
Stockdale Community News

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MEMBERSHIP AND DISCOUNT TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE

Membership is still just \$25.00. We want to make it clear to all residents and members that all of the added benefits with the Civic Association, such as Snow Plowing, low-cost trash removal and our activities and functions, hinge on your membership being up to date. Your trash pickup, for example, will not continue if your dues are not paid. The quarterly rate for trash pickup is \$52.50 (\$17.50/month). It is currently due. We have everyone on the same payment schedule (quarterly) now. Please remember, trash discounts hinge on your membership being current. That means \$25.00 dues + \$52.50 for trash equaling \$77.50 as of now. 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.

POSTAL COOPERATION

We wish to note to you that the Claymont Postmaster has reminded us that our mailbox outside our door is for USPS service only. A separate box inside the porch door at our residence (23 Manor Ave) will be labeled for Civic Association correspondence not being sent to us via the Post Office. Your mailbox also is an unsuitable distribution point for unmailed items, so the newsletter cannot be left there. We will have to figure another distribution method in the near future. Look for copies in public-accessed areas in our community.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

We want to know what you think of our Civic Association. Please log onto to the following and take a short 6 question survey http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=luOPduh_2f1vedN9A7_2f7cfEQ_3d_3d

Your participation is anonymous and is very important to understanding the needs of the community. What would you like to see in our organization?

For those who do not have computers, contact Matt @ 610-505-8344 and give your input about our organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

- Community Meeting - TBA.
- Santa Claus - Kathy Deemer and Maureen Smith have taken the lead in overseeing Kris Kringle's early visit to Stockdale. The date for his home visits will be December 12. Separate correspondence from them will arrange details. After some discussion, house-to-house visits seem the easier to arrange than a holiday event. In lieu of the Fire Dept. not escorting Santa this year, he might also make a visit one evening around town with us on a truck. More to come.
- Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 5, 10AM; We plan to be part of the vehicle brigade, weather permitting, on Philly Pike. Come out and see us along with Santa and crew.
- Christmas Caroling - Sunday, December 13, 7pm (weather permitting) - Come out and join your fellow neighbors in passing along Christmas cheer in our neighborhood. Contact Matt Sargent @ 610-505-8344 or sargentclan@verizon.net if you wish to participate.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: A MINUTE ON THE MEETING

- We discussed your involvement and meeting your needs as a community. With the Holidays upon us, we realize that a get-together for business will be a hindrance to all. Therefore, our next meeting will be **to-be-determined** in the New Year. Carmen Francheschino has graciously opened the door to Archmere for our meetinghouse, so we will schedule in conjunction with them for next time. Frequency of meetings was discussed, and Matt asked if a survey would be advisable to find out your views on this and other concerns. This seemed a wise path to go, so a survey will be on the way. Please let your voice be heard this way if meetings cannot be attended.
- Captain Melissa Zebley, the new Commander of De. State Police Troop 1, introduced herself at the meeting. She updated us on some ongoing law enforcement issues in our community. These included a series of robberies, both business and residential, that are under investigation. We will detail this in the next issue. She was well received and was very informative. We hope her visits continue.

- A traffic study of Forrest Ave. by DelDot showed that the volume did not warrant speed bump restrictions.
- Matt announced that salt barrels will be dispatched to more locations for winter weather driving help. These locations are the low points of roads heading up to Phila. Pike. Also, we are open for bids from plowing contractors.
- Matt reported that, after a visit to Archmere, Rep. Tom Kovach announced a need for the speed bumps on Manor Ave. to be clearly painted as per DelDot safety requirements. More later.

SPECIAL THANKS TO PETRÁCITY

We want to thank PetráCity who we failed to mention as a contributor for our Block party in the last newsletter, for their huge support to our organization. PetráCity allowed us to use their facility for our meetings, when the Community Center began charging to use their rooms, and our WineTasting and Pot Luck events.

THE STOCKDALE COMMUNITY WEBSITE

We are ON THE WEB! To keep up on all the latest, ask questions, and just be a part of our great community, join us at; www.stockdalecivic.org . New members, please do not forget to send us your email to be on our mailing list. Thanks, and see you around town.

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!!!