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THE "NOTE"

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

Wow, that was a close one!

Our emergency plea for dues had some effect and Mother Nature spared us another storm. We received an influx of dues plus received reimbursement from the State. However, this is no reason for complacency. The community will be in the same fix next year if the number of dues paying residents stays at the current level. Several residents have requested community activities and the sign at the entrance of Todd I needs to be repaired, but the uncertainty over money makes doing anything difficult. The Board is looking at several options to increase the payment of dues, all of which will require some money to be invested. Dues are \$20 a year and payable by January 1st.

Volunteers Needed

Several issues ago, I wrote an article in which I commented on the number of young children in the neighborhood and not surprisingly, some folks have asked about kids' activities like an Easter egg hunt. While it is nice to suggest ideas, what is really needed is someone who would run these activities. They do not have to be for kids only although all events need to be self-funded or at minimal cost. Contact the board using the community phone or email with suggestions for activities you and fellow neighbors would like to run.

Summer Safety Tips

Check out this website that gives many safety tips to keep our children safe this Summer
www.keepkidshealthy.com



Executive Board Planning Meeting

The Executive Board will be meeting this summer to look at budgetary issues and next year's Calendar of Events. Since most of China's surplus dollars are helping to fund the federal deficit, we are on our own. One of the topics we will look at is a more efficient way to collect dues. Ongoing expenses will be examined (Verizon phone bill, Delmarva bill for the park lights, a small share of the three newsletters – Darlene Woodside picks up the bulk of this cost), snow removal expenses projected and an estimate of how much will be collected in dues will be made. This will help determine what money can be spent for other needs and wants. The tricky number there is snow removal costs. If you have any suggestions or ideas concerning any of the above, email the board. (TE12NO@gmail.com).

By the way, all emails get answered, even the mean ones that hurt my feelings, but sometimes it takes a while. I am pretty good at checking the email for a time, but after there are no new ones for a couple of weeks, I slack.



Todd Estates/Newark Oaks 6th Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 4th
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

*RAIN DATE: Saturday, June 11th

I cringe every time I go into my basement. There's so much stuff down there. At least I don't have to worry about painting the floor. The problem is that I don't want to throw away the stuff because it is useful, just not to me or my family. If your basement or attic is like mine, here's your big chance. An ad will be placed in the News Journal.

Why did it take so long to plow?

Talk about a perfect storm! This was a rough winter & then we had issues with the company we contracted to do the plowing. We were told that they would not come in unless they could bring front-end loaders and dump trucks at \$300/hour each in addition to the contracted amount. Needless to say, we could not afford that and had never agreed to any such provision.



Through the efforts of Mark and Sandy Boles who took time off from work, we were able to procure the services of the person who had the contract in the past. However, he had to honor his previous commitments first. In a side note, many of the calls they received during the day were rude. The Boles missed work like many other people but they have a four wheel drive vehicle and could easily have made it to work, but stayed home to make sure the roads got cleared. It would be interesting to see how many of the calls came from people who had not paid their dues.

Please Slow Down

Think about this.....

@ 25mph—the child lives

@ 35 mph—the child dies

There are many children playing, cyclists, walkers & runners in our communities to speed or disregard stop signs.

Contact Info

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

2011-2012 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 agencies to help with non-emergency issues i.e. 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.

Community Tidbits

DUES!

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

Resident of the Quarter

We have over 700 houses in the Todd Estates/Newark Oaks community yet only 160 paid dues & the "no snow plowing" signs got us to that number. It is a bit ironic then that our "Resident of the Quarter" is not "a" resident, but the many residents, who not only paid their dues, but added extra. Some paid double, some paid even more. One person paid \$100. Thanks to those very generous folks!



Electronic Delivery

Electronic delivery of the "NOTE" & the Yearly Community Update for Todd Estates & Newark Oaks are now available. To receive electronically, send an email to darlene@woodsideconnection.com include your name & address.

PLEASE NOTE: email addresses will remain strictly confidential.

****Newsletters are available @ www.darlenewoodside.net**

Look for the link on the left hand side.

A Loss for Our Community

This past Winter our community suffered a loss when Harold Jaworski passed away. Many people who do not know him by name would recognize him by appearance. He was a school crossing guard in our area. Many times in frigid and/or rainy weather, I would pass him at his post. Harold was one of those who stepped forward when the Civic Association was reconstituted. He served as our first Community Watch Chairman. The Board would like to extend our deepest condolences to his family.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

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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Community Watch

The Community Watch needs you. If you are interested, call or email your name and number to the Civic Association.



Next Issue

Deadline

8/16

Pet Peeve

Mr. Dan Moffet, one of our residents, submitted this one. It is a double bonus for me because I did not have to think of one and I heartily agree with his. Summer is coming and there will be more kids outside. My pet peeve has to do with the kids in the street. On one hand, the argument is made that we need to slow down, be more aware and to watch for the kids playing in the street. This is true, but on the other hand, the kids need to take some responsibility too. I've only seen a couple cases where kids are playing in the yard and "darted" out into the street. Most of the time they are playing or walking down the middle of the street. You slow down to give them time to move to the side & they don't move. As you get closer you need to blow your horn because they just aren't moving. Then they look at you like YOU'RE doing something wrong. The "teenagers" are the worst. They stare you down and "dare" you to hit them. These kids should already know better but their parents need to reinforce the importance of getting out of the way. You never know if the driver has been drinking or has had a really bad day and is on the verge of "road rage". Please, parents, have talks with your kids. We want them to be safe. They need to be aware of the cars as well as the drivers being aware of the kids.



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