



Stockdale Community News

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President - Matt Sargent
Treasurer - Kathy Deemer

Vice President - Harry Deemer
Secretary - Vacant

Yearly Dues

Yearly membership Dues are past due as of September 1. The dues are \$25 and will cover snow plowing, community events and news. Members will also receive a community directory of residents within the Stockdale Community.

Discount Trash Removal Service Available

Discounted Trash Service has begun. The quarterly rate is \$52.50 (\$17.50/month). Checks are to be 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, 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 478-6401.

Upcoming Events

- *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, January 22, 2009 @ 7pm in the History Room, 2nd Floor at the Claymont Community Center.
Schedule of future Meetings: January 22, March 19, May 14

Items from Last Meeting on 11/13

- Matt began the meeting with the Community Yard Sale from October 11. There were 19 homes that participated.
- There were very few that took advantage of the dumpster and roving trash truck on November 1 for the "Clean Out Your Attic Day." Matt found out that we should be able to have another clean up day in the Spring.
- Matt continued with the Welcome Basket created by Stacy Suhr. Stacy displayed the basket with a few handy items for new residents in our community. Matt and Stacy will speak with local businesses to obtain promotional items to include in the basket. Welcome committee was created consisting of Stacy Suhr, Denise Howser and Jessie Pannell.
- Matt moved onto the ongoing issues. See below.
- Matt met with our councilman, John Cartier, a few weeks ago and walked around the neighborhood with him to point out our issues and clarify the boundaries of our community. Matt told the members on-hand that John Cartier has developed a dvd that explains the history of Philadelphia Pike from Claymont to Wilmington. John is more than willing to attend our next meeting and present the dvd and answer any questions. There was no response from members. Matt will send out an email asking members if they would like to have John Cartier attend our next meeting to watch the dvd.
- Matt happily announced that the trash removal service has begun. We now have the minimum 20 residents signed up. Kathy Deemer has asked that beginning next year, payments to be made quarterly (\$52.50 every 3 months).
- As of the start of the meeting there were 58 paid members.
- Matt announced that we have joined the Claymont Community Coalition. Matt explained that the Coalition is made up of a number of civic associations representing Claymont. The Coalition tackles larger issues like the dust study of Claymont Steel and the ongoing issues with the building of Renaissance Village.
- Matt pointed a few items from the previous Coalition meeting. First, the fire chief revealed that the siren will no longer be used. (Some Stockdale members applauded.) The only time the siren will be used is in the event of a catastrophic disaster. He explained that based on a study that there is no added benefit to using the siren. With current technology, fellow firefighters can be better reached using pagers. Second, the air quality study was ongoing and a meeting on Nov. 15 was scheduled to announce the latest results.
- Matt said that a flyer will be sent out regarding the upcoming winter and the need for snow plowing.

- Matt advertised the upcoming Christmas Parade. The Parade is slated for Saturday, December 6, 10-12. Matt encouraged the community's participation in the parade. Matt asked for some volunteers to help with setup in the parade. We can dress up a car and pass out candy to spectators. No volunteers came forward at the meeting.
- Matt inquired with members on-hand about having a Santa Claus stop at homes and pass out gifts to children. Harry Deemer has agreed to play the part of Santa Claus. Notification will be sent out to determine if there is interest. George Cooper thought that maybe we could have a mail box made for kids to put letters to Santa.
- Matt introduced everyone to Ron Clark, community member, who is looking to open an upscale deli on Philly Pike. Ron explained his background and the type of establishment that he intends to operate.
- Brett Sadler was present and spoke about a number of topics including Renaissance Village.
- The hold up at Renaissance Village is DelDot. The developer, Commonwealth Group, is working with DelDOT but DelDOT is extremely slow with approving the building plans.
- A couple of members asked about the abandoned house on Grubbs Landing road behind B&D Automotive. No one in the room knew anything about the property including Brett Sadler. Matt will send an email to Councilman John Cartier.
- George Cooper inquired about having a community yard waste day.
- Matt stated that Stockdale could receive a \$250 beautification grant from the county for clean up and planting flowers. Brett said that DNREC offers grants as well. Matt will inquire with DNREC.
- Jean Bishop interjected and said that Old Community Garden located on Wilson and Foulk Rds, offers 15% discount for members of Civic Associations.
- Matt brought up the creation of a gateway sign for Stockdale community. Matt explained that George Losse recommended going before the DRAC committee for approval. Brett said that there is a large proposal for signage of Renaissance Village and the Stockdale sign could possibly be part that proposal. Matt will discuss with Brett about this matter.

Follow up since the meeting

- A recent flyer ("Winter is Coming") has been distributed asking community members to pay their dues to help with the cost of snow plowing.
- We hope to have another yard sale in the spring to coincide with the Archmere yard sale.
- No Community Yard Waste Day is allowed. Only waste going to the landfill (non-yard waste) is permitted to be subsidized by the county.
- Additional quote for snow plowing has been obtained. Approx \$800 for 4" and \$100 for each additional inch. \$225 for salting the hills.
- Email to John Cartier regarding the abandoned property at 4 Grubbs Landing Rd was sent. A case was opened with the County on 10/15/07. The owner has been cited and fined numerous times for abandonment, graffiti, and overgrown shrubbery.

Ongoing Issues

- Regarding the poor conditions of the sidewalks along Gov. Printz - County is responsible for the sidewalks but has limited funds to repair. The sidewalk will get repaired but no ETA at this time
- 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.
- Alley way on Wiltshire needs to be patched - Road surface has been patched.
- 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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday!!!