



# SANDY BRAE NEWSLETTER

## SANDY BRAE RESIDENTS KEEP LEWES HISTORY ALIVE

Elm Lane resident, Andrew Lyter (left) and Magnolia Lane resident, Terry Mansberger (right) both can be seen on the Lewes Historical Society (LHS) grounds in downtown Lewes keeping history alive and interesting. Andrew is the Executive Director for the LHS and Terry is an “interpreter” of authentic history as an 1812 merchant.

Terry became a volunteer after taking a Legends Tour. He enjoyed doing several other different volunteer opportunities at the LHS until being the 1812 merchant interpreter really called out to him. He even was taught how to make all his clothing in the historic authentic way...no sewing machines! This year, you can meet him at the



Tavern Talk events that take place in the Robert Ferry House designed like a 1777 tavern. Terry is living his best retirement life volunteering with the Lewes Historical Society. And you too can volunteer, in or out of historic grab, by calling LHS.

Andrew, a resident of York PA before moving to Lewes, was appointed Executive Director from his position as director of interpretation and curator of maritime history for the historical society, in May 2022. Andrew’s knowledge, expertise, and vision is ushering in a new and exciting chapter for LSH. He works side-by-side with the Board, Lewes community leaders, staff, and volunteers (often in historic civilian attire) using performance to teach history. Andrew is a historian, and his labor of love is to bring the history of Lewes alive to residents and tourists of all ages. He loves the rich maritime history of Lewes and is passionate about all the new programs and events on the campus for everyone to enjoy.

The Lewes Historical Society offers many different events and programs all year long at the Shipcarpenter Square campus. Check out their website for all the details, [www.historiclewes.org](http://www.historiclewes.org) or call 302-645-7670. There is a rich array of activities for all ages to help you learn about the past of our very special town by the sea – Lewes.

## THE HOT TOPICS

### **OPERATION PORCH LIGHT**

It's getting to that time of year when we once again, ask residents to put on their garage/porch lights. It can get very dark in our community and Operation Porch Light is a good way to not only light up our community but keep it safe.



### **WE NEED YOUR EMAIL**

The Board uses email to communicate to residents on a variety of topics including safety issues, notices on social events, reminders for dues or voting, and links so you can read the minutes from the monthly Board meetings. SBHOA Board does not sell your email address and we do not publish it in the directory on our website. Please give us your email so we can cut down on mailing expenses. Want another member of your family to see our emails... just send your request to [sandybraehoa.lewes.de@gmail.com](mailto:sandybraehoa.lewes.de@gmail.com)

### **WHAT IS A COMMUNITY DRIVE AROUND?**

The Board regularly drives around the community on a bi-monthly basis. The reason? We survey the community to see if there are any residents in violation of the covenants, the resident will be notified, and given the opportunity to address/discuss the concern. We also keep an extra eye out on homes that might be vacant and homes we know owners have gone for the winter. It is important we have a safe and attractive community; doing the drive arounds is one way the Board can achieve that.

### **CAN A RESIDENT HAVE THEIR OWN YARD SALE?**

Absolutely! Sometimes you are not ready when our Spring and Fall Community Yard Sales occur, so you can always have a yard sale on your own property. And you can put out signs as long as you take them down after the sale.

### **YARDWASTE...THE ONGOING CHALLENGE**

Sandy Brae does not have yard waste pick-up and almost all the commercial trash removal companies don't do it anymore. Please do not mix your yard waste in with your trash; if the trash truck sees that, they will not pick-up your can. ALSO, please do not dump it behind the pumping station in the third section. The HOA pays a lot of money every year to clean it out.

### **DOGS OFF LEASH**

Over the summer, there have been incidents of dogs roaming off leash and unattended. Please do not just let your dog or cat out the door to roam free; it is not safe for the animal or your neighbors. When walking your dog, be courteous and pick-up after them.

## 2023 ANNUAL DUES

At the October 2022 Board Meeting, the Board voted not to increase dues for 2023. The dues will remain at \$125 annually. Your invoice will go out over Thanksgiving week and is due, according to the Covenants, by January 1. The cost to operate the HOA goes up every year...snow plowing, common area mowing, attorney fees, postage, etc. and since the implementation of a Transfer Fee was defeated, our dues is the only consistent revenue source.

## SNOW PLOWING

Reminder that the HOA pays to have the streets plowed and entrances salted because we are on Level 4 Plowing with the State, and we need our community cleared before that Level happens. This does not include driveways or sidewalks, so please make your arrangements NOW for that. Our private plow company will not stop to plow your driveway.

## UPDATE ON OUR ROAD PROJECT PHASE 2

Well, this effort is not going as smoothly as our Phase 1 Project did. It has been riddled with cancellations and half starts. Although we are working closely with DelDot and they are acutely aware of our frustrations, the company that won the bid is out of New Jersey plus the fog seal application is affected by wet weather or heat over 89 degrees. This process is painfully slow, however DelDot promises completion before winter.

## UPDATE ON THE COVENANT CHANGE'S PART 1 AND PART 2

Regretfully, both Part 1 and Part 2 recommendations from the Board did not pass. There was not 131 yes votes for any recommendation for it to pass. The good news is that the Board did receive 133 total ballots for Part 2 and the vast majority were votes for change, but the problem was not enough residents voted.

## CAR COUNTER CABLES ON POSTAL LANE

Did you notice the two cables across Postal Lane by the trash hauling property? Seems DelDot is counting cars on Postal to plan for the new road that is dumping out on Postal or is it for a new community of townhomes to be built on the land adjacent to the golf course or have the Warrington's resurrected the RV-Boat Stage Facility? The Board will let you know when we know. What we know for sure right now is that the Warrington's have finally, after 1.5 years, re-submitted a site plan in compliance with P&Z's conditional use request and the counting cars is part of the plan. Stay tuned!!





Greg and Lisa George from Juniper stopped by for the final visit of the Cup-R-Cone ice cream truck for this year. Owner Vince Failla gave Sandy Brae a thumbs up and a big thank you to all the residents he served this summer. We hope to have him back next summer and maybe work on having the truck in the front section of the community for some of his visits.

## Calling All Neighbors, Ghosts, Goblins, and Creatures of the Night

### IT'S THE SANDY BRAE HOA HALLOWEEN STROLL

**When:** Friday, OCTOBER 28th

**Where:** MEET AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOLLY AND BEECH DRIVE. LOOK FOR THE PUMPKIN FLAG

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Stroll Route:** Holly to Edgewood to Pine to Beech to Locust to Dogwood and end on the vacant lots on Linden



Costumes for all ages are encouraged and well-behaved dogs too!

Every participant will receive a ticket for a free hot dog, soda, and chips at the end of the walk.

Neighbors come stand on the stroll route and cheer on the kids!

Bring flashlights, or wear glo rings and walk safe!!



## Smart Spending in the Holiday Season

The holiday season is fast approaching, a fact alone that may already have alarm bells ringing in your head. With its arrival comes the return of holiday shopping, and if you have an expansive list of people to buy for, it may very well mean another sizable debt that takes months to pay down. However, it doesn't necessarily have to be that way. By following some simple strategies, you can make sure you satisfy your shopping list without going over your budget.

***Make a budget*** - It seems like it should go without saying, but making a budget is the cornerstone of responsible holiday shopping. Liz Weston of NerdWallet suggests creating a spreadsheet that includes your anticipated income for the holiday months and a list of the people you need to gift-shop for. Subtract your fixed expenses as well as how much you plan to pay for things like decorations, travel, food and drinks for holiday gatherings. This should give you a pretty solid idea of how much money you'll have to work with for your list and allows you to budget accordingly.

***Stick to your budget*** - However, you decided to create a budget, the only way it pays off is if you stick to it. As Reyna Gobel of Investopedia suggests, you may be inclined to try and match the generosity of gift-givers who don't carry the same level of financial obligation or burden. Rather than attempting to match someone else's spending, you should shop in accordance to your budget. Those close to you should understand your budgetary needs, so there's no need to try and impress them with a gift you can't really afford.

***Cut down on costs*** - If you want to try and shop a bit outside of your means, it should only come at the cost of other less necessary expenses. Gobel suggests that you could cut down on how much you spend on coffee, eating out, entertainment or other inessential purchases and apply that toward your holiday budget. If you feel that the temptation to go outside of your budget and rack up a balance on your credit card may be too great, consider limiting yourself to cash purchases.

***The thought really does count*** - It's virtually a given that gift-giving in the holiday season means spending big bucks on material goods. If you have a tighter budget but still want to show your friends and family how much you care, Sean Pyles of NerdWallet suggests shying away from that mindset. Instead, be creative and leverage your skills. If you're renowned for being crafty in the kitchen, hand out certificates good for a fancy meal of the holder's choice or, as U.S. News & World Report's Karen Cordaway recommends, bake a smorgasbord of sweets to give out. If you have friends who have a newborn, you can gift them with a day of peace and quiet by creating a voucher for anytime babysitting. Experiences matter, and they're easier to customize to a particular person's needs or interests. What's more, they may not cost you as much in the run up to the holidays.

You may already feel yourself sweating the impending holiday season, but there's no reason to. Though you may feel pressured to give expensive gifts and go into debt out of generosity, you can spend smart and mitigate any financial damage the season of giving might cause.

## CALENDAR

### **OCTOBER**

- 7-9 Rehoboth Beach Sidewalk Sale
- 11 Sandy Brae Board Meeting @ 5:30PM\*  
Lewes Library
- 28-30 Sea Witch Festival
- 28 Halloween Stroll through Sandy Brae @ 5:30PM

### **NOVEMBER**

- 8 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 Sandy Brae Board Meeting @ 5:30PM\*  
Lewes Library
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 Rehoboth Beach Tree Light (6:30PM)

### **DECEMBER**

- 3 Lewes Old Fashioned Christmas Parade @ 5PM
- 5 Rehoboth Beach Hometown Christmas Parade @ 6PM
- 7 Milton's Christmas Parade @ 6PM
- 9 Hanukkah
- 12 Sandy Brae Board Meeting @ 5:30PM\*  
Lewes Library
- 25 Christmas Day

*Check website for any changes of Board meetings times or dates.*

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

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

### **EDITORS CORNER – John Luzzi:**

I don't know about you, but the humidity and heat wave we had this summer was intolerable at times. I personally am glad to see the Fall, fall upon us. But with that said, I do love the summer months, okay maybe not the traffic or the long waits at restaurants, or the crowded beaches... these I have gotten used to, and honestly are part of the summer landscape. I just enjoy the warm (sometimes HOT) days laying by the pool or at the beach and the cool waves, watching the dolphins and the occasional whale. Having an iced adult beverage and chatting with friends, and family. Yes, this is why we live here. Ok, that is not what I wanted to talk about here today.

What's on my mind today is yard sales, and how it is such a great way to recycle household items and make back ¼ of what you spent on something or get \$1.00 from a gift someone gave you that cost way over \$50.00. It is also a great way to clean out cupboards (does anyone still use that word?), closets, draws, garage, attics, and basements. Mostly, it is a great way to meet new faces and your neighbors. I look forward to the Fall yard sale the most since the weather is usually good, and I had all season to clear stuff out. As Louie used to say, one person's trash, is another one's treasure! So, keep recycling everyone. 😊

Final note, please everyone go out and vote. Our votes count. Let's try and make this world a place that we are proud to leave behind. Peace. Happy New Year!

**Any questions, please contact us via our Facebook page or our website: [www.SandyBraeHOA.com](http://www.SandyBraeHOA.com)**

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