

### EYE ON EAGLE'S VIEW

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#### PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

The HOA has had another busy few months since our last newsletter. Kent County has officially approved our application for property/school tax exemption. Because we are a 'Not For Profit' and 'Civic' organization, we will never pay property or school taxes on our Common Areas (another cost avoidance to add to the list).

The HOA has kept our Community Maintenance Service Provider (Dave Wagner) very busy! The buffer fence behind residents on 'old' Arctic was completed in December. His team also cleared overgrown vegetation & trimmed trees in our front entrance area for a more manicured look. In addition, they cleared the encroaching vegetation (required by TOS) behind several residents' homes on GBL and Horizon. All the completed work makes our Community look great!

We have installed ID Tags on the Pet Waste Stations (with the PWS # and HOA phone #). This makes it easier for residents to report a PWS that needs refilling and the HOA to track supply demands on each PWS.

I did a Community Maintenance Inspection in December and reported all the Comcast, TOS and Verizon equipment that needed repair. All came out and repaired their equipment. The terrible looking orange tubing in several residents' front yards on Summer was removed. Any resident can call and report maintenance issues to these utility companies. Making sure all the boxes, caps, wires, etc. are in good repair is essential to keeping our Community looking well maintained and shows our residents care.

Our Community's Annual Assessment Meeting was held on Nov. 28th but the quorum was not met so we held a second meeting on Jan. 11th. The 2012 Assessment is \$150 and is due on March 1st.

The Developer completed the last two items on their 'to do list'. We now have a 'No Outlet" sign and reflective material on the barricade on Horizon. GREAT NEWS, the TOS has accepted ownership of our streets! We do not have to depend on the Developer to snow plow our streets (IF we get any snow). Going forward, TOS is responsible for all maintenance (including snow plowing) performed on our streets.

Current projects the HOA is tackling: Main Entrance Sign with Flag Installation and acquiring bids for Retention Pond Fountains. If you would like to volunteer for any of these projects, contact us via any of our communication outlets.

Remember, together we can build a stronger community!

2011-2012 Board of Directors

PRESIDENT Veronica Rivera

VICE PRESIDENT Kathy Clough

SECRETARY / TREASURER Belinda Glover

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The Eagle's View HOA mission is to create a sense of community and to protect and enhance community property values. The EVHOA supports homeowners by (1) enforcing deed restrictions and the architectural review process, (2) representing members before governmental bodies, (3) maintaining the common areas and retention pond and finally (4) promoting neighborhood social and volunteer activities. Our vision is to have a community that is aesthetically pleasing with residents living in harmony, which makes it sought after by others.





#### "DESIGN OUR FLAG" CONTEST

The HOA is installing three flags at our front entrance. The three flags being flown are as follows: the American Flag, the State of Delaware Flag & our Community's Flag designed by one of our residents! The winner of the contest will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Please submit your drawing via any of the HOA's communication tools by March 31. Any resident can enter. Board members can participate but will not receive the prize if their design is chosen.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



It is slated for Saturday, March 31 from 1-3. Rain date is Sunday, April 1. This function will take place near the Retention Pond on GBL. Prizes will be awarded! Bring your own basket.

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#### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Time to declutter! Do you have items sitting around the house that you don't need, don't use or have outgrown? Come take advantage of the Eagle's View Community Yard Sale and get rid of clutter while making some cash. With the Yard Sale scheduled for Sat, Apr 21st at 8AM-1PM, now is the time to ask yourself these questions to help determine what items to keep or to sell:

- Does it work?
- Am I using it now?
- Do I enjoy it?

All residents (homeowners and renters) are invited to participate and will be responsible for setting up and conducting their own sale. Eagle's View HOA will provide advertising. April is just around the corner, so don't put off your sorting, cleaning and decluttering. Get started today and by April 21st you'll be ready for EV's Community Yard Sale.

Rain Date is Sun, Apr 22nd at 8AM-1PM

#### **HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST**

Congratulations to the winners of the EV HOA Events Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Holiday Decorating Contest'. 1<sup>st</sup> place was a tie with Nadine Cragg-Lester (362 Arctic) & Denise Bannan (355 Arctic). They each received a \$50 Visa gift card. Honorable mention went to: Jeremy McLaren (502 GBL), Joseph & Tiffany Adams (510 GBL) and Steve & Lauren Mercer (532 GBL). We had so many residents that decorated their homes. Our neighborhood looked GREAT!





#### A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT OUR STORM DRAINS

Why should we be concerned about what enters our storm drains? Because anything that is flushed down the storm drains is not 'treated'. This means that: oil, antifreeze, paint, grass clippings, household wastes, pet waste or any other waste on the streets and sidewalks goes directly into our retention pond. It is not there for dump your garbage. DNREC was called recently to report a resident pouring

used motor oil in a storm drain in our Community. Pollution is taken very seriously in Delaware. It is illegal and fines start at \$500. Used motor oil can be taken to the Recycle Delaware Center through the Delaware Solid Waste Authority. Contact them at 1-800-404-7080 or go online at www.DSWA.com. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our community clean and beautiful.



#### **DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS**

In September, October and November, trash can violation notices were placed on the doors of those homes that have not been in compliance. The Deed Restriction Violation inspections were done in November, however letters were not sent out until the end of December. This may have resulted in some issues being resolved before you received your letter. If so, we apologize and ask that you disregard the violation.

Eagles View HOA would like to thank everyone who has cooperated by correcting their violations. This makes for a more congenial and appealing community atmosphere.

There are, however, a few homeowners who are persistently ignoring these restrictions, especially concerning trash cans. I would like to remind everyone that we all signed the Deed Restrictions and are responsible to heed them. Unfortunately, non-compliance will force the HOA to take more aggressive steps and will eventually be a financial burden to all of the homeowners. Out of respect for your neighbors and community, please take these violation notices seriously.

Kathy Clough, VP Eagles View HOA & Deed Restriction Committee Leader

#### PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET! (IT'S THE LAW)

The HOA has installed six one reminder for residents; litter bags which all pet and children to play in. Just Community to live in.

Pet Waste Stations in the do NOT throw pet feces in common areas of our the pond. Picking up pet community for all pet waste promotes a healthy owners to use. These Pet environment because pet Waste Stations provide waste transmits disease contaminates the owners can use to pick up waterways. If you see the after their pet. They are a bags are empty, please call hit! There has been a the Eagle's View voice mail dramatic decrease of pet and we will have them waste in the Common promptly refilled. Lets all Areas, making it a safer work together to make environment for our this a clean and safe



Remember, cleaning up after your pet is your responsibility and failure to do so will result in a town fine.

TOS Municipal Code, Chapter 14, Section 33.

First offense:.....\$50.00 Second offense:..\$100.00 Third and subsequent offenses:.....\$300.00



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## **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**Begins On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** 



Set your clock <u>ahead</u> one hour. For example; at 2:00 am, Reset your clock to 3:00 am



It's also a good time to change the batteries in all flashlights, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE MORE SAY ABOUT WHAT GOES ON IN THE COMMUNITY?

"We have several committees for which you can volunteer."

Well, here's your chance to be more involved. The HOA is looking for residents who are dedicated to keeping our community safe, friendly and looking beautiful. We have several committees for which you can volunteer. Please contact the HOA President or Committee Leader to let them know you are interested.

Architectural Review – Belinda Glover
Community Safety – Veronica Rivera
Events Committee – Veronica Rivera
Welcome Neighbor—Kathy Clough

#### **FREE ADVERTISING**

Please send four business cards to the HOA and we will post them in all of the bulletin boards.

#### NUMBERS TO KNOW...

Emergency	911
TOS Website	www.smyrna.delaware.gov
TOS Police	302-653-9217
DE State Police	302-739-4525
Eagle's View HOA	
Eagle's View Website.	.www.EaglesViewHOA.com
Miss Utility	811