

# Beacon Hill Condominium

# NEWSLETTER

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## Forward

These Newsletters are periodically circulated by Council with the intent of providing residents with an update of community events and news. Topics discussed in this Newsletter include: community yard sale, special trash pick-up, landscaping, safety, and email notices.

## Finally...Spring

It is now May, which means the start of barbecues, going to the beach (DE) / shore (NJ), and SPRING CLEANING, amongst many other things. In an effort to assist residents who wish to do some spring cleaning, Council has scheduled a community yard sale and special trash pick-up:

### Community Yard Sale:

Beacon Hill will hold its spring yard sale on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** from 8am – 1pm.



### Special Trash Pick-Up:

Palmatary's will be conducting a special "spring cleaning" trash pick-up on **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** – four days after the Community Yard Sale. Large items too big for normal trash pick-up (sofas, chairs, tables, etc.) may be placed out by the curb for pick-up. Please donate items that are still in a usable condition – the Salvation Army and Goodwill are just two of many organizations that could find good homes for such items: [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) and [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org).

## Community Aesthetics

In the February Newsletter, Council reiterated its goal to improve the overall aesthetics in our community in order to try to maintain the appeal and value of our neighborhood – especially considering the current state of our economy. Over the past couple months, landscaping has commenced and curb repair and replacement was completed on Center Court (albeit with a few hiccups). Looking ahead, Beacon Hill will be replacing six floodlights with more powerful and brighter lights that will shine onto Overlook Drive. Overlook not

only serves as the neighborhood's main thoroughfare, but it also provides parking for residents and lies adjacent to the dog walk area. As such, Council is hoping that the additional light on Overlook Drive will improve the safety of our community. Residents with other ideas on how to improve our community are encouraged to contact Goldsborough or a member of Council.

## Landscaping

Our landscaping contractor will be coming out weekly during the next several months to maintain the common areas of Beacon Hill. Please remember that unit owners are responsible for maintaining the perimeter of their units, which includes trimming bushes and shrubs and maintaining perimeter flowerbeds. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a "**Landscaping-Resident Opt-Out Form.**" Twice a year (typically in June and September), the landscaping contractor goes around and trims the bushes and shrubs that are in the resident maintained areas in the front of the unit as well as around the back patio. Some residents have expressed an interest to **not** have the landscaping contractor trim certain shrubs, bushes, etc. on their property. If a resident does **not** want the landscaping contractor to touch their shrubs, bushes, etc. (ever) – then they **MUST** fill out the "Landscaping – Resident Opt-Out Form" and return it to Goldsborough. Otherwise, the landscaping contractor will trim all shrubs and bushes during their bi-annual maintenance of the resident maintained areas. If you have any questions, please contact Goldsborough.



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## Home Projects

As noted before, for residents who are considering tackling some home repairs in the months to come, please make sure that all home projects are in compliance with our Association's Rules and Regulations, which can be found on our neighborhood website or by contacting Goldsborough.

Council has received a couple inquiries regarding shutters. Shutters are exterior property and, as such, damaged shutters are to be replaced through Goldsborough, and not by an individual unit owner. If a shutter becomes broken or damaged, please contact Goldsborough to have it replaced.



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### Safety

In our February Newsletter, we mentioned the importance of periodically checking your smoke detectors and fire alarms to ensure that they are working properly and to make sure that you have an adequate number of fire extinguishers in your home. We also provided a reminder to occasionally clean out your downspouts as well as the French drains in the basement to avoid basement flooding. With spring showers and summer thunderstorms, this is ever more important. As an additional note, please remember to get your chimney flue periodically inspected and cleaned to prevent a fire hazard and/or a carbon monoxide hazard.



### Party!!!

During the warmer months, many residents will have friends and neighbors over for a nice social gathering. If you are partying outdoors, please be courteous and respectful of your neighbors – keeping in mind such things as the noise level (music / large number of guests) and the time of day (or night, as the case may be). Also, please make sure that your guests make responsible decisions, especially when alcohol is involved.

### Community Contact Info Request

In an effort to jump into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Council will provide community updates and notices via email to residents who wish to receive such communication. It will be a good way for residents to stay informed about neighborhood news. Enclosed with this Newsletter is an Email Request Form. If you would like to receive the e-notices, please complete the form and return it to Goldsborough. If you do not want to receive such emails, no action is needed.

### Beacon Hill Community Website

The Beacon Hill community website , <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/wilmington-de/beaconhillcondos/> or by going through [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com) or [www.grmco.com](http://www.grmco.com), contains information about the condominium association as well as resources that residents can use. Among other things, residents can visit the website to find:

- \* Rules and Regulations
- \* Condominium Declaration
- \* Architectural Change Form
- \* Action Request Form
- \* Meeting Minutes
- \* This and other newsletters
- \* Local Community Resources

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