

THORNWOOD NEWS



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: Fall 2009

<http://www.thornwood-de.com>

Thornwood Board (TMA) News and Changes

To improve service the board has made a change in our community's property management firm: Our new contact for all community matters:

Foth Management
PO Box 9692
Newark DE 19714
Telephone (302) 454-1660

Thornwood Website

Your board has our own website, which can be accessed at <http://www.thornwood-de.com>. The website has an Architectural Control submittal form, community news and information, as well as direct email links to any Board member and our property management firm. Check it out.

Community Service Hours Opportunity

If any young adults would like some community service hours, they can contact any Board member. The activities include: development trash cleanup, park cleanup, spreading sand during snow season at our development entrance, shoveling sidewalk snow in front of the park.

August 4, 2009 Annual Homeowner Meeting

In attendance: TMA Board, Property Management Firm, and 18 Thornwood Homeowners.

Reviewed Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Accomplishments

- Front entrance cleaned up and river burch trees installed to help mitigate the water situation
- Speed bumps on Four Season's Parkway (FSP) and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) project – existing bumps removed as did not comply with America with Disabilities Act; however new ones installed at our request
- Graffiti and vandalism in park cleaned up – 2 cases with only first being solved as of today
- FSP Island maintenance – weeding, tree trimming, general cleanup
- FSP Landscaping easement trees – tree removal (dead ones) this year
- Introduced new property management company and the need for us to switch companies
- Reviewed established web site (www.thornwood-de.com) that board established for homeowners and board members. Homeowners can use this for ACC requests and general communications with Board members.
- Informed members that established new snow removal contract this year with a different vendor. To date, no negative feedback received from homeowners.

- Informed homeowners that Board has moved to 2 year contracts for vendors (snowplowing, landscaping), such that Board only has to bid/renew 1 contract each fiscal year.
- Contracted with individual to perform an inspection of playground equipment (scheduled date 8/8/09)
- Enrolled in DeIDOT's sandbarrel program.
- The majority of homeowners are complying with ACC and DR regulations, with both new requests and correcting existing violations. Those that the board has knowledge of are being addressed via correspondence and/or legal action.
- Crime Statistics – rate steady from 108 in 2008 (primarily domestic calls) to 103 in 2009

Future projects

- New Trees along FSP landscaping easement as the need arises
- Front entrance enhancement – including lighting
- Playground maintenance

Voting Results

- FY 2010 Assessment of \$120 passed – 93% (27 of 29 voting yes)
- FY 2010-2012 VP-ACC will be Dave Clark – 100% (29 of 29 voting or proxy voting in favor of)
- FY 2010-2012 Secretary will be Rick Palma – 100% (29 of 29 voting or proxy voting in favor of)

For a complete recap of homeowner issues, visit our website at <http://www.thornwood-de>.

Important Contact Information

Property Management Firm:

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PO Box 9692
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Board of Directors:

President: Scott Simmons (731-0484)
VP (Architectural Control): Dave Clark (456-3621)
VP (Deed Restrictions): Lutz Schulze
VP (Information Technology): Dave Stokes
Treasurer: Rick Ficarra (456-1772)
Secretary: Rick Palma (738-6524)

Area Representatives:

Area 1: Oakview/Clover Mill - Kathy Swain (455-9079)
Area 2: Hazelwood/OBP – Carl Dickert (738-7346)
Area 3: Thistleberry Drive – Elizabeth Stokes (738-8945)
Area 4: Charles Pointe - Dana Mihalko (738-2241)
Area 5: Briarcliffe – Amy Selheimer (368-8639)
Area 6: Alanrose /Spur Ridge - Helen Ficarra (456-1772)

Street light outages:

Delmarva: 454-0300

County code violations:

New Castle County: 395-5555