

RADNOR GREEN NEWSLETTER

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Happy 2007

The Radnor Green Civic Association (RGCA) would like to wish everyone a happy 2007. As you are all aware we came close to not having a civic association last year. We begin 2007 on a much brighter note with a lot of fresh faces participating in the civic association. As always we welcome anyone who wishes to volunteer their time or has any comments or suggestions for making the civic association even better.

One of the most significant changes from last year to this year is the civic association's new website. We encourage everyone to check out the site at www.radnorgreen.com. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Carl Colantuono for getting this site established and creating all of the content that is currently on the website. We are hoping to make the website the "go to" site for everyone in Radnor Green. In order to achieve this we need comments and suggestions from the community regarding what kind of information and features you would find useful.

Everyone should have received their dues notices with the last newsletter in late October. As of December 19th we have received dues payments from 269 of 534 homes. If you haven't mailed your dues yet please make that a priority for 2007. Remember it costs us time and money to keep sending out reminder notices.

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Join Us for our 1st Annual Pot Luck Dinner

The RGCA would like to invite everyone to attend our 1st annual potluck dinner. This event is scheduled for February 24, 2007 at the Brandywine School District Administration building (1000 Pennsylvania Avenue) from 5pm-7pm.

Now is the perfect opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors and find out what is happening in the neighborhood. We would love to make this a regular event but we need a good turnout to be successful.

Please email us at board@radnorgreen.com or call one of the board members to RSVP or for additional information.

We hope to see everyone on the 24th

Upcoming RGCA Meetings:

- January 23, 2007 @ 7 PM
- February 27, 2007 @ 7 PM
- March 27, 2007 @ 7 PM
- April 24, 2007 @ 7 PM
- May 22, 2007 @ 7 PM
- June 26, 2007 @ 7 PM

All meetings are at the Brandywine School District Administration Building unless otherwise noted.

1000 Pennsylvania Avenue
Claymont, DE 19703

Upcoming RGCA Events:

- **Pot Luck Dinner:**
 - Feb. 24th
(5pm-7pm)
- **Spring Neighborhood Clean Up:**
 - March 24th
- **Community Yard Sale:**
 - Saturday June 23rd. (Raindate Sunday June 24th).
- **RGCA Board Nominations:**
 - May 22nd
- **RGCA Board Elections:**
 - June 26th
- **Dues Notices:**
 - TBD
- **Fall Neighborhood Clean-Up:**
 - TBD

Check the website for any changes to the schedule above
www.radnorgreen.com

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As always we welcome and encourage everyone to join us at an upcoming civic association meeting, it's a great way to meet your neighbors and keep up to date on happenings in Radnor Green. The civic association schedule is included in this newsletter as well as on the www.radnorgreen.com website. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to volunteer with any of the events or committees you see inside the newsletter please contact any of the officers or board members or email the civic association at board@radnorgreen.com

Finally we are working on updating our mailing list so we would like everyone to please provide an updated name and mailing address. You can mail this to RGCA; PO Box 262; Claymont, DE 19703 or you can email the information to board@radnorgreen.com. Additionally, we would like to start compiling a list of email addresses so future newsletters, meeting notices, and other community information can be sent out electronically. If you would like to be included on this list please provide your email address along with your mailing information.

-The RGCA Board

RGCA Approved Budget

The following budget was approved by the board for the fiscal year that runs from July 1st 2006 through June 30th 2007.

• Snow Removal	\$10,500.00
• Communications	\$ 1,400.00
• Community Watch	\$ 1,100.00
• Delmarva	\$ 1,000.00
• Entrance Island	\$ 750.00
• Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00
• Cleanup	\$ 400.00
• Contributions	\$ 150.00
• Welcoming Committee	\$ 100.00
• Registered Agent Dues	\$ 100.00
• Janitors	\$ 50.00
• Post Office Box Rental	\$ 38.00
• CCOBH Membership	\$ 25.00
• Civic League Dues	\$ 25.00
• Claymont Coalition	\$ 25.00
• Franchise Fees	\$ 20.00
• Total Budget	\$16,183.00

Important Phone numbers:**New Castle County :****County Executive:**

- Christopher Coons
- 302-395-5101

General Information, Complaints, Code Enforcement:

- 302-395-5555

County Council District 8

- John Cartier
- 302-395-8348

New Castle County Police:

- Emergency: 911
 - Non-Emergency:
 - 302-573-2800
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State of Delaware:**Delaware Help Line:**

- 302-577-3000

State Senator District 5

- Catherine Cloutier
- 302-744-4137

State Representative District 7

- Wayne Smith
- 302-744-4120

Community Watch Update

Now that 2007 is upon us one of the civic association's resolutions for the New Year is to get our community watch program up and running. As the new chairman of the community watch program I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and invite anyone who is interested in this valuable program to contact me. At this point we need to determine if there are enough people in the community who are willing to volunteer their time to have an effective program.

I think most of us take for granted the peace and quiet and relative security we have come to expect in Radnor Green. We, as a community, have been very fortunate because Radnor Green has not experienced a great deal of crime or vandalism. I think one of the reasons we have been so fortunate is because our community watch program was so effective. If you aren't aware the New Castle County Police have an interesting map available on their website that tracks crime activity throughout the county. The crime map is available by going to <http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/publicsafety/home/webpage4.asp>. I think most people would be surprised how many crimes there are within a short distance of our community.

The civic association's plan at this point is to gauge the community's interest in revitalizing our existing program. Our hope is that we can get enough volunteers so we can at least have people patrolling the neighborhood on weekends during the winter and increase the frequency during the spring and summer months.

Volunteering for the community watch is not stressful and we encourage people to go out as teams if they are more comfortable with that. As a community watch volunteer you are simply asked to patrol the neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to the police.

If we all work together on this we can definitely maintain the quality of life we have all come to expect and enjoy. In addition to volunteers for patrolling we need people to assist with scheduling and other administrative tasks. If you have any interest in this program please contact me at 302-792-8004 or at rgcacomunitywatch@comcast.net

---Bob Gamble

---Community Watch Chairman

Community Links:

Claymont Renaissance:
<http://www.claymontrenaissance.org/>

Claymont Transportation Plan:
<http://www.deldot.gov/static/projects/claymont/>

Claymont Community Center:
<http://www.claymontcenter.org/>

Robinson House:
<http://www.robinsonhousedesign.com/>

Claymont Fire Company:
<http://www.cfc13.com/>

Claymont Community Events:

If you know of any events that would be of interest to the community in general please let us know and we will include that information in a future newsletter

Spring Cleanup Scheduled

Every spring and fall we attempt to organize a neighborhood cleanup of the public areas in our community. We have scheduled the spring cleanup for Saturday March 24th. The plan is to cleanup the entrance island located on Glenrock Drive at Harvey Road, the park area at the end of Woodgreen Ct., and the I-95 overpass area. We hope everyone will make an effort to attend and help us to enhance the community. Everyone who is able to attend should meet at the park at 8 a.m. on the 24th. If you're able please bring any or all of the following items: work gloves, rakes, brooms, and shovels.

Entrance Island Trees

As many of you have probably noticed the two crab apple trees on the entrance island were removed in early January. There was growing concern that these trees had deteriorated to the point that there was a chance that they could come down during a storm. The civic association was able to negotiate a reduced rate with Strobert Tree Service for removal of these two trees. We are hoping to have the trees replaced using a grant from the department of agriculture. The appearance of the entrance island will be addressed during our spring and fall cleanup events.

County Code Enforcement

Are you in violation of any of New Castle County's "Top 10 Most Common Code Violations"?

The ten most common violations are:

1. Miscellaneous Property Maintenance Violations
2. High Weeds and Grass
3. Unregistered/Inoperable Motor Vehicles
4. Trash
5. Debris
6. Parking on Grass
7. Signs
8. Building without Permits
9. Home Based Businesses
10. Vacant, unsecured Homes

If you would like additional information on any of these items or want to report a violation the code enforcement department can be reached at 302-395-5555. (Source New Castle County website).

<http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/landuse/home/webpage2.asp>

:Community Members Advertisements

** Do you have a business or service that you would like to advertise in this space? This is a free service to any member of the RGCA whose dues are paid in full.**

Snow Removal Update

So far the 2006-2007 snow season has been uneventful. Hopefully by the time you are reading this that hasn't changed. Even though we have been lucky so far we all know how quickly the weather in Delaware can change.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to please move your vehicles off the street when snow or icy weather is predicted. If everyone cooperates in this way Mr. Dambro (our snow removal contractor) can clear the street much more efficiently.

ATV's and Off Road Vehicles

The civic association would like to remind everyone that it is illegal for ATV's and other off road vehicles to be driven on the streets in our community or on private property without the owner's permission. We have received several complaints regarding ATV's being driven throughout the community's streets, on the private property behind Miles road and in the County park at the end of Woodgreen Court. The police have been notified about this activity and they have encouraged anyone with information regarding the identity of the people operating these vehicles to contact them at their non-emergency number 302-573-2800. If you prefer you can pass any information you have to a RGCA board member or email the board at board@radnorgreen.com.

Signs on the Entrance Island

We would like to remind everyone that it is not permissible to post signs on the entrance island. Any signs that are posted can and will be removed. If you would like to review the new Delaware Department of Transportation rules regarding sign placement it can be found online at:
http://www.deldot.net/static/photo_gallery/illegal_signs/index.shtml

RGCA Elections

Would you be interested in serving on the RGCA board? Is there someone you would like to nominate to be on the RGCA board?

Nominations for the RGCA board will be held on May 22nd. The election will be held at our June 26th meeting.

Recent Speakers and Guests at the RGCA:

- Christina Bloemendaal
 - Legislative Aide to Councilman John J. Cartier
- Officer Amy Kevis
 - New Castle County Police
- Pat Morrison
 - Candidate for Senate District 5
- Eric Levin
 - Candidate for Representative District 11
- Carl Colantuono
 - Candidate for Representative District 7

Safety Recommendations

The civic association would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some simple safety precautions we can all take.

1. Make sure your car doors are locked. This sounds like such a simple thing but it is easy to be distracted and forget to lock up your vehicle. Don't allow your car to be an easy target.
2. Don't leave valuables in clear site in your vehicle. If you have to keep something of value in your car put it in the trunk so someone isn't "tempted".
3. Keep the lights on. It has been proven that a light on outside of your house can be an effective deterrent to a would-be criminal.
4. Watch out for your neighbors. No one knows the neighborhood better than the people that live in it. If you see something that doesn't look right contact the police. If you don't think its an emergency use the non-emergency number to report suspicious activity (302-573-2800)
5. Install and test your smoke detectors. Everyone should have smoke detectors in their home. Make sure you test them regularly and change the batteries.
6. Slow down in the neighborhood. Another no-brainer. There is no need to be speeding in the neighborhood.
7. Confirm the identity of the people at your door. Recent scams have shown how easy it is for people to pretend to be utility workers or others and gain entry to someone's home.
8. Don't "advertise" that your house is empty. Stop mail and paper deliveries while you are away. Invest in some timers for lights to keep the house looking occupied.
9. Lock your doors and windows. Most of us remember to lock the front door but it's easy to leave a window unlocked or open or to forget to secure a shed after working in the yard.
10. Never give out personal information. Another favorite of scam artists. Always ask yourself why this person needs the information they are asking and make sure you know who they are before you provide any personal information.

Newsletter

Do you have any ideas for items you would like to see in a future newsletter? Would you be willing to help write and edit a future newsletter?

If so please email us at board@radnorgreen.com.

We would love to publish the newsletter more frequently but we need people to assist.

Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically in the future? If so make sure you provide an email address when you update us with your name and address.

Updated Mailing Addresses and Email Addresses

Please provide an updated name and address so we can make sure our current mailing list is up to date. If you would like to be included on our upcoming email list please provide your email address as well.

Responses can be sent to:

RGCA
P O Box 262
Claymont, DE 19703
-OR-
board@radnorgreen.com

Comments and suggestions regarding the RGCA are welcomed and encouraged as well.

Second Dues Notice

We want to send a sincere Thank You to the 269 (out of 534) homes that have already sent in their dues payment. We will be sending out follow up notices in the next few weeks to those addresses that we haven't received payment from. If you haven't sent in your payment yet please do so prior to the follow up notices going out so we can save the money associated with an additional mailing.

We will have a listing of all the homes that have paid their dues in a future newsletter. In order to assure you receive the proper acknowledgement for payment please send them in as soon as possible. Payments can be mailed to the address below, please indicate your home address with your payment for proper crediting.

RGCA
PO Box 262
Claymont, DE 19703

Patronize the following businesses that have supported the R.G.C.A

- **Anthony Dambro, General contractor**
Garages, porches, additions, brick, stucco, concrete work, driveways & curbs, steps, specializing in brick & flagstone sidewalks & patios. Painting, paneling, drywall, siding, windows. Phone # 798-3663
- **Strobert Tree Service**
<http://www.cuttree.net/services.php> • Phone #: (302) 475-7089

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