

Stockdale Community News

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A MINUTE ON THE MEETING

Our last meeting was held on March 30; and for those who did attend, some news that was shared turned out to be exciting for our community. Here are highlights:

- The Easter Egg Hunt was successful. Maureen Smith, who chaired the event, reported all was well with only one catch....Holy Rosary had scheduled a retreat the same morning and our eggs were beginning to be gathered by people at the retreat instead of our own. All turned out okay after good mutual communications.
- Some fundraising money came in from Durkee Automotive. We are getting rewarded with money to our funds when repairs are done for local people. We thank the Durkees for this contribution.
- Rep. John Cartier reported on some recent criminal activity, mostly vandalism. John added that there is a delineation of how activity is handled: ie. County Police handles public problems, and State Police handles commercial problems. John reported that he was looking into the possibility of the Claymont community coming under what is called a Special Assessment District, or S.A.D., for police activity. This would amount to a separate assessed monetary figure to pay for an added police presence in our area. Details are still to be ironed out.
- Here is a real kicker! There is to be a new County Library branch in Claymont. The location is planned to be in the Darley Green community directly across Phila Pike on the road that will extend opposite Manor Ave. As reported from John., the people building Darley Green are setting aside a parcel for a new community building that will include a generous space for the library. We refer you to the Friends of the Claymont Library for more information. See the New Castle County website for the Friends' news web.
- C.R.D.C. information from Brett Saddler included news of funding being put together for an improvement to the Claymont Railway station. Again, more to come.
- The C.R.D.C is hosting a Claymont Renaissance Reception at the Archmere Patio on May 25. A \$25.00 fee is requested for catered food and an open bar. Please contact the C.R.D.C. for more information.
- Matt informed us that we have someone to do senior visitation/checking in our community. A list of those needing or wanting the service is required.
- Jay Gundel, bike race organizer, was in attendance and expressed his intention to address the problems from last year's race. He asked for volunteers for this year's kids race.

MEMBERSHIP

Our latest count was 130 members. For those wanting more information, our current 2009 - 2010 Member Listing is available on our website. We are still a bargain at \$25.00 a year. Please keep us in your conversations with our non-member neighbors. 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 as best we can.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **2nd Annual Claymont Classic Bike Race** - Sunday, April 25, 8-3; come out and join the community and watch the excitement. Kids Race to be included, free to all kids ages 3 - 10. Signup 11 - noon day of race at Archmere.
- **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** - Wednesday, May 12; all day until 8pm; 20% off purchases with the attached flyer and 10% of the proceeds for our organization.
- **Community Yard Sale** - Saturday, May 1; Rain Date: Sunday, May 2
- **Community Meeting** - Tuesday, May 25, 7pm @ Archmere - McLaughlin Mullen Building; stop by after dinner for dessert as light refreshments will be served
- **Community Barbeque and/or Wine Tasting** - tbd
- **Fundraiser at American Arborist Tree Service** - 5% of proceeds will go back to our Civic Association; contact Todd Whitfield @ 893-2748. He performs tree trimming, pruning and removal. Good til Labor Day.
- **Fundraiser at Durkee Automotive** - 5% of repairs go back to our Civic Association, good 'til June

2ND ANNUAL JASON GUNDEL 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. 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 year's bike race will include a kids race, free to all kids ages 3 - 10 @ 1pm. Every participant will receive a medal. The course will begin at Archmere on Manor Avenue and end at the Post Office on Philly Pike. Volunteers are needed 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.***

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- Based on our road repair priority, as determined by a committee of community members, some work on Manor Avenue has been started. This has mainly been pothole repair and a sewer grating re-leveled with new cement bordering. No eta at this time on a full repaving.
- Reach Academy (Holy Rosary School Building) is having a "Meet the Principal & Girls Community Day" this Saturday, April 24. All are welcome. Also, they are taking applications for girls only for grades 1, 5 & 6 for the 2010/2011 School Year. Furthermore, they are hiring teachers for grades K, 1, 5 & 6 as well as paraprofessionals and administrative staff. Information can be found on their website www.reachacademyforgirls.org or they can also be reached at 792-6400.
- 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.
- We were asked by a member, Cathy Allen, to post for gently used clothing donations, especially school uniform-type clothing, to the Close Closet at the Claymont Elementary School. Receipts for tax deductions are available. Please contact Cathy Allen at 793-1303 for more information.

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.

A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME

We ask of you all to remember that we are volunteers serving you. Our responsibilities remain as do yours: to our families, our employers and our friends. Please allow us normal times for our goings-on as you need these times, yourselves. A visit at dinnertime, for example, will disrupt our family as it does yours. Yes, you are heard and your opinions are respected. Just please keep in mind, we are just like you.

No, we cannot afford to become a billing service for your Waste Management account. There is no way we can start sending out reminders of when your fee comes up. The money needs to be in our account by the 25th of March, June, September and December to cover.

We would also like to remind you that you can drop off fees, comments, really any community related stuff to the mailbox **INSIDE** our porch door at 23 Manor. Thanks, and we'll be seeing you around.

BIDS FOR SNOW PLOWING

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, 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 at 18 Cathedral Avenue or email sargentclan@verizon.net. If you have any questions feel free to contact Matt @ 610-505-8344.