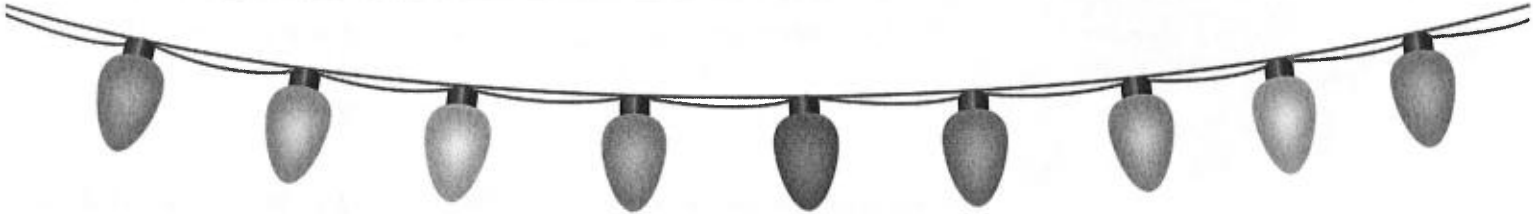




WHETHERSFIELD



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanza 2019! Holiday decorations are everywhere in our neighborhood. During this holiday season as we celebrate our own traditions, let's try to hold onto that spirit of unity, harmony and peace that all traditions embrace and apply it to all of our community neighbors.

We've been successful this year in collecting some back due balances this year and currently have a 90% collection rate. We've been challenged with a 2 person Board of Directors which is workable but not optimum for the volunteers or the community. If you are considering volunteering to be on the Board, thank you! The nomination form is included in this newsletter packet.



Events

Holidays at Nemours
through Dec 29th
(302-651-6912)

Winter WonderFEST-
Milton DE

Yuletide at Winterthur
Dec 9th to Jan 5th

Fireworks and River
Rink Ice Skating
Festival Dec 31st
Riverfront

Bellevue's Winter Woods
Jan 18th

School Bell Road Truck Traffic



If you travel along School Bell Road often, the image of a parked tractor trailer is easily recognizable. Tractor trailers parked along the eastbound shoulder of School Bell Road have frustrated neighbors and created hazards for drivers.

A few months ago, Senator David McBride made a formal request to DelDOT to restrict parking along the shoulder to emergency vehicles only, as well as limit traffic to vehicles that are two axles or fewer. The Secretary of Transportation signed resolutions for both of requests to improve traffic safety.

The signage was posted on October 29th. If you see trucks parked along the bottom of School Bell Road, you can call the Police non emergency number at 302-573-2800.

Thank you Senator McBride!

DelDOT Updates

273/Appleby/Airport Road

The ongoing SR 273/Appleby Road to Airport Road improvement project will continue into fall 2020 because of unexpected drainage work needed to avoid any conflicts with the New Castle County Sewer line. Additionally, environmental cleanup work by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) is needed in the area of the gas station on Airport Road. Until these issues are resolved, DelDOT's contractor cannot complete the remaining work in this segment of the project.

In the meantime, DelDOT is working to complete most of the work on SR 273 westbound as well as the drainage improvement work on Airport Road. Once the unexpected drainage and environmental cleanup work have concluded, the contractor will be ready to finish the westbound section of SR 273 and move on to the eastbound section of SR 273 and Appleby Road.

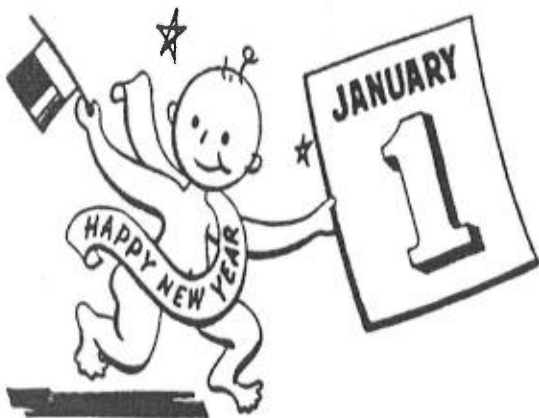
COMING in 2021

I-95 Rehabilitation—The Delaware Department of Transportation is in the final design phase of a significant project to rehabilitate Interstate I-95 from I-495 to north of the Brandywine River Bridge. Upon completion, improvements to this six-mile stretch will extend the service life of the I-95 Wilmington Corridor. Construction on the three year, \$165 million project is set to begin in 2021. Go to the DelDOT Projects Portal @ deldot.gov/projects for additional information.

Community News

- If you see a streetlight out, it's easy to go online and report . Go to Delmarva.com/outages, type in your address and click on the outage. We all pay for the streetlights in our NCC property taxes, so let's make sure they work.
- When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination
- Home Smoke Detectors—The majority of fatalities that occur in home fires happen at night when people are asleep. By sounding an alarm and alerting you and your family to a fire in time to escape, household smoke detectors can cut your chances of dying in a home fire by approximately 40 percent. A minimum of two detectors are recommended for two-story homes. On the bottom floor, place it near the bedrooms. If there are no bedrooms downstairs, detectors should be installed in or near living areas, dens or family rooms. On the second floor, detectors should be placed just outside the bedrooms. Detectors should NOT be installed near kitchens or heat ducts where fumes could set off false alarms. What a great Christmas present!
- Basketball Hoops— We are a family friendly community and basketball hoops, bike riding and skateboarding keep kids active and fosters friendships. There is no NCC Code restriction that prohibits the use/play of basketball hoops in the communities unless it creates a traffic safety hazard or if the participants are creating a disturbance. If you do experience an issue, you can call Police non emergency number 302-573-2800.

AULD LANG SYNE The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."



Be on the lookout for the annual meeting notification! As always, it will take place in February 2019 (weather permitting). Look for updates on the Community sign at the entry way and our Facebook page. Hope you can attend!

At the annual meeting, the following business is conducted:

- ◆ President updates residents on the state of the community
- ◆ Treasurer report
- ◆ Election of Officers
- ◆ Budget discussion and approval
- ◆ Community Issues



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