## Assateague Pointe Fall 2014 Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Please call the front office with new addresses and phone numbers in case of an emergency. Several people do not have land lines and that is what is on file at the present time at the office. If you have had your locks changed, please remember to get a set of keys to the office. These are here for emergencies.
- Don't put gate cards near cell phones or credit cards, they will be demagnetized. You will have to purchase a new card.

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## Welcome to all of our Homeowners in Assateague Pointe

Welcome To All Our New Homeowners to Assateague Pointe!

We hope you take time to enjoy the community during the fall and winter season.

There are still places to go and things to see and people to meet. The pace gets slower and you can really enjoy and discover the area.

Any questions you have about the community, you may contact any board member or call, (410-641-1671) or go to the front office.

Please sign up for all announcements, newsletters and e-mail blasts on our website @ www.assateaguepointe.com Don't forget to make arrangements to have your place winterized. If you do your own winterization, make sure your heat tape is in working condition. Please put away all outside lawn ornaments, solar lights, chairs, etc. Please take down your gazebo tops so they won't blow away and cause damage.

We occasionally get storms in the off season, so it is better to be prepared, if you are not able to come down.

Thank you



Front Entrance to Assateague Pointe

President-Joe McGee-Lot#15 Vice President-Bob Molle-Lot#308 Treasurer-Troy Purnell-Lot#428 Secretary-Fred Verga-Lot#469 Member At Large-Keith Shoff-Lot#346

## **ECC Report-Cathy Ortel**

As we draw to the end of the season, we would like to thank all of our homeowners who worked so hard to keep their places looking great! We all wish you a safe holiday season and prosperity for the New Year.

Thank you to our committee volunteers, Melanie, Rob, Nip, and Tom who worked many hours throughout the season and did hundreds of inspections. We are

looking forward to working with our new volunteers next year including Vince and Deb who jumped in with us at the end of this season. Thanks also to Val for helping to keep our paperwork straight (there is a lot of it)!

Please remember that all exterior walls, sheds etc. need to be bordered and will be checked when we begin our inspections in April. If you have questions regarding

this, our ECC phone line is 443-397-0171. Our email address is CEO.Assateague@Yahoo.com. We would appreciate your cooperation in taking care of this issue as soon as possible. Many of our homeowners have already finished and have done a great job. Thank you! Cathy

**Environmental Control Committee** 

## President's Report-Joseph McGee

FROM THE PRESIDENT... Another season has come to an end here at Assateague Pointe. I would like to say Thank You to all, for their help and support for making Assateague Pointe the place to be in Ocean City.

I would like to thank the ECC
Committee for putting a lot of effort into inspecting the property and working with the homeowners to bring them into compliance with our guidelines. You can see improvement through out the community. As you can see there are still a few homeowners not in compliance, hopefully these will be corrected soon.

We had another great year with our activities this past summer, Bull Roast, sell out of the crab feast, murder mystery, swing dance, pool party, 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic just to name a few. A big THANK YOU from the board and homeowners.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all those homeowners, volunteers and staff, which help make all the positives things that happen here at the Pointe happen. THANK YOU all again.

If you have time to stop down to the ocean during the holiday season, please take time to drive through Ocean City and see the Lights as well as visit North side
Park take a 15 or 20-minute ride thru the
park and see the lights. Carry blankets,
gloves to keep warm. See Santa and ride
the tram around the park and see the
beautiful light display. It is worth the wait.

We held our annual budget meeting on Saturday November 6 and our proposing not to raise the fees for 2015. It is our goal to keep up the quality of services at the most economical cost.

Again Thank You for your support in the past and yours in the future, here at the Pointe.

Joe McGee -- President-Assateague Pointe
HOA

## **Property Manager's Report-Troy Purnell**

Dear Assateague Pointe Homeowner,

Just a reminder to everyone:
2015 Budget: The Board has
proposed a budget for 2015 with no
change in the dues. The next Board
meeting will be held on December 6 in
the clubhouse at 9AM to approve the
budget. If you would like more details
there is a copy of the 2015 budget
available on the website

Activities: There are still events on the schedule for the remainder of the year; the Children's Christmas party on Saturday December 6<sup>TH,</sup> rumor has it that Santa will visit Assateague Pointe and the New Years Eve Party which will feature a delicious catered dinner and dancing.

Winter Weather: Cold weather is just around the corner. As a precaution we recommend you turn off

the water under your home, make sure heat tape is plugged in and set your thermostat to at least 50 degrees.

If you have any questions, or are aware of anything that needs attention, please let us know by informing Valerie at the front office and we will look into it. Thanks for your support.

G. Troy Purnell

Purnell Properties/Property Manager

## Storage Yard Report-Dale Verga

The Storage committee would like to thank all homeowners who have turned in copies of the registration and insurance papers to the front office. When renewing your storage yard privelages for 2015 please remember to include updated

registrations and proof of insurance with your application. We again will be applying the 2015 Assateague Pointe stickers for compliant users of the storage yard so get your copies in with your check and renewal application

completely filled out. Please remember to keep your slips free of debris and weeds. Thank you for keeping the storage yard as clean and well maintained as the community. Have a Happy Holiday!

#### ASSATEAGUE POINTE NEW YEARS EVE BASH

WEDNESDAY December 31, 2014 from 7:30 PM till 1:00 AM
This will be a <u>CATERED</u> event by the "<u>Ocean City Golf Club"</u>

so you will have to R.S.V.P. By December 24, 2014



Music By: Rhythms By The Bay

7:30-8:00 PM-Cocktails-Hosted by: Joseph McGee



Prime Rib and possible 2nd choice for entrée(to be announced)



Steamed Shrimp, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw,

Tossed Salad, Rolls, and Dessert



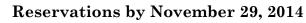
Beer, Wine, Mixers, Coffee & Champagne at Midnight and all the Party Favors \$40.00 Per Person or \$75.00 Per Couple

Send Check to:	APHOA— 8552 Stephen Decatur Hwy—Berlin, MD.—218	<u>811</u>
NAME		LOT#
	O Per Person OR \$75.00 Per Couple-NUMBER ATTENDING-	New Year Party



#### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 6, 2014 at 2 PM in the Clubhouse



Come and Make a Christmas Craft. Fun for all ages!

Bring a \$10.00 gift with your child's name on it to be given to them by

SANTA CLAUS. Please drop gifts off at the Clubhouse by 11:00AM





Chairperson:Lisa Ward













Dear Neighbors,

It was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors at the beginning of 2014 that our siding, vinyl courtyards and sheds are becoming more brittle due to the UV damage and age of the homes. Because of these factors the Board passed a ruling that all exterior areas of the home need to be bordered to prevent as little damage as possible. As of January 15, 2015 all courtyards, sheds, (and vinyl picket fencing which sits on grass) will need to be bordered with a hard material such as landscape ties and or pavers. For sheds that sit up off the ground, these materials can be stacked on the bottoms of the sheds and courtyards. Landscape ties need to be anchored in the ground with rebar and not just laid on top of the grass. Another alternative is a white vinyl board which is sold at Home Depot which can be screwed in place at the bottom of these areas. We are attaching pictures which show what some of our residents have already come up with and hope these will help you with your planning.

Spring inspections for 2015 will begin April 15<sup>th</sup> and we will be checking that the new borders are in place in addition to the skirting borders which have been required for the last several years. We anticipate your cooperation and hope you will appreciate that it is our intention to keep our community looking its best. Sincerely,

The Environmental Control Committee & Board of Directors

At the Board meeting in November, discussions were brought about the lack of communication between the Homeowners in violations and the ECC Committee. This Committee inspects homes with violations up to three times mailing three or more letters and also setting up hearings before they render a fine. Some violators feel they do not have to respond or if they do it is at the last minute or and sometimes after their hearing date. Right now there is a \$50 Administration which is never waived and the Board is looking into raising this fee to \$100 next year.

We all have different situations that arise and we cannot meet the deadlines for one reason or another. The ECC Committee will work with you, as well as the Board, however communication is the key. If we do not know your situation we assume you do not care. Please correspond in writing or email if you cannot comply, but please state the date the corrections will be completed. Assateague Pointe looks great as a whole because our Homeowners care and take pride of their homes. Assateague Pointe is the place to be in OC.

 $\label{eq:Assate} \mbox{Again a BIG THANK YOU all who support and maintain your place in Assate ague Pointe}. \mbox{Joe McGee-President Assate ague Pointe}$ 

### ASSATEAGUE POINTE

8552 Stephen Decatur Highway Berlin, MD 21811

# 2015 REGISTRATION/RENEWAL STORAGE YARD

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Lot Number:	Slip #		
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#### POOLS & WIFI-Barry King

<u>Pools:</u> The pools were closed in September and the furniture and umbrellas were removed from the pool decks and put into storage. The furniture has been inspected and broken chairs, lounges and damaged tables have been removed. Replacement chairs and lounges have been ordered and already received for next season. The tables have been ordered and are due to arrive before the end of this year. New signs have been ordered and received for both pool decks. These signs will be erected in the spring of next year. The lights on the pool decks, and the outside lights on both buildings have been changed over to LED bulbs. These bulbs will use one half of the electricity over our previous bulbs used and will last up to 5 years.

The board has approved the removing and resurfacing of the Rec. Center pool and new LED lights to be installed. This construction will start in early spring and will be completed in time for next season.

The board has also approved the baby pool to be removed at the Club House due to on going problems and expense. It will be replaced with a new splash pad with features for the kids. All of the permits have been received and construction will start in early spring and will be completed in time for next season. The baby pool will be remaining at the Rec. Center pool.

**Wifi:** The wifi system as I reported in the last news letter is totally up and running without any issues. All antennas have been erected and tested. At this time there is no sign in required to get onto the wifi system. As it has been stated in the past issues when connecting to the wifi system please select the strongest antenna signal on your computer and connect to it. We are still working on a sign-in for the wifi system. We will keep you advised when this is completed. If you are having any problems with wifi please report the problem to Val in the office.

Have Wonderful Holiday Season and will see you next year.

### A big **THANK YOU** to all of our 2014 chairpersons and volunteers!!

Mike and I sincerely thank those of you who lent your time and hard work to make our Assateague Pointe events successful again this year. The Board of Directors thanks you and your fellow homeowners thank you. Without your efforts our summer of events would not happen. We also extend special thanks you homeowners who attended these events.

Moving the Children's Movie Night to the middle of the week brought a bigger attendance. Two new events were added this year. Thank you Stacy (Sam's daughter) for Kids Candy Bingo and Stacy Ernst for Children's Story Time.

<u>The Children's Christmas Party</u> is coming up Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Remember to bring a wrapped Christmas gift for your child to the office prior to the party.

New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance Gala will be Wednesday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at Clubhouse, catered by OC Golf Club, music 9pm by Rhythms by the Bay. Welcome in our 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary at A.P.

We are already in the planning stages for the 2015 calendar. Next summer Assateague Pointe will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. <u>A</u> Paddleboat Dinner Cruise is scheduled on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Guests leave the Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock and travel down the scenic Chop Tank River past the Hilton Hotel to the Cambridge Harbor. The meal includes crab cake, prime rib, potato, vegetable, rolls, cheesecake and beverage. A cash bar will be available. The cost is \$50 per person. Reservations are being taken at the office now. Because it's a special event, a \$25 deposit is required for each guest.

Watch the 2015 calendar for more special events!

Respectfully Submitted
Mike and Kay Whaley
Entertainment Committee Chairpersons

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## **Beautification Committee Report-Missy Clark**

**Beautification Committee...**Time for A Long Winter's Nap......

Now that all the warm days are behind us, it's time to think about some pre-winter chores so that our Homes can rest peaceably over the winter. By taking an hour or 2 now before we get a serious freeze, you can give your property a head start on next year.

Don't forget to disconnect and drain garden hoses on a warm day before they freeze solid for winter

Cleaning any debris and dead foliage from gardens and under trees, especially if it was diseased.

Put down a nice new layer of mulch in the gardens, especially with roses Spring bulbs such as tulips and daffodils can still be planted if you have any left. They won't hold up well if you wait until spring. Mulch with an inch or two of organic material, such

as bark or straw, to help retain ground warmth longer. If you don't have any spring bulbs, now is a good time to buy. The selection is often limited, but the prices are inexpensive

Once the ground has frozen, cut perennials back to about 3" tall.

Did you know that AP has a wild song bird population all winter? Don't cut back plants that birds and other wildlife forage for food through the winter. Examples include Blackeyed Susan's, coneflower, ornamental grasses or vines with berries.

November is the time some stores have sales on bird seed, so stock up for winter. While some birds have their preferences, such as corn for blue jays or Niger seed for goldfinches, most birds love black oil sunflower seeds and get nutrition from them. Avoid inexpensive mixes which contain lots of filler seeds with little nutrient value. Woodpeckers love wire mesh tube feeders filled with raw

peanuts (out of the shells). You can buy the latter at complete feed stores.

Clean up all your garden tools Clean and store stakes, cages, containers and garden ornaments. They'll last longer if not left exposed all winter. Wrap concrete or clay containers too large to move.

A BIG Thank you goes out to all the Volunteers, Homeowners and Grounds Crew that help to make the Association's grounds a beautiful place to behold all year long. But, Assateague Pointe would not be the "beautiful place to be in OC" without you the individual Homeowner .....

Thank you all for supporting our beautification efforts

Missy Clark ...Beautification Committee Chairperson