

Stockdale Community News

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2013 – 2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

Beginning September 1, 2013 - 2014 membership dues are due. For those wanting more information, our current 2012-2013 Member Listing is available on our website. We are still a bargain at \$25.00 a year. Please keep us in your conversations with our non-member neighbors. The yearly membership (September 1 - August 31) of \$25 pays for the snow plowing and allows for participation in our discounted trash collection program. Please pitch in and be part of the community. Payments are to be sent to Maureen Smith @ 25 Manor Ave. Checks are to be made out to: **Stockdale Civic Association**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Community Meeting** - Monday, August 27, @ 7pm Archmere's Student Life Center Cafeteria; our annual elections will be held and our community officer will have a brief presentation on personal safety.
- **Public Safety Day** - Saturday, September 21, 2-5pm, Talley Day Park on Foulk Road; held in lieu of National Night Out
- **Claymont Historical Tour** - Saturday, September 21, 2013, 10am - 4pm; tickets \$12/adults, \$5/12 and under, Call 792-1375 or email schoolmarmriva@yahoo.com for more info. Tickets will be sold in the lobby of the Claymont Community Center.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Our annual civic association elections will be held at our next meeting on Monday. Come out and vote or nominate for our cabinet members.
- In 2013 two streets have been repaved, 100 -120 Palace Avenue due to sewer repair and the 300 block of Forrest Avenue behind Durkee Automotive. We will work with Rep. Bryon Short to have another street repaved based on our road repair priority list created in 2010 when 2 community members walked our streets and helped to prioritize the need for repair.
- Log in and visit our website - www.stockdalecivic.org. See the current and past newsletters, info about our civic association, including a current member listing and a map of our community plus a boundary map of neighboring civic associations, links to various New Castle Co. sites, etc.
- 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

- Early morning on Monday, August 12th, an arsonist hit the vacant Bourbon Street/Coach House Restaurant. The building had been vacant for a couple years and has been recently pursued by the Dollar General Corp. The CRDC would have preferred if an investor would have been found that would have kept the Coach House as a restaurant or tavern but sadly that did not happen. In regards to Dollar General, the Claymont Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC), nor the CRDC, have veto power over projects as long as they conform to New Castle County code and any Claymont specific guidelines. Unfortunately, if a dollar store, cash for gold, lease to own type business, cigarette or other of that ilk want to establish a presence in Claymont, they can
- The CRDC tries to work with even those businesses in order to get above and beyond what the Claymont design guidelines call for. The CRDC firmly believes that the way to decrease the number of less than desirable businesses in Claymont is to attract a new resident and visitor demographic that would not frequent those establishments. We are having some success in that department but there is still a long way to go.
- Royal Furniture has closed where the 7-11 used to be. The CRDC will offer to assist Mr. Mir Was, the owner of that building in any way, and in turn will ask Mr. Was to address some outstanding property maintenance issues.
- Work is beginning on façade changes at the Town & County Shopping Center. An Aarons, lease to own type business, is moving into the center. The CRDC believes the upgrades to be an improvement to the existing conditions.
- Reach Academy has closed their Claymont classrooms and moved to the site of the closed Pencader Charter School in New Castle. According to school officials, they had simply outgrown their space at Holy Rosary even with the trailers brought in. They wished there was a Claymont option but none was as sensible as the turnkey site in New Castle.

- Joe & Tony's Service is getting a facelift. The historic old Studebaker showroom and service station will be getting painted with new colors and refreshed signage.
- Eagle One Federal Credit Union is getting close to completion with an opening before the Claymont Christmas Parade expected.
- Darley Green's commercial and apartment component has received most of the needed permits from the State and the County and is expected to break ground in September.
- The new Claymont Public Library is coming along nicely with many of the exterior finishing touches going into place. The anticipated grand opening is **October 26, 2013**.
- A public meeting sponsored by DelDOT will be this Fall (date TBD) to unveil the proposed pedestrian improvements along Myrtle Avenue and at the bottom on Manor Avenue to the train station pedestrian overpass. More info to follow.

COMMUNITY WATCH UPDATE

We have completed our neighborhood watch training and continue to patrol when possible. There will be 10 neighborhood watch signs posted throughout our neighborhood in the near future. We also expect to have magnetic patrol signs attached to those patrol vehicles while on patrol in the near future. According to New Castle County Police, TAPS (Targeted Analytic Policing System), has been very effective in reducing the amount of overall crime. However, incidents of vehicle thefts and stops are up. Even if you are not participating in our neighborhood watch we ask that you be the eyes and ears of the police. 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. Our community officer, Kristen Hester, will be at our next meeting on Monday to talk about personal safety.

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

GARDEN CLUB CORNER

After a record rainfall summer most vegetable gardens did not do very well. Though, all is not lost, there are still some colder weather crops that can be planted NOW such as Kale, Lettuce, Spinach, Broccoli, Peas, Carrots & Beets. Fall is also a great time to plant more perennials, bulbs, trees, etc for next year. Now is the time to start cleaning out flower beds & veggie gardens. Don't deadhead your flowers too soon. Our feathered friends need them to successfully migrate. If you have hummingbird feeders keep them clean & change nectar once a week.

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.

Since we do not send you an invoice when payment is due, please mark the due dates on your calendars. It will be appreciated if your payment is made on a timely basis. If on occasion your payment will be late, let Maureen know when she can expect to receive it.

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

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