

Stockdale Community News

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President - Matt Sargent
Treasurer - Kathy Deemer

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Secretary - Vacant

Look Out for Each Other

A continued neighborhood vigilance is our best protection. Although an organized Town Watch-type of group has not been forthcoming, we need to continue to look out for each other, especially after the past car and home break-ins. Fortunately, the robber who forced his way into the home of one of our members was caught. This does not mean that we should let down our guard. Please be mindful of your surroundings and do not hesitate to call 911 if you see or suspect any criminal activity.

Discount Trash Removal Service

The quarterly rate is \$52.50 (\$17.50/month). We are trying to get everyone on the same payment schedule (quarterly), so a partial payment may be requested of you to even out the time. Response has been favorable member-wide. Checks are made payable to Stockdale Civic Association and sent to Kathy Deemer (phone 792-2476) @ 23 Manor Avenue.

For those 60 years of age or older, a separate home trash service is available for \$16/month. You don't need to take your waste bin to the curb, Home Service will get your bin for you. However, you will have to work through Home Service directly; we do not handle this as an account. For more information contact 478-6401.

Upcoming Events

- *Gardening Fundraiser* - Wednesday, April 29 at "Old Country Garden" (Foulk and Wilson Rds), receive 20% off everything between noon-6pm and 10% of the proceeds go back to our Civic Association.
 - *Spring Planting Day* - Saturday, May 2 - Plant flowers and beautify our community
 - *Spring Clean-Up Day* - after July 1, tbd - We will have a dumpster and a roving trash truck available to have any items, especially larger items except air conditioners and refrigerators, removed.
 - *Stash the Trash Days* - Every 3rd Saturday at 10am and starting at Dunkin' Donuts, join your neighbors by helping to pick up trash around the neighborhood. Together we can ensure a clean neighborhood.
 - *Community Meeting* - Our next meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2009 @ 7pm in the Naamans Room, 2nd Floor at the Claymont Community Center.
Schedule of future Meetings: May 7, June 18
 - *Community Barbeque* - Saturday, June 27, 4pm at Holy Rosary School Parking Lot - more to follow
 - *2nd Annual Block Party* - TBD; need to discuss with members
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Items from Last Meeting on 3/12

- Snow Removal, et. al.: We consider our first year at managing our Winter street safety a success. With the two major incidents, salting only was done for one and plowing and salting for the other. Yes, we made it with our membership fees collected, but thankfully, we weren't tested after that. Please stress pleasantly to your non-member neighbors that they are needed to continue this successful venture.
 - Community Yard Sale: We could not coincide our date with Archmere's Yard Sale. More to come on our own soon.
 - Trash Dumpster Day: This would be a "go" for Summer. Actual date to be determined.
 - There was a question from Matt if the members would be interested in a presentation by John Cartier on a DVD about the history of Phila. Pike. The consensus remained affirmative.
 - Trash removal was referred to Kathy. She wanted it made clear in the newsletter that our Civic Association is only dealing with Waste Management for the members. Any other programs, including the special rate for seniors from, Home Service, must be handled by the individual household.
 - Our membership topped at 83 households. We have had no new growth as of the March meeting. The membership dues were almost tapped out with the two snowfalls we had to deal with. Please remind your non-member neighbors that they are needed for their help and their voice in community issues.
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- Matt wanted a discussion started on Senior/Adult activities for community and association involvement. Some suggestions were forthcoming: from dancing and exercise to Wii game nights. A request from Matt about a point person/persons for checking on Seniors in the community was put on the table. More to come.
- Matt repeated alerting us on a published Air Quality study done in our community. There are meetings scheduled, and the State Government has become involved.
- The Renaissance Village update was that sewers are put in and some building is done. We have been informed that a Food Lion is going in the old Super Fresh store! Building activities around the shopping center have already begun.
- Matt wanted this to be the last newsletter distributed to non-members. Harry suggested a separate newsletter made up for non-member households/businesses to be distributed much less frequently. Discussions were also brought up about an email-only newsletter, but some members are not computer-friendly. More to come.
- Membership cards may be coming in the near future. A canvass of area businesses for a discount to members will be completed first. More to come.
- Matt repeated the need for an organized Town Watch in our community. Ongoing discussions in the future.
- John Cartier attended meeting with some good insight. He reported on a crime-mapping program at www.nccde.org. He also voiced his support and attendance for our Fall Block Party.

Follow up since the meeting

- The excess clothing outside the clothing collection box has been cleaned up and a complaint to the county has been made.
- Barrels of Salt that had been distributed in the community (Cathedral & Forrest, Cathedral & Stockdale, Palace & Wiltshire, Manor & Casey) were collected and removed.
- Construction of Renaissance Village has begun. Completion of the framing of first phase housing can be seen.
- Working to get volunteers to check on Seniors
- Contacted Archmere about having students volunteer for our Stash the Trash Days. Some students may be available to help but not guaranteed. Most students are not from the area and Saturdays would be difficult.
- We have some upcoming events with the use of Petra City. Please send any ideas to our group email, stockdale@googlegroups.com.
- There has been a light installed at the old Exxon station at Myrtle and Philly Pke.
- There has been a light installed on Governor Printz between Stockdale and Cathedral Aves without cost to Stockdale community.
- 4 of our members along with Brett Sadler trimmed the bushes and mulched around the "Welcome to Claymont" sign at Philly Pike & 495 on April 18.

Ongoing Issues

The speeding around Stockdale Curve is an ongoing issue that law enforcement is aware.

The Gulf Station clean-up issue was partially completed.

Harbor House tenants causing damage - Complaint has been filed with the County to have a gate installed at the end of Palace Ave.

Graffiti Paint - DELDot said that only public areas can have paint donated; violated owners are responsible for the clean up. Milan Motel was hit a few times; the owner painted over each time. The culprit was caught on tape and was posted in the newspaper. No updates at this time

Did you miss these events?

The Wine Tasting on March 22 was a pleasant get-together. Wine, snacks and ideas were shared, along with some good, old-fashioned friendships developed. Part of being a community is getting to know your neighbors. Hope to see you next time.

The Pot Luck get-together on April 18 had a bit better turnout. Good food, good talks, and a good time prevailed. Again, keep tuned in for our next event.

New to the Neighborhood.

We would like to welcome Claymont Produce to the area. Yes, the store is outside of Stockdale, but not so far as to not be worthwhile to try. People have reported a fine selection and courteous service.

Do you know of a new neighbor? Whether a business or a family, let us know for a Stockdale welcome.

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