

RIVER VIEWS – WINTER 2018-19

The craziness of summer and fall has continued – but perhaps that is just Delaware! As I write this we have hit the first DEEP FREEZE of winter. The snow geese have finally arrived so it's time to hunker down if you don't like winter activities. The good news is that every day we gain a couple minutes of daylight until June 21 – the “longest” day of the year. Winter doesn't last forever. How long before we begin to complain about it being too hot? And, yes, some of you say not soon enough.

Quick reminder: The ice on our ponds is almost never strong enough to walk on it safely. And don't think for a moment that because they are shallow it wouldn't be so bad to fall through the ice. If one breaks the ice and falls in, one doesn't necessarily go straight down. If you slip under the ice, you may swallow water, panic may set in and there is a very strong possibility that, if no one can help you, you may drown. DON'T WALK ON THE ICE ON OUR PONDS – And please do not throw the rip-rap rocks on the ice. If the ponds fill up, we will have to pay to have them dredged – very expensive!

UPDATES:

- 1) The annual dues letters just went out this week. We need your cooperation on several issues in this letter. We did not have a quorum at the November meeting, so we need a vote on the proposed budget. There was a significant surplus in 2018 because budgeted funds were not spent. Those surplus funds will more than cover proposed expenses this year. Please look over the letter and make your opinions known. This is your chance to vote on local issues that will affect you.
- 2) Kent County Stormwater Project – The petition has been sent to our newest residents and January 31, 2019 is the deadline. The petition will be submitted the first week in February. Please remember that the Kent County Planning Office may contact you to ask about your vote on this issue. Please answer that call.
- 2) We were able to collect a significant amount of seriously delinquent dues this past year and anticipate a similar situation this year. Thanks to everyone who pays on time. There is a new schedule for late payment penalties. See the dues letter.

REQUESTS:

- 1) Please keep all trash containers out of sight unless it is collection day. If you will be gone, try to make arrangements for a neighbor to move the containers once they are emptied. Let's make a good impression on anyone who might be considering living in Riverview Estates.
- 2) Dog Owners – there are too many dog walkers who are not picking up after their pets. There is no excuse for not cleaning up after your dogs. Grab a bag at one of the stations if you forget yours, but they are not there for everyone's routine use.
- 3) Dog Owners Again – Don't put your pooh bags in the trash at the Pavilion. This is our community dining area. Please don't stink it up.

Check out our web site for budget information – <http://riverview-estates.org>

Once again we encourage everyone to do their best to be good neighbors. If you want a friendly neighbor, be a friendly neighbor. Thank you for the privilege of serving this community – let's keep it a great place to call home.