## **Northwood Civic Association**

(Could be You!), President Janine Vaillancourt, Treasurer

Kathy Pennington, Vice President Stacy Palmer, Secretary

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## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS

Greetings and best wishes to our friends and neighbors. We hope that this letter finds you and your family enjoying life and living in our great little community of Northwood.

At the Semi-Annual meeting held last May, we announced that we were looking for someone to fill the position of President of our community association. We need your help in filling this position. We have many new families in Northwood and it would be great to have someone willing to devote just a few hours of their time to volunteer in the community where they live. We teach the value of community service to our children and we should lead by example. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would be a good leader for our Civic Association, please contact Stacy Palmer at (302) 650–0497. The Northwood Directory is in the process of being updated, so if you are new to Northwood or if you have a change in phone number or email address, please contact Stacy at the number above, or send an email to <a href="mailto:spalmer@towerhill.org">spalmer@towerhill.org</a>. Also, a great deal of communication is sent via email. If you are not on the distribution list for Northwood, please send an email with your name and address in the subject line and you will be included.

Our new fiscal year began October 1, 2012 and this means it's <u>Dues Are Due</u> time! Last fiscal year, approximately 80% of our residents paid their dues. This fiscal year, we'd like to reach <u>100%!</u> Did you know that the average dues payment in New Castle County is over \$40.00? The NCA Board understands that Marsh Road is plowed by the state and not by our private contractor. This allows us to offer two membership levels:

\$20.00 Full Members – for interior homes on streets in Northwood plowed by our contractor \$12.00 Social Members – for Marsh Road homes plowed by the state

The NCA Board is committed to providing the greatest civic value for every dollar of dues that residents pay each year. The money from dues income pays for snow plowing of our streets, electricity for the street light that illuminates our entrance, advertising for community yard sales, the annual Easter Egg Hunt for our children/grandchildren, as well as other miscellaneous expenses. The money you pay for dues is money well spent. We need 100% participation from all of our residents – Marsh Road and the interior – which will allow us to maintain membership rates that are well below average. Please help us reach 100% participation so we can focus on bringing our neighborhood together with social events, bi-annual meetings and the friendly 'Hello!' that only costs one smile ©

Our first civic association meeting for the new fiscal year is Monday, October 22, at 7:00 pm at Carrcroft Elementary School. Refreshments will be available and you can pay your dues at the meeting. You may also send your dues to our Treasurer, Janine Vaillancourt at 1906 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810. Make checks payable to Northwood Civic Association.

Invited to speak at our meeting will be representatives from New Castle County and Malcolm Pirnie who has been retained by New Castle County to engineer the testing and repair plans for the sewer line repair project. They will be addressing:

- · The scope of the project street by street
- Testing and types of repair work (grout/liner/replacement of damaged lines)
- · Homeowner notification process prior to start of repair work

Please mark \land your calendars for the following events:

Northwood Community Yard Sale - Saturday, Oct. 13 (rain T Sat., Oct. 20) 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Northwood Civic Association Semi-Annual Meeting - Monday, October 22 - 7 pm

Carrcroft Elementary School - 503 Crest Road - Wilm., DE 19803

Wishing you all the best on behalf of the Northwood Civic Association

Kathy Pennington, Vice President

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