

# From the HOA President, Wayne Wenzel

## **Annual Meeting - NEW LOCATION!**

Last year, we had to cancel the annual meeting due to the pandemic. Not to be deterred this year, we are going to try to hold the annual meeting on Saturday, May 15th, with a rain date of May 22. WHY A RAIN DATE, you might ask??? Well, we're going to have it OUTSIDE next to the pool! Yes, bring your beach chair, pray for good weather, and participate in our first outdoor annual meeting! (Hence, the rain date.) We ask that those of you who are able to do so, WALK to the meeting, as parking will be limited. In fact, we may rope off the pool parking lot entirely - we haven't decided on the exact location yet, but it might be in the parking lot or on the lawn next to the playground. If you must drive, we ask that you park on the street next to the pool house. Come and participate in your community in a COVID-safe environment!

### Al Davis

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Al Davis, a long-time resident of Arnell Creek, who passed away on January 6, after a long illness. Al, with his wife Lutie, moved to Arnell Creek in 1995 and served on the HOA Board and as President in the late 90's and early 2000's. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, crabbing, working in his garden, motorcycle riding, and generally everything coastal living has to offer. He is survived by Lutie, his son Alfred Lee Davis, and his grandson, Alfred Lee Davis, Jr. and will be missed by his friends in the community.

#### Volunteers are needed for the HOA Board

Arnell Creek by laws provide that our HOA Board can consist of "no less than 5 and no more than 7 members." This year, Janet Koch moved away from the community and so dropped off the Board. The Board, in accordance with its rules, appointed Rosemarie Celini to replace her for the rest of her term, which expires in May. Rosemarie has agreed to run for reelection. Joan McKenna is also up for re-election and has agreed to run. My term also expires this year and I have decided it is time for me to retire from the board. The four remaining members, Jeanne Fox, Ralph McCutcheon, Margaret Carson and Margaret Colvin, will be up for re-election next year.

So, this year, we are looking for one more person to submit their name as a candidate for the board. Many new residents have joined our community in recent years, and we are hoping for someone new to the community to participate. Please consider running for the Board. If you would like to put your name on the ballot, please contact me at <a href="https://www.urw1420@gmail.com">www.1420@gmail.com</a>.

### **Sign that PROXY STATEMENT!!**

We would love for you to attend the annual meeting in person, but if you can't attend, it is especially important this year that you sign and submit your proxy statement. A proxy statement gives the authority to the Board Secretary to cast a vote on your behalf for any official business that may come up at the annual meeting. In particular, proxy statements are used to establish a quorum, a minimum number of association members who are represented, either in person or BY PROXY, at the meeting. Without that, no official action (including election of Board members) can be taken at the meeting. So please sign and submit the form if you are not attending. Instructions are right there on the form!

## Thanks to our pool volunteers!

Many thanks from the community to our volunteers who kept the pool open under such difficult circumstances last summer! It took a lot of work and coordination and we appreciate all your efforts. This was a huge undertaking – pool water had to be tested every hour, disinfection of all surfaces every hour, sign in and waiver forms had to be organized. Everything that they did had to be documented for the State of Delaware. These volunteers made it possible to have the pool open last summer. Without them the pool would have been closed. A HUGE thank you to all that volunteered!!! Hopefully, we will be able to keep the pool open this summer with less effort. Our sincere thanks go to:

Jeanne Fox	Betty Eisenman	Chris Leslie	Chuck McNerney
Cindy&Tim Bigman	Jaime and Ed Houck	Joy Murray	Juliet Shalon
Kathleen Kenney	Krissy Patton	Maryellen McNerney	Jim Berry
Rachel Webster	Rhonda McManus	Rita Corrozi	Rosemarie Cialini
Terri Bald	Traci Humphries	Tricia Ecker	Mike Incitti
Stu Bruce	Suzanne Wheeler	Michael Incitti	
Megan & Jason Fructhman			

**Thank you** to Alex Faust and Rosemarie Cialini who both donated money for pool supplies.

**Thank You** Many thanks to Jerry Talley for decorating the community entrance and pool area. It always looks terrific!

**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!



**Dog Walkers!** Please remember to clean up after your dog when walking them in the community or surrounding neighborhoods. Also, Delaware law requires that all dogs be *leashed* while out of doors, unless kept in a fenced-in yard. Finally, please be courteous to your neighbors and do your best to control barking. If you don't think we know who you are, you are mistaken! It's a small neighborhood and folks are observant. The board has even received pictures!!



# OPEN UP YOUR HEARTS AND PANTRY FOR THE ARNELL CREEK FOOD DRIVE

Date: Saturday, May 15th (rain date, Saturday, May 22nd)

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

Where: Arnell Creek Pool Parking Lot

For: Food Bank of Delaware

What to Donate: non-perishable items only with long shelf lives, this includes paper products and baby items.

**Suggestions:** peanut butter, canned meat and fish, soups, beans (canned or dried), dog food, toilet paper, paper towels, baby food, diapers, hygiene products, monetary donations can be written to Food Bank of Delaware

Clever Idea: Use buy one get one sales and keep one and donate the other

No perishable items such as fresh, frozen, or refrigerated products

This is the same date as the annual meeting, so attend the meeting and get the latest community news, pay your HOA fees postage free, and make a donation to the Food Bank of Delaware. It is a trifecta of a good morning.



## Community Yard Sale

This year the Arnell Creek yard sale will be held Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Check out the Pool House!

You won't recognize the pool area! A small group of people have been doing amazing things at our pool and pool house. Rosemarie Cialini, Michael Mallon, Maryellen and Chuck

McNerney have made many repairs, many updates and have done lots of painting! So much has been accomplished! Chuck also donated the motion sensor light at the pool entrance. The whole pool house has been painted inside and out! Many repairs were made to the bathrooms, rotten siding has been replaced, bathroom walls have been fixed and windows and doors repaired. They also made garden/landscaping repairs. The volunteers have worked many, many hours to make all these long over-due repairs happen!



We had Apple Electric update all lighting fixtures to LED. New signage has been purchased. Ralph McCutcheon power washed the play-set and a contractor will make all the necessary repairs that will be complete by the time the pool opens! New mulch will be added to the play area as well.

The fence at the entrance to the pool will also be repaired by the time the pool opens!

### **New Arnell Creek website**

Check out our new website at arnellcreekhoa.com You'll be able to find all the information about Arnell Creek in one spot! Upcoming events, rules & regs, by-laws and more! Be sure to check it out!



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.

# Your Board of Directors

Wayne Wenzel, President

Margaret Colvin, Vice President

Margaret Carson, Treasurer

Jeanne Fox, Secretary

Rosemarie Cialini

Ralph McCutcheon

Joan McKenna



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