

## River Views - Early Fall 2015

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Fall is nearly upon us...next week already. The summer always seems to go much too fast, but Fall is a lovely time in Delaware. Soon we will be asking for bids for snow removal once again. If you know of someone who is capable of doing a quality job in a timely manner, please provide the Board with their name, phone number, email address, etc. We will send letters out to all known, qualified snow removal services for bids by the end of October.

Now that the weather is a bit more comfortable for working outside, it is time to think about getting the house and yard ready for winter. Time to "clean the green" off the siding on the north side (and perhaps other areas) of your home if the nasty stuff has gotten a grip on the siding. Some folks use a pressure washer but I have learned that a small sprayer like one uses on weed and deck cleaner works very well. However, whatever method you use, please keep safety in mind first. If you must use an extension ladder, have someone assist you to hold it and manage any hoses, etc. A friend of mine leaned too far while on a short ladder and, only by a miracle is still alive today after breaking his neck. We do not want any accidents in the community due to falls. Don't forget to dig up any invading trees or bushes that have taken root next to your foundation or may be climbing up your downspout. You won't want your foundation cracked as those roots expand and grow. Neither do you want the ice to build up on your roof and cause leaks when the downspouts are clogged with vegetation and who knows what else. Take a look around and see if your home needs any special attention before it gets too cold to work outside. Of course, you can always hire someone, but they get busy this time of year so better not wait if you are going to hire someone to do it for you.

Have you noticed? Several houses have sold in the community, and there appears to be a new crop of For Sale signs popping up recently. That being the case, please be aware of the appearance of your homes and properties also. Anyone who might consider purchasing a new home in Riverview Estates will be looking at the entire community. This is why we have Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions in the HOA documents. Keeping our property in good condition will keep everyone's property value higher and increase the chances that a house will sell quickly. Keep your yards neat and tidy, lawns nicely cared for, clean that green siding, and keep the trash containers out of view. Please do your part.

Does anyone want some really nice, cured, dry oak fire wood? There are still a few short logs along the walk path by the large pond. These will need to be split but that old tree was standing there drying out for several years before we had it cut down. I bet those logs will split pretty easily. First come, first served. If they are not gone by the end of October, we will begin to invite folks from outside the community to come and get it. Thanks to those who cleaned up the pine logs. Not having the tree service take the logs away saved us \$200.

The Board is not going to replace the fountain in the small pond this fall. We are investigating options and will wait until next Spring before we purchase another new fountain. If anyone has any suggestions, we invite you to send us a message.

The Riverview Estates HOA will hold a community meeting in early November. The agenda will include a presentation by Kent County Planning Services in regard to the Kent Co. Storm-water Maintenance District. This is a subject that should be of great interest to all community residents. We will also address the question of recent legislation and how it affects our By-Laws, etc. When the date, time and place are determined we will let everyone know.

ENJOY THE FALL COLORS AND NICE TEMPERATURES - WE HOPE YOU HAD A NICE VACATION OR TIME AT THE BEACH