

THE RIP RAP

newsletter of the edgewater estates property owners association



FIRST STATE DISPOSAL (FSD)

FSD has launched a Yard Waste Program and will provide a tan 95 gallon yard waste container upon request. Customers can then schedule yard waste pick-up, which will be run on a bi-weekly schedule. You can schedule your pick-ups by telephone, email, or fax. Email is encouraged and will be checked frequently throughout the day. Pricing is \$4.00 per pick-up with your tan container. Should you have excess, brown paper yard waste bags will be accepted alongside your container at an additional charge of \$1.00 per bag.

- For service call 302-644-3885
- Email: firststatedisposal@verizon.net
- Fax number: 302-261-7004

If your provider is not FSD, contact your provider to inquire about their yard waste program.



DOGS & CATS (This article is located on the first page at the request of an irate resident).

Complaints about dogs and cats running loose in the neighborhood and owners walking dogs without cleaning up after them is a never ending complaint. State and County laws state that dogs must be licensed, leashed, and cleaned-up after, and under control at all times. Cat owners should be aware that free-roaming cats are at risk. Cats are subject to poison by chemicals used on lawns, by rodent bait, and by antifreeze leaking from cars. They may be tortured or killed by a sick individual, or stolen and sold to research laboratories. Studies have documented the serious impact of free-roaming cats on the populations of birds and small mammals.

BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Mr. Fiegel:

Many thanks to the Association, and you in particular, for the cleanup of the boat ramp area. The removal of the smaller, somewhat unsightly trees and the planting of five new trees is a major improvement. The front section of the ramp area now has a much cleaner and well groomed look; one in which we can all take pride

On behalf of the property owners adjacent to the boat ramp, I want to extend our appreciation for the trimming of branches on the tall pines. I believe that greatly reduces the risk of those trees falling and possibly causing major damage to surrounding properties.

Joseph E. O'Neill
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ADDITIONAL BOAT RAMP INFORMATION

The Association has contracted the same contractor as in 2011 to cut grass, trim and maintain the boat ramp grounds. In addition, the Association is evaluating the boat ramp to determine whether additional gravel is needed. Thirty tons of gravel was added five years ago to improve the parking area. Cost was nominal.



22ND ANNUAL EDGEWATER ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

Edgewater Estates
Property Owners Association
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Lewes, DE 19958



GRASS CUTTING REMINDER

A friendly reminder to lot owners—
Edgewater Estates Restrictive
Covenants say that grass in excess of
eight (8) inches tall must be cut; trash
and rubbish to be removed at reasonable times.

*A bad neighbor is a misfortune, as much as a good
one is a blessing.*

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OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMER SESSION.

The summer session of lifelong learning in Lewes begins June 4 and concludes June 29 with classes held Mondays through Fridays at the Lewes School, 820A Savannah Road in Lewes. Registration is open to all men and women 50 years of age or older. Cost is \$50 and entitles you to take as many courses as you like. Visit www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes or call 645-4111 for information or a catalog.

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DELMARVA POWER— EDGEWATER ESTATES

To improve electric service reliability in Edgewater Estates, Delmarva Power will begin upgrading the existing underground electric cable and replacing some of the pad-mounted transformers (green boxes) throughout the development. We will begin the project in mid-March of this year and, depending on weather, hope to finish the majority of our work by June 2012. Over the last several years, Delmarva Power replaced some of the older cable in Edgewater Estates but has determined that the remainder of the original cable needs to be replaced. Much of it is cable that was installed when Edgewater Estates was first developed.

To minimize disruption, we will use a boring or tunneling technique as much as possible, but some areas will need to be dug or trenched. Following the cable installation, Delmarva Power will conduct property restoration and clean up any disturbed areas.

Delmarva Power's contractor, East Coast Underground, will install the cable and transformers. Following the cable installation, Delmarva Power line crews will perform the conversion to the new cable and transformers. These conversions will necessitate planned outages of several hours. At least 48 hours prior to the conversion, Delmarva Power crews will verbally notify customers who will be affected by an outage. Door hanger messages will be used for customers not at home.

Should customers have any questions, please call Delmarva Power Customer Service 1-800-375-7117 or email Jim Smith at jim.a.smith2@delmarva.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Edgewater Estates partners with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17 in the Adopt A Highway program. We adopted **Minos Conaway Road** from Route 1 to Route 9 and keep the road clean of trash, bottles, cans, etc. We need volunteers to help accomplish the mission. You can volunteer, one hour, one day, a day a month, or more. Call Pat Lawson at 302-644-1821. The Edgewater Estates Board appreciates any time you can give to this worthwhile project.

POLITICAL SIGNS

Edgewater Estates Covenants prohibits erecting business signs and notices of advertising, however, political signs may be erected up to 30 days during an election. In 2007 the state Legislature amended existing legislation to protect homeowners' and condominium residents' right to fly flags and display political signs. The revised statute (25 Delaware Code Sec. 81-320) says condominium residents or homeowners cannot be prohibited from displaying a U.S. flag up to 3 feet by 5 feet, and that any rule regarding the flag's display must be consistent with federal law. Unless addressed in the original property declaration, no rule may ban political signs for candidates or ballot questions, but a homeowner's association can restrict the time, place, size, number, or manner of the displays.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SECURITY TIPS

- If you park your vehicle in the driveway, keep the windows closed and the doors locked.
- Keep garage door closed and locked. Keep the door from the garage into your house locked.
- Be sure your street address number is large, clear of obstruction, and well lighted so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly.