

Holiday Hills Civic Association

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The 2010 Annual Civic Association Meeting

Will be held at St. David's Church

Thursday, April 29, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

A REMINDER OF THE CHANGES IN HOLIDAY HILLS C.A. POLICY

HHCA has made some policy changes. Announced At our last meeting was the formation of the HHCA council per our By-Laws and people were asked to volunteer to serve on it until we have an election. Two people **Jim Lehr and Don Maristch** stepped up to serve their community. The council met for the first time on October 3, 2009. The council will meet every three months or as needed. We agreed to some changes in policy that should help us to function more efficiently.

1. The new Fiscal year will be April to March.
2. Our annual meeting will be held in April. At this meeting the officers and council will be elected and a schedule for the year's activities be established, including the time to collect dues.

Special meetings will be held to meet politicians, police, etc. or as needed

Would you like to be on the HHCA council?

ELECTION OF HHCA OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

The election for the office of President, vice president, secretary, and treasurer and up to eight council seats will be held at our April 29, 2010 annual meeting. At present, we have no secretary and our present president will not be running for office. We also need help on our committees.

A Special Thanks to Pat Powell

We owe a special thanks to Pat Powell, first for putting out the dues collection flyer in the fall. Also, for her work as liaison with Bryon Short's office and with the state in an unending effort to get sand barrels for our community. She also wound up being our unofficial e-mail news distributor. Thanks so much Pat for all of your hard work.

**Next Year Holiday Hills Civic Association
will be 50 years old next year.**

LOOKING AHEAD

The council has set May 1, 2010 to June 15, 2010 as the period to collect our 2010 dues (the winter of 2010-2011). The primary collection date will be the day of the HHCA Yard Sale May 22nd. The following people volunteered last year to collect dues for these blocks: **Ada Betancourt-2200 Coventry Drive; Pat Powell-2100 Coventry Drive; Don Maristch-Lower Jamaica; Mona Stenz-Grubb Road; and Betsy Mullan-Westminster Drive. We need more help for the rest of the community.** The council asks that those involved meet briefly after the Annual Meeting or contact a council member.

There have been discussions on bringing back the "**Block Captains**". The "**Block Captains**" will be the link between the resident and the council to insure resident concerns are met. This may be the time to further that discussion.

Status of requests made to Byron Short

Bryon Short attended our July 29th HHCA meeting. Here is the out come of that meeting:

1. We are waiting for the **street light at Grubb and Coventry** to be installed. The light should be installed soon.
2. Missing **Speed bump markers** on Coventry Drive have been replaced and the speed bumps have been repainted.
3. Some Holiday Hills II residents on Jamaica Drive requested **speed control measures**. The planned resident survey has yet to be conducted.
4. The problem with electrical box in the yard of 2107 Coventry Drive has been resolved.
5. Neighbors near the Marsh/Orchard Road entrance were concerned about what seemed to be a high incident area. A study is in progress.

**Are you interested in having more meetings with
our elected officials?**

Please let the council know.

What is the HHCA-second of a series

Beyond the basics explained in the last newsletter, there are almost unlimited opportunities to improve the community with a civic association. A number of years back a neighbor felt there were trash trucks from too many companies coming into Holiday Hills. She led an effort to have as many people as possible sign up with one company with the incentive of lower trash collection bills to those who changed over. Today there are only two. One of our neighboring communities gets much of what they ask for because they are known to have a strong active civic association. Politicians constantly ask to visit our meetings.

There are many helpful things sponsored by the state, New Castle County, New Castle County Police and other organizations like the Delaware Center for Horticulture that are designed to increase the quality of life for us, but they need people to make them happen.

People have asked about social gatherings for Holiday Hills residents. In the past there have been Halloween Parties, Easter Egg Hunts sponsored by the HHCA. People have asked about doing something for National Night Out in August or maybe a block party. They only require interested people to make them happen.

A Thank You to Dog Owners

That is to the dog owners who clean up behind their dogs. There are constant complaints about the dog owners who do not do not pick up behind their dogs. So I want to thank the ones that do. What's interesting is the people who do not pick up behind their dogs make it obvious by not carrying a bag. Other complaints: cigarette butts other trash being dropped in the streets and in operable cars in the community. Be a good neighbor please don't litter and pick up behind your dog.

Do We Have Your E-Mail Address?

As we said in the past, there are tools available to have information sent directly to you. To do that we need your contact information. If you did not get a copy of this newsletter (in color) by e-mail, please send your address phone number and e-mail address to **HHCA Vice President Kirk Stenz** at grubbinn21@verizon.net so that we can have that information in our file. Eventually, we would like to send out the newsletter by e-mail and publish it in cyberspace rather than in paper form. This would save trees, save on printing costs and it is the fastest and most efficient way to communicate.

The Holiday Hills Website

Holiday Hills Civic Association has a web page hosted by neighborhoodlink.com. The address is shown at the top of the front page. The contact information you need to contact our elected officials and for most of this community's services are now on our website.

We extend our thanks to **Mike Schiff** for filling in as "webmaster" but we are looking for someone to volunteer to take over or help with our site.

The address is long, but you can "bookmark" the site or put it under your "favorites" and just access our page with a click of your mouse.

The newsletter will be found under the heading **Our Info** (on the right) – **Newsletters**. Then just scroll down and click on the latest edition: **Spring 2010**.

We are just beginning in cyberspace and **we need all the help and support we can get.**

The Snow King?

Our president, Claude Green, has the dubious honor of being president of Holiday Hills during the three biggest snow storms in history and three of the five worst winters in history.

To Our Newer Residents

When you were looking for a house something in this community appealed to you. What you saw did not happen by itself, it took a lot hard work by residents over the last 50 years to make it that way. To keep HHCA that way requires a lot of people doing a little or it falls on a few to do a lot to keep it going. **To find out how you can help, contact any officer or council member. As you can see, there is a lot to do.**

THE HOLIDAY HILLS SPRING YARD SALE

Will be held

May 22, 2010

9 AM to 2 PM

Rain date May 29, 2010

Contact - Ernita Green 475-2527

Questions? Feel free to contact any of the current Holiday Hills Civic Association Officers:

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