

# EAGLE'S VIEW

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## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

The HOA has been super busy! So many projects have been tackled since the last Newsletter was published. The Unity in Our Community block party took place on September 17, 2011. It was a great success. The weather was lovely, we had plenty to eat & the kids had tons of fun with all the games & prizes! Thanks to all who participated! This will now be an annual event. Our fence permit was approved by the Town. The buffer fence behind older Arctic will be extended down to Greens Branch Lane. Our NEW Community Maintenance Provider, Dave's Lawn Service & Landscaping will be installing the fence in November. We are thrilled to have Dave & his company as our new service provider. He has already proven to be a great asset with the installation of the Bulletin

Boards & the cut of our Common Areas. The Neighborhood Watch meeting took place at Smyrna PD & we are on our way to scheduling patrols! The Caesar Rodney directional signs were approved on 10/3/2011 & installed on 11/1/2011. They are the signs DELDOT installs a few hundred feet from the entrance of a Community to notify drivers the entrance to a development is coming up. They cost \$687. Making a few calls & doing some research, I was able to get the signs paid for by our State Senator, Bruce Ennis! A nice asset for our Community with no money spent! I also submitted an application on the HOA's behalf for exemption from Kent County property & school taxes on the Common Areas (or Open Space) the HOA owns. The

total tax bill this year was \$133.13 on the 8 Common Areas. Since we are a civic organization, it should be approved. The four Community Bulletin Boards are now installed, one at each mailbox cluster. They look great!

A special thank you to resident Melissa Block for her help in cleaning the graffiti spray painted on the corner of Summer & Arctic sidewalks. The Town was kind enough to give us a can of graffiti off paint no charge. Melissa & I were able to get most of the spray paint off the sidewalk & a resident's driveway. Please play an active role in our Community. Speak up if you see anyone defacing our Community. If you do not feel comfortable speaking directly to the person, call the police. Together we can build a stronger Community!

## 2011-2012 Board of Directors

PRESIDENT  
Veronica Rivera

VICE PRESIDENT  
Kathy Clough

SECRETARY / TREASURER  
Belinda Glover

BOARD MEMBER  
Justin Cartwright

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Eagle's View HOA mission is to create a sense of community and to protect and enhance community property values. The EVHOA supports homeowners by (1) enforcing deed restrictions and the architectural review process, (2) representing members before governmental bodies, (3) maintaining the common areas and retention pond and finally (4) promoting neighborhood social and volunteer activities. Our vision is to have a community that is aesthetically pleasing with residents living in harmony, which makes it sought after by others.



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## TRASH/RECYCLE CANS

**“Here are a few things that we as a community can do...”**

The Board would like to thank all the residents who have complied with the Trash/Recycle Can violations they received. At least 75% of those that received violations are now in compliance with this deed restriction; we hope that it will soon be at 100%. However, there is still a lot of trash that blows loose around the community which looks unsightly and will draw unwanted critters. Here are a few things that we as a community can do to help

prevent this.

- ~ Put trash in tied bags, not loose in the cans.
- ~ Don't leave bags out where animals can get to them.
- ~ Pick up loose trash around your home and parking areas.

Remember this is your community and it is in everyone's best interest to keep Eagles View clean and well kept. Again, thanks to all who are doing their part.

## ‘DESIGN OUR SIGN’ CONTEST ~ UPDATE

Thanks to all the residents that have submitted pictures of entrance signs for the Design Our Sign Contest. We had a total of 17. We have 8 finalists. The picture board showcasing the 8 signs will be available for viewing at the Front Entrance Clean-Up Event on 11/5. Also, we will schedule another viewing so everyone has a chance to vote. We want our residents to actively participate in this important choice for our Community.

Miss Utility has been notified. Also, I had a meeting with the Town & DELDOT to verify all requirements/guidelines are met for the placement of our sign. DELDOT has a few feet of right of way on our 19 feet of property at the entrance. We have to make sure the sign does not encroach on that right of way. The Town also has size regulations for the sign.

I have great news on the price of the front entrance sign! I did some research, made a lot of calls & was able to get our sign paid for by our State Senator, Bruce Ennis. This will be a savings of anywhere from \$3000-\$5000, depending on which sign we choose. I encourage you to send a thank you to Senator Ennis, once the sign is up. I am sure he would appreciate it. He is truly a gentleman.

## PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET! (IT'S THE LAW)

The HOA has installed six Pet Waste Stations in common areas of our community for all pet owners to use. These Pet Waste Stations provide litter bags which all pet owners can use to pick up after their pet. They are a hit! There has been a dramatic decrease of pet waste in the Common Areas, making it a safer environment for our children to play in. Just one reminder for residents; do NOT throw pet feces in the pond. Picking up pet waste promotes a healthy environment because pet waste transmits disease and contaminates waterways. If you see the bags are empty, please call the Eagle's View voice mail and we will have them promptly refilled. Lets all work together to make this a clean and safe Community to live in.



Remember, cleaning up after your pet is your responsibility and failure to do so will result in a **town fine**.

TOS Municipal Code, Chapter 14, Section 33.

First offense: \$50.00  
 Second offense: \$100.00  
 Third and subsequent offenses: \$300.00



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## RECYCLING COLLECTION

Smyrna's Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and on November 24th & 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. Even though the office will be closed, the recycling **will be picked up** as scheduled on Friday, November 11th and 25th.



## NOTICE—CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

***“Until further notice, leaves may be raked to the curbside for pickup.”***

Beginning October 24, 2011, town crews will be operating the leaf machine on a regular basis. Beginning today and until further notice, leaves may be raked to the curbside for pickup. The vacuum machine is designed to pick up **ONLY** leaves. Please do not include branches or yard waste in your leaf piles!

The Town of Smyrna requests your patience and cooperation. Due to the quantity of streets and leaves, the crew is unable to accommodate special requests for pick up. Please be assured that the crew will devote as much time as possible to this important service.

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT OUR STORM DRAINS

Why should people be concerned about what enters a storm drain? Because anything that is flushed down a storm drain is not treated before it reaches a stream or river. This means that: oil, antifreeze, paint, grass clippings, household wastes, pet waste or any other waste on the streets and sidewalks goes directly into a nearby stream, river, lake or our retention pond. They are not there to dump your

garbage. DNREC was called recently to report a resident pouring used motor oil in a storm drain in our Community. Pollution is taken very seriously in Delaware. This is illegal and fines start at \$500. Used motor oil can be taken to the Recycle Delaware Center through the Delaware Solid Waste Authority. Contact them at 1-800-404-7080 or online at [www.DSWA.com](http://www.DSWA.com). Thank you for your cooperation.





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# EYE ON EAGLE'S VIEW

## OR COMMITTEE MEMBER

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The HOA currently has seven committees and below is a brief description of each Committee. Please take a look and let us know if you would be interested in joining one or more of these committees. Complete the bottom portion and place it in the Resident Drop Box located at 526 Greens Branch. This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of what goes on in our community. Remember, civic involvement always looks good on a resumeq

**Architectural Review (AR):** Review AR Forms (submitted by residents) for compliance of Eagle's View Declaration of Restrictions/By Laws and Town of Smyrna Ordinances. Respond to residentsq AR requests. Maintain file of all AR requests. Periodically inspect residences to ensure applicable exterior changes have been reported.

**Community Maintenance (CM):** Inspect common areas to ensure they are trash-free and grass is acceptably maintained. Organize/Supervise community clean-up days. Ensure retention pond is trash-free and maintained per provisions of Kent County/Kent Conservation District/Town of Smyrna/State of DE laws. Report issues with streets/sidewalks/street lights to appropriate authorities. Inspect perimeter fence and coordinate necessary repairs. Coordinate maintenance of landscaping around signs.

**Community Safety (CS):** Represent our community at the TOS Public Safety meetings. Address/respond to residentsqsafety concerns. Coordinate our communityq Neighborhood Watch program.

**Deed Restriction Enforcement (DRE):** Notify residents if they are in violation of any Articles/Sections listed in the Declaration of Restrictions/By Laws or Town of Smyrna Ordinances. Maintain file of all DR violations. Periodically inspect residences to ensure compliance of the Declaration of Restrictions/By Laws and Town of Smyrna Ordinances. Review all rental leases for compliance of the Declaration of Restrictions/By Laws and Town of Smyrna Ordinances.

**Events:** Organize/Supervise community meetings, events and contests such as: Annual Election/Assessment meetings, Block Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Yard Sale and Holiday Decorating Contest. Solicit volunteers for each event.

**Signage:** Regularly update information on bulletin boards and sandwich signs. Refill pet waste bags as necessary.

**Welcome Neighbor (WN):** Deliver a>Welcome Packet+to new residents.

I would like to volunteer for the Committee(s) that is/are marked.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

House #: \_\_\_\_\_ Arctic \_\_\_\_\_ Greens Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Horizon \_\_\_\_\_ Summer

\_\_\_ Architectural Review \_\_\_ Community Maintenance \_\_\_ Community Safety \_\_\_ Events

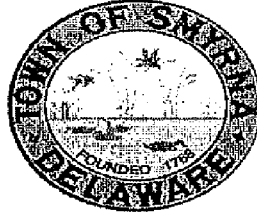
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



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## Town of Smyrna

### NO SOLICITATION REGISTRY

**Location:**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Suite \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBERS TO KNOW...

The meeting to vote on the annual assessment is on Nov 28 in the Clayton Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. You may vote by proxy if you are unable to attend.

- Emergency 911
- TOS Website www.smyrna.delaware.gov
- TOS Police 302-653-9217
- DE State Police 302-739-4525
- Eagle's View HOA 302-514-8115
- Eagle's View Website www.EaglesViewHOA.com
- Miss Utility 811

EAGLE'S VIEW SIDEWALKS AND STREETS ~ LET'S KEEP THEM CLEAR

All the streets in our community and the sidewalks in front of the three story homes are public property and everyone has the right of way. The sidewalks in front of the two story homes are owned by the property owner, but please understand that they are still a pathway around the community.

You cannot block the sidewalk with your car parked in a driveway. Parents cannot allow their children to leave their toys strewn all over the sidewalks and streets. These are Town of Smyrna ordinances and you may be ticketed for violating them.

Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of each homeowner whether you own the sidewalk or not. This includes concrete repairs, removal of weeds, snow removal and making sure toys and other obstacles are not blocking them.

Per the Town of Smyrna Police Department: tricycles are allowed on the sidewalk, but riding bicycles is not permitted, they are only permitted on the streets.

Please note that anyone under 16 years old (by Delaware Law) has to wear a helmet. This is for your child's safety. If you can not afford one, one will be provided by the Smyrna Police Department.

Per the Town of Smyrna Police Department, **children are not permitted to play in the streets.** They are to play in their yard or in the common areas. This also is for your child's protection. With all the cars that are parked on the streets, it is not always possible for us to see children playing in the them or for the children to see an oncoming car. Lets all work together to keep these most precious of gifts (our children) safe.

THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



Our nation is built on the strength of its citizens. Every day we encounter situations calling upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Not only does the Neighborhood Watch

program allow citizens to help in the fight against crime, it is also an opportunity for communities to bond through service. The Neighborhood Watch program draws upon the compassion of

average citizens, asking them to lend their neighbors a hand. If you are interested in keeping our Community safe, fill out the volunteer form included in this newsletter.



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## DO YOU LIKE TO HAVE MORE SAY ABOUT WHAT GOES ON IN THE COMMUNITY?

**several committees for which you can volunteer.”**

Well, here's your chance to be more involved. The HOA is looking for residents who are dedicated to keeping our community safe, friendly and looking beautiful. We have several committees for which you can volunteer. Please contact the HOA President or Committee Leader to let them know you are interested.

Architectural Review . Belinda Glover    Community Maintenance . Justin Cartwright  
Community Safety . Veronica Rivera    Deed Restriction Enforcement . Kathy Clough  
Events Committee . Veronica Rivera    Signage . Veronica Rivera  
Welcome Neighbor . Kathy Clough

## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Events Committee is having its Second Annual contest. The home with the best exterior holiday decorations will win a \$50 gift card. On Dec 21st, the homes will be judged and the winner notified immediately. Home owners and renters are encouraged to participate. See a board member for details.



## FREE ADVERTISING

Please send four business cards to the HOA and we will post them in all of the bulletin boards.

## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

The Town of Smyrna has recently informed the HOA that Crouse Bros. has not %urned over+ ownership of our streets. What does this mean to us? Since Crouse Bros. still owns the streets, they are responsible for maintaining them which includes snow plowing. The HOA has already contacted John Tracey (their attorney) at [jtracey@ycst.com](mailto:jtracey@ycst.com) and informed him that we expect our streets to be plowed in a timely manner. If you have questions or concerns on this topic, please contact Mr. Tracey directly.

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## NOVEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Trash Day	2	3	4 Recycle Day	5
6 DST Ends	7 BOD Meeting	8 Trash Day	9	10	11 Recycle Day Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15 Trash Day	16	17	18 Recycle Day	19
20	21 TOS Council Mtg	22 Trash Day	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Recycle Day Black Friday	26
27	28 AA Mtg	29 Trash Day	30			

## DECEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Recycle Day	3
4	5 TOS Council Mtg BOD Meeting	6 Trash Day	7	8 Pub Sfty Comm	9 Recycle Day	10
11	12	13 Trash Day	14	15	16 Recycle Day	17
18	19 TOS Council Mtg	20 Trash Day	21 Contest Judging	22 Winter Solstice	23 Recycle Day	24
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27 Trash Day	28	29	30 Recycle Day	31

## JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Kwanzaa Ends	2	3 Trash Day	4	5	6 Recycle Day	7
8	9 BOD Meeting	10 Trash Day	11	12	13 Recycle Day	14
15	16 MLK Day	17 Trash Day	18	19	20 Recycle Day	21
22	23	24 Trash Day	25	26	27 Recycle Day	28
29	30	31 Trash Day				