

RADNOR GREEN NEWSLETTER

RGCA Elections

The civic association held the annual elections at the June meeting. The executive officers are all returning for another term. The majority of the board remains the same as well. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members: Sam Stein, Charles Pickens, and Mary Modesti.

The board and officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

President	Carol Forsythe	(302) 798-9765
Vice President/newsletter	Bob Gamble	(302) 792-8004
Treasurer	Mario Fornoff	(302) 792-1140
Secretary	Michelle Canning	(302) 792-1843
Board Member	Lois Jones	
Board Member	Joe Jones	
Board Member	Bill Cole	
Board Member	Mary Modesti	
Board Member	Sam Stein	
Board Member	Charles Pickens	

2008/2009 Dues

One of the most difficult tasks the RGCA faces every year is calculating the amount of dues we should request. On last year's invoices we asked for resident feedback and comments. One of the most common comments we heard was that it wasn't fair for those who always pay to have to pay "extra" to compensate for those who don't support the civic association. We took those comments to heart and with some luck due to a mild winter last year we feel we are in a position to do something that is almost unheard today and lower the dues for the upcoming fiscal year to \$25 (last year was \$50).

We hope everyone understands that by decreasing the dues by 50% from last year's amount we are counting on greater participation. As everyone who lives in Delaware knows it is highly unlikely to have two consecutive winters with almost no measurable snow fall. Every time the snow

plows are required to clear and sand our streets it costs the association approximately \$2,800. As you can imagine the RGCA snow removal budget can be decimated quickly by a few large snow storms. If the lower dues we are requesting do not produce the greater participation we are anticipating it is entirely possible that we will have to make some difficult decisions if the money runs out. One option will be to make an emergency dues request, the other option will be to not plow the streets for the remainder of the season.

We hope everyone can see that we have requested an amount that is fair to all residents. It would be difficult to find someone to shovel your own sidewalk and driveway for \$25 1X. We are hoping we can clear the streets in the community for \$25 for the ENTIRE season but it is going to require the participation of EVERYONE in our neighborhood. Please show your support for YOUR community by sending in your dues payment as soon as possible.

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/webdynamic/fileuploads/images/Top%20Ten%20Violations.pdf>

Friends of Claymont Library

The Friends of the Claymont library are in the process of trying to make the dream of a larger library for the residents of Claymont a reality. Your support is needed in helping this worthwhile organization.

Information regarding joining this organization can be found at:

<http://www.nccde.org/claymont/home/webpage5.asp>

Or you can call the library at: (302) 798-4164 for more information.

Claymont Christmas Parade

Mark your calendars now for the annual Claymont Christmas parade. The parade will be held on Saturday December 6th along Philadelphia Pike. Come out and support the community.

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

Safety Recommendations

There are several simple things that we can all do to make our homes and our community safer for everyone.

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 an outside light on or install motion lights that activate whenever there is movement.
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 when needed.
6. Slow down in the neighborhood. Another no-brainer. The Police have been actively monitoring the speed in our community and issuing citations for violations.
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.
11. Shred personal documents before discarding them in the trash. Identity theft is a growing problem and a lot of personal information can be obtained by going through the trash people place on the curb.
12. Secure your wireless Internet connection. More and more people are installing WiFi networks so they can take advantage of their broadband service from anyone in their home. Unfortunately most people don't take the necessary precautions to ensure their private networks can't be accessed by people outside their homes.

Thank You

Thank You to the following residents for supporting the civic association last year. We appreciate your contribution and look forward to working with you this year.

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