




Community NEWS

A LITTLE BUZZ FROM BEE



How do you tell which tree is the dogwood tree?

By its bark

When does a joke become a "Dad joke"?

When it becomes apparent

What did the drummer call his twin daughters?

Anna One, Anna Two

NOTES FROM THE NEWS CREW

We've had a busy summer so far. So many activities and places to go! People just want to get out after being isolated for so long.

Special thanks to the Social Committee for that terrific, well attended Meet and Greet in June! So nice to finally meet so many of our new neighbors!

Congratulations to LC Riders for completing the Loopin for the Library and, along with their supporters, raising \$850 to support the Lewes Library!

We have a new item this month - the Neighborhood Watch-List - with recommendations for what to watch on TV. Thank you to Cindy Kalen for that suggestion!

Be sure to note the Harry K Fashion Show & Luncheon on September 23, which benefits the Harry K Foundation - working to defeat childhood hunger throughout Delaware.

And when summer is over, we have the Jazz Festival to look forward to in October!

HOW COOL IS THIS!

Congratulations, Vernon!!



Vernon Vane, of Ann Barr Street, was the recipient of the Club's Choice Trophy at the Corvette Extravaganza, June 5th at I G Burton on Route 1. This car show was sponsored by Coastal

Corvette Club, with proceeds benefiting the Jason Anderson Foundation for Youth Sports. Vernon's '56 Corvette Convertible is a classic, which he totally restored and it was the oldest there. Corvettes have been in production since 1953. There was a large turnout at the Corvette Extravaganza with Vettes there from the 50's to the latest, hottest models.

A shout-out to Dan Walsh, on Frances Ann, who is a member of Beachcombers Corvette Club. Dan not only informed Vernon of this event but was nice enough to deliver the trophy to him. It was such a hot day that Vernon "put it in the wind" midday.

Congratulations, Ray!!



Ray Fernandez, of Dean Street, got a **HOLE IN ONE** on Friday, June 18th at Manada Golf Club in Harrisburg, PA. 6th hole had nothin' on Ray!

GARDENING TIPS

by Carolyn Vane

Vaccinium corymbosum. Highbush Blueberry



Blueberry bush from Sean Quinn's garden

Blueberries are a Native American crop - native from North Carolina to Maine and as far west as Illinois. How many of us have read Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey, about picking blueberries in Maine, to our children?

This is a very easy plant to grow here. It likes damp but not waterlogged soil, with a high organic matter level (add

Leaf Grow or Compost), and acidic soil, pH of 4-5.5. You can use the needles of the local Loblolly pine trees to mulch around this woody shrub to increase the acidity. Plant in a sunny spot. It will tolerate some shade. Deer have been known to eat the fruit, but not the plant. Most of us here in Lewes Crossing do not have a deer issue. Those of us close to the forested buffer should take note.

The fruit is the best attribute of this plant although there are others. In early spring there is a small bell-like bloom. Many of us are familiar with Pieris japonica, Andromeda; it has a similar bloom. They are both in the Ericaceae family, sharing similar blooms and culture, so they both are semi-evergreen. Blueberries fruit from June to July typically. The fruiting season can be extended by planting different varieties. This plant also has fall color. It grows to 6' or more with similar spread, fortunately is a slow grower, and can be pruned to keep compact. Please note,

do not eat the first crop of blueberries, who knows what the nurseries have used on it. Since blueberries are disease resistant and easy to care for, you do not need to treat this plant with any chemicals.

There are many varieties of Blueberries: Highbush, Lowbush, Early Crop. Michael Dirr, noted author of Manual of Woody Landscape Plants, lists 24 other varieties. This plant cross-pollinates, which means you should plant a variety of blueberries. Do not plant all Highbush Blueberries, your plants may be fruitless unless someone else close by has planted a different variety.

Enjoy blueberries for the fruit. I like to pick mine every morning, or leave the fruit for the birds. One of my Master Gardeners friends planted a Sensory Garden for a friend who was deaf. She planted blueberries in front of his bay window so he could watch the birds enjoy the fruit.

HELP IN THE HOOD

Thank you to a few neighbors who have reached out to let us know that they are available to assist with Help in The Hood. Please feel free to contact them if you need any assistance in the areas indicated. We look forward to adding more of our LC neighbors as we move forward.

Available to drive to appointments, food shopping, household chores, etc.:

- Donna Scott . . . 516-509-4393
- Lin Simeone . . . 215-630-7502

Available to assist with minor household odd jobs:

- Fred Scott 516-306-2524

Available to answer general 'nursing' questions:

- BJ Wiezik 201-803-5182

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-LIST

The following shows come highly recommended by some of our LC neighbors. Please feel free to send your recommendations for future newsletters to LCCommunityNews@gmail.com.

Netflix

Ozark
The Queen's Gambit

HBO Max

Mare of Easttown
The Undoing

Showtime

Your Honor
City on a Hill

Hulu

Sons of Anarchy
The Handmaid's Tale

SAVE THE DATE

Glitz & Glam
Fashion Show and Luncheon

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Thursday, September 23
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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For more information:
Visit HarryKFoundation.org
or
Call Robyn at 301-807-2304

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Hyatt Place
Dewey Beach

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To benefit the Harry K Foundation
Working to defeat childhood hunger throughout Delaware.

RITTER CONCRETE CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

LEWES RESIDENTS TAKE SIDES

PETITION ONE: Opposed to the Operation

In collaboration with residents in nearby communities, some residents in LC vocalized concerns to the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) with Ritter's concrete crushing operations. These efforts garnered attention from ABC channel 47 local news and the Cape Gazette (see links to the articles below).

[Lewes residents raise concerns](#) over possible concrete crusher operation.

[Ritter withdraws application](#) for concrete crushing.

As a result, Ritter has withdrawn their application for a conditional Special Use permit to crush concrete. While some consider this a win, concerns

remain over the toxic pollutants and truck travel over local roads. A P&Z public hearing, originally scheduled for June 24th, was cancelled after Ritter withdrew its application. However, P&Z is monitoring the situation and ongoing activities on the site to learn more about Ritter's operations and whether further action will be necessary.

Those who are opposed to the operation can sign the petition at the link below.

[Sign petition: Lewes Residents Oppose Concrete Crusher · GoPetition.com](#)

PETITION TWO: Support for the Operation

A second petition has been initiated in support of the Ritter & Sons operation. The basis for the petition in support of the operation is that Howard L. Ritter & Sons has been in business for 50+ years in Lewes, DE. Their business model was selling and/or manufacturing

sand, gravel, crushed concrete, asphalt millings, fill dirt and topsoil, etc.

This petition states that the Ritter operation 'was here first' and that OSHA reported no issues when inspecting the site. Closing the Ritter operation would affect other local businesses (ex. Freeman's Corn). Ritter & Sons provides Freeman's Farm with all their irrigation for farming from their retention ponds. The petition states that new developments backing up to the business have an issue with noise & dust and that they want the company shut down because it's a nuisance; and that there is a politically driven agenda from developers.

Lewes residents interested in supporting the Ritter operation can sign the petition at the link below.

[Petition · Support for Howard L Ritter & Sons Inc · Change.org](#)

WATER LINE INSURANCE - DECIDE FOR YOURSELF

Tired of getting those letters from "Tidewater Utilities" regarding insurance for your water service line? First of all, those advertising mailers are not from our utility company! Service Plan companies pay Tidewater and other utilities for the use of their name. If you're concerned about your water & sewer lines, you should check with your home insurance company to see what's covered.

For more information on this subject, click on this link:

<https://www.thespruce.com/water-pipe-insurance-overview-1822494>

If you don't want to get those solicitations any longer, you can write to the service plan and request that they stop sending them. And the best part is, you can mail your letter for free in the Reply Mail envelope enclosed with their letter!

REMINDERS

SPEED LIMIT AT LEWES CROSSING IS 17 MPH.

Residents, please notify your family & guests.

Please also ensure family & guests follow the One Way signs around the circles by the Clubhouse and at Graves/Ann Barr.

DOG OWNERS NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

Please don't be "that neighbor" who takes your dog for a walk and doesn't pick up his poop.

LOOPIN FOR THE LIBRARY

by Fred Neidhart

“It was the best of climbs, it was the worst of climbs.”

Well, the climbs weren’t all that bad. On June 12th, a group of LC neighbors, led by John Dean and aided by LC Riders, took a bike tour of the trail and Cape Henlopen State Park to support the Lewes Library’s “Loopin for the Library” – a good cause and a fun ride.

The morning was inauspicious. A steady rain caused a few concerned emails to be exchanged early that morning but we willed the rain to stop, it did, and we rode. One benefit of the weather was that the trails were pretty empty. The occasional puddle made things interesting but the temperature was moderate and overall it was a good day to ride.

We started at the Library and rode to Herring Point in Cape Henlopen



Photo, Left to Right: Fred Scott, Laura & Jeff Trumppower, Marilyn & Rich Glisci, Ed Pillsbury, John Dean, Dave Draper, Mary & David Mandelbaum, Fred Neidhart, Larry Pasco, Pete Shelp

State Park. Part of the group then took Gordon’s Pond trail to the Junction and Breakwater loop back to the Library, about 17 miles, and others did a slightly shorter route that took in the Bay side of the Park, Ft. Miles and the Fishing Pier, then returned to LC, about 15 miles. The Park has so much to offer you really can’t see it all in one ride. The pace was modest so conversations helped ease the effort. Many participants had not ridden a lot so this was a personal accomplishment and money was raised

for the Lewes Library.

Delaware is a very bike-friendly State and this area in particular is very good for biking. Cape Henlopen State Park is awesome, even when the weather isn’t. If there is enough interest, we can resurrect the LC Community bike rides and explore the Park again.

If you’re interested in hearing about/going on LC Community bike rides, please email Fred Neidhart: fcneidhart@gmail.com.



REHOBOTH JAZZ FESTIVAL

October 14-17, 2021

For all the jazz enthusiasts, the 2021 festival is on!! There is a robust line-up of artists on the schedule with performances at venues from Lewes to Dewey! Tickets are on sale now and typically shows sell out fast. For more information check out the website: <https://www.rehobothjazz.com/>

JINGLES CONTEST WINNERS

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| 1. My bologna has a first name – Oscar Mayer | 7. Reach out and touch someone – AT&T |
| 2. I don’t wanna grow up – Toys “R” Us | 8. If you dare wear short shorts – Nair |
| 3. Gimme a break, gimme a break – Kit Kat | 9. They’re magically delicious – Lucky Charms |
| 4. The best part of waking up – Folgers | 10. Meow, meow, meow, meow – Purina Meow Mix cat food |
| 5. Sometimes you feel like a nut – Almond Joy/Mounds | 11. Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is – Alka Seltzer |
| 6. I’d like to teach the world to sing – Coca Cola | 12. So kiss a little longer. Hold hands a little longer. Hold tight a little longer – Big Red Gum |

1st Place - we have a tie!

Lin Simeone, Donna Maino, Jill Weber, Barbara Ellison, Peter Swartout, Jeanne Ann McManus, Vinnie Perniciaro, Mary Mandelbaum.

Honorable Mentions:

Kate Michalski, BJ Wieszik

And the Grand Prize – your names in the LC Community News - goes to all of you who participated! Thank you!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

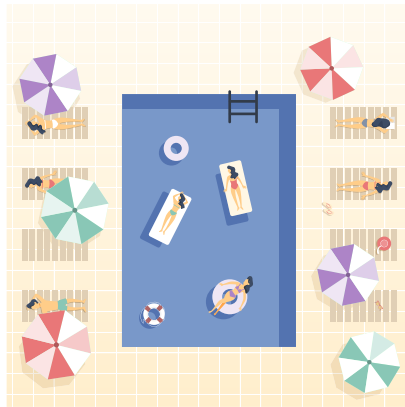
POOL & CLUBHOUSE

This summer season has gotten off to a great start! Thank you to most LC residents for remembering to lower umbrellas and lounge chair backs before leaving the pool deck. This goes a long way in preserving the furniture. So far, two broken umbrellas have been repaired, and one lounge chair was damaged beyond repair. Let's keep up the good work!

Some important reminders:

- Pool hours are 6:00 AM-9:00 PM.
- No one should be in the clubhouse in wet bathing suits.
- Enter & leave the bathrooms from the side entrance.
- Please turn off the lights & fan before leaving the bathroom.

- Return furniture and lower umbrellas & lounge chair backs.
- Exit the pool deck through the side gates.
- An adult must be in the pool with a child or children under the age of 8 at all times.
- No food or drink is allowed in the pool or within 4 feet of the pool.



GROUNDS

Jeremy Hager from Coastal Plant Care did the tree inspection and inventory for Lewes Crossing in June. His report has been completed. After the Grounds Committee and the Board have had a chance to review the report, it will be shared with the community. Can you guess how many trees were counted?



Pictured here is Greg Blackburn from SOLitude Lake Management



performing routine maintenance on the storm water management systems aerator. With a total of 8 aerators, he stays busy. Recently he planted aquatic plant life around the pond in phase 8 next to Beaver Dam at no charge to Lewes Crossing.

SAFETY TIPS

Nine reminders to consider for staying safe:

1. Don't post travel details on social media.
2. If away, have mail held at the Post Office or picked up by a friend or neighbor.
3. Keep the garage door closed.
4. Keep car windows up and car doors locked.
5. Do not leave a garage remote in your car.
6. Keep all items in your vehicle out of sight. Remember, it might only be an empty store bag, but a thief sees a bag that "might" contain something of value.
7. Do not leave valuables anywhere in your vehicle.
8. Lock the door between your house and garage.
9. Keep home doors and windows closed and locked.

Please remember, in the event you see something suspicious, call 911.

THE 2021 BOARD

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| Donna Scott | President |
| Connie Fox | Vice President |
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| Randy Zawislak | Member at Large |

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee hosted the first post-COVID event on June 18. Approximately 90 adults and a few children gathered for a slightly-modified Meet and Greet at the Clubhouse and Pool Deck.

Meet and Greets are designed to allow neighbors to mingle and get to know one another; no structured activities are planned. Residents were thrilled to be able to visit with friends and neighbors. Many were meeting neighbors for the first time after being here for more than a year! A 50/50 Drawing was held along with a raffle for two Dairy Queen gift cards. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported this event!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next event which will be the **End of Summer Bash on Saturday, September 11, from 1-5 PM** at the Clubhouse and Pool Deck. Tickets will be sold for this event. Stay tuned for more information.



Pictured from left to right: Donna and Ed Holmes, Fred and Rosanne Neidhart, Ed and Carol Pillsbury, Donna Scott, Jim Larkin, Mike Fusca, Cindy Kalen, Carol Larkin, Dan Donoghue, Janet Donoghue, Paul and Kate Michalski



Pictured from left to right: Gene Modzelewski, Jenny O'Connell, Meg and Dan Walsh



Pictured from left to right, Larry Anzinger, Mary Mandelbaum, Doreen Anzinger



Pictured from left to right: Cheryl Boyd, Jenny O'Connell

THE CORN MAN



I Love Lewes

Karie Ann Taylor · 3h · 📷

Hi! I saw a post about the "corn man" on Plantation road and decided to introduce myself to the group. 😊

First - the "corn man" was at Plantation and Robinsonville but they just sold out.

Next-

My sweet father-in-law, Jim, worked there for 10 years and was affectionately called "the corn man," which he got a real kick out of. He loved giving every child a free ear of corn. He loved to eat the corn raw. He was such a good man! Always smiling. Always friendly. Always kind. Never met a stranger.

Jim died in November of 2019. My husband and I just recently moved here from Washington state to help my brother-in-law care for my mother-in-law. We've been visiting them in Lewes for the past 21 years and I've always loved the area.



Pictured from left to right: Wendy Modzelewski, Barbara Hurwitt



Pictured from left to right: Rich Glisci, Alexis and Paul Ko