

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18 @ 7pm at Petra City next to Rita's

Stockdale Community News

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President - Matt Sargent
Treasurer - Kathy Deemer

Vice President - Harry Deemer
Secretary - Vacant

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We have officially made it through our first year. Although we had some challenges we've accomplished a great deal. We will continue to work for the safety and beauty of our community. We need to come together to realize our potential. Without member participation we are nothing. You are the backbone of our organization.

2009-2010 Membership Dues are Due

Our yearly membership dues are due September 1st and will remain at \$25 in hopes that we gain additional membership and we have an uneventful winter season. We nearly broke the bank this past winter season with one snow plow and one salting. Your membership is critical to the success of our organization. Remember, usage of Waste Management discounts for trash requires membership in good standing. Please send payment to Kathy Deemer at 23 Manor Avenue. Checks are to be addressed to Stockdale Civic Association..

Upcoming Events

- **National Night Out** - Tuesday, August 4, 5-8 @ Woods Haven Kruse Park on Darley Rd. Free food and activities for all ages and lots of giveaways.
 - **Clean Out Your Attic Day** - Saturday, August 8; Dumpster and Roving Trash Truck will be available for all items except refrigerators, air conditioners and yard waste
 - **Community Meeting** - Tuesday, August 18, 7pm at Petra City next to Rita's - we need to change venue as Community Center has begun to charge for use of their rooms
 - **Cycling Race** - Sunday, August 30, 8am -3pm: Jason Gundel Claymont Classic Bike Race
***Note: This race will be at Claymont Steak Shop and loop down Governor Printz to Governor Printz Ext, up Manor Avenue and back to Philly Pike continuously for 7+ hours. Please be aware of the traffic impact when exiting and coming into the neighborhood.
 - **2nd Annual Block Party** - Saturday, September 19: 12-5 @ Archmere Academy, area above football field
 - **Community Yard Sale** - Saturday, October 17
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Discount Trash Removal Service

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, 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. For more information contact 475-6401.

Items from Last Meeting on 6/24

- **2nd Annual Block Party** set for Sat. Sept. 19 Archmere Academy 12 - 5pm. We have sponsorship funding this year from local businesses and our Councilman, John Cartier. This year we plan to make the Party a huge occasion. There will be free food and events for both Adults and Children
- **Clean Out Attic Day**: Sat, August 8 we will have a dumpster and roving trash truck available to get rid of everything but refrigerators, air conditioners and yard waste. Dumpster will be located next to Durkee Auto along the grassy area in the train station overflow parking lot.
- **Holy Rosary School Parking Lot used as a short-cut** - we are working with Holy Rosary to provide a solution to eliminating thru-traffic from Philly Pike and Cathedral Avenue. There have been a few close calls where cars have come through and almost hit a number of neighborhood children. DelDot was contacted but they cannot do anything because it is private property.
- **Stop Sign on Forrest Avenue**: a few members on Forrest Avenue have requested a stop sign at the intersection of Forrest Avenue and Temple Rd. DelDot was contacted and their traffic division determined that this intersection does not warrant a multi-way stop sign at this time. We are pursuing speed bumps in lieu of signage.
- **CPAW and Block Captains** : Matt has deputized block captains who will be the point people for their respective blocks. We are working with CPAW (Crime Prevention Area Watch) to try and provide a safe community environment
The captains are:
 - George Cooper - Wiltshire Rd
 - Harry & Kathy Deemer - Manor Ave, Casey Lane & Melvin Dr.
 - Rich Hoey - Melvin Drive
 - Rich & Pat Hassel - Castle Ave
 - Aleta Kraus - Pyramid Avenue
 - Matt Sargent - Cathedral, Stockdale, Palace, Brookview and Chapel Avenues
 - Kelli Lawson - Forrest Avenue
- Matt brought up the issue about an 11 year old that was almost abducted by an 81 year old man. This incident happened on Green St in front of the community center, literally in our backyard. Matt emphasized the need to be

more vigilant and aware of our surroundings. Contact 911 for any suspicious activity. There have been some strange teenage kids walking through and causing trouble with a few of our community members.

- Sidewalk on Governor Printz to be Repaired - There will be more sections of sidewalk repaired sometime in July or August along Governor Printz in front of the Custom Frame Shop.
- Member IDs to be Distributed: Thanks to Rohn and Treiva Dungee we now have a logo and member ids for the next membership year (2009-2010), starting Sept 1, our organization. Matt will laminating and distributing.
- Senior Roll Call: Matt brought up the Senior Roll Call system for our elder community members. Matt has asked that each block captain poll their respective constituents for interest. By joining the program, members will have a phone call made to their home each day and when the person picks up they will hear a tone and they need only hang up. If the phone is not answered than the police will try to make contact. If the police is unable to reach the member then they are dispatched to their home to make sure the person is ok. Block Captains will answer any questions regarding this program.
- Matt talked about our new website www.stockdalecivic.org. We are posting our newsletters, events, discussions and links on the website.
- Jeff Strain from Wiltshire Rd asked about who is responsible for the alleyway on the even numbered side of the street. The pavement is cracked and broken up in certain areas. Matt will find out who is responsible.
- Nils Bishop asked about having a Palace Avenue sign put up at the intersection of Gov. Printz and Palace Ave. Matt will contact DelDot to find out if one can be installed.
- There were a number of complaints about the parking along Manor Avenue during Archmere events. There have been numerous events (ie. Sporting and formal) where Manor Avenue residents have had trouble getting out of their driveways and also trouble turning onto Palace Avenue. Matt will work with Archmere to try and develop a solution.
- A couple of members asked about the status of the Yard Waste Site at Cauffiel Pkwy. George Cooper said that the entrance was blocked by the amount of yard waste dropped off. Matt reiterated from an email that he exchanged with Representative Tom Kovach. There is no definite determination of the future of the site. There are a number of options on the table including privatizing and pay as you go. Matt will follow with Tom Kovach for updated status.
- Another concern was raised about the amount of overgrown debris along the back fence of the even numbered alleyway of Wiltshire Rd. The growth is also seen along the back boundaries of homes along Palace Avenue. The growth is coming from Rivercroft apts. Matt will contact the appropriate people to get this situation resolved.
- We welcomed 3 additional new members to our community: Leon and Robin Drummond from Governor Printz Blvd; Jeff Strain and Connie Mucha from Wiltshire Rd and Rich Hoey from Melvin Drive.
- As of July 1 we have 87 members

Follow up since the meeting

- Palace Avenue sign at Governor Printz will be installed soon.
- Technically each unit owner along Wiltshire is responsible for their piece of the alleyway. However, Matt is working with our State Rep to possibly get the alleyway all or partially repaired.
- Matt, Harry Deemer and Councilman John Cartier recently met with Archmere regarding the parking issue along Manor Avenue. Archmere is researching the amount of onsite parking available and will work to alleviate the parking problems. Archmere has also kindly allowed us to use their grounds for our Annual Block Party.
- Matt has met with Scott Riegel, owner of Rivercroft Apts, regarding the overgrowth issue. Scott is more than willing to work with individual home owners with any complaints. Please contact Scott directly @ 798-3162 or by email scott@eriegel.com
- As per Tom Kovach there are no updates regarding the yard waste site. The site was created as a temporary solution. There are a number of options on the table but nothing has been confirmed.
- Sidewalk along Gov Printz in front of the Frame Shop is being repaired at this time
- Matt has met with our Senator Cathy Cloutier and gave her a grand tour of our community. Cathy has vowed to work on repairing our community streets. Cathy will also help to provide a solution for the speedy traffic issue on Forrest Avenue.
- Matt is meeting with DelDOT this week to evaluate Forrest Avenue for a possible speed bump
- Matt is working with Father John, the new Pastor, at Holy Rosary regarding the thru-way issue at the School parking lot

County Code Enforcement

Based on the County Property Maintenance Code, link listed below, the ten most common violations are:
www2.nccde.org/documents/code/chapter7PropertyMaintenanceCode.pdf

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

We are not condoning reporting a violation for the sake of spite, this list is merely to serve for informational purposes. Working with your neighbor to resolve the matter is recommended. If after reaching out to your neighbor does not work, then notifying our Civic Association Officials (ie. Block Captain and President - Matt Sargent) and/or County Officials may be necessary. 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.