

Stockdale Community News

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SPRING IS HERE

Though, Spring will officially be here on March 21, it was never far away throughout our mild winter. Fortunately we didn't need to plow our neighborhood and had very little snow accumulations; good news for gardeners and bad news for snowmen. Thanks to all of those who paid their yearly dues. The latest member listing is on our website.

As the weather warms up we have a number of upcoming events that are sure to excite as shown below.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Claymont Library Ground Breaking Ceremony** - Wednesday, March 28, 10:30-11:30am Darley Road and Lenape Way. You must RSVP to Sheila Carlisle at -302-395-5613 or scarlisle@nccde.org by March 20.
- **Community Meeting** - Tuesday, March 20, 7pm @ Archmere's Student Life Center; Don't forget to bring a neighbor or 2
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 31, 1PM (Rain Date Sunday, April 1, 2PM) - Holy Rosary Retreat House grounds
- **Garden Club Meeting** : Tuesday, April 17 - 6pm at Brett Saddler's House - 902 Harvey Road
- **Green Day** - Saturday, June 9; Claymont Community Center
- **Durkee Automotive Fundraiser** - 5% of repairs go back to our organization

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- We are invited to view a presentation of the proposed upcoming Brandywine School District Referendum at the Boys and Girls Club Gym on Monday, March 19 from 7-9pm as part of Ashourne Hills Civic Association's community meeting. The referendum will take place on March 28 and the proposal is a \$.27 per \$100 assessed property value school tax increase. The presentation will explain the reasons and what will be funded with the additional tax dollars. Whatever your decision, get out and vote. Additional information can be found at www.brandywineschools.org.
- For those property owners adjacent to Rivercroft Apts, Scott Riegel no longer wants to be contacted for any issues regarding vegetation overgrowth. He has asked for those residents to contact the County Complaint Dept and have them decide. County Complaints # is 395-5555.
- Phase 1 of the Sewer Rehab has been completed. Phase 2 has had some delays and is taking longer than initially planned due to the abundant amount of subsurface rock. Phase 3 and lateral work for Stockdale will begin later this year and into next year.
- 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.
- Advise Matt or Maureen if you have an e-mail address to have correspondence including newsletter sent via e-mail.

CLAYMONT RENAISSANCE (CRDC)/COMMUNITY COALITION (CCC) UPDATE

- Philly Pike roadwork to begin in early April
- Ground breaking for the new Claymont library to be Wednesday March 28th at 10:30am at Darley Rd & Lenape Way. Please RSVP to Sheila Carlisle at -302-395-5613 or scarlisle@nccde.org by March 20
- Holcomb Cabinetry will soon open in the old Claymont Hardware and next door, there are preliminary plans to demolish the old 7-11 and attached buildings and build a new retail store
- The concept plan for pedestrian enhancements will be unveiled soon for Myrtle Avenue from Philadelphia Pike to the Claymont Train Station. The plan will include new sidewalks, decorative lighting and landscaping along the Archmere side of the road.
- The Darley House is in the process of being home to the offices of the Claymont Renaissance Development Corporation (CRDC), Claymont Historical Society, Claymont Business Owners Association. The Historical Society will be offering numerous programs and events at the house. Also being formed is the Darley Arts Center. The arts center will offer gallery space to artist as well as art classes and workshops starting in Summer 2012.
- Green Day will be held on Saturday, June 9 at the Community Center grounds
- The CCC meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Claymont Senior Center in the Community Center. The CCC meetings are a great way to get the latest local community news regarding Police, Industry, Politics, Claymont Renaissance and various other items.

COMMUNITY WATCH UPDATE

We have had a rash of armed robberies in the last 2 months including Metro PCS and Family Dollar as well as muggings during daylight hours. Please be cautious when venturing out and don't hesitate to contact the police if you notice anything suspicious. 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. A Burglary Prevention Checklist has been posted to our website.

New Castle County Crime Maps can be found online <http://www2.nccde.org/police/crimemaps/search/default.aspx>

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

Brookview Avenue – Ron Dixon, 793-3878	Melvin Drive & Casey Lane – Matt Sargent 610-505-8344
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 – Matt Sargent, 610-505-8344	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 – Matt Sargent 610-505-8344	Wistar – Dawn Hower, 377-1736

ANDERSON & SONS LAWN CARE

Owner, Mike Anderson, has been cutting and nurturing lawns for 10 years. Mike is a neighbor and member of our civic association and has helped out greatly with plowing during our various snow storms. His work is superb and he is licensed and insured. Contact Mike @ 798-1089.

LITTER BRIGADE

Come out and help clean up the neighborhood every 3rd Saturday of each month beginning March 24. We'll walk around the neighborhood and pick up trash. Let's begin Spring by taking pride in our neighborhood. We'll meet in front of Rita's at 9am. Bring your gloves and bags.

GARDEN CLUB CORNER

Flowers are blooming and birds are singing; it's that time of year again to start gardening. We will be having our next meeting on Tuesday, April 17 @ 6pm- Brett Saddler's House, 902 Harvey Road.

University of Delaware has a Master Gardener program with many home gardener workshops at their Newark campus. For more info on this and many other gardening ventures, check out <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/ncc/MasterGardeners.php>

- Now is a good time to clean out your flower beds, replenish soil & start planting a garden
- Now is a good time to purchase seeds while the selections are good and if you're starting seeds indoors now is the time

CLASSIFIED DIRECTORY

Our local classified directory is posted on our website; <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Stockdale/pages/62469> Contact Matt @ 610-505-8344 or sargentclan@verizon.net if you wish to have your name added to the directory.

DISCOUNT TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE

The quarterly price for trash removal will be \$55.50 (\$18.50/monthly). This price includes regular trash, recycling and yard waste removal.

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 last month of the previous quarter.

Should you experience problems with pick up, contact Maureen asap so WM can be notified to schedule another pick up.

Please remember, trash discounts hinge on your membership being current

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

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

For those 60 years of age or older, a separate home trash service is available for \$16/month provided by Home Service. For more information contact 475-6401. Our civic association is not involved with this service.