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# THE "NOTE"

A newsletter for the residents of Todd Estates/Newark Oaks Civic Association

## Burglary Prevention

### Put burglary prevention at top of to-do list



Recently, property crime rates have been on the rise in New Castle County, with both homes and vehicles being targeted. However, out of those crimes, 42% were non-forced entry, meaning that a window or a door was left unlocked and a burglar entered the home or vehicle. Here are some tips for keeping your home and your loved ones safe from burglars:

- Lock all doors and windows
- Do not leave garage doors ajar when not in use
- Install basement window and sliding door bar locks
- Trim back overgrown landscaping especially in front of entrances and windows
- Remove items that could aid a burglar — i.e. ladders, tools, hidden key, unlocked car with garage opener, loose bricks/rocks
- Turn outside lights on at night and encourage neighbors to do the same
- Do not leave revealing information on answering machine, voicemail or social networks
- Promptly report suspicious persons to the police

For more information on how to prevent burglaries, please visit <http://www2.nccde.org/police> and click on the link under "Burglary Prevention Seminar."

## Warm Welcome

A warm welcome to our new Civic Association Membership/Welcoming Chairperson, Adrienne Suarez. She is the wife of our new Maintenance Chairperson, Paul Suarez. Adrienne & Paul are our 3rd husband & wife volunteer team joining Mark & Sandy Boles and Jeremy & Kathy Bennett.



## General Elections

If you are interested in volunteering for a position or know someone who would make a great candidate, please complete the Nomination Ballot and mail to Marjorie Donovan, 1 Anderson Road by March 5, 2010. Please be sure to include a phone number so that we can contact the Nominee.

**All Nominees must be paid members.**

### Nomination Ballot

**President:**

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**Vice-President:**

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**Treasurer:**

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**Secretary:**

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**Community Block Watch:**

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**Concerns/Complaints:**

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**Membership/Welcoming:**

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**Maintenance:**

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**Newsletter Editor:**

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## Contact Info

To share ideas, concerns & feedback, the Association may be reached at 302-453-1177 or [te12no@gmail.com](mailto:te12no@gmail.com) or PO Box 9461, Newark, DE 19714

## 2010-2011 Officers

President: Mark Boles  
Vice President: Brian Feeley  
Treasurer: Sharon Nahodil  
Secretary: Kathy Bennett

## Committees

### Community Block Watch:

Chair: Jeremy Bennett

### Concerns/Complaints:

Chair: Sandy Boles

### Membership/Welcoming:

Chair: Adrienne Suarez

### Maintenance:

Chair: Paul Suarez

## In the Community Interest



Do you need to contact the police for a **non-emergency situation**? Dial **302-573-2800**.

**Need help paying for prescription drugs?** New Castle County has joined counties around the country to get discounts for prescription drugs. For information call **(302) 395-8349** or **1-877-321-2652**.

If you are a Senior Citizen or know of a Senior Citizen who needs to be checked on a daily basis, there is help available. The Senior Roll Call Lifeline generates a call every day to Seniors in need. To get more information or to sign up call, **(302) 395-8159**.

## Delaware 2-1-1

Refers Delawareans to appropriate providers with help with non-emergency issues ie: rent assistance, food banks, care for Seniors and so much more.

The new **2-1-1** service can help callers in either English or Spanish.

## Pet Peeve

\$20 a year. Doesn't sound like much even in these tough economic times, but apparently a large percentage of the community feels that it is too much. There are about 700 houses in the two developments & only 121 have paid dues. Ouch! Even if you subtract the empty homes that leaves a lot of free riders. Several snowfalls have put our budget in serious jeopardy & by the time you read this newsletter the snow may have busted it. Snowplowing is not our only expense. We have been lucky in the past to secure state funds for needed projects such as entrance signs and the trees along Rt. 4. However, getting this money is not very likely in the future & we are overdue for someone to crash into the entrance signs. In fact, the Todd I sign was damaged last winter. Believe it or not one resident thought the dues were too low and paid extra. If it has just slipped your mind, please put that check in the mail or pay at the next general meeting.



## Community Tidbits

### Please send your \$20 !!

Dues (\$20) were due January 1st. Please make checks payable to "TENOCA" and mail to P.O. Box 9461, Newark, DE 19714

### Residents of the Quarter

We have several vacant homes whose owners have not kept their grass cut. In conversations with several residents, I have learned that people in the neighborhood have "adopted" these homes keeping the grass cut & as much as possible giving them the appearance of occupancy. Vacant homes with tall grass are trouble. They drive down the values of homes in the neighborhood and attract mischief, so we salute each of you who has taken on this task. Thanks and we owe you a pat on the back collectible at the next general meeting.



### Add your name to the list .....for ELECTRONIC DELIVERY of the "NOTE"

Send Darlene Woodside an email @ [darlene@woodsideconnection.com](mailto:darlene@woodsideconnection.com) with your name & home address. All email addresses are kept confidential. **If you change your email address, please send her the new email address.** **Breaking News:** "The NOTE" is now online for download. Visit my website ([darlenewoodside.net](http://darlenewoodside.net)) and look for the tab on the left side.

### Online Code Violation Reporting

Report New Castle County Code violations online. Go to <http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/LandUse/home/> and click on "File a Complaint".

**Quick Notes: Reminder:** Please do not put trash out until the night before pickup as it detracts

The Civic Association has an issue with the first company that was hired to plow. The Association is looking for an attorney who may be willing to do some pro bono work for them.

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### Hey, why'd it take so long to get the streets plowed?

A new company was contracted to do the snowplowing this year. Layout Landscape plowed during the first 2 snows. Their rate proved to be cheaper for normal plowing, but then the January 26th/27th storm hit. Because of the depth of that snowfall, they wanted to bring in front-end loaders & dump trucks to remove the plowed snow. Mounds of plowed snow during last year's storms prompted complaints from many residents. However, the money to pay for this service was just not available mainly because so few people pay dues. (see "Pet Peeves") Although we may receive some reimbursement from the State, the amount is not fixed & its arrival date uncertain. Luckily, we were able to secure the services of the person who plowed the last 2 years, but he had to honor his prior commitments first. The real crisis will be if we have anymore of the white stuff because, at the time of this writing, we have received no state reimbursement & do not have enough funds to plow.



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**Next Issue Deadline: APRIL 7**  
**Next General Meeting:**  
**April 6 @ 7 PM @ Kirk Middle**

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