

Stockdale Community News

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MEMBERSHIP AND SNOW PLOWING

Our last 2 major snowstorms cost \$3325 & \$2075, respectively. Following the first of 2 storms, there was an outcry for additional membership and funding. Thanks to a number of members who campaigned on behalf of our organization, we have received quite a few new members. Membership ids will be distributed in the next couple weeks for those new members. Furthermore, we wish to thank those who donated additional funds to offset the cost of the snow plowing including Councilman John Cartier and Senator Cathy Cloutier and the following Stockdale Residents.

303 Castle Avenue	5 Melvin Drive	300 Pyramid Avenue
2 Cathedral Avenue	7 Melvin Drive	303 Pyramid Avenue
18 Cathedral Avenue	9 Melvin Drive	3 Stockdale Avenue
2 Forrest Avenue	9 Palace Avenue	124 Wiltshire Road
15 ½ Forrest Avenue	15 Palace Avenue	125 Wiltshire Road
102 Governor Printz	17 Palace Avenue	126 Wiltshire Road
301 Governor Printz	30 Palace Avenue	130 Wiltshire Road
23 Manor Avenue	106 Palace Avenue	149 Wiltshire Road

Current 2009 - 2010 Member Listing is available on our website

Some have questioned DelDOT’s reimbursement policy and how it relates to how much we receive vs how much we pay out for plowing.

Reimbursement calculation: (# of miles x DelDOT Classification as show below) + \$160 Mobilization Fee) * .75
We have 2.71 miles of roadway (previously advertised as 2.82 miles)

DelDOT Classification System

Light: 4 - 7.99”	\$255/per mile
Moderate: 8 - 11.99”	\$330/per mile
Heavy: 12 - 15.99”	\$460/per mile
Severe: 16 - 19.99”	\$630/per mile
Blizzard: 20” & over	\$865/per mile

Date	DelDOT Classification	Reimbursed Amount	Cost to Plow	Difference
12/19/09	Heavy (13.4”)	\$1054	\$2300	-\$1246
2/5/10	Severe (16.1”)	\$1400	\$3325	-\$1925
2/8/10	Heavy (12.2”)	\$1054	\$2075	-\$1021
				\$4192 net cost

We are running low in our coffers and desperately need additional membership to help for future snow storms. We have received numerous compliments about the tremendous job our snow plow person did, so please spread the word! **Prior to 2009** our entire community had never had our streets plowed. The **yearly membership** (September 1 - August 31) of \$25 pays for the snow plowing. Please pitch in and be part of the community. Membership cards are being distributed with this newsletter.

BE CAREFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Recently. there have been a string of robberies in the area including back-to-back hold-ups at the Gulf Express and the Cricket wireless phone outlet. There have been recent break-ins including Darley Green and robberies within close proximity of our community. Please be careful when going out by locking your house and car doors and be aware of your surroundings. DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911 in the event of an emergency. Contact the non-emergency hotline @ 573-2800 for all other matters.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Fundraiser at American Arborist Tree Service** - 5% of proceeds will go back to our Civic Association; contact Todd Whitfield, fellow community member, @ 893-2748. He performs tree trimming, pruning and removal. Offer good until Labor Day.
- **Fundraiser at Durkee Automotive** - 5% of repairs go back to our Civic Association, good ‘til June
- **Fundraiser at Seasons Pizza** - Sunday, March 21, all day, Phila Pike location, please present the attached voucher and invite your friends to the fundraiser.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 27 (Rain Date: Sunday the 28th) @ 10am at the Holy Rosary Convent grounds; contact Maureen Smith 792-0813 if you wish to participate.
- **Community Meeting** - Tuesday, March 30, 7pm @ Archmere - McLaughlin Mullen Building; stop by after dinner for dessert as light refreshments will be served
- **2nd Annual Claymont Classic Bike Race** - Sunday, April 25, 8-3; come out and join the community and watch the excitement
- **Fundraiser at Old Country Garden** - Wednesday, April 28, 11 - 6; receive 10% off anything in the store + 10% of proceeds goes back to our organization + receive a 20% off voucher for the next visit
- **Fundraiser at Always the Garden** - Early May; look for exact date in our next newsletter
- **Community Yard Sale** - tbd

BIDS FOR SNOW PLOWING

We are taking snow plowing bids for next year's winter season via contract only. We absolutely need bids in writing. We will make our decision by mid-summer. Please submit bids to Matt Sargent @ 18 Cathedral Avenue or email sargentclan@verizon.net. If you have any questions feel free to contact Matt @ 610-505-8344.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- Based on our road repair priority, as determined by a committee of community members, Manor Avenue will be repaved this year. No eta at this time.
- A new school will be coming into Holy Rosary. Reach Academy for Girls will begin their academic year fall of '11 for grades K-4, then going to K-8 for Fall of '11
- Archmere's visitor parking issues continue, although some improvement has come about. We will continue to ask members on the affected street to let us know of issues that we can forward to Archmere.
- Reminder to those who are adjacent to Rivercroft Apts and are dealing with the overgrowth along their boundary. Feel free to contact Scott Riegel @ 798-3162 or by email scott@eriegel.com. Scott will be more than willing to work with individual home owners with any complaints.
- 2010 Census is here and should be arriving in your mailbox sometime mid-March. The census form consists of only 10 questions. The Census Department asks that you return the form by April 1. The Census Department has temporary jobs available. Contact the department at 781-3100 for more details.
- Matt attended the last Claymont Business Owners Association (CBOA) meeting and asked about receiving discounts for Stockdale Civic Association Members. Dave Bart, President of the CBOA, has asked the CBOA members for feedback. We are waiting for a response.

2ND ANNUAL CLAYMONT CLASSIC BIKE RACE

This year's bike race will be taking place on Sunday, April 25, 8-3, same course as last year. We met with the Event Organizer and Archmere to work out some of the issues that occurred during last year's race including keeping spectators out of the car lane and widening the car lane on Manor Avenue. The Event Organizer, Jay Gundel, will be attending our next meeting to address any concerns from the community. If you have any issues, comments or concerns for this year's race, either send an email to Matt (sargentclan@verizon.net) or call 610-505-8344.

This years' bike race will include a *kids race* for ages 3 - 10 @ 1pm. The course has not been determined but they will need volunteers to help out with the kids race portion. Any volunteers please send notification to Matt at the number and email address listed in the previous paragraph.

ONLINE SURVEY

From the last newsletter, we ask that you take an online survey and tell us what you think of the civic association. The survey can be accessed via our website, click on "more" under External Links and find the "*STOCKDALE CIVIC SURVEY*" link. The link can also be entered into your webbrowser http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IuOPduh_2f1vedN9A7_2f7cfEQ_3d_3d

CLASSIFIED DIRECTORY

We have a posted a classified directory of handy people in our community. This list is small now but will continue to grow. Let us know if you wish to be listed in the directory. With the current economic state any business will help.

DISCOUNT TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE

The quarterly rate is \$52.50 (\$17.50/month). For existing trash service recipients, payments are to be made on a quarterly basis (*January - March*), (*April - June*), (*July - September*), (*October - December*), where payments are due by the 25th of the previous quarter. That means that your next quarterly trash payment is due no later than March 25. Please remember, trash discounts hinge on your membership being current,. That means \$25.00 dues + \$52.50 for trash equaling \$77.50. **Checks are made payable to Stockdale Civic Association** and sent to Kathy Deemer (phone 792-2476) @ 23 Manor Avenue. **Please do not make your check out to Kathy**; it only confuses the issue and slows our process down. If you want to save the postage, you can drop your check off at 23 Manor, **but not in the regular mailbox!** Please use the mailbox mounted just inside the screen door.

For those 60 years of age or older, a separate home trash service is available for \$16/month provided by Home Service. 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. A reminder: if your trash service is with anyone other than Waste Management INCLUDING Home Service, we cannot help with any issues with your pickup. You must call Home Service or any other company on your own.