

WAVELENGTH

NEWSLETTER OF THE BREAKWATER HOA

NEWS FROM THE HOA BOARD

Fob System: The new access system for the Breakwater Fitness Center, Pool, and Playground has been successfully installed. Every homeowner should have two (2) new fobs. Homeowners that have not yet received their fobs should contact Signature Property Management and arrange to get them. (See the back page for contact information.) The old fobs can be discarded as they do not work with our new system and cannot be recycled.

Pool: The Breakwater Pool will open on Saturday, May 27th, for the Memorial Day weekend. We are looking for volunteers on Thursday, May 11th at 11am to join us to help move the chairs, tables, and umbrellas from our Pool House storage building and place them around the pool. Forty-eight (48) of our pool chairs/lounges have been newly strung for this season, and we will continue to repair the older chairs as needed. The current cast aluminum frames are very solid (and expensive), so re-stringing is much more cost effective than buying replacement chairs.

Fitness Center: The center has been refreshed with a complete carpet cleaning as well as touch-up repairs and painting. In addition, a new HVAC service contract has been finalized so routine Spring & Fall air conditioner and furnace

maintenance will be performed for the first time. A big “thank you” to Richard Camp, our Pool & Fitness Center Committee Chairperson, for all his efforts in getting this work completed.

Landscaping: Springtime is in full bloom in Breakwater, and it is not only in evidence upon entering the community, but in five newly planted areas along Roebuck, Overfalls S. and Pilotboat Dr. The Landscaping Committee has been very busy working with RSC Landscaping to come up with creative and attractive plantings throughout the community. We definitely appreciate the “fruits of their labor”.

Irrigation: Sposato has been quite busy over the past three weeks in order to get our irrigation system up and running before the hot weather is upon us. Because of the cool weather, the system

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Next HOA Board Meeting - July 11

The HOA Board of Directors meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the new Lewes Library. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

The Annual Meeting will be held in September with meeting details coming later this summer.

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is currently running four times per week, with half of the community being watered at a time. Once the hot weather arrives, each household will change from being watered twice a week to every other night. If irrigation is not reaching your property, please contact: breakwaterbod@gmail.com

Pond Management: SOLitude is actively working on the overall health of our ponds on a regular basis. For the last two months, they have been focusing on unwanted and invasive water plants as well as encouraging more desirable aquatic plants to take hold. Additionally, the establishment of a healthy buffer zone around all of the ponds is an ongoing project.

Speed Limit: Please remember – the speed limit within Breakwater is 20 mph. In the weeks ahead, we will be entering our busy time of the year with many more cars and pedestrians on the roads. Please be considerate as you drive through Breakwater.

Hot Tub Survey: Vote “Yay” or “Nay”. In the very near future, each household will be given the opportunity to help us decide whether we should keep or remove the Hot Tub. It has been a few years since it has functioned efficiently, so it is time to make the big decision. Check your email often, but vote only once.

The Breakwater HOA Board

Pat O'Reilly

Randy Bies

Rick Moritz

Get Involved, Stay Informed

The Breakwater HOA Board has an opening for the position of secretary. The secretary maintains the association's meeting minutes as well as other duties assigned by the Board. If this sounds like your kind of activity and a way you'd like to get involved in the community, contact any of the board members or email the Board at breakwaterbod@gmail.com.

Do you feel like you don't know all that's going on at Breakwater? Here are ways to stay informed:

- The Board communicates important notices through email. Make sure you are opening these emails, which come from “Breakwater Communications Committee” (through MailChimp), and check your junk mail folder to ensure these emails are not being hijacked from your inbox.
- The Social Council has an email list that you can opt into, if you desire. The council is geared up for enjoyable events, and adding your name to this list will help you stay up on the community social happenings. These emails come from “Breakwater Social Council”. If you are not currently on the list and would like receive these notices, send an email to the board requesting to be added.
- Join the crowd that attends the quarterly board meetings! The meetings are informative and comfortable in our new library. You'll hear the status of issues impacting the community and have the opportunity to comment or ask a question.
- The Breakwater website, Breakwater-Lewes.com, has useful information and ongoing updates.

Time for Shorts!

by Nick Hoogs

Now that spring has finally sprung, it's time to think about all the things there are to enjoy in Lewes/Rehoboth and environs during the warm months. Apologies if you are familiar with some of the following; some homeowners may not be.

In Lewes, there is a fairly lengthy series of spring/summer events, announced one at a time in the Cape Gazette and on signs along Freeman Highway and Savannah Road – watch for them. The Lewes Historical Society sponsors periodic attractions, such as May 19th's speakers' event, "A Culinary History of Southern Delaware," or June 9th's "History Happy Hour: 1776 Delaware." Check out the link – www.historiclewes.org.

Everyone knows about Lewes' famous Farmers' Market (Saturday mornings), but during the week, Rehoboth has a market every Tuesday afternoon at the circle – in May, 11am-2pm; in June, 11am-3pm (www.rbfarmersmarket.com). And every Friday, Milton holds its absolutely charming small town Farmers' Market near the Dogfish Head Brewery (with music), 3-6pm (www.miltondefarmersmarket.org).

And speaking of the DFH Brewery, if you haven't already done it (or even if you have), take your guests on the free tour (www.dogfish.com/brewery/tasting-room/tours).



You probably know about the prolific and expanding eating opportunities around here, especially in Rehoboth, but if you haven't ventured south, Bethany Beach has a number of great restaurants, including a brand new version of Fins, (also, Sedona, Cottage Café, Bethany Blues, and Mango's overlooking the beach), and Dewey Beach, where there are some standouts – viz., Que Pasa, where you can munch on tacos and sip margaritas while getting sand between your toes and gazing at the sunset over the Bay; or The Starboard, where you can make your own virgin/adult Bloody Mary while you wait for your breakfast/brunch/whatever.



On the way to Bethany, there's the Delaware Seashore State Park and Indian River Marina (www.destateparks.com/park/delaware-seashore/), where hiking, camping, and relatively secluded beaches await.

There are links to these kinds of destinations and much more on the Breakwater web site, which you should already be familiar with ... www.breakwater-lewes.com/links ... shame on you, if you have yet to discover it: it is the ultimate source of useful Breakwater information.

Enjoy all the area has to offer!



There's New Greenery in Town

The Breakwater Landscaping Committee continues with its plan to add new landscaping throughout the common space in the community. As our budget and irrigation system permit, we will see additional plantings. The latest phase, planted in early May, includes areas behind the new parking spaces on Roebuck, the corner of Overfalls S and Roebuck, the open area on the Pilottown curve, and the open area across from the condos on Overfalls S. A big thanks to Chuck Taylor and the Landscaping Committee members, Misty Pileggi and Ray Scott, for all their work on this ongoing project.

Kasey from RSC Landscaping gives a healthy dose of water to the newly planted tree at the corner of Overfalls S and Roebuck.

The Board of Directors would like to remind everyone that vehicles should never be parked on the sidewalks. Not only do we want to avoid potential damage to the sidewalks, but we also want to provide ample space for our many walkers to safely use the sidewalks. Additionally, we



request that trash and recycling bins be placed at the base of the curb and partially on the street instead of on the sidewalk. Now that blacktopping is complete, let's keep our sidewalks open and accessible for everyone. Thank you!

Two Websites?

The Breakwater community manages its own website, www.Breakwater-Lewes.com. The website has a vast amount of useful information for both homeowners and for anyone interested in learning about the community. The site features a community calendar, upcoming events, forms and documents, useful links, a secure section for homeowner contact information, and more. Last year we added a classified section. The HOA Board and the Communications Committee strive to update the site with information you need, and we will continue to make this a useful and timely tool. Breakwater resident Murray Summers is our esteemed volunteer webmaster.

Our new property management company, Signature, has its own website, spmde.com. Their website can be used to pay your Breakwater quarterly assessment fee online. On January 18, Signature sent Breakwater homeowners an email presenting detailed instructions for using their site. The email gave the link to their site and a user name and password to give you initial access. You can follow the instructions to set up either recurring payments or a one-time payment using your bank account or credit card. If you are interested in using this service and are unable to locate the January email, give Signature a call to help you get set up for this online service. Their office number is (302) 260-9595. Of course if you prefer, you can continue to mail in a check each quarter.

Upcoming Social Events at Breakwater

by Gloria Hearne, Social Council Chairperson

Social Council has some exciting outings coming up! Please join us! Make note of deadlines, since we have contracts/permits to fulfill. Please e-mail the person in charge of the activity to RSVP.

Memorial Week-End PARTY AT THE POOL, Saturday, May 27th at 5PM. Free event! Please RSVP by May 13th. Denise Hoban (denisemhoban@gmail.com) is coordinating food for this activity. Please let her know how many are coming from your residence and what you can bring: hot dogs, buns, condiments (mustard, ketchup, onions, relish, sauerkraut), salad (potato, green, coleslaw, fruit), appetizers, desserts, plates napkins and forks. Residents will provide their own beverages.

HAPPY HOUR at the POOL, Sundays at 5PM, 6/11 & 6/25, 7/9 & 7/23, 8/6 & 8/20. This is a great time to get to know your neighbors! Please bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. No RSVP is necessary.

WATER AEROBICS with athletic director, Pat Makos, will begin June 5th at 10AM and continue MWF through the end of August with the time changing to 9AM on June 16. Hope to see you all there!

YARD SALE, Saturday, June 3, 8AM to Noon. It's time again to check your drawers, closets, and anywhere you store stuff that you do not often use and sign up for the Breakwater Community Yard Sale. Your throw-aways may be someone else's treasures! To participate, contact Tina Jundt at tjundt2@gmail.com.



There will be a \$5 registration fee to be paid in advance. Please bring your cash in an envelope with your name, address, phone number, and email address to Tina at 35208 Pilotboat Dr., and leave it under the front door mat if no one is home. We will advertise in the *Cape Gazette* on May 26 and June 2 and put up our in-ground signs over Memorial Day weekend. Join your neighbors for a morning of spirited conversations and some dollars for your gently-used belongings.

CAPE WATER TAXI to Delaware Bay and Lighthouse, Wednesday, June 21st, 7-9PM. Please RSVP with a check for \$22/person to Sue Stahl, 35211 Pilotboat Dr. (The original deadline to sign up has passed, so contact Sue to see if there are still openings (suezmush@aol.com). On your envelope please list your e-mail address, how many are coming and your home address. Please state your preference of bringing an appetizer or dessert and Sue will get back to you with what is needed. Bring along your favorite beverage.

BEACH PARTY, Saturday, July 15 at 5:30PM weather permitting! Roosevelt Inlet beach – at the end of Cedar St., past the Children's Beach House and Lewes Yacht Club. Bring your chairs and beverages plus a dish to share. No fee for this relaxing and fun late afternoon picnic by the water. Please let Tina Jundt know if you will attend and what dish you'd like to bring; any summer salad would be great. tjundt2@gmail.com 302-645-5896.

Upcoming events in July and August include a fishing trip for the men and a boat ride down the Broadkill for everyone. Details to follow . . .

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2016-17 HOA BOD and Committees

Thanks to these Breakwater residents who have volunteered to serve on the Board and on our committees.

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Visit the Breakwater website for up-to-date information, important forms and documents, the latest Breakwater calendar, homeowner contact information and much more!

www.Breakwater-Lewes.com

**Ribbit!**

(Ah, Spring and Summer at Breakwater!)

Do the frogs in our ponds keep you awake or do they lull you to sleep?

The "advertisement call" is the most well-known call of a frog or toad. It is made by a male during the breeding season to establish his territory and repel rival males and to attract females as potential mates. Males usually make the call near areas that are attractive to a female as a good place to lay her eggs. Advertisement calls can be heard during the evening and at night, and often during daylight at the peak of the breeding season.