



SANDY BRAE NEWSLETTER

HOT TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED RECENTLY.....

Is Renting Allowed in the Community?

Yes, only annual renting of a home is allowed. Short term leasing in any form is not allowed. You cannot rent your home or a room in your home by the night, day, week, weekend, month, or partial year. Covenant #22 gives full explanation of the rules for renting.



Built up dirt and grime doesn't just make your home look worn; it can actually cause damage– and that can cost you thousands in repairs. Mold, mildew, algae and even dirt can all infiltrate the wood in your home and cause serious structural damage.

Benefits of Power Washing..... you should power wash your home at least every two years to remove any bacteria, mold, mildew, grime, and peeling paint. Nothing detracts from the appearance of a home then to see green mold growing on the siding. Power washing increases your curb appeal, increases the value of your home, is good preventative maintenance, and protects against harmful bacteria. We are lucky in our area to have many good power washing companies. If you haven't power washed your home in a while, call someone today!

Smart Exterior Home Improvements

- Get a new front door or spruce up the one you have with new paint
- Add exterior lighting. With solar lights it's easy to make a walkway or entrance a little brighter
- Trim back overgrown bushes, trees, and shrubs
- Replace or repair old cracked siding
- Enhance your front porch
- How does your roof look?
- Make sure your gutters are free of leaves and dirt

How to Carve the Perfect Pumpkin

Strategies for styling your pumpkin like a pro

With a little knowledge about pumpkin preservation and design, it's easy to create a spectacularly carved gourd this Halloween.

Choose the right pumpkin

The first step to carving the perfect pumpkin is to pick the right squash. Per Good Housekeeping contributor Liz Borod, pick one that is fresh with a sturdy stem and has no bruises. Any soft spots or bruises usually indicate that the pumpkin has started to rot. Make sure it also has a flat underside to keep it from rolling around when you carve it.

Pick a style

Next, decide on a style for the gourd. There are three main types of designs, as Pumpkin King Creations owner and master carver Ryan Lisson shared with MPR News contributor Cassidy Kiek.

- Jack-o'-lantern: It's a simple, hollowed-out design that usually has a face or symbol carved on the exterior
- 3D face sculpture: Like its name implies, this style involves slicing a multi-dimensional face on the pumpkin; make sure to pick a heavy pumpkin for this style to ensure a stable work surface for your carving.
- Surface carving: This style involves chiseling off only the outermost layer of the pumpkin to reveal the pale pulp beneath.

Per Lisson, the first two styles will last about a week before the pumpkin starts to rot since they involve deeper cuts. Surface carving is a great choice if you want a longer-lasting pumpkin because they can go about a month before rotting.

Trace a design

To make a more complex creation, it's a good idea to print or draw the design on paper first, as Organic Authority contributor Jessica Reeder advises. For a more basic style, draw the pattern directly onto the pumpkin with a water-based or dry erase marker.



Select the right tools

Per Lisson, the best tool to use is usually the small, serrated saw that comes in a pumpkin carving kit. For more intricate 3D styles, clay sculpting tools will serve you well. You can also use an X-ACTO® knife if you have one on hand.

Light the lantern

For jack-o'-lantern designs, you'll want to choose a safe way to illuminate the pumpkin's interior. The Country Living team suggests using a votive candle inside a glass dish and filling it with water to help protect your masterpiece from the flames. You can also use a string of Christmas lights as a safer lighting method.

Preserve the pumpkin

Although carved pumpkins tend to have only a few weeks' shelf life at best, there are a few things you can do to help preserve your squash. Lisson suggests keeping the stem intact, regardless of what design you choose. The stem will provide nutrients to the pumpkin to help slow the rotting process. You can also spray the pumpkin with a lemon juice and water solution, then cover it with a plastic bag during the day. Lisson also recommends storing the pumpkin in your garage or basement, particularly on chilly fall nights.

Master the art of the jack-o'-lantern this season, or try your hand at a 3D or surface design, by applying these practical steps to your next pumpkin-carving session. Just don't be surprised if your neighbors and friends start asking you for design tips.

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Having vacationed in this area as a child, Lewes and Rehoboth both are dear to my heart. As a family, we biked, shopped, relaxed, and played water sports. We tented many different camp sites throughout Cape Henlopen State Park for several years. What a miraculous summer it was when my family rented a beach house with Lewes Beach right outside the door. Still, those memories make me smile.

When I was in my early teens, I would sneak away from the family activities and walk the town of Lewes. I recall the joy I felt while wandering around the little vintage and antique shops meeting such interesting people. Like the magic I felt amongst my parents' antique treasures displayed in our home, I felt the magic in Lewes and considered it to be my home.

My immediate and extended family is from Baltimore, Maryland. My parents, like me, were enchanted with Lewes and Rehoboth and moved to Rehoboth after retirement. While my sister and I owned The Porch Swing in Ellicott City, Maryland - an interior design and consignment store featuring antiques, fine jewelry, furniture, and home décor – I would visit my parents as often as I could manage to take a break from the store. After my father died, my mother eventually decided to return to Baltimore. To support my mother during her time of grief and return to Baltimore, I spent many months with her at her Rehoboth place. From this experience, my love for Lewes and Rehoboth continued to grow. So, as my mother returned to her birthplace, I returned to the home of my childhood heart, Lewes.

After spending the next several years managing beautiful shops on Second Street in Historic Lewes, I fulfilled my childhood dream. On May 1, 2019, I opened my own shop called Eclectic Style located at 128 Second Street. As the name implies, it is a shop for everyone's taste in home décor, home design, furniture, and fine jewelry.

So now, here I am, for the past 11 years, living in Sandy Brae with the person I love and doing what I love in a place I love. I find myself humble and grateful for the process and outcome. Life is good.

Sandy Brae, I consider to be a hidden gem. Not only is it conveniently situated between Lewes and Rehoboth but it, also, is near Dunkin Donuts, grocery stores, car repair shops, convenient stores, excellent restaurants, entertainment, vets, and outlet shopping. It has three entrances/exits near stoplights for easy access to main roads. It is one of the few developments with tree-lined streets. There is no difficulty in finding your house because they aren't cookie-cutter houses. They all are unique.



This neighborhood is more than just a cluster of houses. It is a community, a home. It is a place where porch sitting is still welcomed and enjoyed. The people are diverse, accepting, and friendly. All of this, in addition to the constant repair and remodeling of homes, the building of new homes, and the implementation and maintenance of creative, beautiful landscaping, continues to make Sandy Brae a very desirable neighborhood.

Most importantly, Finnegan points out that he thinks Sandy Brae is an extremely dog friendly neighborhood. He thanks everyone for all the love, back and tummy rubs, shouting of 'Hello Fin,' and open garages where people give free TREATS daily. He wants to conclude by barking – he always has to have the last word, you know – he loves this place. (Editor – and we love him! 😊)

Susan and her wife Kim, live on Beech Drive, and operate a business called *Eclectic Style on 128 Second Street Lewes, DE 19958*.

CALENDER

October

- 4, 5 Winds and Wheels in Georgetown
- 4 - 6 Lewes Merchants Fall Sidewalk Sale
- 14 Sandy Brae Board Meeting (Lewes Library @ 6PM)*
- 16-20 Tru Blue Jazz Festival
- 25-27 Seawitch Festival Rehoboth
- 31 Halloween

November

- 11 Sandy Brae Board Meeting (Lewes Library @ 6PM)*
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Rehoboth Christmas Tree Lighting

December

- 7 Lewes Annual Christmas Parade
- 9 Sandy Brae Board Meeting (Lewes Library @ 6PM)*
- 25 Christmas Day

Check out, and sign up for newsletters and emails from <https://visitsoutherndelaware.com/de-events/month>

**Board meetings are open to all residents in good standing.*

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND THEIR NEEDS

While we have many new residents living in our community who are younger, there are some who have lived here for quite some time and may have health issues.

For those living alone, it would be beneficial to let your neighbor, or a close friend know of any health issues you may have. When you have a power failure and no electricity, it effect those who are on oxygen.

If you feel a neighbor is in trouble, contact 911 and they can get in touch with the resident or react to an emergency situation. If you see something usual next door, or haven't seen your neighbor in a while, let someone know.

We're fortunate to live here where we know most of our neighbors. If you haven't met, walk over and introduce yourself. Or join the Board. Let's make the effort to make our community a better place to live.



Editor's Note:

Psst..hey you...Yes, I am talking directly to you...no one else sees you..it's just you and me right now.

Stop complaining and do something. If you are not part of the solution, you are likely part of the problem. We have a few residents who like to throw rocks while living in their glass houses. The Board is filled with volunteers, who are YOUR neighbors. They don't get paid for their time or receive any retribution... NOTHING. They do it because they want to live in a better community... don't you?

So, do you have an opinion or great idea about our community? Wanna share them? Join the Board and contribute some of those terrific ideas. Ok, I will get off my soap box now... Have a great fall! 😊

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

Is Veterans Day a Public Holiday?

Veterans Day is a public holiday. It is a day off for the general population, and schools and most businesses are closed.

Observance

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half-mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am. Some schools are closed on Veterans Day, while others do not close, but choose to mark the occasion with special assemblies or other activities.

Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11. However, if it falls on a weekday, many communities hold their celebrations on the weekend closest to this date. This is to enable more people to attend and participate in the events. Federal Government offices are closed on November 11. If Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, they are closed on Friday November 10. If Veterans Day falls on a Sunday, they are closed on Monday November 12. State and local governments, schools and non-governmental businesses are not required to close and may decide to remain open or closed. Public transit systems may follow a regular or holiday schedule.

History

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11.

We thank all our Veterans for their service.



Winter Yard and Garden Care Tips

During warmer weather, you take good care of your garden and spend time planting, watering and deadheading. But once winter rolls around and your flowers die, you probably don't give your garden much thought. Proper garden preparation prior to winter can give it an easier start come springtime. Follow these tips to winterize your garden and give it the best chance for survival through the colder months.

Lawn care

Plants aren't the only things to prepare for winter; grass can also suffer in subzero temperatures. To keep your lawn healthy while it's covered in ice and snow, Kelly Burke of The Spruce recommends fertilizing and aerating it before winter's first frost. This will keep the soil rich with the nutrients your lawn needs once the spring thaw arrives.

Remember not to overdo it with the fertilizer, as too much can burn the grass. To aerate your lawn properly, Burke says to use a spade to remove pockets of soil across your lawn to give newly planted and fertilized seeds access to air. Water your lawn before winter arrives as well; with access to water, your lawn has a better chance of surviving the winter.

If you cut your lawn during winter, don't leave it too long or too short. Long grass is susceptible to freezing conditions, but close shaves will leave the crown of the grass exposed and vulnerable. Charlie Nardozi of the National Gardening Association recommends cutting grass between two and three inches in height. Objects like unnecessary tools, furniture or leaves can smother the grass, so make sure you remove them during winter. Reduce lawn traffic to prevent the already-weak lawn from being trampled on.

Perennials and annuals

Perennials require minimal preparation for winter. Better Homes & Gardens explains that perennials go into hibernation in the winter and bloom once the weather warms up. Cut the plants back and mulch the area to create an ideal environment for these flowers.

Annuals are more difficult to maintain during winter. After the first frost of the year, the majority of annuals won't survive. After their demise, Olivia Heath of House Beautiful says to pull up the dead plants, either discarding them or adding them to the compost pile. Mulch the now-unoccupied area of your garden with a thick layer of chopped leaves. This will insulate the soil from the effects of freezing weather.

Vegetable garden care

Vegetable plants require different winterization steps than flowers. Better Homes & Gardens recommends harvesting any autumnal crops, such as pumpkins and sweet potatoes, prior to the year's first frost. Many root crops, like carrots and Brussels sprouts, can stay in the ground during the light frosts of early winter. You can also prepare your garden for the upcoming haul of warm season vegetables by applying compost and fertilizer to the soil throughout winter.

While you won't be able to admire your beautiful garden during the winter months, you can take steps to ensure it blooms into a beautiful outdoor display when spring begins.



Please keep an eye out for pedestrians.

People and cars share the roads. In our community we have people walking their dogs, people congregating to chat (and gossip), and children being picked up or dropped off for and from school. Pedestrians need to be smart and not cross without looking and be road smart. Residents are encouraged to teach their children and guests not to play in the street and be mindful for crossing or bike riding.

Drivers truly need to slow down and be more aware of pedestrians. Remember to always STOP at the STOP signs. There are many residents that don't even pause at the STOP signs, and just proceed onto the crossroad, at a dangerous speed. The speed limit in Sandy Brae is 25MPH. Together we can work together to make our neighborhood safe for everyone!



On the lighter side....

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation leans on the bell.

At mealtime on a small airline, the flight attendant asked the passenger if she would like dinner. She asked, "what are my choices?" The attendant said, "yes or no".

The Board would like to wish all over neighbors a happy and healthy holiday season, and all the best for a bright and wonderful new year!

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