

WHENA NEWS

Wrangle Hill Estates Neighborhood Association

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Winter 2013

January Meeting

Meeting held January 15, 2013. Thank you to those who joined us. Congratulations to our gift card winner Beth Emberger!

Dues and Treasurer Update

As of January 15, 2013, **68% of the 2012 dues have been paid.** SNOW is coming, have you paid your dues? *The average 6-10 inch snowfall cost our community \$1,845. For 10-14 inches it's \$2,310.*

Our dues primarily pay for snow plowing, front entrance maintenance, documentation, and when economically feasible, social activities. **Thank you to all of those who have provided dues payments.**

Dues payment should be sent to:

**WHENA
PO Box 925
Bear DE 19701**

OR directly to our Treasurer:
Sarah Werkheiser
465 Granger Drive
Bear DE 19701

2013 Community Events

****Tear off flyer attached**

WHENA Community Meetings

Tuesday April 16th - 7pm at 275 Cheyenne
Tuesday July 16th - 7pm at 275 Cheyenne
Tuesday November 19th - Location to be determined

WHENA Park Clean-Up – Saturday, March 23rd

WHENA Yard Sales – Saturday, May 4th

WHENA Community Picnic – Saturday, June 8th

WHENA NEEDS YOUR HELP

We would like to put a plea out there for volunteers for several items, please consider donating your time to our wonderful community:

Block Captains Needed:

Area 2 -- Carlotta Drive
Area 3 – Greybull Drive

RESPONSIBILITIES: Block Captains deliver the newsletters (3 or 4 times a year) and other fliers to the residents in their area. They sometimes receive dues payments and get those to the Treasurer. Please contact a board member if you can help volunteer.

Special one-time offer for all block captains: 50% off of dues for their time spent volunteering. New block captains only pay \$20.00 for one year. New volunteers sign up for two years of service.

OPEN Board Positions:

Vice President – Elections at April meeting
President – Elections at October meeting

*If interested, see one of the board members for job duties. Both positions are for a term of 2 years.

****WITHOUT A President or Vice President** the civic association will cease to function and the 2012-2013 snow contract will not be renewed, so no snow plowing for next year.

Spring / Summer Front area watering:

Volunteers needed for the 2013 Spring/Summer front entrance watering duties.

NCC Police Update

Officer Gladney reported at the January meeting. Below are some highlighted topics discussed:

- From 10/15/2012 to 1/14/2013 there were 24 calls to the police. Most calls were concerning thefts.
- Please remember to lock your house and car doors, close the doors on garages, and do not leave valuables in your car in plain sight.
- The state has a new law concerning solicitors. As of August 2012, solicitors must be able to present a permit to show where they work. You should ask to see their permit, if you are approached. If they fail to present a permit, you can report it to the police through the non-emergency phone number. Religious groups are not included.
- To look up reported fraudulent solicitors, check out www.ripoff.com.
- For neighbor or neighborhood disputes, the police have a unit to help mediate. Call the police non-emergency phone number for more information.
- For police activity in the area, check out www.citizenobserver.com.
- An additional website, to check out crimes that have occurred in our surrounding areas you can go to our website (www.neighborhoodlink.com/bear/whena) and click on New Castle County Police. On the right, click on "Crime Mapping" and follow the instructions from there. The crime mapping is updated every three months.

To report a crime or any suspicious behavior, contact the county police non-emergency number at 573-2800. If it is an emergency, call 911.

Mosquito Spraying

Our neighborhood will be "fogged" sometime in the spring. More information will be provided in the next newsletter. You can see the county website for more information.

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/Services/Pages/MosquitoSection.aspx>

New Castle County Code Awareness

- Unregistered or inoperable motor vehicles are not permitted on your property unless in an enclosed structure.
- Vehicles are not permitted to park on unhardened surfaces such as grass or lawns of a residential property.
- Untitled/unregistered vehicles are not permitted to travel on public roads for any reason (motorcycles, scooters, go-karts, etc.).
- Grass and weeds are to be maintained to a height of eight inches or less.
- Pets must be on leashes and you must clean up your pet waste. Cats are not allowed to roam free.

To report a code violation, contact New Castle County Code Violations at 395-5555.

Neighborhood Updates and Comments

- The stop sign area across from the old park will have new lines painted in the spring.
- The broken red tube on the playground has been reported to NCC Parks for repair.
- Street light posts will be requested to be painted (Delmarva Power).
- Please be sure to pick up after your dog
- Also, please keep in mind to have your house number clearly displayed on your mailbox, street front, or house. In an emergency this information is needed.
- The Picnic in the fall was a lot of fun and almost 30 people attended. Thanks for Renee Keating for coordinating everything.
- The Christmas party was a huge success with over 20 kids attending. Thanks to Diane Roman for your efforts and party planning.
- Front Entrance Maintenance – A vote was held and approved to continue with the front sign landscaping maintenance for the 2013 season. Cost is \$60/month for 8 months

Wrangle Hill Estates Book Group

Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to have an opportunity to talk about the books you read? If so, consider attending a meeting of the Wrangle Hill Estates book group. We discuss a new book each month. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month.

If you would like more information about the group, contact Renee Mortensen at 261-6399 or g_tjensen@verizon.net. All are welcome.

Welcome Packs Available

Are you new to the community? We would like to welcome you. Contact Leighann at wranglehillestates@gmail.com or call 832-1434 for a welcome pack.

Useful Numbers

County police – non-emergency – 573-2800
Officer James Gladney – 395-8100 or 395-8056
NCC Code Violations – 395-5555
NCC Parks – 395-5720
Representative Valerie Longhurst – 836-3717
DelMarva Gas Emergency – 454-0317
DelMarva Electric Emergency – 800-898-8042
Street light repair – Delmarva – 800-375-7117
DNREC – 800-662-8802
Delaware Helpline – 800-464-4357
Road Maintenance (potholes) DELDOT 326-4523

Officers

President – Leighann von Hoelle – 275 Cheyenne
832-1434 – lavh@comcast.net

Vice President – Renee Keating-Mortensen
314 Greybull
261-6399 – rdkeating@mail.widener.edu

Secretary – Rob Romeo – 488 Granger
836-8784 – robrr35@yahoo.com

Treasurer – Sarah Werkheiser – 465 Granger
836-0787 – swerk@udel.edu

Block Captains

Area 1 Herb Goldman 165 Carlotta 838-7168

Area 2 Carlotta Drive -- OPEN

Area 3 Greybull -- OPEN

Area 4 John Murray 332 Greybull 832-5655

Area 5 Jenny Johnson 484 Granger

Area 6 Ann Miller 474 Granger

Area 7 Karen Hill 244 Cheyenne 832-7266

Area 8 Bill Curley 213 Cheyenne 832-2390

Area 9 Bob Nicholson 450 Granger 834-8583

WHENA Email Address

We have a general email address for WHENA. Feel free to send any general comments or suggestions to wranglehillestates@gmail.com. No spam or advertisements please!

Website

Have you checked out our website lately? It has the current dues form and newsletters, both past and present. It also lists the upcoming events.

www.neighborhoodlink.com/bear/whena



Enjoy your winter!

**(FLIP OVER FOR 2013
EVENT LIST)**