

Stockdale Community News

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President - Matt Sargent
Treasurer - Kathy Deemer

Vice President - Harry Deemer
Secretary - Vacant

Discount Trash Removal Service Available

We still need more members to start Waste Management's service. We are so very close to satisfying the minimum needed. Please contact us as soon as you can if interested. The cost of membership and the monthly cost for waste service is still one heck of a bargain. \$17.50 per month is hard to beat. For those 60 years of age or older, 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. For more information contact 475-6401.

Yearly Dues

Yearly membership Dues are past due as of September 1. The dues are \$25 per year and will cover snow plowing, community events, news and much more. Members will also receive a community directory with address and phone # information of residents within the Stockdale Community. Send a check to Kathy Deemer, 23 Manor Avenue and make the check payable to Stockdale Civic Association.

Upcoming Events

- **Clean Out Your Attic Day** - Oct 31 & Nov 1 there will be a large dumpster available to clean out any size items in your home. There will also be a roving trash truck for smaller items. This is free and is open to Community members only. To become a member contact Kathy Deemer 792-2476 or kait0119@aol.com and pay the yearly \$25 dues. For more info about this contact Matt Sargent @ 610-505-8344.
 - **Stash the Trash Days** - Every 3rd Saturday at 10am, join your neighbors by helping to pick up trash around your street. Together we can ensure a clean neighborhood
Scheduled Stash the Trash Days for 2008: October 18, November 15, December 20
 - **Community Meeting** - our next meeting is Wednesday, November 13@ 7pm in the History Room, 2nd Floor at the Claymont Community Center.
Schedule of future Meetings: November 13, January 22 '09
 - **Christmas Parade** - the annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 6. We plan to represent in the parade. We need volunteers to help out. Please contact Matt Sargent @ 610-505-8344 or stockdale@googlegroups.com
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Clean Out Your Attic Day

Friday, October 31 until the morning of Saturday, November 1 there will be a large dumpster for those members who wish to get rid of large household items (furniture, appliances, etc.). There will also be a roving trash truck going around the community to pick up smaller items. This service is **FREE to COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY**. Contact Kathy Deemer @ 792-2476 to pay your dues.

Eagle One Credit Union

Eagle One Federal Credit Union is a full-service credit union serving the community of Claymont since 2004. Established in 1935, Eagle One offers great savings & certificate (CD) rates, as well as, low loan rates to our membership. Stop in to the Branch located at 3512 Philadelphia Pike and ask about Eagle One's savings clubs, certificate (CD) specials or IRA's. Branch Manager Terri Kelly and staff are always ready to answer your questions. Eagle One is an active supporter of the Claymont Community and proud to play a small role in the growth of Claymont. Our Claymont branch office is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on how to join Eagle One Credit Union visit the Philadelphia Pike Branch or go online to www.eagleonecu.com.

Items from Last Meeting on 9/4

- Matt started the meeting by thanking all those that attending the Block Party on Aug 30 at Ritas. It was big success. Matt found out that the county offers grants to Civic Associations for community festivities. Next year's party will be bigger and better.
- Matt suggested everyone consider also joining the Claymont Coalition. This is a part of our community, also.
- A question was raised about people not paying and benefitting from snow removal. Matt pointed out that in most cases that could not be avoided, but the cost was being kept low to keep this unfairness from happening. There is no extra money for snow removal; it is part of the dues.
- Trash removal can begin as soon as a minimum number is met. We are very close to having enough to start.
- Matt asked the members on hand for ideas as to how to utilize the dues. Other ideas were brought up: ie. Halloween party, Santa visits, Community Picnic, etc. All will be considered in future discussions and more suggestions welcomed.
- Matt pointed out a graffiti issue in our neighborhood. He suggested a working task force to aid businesses; they supply the paint, and we supply the painters! More discussions coming.
- Both George Cooper and Jean Bishop expressed their concern about the speeding vehicles on Governor Printz around the curve at the bottom of the hill where Durkee Automotive resides. Matt Sargent talked with the State Police. An ongoing and increasing watchfulness at the Curve will be coming.
- Matt Sargent proposed having a neighborhood Trade Directory where local "Mr/Mrs Fix-It" can post their services in a directory (ie. Plumbing, electrical, carpentry, etc.). This way business can be made for the one providing the service and the person who needs the service will have someone quick and economical. All members on hand agreed with this proposal.
- Matt Sargent reiterated the need for a neighborhood watch. We don't necessarily need to patrol the neighborhood but merely be alert and look out for each other and DO NOT BE AFRAID to call the police. Although, not written, if someone were to call the police to report an incident and explained that they were part of the Stockdale Neighborhood Watch Community, chances are their call will be expedited. Matt asked that there be a "Point Person" on each block. More discussions needed.
- Harbor House issues were discussed. People coming through an opened gate have done mischief in the area. Matt is seeking to have the gate eliminated.
- A Stockdale sign is being explored. This is a more decorative sign than the Caesar Rodney signs currently up.

Follow up since the meeting

- Community Yard Sale had 19 homes participate and was mildly successful
- Additional quote for snow plowing has been obtained. Approx \$550 for 4" and \$100 for each additional inch. \$225 for salting the hills.
- Regarding the poor conditions of the sidewalks along Gov. Printz - County is responsible for the sidewalks but does not have funds allocated for repair.
- Debris and overgrown vegetation behind Gulf Plus gas station - Gulf Station was cited by County inspectors and has since partially cleaned up the area.
- Power lines in the alleyways of Wiltshire Rd need to be evaluated for possible sagging - It was determined that the sagging lines belong to Comcast and Verizon. All lines have been tightened.
- Street sign at Wiltshire Road and Palace Avenue was knocked down - Sign has been repaired
- Sign at Cathedral Ave/Gov Printz was taken down - Sign has been repaired
- Harbor House tenants causing damage - Matt will try and work with Harbor House to get a gate installed at the end of Palace Ave.
- Kids riding small motorcycles around neighborhood - County police explained that kids are not allowed to ride the small motorcycles in streets especially in high traffic areas. The county non-emergency # (573-2800) should be used if any kids are spotted riding around the neighborhood. If necessary, 911 can be used to get immediate action.
- Welcome Packet for new residents - Welcome committee has been setup. We hope to have a packet setup in the near future.

Be A Part, not Apart.

Exciting ideas are being shared and acted upon by your Civic Association. We urge you to join us and become a member, partner, good neighbor and friend. We promise to act for your good and the good of our community. Our meetings are friendly and spirited, and never dull. Find yourself with an evening well spent. Join us November 13 at the Claymont Community Center's History Room. We're looking forward to hearing from you.