



Holiday 2020 Newsletter

We hope that all is well with you and your family and that you will enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday



To say 2020 was an unusual year for our community would be an understatement. Like all communities we have had to deal with the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. The Ballymeade Board of Directors sincerely hopes that you and your family are well and coping as best you can. The Board would like you to know that all is going well as far as your community is concerned – one less worry for you. Our landscape maintenance company did a terrific job this year with reduced personnel. Our finances are in great shape. Architectural requests have been reviewed on a timely basis and many projects were completed by our Secretary. We had a busy and productive year. As expressed in the summary below, you can see that your Board of Directors continues to work hard for our community. We are truly fortunate to have these dedicated members willing to serve. Here are the projects:

- After being closed for several months due to Covid19, the playground re-opened for use. Ballymeade will follow New Castle County guidelines regarding playground access. If anything changes we will let everyone know.

- Sidewalks pushed-up by street tree roots have been shaved-down to lessen the tripping hazard these sidewalks pose.

- Security camera is functioning normally; one request to review footage by county police department.

- Forever Green contracts have been renewed for 3 years. They handle the maintenance for the wetpond and the four other storm-water basins, plus the playground, mulching, fertilizer, snow removal and more. Forever Green Landscaping is an excellent contractor and can be contracted by you to do private grounds maintenance as well.



- Much work was completed as needed beyond the contracted maintenance, including repairs due to car accidents impacting our entrance sign and the fence along Naamans Road. We raised street trees branches above 7 feet as needed to eliminate interference with walking under the trees. Several large dead trees had to be removed. Extra storm water basin maintenance was required this year to keep in compliance with New Castle County standards.

- Two incidents by homeowners occurred related to landscape. One was the removal of bushes on community owned property and the other was cutting of street tree limbs over a driveway. Please call or Email PENCO if you have any issue with community landscaping. We will get be a professional arborist to review and act on the situation as needed.



Increase Your Home's Curb-Appeal by...

Painting any faded doors or shutters

Planting flowers around utility boxes and mailboxes

Power wash decks, siding or sidewalks



Remember ... it's all about the overall aesthetic appearance of our development ... which has an direct impact on desirability to live in Ballymeade. Restrictions and regulations are not meant to impede directly on individual homeowners but to ensure the overall common good of the entire community!

YOUR EMAIL IS NEEDED....

Please send Ron White your Email address so that you will receive important notices. Be assured your Email address will remain with PENCO, who will not share it even with Board Members. Currently we only have about half the households in the database. Renters are asked to submit their Email address to Ron also.



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SPEED STUDY



From NCC Police: The location of the device was Shrewsbury Drive at E. Boxborough Drive. The overall summary from 03/11/2020 through 03/17/2020 showed the average volume of vehicles per day was 62. It showed that 50% of the vehicles were travelling at 24.46 mph or less and 85% of the vehicles were travelling at 26.3 mph or less. The average speed is 24.97 mph. The speed summary report did not show there was a significant speeding issue but we understand each community will have some vehicles that are driving over the posted speed limit. Ballymeade remains on our list for traffic enforcement. Hope this information is helpful. Thank you.

New Castle County Police
Community Services Unit
Northern District



Welcome Renters.....



Twenty-five percent of our townhomes are leased. We welcome all of our lessees to this wonderful community. It's a great, safe place to live peacefully, to raise kids, to feel safe. Our deed restrictions document is our guide for making sure our homes are in sync with each other and that property value is not damaged by un-kept homes. If you rent here please go to www.ballymeade.org (Pages and Links) and get familiar with Ballymeade by reading the meeting minutes, older newsletters, etc., and you'll find all of the legal documents that homeowners receive—so have a look please on the Pages and Link tab. Again, WELCOME and we hope you enjoy your stay here!!!!

- Keep your lawns and shrubs trimmed
- Bring trash cans in the same day as your pick up
- Call PENCO if you don't know what to do
- Respect the neighborhood common areas
- **NO** Commercial Vehicles ever Parked in Driveways
- Clean-up any debris near your house
- Clean-up after your dogs



Please consider sharing your thoughts, ideas or experiences within Ballymeade's Discussion Forum at www.ballymeade.org This forum that can be extremely helpful for both you and your neighbors when you share things such as:

Ideas for neighborhood activities
Experiences at new eateries or stores
Contractor endorsements
Neighborhood safety information
Invitations for tennis or running partners





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Ballymeade Board Member Needed

- ◆ The board is currently one member short. Please consider volunteering for the board.



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