

Briargate Gazette: News You Can Use

December 2008



Briargate – Verizon Block Party 2008

Cold Weather is here... Say Goodbye 2008.....

Hello Everyone. Winter's cold air has arrived and the holiday season right along with it! Much has happened in the last year and now is a time of reflection for many.

This year was exciting. We had one of the most incredible things happen to our neighborhood. Verizon Fios Reps came in and did a wonderful makeover for one of our families. They invited the entire neighborhood to a party while filming their reality TV Show! We had a historical election year! For the first time, we had a woman running for Vice President and we now have our first African-American president dedicated to change in this country!

We've also had many challenges. Some neighbors have moved, some lost loved ones, many jobs are lost and several homes too throughout the country. If you are reading this, we hope it is in the comfort of your warm home which we should all be thankful for. We wish you many joys in spite of sorrow and many hopes for a better tomorrow.

Enjoy your Holiday Season and have a safe 2009!

Sincerely, Your Briargate Maintenance Corp. Team

Tips for the Month.....

- Don't you hate opening the roll of aluminum foil or plastic wrap for the first time? It usually comes out of the box etc. Well try poking the tabs in on the sides of the box to lock the roll in place.
- If you haven't already, please change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Stock up now on batteries and flashlights in case of power outages.

A funny for you.....

Teacher: Did you father help you with your homework?

Student: No, he did it all by himself.

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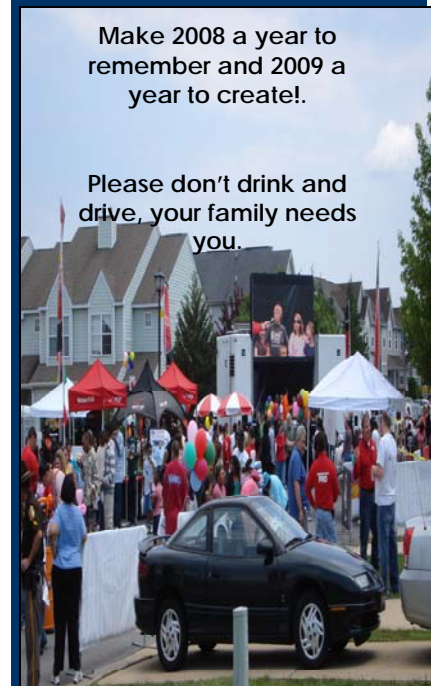
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Make 2008 a year to remember and 2009 a year to create!

Please don't drink and drive, your family needs you.



Let's take control of where we live!

Don't let anyone make you feel uncomfortable.



- County ordinances regarding property upkeep are still in effect. If you need a pamphlet please contact an association member BEFORE you are fined.
- Basketball nets on the street will be reported and removed by the county.
- LOITERING on or near utility boxes is strictly prohibited. Please make your children aware. Many neighbors will call the police before even speaking to them to avoid confrontation.

Tips on making sure we have a great neighborhood:

- Call the police at the first sign of trouble - 911 if there is immediate danger or call 573-2800 for non-emergency issues
- Contact our councilman Bill Powers (this is his job!) office: 395-8346, fax: 395-8385, email: mailto:wepowersjr@nccde.org
Contact our State Representative Melanie Marshall (she will call you back) office: 577-8474 or 744-4126, email: melanie.marshall@state.de.us
- For problem properties, let us know and we'll contact them.
- For problems with particular families or children, if you know the address let us know and we'll try to help you solve it before the police are involved.

- County information to know:

Code Enforcement	395-5555
Land Use	395-5400
Street light outages	454-0300
Basketball Nets in Street	326-4679
Dead Animals in Road	323-4477
Animal Control	888-352-7722
Gas Leak Conectiv	454-0300
Mosquito Control	836-2555
Public Safety	395-8171

New castle county website
www.nccde.org



****ALERT**** Maintenance association dues for 2009 are increasing to \$80 per home per year!

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY

- Maintenance association dues will increase to \$80.00 per home for 2009. Please note legal action can be taken for any delinquent accounts.
- New Castle County's nuisance home ordinance is now in place. We are VERY aware of problem properties and have been successful thus far resolving issues.
- SNOW REMOVAL ALERT!!! – During times of snow, please try to keep cars out of the roadway so the snow plows can get through. If your car is plowed in it is your responsibility to dig it out.
- All drug or illegal activity will be reported to the authorities.
- New Years Eve – Please remember fireworks are illegal in Delaware unless used by a licensed technician at a licensed event. The police will be called!!!!
- Blocking driveways may cause your vehicle to be towed at **YOUR EXPENSE**.
- Keep music/noise to a minimum *(even in the daytime the police can be called)*. Sound travels in adjoining homes.
- Each lawn is private property. Homeowners have the right to post no-trespassing signs and expect them to be adhered to.
- Speed limits in residential areas are 25 mph – watch your speed!
- Vehicles should be at least 15 ft. from the corners to allow motorists clear visibility when approaching a stop sign at a connecting thruway.

