Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers

Kindness, much like snow, has a transformative power that can change the landscape of our interactions and relationships. Just as snow blankets the world in a serene, white cover, kindness envelops our surroundings with warmth and compassion. It softens the harsh edges of daily life, making even the most challenging situations more bearable. When we act with kindness, we create a ripple effect that spreads beauty and positivity, much like how snowflakes accumulate to create a picturesque winter scene. In essence, kindness enhances the world around us, making it a more beautiful and harmonious place for everyone.

REPOA held their <u>Annual Meeting</u> on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6PM at the Nanticoke River Yacht Club. A total of 39 residents were in attendance.

The Ballots were counted and we are pleased to announce the two new board members, each with two-year terms:

- Scott Allen, President (Nov 1, 2024—Oct 31, 2026)
- Joe Culp, 1st Vice President (Nov 1, 2024—Oct 31, 2026)

Three incumbent board members are*

- Carol Bolmen, 2nd Vice President (Nov 1, 2023—Oct 31, 2025) Randy O'Neal, Treasurer (Nov 1 2023—Oct 31, 2025)
- Kristie Musial, Secretary (appointed replacement on Jan 5, 2025—Oct 31, 2025)

*NOTE: Seeking new candidates for these positions. Please email REPOABoard@gmail.com if you are interesting in serving our community.

Board Meeting Agendas and Approved Board Minutes will now be posted on our website: www.riversend.org. Please see the calendar for dates and locations.





Safe Driving Tips for Inclement Weather

Driving in inclement weather requires extra caution to stay safe on the road. Adjust your speed to match conditions, leave extra following distance, and use your headlights for better visibility. Ensure your vehicle is prepared by checking tires, windshield wipers, and lights before heading out. Avoid sudden movements when braking, accelerating, or turning to prevent skidding. Stay informed about weather and road conditions, and if the situation becomes too dangerous, pull over to a safe location or delay your trip. Remember, your safety is top priority—drive carefully and stay alert.

Unrestrained Dogs

Hello neighbors. Recently we have had several complaints of unrestrained dogs chasing walkers and bicyclist. In addition the dogs are running into the streets and in danger of getting hit by a car. Per our Covenants paragraph 20: Dogs will be kept on a leash at all times when not on the owners property.

Your dog may be in your front but sees something and then runs off to chase it, and is now off your property. This is when someone gets bit or the dog gets hit by a car. Please help keep all of us safe and have the dog on a tether of some kind when in your front yard.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this issue.

- Richard Bolmen, Chair Safety Committee

As we step into the New Year, I am filled with gratitude and optimism for the future of our community. Together, we have built a neighborhood that embodies the values of cooperation, respect, and kindness. Let us continue to nurture these principles as we embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. This New Year offers us a chance to renew our commitment to creating a harmonious and vibrant living environment. I look forward to working with each of you to make our community even stronger and more connected in the coming months. Here's to a year of growth, unity, and shared successes. Happy New Year!

- Scott Allen, President

Valentine Popcorn

Ingredients:

- One bag Microwave popcorn
- 8 ounces M&Ms (valentines)
- 1 cup mini pretzels broken into pieces
- 10 ounces candy melts (pink or red)

Add M&Ms and pretzels, toss to combine. Melt half of the candy melts in the microwave in 20 second bursts, stirring each time, until Smooth. Drizzle over the popcorn mixture and combine Spread mixture on a baking tray lined with wax paper. Melt the remaining melts and drizzle over the popcorn mix. Top with sprinkles of choice. Place the tray in the fridge for about 20 minutes to set and break the popcorn bits into servines.

2025 Events (visit www.riversend.org for calendar of events)

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April 5—River's End Spring Clean up—seeking volunteers

April 6 - Spring Bonfire

April 12—Easter Egg Hunt at the pond (tentative)

April 20—Bunny Hop/Walk

July 19—Lawn Games at the Pond

October 4—Fall Clean Up—seeking volunteers

October 21—REPOA Annual Meeting—location TBD

October 31—Halloween

November 27—Turkey Trot/Walk

November 29- Decorate for River's End Christmas

December 14—Christmas Parade

December 19—Holiday House Decorating Contest

HALLOWEEN 2024 IN RIVER'S END







































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POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS



Next time you are the pond, check out the new electrical housing structure.

If any resident wishes to use the electrical panel, please contact the REPOABoard@gmail.com for reservations and to unlock it for your event.



A New Electrical Panel and Box for the Pond

In 2024, we had two new additions to the Pond. Mr. Curtis James built an electrical panel that allows River's End residents to host events that require electricity, such as music, concerts, hot dishes, and many more. Thank you Curtis!

Additionally, Scott Allen built a permanent housing structure to safely and securely hold the electrical panel from inclement weather and animals. Thank you Scott!



VOLUNTEERING IN RIVER'S END











A Heartfelt Thank You to our Dedicated Volunteers

It's because of volunteers like you that our community continues to thrive and flourish. Your willingness to step up and contribute your time and energy is a testament to the strong sense of community we share.

Thank you Scott Allen, Starky Glessner, Chase Johnson, Randy Johnson, Dave Hamilton, Marc Stephanick, Karl Van Tine, Carol Bolmen, and Joe Culp for taking time to volunteer at Fall Clean-up Day. Thank you to Gary Speigel for helping a lost dog find it's owner. Thank you Bruce Sais and Joe Culp who cleaned out the drainage ditch.

You all make River's End a better place for all of us.

BONFIRE







A Stroll Through River's End

I live in a neighborhood called River's End, It is a place that I highly recommend.

River's End has events at the pond, It also has so much more beyond.

At the pond, there's lots of trees,

There is even a really nice breeze.

Through the middle, there's a trail.

If you want to move in, there's a few houses for sale.

- Poem by Claire Pauze





THROUGHOUT RIVER'S END







REPOA ANNUAL MEETING







RIVER'S END CHRISTMAS











