, the HOA was able to get a limited number of pedestrian safety supplies from the Delaware Department of Transportation. They include reflective vests (one size fits most), armbands with flashing LED lights, and lightweight backpacks with reflective stripes. The items were offered free-of-charge to Arnell Creek residents in early November.

### **FIRE SAFETY**

The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company hosted an Open House for the communities along Old Landing Road on Saturday morning, October 7, 2023. Located only a mile away on Airport Road, RBVFC Station 2 most likely would supply the first responders for any medical or fire emergencies that might occur within our community. The Open House provided an opportunity to meet some of those first responders, to look at the fire trucks and rescue vehicles up close, and to learn some important information about fire safety. Since not everyone was able to attend the Open House then, "Arnell Creek News" is bringing some of their top tips for fire safety to you now.



YOU HAVE LESS TIME THAN YOU THINK. There was a study done in which two identical rooms were set up. One was filled with furniture and décor from thirty years ago, and the other room was filled with furniture made with modern materials. Each of the rooms were then set on fire. It took more than 20 minutes for the "old room" to be completely engulfed in flames. It took less than 3 minutes for the same thing to happen in the "new room". Synthetic materials catch fire more quickly than natural materials, and in today's "open concept" housing, fires have an endless supply of oxygen. The bottom line: You have very little time to escape a burning house!



KNOW YOUR ESCAPE PLAN. Baseball great Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." That is especially true when it comes to fleeing a fire. To prepare, sit down with your family and agree on an escape plan. Be sure that everyone knows at least two unobstructed exits — doors and windows — from every room in your home. Decide on a meeting place outside where everyone will meet after they escape. Have your entire household practice your escape plan at least once a year.

**SPRING FORWARD AND FALL BACK FOR FIRE SAFETY**. You probably still have a clock or two around the house you have to adjust when the time changes each spring and fall. When you are doing that, be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors at the same time. A smoke detector is no good to you if the battery is dead! You should have smoke detectors on every level of the home, especially outside bedrooms. Never "borrow" a smoke alarm battery for another use — a disabled alarm cannot save your life. It is also recommended that you replace alarms that are more than ten years old.

#### USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS AS SIMPLE AS A-B-C.

**LOCATION IS EVERYTHING.** Most home fires start in the kitchen, the laundry room, or the garage. It is recommended that you place a fire extinguisher in each of those locations (and put one in the basement, if you have a basement). You should be able to put your hands on a fire extinguisher in 10 seconds or less, from anywhere in your home. Speaking of kitchen fires...



A WATCHED POT NEVER BOILS (BUT IT ALSO NEVER CATCHES ON FIRE.) Have

you ever put something on the stove to cook, and then got distracted by something on TV or your smartphone? Ooh, not good. Most kitchen fires are caused by unattended cooking. Forget about multitasking, and concentrate on the joys of cooking. Your house and your dinner guests will thank you.

**GREASE IS THE WORD**. The Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta movie musical may have been a hit in 1978, but grease and grease fires are things we definitely want to miss having nowadays. When you pull out a pan to put on top of the stove, pull out the lid and set it next to the stovetop. If grease catches fire in the pan, do not throw water on it! Simply slide the lid over the pan to smother the flames, and be sure to turn off the heat source. Keep the lid on until the pan is completely cooled.



### STOP, DROP AND ROLL... AND MAYBE CRAWL?

If your clothes catch fire, do not run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll repeatedly to smother the flames. If you are caught in a smoke-filled room or house, get on the floor and crawl to safety. During a fire, smoke and poisonous gases rise with the heat. The air is cleaner near the floor. If you must escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees to the nearest exit, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor. Smoke will get you before the flames will.

**YOU (CAN) LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE, BUT PLEASE BE CAREFUL**. There is a special beauty and tranquility to candles, but a lighted candle is also an open flame, and a potential fire hazard if not carefully monitored. In fact, an estimated 8,200 home fires are started by candles each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If you burn candles, never leave them unattended. Never burn a candle on or near anything that might catch fire. Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.

**USE ELECTRICITY SAFELY**. It should come as no shock that electricity plays a part in some home fires. Never place a power strip on a combustible surface; instead, place it on a hard surface, such as a hardwood floor, countertop, or desktop. If an electric appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately, then have it serviced before using it again. Do not overload extension cords or run them under rugs. Last, but certainly not least, be sure to replace any electrical cords that are cracked or frayed.

**SMOKING REALLY CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH**. Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. Be sure to provide smokers in your home with large, deep, non-tip ashtrays, and soak butts with water before discarding them (we mean the cigarette butts, not the smokers' butts!) Never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy. Before going to bed or leaving home after someone has been smoking, check under and around cushions and upholstered furniture for smoldering cigarettes.

**CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE**. If possible, sleep with your bedroom door closed. A closed door will prevent smoke from filling your bedroom, but still allow you to hear the smoke detector going off in your home.

**IF IN DOUBT, JUST GET OUT**. It may be possible for you to grab your handy fire extinguisher and to put the fire out yourself. If you are not sure you can do that safely, just LEAVE. Close all doors as you leave to contain the fire, and call 9-1-1 from a safe location outside the home. The sooner you call, the sooner that our firefighting professionals can come to your rescue.



A special thanks to Karl Hornberger (Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company) for supplying some of the content for this article.

#### HALLOWEEN BROUGHT MERRIMENT!

The Recreation Committee hosted a Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Arnell Creek Pool House on Sunday afternoon, October 22, 2023. Unfortunately, no adults participated (what, we don't have any Kids-At-Heart in our community?). Fortunately, we had several gifted artists who competed in the Youth Competition. Avery and Sophia took a creative route, leaving their pumpkins' innards intact and focusing their attention on decorating the exteriors. Excellent job!

### HALLOWEEN ALSO BROUGHT **MISCHIEF?**

In some parts of the country, "Mischief Night" is held on October 30, the night before Halloween. The separation of Halloween tricks from treats seems to have only developed in certain areas, often appearing in one region but not at all nearby regions. Mischief Night is generally recognized as a New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland and Delaware, phenomenon. Mischief Night tends to

Avery and Sophia took home some Halloween goodies and a ghostly trophy for the ghoulish gourds. Congratulations to them

include popular tricks such as toilet papering yards and buildings, using soap to write on windows, and smashing pumpkins and jack-o'-lanterns.

Arnell Creek mischief-makers started several weeks ahead of schedule. We received reports that kids were ringing doorbells late at night and then running away. With the advent of "Ring" Video Doorbells, that is no longer a great idea (and yes, we have photographic evidence of at least one mischief-maker!) Unfortunately, other mischief-makers in recent months have were a bit more destructive, damaging the "Little Library" near the Pool House and damaging a section of the fence around the tennis courts.

#### THANKSGIVING... A GOOD TIME TO SAY WE ARE GRATEFUL

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us of the importance of expressing our appreciation for the people who make our lives better. We are blessed to have residents of Arnell Creek who are generous in sharing their time and their talents, including these people:

Architectural Review Committee: Terri Bald (Current Chair), Margaret Colvin (Past Chair), Rosemarie Cialini, and Matt Patton

Finance Committee: Pat Manhard (Chair), Mark Diehl, Michael Incitti, Doug Murray, and Glen Pruitt

Facilities Management Team: Stu Bruce (Board Liaison), Greg Manhard and Ralph McCutcheon

Landscaping Clean-Up: Tricia Ecker, Michael Fehrenbach, Ed Houck, Bob Hughes (Hughes Wood Service), Patricia Manhard, Florian Pequignot and Glen Pruitt

Holiday Decorations at the Community Entrance: Joe Biliski

2023 Pool Crew: Terri Bald, Linda and Stu Bruce, Rosemarie Cialini, Betty Eisenman, Mike Fehrenbach, Greg and Meghan Noe Fellows, Nancy Fulton, Chris Leslie, Maryellen McNerney, Scott Pierce, and Ronnie Rakos

Recreation Committee: Barbara Lancour (Chair), Rosemarie Cialini (Board Liaison), Terri Bald, Betty Eisenman, Traci Humphries, Gary Lancour, Michael Mallon, Chuck McNerney, and Maryellen McNerney

Welcome Committee: Stu Bruce (Chair), Terri Bald, Joan McKenna, and Maryellen McNerney

Worker Bees for Repair Projects: Terri and Ray Bald, Stu Bruce, Rosemarie Cialini, Lutie Davis, Rick and Betty Eisenman, Barbara and Gary Lancour, Tom Lang, Chris Leslie, Michael Mallon, Bob Mancuso, Greg and Patricia Manhard, Ralph McCutcheon, Ray O'Neill, Glen Pruitt, Sally Reed, and Toni Walton

Communications Team: Ken Mahan (Webmaster), Glen Pruitt, and Bruce Churchman

"Unnamed Volunteers": No matter how hard one tries when making a list like this one, someone's names will be left out accidentally. To those people, we say both "I'm sorry" AND "thank you". We also want to express our appreciation of all the people who perform small acts of kindness when nobody is looking. We thank you, too!



### WINTER HOLIDAYS: MAKING LIGHT WORK OF DECORATING

Speaking of decorating, why not plan to participate in the third annual "Light Up Arnell Creek" Holiday Lighting Contest that will take place this December? Haul out the holly, put up the brightest strings of lights you have, and share your holiday spirit with one and all!

This year it is not "the same old contest". The Recreation Committee has made some big changes this year:

There is no registration fee to participate. Yes, the fun is free!

**You have more time for decorating.** The deadline for having your house decorated is Thursday, December 14, 2023.

**You get to help select the winner(s).** In previous years, independent judges who lived outside the community made the decisions. This year, the winners will be chosen through an online voting process.

**Voting will take place from December 15 – 21, 2023.** A link to the online ballot will be posted on the homepage of the HOA website. You can also type the address into your web browser. The ballot can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LUAC2023. One vote per household, please!

The Recreation Committee will drive through the community to create the list of decorated homes for the ballot. However, if you want to make sure your home is listed, just send an email to ArnellCreek@gmail.com before December 14. Winners will be announced by email blast on December 22, 2023, with prizes delivered shortly afterwards. Good luck, and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



### ALL WINTER: GREENTOP TAKES CARE OF WHITE ROADWAYS THIS YEAR

Winter will be on its way before you know it, and the Farmers' Almanac has predicted that Delaware's 2023-2024 winter will be "frosty, flakey, and slushy." We will all be feeling the effects of El Niño across the United States, which will bring not only cold temperatures but also snow, sleet, and ice. When will it snow in Sussex County? Good question! Meteorologists cannot accurately predict "snow events" more than a week in advance.

We are ready to respond if or when it snows this winter. The HOA renewed its contract with GreenTop Lawn & Landscaping for snow removal (and grass cutting) for 2024. This winter GreenTop will plow our streets whenever there is a snowfall of two or more inches. Homeowners are encouraged to mark their own properties prior to a snowfall, to minimize chances of damage to lawns and mailboxes. GreenTop offers marker services for a fee, if desired,

at a cost between \$35 – 50 for most properties. Homeowners can do the job themselves. Reflective markers are also available through local home improvement stores or for purchase online.

The owners of GreenTop ask homeowners to refrain from approaching their snowplows while they are working, both for the safety of the drivers and the homeowner. If the event of a significant snowfall, the HOA will send out an email blast with last-minute announcements and directions.

### **NEW YEAR... NEW IDEAS?**

What types of social activities in Arnell Creek would you like to see in 2024? The Recreation Committee would LOVE to hear your ideas! Just surf into our online survey and let us know!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArnellCreekSocial

The link is also included on the home page of the Arnell Creek HOA website. The survey will be open until December 21, 2023, but why not do it now? Thanks!

## "Sunday Funday" Happy Hour ...with Your Neighbors

Get together for beverages and banter, overlooking the scenic Lewes Harbor.

February 18, 2024 3:00 – 7:00 PM Irish Eyes, 213 Anglers Road, Lewes

### **Taking Better Care of Our Community Assets**

As homeowners, we all know there are many projects that should be done on a regular basis to maintain the value and enjoyment of one's home. The same is true for an entire community. In the past couple of years, the HOA Board has tackled some overdue projects to care for the community assets that make Arnell Creek such a nice place to make one's home.

**THE PLAYGROUND:** During the Summer and Fall of 2021, we recreated the play area between the Pool House and the tennis courts. Over the course of four months, with lots of volunteer work (particularly from Greg Manhard and Ralph McCutcheon) and with monetary gifts from our residents, a multi-level playground magically appeared. Rachael Webster also donated a freestanding basketball hoop that was placed at the end of the parking lot. The result? A play area that was safe, easier to maintain, and fun for kids to use.

**THE POOL DECK:** The big project this year involved the concrete around the swimming pool and under the Pool House pavilion. DryZone spent a week in August leveling the concrete pads, resealing the joints, and treating the concrete to prevent further deterioration. DryZone returned for two days in September to do further work on the expansion joint around the perimeter of the pool. The HOA Board wants to thank everyone again for the cooperation. Yes, we lost a couple of Pools Days this summer, but we have added years to the life expectancy of the pool deck (and protected the integrity of the pool itself.)

THE TENNIS COURTS: The tennis courts will most likely need to be resurfaced within the next couple of years. However, with more routine maintenance and care, the current surface is still quite usable. First, the courts were power-washed, which greatly improved the appearance of the courts. Next, debris was removed from the cracks in the playing surface, and the gaps were filled in using Black Jack Speed-Fill Elastic Crack Filler©. Work was also done to clean up the perimeter of the tennis courts, to repair a section the chain-link fence, and to install a drain to remove water from the entrance to the courts. There were many "worker bees" involved with these projects, and their names can be found on page six of this newsletter.

MAINTENANCE PLAN: These recent projects highlighted the importance of doing work around the community on a regular basis. To help with that, the HOA Board is developing a Maintenance Plan that has two primary functions. First, it will include a checklist of projects that must be done, and when. Some things may need to be performed every Spring and Fall, some may be annual tasks, and some may only need to be done every other year. Many of these projects will be ones that volunteers can do. However, the Maintenance Plan will also identify bigger projects that may require professional contractors or larger financial expenditures (the replacement of the pool cover, for example). Rosemarie Cialini and Pat Manhard put together an initial list of projects, and the Facilities Management Committee will develop it further when they meet in January 2024.

### Sussex County Reassessment "Data Mailers" Are On Their Way

Sussex County homeowners soon will have an early glimpse into the future of their properties' values. Starting in November 2023, "data mailers" will go out to residential property owners in the Georgetown area, with other areas set to receive their notices through Spring 2024. The mailers contain various information about each parcel and home present, such as the year a structure was built, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, basement data, garage space, detached structures, a sketch/photo of the building and other specs, as applicable.

It is the latest step in an ongoing effort to revalue all properties in Sussex County and across Delaware, following a lawsuit over outdated property values that was settled among the three counties, the State, and litigants in 2021. Assessments are used in the calculation of annual property taxes, with revenue collected for local government services and public education.

The forthcoming "data mailers", in a standard business envelope marked with a 'Sussex County Tax Assessment' header and return address, will feature preliminary assessment information about each residential parcel. Only property owners with a dwelling on their parcel will receive a mailer; vacant properties and commercial sites will not receive such notices.

The goal of the mailers is to ensure accuracy and the highest level of assessment data, said County Assessment Director Christopher Keeler. "It's in property owners' best interests to make sure the information is correct so that the County has an accurate assessment for their tax bill," Mr. Keeler said.

Property owners who receive a "data mailer" and have questions or concerns can contact the County's contracted vendor for the reassessment project, Tyler Technologies, at (302) 854-5274 or email SussexCountyDE@tylertech.com.