



Volume 5, Issue 3  
September 2011

# THE "NOTE"

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



## Show me the Money January 1, 2012

What happens to your dues? There are several things that your dues are used to fund. The Civic Association is responsible for several park street lights, which costs about \$19 a month and the community phone line, which is another \$26 a month. In addition, the community cleanup and maintenance cost another \$100. Although Darlene Woodside of RE/MAX picks up the bulk of the cost of the newsletter, the Association contributes about \$100 per issue, so that is another \$300 a year. The real issue is snow removal. We are reimbursed, but not a 100% and only if we have at least four inches of snow. These provisions up the ante. First of all, there is no way of knowing how much we will be reimbursed. Secondly, sometimes the streets need to be plowed when there is less than four inches due to snow conditions and predicted temperatures. Also, we may have four inches here, but the snow may not measure four inches at the site used by the state to measure snowfall. As happened last year, if the account balance drops below the amount it costs to plow, no plowing will take place. It is not fair to ask a company to plow streets contingent on the possibility of snow reimbursement.

We enter this winter with slightly less money than last year. We only have what we have now because signs were posted saying there would be no more snow removal without additional dues. Several residents paid extra dues. Less than 200 residents out of over 700 hundred paid last year. We understand these are tough economic times & many people are struggling just to keep their homes, but I doubt that the 500 delinquent homeowners are all in that condition. There are things that need to be done like repairing the entrance sign to Todd I/Newark Oaks but it's hard to commit money with winter on its way. Even if we have people willing to organize some community activities, there is not much cash available.

## Halloween Safety Tips

- Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats since masks may block your child's vision.
- Make sure all costumes are clearly labeled as fire retardant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.



## School is Back in Session

The speed limit is 25mph



## Dash for the Cash

I would hope we can do a bit better at solving our financial woes than Congress has done with our nation's. After last year's fiscal crisis, we received some very good ideas for increasing dues collection. Many folks are not refusing to pay, but rather forgetting. We have a 2-prong plan of attack. Here's the easiest one first. Around the first of the year when dues are payable, we are getting signs for the entranceways to remind folks to pay. We have a more ambitious prong 2 and this is where you can help. We would like every resident to get an envelope which they can use to mail their dues. Many years ago, this was done by as few as three or four residents. Kudos to anyone willing to take on that responsibility. What we really need are people willing to deliver to their own block or street. The more people who volunteer, the less work there will be for each person. Seven hundred envelopes need to be stuffed and stamped with the community mailing address too. These plans are a bit of a gamble because they cost money, but it is worth a try. Otherwise, you will be seeing the "no more plowing" signs again next February. You can sign up at October's general meeting or use the community email or phone to volunteer.

## Calendar of Events

<b>Fall General Meeting</b>	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	Kirk Middle School @ 7 PM.
<b>Community Cleanup</b>	Saturday, October 15, 2011	Kirk Middle School @ 9AM
<b>Spring Meeting</b>	Wednesday, April 4, 2012	Kirk Middle School @ 7PM
<b>Community Yard Sale</b>	Saturday, June 2, 2012	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## Contact Info

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

## 2009-2010 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

## Community Tidbits

### Electronic Delivery

Electronic delivery of the "NOTE" & the Yearly Community Update for Todd Estates & Newark Oaks are now available.

To receive via email, send an email to:

[darene@woodsideconnection.com](mailto:darene@woodsideconnection.com) include your name & address.

**PLEASE NOTE:** email addresses will remain strictly confidential.

**\*\*Newsletters are available @ [www.darlenewoodside.net](http://www.darlenewoodside.net).**

### Resident of the Quarter

Longtime resident Harold Corbett passed away on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This is not only a tremendous loss to his family but also to the community. Harold headed our Maintenance Committee last year and was our watchful eyes at the entrance to the community. He was involved in many Civic Association activities including our annual community clean-up & a faithful attendee at the Association meetings. When his children were younger, he was also an active PTA member too. Harold was a really nice man & he will be greatly missed by all. He was affectionately called "The Mayor of Todd Estates". The Executive Board extends its deepest sympathies to his family.



### Association Dues 2012

Dues (\$20) are due January 1, 2012.

Please make checks payable to:

"TENOCA"

Mail to: P.O. Box 9461 Newark, DE 19714

### 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".

**Todd Estates & Newark Oaks Civic Association**  
**P.O. Box 9461**  
**Newark, De 19714**

PRSRT STD  
U. S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
WILMINGTON ,  
DE  
Permit #685

### Pet Peeve

The "pet peeve" for this issue came out of an Executive Board meeting this August. In a community of this size, we should have many more people active in the Civic Association. This is especially so since we have so many young folks moving into the community who can bring fresh ideas to the table. We will need a large number of people to help with our plan to collect a larger percentage of dues. The more folks who volunteer the less work there will be for each person. We would like people to distribute envelopes for dues to the houses on their street or block. We could also use help stuffing the envelopes. Here's a chance to help a community by donating an hour or two. If you would like to help, sign up at the October 12<sup>th</sup> general meeting.



### Who let the dogs out?

We have received numerous reports of dogs on the loose, some of which have charged & bit people. Many of these dogs are pit bulls. Yes, I know they are wonderful, cuddly dogs. However, both by reputation and breeding, they are perceived as aggressive intensifying the fear when you are charged. No dog should be let loose regardless of breed and just because you know, "he/she won't bite", does not do much to alleviate the fear of the victim. In several instances the victims have been bit. The bottom line is that dogs should always be under control whether it is late at night or early in the morning. If you need to report a problem dog, use the following website: <http://deacc.org> and click on the "Animal Complaint Form" link on the left. If it is an emergency situation call 302-698-3006 immediately.

Copies & Distribution provided compliments of **Darlene A. Woodside REALTOR®, RE/MAX Associates 738-8178 Direct or 453-3200 (O)**  
**Please check out my websites [www.DarleneWoodside.net](http://www.DarleneWoodside.net) or [www.FirstTimeHomeBuyerInDE.com](http://www.FirstTimeHomeBuyerInDE.com)**

Please disregard the above information if your property is now listed for sale. This is not a solicitation for other real estate professional's listing. This is for information only.