



*As we welcome the vibrant season of spring, it's the perfect time to refresh and beautify our yards. Let's take this opportunity to clean up any debris, trim overgrown plants, and ensure our lawns are well-maintained. A tidy yard not only enhances the beauty of our community but also fosters a sense of pride and well-being. Thank you for your efforts in keeping River's End a picturesque and welcoming place for everyone.*

*Happy spring!*

*- Scott Allen, REPOA President*

**HONORING APRIL**

April is a month of diverse celebrations, from the fun of April Fools' Day to the global awareness of World Health Day. Enjoy nature on Earth Day, indulge in delicious treats on National Deep-Dish Pizza Day, and embrace your inner hero on National Superhero Day. There's something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate this month!

- \* **April 1:** April Fools' Day
- \* **April 2:** World Autism Awareness Day
- \* **April 5:** National Deep-Dish Pizza Day
- \* **April 7:** World Health Day
- \* **April 10:** National Siblings Day
- \* **April 14:** National Dolphin Day
- \* **April 16:** National Librarian Day
- \* **April 22:** Earth Day
- \* **April 23:** National Picnic Day
- \* **April 24:** National Arbor Day
- \* **April 27:** National Prime Rib Day
- \* **April 28:** National Superhero Day
- \* **April 30:** National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

**COVENANT CORNER**

**Signage**

The 2021 Adopted REPOA Covenants Section 10 RESTRICTIONS, Part (f) states: No advertising sign, political sign, or casual labor signs shall be permitted on any lot or given land area in River's End except during time of construction. All signs must be removed within ten (10) days after completion of construction. A sign offering the premises for rent, or sale, or both may be displayed upon the lot or given land area, which is for sale or rent, but the sign may be no larger than 24" x 24".

This rule helps maintain the aesthetic appeal and peaceful atmosphere of River's End, ensuring a clean and welcoming environment for all residents. Thank you all for adhering to this guideline.

**SEEKING DONATIONS**

**Help Us Purchase a Log Splitter**

Dear Neighbors,

We have an opportunity to enhance our community resources. Once dead trees and brush are removed from our properties, they are cut, split, and stacked as free firewood near the community pond. Many of us benefit from this, thanks to Joe Culp, who has volunteered for years using a borrowed 40-year-old log splitter that is now on its last legs. To keep this process efficient, we need a new log splitter and are asking for monetary donations. This tool will ease the task of cutting firewood, ensuring a steady supply for all. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference.

We appreciate your generosity and dedication to our neighborhood. The Board will keep you updated on donation progress through newsletters and the website. To donate, please email the Board at [REPOABoard@gmail.com](mailto:REPOABoard@gmail.com) with your committed amount.

*—Thank you, REPOA Board*



**Community Spring Cleanup  
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 9AM – meet at the pond

Let's come together to make our neighborhood a cleaner, greener place. Grab some gloves, rakes, shovels, and other lawn tools (chainsaw would be beneficial) to help trim overgrown bushes and trees, clean out swales, and other projects that keep our community beautiful.

Wear appropriate eye protection and gloves.

**April is a great time to get your garden ready for the growing season! Here are some vital tasks to consider:**

1. **Prepare Your Soil:** Conduct a soil test to check pH and nutrient levels. Amend the soil as needed with compost or fertilizers to ensure it's rich and ready for planting.
2. **Prune Shrubs and Trees:** Trim any dead or damaged branches to promote healthy growth and improve air circulation.
3. **Weed Control:** Remove weeds to prevent them from competing with your plants for nutrients and water.
4. **Divide Perennials:** Divide overgrown perennial flowers and herbs to improve plant health and increase the number of plants.
5. **Start a Compost Pile:** Composting kitchen scraps and yard waste enriches your soil with essential nutrients.
6. **Plant Cool-Season Vegetables:** Sow seeds for vegetables like lettuce, spinach, and peas that thrive in cooler temperature.
7. **Clean the Garden:** Clear out any debris, old plants, and fallen leaves to make space for new growth.

*These tasks will help set the stage for a vibrant and productive garden. Happy gardening!*

**Is Your Family Emergency Preparedness Plan.....A DISASTER!**

Of all fifty states, Delaware is ranked 50th as the least likely State to suffer from a major weather-related disaster: earthquake, hurricane, tornado, wildfires, major flooding, etc. That being said, this does not mean we are immune to other potential life-changing emergency events, on a comparatively minor regional scale, that can have significant impact on our homes, families and lives. Homes flood every day from broken water lines, local flooding (River's End), forest fires (we live in a forest), house fires, major traffic accidents, to name a few.

Given these everyday risks.....ARE YOU PREPARED? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE?

After spending over forty years in safety, emergency preparedness and risk management, and working with cities, major corporations, local communities and neighborhoods on emergency preparedness planning, I can assure you, as a whole, we are not prepared! And it's not negligence! In more cases than not, the obstacles have been, where to start, what do I do, where do I find the tools, templates, guidelines, etc.

Recognizing this, the REPOA Safety Committee will focus our 2025 efforts on providing on-line tools, templates, procedures, and guidelines for establishing Emergency Preparedness and Response. These resources will come in the form of on-line documents which will be available on the REPOA website ([www.riversend.org/safety](http://www.riversend.org/safety)) and will include guidelines for home and auto emergencies, emergency "go-kits", recommendations for tools and equipment as well as other valuable resources and references.

*- Richard Bolmen, REPOA Safety Chair*



**RIVER'S END COMMUNITY SPRING BONFIRE**  
Saturday • April 5 • 5PM



**All are invited to this Potluck Event.**  
Please bring a dish to share with your neighbors, bring your own drinks and chairs.

*Bring your instruments and join us for a fun sing-along session!* 🎵

**WEATHER DEPENDENT EVENT**