
Stockdale Community News

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CABINET REPLENISHED

Although we lost our legendary Vice-President Harry Deemer, however, since our last meeting we replenished our Vice-President seat. Shannon Myrick of Stockdale Avenue has agreed to come aboard. Shannon displayed her passion for our community at our last meeting during our discussion about the Special Assessment District. Shannon vocalized the frustration of many of us regarding the increase in crime and the need for us as a community to work together and with law enforcement to combat the criminal element. Come out to our next meeting on February 25 to meet Shannon and discuss the very important issue of crime and safety in our neighborhood.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Community Meeting** - Monday, February 25 @ 7pm Archmere's Student Life Center; We'll be discussing the Special Assessment District Concept with County and State Law Enforcement in attendance.
- **Garden Club Meeting** : Monday, March 25 @ 6pm; Matt Sargent's House
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 23 @ 2pm, Rain Date: March 24 -Holy Rosary Retreat House grounds
- **Green Day** - Saturday, June 8: Claymont Community Center

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The Christmas Parade was lots of fun with Stockdale showing off a spectacular float made by our very own Bob Brower (Bob O). Thanks very much Bob for taking the time to make the decorative float showing how much Stockdale cares about the community.
- Unfortunately there are no updates to the Sewer Rehab on Governor Printz. A representative from Special Services will be at the next DRAC meeting on Feb 27 at 6pm at the Claymont Fire Co. to give an update.
- 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.
- 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

- Louis Capano has asked to decrease the housing density in Darley Green to 800 units but in turn will build some larger townhomes and unique single family's towards the back. Prices may top \$300K for those. The reason for the reduction in density is the cost of the parking garages needed to accommodate the 1226 units originally proposed. The two and four story parking structures are not financially feasible even with Darley Green's the higher that area average home prices and future apartment rents.
- Capano has received most of the support from Claymont, New Castle County, and State of Delaware to be able to start on the Philadelphia Pike commercial and the apartment buildings as early as late Spring of this year (2013).
- The Darley Arts Center's successful bimonthly artist reception gallery openings have attracted between 75 and 100 guests from Claymont and beyond. The current exhibition is titled "Art is For Lovers" (thru 3/7) featuring the works of Catherine and James Carney who have been married for 48 years. The next exhibition will be titled "Transitions" by artist Michael Trinsey, (3/15 - 5/10) with an artist reception gallery opening on Friday, April 5th, 5-8pm (dress is business casual). The Darley Arts Center is located in the Darley House and is open to the public every Friday between 2-7pm.
- After a delay, Eagle One Federal Credit Union should be breaking ground in early Spring (2013) for their new branch office on Philadelphia Pike and Lawson Avenue. Construction should be completed in late fall.
- The investor who proposed demolishing the old Coach House and replacing it with a car wash has decided not to proceed at this time.
- The Claymont Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) meets monthly at the Claymont Fire Co. second floor training room. The Claymont DRAC next meets on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, 2013 starting at 6:00 pm

COMMUNITY WATCH UPDATE

Over the last several months there has been a sizeable increase in crime including a car-jacking on Wiltshire Rd and numerous robberies along Philadelphia Pike. A community watch is being created to look out for our community. Contact Matt Sargent if you wish to participate. However, we still need to work with law enforcement to combat the criminal element. With this in mind, come out to our next meeting on 2/25 to discuss the idea of a Special Assessment District that was presented by John Cartier at our last meeting. Both County and State Police Reps are expected to attend. A Safety Committee consisting of various Claymont stakeholders has been formed to help move this idea forward and to gain the community's support.

As always, 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

FAST CARE MEDICAL AID UNIT

This week First Care Medical Aid Unit opened at 3001 Philadelphia Pike (next to Meineke and across from Holy Rosary). No need for an expensive emergency room visit. Open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, Dr. Shaikh and his staff will treat most medical ailments and injuries. They also see children and pregnant patients as well. Phone: 793-7506

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Friends of the Claymont Library presented the 1st installment as part of the community fundraising portion to County Executive Tom Gordon. The framework is complete and the roof installation has begun and the outline of the Clock Tower can be seen. Completion is slated for Fall '13. Purchase a brick to memorialize a loved one. "Love Your Library Cookbook" can be purchased for \$15 and makes a nice gift as well.

GARDEN CLUB CORNER

Our last outing at the renown Mt. Cuba Center on September 16 turned out to be a perfect day with Sunny skies and beautiful flora with a magnificent backdrop of the Brandywine Valley. Many Thanks to Marjorie Egge our tour guide who was gracious enough to guide a tour of the grounds.

- Good time to keep bird feeders stocked, this time of year natural resources are at an all-time low
- Start sowing seeds indoors, celery, onions, cabbage, cauliflower, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, whatever it is you grow
- 2nd half of February as soon as soil can be worked plant radishes, garlic cloves, shallots, onion sets, peas, spinach, etc.
- START PLANNING NOW! Try not to be too impulsive when ordering from catalogues, they tend to promise great things

DISCOUNT TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE

The quarterly price for trash removal will be \$55.50 (\$18.50/monthly), 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.

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

If interested in participating, contact Maureen who will need to provide a 2-week notice to WM to start your service. Dues must be current in order to participate. 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.