



The Pines



The Pines at Long Neck HOA Newsletter

Fall 2014

Have you noticed some improvements to our development!

A group of volunteers have been busy

- Power washed and repainted the benches
- Repainted stop sign posts
- Removed dead plants and trimmed bushes and Beach grass at front common area
- Removed old Christmas lights and repainted bulletin board
- Replaced light bubs for entrance sign
- Replaced rotor and set up timer for irrigation system system by mailboxes

Kudos to all for their effort!

We also contracted to have branches trimmed that were intruding on a homeowner's house and property and three dead trees were removed behind the bulletin board that were in jeopardy of falling and potentially causing damage and/or injury.

We would like to remind everyone of our regulation on boats according to the Covenant:

Section 20, **Vehicle Storage:** *all boats, boat trailers, campers, recreational vehicles and utility trailers may only be maintained or stored on a lot in the side or rear yard of the lot.*

The state of Delaware also requires that all boats with a motor be registered with the state.

Also, Section 18, **Driveways:** *all vehicles must be parked on a hard surface.*

We would appreciate your attention to this matter.

In addition to our website:
thepineshoa.org

or our HOA phone 302-200-8951

We are now on Facebook!

Join **The Pines at Long Neck** Facebook Group. Keep in touch with your neighborhood through Facebook!

Road Repaving

Long Neck Circle is scheduled to be repaved this spring. Each Representative is given a set amount of Community Transportation Funds (\$250,000) each year which is spread out over their entire district. DelDOT rates the pavement condition every two years and the legislators use that rating along with a visual inspection of each road that has been suggested for paving to determine the priority each year. \$65,000 has been allocated for Long Neck Circle. A letter was sent to everyone on Long Neck Circle explaining that their road was selected and the work would not begin until next year.

Let's get in the Christmas Spirit!



Look for our lights to go up in the common areas. We would also like to bring back *Caroling around the Tree* at the back pond. Join us at 7:00pm on Friday December 12th for caroling and hot chocolate.

Please Note our Speed Limit



Members of our community have noticed that cars are speeding through our development. We are walking and bicycle friendly and want everyone to be safe. Therefore, we are contracting with the state police to monitor speeding in our development. They will be conducting random speed monitoring.

Please use caution when driving on our roads. Also, let your visitors know that we would appreciate their obeying our speed limit.



Our Member at Large, Chris Parsons, has been working on our snow removal contract. Hopefully we'll have a mild winter and won't need their services, but if we do....we're ready! Look for the snow stakes to be placed. They will guide the plows and prevent damage to our properties.

Real Estate Study

We have a small group of homes that their condition needs to be addressed. These homes are bringing down the value of our community as a whole.

Our home value has been down the past two years. The average value of our homes according to a real estate study is \$129,000 which is quite a drop since 2004. If no action is taken the situation will only worsen.

WELCOME

We now have a Hospitality Committee

We are excited to announce ...

that in order to get to know our new neighbors in the community, Fran Coughlin, Judy Weber and Judy Pondo have offered to welcome them with a Welcome Basket. They will be going to the various businesses in and our area to compile a basket that is both welcoming and informative.

Our newsletter is a great way to stay informed.

If you have any news you would like to see in the newsletter let us know. Our next newsletter will be in January.

Contact us through the website or 302-200-8951.

Go green and save on mailing.

If you would like to receive you Pines information electronically we can email you, contact us with your current email.

*The members of the
HOA board
would like to wish
everyone a safe
and happy
Holiday Season!*

