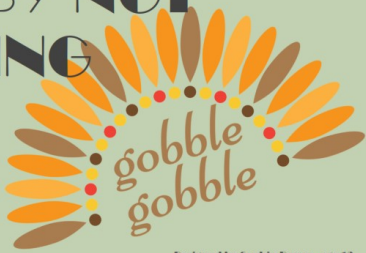


REPOA

November 2023

**BE THANKFUL
YOU'RE SAVING
LIVES BY NOT
SPEEDING**



The speed limit in Rivers End is 10 miles per hour.

Tested by Sophia Fautz, age 13

We Live in a Wonderful Community

What strikes me when I think about living in Rivers End are the roads. When we moved here over 19 years ago, I was struck by how far I had to drive from the entrance to my home - one mile. Where we moved from, within a mile, were all the schools my children attended, my auto mechanic, the grocery store, Dunkin' Donuts, train station, and several restaurants. Needless to say, it was quite a change. I can now say all these years later that I have come to really enjoy and appreciate that one-mile drive. I value the way our neighborhood was developed with its curves and cul-de-sacs. We live in a wonderful community with many great features such as the pond, walking trail (with all the gnomes and painted rocks), not to



mention our neighbors. Our REPOA Board has done a remarkable job maintaining the common areas and have gone above and beyond in organizing the annual bonfires, walks/bike/run events, and community social events. We can and should take great pride in being a part of the Rivers End community. Most recently I have been blessed to have my daughter and family move in across the street from us. We now get to enjoy the many wonderful attributes of our community with our three grandchildren. I am looking forward to many more wonderful years as I SLOWLY drive (sometimes with my 1974 John Deere tractor and wagon!) the roads of Rivers End.

- Rob Hemmen

I AM THANKFUL

For the past six years, I've had the great pleasure of serving the River's End Community as Board Secretary and I cannot express how thankful I am to each of you for giving me this opportunity. During my board term, I learned A LOT. One of the most important lessons gained was patience and empathy. We have 195 lots in River's End and that means managing many different beliefs and ideas, but also different perspectives—This makes our neighborhood incredibly interesting and beautifully diverse.

It's so easy to get caught up in our own thoughts and opinions, but when we open ourselves up to different ideas, we can gain a deeper understanding of the world around us. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Life is like a train of moods like a string of beads, and, as we pass through them, they prove to be many-colored lenses which paint the world their own hue." I am thankful for your trust and confidence; and, I am thankful for your thoughts and giving me the chance to see things in a different light as we continue to create an inclusive and compassionate piece of heaven in Seaford, Delaware. I am thankful for River's End.

- Kristie Musial

Welcome to the REPOA Board: Ms. Carol Bolmen as 2nd Vice President, Mr. Randy O'Neal as Treasurer and Ms. Karen Smith as Secretary. Thank you for serving. River's End is lucky to have you all.

Thank You



River's End residents attending the annual meeting to vote in new board members

Speaking of being thankful.... it is important that our community knows the progress our recent (past) Board Members have made to REPOA. Ms. Robyn O'Lear, Treasurer, developed systems, processes, and standards that did not previously exist. She implemented tools that made for time-savings, eliminated mistakes, and aided in the efficiency and transparency of REPOA financials. Ms. Lisa Crites, 2nd VP, improved and accurately maintains our community directory. She created new community events such as the Christmas Parade and the Holiday Decoration Celebration Contest, both will forever be her legacy. Ms. Kristie Musial, Secretary, was instrumental in creating communication systems such as a master email distribution list, the community newsletter and the River's End website. These three ladies worked as a team with Keith Hertzog, President, and Patrick Huerta, 1st VP, (both presently on the Board) to serve our community. They consistently worked hard with the other committees and residents to create peace and harmony in River's End.

Covenant Corner: Removing Construction Signs

Section 10 RESTRICTIONS, part (f), page states: No advertising sign, political sign, or casual labor signs shall be permitted on any lot or given land area in River's End except during time of construction. All signs must be removed within ten (10) days after completion of construction. A sign offering the premises for rent, or sale, or both may be displayed upon the lot or given land area, which is for sale or rent, but the sign may be no larger than 24" x 24".

Disposing of our Halloween Pumpkins

According to DNREC, if your pumpkins have not been painted or bleached, you may consider feeding it to the wildlife, like deer, by tossing it in your backyard or in the woods. Animals will enjoy this tasty treat! Another option is to donate to an animal farm (hogs love pumpkins). For a list of farms near us that accept donated pumpkins, visit the website: pumpkinsforpigs.org/delaware. For more information: [What Do I Do With My Leftover Halloween Pumpkins? - DNREC Alpha \(delaware.gov\)](http://WhatDoI Do With My Leftover Halloween Pumpkins? - DNREC Alpha (delaware.gov))

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I am Thankful



I am thankful for the warm weather and our End of Summer Party.
The Hertzog Family, The Pauze Family and Friends, and The O'Lear Family



I am thankful for Halloween in River's End! Our residents enjoy this holiday.
Pictured left to right: A wagonful of spooky goblins are trick-or-treating. Scott Allen, Randy Johnson and Chase Johnson are managing the safe one-way traffic flow for Halloween participants. Sarah Evans under her psychedelic tunnel. Scott Anderson with his electronic yard spider. Steve and Angela Huffman with a houseful of Jack-o-Lanterns.



I am thankful for the artists in our community.

Drawings depicting gratitude, left to right: Sunshine, Rain, and Rainbow by Poloma Roph, Fall Leaves by Claire Pauze, Pumpkin by Zapparah Rolph, My Dog "Turk" by Eva Pitula, Starbucks Frappuccino by Sophia Pauze. These ladies took time from the October 17, 2023 REPOA community bonfire to express what they are thankful for.



I am thankful for the wildlife in River's End.
All photos taken by David Hamilton, resident of River's End.

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