

# Stockdale Community News

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## WINTER IS APPROACHING

We have a new Snow Plower for this Winter. As always please move your vehicles as far off the street and curbs as possible to allow for the plow to clear the entire roadway. 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 by paying your dues to insure that we have adequate funds for snow plowing.

Salt/Sand Barrels have been dropped off in several areas in the neighborhood including:

Forrest & Cathedral Aves; Cathedral & Stockdale Aves; Forrest & Palace Aves; Palace Ave & Wiltshire Rd; Midway up Wiltshire Rd; Melvin Dr & Manor Avenue; Manor & Palace Avenues

If more barrels are needed contact Matt Sargent @ 610-505-8344 or [sargentclan@verizon.net](mailto:sargentclan@verizon.net)

Don't forget Jason Fortuna for Rooftop Snow Removal. Jason can be reached at 302-841-4315.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Community Meeting** - Tuesday, December 14, 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.
- **Durkee Automotive Fundraiser** - 5% of repairs will go back to our organization

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The Meet the Candidates night, sponsored by the Claymont Coalition, was a big success with over 100 people on-hand to watch the local and state candidates answer questions
- Our Winetasting Event on Nov 6 was a huge success. Many thanks to Archmere for allowing us to use The Patio and providing the hors d'oeuvres and the exciting 'Nitty Gritty' tour
- The Santa visit at Archmere went well with 5 community children participating.
- A few residents complained about the cracked sidewalk on Wiltshire Rd in front of 99 Wiltshire (behind Getty Station). The business where the sidewalk is located is ultimately responsible for the repairs; but who's going to enforce. Matt is working with County to find resolution.
- George Cooper vocalized his frustration with the storm drain grate along the odd numbered alleyway side of Wiltshire. Unfortunately, neither the County nor DelDOT will take responsibility of repairs as the alleyway is private property. The residents will have to pay for repairing the damaged drain.
- 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](mailto: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) UPDATE

The next CCC meeting is Thursday, December 16 at 6:30pm in the lower gymnasium at the Community Center. This meeting will feature a "meet the candidates" event where candidates for County Council President, Tom Kovach and Tim Sheldon will square off in a Q&A session.

The decision for the location of the new Claymont Library will be decided within the first 2 months of 2011. The choices are the Darley Green site and the Children's Home on Green Street. The CCC is advocating for the Darley Green site to further aid in the redevelopment of Claymont. We would like to hear from you and your views concerning this matter. Please contact Matt 610-505-8344 or [sargentclan@verizon.net](mailto:sargentclan@verizon.net) to express your opinions. The CCC is the primary spokesgroup for the residents of Claymont. We want to endorse the community's desires.

## COMMUNITY WATCH UPDATE

More robberies have occurred since our last newsletter including Pat's Pizza, Wawa, McDonalds, WSFS in Superfresh and Le's Nail Salon. Few residents on Manor had their pumpkins vandalized following Halloween. As always please be aware of your surroundings and try not to venture out alone. If possible leave your front outdoor light(s) on or at least utilize a motion sensor. Contact your block captains listed below if you don't feel comfortable contacting the police or to report anything after the police have been contacted.

Numbers to call are as follows:

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

### Block Captains

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, 377-1736

## FAMILY DISCOVERY NIGHT

Family Discovery Night is a Family Literacy Program funded by PNC designed for children in grades Kindergarten to 5th grade and their families. Meetings are twice a month (the first Monday and the third Wednesday of the month) from 5:30 to 7:00 at the Knollwood Community Center: 4 Colby Ave; Claymont, DE 19703. The cost is covered by the generous grant from PNC. A story is read together and an art project based on the book is created while enjoying a free pizza dinner. In the past, activities include fingerprint pictures, paper cutouts, painting, sculptures, make-our-own books, and more. Upcoming dates are Monday January 3rd, Wednesday, January 16th, Monday, February 7th, Wednesday, February 16th, Monday, March 7th, Wednesday, March 16th, Monday, April 4th, Wednesday, April 20th, Monday, May 2nd, and Wednesday, May 18th. For more information and to sign up, please call Malinda Alexander-Rosario at (302) 792-2757 ext. 126.

## CLASSIFIED 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. Due to the holiday hussle and bustle, it is requested payment for Jan-Mar be received by December 15.

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.

We are in talks with other waste disposal providers to perhaps find a cheaper alternative. We are inquiring about the provisions for yard waste which DSWA will cease to pick up as of 12/31/10.

A representative from Evergreen Waste will be at our next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY