



THE POINTE

A newsletter for residents of The Grande at Canal Pointe
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

www.canal-pointe.com

Second Edition

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WELCOME to the second edition of *THE POINTE*, a newsletter for residents of The Grande at Canal Pointe, created by residents. Your participation is important for the success of our community newsletter and suggestions are always welcome. Please consider volunteering to work on the newsletter in the future.

THE POINTE newsletter will be posted at
www.canal-pointe.com (password: whistle)

OUR MISSION is to provide a quarterly communication available for residents to share ideas, interest and concern about our community. The newsletter will be available to all condo, town-home and single family homeowners in The Grande at Canal Pointe community. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you would like to participate, please contact us at the newsletter email address: canalpointe@gmail.com and place the words condo or town-home volunteer in the subject line. You can participate by telephone, or emails and need not physically attend meetings.

Guardian Property Management...

We would like to express our gratitude for the good service that Lincoln Davis has provided to our community. Lincoln will assume other duties at Guardian Property Management and our new manager is Hector Justiniani. You can reach Hector Justiniani at 302.227.7878 ext. 32.

Both Lincoln and Hector met with Diane Markman and Joan LaRusso early in September to discuss items for the "Guardian column" in our newsletter. Following are the items we discussed:

- Status of Board Member for Canal Pointe: Currently there are 3 nominations for the 2 board positions. The positions are: one member for the condos and one member for the maintenance board. Be sure to cast your vote.
- Dumpster locations and rules for usage were discussed. Part-time residents should have options for trash disposal other than weekly pick-ups. Guardian will follow up with a proposal for options. Large items, such as furniture, appliances, etc; can be disposed of by contacting Guardian. They have a service that will pick-up these items for a fee
- Community Safety - Guardian continues to work with the Community Safety Group. They will look into signage at the entrance of the development (such as "neighborhood watch, private community", etc.)

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- Club house kitchenette - in the works to transform old office into modest kitchen area to use for social gatherings by residents.
- Request for permission to have a community-wide spring 2012 garage sale. Guardian will check with the board.
- Trees - Guardian will be cutting down trees identified as dangerous. If you have a tree near your property that is not considered dangerous, but you would like to have it removed, you need to contact Guardian for permission to remove the tree(s). You will need to pay the cost of removal once approved by Guardian.
- The new homeowner's association website will be coming very soon and will have the same web address: Thegrandehoa.com.

Community Safety

Presentation by State Trooper Cpl George Camacho



Sam and Diane Markman, Suzanne Mazan, Linda and Jack Casto and Joan LaRusso attended the meeting at Diane and Sam's home. Guardian Property Management is partnering with our community as well. Cpl Camacho outlined steps to establish a Community Neighborhood Watch program as well as providing specific tips such as exterior home lighting examples. A general overview follows:

- Establish Committee
- Develop a vision statement
- Develop a mission statement
- Develop goals and objective
- Connect goals to community safety and property values

Information packets are being prepared and will serve as a guide once the committee is established. Please consider volunteering to serve on this very important committee. You need not be full-time to participate. Please send an email to the newsletter canalpointe@gmail.com and place the words "Community Watch Volunteer" in the subject line.

Single Family Homes Corner

Our community is growing! Please take time to welcome your newest neighbors and let them know about our newsletter!

Currently there are 10 new homes sold (3 lots and 7 under construction/ready for settlement).

Condo/Town-home Corner

Condos and towns sold, as of publication, combined are 110/277. Building update from Wilson Chu, condo owner: LC homes has now completed 2 town-home buildings and will start a 3rd. Each unit contains 5-6 town-homes. LC



Builders has completed 1 condo building and started a 2nd. Each condo building contains 18 units. Four additional condo buildings are proposed according to the site plan.

Please consider volunteering to participate and represent the Condo/Town-home/Villas perspective and voice in *THE POINTE* newsletter. If you are an owner in this section of The Grande community, we encourage you to contact the newsletter team and become an active newsletter member. Send an email to canalpointe@gmail.com and place "Condo/Town-home Volunteer" in the subject line.

Our Grande Garden by Alison Crouch

This is the first of what I hope to be many gardening tips to help in our gardening success and keep our community looking beautiful. Proper gardening can save all of us time and money – something we can all use.

Let me start with a short introduction. I am a garden and landscape enthusiast who enjoys digging in the dirt, pulling weeds, pruning and everything it takes to create a colorful and healthy looking lawn and landscape. I am not a licensed landscaper (I am a project manager for a major computer company) but I am in the process of obtaining my landscape certification and hope that in my next life, I will be able to become a Master Gardener. My advice/tips presented here are based on my years of experience and lessons learned.

The Right Plant for the Right Space. Most people receiving this newsletter are very new to our community having received the plants that the builder installed. Although the plants chosen will grow well in this area, you will find that many are not necessarily the best choices for the space or location. I would recommend the following:

Request a copy of your landscape plan from the builder.

Ensure that the name and variety of the plant is specified. Particular variety matters. For instance, hollies can range in height, width, color, berry producing, shape, and leaf type depending on the variety planted.

Look up the plant name and variety on the internet and check the following: Height and width (plants grow very quickly here – Work with the larger of the sizes listed. Ensure that the foundation plantings will not be too large and start to cover your windows, hide entries or block walkways. Careful – “Nellie Stevens” hollies will grow to be up to 30’ tall and 15’ at the base.

Many plants need to be pruned to maintain shape. Knock-out roses do not need to be deadheaded like other roses. Many hollies keep their pyramidal shape, variety dependent and may not need to be sheared.

Amount of light needed (sun, partial sun or shade). Sun means at least 6 hours of direct sun while partial sun calls for 4 to 6 hours of direct sun while shade can mean 2 to 3 hours of direct sunlight. Zone – A number range is given to each plant known as a “zone.” A zone specifies the plant hardiness, assigning a number based on the lowest average temperature of that region. We are located in Zone 7B while the DC Metropolitan area is in Zone 7A. The higher the number, the warmer the region. Florida is in Zones 9 and 10 while Maine and Canada is in Zone 2.

Water needed Hollies, roses and grasses, to name a few, do not like to sit in too much water. Our soils can vary from sand to clay. If the soil smells bad, too much water is sitting in the area without circulation/oxygen.

Evergreen or deciduous – evergreen means that the greenery will last year round while the deciduous plants will lose its leaves in the fall. Check if your mix of evergreen versus deciduous plants will provide a year-round interest and lack of huge bald-spots, especially around utility boxes, the foundations of your home and air conditioning units.

Perennials – these plants return each year, avoiding the need to purchase and plant again next year. I LOVE PERENNIALS! Although they are not as colorful as many annuals, there are many great varieties that bloom from spring until frost. It’s wonderful to arrive to your beach house in the spring with your yard already in bloom. Check before purchasing. Some perennials need to be dead-headed to maintain constant and good blooming.

Next issue’s topics: **watering and weed control.**



Businesses of Canal Pointe residents

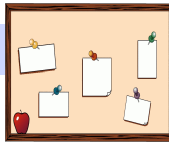
Leonardo Jewelers - Michael Zeik
Known as one of N. America's leading watch retailers. Also voted one of the Best Jewelry Retailers in America by Harper's Bazaar Magazine. Check out the store at www.leonardojewelers.com. More information on page 5.

Terry Jaywork, Esq.
Terry has a home on Bridgewater Drive. He is a partner with the firm Hudson, Jones, Jaywork and Fisher. More information on page 5.

J D Peterson Co., LL
Distributor for Yaskawa (formerly MagneTek Variable Frequency Drives for commercial buildings) More information on page 5.

Boardwalk Home Inspections LLC.
Chuck Seaman. More information on page 5.

Bulletin Board - Interests



Book Club interest
Send an email to canalpointe@gmail.com with "Book Club" in the subject line.

Social Activities at Clubhouses
Play cards, bunco, pool party, evening socials poolside? Send an email to canalpointe@gmail.com with "Social" in the subject line.

Scooter Club
Is anyone interested in forming the Canal Pointe scooter club. Eddie Eastwood is interested in organizing a few rides together to places like Bethany Beach, O.C. or Milton & Lewes to have a lunch or go to a special event on a Saturday or Sunday. If you're a scooter owner and would like to participate, send an email to canalpointe@gmail.com with Scooter Club in the subject line. Your email will be forwarded to Eddie Eastwood.

Community Activities

Save the Date! Friday, Dec. 16
For the Grande at Canal Pointe Community Christmas Gathering - Location TBD
Interested in attending? Please send an email to canalpointe@gmail.com with "Christmas Party" in the subject line by **October 30th** so we can reserve a location!!!

Interested in a Community Garage Sale for the Spring? We're considering a weekend in late April or May 2012.

Send email to canalpointe@gmail.com with interest in participating and/or helping organize this event with the words "garage sale" in the subject.

On-Line Discussion Forum

What is the Canal Pointe on-line discussion forum? A communication vehicle for residents of our community. Need a recommendation for a contractor, need help with something, have advice to offer, organize a community/social activity - these are just some of the conversations occurring on the discussion forum. Currently, over 100 residents participate in the forum. To join, send a blank email to:

canalpointe-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
or email Jack Casto at jackcasto@gmail.com

Farmer's Markets - thru Oct

Rehoboth Beach - Tuesdays 12-3pm
located in Grove Park (near circle) on
Rehoboth Avenue - CLOSING OCT 25th
Weekly food demonstration by a local restaurant
with samples

Lewes - Saturdays 8-12pm
located in Lewes Historical Society Complex
100 Ship-carpenter Street - CLOSING OCT 10th

Businesses of Canal Pointe residents

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Leonardo Jewelers. Michael Zeik has a home on Bridgewater Drive in Canal Pointe. Leonardo Jewelers is a family business with two store locations: 35 E. Front Street, Redbank, NJ (732)747-7880 and 829 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ (908) 351-0880. Their website is www.leonardojewelers.com.

Jewelry: David Yurman, Marco Bicego, Alex Sepkus, A & Furst, Aaron Basha, Atelier Minyon, Casato, John Hardy, just to name a few, as well as engagement and wedding rings, estate jewelry and custom designs. Services: authorized Rolex, Breitling, Cartier watch repair in house.

Please let Michael know you are a Canal Pointe neighbor when you contact him or the store.

I'm Jack Peterson and I own J D Peterson Co., LLC.

I'm a distributor for Yaskawa (formerly MagneTek) Variable Frequency Drives for commercial buildings. My wife Karen and I have a townhouse at 37277 Trent Court in Canal Pointe, and we try to get there often. I do have an office in our house there and would love the opportunity to do more business from Rehoboth, even if the installation is in Washington or Baltimore.

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Terry Jaywork, Esq. Hudson, Jones, Jaywork & Fisher have offices in Rehoboth Beach, Dover, Georgetown and Milford. They provide a wide range of legal services. The Rehoboth office concentrates on real estate transactions, re-fi's, wills and estates. Terry works out of the Dover office and is in the Rehoboth office one or two days a week for appointments. Terry's number at the Dover office is 302 734-7401. www.delawarelaw.com.

Boardwalk Home Inspections LLC. Chuck Seaman, a resident of Canal Pointe, is a certified residential inspector and owner of Boardwalk Home Inspections LLC. For more information, call 301 519-5972 or visit www.boardwalkhomeinspections.com.



Calendar of Events

October

12-16

Rehoboth Jazz Festival

Check it out at www.rehobothjazz.com

28-30

22nd Annual Sea Witch Festival

in Rehoboth Beach. Check it out at www.beach-fun.com for schedule of events.

November

9 - 13

Rehoboth Film Festival

<http://www.rehobothfilm.com/festival.html>

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Tree Lighting (6:00-7:00pm)

and Sing-a-long at the Bandstand in downtown Rehoboth Beach.

December

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Rehoboth Beach Christmas Parade

begins at 6:30 pm (Line-up starts at 4:00 pm) Parade ends at the RB Convention Center.

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Save the Date

First Annual Christmas Dinner Party for The Grande at Canal Pointe

Location TBD

Pointe of Interest

Sam Markman....guest contributor

Hi everyone. After visiting Rehoboth Beach for many years (I ran group houses in Rehoboth for 20 years), Diane and I decided it was time to stay. We moved into the Grande at Canal Pointe in October 2010. Diane and I met in Rehoboth Beach during the 2004 Jazz Festival and married in 2009. Previously, I lived in Old Town Alexandria Virginia for over 30 years retiring from the National Labor Relations Board in 2001 where I held various positions including Budget Officer, Deputy Comptroller and Chief of Information Systems. I continue to serve as treasurer on the Board of Directors of the NLRB Federal Credit Union. Since retirement I have enjoyed the pleasure of pursuing my love of photography capturing images for pleasure as well as shooting the occasional wedding and other assignments.

A few of the hundreds of recent aerial images of our community that I took can be found on my WEB site at <http://szmarkman.zenfolio.com/p178354711/h3d544dc9#h3d544dc9> If you don't see your home among the images, email me your address and I'll see if I have it among the scores of unedited photos that I took that day. Also, I captured a handful of photos during hurricane Irene (accompanied by Diane and our neighbors Jack and Linda Casto). These storm photos are here: <http://szmarkman.zenfolio.com/hurricaneirene2011/haad5003#haad5003>.

Both Diane and I are happy to call Rehoboth Beach our home and watching our community build out. We look forward to the day when all our homes are complete and our wonderful neighborhood truly becomes ours to enjoy.



Photo by Sam Markman 2011

MERV Air-Filter Standards Translate to Better Breathing © by Chuck Seaman

So...What was that about MERV? You didn't hear? I'm referring to the minimum efficiency reporting value—the industry standard for testing the overall efficiency of air filters. Why are air filters important to you? Because the indoor air quality of your home can make you sick. Here's the take-home message: The easiest, least expensive thing you can do to improve the air quality in your home is to use good filters and change them often.

The higher the minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) rating, the fewer dust particles and airborne contaminants will pass through the filter. Here's what you need to know about filters, specifically the type used in your home's heating and cooling systems.

More than 20 years ago, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) established a standard (52.1) for rating filters. However, since the time 52.1 was written ASHRAE worked to refine the methods of testing to establish a more comprehensive rating system.

The new standard (52.2) was published in 1999 and quickly became the means for rating filters. This rating tells you how effective the filter is at trapping particles, while still allowing air to flow through the filter and the mechanical system. [Note: This article does not address Appendix J which concerns superfine particles.]

The combination of airflow and trapping particles is key to the filter's performance. For example, a filter that allows a high volume of airflow but doesn't trap allergens – such as dander from a pet's hair – is not a good combination for someone with certain allergies. Conversely, a filter that has a very tightly closed filter element – thus catching every little particle such as a mold spore – but not allowing the air to flow through the mechanical unit, will not work either. The efficiency of the mechanical system is based in part on good airflow through the filter, the mechanical equipment and the ability of the filter to capture particles.

Residential filters typically have MERV ratings between 1 and 12. A filter rated between 1 and 4 is the least desirable. It will not capture particles smaller than 10 microns. Talcum powder is 10 microns, and the human hair is about 75 microns. The cost per filter is about \$1, and they can be found during specials for 50 cents per filter. Change this filter every three to four weeks at a minimum.

Filters rated between 5 and 8 do a better job of filtering, because they capture particles down to 3 microns. Molds are 3 to 12 microns, and a spider web, for instance, is 2 to 3 microns. This filter is a good bet and is priced in the \$4 to \$6 range. Change this filter every six to eight weeks.

The filter I use has a MERV of 11. This captures many particles below 3 microns. Lead dust is generally rated at 2 microns, and wood smoke is about 2.5. One of the reasons I chose this filter is because we have a very active fireplace. I purchase these without a name brand off the Internet for about \$4 per filter. The same brand name rated filter is \$8 to \$9 if you purchase it retail. I change this filter every six to eight weeks.

Filters must be changed at regular intervals because as they get dirty, they restrict airflow. A clogged filter has the same effect on airflow restriction as one that filters allergens and particles but with none of the benefits.

The filters given a MERV rating for residential are typically disposable, come in square or rectangular shapes and are either the flat or pleated style. Two other types of filters found in residential applications are electronic and electrostatic. These require regular cleaning, and the electronic type can be costly should professional maintenance be necessary. Window air conditions and through-the-wall units usually have filters that also must be serviced.

Using good filters and changing them frequently will also save you money because a clean heating and air-conditioning system will work more efficiently.

This article is not intended to be technically exhaustive. Engineers and testing laboratories have printed volumes of information on this subject. What I want you to understand is that a MERV rating provides you with a reliable means to compare efficiency of filters. Now you can make good choices about buying and changing them. And that's important for every breath you take in your home. Breathe easy.

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Recycling

It's the law in Delaware! Recycling pick-up has begun in our community. Recycling totes have been distributed by Waste Management. A recycling pick-up schedule was also distributed. If you have any questions, please contact Guardian Property Management.

If you're only here for the weekend and prefer not to leave your recyclables in your tote for a lengthy period of time, recycling can be also be dropped off at the following sites at any time:

Drop-off Sites: Rehoboth Beach:

- Behind the Convention Center, Rehoboth Ave.
- Behind the Rehoboth Beach mall on Rt. 1 (north end of back parking lot nearest Rt. 24 mall entrance).

Help Wanted

Do you need help with yard work, pet care, child care, etc., send an email to canalpointe@gmail.com with "Help Wanted" in the subject line and an ad will be placed in the next newsletter.

Special Thanks

Thank you

Susan Carlson and Fred Maymir-Ducharme for hosting a brunch at their home on September 10th.

Thank you for the donations to West Rehoboth Community Center:

Rick and Patrice Delargey- printers

Jack and Linda Casto - computers

Diane and Sam Markman - printers

Joan LaRusso - school supplies

Learn more about West Rehoboth Community Center on page 9.

Pet Corner

My Dog Nelson by Nancy Jaywork



Nelson is a Yorkshire Terrier who weighs all of 11 pounds. Because of his diminutive size, he has what I like to call the 'Little Man' syndrome. He barks and is quite aggressive when he gets scared, which seems to be any time he sees an unfamiliar dog. Like my daughter says, 'he doesn't play well with others'. On his behalf though, he usually gets along fine once he's had a chance to get to know another dog.

Nellie loves to 'bolt' out the door any chance he gets. When he does get out, he runs around sniffing and exploring everything in sight. He's not really interested in running away as much as he is checking out the immediate surroundings. Nelson definitely does *not* come when called, and if I try and chase him down he thinks it's the coolest game in town. He just runs off, checking occasionally to make sure I'm still playing 'the game'. Our family has figured out that the best way to capture him is just back the car out of the driveway, open the door, and pretend we are going for a ride. He hasn't seemed to figure out that we always pull right back into the driveway and head inside.

If you ever see a happy Yorkie running around the neighborhood, feel free to invite him into your car & return him to 19487 Bridgewater Drive.....and many thanks ahead of time!

P.S. Don't forget to pick-up after your dog.

Winterizing home tips

Drain water on outside showers, remove shower head.

Unhook hoses from spigots before freezing weather.

Clean gutters.

West Rehoboth Community Center

by Jack Casto

In an effort to reach out to our greater neighborhood, I recently met with Diaz Bonville, an activist for the children in West Rehoboth. Through his efforts, a program was developed at the West Rehoboth Community Center to work with many West Rehoboth children. Mr. Bonville runs a summer program there for the children as well as an after school program during the school year. The program has demonstrated success with children who previously did not do very well in school. About 1/2 of the students now make the honor roll, something never dreamed of before. Mr Bonville has been chosen by the Delaware News Journal as 1 of 25 people in Delaware who make a difference. You can go to www.tinyurl.com/diazb25 to see a short video on Mr. Bonville and his efforts in West Rehoboth.

I also met with Ms. Brenda Milbourne who is also very active working with the children. You can read a wonderful story about her and learn much more about the West Rehoboth Children's program at <http://www.daisybuttonadventures.com/blog/?p=650> .

The program has a very limited budget. Mr. Bonville mentioned that there are simple things [like a ream of paper] that they have to do without because there isn't any money available for the purchase. I told him and Ms. Brenda to get me a list of needed items and I would share the list with my neighbors and see if we could come up with some of the needed items. I mentioned some of my findings to a few friends here in Canal Pointe and already have delivered a few items to the center. Our newsletter editor Joan LaRusso purchased a backpack and filled it with items a child would need for school. Patrice and Rick Delargey gave me two printers for the Center. Others have told me they have items they can donate too.

These folks are in need and they are genuinely working to make a difference with the children of West Rehoboth. I know I will do whatever I can to show them that there are neighbors in their greater neighborhood who also want to help them. My wife Linda and I plan on working at the community center next summer when we have more time available. In the meantime, I will stay connected with Mr. Bonville and Ms. Milbourne to see what we can do to help.

A special thank you to our Canal Pointe neighbor Rita D'Ascenzo for giving me Mr. Bonville's contact info. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email me at jackcasto@gmail.com

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Important Phone Numbers

- Fire, Ambulance - Emergency 911
- Delaware State Police - Emergency 911
- Delaware State Police (Troop 7)
Non-emergency 24-hour telephone line: 302-855-2980 or 302-855-2981
Text: keyword "DSP" plus message to 274637 (CRIMES)
website: www.tipsubmit.com
- Walk-in Medical:
Rehoboth Beach, Kmart Walk-in Healthcare Center, Rt 1 north 302-227-6231
- Delmarva Power 800-375-7117
- Poore's Propane 800-505-4281
- City of Rehoboth Beach Water Dept. 302-227-6181
- Comcast 800-XFINITY
- NV Home Service Line 877-507-0057
- Guardian Property Management 302-227-7878

TAXI & SHUTTLE SERVICES

Airport Transportation

- ASA Transportation 302-730-0900
- Bay Runner Shuttle 410-912-6000 or
855BAYRUNR daily service between Salisbury and BWI
- Comfort Ride 302-226-8294 or 645-6800
They have (2) 8 to 10-passenger vans. They do airport transportation as well as to Amtrak and Ocean City, Md.



Local Taxi Service

- Comfort Ride 302-226-8294 or 645-6800 - They have (2) 8 to 10-passenger vans.
- Shamrock Taxi 302-360-8360