Stockdale Community News

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President - Matt Sargent Treasurer - Maureen Smith Vice President - Harry Deemer Secretary - Vacant

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

At our last meeting our Treasurer, Kathy Deemer, announced that she is stepping down as Treasurer. She will remain until a new Treasurer comes forward. Maureen Smith has agreed to become our new Treasurer and is in the process of transitioning. Please send any payments to Maureen @ 25 Manor Avenue.

We want to thank Kathy for her hard work and dedication to our organization.

REMINDER: ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

Our annual dues were due on September 1 for year 9-1-10 thru 8-31-2011. The dues remain the same at \$25. Please send your payment to Maureen Smith @ 25 Manor Avenue and make checks payable to Stockdale Civic Association. If we have a winter like last year our coffers are at risk of running dry. Please help out to insure that we have adequate funds for snow plowing.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- Town Watch Meeting Monday, October 18, 7pm, Claymont Firehouse 2nd Floor Training Room
- <u>Community Meeting</u> Wednesday, October 20, 7pm @ Archmere McLaughlin Mullen Building; stop by after dinner for dessert as light refreshments will be served and we'll have a door prize. Don't forget to bring a neighbor or two.
- Meet and Greet Event Sunday, October 24, 3-5pm; Claymont Stone School; 3:30 5:30pm; Come local residents, neighbors, community leaders and business owners and help Restore Claymont Pride-One Person at a Time. The event is Free and All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided and consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the Food Closet. RSVP @ 798-9093
- Meet the Candidates Night Monday, October 25 6:30pm, Lower Gym at the Claymont Community Center; Sponsored by the Claymont Community Coalition, here is an opportunity to hear from our legislative candidates before the election on Nov 2. There are 10 candidates scheduled to be present including Tom Kovach, Debra Heffernan, Cathy Cloutier, and Chris Counihan among others. The event will be moderated by WDEL's Rick Jensen.
- Winetasting Event Saturday, November 6, 6-9pm; @ the Patio in Archmere; we'll have a representative from Total Wine & More to speak more in depth about wines for those that are interested. Bring a bottle of wine to share with others and enjoy a relaxing night out to catch up with your neighbors. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- Claymont Transportation Plan Workshop Tuesday, November 16 @ 4-7pm at the Claymont Fire Co. Here is a chance to see what is planned for Philly Pike and to voice your opinion/concerns. For more info go to http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/claymont_trans/index.shtml

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- We had our annual elections at our last meeting and as expected Matt Sargent and Harry Deemer were re-elected as President and Vice-President, respectively. However, Kathy Deemer, our Treasurer, announced that she is stepping down but would remain until a new successor came forward. Since then Maureen Smith has graciously come forward to take on this challenging role.
- Our 3rd Annual Block Party was a success; thank you to all who supported our event with food/drinks/prize donations.including Senator Cloutier, Representative Kovach, Councilman Cartier, Home Depot, Food Lion, Quiznos, Dunkin' Donuts, Goodfellas, Signscape, Claymont Produce, Jake's Burgers, Eagle One Credit Union, Sweet Basil Thai Restaurant, Lamberti's, Seasons Pizza, Happy Harry's and a special thanks to Archmere Academy for allowing us to use their facilities for the wonderful occasion again this year. Also to those neighbors who helped to setup and clean up for the event!!!!
- Our Food Drive on August 29 was a huge success. Rep. Tom Kovach helped to collect the bags of food from our neighborhood and commented on how generous our residents were with their donations. Thanks to everyone who narticipated!
- A few residents complained about the cracked sidewalk on Wiltshire Rd in front of 99 Wiltshire (behind Getty Station). Tom Kovach has agreed to look into who is responsible for and work to get it repaired.
- Holcomb Kitchen will be moving into the old Claymont Hardware building at Maple Ln and Philly Pike. No eta at this time.
- ➤ Brett Saddler mentioned at our last meeting that although our County Code Enforcement Officials are overwhelmed, PLEASE continue to call to report any violations @ 395-5555.
- > The last section of the Northern Delaware Greenway has been put on hold for the time being. There are no plans at this time to connect the final section between Bellevue and Fox Point Parks.
- As stated in our last newsletter, Durkee Automotive will continue to give Stockdale members a 5% discount on their repairs until the end of November. Beginning December 1, Durkee will contribute the 5% to our organization.
- Lauren Gunton expressed her concern about the increased number large trucks traveling along Manor Avenue and Governor Printz Ext. Some of the trucks park along Governor Printz Ext. Tom Kovach confirmed that the truck drivers have been warned and since have not returned.
- > George Cooper vocalized his frustration with the storm drain grate along the odd numbered alleyway side of Wiltshire. Tom Kovach is researching the matter and should have some answers in the near future.
- 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.
- Claymont Civic Association Boundary Map, House of Rep District Map and Senate District Map have been posted to our website.

CLAYMONT COMMUNITY COALITION (CCC)

As many of you know George Lossé, President of the CCC, passed away over the summer and his successor, Babak Golgalab, was recently elected to fill this role. The CCC is changing its image and is committed to fight for Claymont and all our residents. One of the changes is the Board of Directors will be made up of mostly Civic Association Presidents in order to better represent all residents. Matt Sargent was nominated and has agreed to join the Board of Directors. At this time the CCC is working out the framework and initiatives to jumpstart our pledge to act as one unified voice for the greater good of Claymont. We encourage all Stockdale residents to come out to the CCC meetings every 3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Community Center. We have a number of items to tackle and would appreciate any feedback. The first action item as the "New CCC" is sponsoring the "Meet the Candidates Night" at the Community Center on Monday, October 25 @ 6:30pm.

UPCOMING SEWER WORK

As part of the Brandywine Hundred Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, the next phase will include Stockdale. You should be receiving notices in the next week or so with regards to public meetings to be held at Rockwood Mansion on October 28, November 4 & November 11.

THANKS EAGLE ONE

We want to thank Terri Kelly and the rest of the Eagle One family for their continued community support. Eagle One has been a huge supporter of Stockdale with their monetary and prize donations for our organization.

ROOF SNOW REMOVAL

In the spirit of the last year's snow season, those that have flat or moderately sloped roofs, especially homes on Wiltshire Rd, should consider having the snow removed before any serious damage could occur. One of our members, Jason Fortuna, helped to remove snow from roofs of several of our members. Jason was careful and thorough when removing the snow. Jason can be contacted jpf81784@qmail.com or 302-841-4315.

COMMUNITY WATCH

As posted in our last newsletter, crime continues to be on the rise. We had a break-in last month and numerous crimes are occurring just outside our neighborhood. 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. Come out to the Town Watch Meetings to be more involved with preserving the safety of our neighborhood. 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., 220-0196	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

ONLINE SURVEY

We want to hear from you. How do you feel about our organization? What would you like out it? Please take an online survey that 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

CLASSIFED DIRECTORY

Our local classified directory is posted on our website; http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Stockdale/pages/62469

DISCOUNT TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE

The quarterly rate is \$63.75 (\$21.25/month).

Payments are to be made on a quarterly basis (*January - March*), (*April - June*), (*July - September*), (*October - December*), Payments are due by the 25th of the previous quarter.

Please remember, trash discounts hinge on your membership being current

Checks are made payable to Stockdale Civic Association and send to Maureen Smith @ 25 Manor Avenue.

For new customers, please allow a 2 week lead time to have the processing complete and a new trash bin delivered.

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.

DON'T FORGET TO GET OUT AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2!!!