



WHETHERSFIELD



Hello Whethersfield Community! Happy Spring! It is our hope that you are enjoying great health and remaining safe as we start to see light at the end of the tunnel of COVID-19. Spring has finally arrived after a cold and snowy winter. It will be good to see our neighbors back outdoors enjoying the weather.

As always, THANK YOU to our essential workers who are serving our community. You have been

the real heroes during this difficult time. Thank you also to whomever placed the solar spotlights on the entrance way signs. They look very nice and are greatly appreciated. Thank you to our neighbor, Delisia Inge, for creating this edition of our newsletter .

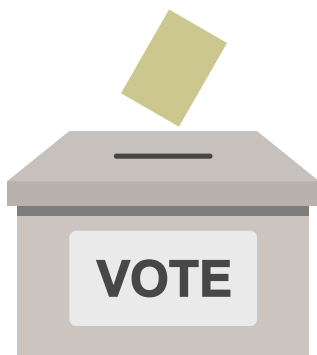
THE VOTE IS IN...

Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot in the election of the Whethersfield Maintenance Corp board members and budget. Your officers for fiscal 2022 are:

President: Kimberli Barr

Treasurer: Dee Calhoun

An annual budget of **\$26,640** also passed. The budget will cover expenses for the year which equates to dues of \$120.00 per household.



SUMMER GARDENS

Now that spring is upon us, it's a great time to start thinking about your summer garden. It's possible to grow lots of varieties of plants and vegetables in our climate. But we also have to be aware of the small critters that live in our neighborhood that may want to feed off your efforts.

If you are planning to plant a garden this year, share your garden with us on our **Facebook page, Whethersfield Maintenance Corp**. If you grow an over abundance of vegetables and want to share it with the rest of the community, let us know!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

- Marie Pinkney, our new State Senator, made her introduction via a cell phone to let us know she is grateful to represent us and is willing to work with us on any project. Read Scott, her Legislative Assistant attended on her behalf. The issue of speeding in the neighborhood was identified and she will request DeDOT to do a speed bump study again in our neighborhood.
- Our annual Yard Sale will take place **May 15 & 16 from 8am - 3pm** on both days.
- Residents have witnessed suspicious activity in the neighborhood. If you suspect any dangerous or suspicious activity, call the Police non-emergency number **302-573-2800**
- Residents are concerned about the graffiti along the School Bell corridor. There used to be a Graffiti Brigade that provided paint to clean up. Chrissy Robert, assistant to George Smiley will provide information regarding graffiti. If you have information on how to get it removed, please let us know via the Facebook group.
- George Smiley was unable to attend. His Assistant, Chrissy Robert attended in his absence. Chrissy to provided information regarding the reassessment of properties in New Castle County. Properties have not been reassessed since 1983. The Court of Chancery has determined that NCC will need to reassess. The process will take at least three (3) years and property taxes will be adjusted. This will leverage the property taxes in NCC so that it is fair throughout.
- Several residents complained about the noise from the traffic on Route 1, especially since the addition of the new lane. Sound study was done 2 years ago and sound barrier was to be constructed. This topic will be revisited.
- To report a street light outage, contact Delmarva either online at **www.delmarva.com** or by phone at **(800) 375-7117**. The reporting requires customers to provide the utility pole number or an address for the streetlight.
- Be aware of parking along Dasher Ave bend. It is a tight space and it makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to come through if necessary. Consider staggered parking so cars are not directly across from one another.
- There is a Little Free Library located at 88 Dasher. Books are available. Take a book - Share a book! Free Little Library book-sharing boxes play an essential role in providing 24/7 access to books right in our neighborhood.



IN OTHER NEWS...

I-95 CORRIDOR

As you may have already witnessed, the I-95 project has begun. The purpose of this project is to maintain and preserve the I-95 corridor in a state of good repair, ensure a 30-year service life extension, enhance safety and improve roadway efficiency to lessen traffic congestion. The project



is intended to impact traffic with reduced lane usage for the next 2 years. The photo shows the lane closures along the corridor from the 95/495 split to the 202 exit. Visit www.restorethecorridor.com for more information.

COVID-19 VACCINES & ELIGIBILITY

All Delawareans 16+ years of age are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. It is available at a host of major chain pharmacies and other participating pharmacies. You can sign up for the state waitlist at vaccinerequest.delaware.gov or email the DPH Vaccine Center at vaccine@delaware.gov or call them at **1-833-643-1715**. You may also receive your vaccination from your primary care physician. Visit coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine for more information.

DELAWARE COVID-19 STATISTICS

- 102,000 Overall Cases
- 1,604 Deaths
- 168 remain in hospital with COVID related illness
- 423,046 have received 1st dose vaccine
- 268,625 fully vaccinated
- 140,000 vaccines available dot be administered



LET'S GET SOCIAL

- Keep up to date with all that is happening in our community. Join us on Facebook at **Whethersfield Maintenance Corp.**
- Join the conversation at **School Bell Road Communities** Facebook Group to get to know our neighbors in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Visit our website at **www.whethersfield.org** for more information about our community.
- Future newsletters will be available on the website. If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please email us your email address to **presidentwhethersfield@gmail.com**



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