



**COTTAGE FORUM**  
**Monday, January 12, 2015**

Carol Holzman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

She explained that we met just last week for the Afternoon Exchange, but this meeting is for addressing issues only for cottage residents. Going forward, we will move the Floor Forums to 11:30 so as not to interfere with exercise classes or the CALRA Board Meeting.

Carol then reviewed the following items:

- Sale of the land – We are not going through with the purchase as we couldn't agree on the price and the Mitchell family was not willing to reduce the asking price.
- Gills Neck Road – They are working to flatten out the curve. After that, they will start on the entry to and exit from Cadbury and a left hand turn lane coming from the high school.
- Look out for large trucks and construction equipment across the street as they've added a construction site entrance.
- New trees were purchased by DelDot and they're replacing any that were taken out.
- Traffic light – DelDot doesn't have any plans for one, but as the land across the street is developed, that may change. Where the old barn is there are plans for a theatre, but it hasn't been approved yet.
- Recycling – is going well. Proper bags can be purchased in the Gift Shop. Waste Management requires that the bags be clear. The bags in the Gift Shop are 39 gallon bags and get heavy if they're full. We're looking for a smaller size. If someone has large cardboard boxes, they can be broken down and flattened and put out by the clear bags. The Cleaveland's said they bought a small trash can with wheels which makes it much easier to get to the curb. Dick Kauffman said some people have mobility issues and he hopes we continue to pick up at the driveway.
- Lighting – Don Burgess asked about extra lighting opposite of where the houses are in front of Eleanor Corey. Carol said that we lease the lights from Delaware Electric Cooperative and we're looking into adding a few more.

Carol then opened the floor for questions/comments.

Barbara Cleaveland said she had a question regarding bus service. She said that Jack from Security spoiled them and would pull in the driveway and ensure residents get in the front door safely. Carol said that we'll fix this.

Someone asked if we could have a bus available for special meetings. Joan Ellis couldn't come today because of that. Carol said that we'll take a look at adding that service for special events.

Don Ziegler asked if we could install a flood light by the garage. Carol said she will speak to Chuck about it.

Mildred Wiedmann said that the visitor parking out front is very dark when the flags are not lit up.

Tom Lord suggested installing solar panels on cottage rooftops in an effort to cut electric expenses. Carol said that could be part of our Strategic Plan in 3-5 years.

Mildred said that the storm drain opposite the Bazzoli's cottage had water in the drain before it had even rained. Carol advised it was probably from the retention pond, but she will ask Chuck to take a look.

Dick Kauffman said that the parking lot is draining into the back of his cottage. The walkway fills with water and freezes in the winter. Carol said that it is on our list to have a French drain put in in the spring. French drains will also be added back by the Showers' cottage and the East Wing walkway.

One resident said that the paint is peeling off of the frame around the front door. Carol advised that this too will be taken care of in the spring.

Someone suggested moving the Cottage #'s to the white trim over the garage or somewhere else as they're difficult to see. Carol said we will take a look.

Jim Bazzoli asked about fans for the crawl spaces. He said the rain goes into the crawl space by way of the window wells and runs under the house. He asked if those cottages that have flooding problems could have priority. He also said that the crawl space vents were closed in the winter and never opened up in the summer. Carol said she will talk to Chuck about it.

Elsie Gould asked for information about the Cadbury at Home program. Carol advised that there are currently 40 members signed up in Delaware and that information is available from Diane Willoughby in the at Home office which is located just past the library.

Carol thanked everyone again for coming and the meeting was ended.