

THE ASHBOURNE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



October 15	Claymont Coalition meeting	Claymont Community center	
		Old Library location	7pm
October 25	Halloween Parade	Start Ruby and West Shelley	10am
		ends at water tower	
October 31	Pancake Breakfast	Claymont Fire Station	7a-12p
November 5	AHCA Town Meeting	Claymont Library	630pm
December 5	Christmas Party	Darley House	1p-4p

Current Officers

Robert Cameron: President

Stephanie Stephens: Vice President

Adreane Owens: Secretary

Nancy Ravert Ward: Treasurer

Government Representatives

Representative, Dist 7: Bryon Short 302-744-4297

State Senator, Dist 1: Harris McDowell 302-744-4147

Councilman, Dist 8: John Cartier 302-395-8385

Welcome

We are pleased to bring you the Fall 2015 AHCA Newsletter. Whether you are a long time or recent resident we hope you will find this traditional newsletter from the AHCA informative. Thank you for allowing us to serve the community and please do not hesitate to ask questions or express your concerns.

FACEBOOK

We now have a Facebook page. Use the search feature and type in Ashbourne Hills Civic Association. The link directly to the page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/243295279200153/>

Snow Plowing

We are remaining with our current contractor. If anyone has any complaints over the season please forward concerns to Ashbournehills@gmail.com.

Dues

The 2016 dues season is upon us and will run October 2015 through September 2016. Enclosed is the current invoice. We collected 48% annual dues for 2015. As always, thanks to all the residents who continue to participate. There are two options to pay your dues, on the Ashbourne Hills website under the Our Info tab through PayPal, or by sending a check to the AHCA PO BOX (listed on lower back of this page).

Ashbourne Hills Signs

Neighborhood signs have been constructed and installed. We have heard many positive remarks about their appearance. The sign for the lower section of Ashbourne Hills was installed early October. ALL signs look amazing!

Email Distribution

Periodically, we email important information and are asking that you update us with your current email address. Remember our volunteers manage contacts for over 600 households, sometimes with multiple email addresses, so at times we have stale contacts. However, we still feel an email distribution group is the most cost effective and "green" way to properly communicate. Please ensure your email is current by sending us a note at ashbournehills@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

The AHCA functions 100% off of volunteers. We encourage you to get involved. We are currently asking for volunteers to be Block Captains to help with community involvement and communication, as well as, a wide range of activities. If you are interested please contact a board member to get involved.

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Stockings for Soldiers

The official kick-off date for dropping off donations for this very important cause will be October 12th through November 25th, 2015. AHCA will be having a donation drive to support this important cause and we ask that you drop off your donation at the November 5th meeting. Please visit the website for a complete list of items needed to stuff the stockings for soldiers. www.stockingsforsoldiers.org

In addition, Stockings for Soldiers will have volunteer opportunities starting the week on Oct. 19th and will continue until Dec. 4th. Doors open from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Monday through Thursday evenings only. You will be volunteering to do some of the following: personalize stocking with the recipient's name, collect needed goodies, sort donations, stuff stockings with goodies, box stockings for shipping to the troops in regions of Afghanistan and other parts of the World. Your participation is greatly appreciated by everybody involved with this very important project and we thank you.

AHCA Town Meeting

The meeting will be November 5 at 6:30 pm, Claymont Library. For anyone who hasn't attended a town meeting we encourage you to attend. Our local representatives attend to give reports on changes occurring in the community from crime to commercial real estate updates. Residents are able to address any concerns they have and plans are put into motion for the future. If you do not attend we are not aware of concerns within the community or get opinions on the direction of the neighborhoods future.

Holiday party

Calling all residents. The AHCA holiday party will start immediately following the parade on Dec 5 (1:00 pm). We welcome all residents to come meet with neighbors and the board.

Board Update

Adreane will resign from her post as secretary. We thank her for all she has done and she will continue to volunteer on an as needed basis. Anyone interested in joining the board please contact us.

Switch to Gas

Currently, only twenty-six applications for gas have been confirmed through Delmarva. If there is anyone still interested please send in your application. We received a large interest but not everyone is following through with the process. Questions can be answered at myswitchtogas@delmarva.com.