



Hello Fall!

Sandy Brae Newsletter

Fall 2023

A Note from The Board...

As we begin our journey to Fall, Winter, and all the holidays, we reflect on how busy our community was this year, how many new neighbors we have, the events from our Social Committee that brought us together, and the many outside changes that will continue to have an immediate impact on our community. As a resident said last week, ***"This isn't your grandparents Sandy Brae anymore"***.

One thing that encourages us is the long list of AR Forms we received so far this year. This means people are improving their homes, keeping up with outside maintenance, and upgrading the interior. Prices for our homes have reflected those efforts this year and we hope to see more of those efforts continue.

Lots of little ones are around now, so speeding and overall safety remain serious concerns for our community. And with the impending interconnection on Maple Lane to the Reed property with a Starbucks, we need to continue to improve our safety protocols going forward. DelDot has been very supportive and responsive to our requests for additional signs and street striping, but we all need to just slow it down.

With a recent animal cruelty related incident in the community, we have gained an even greater respect for our animal shelters and the work they do. Please donate to them however you can whenever you can. And look forward to the addition of a ***"Pets Are Residents Too"*** tab on our website coming soon.

At the Thanksgiving table, we hope you will be thankful for all the gifts in your life, as we are truly very lucky people. Be grateful for good health, your family, your friends, and your neighbors. The Board will be thankful for the help and cooperation from residents that makes our role in the community a lot easier.

Our wish is for you to enjoy the holidays however you celebrate, and for a peaceful 2024.

Sandy Brae Homeowners
Board of Directors

TOGETHER
WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

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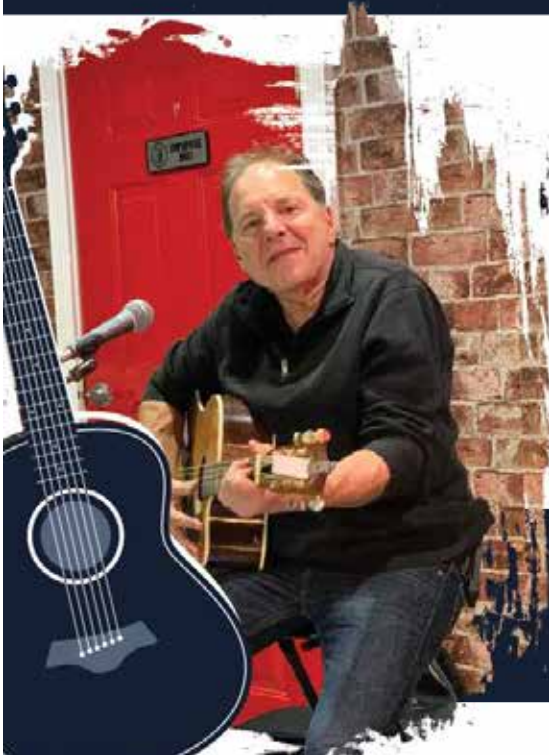
Let's Get
Social...

Sandy Brae Meet Your Neighbors at American Classic Golf

October 6, 2023 | 5pm - 7pm

Happy Hour Menu and
Drink Specials

Live Music By Matt Lafferty





Our Resident Musicians

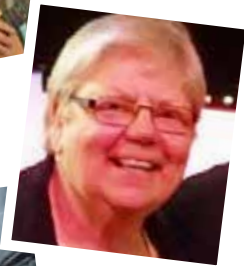
“Music can change the world because it can change people” Bono (U2)

Who knew Sandy Brae had so many talented musicians and singers! Whether they are singing in the church choir, playing in the Rehoboth Concert Band, an opening act at the Freeman Arts Pavilion, being in the CAMP Chorus Ensemble, or playing on stage at a local restaurant/bar, these men and women can make our souls sing!



Bob Crabb

Solo acoustic musician, a human jukebox of sorts, lives on Holly Lane when he isn't playing in many of your favorite watering holes.



Judy Olsen

A Locust Lane resident, has been a member of the CAMP Chorus since 2008 and a member of the CAMP Chorus Ensemble.



Keri and Jason Filasky

Oak Lane residents better known as Bell Bottom Blues, a husband-and-wife acoustic duo with a heavy song list of 70's rock.



Jill Brady

On Maple Lane, who started playing drums at 10 years old in a drum and bugle corps, in 1971 formed an all-female band called 1928 Liberty, is now founder and drummer of The Girlsroom.



Was that **Ron “Stretch” Thompson** on the Cape Water Taxi the other night? Real estate agent by day, he lives on Maple Lane and is a founding member, guitarist, and singer of Delawares' own SCRAPPLE.



David Tarlecki

A solo acoustic guitarist, who has played with such greats as Bo Diddley, kept our hearts light during COVID by playing in front of his home on Magnolia Lane every week.



For 22 years, Mulberry Lane resident, **Nancy Hecker**, sang with the Epworth Choir then in 2021 joined Bethel United Methodist Choir.



This & That.....



Set Back Your Clocks

November 5 remember to set your clocks back. Since it will be dark earlier, please remember to turn on your porch and garage lights. And check on your elderly neighbors, too. Check in to see if they need a ride or some groceries because when it gets dark early, they won't go out as much.

School Supply Drive

Thank you to all the residents that participated in our school supply drive. 17 very full bags went to the Lewes Senior Center for distribution in the Cape Henlopen School District. The students certainly appreciated your generosity! Thank you to our Social Committee for making this happen.

To: SANDY BRAE HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
ON BEHALF OF THE LEWES SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE CAPE HENLOPEN SCHOOL STUDENTS.
WITH YOUR HELP, WE WERE ABLE TO FILL THE NEEDS FOR MANY STUDENTS IN OUR AREA. LEARNING IS MADE EASIER WITH THE CORRECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU!!
Tricia Fleming



Buyer Beware!

We received many calls this summer about the businesses that put flyers, business cards, and door hangers on the mailbox. Whenever you hire any kind of contractor, do your research! Ask for their Delaware business license and insurance, then ask for referrals from local people who might have done business with them. Never pay in full for a project before it starts and unless you know them personally, don't pay in cash. **Because we do not own the streets in our community, the HOA cannot stop vendors and contractors from soliciting.**

Another Successful Fall Community Yard Sale

Mother Nature gave us two spectacular days for our yard sale this year! Unfortunately, people wanted to hit the beach!! We only had 15 homes participate on Friday and 20 on Saturday which are low numbers for us. But the people came, and they bought!

Hope to see everyone in the Spring 2024.



Winter Reminder

The HOA makes arrangements every year to have our streets plowed and entrances salted because we are on Level 4 for State Plowing. This does not include any driveways or sidewalks; they are the residents responsibility. Please make arrangements now to have your driveway plowed. The plow company we hire cannot stop to plow a driveway. The plow also put out snow stakes so they can better drive thru the community with minimal lawn damage. **PLEASE** do not remove them! They cost \$2 per stake and we end up paying for all those missing stakes.





Honoring Nancy Hecker

This year marks 35 years that Mulberry Lane resident, Nancy Hecker, has served on the Sandy Brae Board. Nancy started serving in 1988, the year she and her late husband Harold moved into the community when it was still under the developer. Always eager to help out, she was recruited by her neighbor, Harry Spencer, to join what was then called, the Sandy Brae Committee. Nancy's task was to be the "welcome wagon" to all the new residents who moved in. She would call and set a time to come visit answering questions from new residents, giving referrals, and leaving behind a folder of brochures and local information, as well as recent meeting minutes from "the committee"/ the HOA Board. She did that for many many years.

Then in 2003, when the residents wanted to have an incorporated HOA, under the guidance of Birch Lane resident, Mike Rooney, Nancy was right there to help make it happen. And ever since then, Nancy has been the official historian for the community and attended every Board meeting until health issues curtailed her attendance. Named Honorary Board Emeritus in 2019, Nancy's community activities have lessened, but she continues to be available to offer guidance and advice to help make her beloved Sandy Brae a great community.

We appreciate you, honor you as our Honorary Board Emeritus, are thankful for all you have done for Sandy Brae, and wish you a Happy 97th Birthday in January 2024.

*Congratulations Nancy Hecker
on 35 years of service to the community you love!*



In the September monthly Board meeting, the directors voted not to increase the dues for 2024. Dues will remain at \$125 annually. Over Thanksgiving weekend, you will be receiving an invoice for 2024 dues that will come due on January 1, 2024. Please be aware that the cost of running the HOA continues to increase and last year we did not have any snow plowing; fingers crossed for this year. Additionally, in 2024 with the change in Board of Directors participation, we might need to be looking at hiring a property manager or a property management company, which then might call for a special assessment.



PREPARE IF YOU DARE... FOR THE SANDY BRAE HALLOWEEN STROLL



WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

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. BRING FLASHLIGHTS, OR WEAR GLO RINGS AND WALK SAFE!!

GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND GOODIES!



COSTUMES FOR ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELL-BEHAVED DOGS TOO!



EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A TICKET FOR A FREE HOT DOG/SAUSAGE, SODA, AND CHIPS AT THE END OF THE WALK.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 7-9 Rehoboth Sidewalk Sale
- 9 **Sandy Brae HOA Board Meeting 5:30-8pm**
- 12-15 Rehoboth Jazz Festival
- 11-15 True Blue Jazz Festival
- 21 Schellville Harvest Festival 3-8pm
- 27 Boos & Brews Lewes Historical Society 7-10pm
tickets available now
- 27 Schellville Kids Spooktacular 5-8pm
- 28 Schellville Wicked Brew Bash 5-8pm
- 29 **Sandy Brae Halloween Costume Stroll 5:30pm**



NOVEMBER

- 4-5 Rehoboth Art League Annual Holiday Fair 10am-4pm
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 **Sandy Brae HOA Board Meeting 5:30-8pm**
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Lewes Merchants Holiday Hospitality Nite 5-8pm
- ***November 18 thru December 31 Schellville Winter Celebration

DECEMBER

- 2 Lewes Holiday House Tour
Lewes Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
- 4 Rehoboth Christmas Parade 6pm
- 6 Milton Christmas Parade 6pm
- 7 Hanukah
- 14 Milton Holly Festival
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanaza
- 31 Lewes New Year's Anchor Drop at the Over Falls 11:30pm



A Resident Writes...

Dear Homeowners,

As the days get shorter with the coming season, I worry about the elderly and disabled who go for their daily evening walks. I think about the innocent kids walking to and from their bus stops. Our development does not have sidewalks or streetlights. We do not have speed bumps or crosswalks. There are no security entrance gates or perimeter fences. Our community needs to work together to make Sandy Brae safe for all its' residents.

Here is how you can do your part:

- Adhere to the 25mph speed limit and stop at all the stop signs.
- Turn your home exterior lights on, especially between 6pm and 9pm.
- Wear reflective items and lights when walking, biking, or running around the community.
- Trim back trees and bushes that are blocking driver visibility of stop signs, driveways, and around corners.
- Slow down and make eye contact with pedestrians to avoid right-of-way miscommunication.
- Suggest and support safety improvement measures by the HOA.

Above all, look out for your closest neighbors. Exchange names and phone numbers. Let them know if they left their car door, gates or garage door open. Keep watch while they are out of town. With your engagement and support, our neighborhood can continue being a safe and desirable place to live for all residents.

Thank you,
Leah Tully, Linden Lane



