

# Stockdale Community News

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## A MINUTE ON THE MEETING

Our last meeting was held on May 25; and for those who did attend, some news that was shared turned out to be exciting for our community. Here are highlights:

- Our Community Yard Sale had 16+ households participate. Although, the ad in the newspaper was not posted on the day of the sale, there was a decent turn-out.
- Though the day of the Bike Race was cloudy and rainy there was a mild turnout for the adult races. However, the kids race was a huge success with 35+ kids ages 3-10 participating. There were some complaints about the race course and some difficulties getting in and out of the neighborhood.
- Thanks to those who came out to our various fundraisers to help out the coffers for our upcoming winter season. We will continue to have fundraisers throughout the year.
- There was a question about who funds the Methadone Clinic on Philly Pike next to the Burger King. The clinic is privately owned by CRC Health Group and treats patients from Delaware and surrounding States.
- There have been complaints of speeding vehicles in the alleyways along Wiltshire Rd. Since the alleyways are privately owned by each homeowner, enforcement can only be done by those homeowners.
- The speed bumps on Manor Avenue need to be painted. Many vehicles don't see the speed bumps because the paint has worn off and often hop off the speed bumps.

## 2010 – 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

Beginning September 1, 2010 – 2011 membership dues are due. 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. Payments are to be sent to Kathy Deemer @ 23 Manor Ave. Checks are to be made out to *Stockdale Civic Association*.

Membership cards will be distributed following payment.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Community Clean Up Day** – Saturday, August 21, 9 – noon; for Stockdale members there will be a roving trash truck and dumpster to dispose of all waste except refrigerators, air conditioners and yard waste.
- **Community Meeting** – Tuesday, August 24, 7pm @ Archmere – McLaughlin Mullen Building; stop by after dinner for dessert as light refreshments will be served. We need to see and hear from more of you; bring your neighbor to our next meeting.
- **Fundraiser at Rita's** – buy quarts of delicious Rita's Water Ice for \$6 and \$1.50 goes to our organization. Contact **Matt Sargent @ 610-505-8344** or **sargentclan@verizon.net** to place your order. Orders must be received by Friday, August 27 and water ice will be available Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Block Party** - Sunday, September 19, 1 – 4, Archmere Patio Area; come out and have great time with your neighbors. There will be plenty of food, beverages, prizes and activities.
- **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.

## ANNUAL ELECTION

We are now into our 3rd year and our annual elections are here. Come out to our next meeting on Tuesday, August 24 @ 7pm at Archmere's McLaughlin Mullen Building (aka Student Life Center) and vote for our Board of Directors consisting of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and District Representatives. This will be a great forum to voice your opinion.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY AND 'STASH THE TRASH DAYS'

For Stockdale Civic members, we will have a dumpster available along the Claymont Train Station overflow parking area next to Durkee Automotive. We will also have a roving trash truck that will continually go through the neighborhood to pick-up any trash that you may have. Please have your trash on the curb by 8am. Both dumpster and trash truck will be available until noon on Saturday, August 21. Please do not leave any hazmat items, refrigerators, air conditioners or yard waste.

In the spirit of cleaning up we are reviving "Stash the Trash Days." Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, beginning August 21, we will meet at Dunkin' Donuts at 9am and walk around the neighborhood and pick up trash. Please bring gloves and bags.

## COMMUNITY WATCH

Given the current economic environment crime has been on the rise. Recently there was a rapist who was caught that violated 3 females including an 8 year old. Furthermore, one of our community members was recently mugged while walking home along Manor Avenue. With this being said please be very careful when venturing outside especially in the evening. If you need to go out, have another person accompany you if possible. Please contact the police if you suspect anything peculiar no matter how trivial. Contacting the police can be made anonymously, however, if you don't feel comfortable contacting the police notify your block captain as shown below. We need to come together and watch out for each other. Numbers to call are as follows:

**Emergency – 911 Non-Emergency – 573-2800 Delaware Crime Stoppers 800-847-3333 (send a tip for unsolved crimes)**

Brooview Avenue – Ron Dixon, 793-3878	Melvin Drive & Casey Lane – John Bub, 685-7929
Castle Avenue – Dick Hassel, 792-2126	Palace Avenue (25 – 34) – Jean Read, 792-9323
Cathedral Ave. – Matt Sargent, 610-505-8344	Palace Avenue (1 – 19) – Carrie Hyla, 388-7544
Chapel Avenue – Dale Stevens Jr., 345-1623	Palace Avenue (100 – 120)– Ron Dixon, 793-3878
Forrest Avenue – Kelli Lawson, 584-6487	Pyramid Avenue – Aleta Krauss, 547-7677
Gov Printz (98 – 301) Carrie Hyla, 388-7544	Stockdale Avenue - Matt Sargent, 610-505-8344
Gov Printz (300, 304-316) Ron Dixon, 793-3878	Wiltshire - Debra Commiskey, 798-6526
Manor Avenue – John Bub, 685-7929	Wistar – Dawn Hower, 792-0232

## FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE

You should have or will be receiving a paperbag that is used for food collection to help replenish the food closet at the Claymont Community Center. Complete instructions including what food items to donate are contained within. The pickup day will be Sunday, August 29, sometime early afternoon.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- As per Tom Kovach, Manor Avenue cannot be repaved in stages. Given the \$234,000+ price tag to repave the entire street, remaining funds from previous fiscal year as well as fiscal years 2011 & 2012 will be needed to fund the project. Therefore, Manor Avenue won't be paved for at least a year. Tom Kovach will be at our next meeting to discuss.
- Reach Academy (Holy Rosary School Building) will begin their school year on Monday, August 23. They will be utilizing the back entrance to their parking along Cathedral Avenue, primarily for staff parking. They plan not have any buses pass through and the back entrance will be closed each night. Any information about Reach Academy can be found on their website [www.reachacademyforgirls.org](http://www.reachacademyforgirls.org) or they can also be reached at 792-6400.
- With the start of the new school year we hope that Archmere's visitor parking issues will improve. We will continue to ask members on the affected streets 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](mailto:scott@eriegel.com). Scott will be more than willing to work with individual home owners with any complaints.
- A Workshop to discuss the new Philadelphia Pike Streetscape is planned for the near future, more info to come later.
- ***Durkee Automotive will be discounting repair work by 5% for all Stockdale Members for the months of September, October & November.***

## 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 has risen to \$63.75 (\$21.25/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 September 25. Please remember, trash discounts hinge on your membership being current,. That means \$25.00 dues + \$63.75 for trash equaling \$88.75. **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.