

COMMUNITY NEWS - ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Financial Statement: \$19,000 in checking account, \$25,204 in savings account. Money has been received from several outstanding resident accounts.

Councilman George Smiley discussed NCC budget for Fiscal Year 2024 and predicts zero increase in taxes and fees. Current NCC property appraisal that is underway was discussed. Residents will receive notification of appraised value in the mail. Covid has caused a delay in the project but it is continuing. Christine Roberts is Mr. Smiley's new Legislative Assistant. Questions or concerns can be communicated to her or Councilman Smiley.

House Representative Sophie Phillips introduced herself and shared Committee assignments. She also encouraged residents to become active in the state legislative process and communicate thoughts regarding any legislative issues by submitting comments to www.legis.delaware.gov. Rep. Phillips shared some comments from Senator Marie Pinkney.

Snow removal and landscaping: President Kimberli Barr stated contracted fees are ~\$2000 per salting event and ~\$2000 per plowing above 2 inches of snow as measured at the NCC airport. Landscaping/Lawn care is paid in 7 installments throughout the year. ~6.5 acres of open space on community side of Rt. 1 is serviced by the lawn company as well as the entrance signs and island area. Insurance is also maintained. ~5 acres of land across Rt. 1, behind Seton Church is also community open space but is not maintained. Replacement of traffic signs at the entrance discussed. DelDot has assisted in replacing those taken out by motor vehicles within the last few months.

Other questions and topics to be addressed:

- Train whistle noise late at night
- Drainage issues in some areas of our community
- Royal Farms to be built off School Bell Road near Bear Diner. Entrance from School Bell and Rt.40
- Status of Wawa construction at end of School Bell across Rt. 40
- Rt. 1 underpass on School Bell Rd graffiti
- Tractor Trailer parking on School Bell Rd. and need for code enforcement.
- Street cleaner from DelDot on our roads
- Some Utility company boxes in the community need repair or replacement
- Delaware Electric Vehicle proposed mandate by 2035 discussed. Rep. Phillips discussed some actions that need to occur for this to move.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Don't throw out those clothes, toys and furniture just yet! Consider making some money or donating some items during our annual yard sale which will take place

May 20 & 21 from

8am to 2pm. The yard sale will be advertised in the local newsletter and websites to draw customers to our community sale.



TRASH DISCOUNT

Evergreen expressed interest in providing a neighborhood discount. They will pick up every Wednesday. The rate will be:

- **\$78/quarterly for trash/recycle**
- **\$102/quarterly for trash/recycle /yard waste.**

We need at least 167 homes to participate to receive the discount. Call Tammy at Evergreen at **302-635-7055** to sign up or sign up online.

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 and tips 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!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- **April 24-29** - Wilmington City Restaurant Week
- **April 29** - Constitution Yards Beer Fest
- **May 5 - Dec 1** - Art Loop Wilmington
- **May 6** - May Market in Historic New Castle
- **May 6 - Sep 30** - Summer Concert Series @ Wilmington Brew Works (Fri-Sat)
- **May 11 - 13** - Wilmington Flower Market at Rockford Park
- **May 19-21** - Wilmington Grand Prix Weekend
- **July 20-29** - Delaware State Fair, Harrington, DE
- **Every Saturday** - Monthly Bird Walk at Brandywine Creek State Park

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**



SPRING 2023

BEAR, DE



Welcome to SPRING! It's such a pleasure to see our neighbors out and about in their yards and walking about the neighborhood. As we all continue to navigate the ongoing challenges of the world around us, let's take comfort in the fact that we are not alone. Our neighborhood is a place where we can come together and support each other through difficult times. Whether it's checking in on a neighbor who is struggling or sharing resources and information, we are all here for each other.

MEET YOUR WMC BOARD

Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot in the election of the Whethersfield Maintenance Corp board members and budget. Your officers for fiscal 2023 are:

President: Kimberli Barr
Vice President: Seungho Park
Secretary: Delisia Inge
Treasurer: Dee Calhoun
Member at Large: Shelley Irwin

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.

ANNUAL DUES ASSESSMENT

The 2023/2024 assessment this year will be **\$120**. Each household will receive a bill by the end of June. The assessment is based on

222 homes x \$120 = \$26,640

A late fee of \$5.00 per month will be added for all late payments.

The assessment covers:

- Landscaping
- Snow removal
- Legal fees
- Insurance for common area
- P.O. Box
- Taxes
- Website
- Mailings