
Stockdale Community News

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CABINET



We want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Be informed - Get involved - Make a Difference!

Everyone is welcome to come to our next meeting on December 15 * Please come out to meet your neighbors. Discuss issues * Learn what's happening around you * Together we can make our community better, keep our children safe and clean up our environment. * A warm welcome to our new neighbors and all those who recently joined our civic association. Welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Upcoming Stockdale Community Meeting** - Monday, December 15 @ 6pm Claymont Library.
- **Coalition Meeting** - Thursday, December 18 @ 7pm, Claymont Community Center
- **Claymont Library** - Take advantage of Programs coming up in January at our Community Library. For more information: <http://de-newcastlecounty.civicplus.com/298/Claymont-Library>
- **Next Stockdale Community Meeting** - Monday, March 16, 2015 @6pm, Claymont Library

NOTEWORTHY

- John Cartier's new aide is Scott Collins, 302-395-8368.
- Representative Short has given funding for Chapel Ave (from Palace Ave to Gov. Printz Exit) to be repaved. DelDot will put the contract out for bid in the spring and work on the road will begin in summer or fall of 2015.
- The total membership is now 135 households and 94 participants in the trash group.
- The parade held on December 6th had a great turnout despite the inclement weather. Thanks to all who continue to make this tradition possible and to everyone who came out to support them. Thanks again to Hank Shaefer for chauffeuring the Stockdale Crew.
- If you would like to receive correspondence or the the newsletter via email please provide your email address to any of our board members.
- A public meeting was held with Kingswood Academy (Former Holy Rosary School) on September 30. Kingswood is an alternative school made up of students from 6 area school districts in grades 6-12. Designed to hold a maximum of 100 students, enrollment is currently at 55. Each classroom has 3 certified educators offering a more structured environment with fewer distractions. The school is funded 70% by the State Department of Education and 30% with local school district funds. The building is a secure facility with a state trooper present daily. Each student walks through a metal detector upon arriving at school. No cellphones are allowed. Students are escorted around the building, even to the bathroom. Following a 5 week review period students are re-evaluated and may return to their regular high school if deemed successful. They have a 94% success rate and 97% graduation rate.
- Join us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stockdalecivic>. We have posted numerous pictures including the Christmas Parade, Clean Up Day and Halloween Parade.
- Our first Halloween Parade was success with about 28 costumed children. We plan to have another next year.
- Trains, Toys & Hobbies has moved from Rt. 202 to Claymont at 2505 B Philly Pike (Holcolmb Cabinetry), 478-7733 <http://trainstoyshobbies.com/>

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

- New Castle County recently sent Land Use General Manager Eileen Folgerty to New York to speak with the owner of the Rosen Group about the future redevelopment of the Tri-State Mall. With the closing of the K-Mart and the current condition of the "mall" it is quite possible that there could be changes coming to the site in the next several years. Nothing specific has been announced.
- Capano was delayed starting on Philadelphia Pike mixed-use buildings. Work should begin soon, weather permitting. No tenants announced yet.

- A Saint Louis, MO based firm, Commercial Development Corp., announced plans to purchase the steel mill from Evraz within the next several months and demolish the buildings and environmentally remediate the site. After the clean-up, the land will be sold for another use. We are very early in this process and there are still a lot of questions to be answered. The CRDC has requested that a public meeting with Commercial Development Corp. be held by the end of the second quarter of 2015 to discuss their plans.
- The Darley Arts Center offers live model figure drawing each Tuesday night from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. For more information call Rick Phillips at 302-798-1364. Currently the Darley Winter Art Show is being exhibited with the work of twenty two local artists. The Darley House galleries are open on Sunday's from 1-4pm.

COMMUNITY WATCH UPDATE

With the Holiday Season upon us, the New Castle County Division of Police is warning our citizens about prowlers that are on the lookout for packages left at your home. Please be aware of thieves who follow delivery trucks and strike during working hours when homes are empty. To help avoid this situation: Require a signature confirmation of delivery. Provide delivery instructions so packages can be left out of sight from your yard or the road. Take advantage of delivery alerts and ask a trusted neighbor to pick-up a package when it arrives.

There were 2 recent related criminal mischief occurrences on November 13 & 16. The first incident on Palace Ave, a witness reported seeing approximately 4 subjects with what appeared to be a baseball bat strike to a vehicle window and flee towards Harbor House. The other incident was on Forrest Ave, a rock was located inside the vehicle. Police responded to the area, but did not locate the suspects for either incident.

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://crimemap.nccde.org/sqlcrime.asp>

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 – Sheila Santiago, 609-277-1674	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) - Sheila Santiago, 609-277-1674
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

DISCOUNT TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE

Discounted waste removal with Econo-Haul is available to members who are current on their dues. Cost is \$23.00 monthly for trash/recycle/yard waste or \$19.00 monthly for trash/recycle (no yard waste) or Label Program for Yard Waste @ \$12.00 for 10 stickers. Stickers are placed on your own containers, bags, bundles. Carts are provided for trash and for recycling. Participants will be billed individually by EH. Contact our Treasurer for further details and/or if you would like to participate SCAtreasurer2@comcast.net or 792-0813 (between 10:30AM-8:30PM).

SNOW PLOWING UPDATE

We have a new plowing contractor. Just like in previous years plowing will commence once we have received at least 4" of snow. We are not reimbursed for snow events of less than 4". We strongly urge that you move your vehicles off the streets to make way for the plower. Sand barrels have been delivered at the following locations to assist with the road conditions.

Corner of Forrest and Cathedral Avenues	Corner of Palace and Manor Avenues
Corner of Stockdale and Cathedral Avenues	Midway on Wiltshire Rd. - front of 144 Wiltshire
Corner of Palace and Forrest Avenues	Corner of Casey Lane and Manor Avenue

Contact Information

Remember to provide Matt or Maureen with updates to your telephone and/or e-mail addresses so we can keep you informed. For those who are moving out of the neighborhood please alert the new buyers about the Stockdale Civic Association.