

# THE RIP RAP

newsletter of the edgewater estates property owners association



**TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
EDGEWATER ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 18, 2014  
10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
LEWES SENIOR CENTER  
310 NASSAU PARK ROAD  
LEWES, DE**

- The third Saturday in October is fast approaching which means it's time for the annual Edgewater Estates Property Owners Association annual meeting. The meeting will be held Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Lewes Senior Center, Lewes Delaware.
- The meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. and concludes at 12:15 p.m. Lewes Senior Center opens at 10:00 a.m. and we are allowing 15 minutes to set up the room.
- Agenda: Greater Lewes Community Village, President's report, Association dues, annual budget, and a question and answer period from the floor. The Board is made up of six members, each with a 3-year term. This year the Board seats of Dean Dey and Bernard Fiegel are open. Both are willing to serve another 3-year term. Nominations may be made from the floor, with the agreement of the nominee. Voting will be executed on a per-lot bases; one vote per lot owned. The Board appointed Mary Jarrell, Edgewood Drive as an at-large committee member.
- Note that a representative from the Greater Lewes Community Village will make a presentation at the annual meeting.

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## **GREATER LEWES COMMUNITY VILLAGE EXPANDS BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE EDGEWATER ESTATES**



The board of the Greater Lewes Community Village (GLCV) recently announced that, after six months of operation, the GLCV has met its first year's goals for membership and has expanded its service area to incorporate communities west of Route 1 and north of Lewes.

The GLCV is a member of the Village to Village Network, which includes more than 200 similar groups throughout the United States. These villages are designed to provide communities of support to help people live active lives in their own homes as they grow older.

Marty D'Erasmus and Carol Wzorek, co-presidents, said that the GLCV has over 40 trained volunteers who have been providing services to members and the organization has vetted 36 vendors.

Members pay a yearly fee that gives them access to volunteer assistance and referrals to approved local vendors. Reduced-cost memberships are available for those who qualify.

Trained volunteers provide rides to medical appointments or shopping, perform minor house repairs, make friendly visits, help with household financial accounts, or make regular check-in calls. Vendors include electricians, plumbers, home improvement services, painters, landscape/lawn services, pet-sitting services, etc.

The organization's newsletter, The Voice of GLCV, is available on [www.GreaterLewesCommunityVillage.org](http://www.GreaterLewesCommunityVillage.org) or call 302-703-2568.

## **ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

The 2014-2015 annual assessment notices will be mailed January 15, 2015. The fiscal year is October 1 to September 30. Edgewater Estates assessment is

\$50 per lot. The Board changed the assessment mailing notices from late October/early November to mid-January. The change was implemented in January 2013 and proved to be successful.

## **BOAT RAMP NEWS**



In early July 2014, the Board contracted Baker and Sons Paving to clear out the weeds on the boat ramp parking area, extend and widen the driveway for easier access, and grade and lay 2-inches of 3/4 inch stone over the area. The driveway was extended to 40 feet and widened to 12 feet. It took approximately 50 tons to cover the parking and boat ramp area. A new sign was installed citing rules and regulations for using the boat ramp that included our website address.

Boat ramp locks were replaced in February 2014. New keys were cut and are available on request. For information as to how and where to obtain boat ramp keys go to our website [www.edgewaterestates.org](http://www.edgewaterestates.org) for names and phone numbers.

The Association has also contracted a new contractor to cut grass, trim, and maintain the boat ramp grounds.



## **NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE MAY 2, 2015**

Mark your calendars: Edgewater Estates yard sale will be held Saturday, May 2, 2015; rain date is Sunday, May 3. To ease traffic flow it is recommended that, when possible, residents with "active" garages/driveways park their vehicles at a neighbor's rather than on the roadway. Yard sales may be set up anywhere on your property. You may want to team up with a neighbor. The sale will be advertised in local newspapers and radio station WGMD. Our yard sale coordinator is Barbara Mudryk 645-8902.



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Neighborhood Watch has been busy keeping solicitors out of the neighborhood these past few months. We

had three incidences of people coming into our community saying they were from Comcast and Delmarva Power, knocking on doors and trying to get information. Two of them were escorted out of Edgewater Estates after they were informed that the police would be notified if they did not leave "NOW."

The third instance was a little more involved. These two young adults were informed to leave and when directed out of the neighborhood were bold enough to turn around and return. At that point we called the police who apprehended them, searched and fined them. Since then we have not had any more instances. David Schiff, Neighborhood Watch, thanks Pat Lawson for assisting him with these situations.

**DOGS & CATS**

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.



**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 or the displays.

**GENERAL UPKEEP OF REAL ESTATE AND MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS**



Recently there has been some concern about the appearance of some properties in Edgewater Estates. As stated in the Restrictive Covenants, all lot owners are responsible for "the orderly appearance of any lot or lots owned by them by "cutting grass" and "by removing trash and rubbish from the property within a reasonable time." After cutting grass please clear the roadway of grass clippings, if not cleared they're a blight to our neighborhood.

In addition, Edgewater Estates does not allow abandoned vehicles, ones which are not registered and tagged, to remain on a property. They will be reported to the State Police and removed by them after proper notification.

We are all very fortunate to live in such a beautiful, nature-based community, and by working together, we can maintain this beauty. If not, there are guidelines which EEPOA can follow to ensure all properties are maintained.

**EDGEWATER ESTATES WEBSITE**

Check [www.edgewaterestates.org](http://www.edgewaterestates.org) for bylaws, covenants, events, boat ramp contacts, newsletters, and links to several local non-profit organizations.

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Speeding on Edgewater Estates roadways is causing alarm with many of our residents. The SPEED LIMIT IN Edgewater Estates is **25 MPH**. Please observe the speed limit and respect our residents young and old who walk and bike ride on our streets. Residents are asked to assist Neighborhood Watch (1) by recording and reporting speeders' license plate numbers and make of car and (2) reporting to Neighborhood Watch or directly to Delaware State Police, Troop 7 at 644-5020/21.

***ATTENTION: Signs are not permitted in either of the front entrances***

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