

Lewis School 5th Grade Class Explores Ashland Nature Center

Dear CSTNA neighbors,

There were a lot of exciting things on our field trip to Ashland Nature Center, where we stayed overnight to learn about Ecosystems. I am going to tell you a few of the highlights.

One of the ecosystems that we went to was the pond. We were divided into groups to study the pond. We were trying to find producers, which are always plants, which use photosynthesis to make their own food. We found consumers which are living things that eat producers or other consumers. We found a salamander, fish, tadpoles, snails, snail eggs, worms, and some insect larva.

Another ecosystem we studied was the stream. The first thing we did was to find the temperature in the stream. We stuck a thermometer in the water and our naturalist had a color code chemical test to determine how much oxygen was in the water. We used nets to catch little animals some animals had star ratings to determine how healthy the water of the stream was. My partner and I found a crayfish, snails, a spider, worms, caddisfly larva with their cases of debris stuck to rocks. Finding these creatures helped us to give the stream a 4 star rating for excellent health.

The field trip was very fun and if you ever have the chance to explore ecosystems at Ashland Nature Center, you should.

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Jonathan A. and the 5th graders at Lewis Elementary



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2011-2012 Membership Application
Cool Spring / Tilton Neighborhood Association

Annual Dues:	\$ 10.00	Annual Business Dues:	\$ 50.00
Donations:	\$ _____	Total Amount	\$ _____

Name(s): _____ Date _____

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Suggestions: _____

To become a member, bring this application and dues payment to the next meeting or mail to:
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Make check / money order payable to **Cool Spring/Tilton Neighborhood Assoc.**
All residents and businesses are encourage to join.



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Letter from the President

Spring was a busy time for CSTNA. We had over fifty residents participate in some great community and neighborhood beautification activities. On April 28, we held the Community Yard Sale and Deja Views potluck. The City Community Project day was held on May 5 and we had activities in CSTNA: planting of sweet potato vines and rosebushes in our street planters, clean-up at Tilton Park, and helping neighbors clean-up 4th St. There were so many volunteers and participants. There isn't enough space to print your names, but we thank you for making a real difference!

Summer is here! It's time for the beach, vacations, festivals, tomatoes from the garden, walks in the city parks, and fun for all ages. With the high price of gasoline, many folks aren't traveling on vacation this year. The term "Staycation" has been coined to describe a "vacation at home". Well, we have some wonderful staycation summer activities in Cool Spring/Tilton, starting with the Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, June 30, the potluck porch parties will be back, and on Thursday evenings, starting on June 7, Cool Spring Park will be the setting of a Farmers' Market. Historically, Cool Spring Park was the site of the Wilmington Flower Market, so a farmer's market brings back a green marketing tradition.

There will be no CSTNA meetings during July and August. We will resume on **Tuesday, September 13**. Please mark your calendars.

The officers of CSTNA wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Meeting Agenda

The next CSTNA meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 12, at 7:15 pm** at the **Regency Healthcare Center** dining room (entrance on 8th St.). Topics on the agenda: Summer events; Programs at Lewis School; Governance Task Force

Agenda items requiring a vote of the members present at a CSTNA meeting must be submitted to one of the officers by the 20th of the month for consideration at the following month's CSTNA meeting. Printed notification is required by the By-laws and the 20th of the month will make the printing deadline for the Newsletter.

Neighborhood Picnic—Date Changed to June 30

The date for the annual Neighborhood Picnic has been changed to Saturday, **June 30**, at the Warner House gardens at 10th & Broom (Padua Academy is across 10th). **Rain date on July 1.** The historic Warner House is the former convent of the Franciscan Sisters who staffed Padua Academy. The picnic will be 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks provided. Bring lawn chairs. We need volunteers to help set up tables and to clean up afterwards. If you can help with set-up or clean up, please call Heather Hook at (302) 319-4665 or e-mail heather-hook@comcast.net. Good food and good company, so join in this great CSTNA tradition.

Potluck Gatherings

The summer potluck parties were great fun last year. We're doing it again! Adults and kids are invited to potluck porch gatherings at 5:30 pm-8:00 pm on the following Wednesdays: **June 20, July 18, Aug 1, and Aug 15.** Bring something to share. It doesn't have to be homemade. Store bought is fine. BYOB. We'll have iced tea and lemonade. If would like to host one of the gatherings, please call Tam-mie Williams at (302) 656-3946 or e-mail at tammi868@aol.com.

We will welcome the Farmers' Market back to Cool Spring Park on Thursday, **June 7**, with a potluck gathering at the park (5:30 pm). Bring something to share. Shop at the market. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. Another potluck gathering at the Market will be on **July 26**. Relax and enjoy the company of CSTNA neighbors

Election Time!

According to the CSTNA By-Laws, nominations are open until our September meeting (Sept 11). As in previous years, we will have two election coordinators take nominations by phone or e-mail beginning on August 1. Our coordinators this year are:

Greg Luna (302) 426-1111 gregluna1207@comcast.net
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If you are interested in serving the Association as an officer, please nominate yourself for office. If you would like to nominate someone else, please get their OK before you do so. While your neighbors may be flattered by your nomination, they should not be surprised at the September meeting.

Movies at Tilton Park

Movies at Tilton Park has become a tradition for our Neighborhood. This year's program will be presented on three Tuesday evenings by the Department of Parks and Recreation, 3rd Floor Enterprises, and Read A-loud Delaware. The program begins at 6:00 pm with box lunches for kids, a book giveaway at 6:30 pm, and movie at 8:00 pm. Here's this year's movie line up:

Tuesday, July 10	The Muppets
Tuesday, July 24	Happy Feet Two
Tuesday, August 7	Puss in Boots

Pack a picnic supper, bring your blanket, bring your lawn chair and enjoy the movies.

Farmers' Market at Cool Spring Park

The taste of farm fresh fruits, vegetables, and other items be back to our neighborhood this summer! The Cool Spring Framers' Market will happen on Thursday evenings, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm, beginning on May 30. The Cool Spring Farmers' Market is a collaboration of the Lifelines program and the State of Delaware Department of Agriculture. Lifelines is a program to provide housing and life skills support for young adults who have been in foster care as children and are now making their way in life. Come out to Cool Spring Park along Jackson St. on Thursdays for healthy food and a fun evening at the Park.

A Cycling Stir on N. Van Buren Street

If you thought that all the Wilmington Grand Prix bike race activity was limited to downtown last month, then I suspect you didn't come by the 800 block of N. Van Buren Street. For the second year, I opened my house to bike race competitors and this year, they really made themselves at home.

Three competitors who ride for the Astellas team arrived at 2am on Friday morning. My immediate next door neighbor woke up, heard my voice at that hour, and said he thought "what universe am I in, Ed... at this hour?"

A fourth guy arrived later that morning and for the next two days, my house was swarming with bike racers. They set up shop on my porch and spilled down onto the sidewalk, hooking their bikes to trainers so they could ride in place. So many bike pumps, helmets and shoes were strewn around that I grabbed my own so they wouldn't get mixed up.

I know that bike racing is one of the most physically challenging sports we have. I honestly don't know how these guys do it, riding hundreds of miles a week, up hills, sometimes in the rain... all to very little recognition and even less money.

So I figure to support the sport that I enjoy, and more specifically these guys who are following their dreams, I can open my house and have my routine shaken up for just a few days. Besides, there's nothing quite like living vicariously through young, fit guys on really expensive bikes. ---Ed Weirauch

Nesting Success for the Peregrine Falcons



The resident pair of Peregrine falcons at the Brandywine Building nestbox are the proud parents of four chicks. The chicks were hatched in April and are starting to test their wings. You can see pictures of the falcons and the live webcam at <http://www.wilmfalcons.com/webcam.htm>. The nestbox and conservation of the falcons is sponsored by the Delaware Ornithological Society, DNREC, and DuPont.