

Spring, 2014

### 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! I for one am glad that's over and am hoping for a beautiful spring and summer! Things around the community were relatively quiet – so there's not much news to report. You will see some changes around the pool deck (repairing cracks in the concrete) and tennis courts (resurfacing) in the coming months and our pool will be ready to go on Memorial Day weekend, as always. We are also looking into the possibility of installing a "back board" in the tennis courts, which will allow single players to practice. Happy Spring!

## Community Happenings

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Arnell Creek Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd 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. Last year, we came dangerously close to not having a quorum (at least 47 owners either 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.

Weekends (Fri-Sat-Sun), May 2-4, 9-11, 16-18 – **Decorator Show House** sponsored by the Village Improvement Association. Located at 46 Columbia Avenue in Rehoboth, the house is a 1940's cottage that has undergone a super transformation by a team of local designers. Tickets are \$20 if purchased before April 26<sup>th</sup> and \$25 after that date, and the proceeds will benefit the VIA to pay off the mortgage for the clubhouse on the boardwalk at Grenoble Place.

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - **2nd Annual Dewey Beach Arts Fest** - Outdoor Juried Arts and Crafts Festival, 9:30am-4:30pm, Dagsworthy Avenue, Bayside, Dewey Beach. For more information, visit: <a href="http://deweybusinesspartnership.com/juried-art-and-craft-show.">http://deweybusinesspartnership.com/juried-art-and-craft-show.</a>

Friday thru Sunday, May 16-18 – 31st **Annual Spring Sidewalk Sale**, 9am-9pm (store hours may vary), downtown Rehoboth Beach and Dewey Beach. It's a weekend of deals and fabulous finds! For more information, call 302-227-2233.

Sunday, May 18<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. For more information, contact Michelle Marshall at <a href="maintaintenants.org">mmarshall@debreastcancer.org</a> or call 302-672-6432.

Sunday thru Friday, June 1st thru 6<sup>th</sup> - **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 <a href="https://www.downtownrehoboth.com">www.downtownrehoboth.com</a>

The Annual Arnell Creek Community Garage/Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 17<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.

## 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 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! And remember, a dumpster *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 to make arrangements.

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### Arnell Creek Website

Check out the Arnell Creek website at <u>www.arnellcreek.net</u> for all the latest happenings in Arnell Creek.

## Is Arnell "Going to the Dogs" (or CATS)?!

There have been some complaints regarding dogs and cats in Arnell Creek in recent months, so 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 barking dogs to the Delaware State Police at 302-644-5020.

# Snow Plow Etiquette

We certainly hope that the winter/snow season is over, but we've heard of some issues with snow plowing this year, especially since we had such a tough winter. There were several residents who complained about damage caused to lawns by the snow plows -- that has been corrected by Green Top. If you still have problems with plow damage, please contact us at <a href="mailto:armellcreek@gmail.com">armellcreek@gmail.com</a>. We also realize that when the plow passes by your driveway, it naturally "plows you in" to some extent. We heard there were some residents who actually attempted to get out in front of the plow to block them from plowing snow from the road in front of their driveways. This is unsafe to the resident as well as dangerous to the plow driver. Please do not interfere with the snow plow. In order to protect your property from damage, we suggest you install markers or thin posts you can buy at a hardware store on your property line.

## **Thanks**

Many thanks to Jessica Nathan for taking care of the information cards for the annual winter dinner!

## 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: <a href="mailto:arnellcreek@gmail.com">arnellcreek@gmail.com</a>.

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