



### **Important Community Update**

For the many new residents in the community, as well as those that have been here a while, the following is a quick update on some of the matters that have been recently brought to the Board's attention.

**Recycling** - Martin's Point has a robust recycling program, including the chipping area and the recycling bins. The cost of these programs has continued to increase. Please review the items below, so that we can continue to offer the services affordably.

**CHIPPING AREA** - Yard waste is often the largest percentage of municipal solid waste going to a landfill. By utilizing the chipping area, Martin's Point residents have done an excellent job of keeping a significant amount of yard waste out of landfills. To help keep our costs down, please remember:

- The chipping area is for **tree limbs only**, 6 inches in diameter or smaller.
- Do not dump lumber, pallets, root balls, stumps, tree trunks, bags of grass, leaves, or pine cones, or any other substance that can't go through a chipper. These items greatly increase our costs, and should be disposed of in the garbage dumpsters, or at Dare County facilities.

**RECYCLING BINS** - Material in the recycling bins goes to a transfer station in Powell's Point and then to the Newport News area where it is mechanically and laboriously sorted and baled. When non-recyclables are put in the bins, it negates the whole concept of recycling, because instead of immediately going to the landfill, the non-recyclable is transferred, transported, sorted, and rejected, ending up in the landfill anyway, but with a great deal of time, energy, and expense incurred. Please help keep our costs down as follows:

- Flatten all cardboard boxes. **Do not recycle anything contaminated with food waste, like pizza boxes.**
- No long cords like garden hoses, Christmas lights, string, or belts. These can't be recycled and are very difficult for the facility to deal with.
- Don't replace the screw tops back on plastic water bottles, detergent bottles, and milk jugs. It is often a different type of plastic and also prevents the bottle from being compressed for shipping.
- Don't bag the recyclables, instead empty them loose so they can be sorted.
- **Glass bottles are no longer recycled.** They are separated from other materials and sent to a landfill.
- No food waste, wood, furniture, paint, chemicals, etc. **If in doubt, put it in a garbage dumpster, not the recycling bin.**
- No contents under pressure

### **DUMPSTERS**

- **Do not leave items (large or small) outside of the dumpsters!**
- Do not place trash in a dumpster causing it to overflow. These materials often end up on the ground when the container is emptied.
- Place packing popcorn (Styrofoam pellets), and all other materials that may blow around the neighborhood, in sealed bags before placing in a dumpster.
- Dare County has a **twice-a-year pickup for large items**. We will post a notice when the date is set.

**No Contractors Allowed:** The garbage dumpsters, recycling bins, and chipping area are for residents doing their own work. No contractors are allowed to use these facilities, even if they are working for a resident. Contractors have their own means of disposing of items outside of Martin's Point, and may not use any of our facilities. There is a sign at the entrance to the post office area that clearly indicates the policy. If you see a contractor using our facilities, feel free to take a picture and email it to Katie Duffy at Seaside Management at [Katie@seaside-management.com](mailto:Katie@seaside-management.com).

### **MARINA**

- Make sure that your boat and trailer have a numbered Martin's Point identification sticker on them. Contact Seaside Management if you need a sticker.
- Please park your boat trailer close to others so that adequate parking is available.
- The On/Off water valve is located in the meter box on the walkway near the pier entrance. Please **TURN OFF THE WATER** when you are finished to prevent leaks.
- Make sure that all pier hoses are returned to the hose rack and that none of the hose remains in the water where it will attract barnacles.
- Keep your trailer chains on top of the trailer to assist the grass cutters. They will appreciate it.
- Marina Rules are posted at the marina.

### **TRAILER PARKING AT DUMPSTER / POSTAL LOT**

- **Boat trailers only. Utility and construction trailers are not allowed to be parked in this area.**
- Other than a small hand moveable boat trailer, nothing should be parked in the Dominion Power transmission right-of-way or within 35 feet of the transmission tower. If Dominion needs access to the lines or tower they will move encroaching trailers without regard to damage.

### **ROADWAY COMMON AREA**

- Our road right-of-ways are 60 feet wide, so the Common Area extends to about 20 feet from the asphalt edge. Other than grass, driveway aprons, culvert pipes, and approved sprinkler systems, this area should be kept clear of all permanent improvements.
- **Signs, flags, ornaments, and the like, must be placed behind the roadside swale.** Such items constitute a road hazard and interfere with grass cutting.
- Please clean up after your pet. Your neighbors will appreciate it.
- Overnight parking in the common area is not permitted.
- Parking in the common area adjacent to your property is not permitted at any time.

### **REAL ESTATE SIGNS**

- The Martin's Point Covenants limit the size of signs to 432 sq. inches (equivalent to 24x18). They must be placed behind the roadside swale and not interfere with grass cutting. Be sure to tell your realtor.

### **Please SLOW DOWN!**

- There are too many bikers, walkers and **CHILDREN** on our streets for anyone to be speeding. **The Police patrol our roads and they do write tickets.**
- Watch out for wildlife on our roads, particularly at night when the deer are most active.

Thanks for keeping Martin's Point a wonderful community. The Homeowner's Association Board would like to know your thoughts. **Please "Reply" to this email and let us know you received it.** We are happy to follow up with those that we do not hear back from. Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Martin's Point HOA Board