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THE "NOTE"

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

Todd II Entrance

The Civic Association was not as lucky in financing the redesign of the Todd II entrance. No one did a hit and run on it, so the State did not finance the needed alterations as happened with the Todd I/Newark Oaks entrance. Mark and Sandy Boles solicited bids and were able to secure three, which ranged from \$3000 to \$5000. The \$3000 bid was a pretty easy choice since the more expensive bids did not offer anything more than we got with the \$3000 bid. The lesson here is to make sure you get more than one quote when having someone do work on your home. In the last year, both entrances have been redone and new trees planted on Rte.4. We've done our part to stimulate the economy.



Crime Report for Todd Estates & Newark Oaks

Although at times at the general meeting it sounds like crime is rampant, that is not the case as indicated by the August 7th to October 7th crime report issued by the New Castle County Police. While any crime is unacceptable, what crime there is can be fought if everyone is vigilant. Keep your eyes open for suspicious activities and keep your outside lights on at night to keep crime down. Reporting suspicious activity can be effective in eliminating theft and criminal mischief. Take it to the next level and join our Community Watch.

Todd Estates I & II	Newark Oaks
6 criminal mischief	1 death investigation
9 domestic dispute	2 domestic disputes
1 drug investigation with an arrest	1 miscellaneous call
1 fraud	1 property recovered
2 miscellaneous calls	
1 missing person	1 theft
1 offensive touching	
1 property check	
1 public relations call	
1 suicide call	
6 theft calls	
3 threatening bodily harm	

\$20-What a Bargain

A couple of things have happened recently that illustrate the importance of residents paying their dues. The Executive Board authorized the expenditure of \$3000 to redo the Todd II entrance. December brought us a huge snowstorm and the cost of snow removal. Although the State will reimburse us for snow removal, the amount depends on how many storms there are. It would not be a good idea to count too heavily on the State since they spent the whole snow removal budget on the season's first storm and it was not even winter yet. Even if we eventually get reimbursed, the Civic Association must first pay out the money. Plus there are the normal operating expenses of the Civic Association.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please consider doing so as soon as possible.



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:

Vice-President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Community Block Watch:

Concerns/Complaints:

Membership/Welcoming:

Maintenance:

Newsletter Editor:

Contact Info

To share ideas, concerns & feedback, the Association may be reached at 302-453-1177 or tel2no@gmail.com or PO Box 9461, Newark, DE 19714

2009-2010 Officers

President: **Mark Boles**
Vice President: **Brian Feeley**
Treasurer: **Sharon Nahodil**
Secretary: **Angelia Celetti**

Committees

Community Block Watch:

Chair: Jeremy Bennett

Concerns/Complaints:

Chair: Sandy Boles

Membership/Welcoming:

Chair: Tammy Pearce

Maintenance:

Chair: Harold Corbett

Newsletter Editor: Brian Feeley

In the Community Interest

Do you need to contact the police for a **non-emergency situation**?

This is the number to call...
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 info call (302) 395-8349 or 1-877-321-2652.

Are you are a senior citizen or know of a senior citizen who needs to be checked on a daily basis? There is help available.

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.



Community Watch

If you are a member in good standing (paid dues) of the Civic Association & can pass a background check, then the Community Watch needs you. If you are interested, call or email your name and number to the Civic Association. (tel2no@gmail.com)

Delaware launches 2-1-1 Phone Service Statewide

2-1-1 connects Delawareans with health and human service providers and is now available to refer Delawareans to appropriate health and human service providers who can assist with a wide range of non-emergency issues such as rent assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, mental health resources, child care, after-school programs, care for senior citizens, financial assistance, legal assistance, job training programs, and much more.

The **2-1-1** service is offered by Delaware Helpline with support from the United Way of Delaware, the State of Delaware, and the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. The new **2-1-1** service has a bilingual staff and can help callers in either English or Spanish.

IMPORTANT: The **2-1-1** number is **NOT** a replacement for **9-1-1**. Remember to use 9-1-1 for life and death emergencies.



Community Tidbits

Snow Removal Tips & Guidelines



1. Please remember to shovel walkways for pedestrians & the Mailman
2. To avoid being “plowed in”, the snow removal service has asked us to remind all residents, to park their cars, trailers etc. **OFF THE ROAD** when snow is expected
3. To avoid extra work, it is important to wait until after the roadways are plowed before you remove snow from driveways
4. **Snow will be plowed anytime the amount of snow exceeds 4”**

DUES!

Dues were due January 1st.
Make checks payable to
"TENOCA" and mail them to
P.O. Box 9461, Newark, DE
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Resident of the Quarter

No one nominated anyone for this quarter. It is hard to believe that no one merits a thank you. I would bet that there are hundreds of random acts of kindness throughout the year, so in this issue the Resident of the Quarter is anyone who has taken the time to help a neighbor. It goes to anyone who made our neighborhood a more pleasant place to live by an act of kindness.

Annual Community Clean-up Day Update

There was both good news and bad news about the annual clean-up day held Saturday, October 10th. The good news was the parks and areas along Rte 4 were in pretty good shape. There was not very much trash. The bad news was there were only 7 or 8 people who helped. After firing up on Dunkin Donut caffeine and sugar, those hardy souls whisked through the task. Thanks to all those who volunteered.



Online Code Violation Reporting

It is now possible to report New Castle County Code violations online. Go to <http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/LandUse/home/> and click on “**File a Complaint**” on the right side of the page. Detailed instructions are provided.

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General Membership Mtg.

Kirk Middle School 7 PM

Date “to be announced”.

Signs will be set at the entrances a week before the meeting.

Elections will be held at this meeting

Next Issue Deadline

If you have anything for the next issue (pet peeve, Resident of the Quarter etc.) please email or call with the information by **April 7th**

Pet Peeve

Slow Down in the Snow

It is not often I get suggestions for “Pet Peeves” and I had a hard time thinking of one for this issue. That was until the snowstorm. One positive about a snowstorm is you get to see neighbors who you have not seen since warmer weather especially during the last storm which required shoveling multiple times. It was enough time to realize that some folks just don’t use their heads. I watched cars zoom up the street. Some drivers seem to feel that four-wheel drive makes them immune to the laws of physics. It does not matter how many wheel drive you have once you lose traction. If you are going fast enough, you will lose traction. If it were not so dangerous, it would have been pretty entertaining watching people trying to stop and start at intersections. This is an especially bad situation since so many children are out in the snow. Many people walk in the street before sidewalks get shoveled. Next snowstorm, slow as you go.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY: Darlene Woodside is building an email list for delivery of the “NOTE” Newsletter & the Yearly Community Update for Todd Estates & Newark Oaks to your email. Please send an email to darlene@woodsideconnection.com, include your name & address (to be removed from postal list). **PLEASE NOTE:** For your privacy, the email addresses will be used ONLY for these 2 publications & will remain strictly confidential. Updated once a year with February mailing.