



Wood Creek Trails

Hello, Neighbors

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying the fantastic summer weather. I take this opportunity to offer a few comments and reminders.

First, an important announcement. Please welcome Michele Davis as our new *Wood Creek Trails* newsletter editor. Michele has experience as editor on another newsletter for a non-profit organization with a larger, more complex circulation. We appreciate Michele’s willingness to assume the responsibilities as editor of our newsletter.

If you have not yet paid your WCCA annual dues, please submit past due amounts immediately to: WCCA, PO Box 142, Hockessin, DE 19707-0142. We still are recovering financially from the high snow plowing costs incurred from the 2009-2010 season, in addition to the costs this year for the 2010-2011 season. Do not burden your neighbors with your fair share of the Wood Creek snow removal and maintenance expenses.

The Wood Creek Board has received complaints that some properties are not being properly maintained. Exterior painting sharpens the curb appeal of your home, and is relatively inexpensive. Secure shutters and drain pipes. If your home is over 20 years old, it may be time for a new roof. Treat your grass to minimize weed growth and enhance the appearance of your lawn. To an extent, the home values in Wood Creek are influenced by the level of exterior maintenance given to the properties.

For the WCCA to continue to provide necessary services to our community, volunteers are needed for the Board and other positions. The current Board members have held their offices for at least four years. It is time for others to step-up and serve our community by taking a turn on the Board and on the committees. The Wood Creek Annual Meeting will be held in October. Please plan to attend and participate.

Have a pleasant, fun and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Bill Short, WCCA President

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Special points of interest

- Frequently Used Phone Numbers provides local and state government contacts and other useful agencies.
- NEW In Your Area section highlights local events and/or things within the Pike Creek area.
- Recap of Spring Events in Wood Creek



Spring Events for Wood Creek a Success!

The **Wood Creek Annual Egg Hunt** was held on Saturday, April 16th and was well attended with approximately 50 participants and their families.

The hunts were divided into three age categories where children hunted for candy-filled eggs. After the hunts, cupcakes were enjoyed by all even though the weather was quite chilly. Everyone also went home with a goody bag that included a certificate for a FREE Rita's Water Ice.

Special kudos go out to Rita's Water Ice of Kirkwood Highway for donating the water ice coupons.

This event would not have been possi-

ble without our event co-chairs, Wayne and Michele Davis, for organizing this activity. Thank You for your continued support of our community! Thanks also go out to their supporters who helped make the egg hunt a success by making cupcakes and/or running the event.

The **Spring Community Yard Sale** was held on Saturday, May 21st. The weather was pleasant and perfect for hunting treasures.

Many residents took advantage of this opportunity and hopefully made a few dollars in the process. The Fall Community Yard Sale will be held in October.

"There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you don't do them." - Charles D. Gill on the choice to volunteer

Visit
www.woodcreekde.com

A goal of the WCCA Board of Directors is to issue the Wood Creek Trails newsletter to every Wood Creek resident, and other interested readers, electronically only. Of course, those without internet access still can receive hardcopy deliveries.

Presently, our newsletters are posted on our website and only a flyer notice is distributed to residents.

If you do not have internet access, please contact Bill Short, WC President (contact info at right) to request deliver of the newsletter to your home.

Wood Creek Civic Association (WCCA) Officers

Please contact the Wood Creek Officers and Committee Chairs as needed regarding our community, its newsletter or website.

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Wood Creek Corner

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July 2011 Update

The activity in Wood Creek is consistent with other communities within our market area and price range. Below I have listed some of the activity since January 1, 2011.

For Sale Now			List Price
242 Bayberry Dr.	3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, Colonial	1 car garage	\$259,900
14 Daylilly Court	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "Hagley" Colonial	2 car garage	\$349,900
Under Contract (Pending)			List Price
1 Woodward Dr	3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "Bancroft" Colonial	2 car garage	\$300,000
Sold and Settled			Sold Price
221 Barberry Dr	3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "Bancroft Colonial	2 car garage	\$327,000
19 Woodward Dr	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "Hagley" Colonial	2 car garage	\$339,500
477 Greenwood Dr	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "Ashford" Colonial	2 car garage	\$349,900
2 Ocheltree Dr	4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, "Williamsburg"	2 car garage	\$355,000
823 Jasmine Dr	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "Williamsburg"	2 car garage	\$360,000

Homes are still selling in Wood Creek. This is a good thing. With the interest rates slightly increasing to over 4.5% a.p.r. for a thirty year fixed, zero point mortgage, now is a great time to consider selling. Rising interest rates sometimes motivate buyers. If you would like more information about Wood Creek and the real estate market, or if you or anyone you know is interested in buying or selling a home, please call Wayne M. West at 302-733-7073.

Home values have not stabilized in the real estate market locally as well as nationally. One way to help prevent the further deterioration of home values is to keep up with the maintenance and care of your home inside and out. Keeping your lawns maintained and manicured is just a start. When a prospective buyer enters a community with overgrown grass and weeds, trash and yard waste stored around the property, and stored items that are in violation of the deed restrictions, they will move on and look at other communities with less items of concern. We would like to keep Wood Creek attractive for ourselves, and for others that may consider purchasing a home in our community. If you would like more information on beautifying your home and yard, please call me.

Have A Great Summer!

Annual Dues

Invoices for Wood Creek Civic Association annual dues were mailed to all residents in January. If you have not already done so, please submit your \$85 for 2011 annual dues to:

Wood Creek Civic Association
P.O. Box 142
Hockessin, DE 19707-0142

The WCCA dues are an investment in your community and cover the costs of community expenses, including snow removal, lawn care of the common areas and maintenance.

Do not burden your neighbors with your fair share of these expenses!

If needed, please contact our Treasurer, Wayne Davis, to make payment arrangements at 302-377-1182 or treasurer@woodcreekde.com.

Beautification

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Wood Creek Beautification Committee. This committee assists with the care of the Wood Creek entrance, and to beautify other common areas in the Wood Creek development.

Contact Pat Gallagher at 302-994-4830 to volunteer.

Deed Restrictions

Respect your neighbors by complying with the Wood Creek Deed Restrictions. The complete list of Deed Restrictions is posted on our website.

#10—Trash Receptacles

With the increase in curbside recycling in our community, it is important to remember the guidelines for trash receptacles. All trash receptacles shall be kept in enclosed areas or hidden from street view.

#11—Prohibited Vehicles

With summer in full swing, more Boats, RVs, campers, jet skis and other such vehicles are popping up in the community. It is a violation of the Deed Restrictions to park such vehicles on lots, driveways, or streets in Wood Creek. If you have such a vehicle that will not fit in your garage, then it must be kept elsewhere outside of Wood Creek.

State Rep. Mike Ramone highlights Bills introduced in the General Assembly this year



July 2011

Dear Wood Creek Neighbor,

The 2011 legislative session concluded in the early morning hours of July 1st, but not before the General Assembly approved what are referred to as the major money bills.

The \$3.5 billion Budget, which funds the state's day-to-day operating expenses, was enacted, reflecting a more than 6% increase over the previous spending plan. The \$661 million Bond Bill – which pays for the state's capital improvement projects, including transportation-related repairs and school construction projects – was also signed into law on July 1st. Much of the increased spending in both the Budget and Bond Bills was the result of a more than \$300 million revenue surplus coming to state coffers.

With the uncertainty of our economy, especially in light of a recent report showing Delaware's economic growth rate falling behind the national average, I would have liked to have seen more restraint used by our budget writers. Instead of spending the more than \$300 million budget surplus on various projects, I would have preferred that more money had been returned to taxpayers in the form of tax cuts or kept in reserve to be used during tougher economic times.

The following highlights some of the other important measures introduced in the General Assembly this year:

- A package of bills aimed at assisting homeowners devastated by foreclosure will be enacted. I co-sponsored each of the five foreclosure bills, which will be signed into law by the Governor. One of the bills ensures homeowners are considered for loan modifications before a foreclosure action is concluded.
- In addition to a number of tax cut bills that were signed into law, I also introduced legislation repealing the death tax in Delaware. Beneficiaries are forced to pay this onerous tax on the estate of a deceased family member, even though taxes on the property have already been paid by the owner. It is time to remove this tax from our rolls. This legislation remains pending in a House committee.
- House Bill 55 – the National Popular Vote bill – would award all of the state's electoral votes to the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bill would take effect only when enacted, in identical form, by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes needed to elect a President (270 of 538). Even though the bill passed in the House, I am proud to say that I voted against this bill. The Electoral College system, by and large, has served our country well and I do not support changing the process that was established under the U.S. Constitution. The legislation remains pending in a Senate committee.
- Several open government bills were introduced this session by some of my colleagues and I am disappointed that many of the bills were not considered before the Legislature adjourned on June 30th. One bill (House Bill 65) would prohibit future state lawmakers from being hired to a state job after they have been elected to the Legislature. The legislation remains pending in a House committee.
- I co-sponsored legislation creating a check-off on the Delaware income tax form to allow Delaware taxpayers to designate contributions to the White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Preservation Fund. The donations will be used to enhance water resource restoration and management programs within the White Clay Creek watershed, Delaware's only federally designated wild and scenic river. The bill has been signed into law.

State Rep. Mike Ramone cont'd

These are just a few of the many bills that have come before the Legislature this year. If you have any questions about a specific bill, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 302-577-8723. I also hope you will stop by one of my monthly morning coffee sessions at Crossroads Restaurant at Kirkwood Highway and Limestone Road. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. You bring the topics and I'll provide the free coffee. Constituents are also invited to a monthly community meeting at my home (211 Nathan Court) on the last Sunday of the month. Keep in mind, though, that there will be no Sunday evening meetings in July and August. Our Sunday meetings will resume on September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for the continued honor to serve your interests in our General Assembly. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Michael Ramone
State Representative
21st District

“You bring the topics and I’ll provide the coffee” - Rep. Mike Ramone on his monthly morning coffee sessions at Crossroads Restaurant

In Your Area

Buy From Your Neighbor

Have you seen the signs at Carousel Park advertising the Buy From Your Neighbor Program? Every Friday, Carousel Park opens its gates to local farmers to allow residents access to local foods.

Visit Carousel Farm on Friday afternoons through September 30th. Farmer’s Market hours are 4-6 pm.



Woodside Farm Creamery

Another local treat for Wood Creek residents is the Woodside Farm Creamery. Located at the intersection of Little Baltimore and North Star roads, it is a quick drive for homemade ice cream.

The Woodside Farm has operated as a farm since 1796, and today it is one of the only Centennial Farms remaining in the state of Delaware.

Woodside Farm Creamery uses farm fresh ingredients in their homemade ice cream to create a variety of traditional and truly unique flavors.

They are open daily from 12 noon to 9 pm. Visit them on Facebook or at www.woodsidefarmcreamery.com



Safety News

Bike Helmet Safety. Kids are at high risk for bicycle-related injuries simply because more than 70 percent of 5 to 14 year-olds ride bicycles.

In Delaware, it's the law for anyone under the age of 16 to always wear a helmet. Here are a few tips to follow during these prime bicycle weather days...

- Don't negotiate. Require children to wear a helmet every time, everywhere they go.
- Talk to other parents and encourage them to have their kids wear helmets.
- Buy a helmet that meets or exceeds safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- Help your child understand the importance of protecting the head from injury.

- Correct fit is essential. Adjust the chin strap so it cannot wobble from side to side and it sits level on the head.

Remember,

- Bike helmets reduce the risk of head and brain injury by over 85%
- Wearing a helmet isn't just for bike riding. Children who skateboard, rollerblade, ride scooters or ATVs should also wear a helmet designed for those activities.



Wood Creek Block Captains

	Name & Address	Telephone	Assigned Area
Block 1—	Mary Facciolo, 7 Quince Court	302-994-4347	Quince Ct, Woodward Dr #1-18, Ocheltree Dr #1
Block 2—	Wayne Davis, 22 Woodward Dr	302-377-1182	Woodward Dr #19-40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, Bayberry Dr #199
Block 3—	Fran & Elizabeth Pepeta, 6 Ocheltree Dr	302-633-0564	Gregg Ct, Ocheltree Dr #2-20
Block 4—	Pat Gallagher, 198 Barberr Dr	302-994-4830	Woodward Dr #41, 43, 45, 47, 52, 54, 56, 58, Bayberry Dr #198, 200, 201, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, Daylilly Ct
Block 5—	Debbie Dunford, 41 Woodward Dr	302-275-5564	Barberry Dr #203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213-220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, Jonquil Ct
Block 6—	Colleen Miseti, 10 Hosta Court	302-652-2193	Greenwood Dr #400, 411, 413, Hosta Ct, Barberr Dr #240, 242, Sweetleaf Dr #700-705
Block 7—	Fran & Elizabeth Pepeta, 6 Ocheltree Dr	302-633-0564	Ivy Ct, Sweetleaf Dr #706-727, Maureen Ct, Jasmine Dr #826, 827
Block 8—	Bill & Dorianne Short, 701 Sweetleaf Dr	302-998-6889	Jasmine Dr #814-825, Greenwood Dr #402-410, 412, 414-421, 423, 425, 427
Block 9—	Mary LaRue, 439 Greenwood Dr	302-994-6787	Greenwood Dr #422, 424, 426, 428-449, Bluegrass Dr #511, 518
Block 10—	Suzanne Musacchio, 464 Greenwood Dr	302-892-9604	Greenwood Dr #450-470, 472, 474, Bluegrass Dr #502
Block 11—	Rick & Diane Rokita, 9 Lilac Court	302-633-6373	Bluegrass Dr #503-510, 512-516, Daphne Ct, Coralberry Dr
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Important Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance	911
A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children	651-4000
Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting Hotline (24 hrs.)	800-292-9582
Christiana Hospital Emergency Room	733-1000
CONTACT Crisis Counseling(24 hrs.)	761-9100
DE Anti-Terrorism Tipline.....	1-800-FORCE12
DE Crime Stoppers	1-800-847-3333
DE HELPLINE	1-800-464-4357
Domestic Violence Hotline (24 hrs.).....	762-6110
Elder Abuse/Neglect Reporting Hotline.....	1-800-223-9074
Emergency Gas (Delmarva).....	454-0317
Emergency Electric (Delmarva)	1-800-898-8042
Newark Emergency Center	738-4300
Poison Information Center (24 hrs.)	1-800-222-1222
Rape Crisis Center.....	1-800-262-9800
Suicide Prevention	1-800-652-2929

Useful Numbers

Alcoholics Anonymous	655-5113
Alzheimer's Helpline (24 hrs.)	1-800-272-3900
AMTRAK Schedules & Information	1-800-872-7245
Better Business Bureau	230-0108
Blood Bank of Delmarva	737-8400
Christina School District.....	552-2600
Bus Transportation	454-2281
Community Legal Aid Society (New Castle County).....	575-0660
DE Gambling Helpline.....	1-888-850-8888
Delmarva	
Power Outage, Downed Wires	800-898-8042
Natural Gas Emergency	454-0317
Street Light Outage.....	800-375-7117
Elder Abuse/Neglect	1-800-223-9074
Environmental Complaints (24 hrs.).....	1-800-662-8802
Graffiti Tipline	571-7332
Hospice Programs (DE Helpline)	1-800-464-4357
Libraries	
Hockessin Library	239-5160
Kirkwood Highway Library	995-7663
Newark Free Library	731-7550
Miss Utility (underground digging).....	811
Organ Donor Program.....	1-800-366-6771
Physician Referral Service (Christiana Care).....	428-4100
Red Clay School District	552-3700
Bus Transportation	322-0251
Report School Crime (bullying)	1-800-220-5414
Smoking Quit Line.....	1-866-409-1858
SPCA	998-2281
Time and Weather.....	429-9000

State Government

www.delaware.gov

State Rep. Mike Ramone	577-8723
State Senator Dave Sokola	577-87444
Board of Elections	577-3464
Consumer Protection.....	577-8600
DART Bus & Rail Schedule Information.....	652-3278
DART/DAST Paratransit.....	1-800-553-3278
Delaware Attorney General.....	577-8500
Delaware Helpline/State Agency Information.....	577-3000
DelDOT (potholes)	323-1111
Department of Labor Information Hotline	761-6576
Division of Motor Vehicles (Wilmington).....	434-3200
Division of Motor Vehicles (New Castle)	326-5000
DNREC Curbside Recycling.....	1-800-404-7080
EZ PASS Delaware	1-888-397-2773
Governor's Office	577-3210
Insurance Department.....	1-800-282-8611
Legislative Information	1-800-282-8545
Public Service Commission.....	1-800-282-8574
State Taxpayer Assistance.....	577-8200
Vital Statistics (birth, marriage records)	1-877-888-0248
Volunteer Resource Center.....	1-800-815-5465

Federal Government

www.usa.gov

U.S. House of Representatives	
John Carney (D)	428-1902
U.S. Senate	
Tom Carper (D)	573-6291
Chris Coons (D).....	573-6345
Federal Substance Abuse Hotline.....	1-800-662-HELP
Internal Revenue Service.....	1-800-829-1040
Medicare Part B.....	1-800-633-4227
Social Security.....	1-800-772-1213
Veteran's Administration Medical Center	994-2511
The White House.....	1-202-456-1414

County Government

www.nccde.org

County Council	395-8383
County Executive	395-5101
NCC Assistance & Complaints	395-5555
NCC Community Governing.....	395-5114
NCC Land Use/Permits	395-5444
NCC Park Maintenance.....	395-5700
NCC Police Info. Center (non-emergency)	573-2800
NCC Sewer Emergency	395-5700
NCC Taxes & Sewer Billing.....	323-2600

WC Safety Director Notes—Rick Rokita

- For emergencies, or if anything questionable is observed in Wood Creek, **call 9-1-1.**
- Do not leave valuables visible in your vehicle, and keep vehicles locked.
- Homeowners are responsible to trim trees and shrubs that overhang onto public streets.
- Watch children at play at all times.
- It is illegal to operate unlicensed, motorized scooters and go-carts on public streets.
- Homeowners with a street storm drain in front of their property must ensure it is free of debris.
- Stop aggressive driving—**do not speed.**

Wood Creek Civic Association — Volunteer Form

Visit our website at www.woodcreekde.com and complete the volunteer form to help Wood Creek be a great place to live!

The following positions will all come up for vacancy at the fall annual meeting of the Wood Creek Civic Association: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Director, and Maintenance Director.

Other areas where assistance is needed include:

- Block Captain
- Beautification Committee
- Safety Committee
- Maintenance Committee
- Children's Activities

The Board also would love your feedback and comments on activities in Wood Creek and how we can improve our community. Please use the Volunteer Form on our website or contact Bill Short, Wood Creek President directly at wshort@pseincde.com.



On the Wings of Hope Teal Ribbon Luncheon and Silent Auction

Sunday, September 25, 2011

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Ed Oliver Golf Club Banquet Center
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WC Babysitter List

Kaitlyn Bates	892-2383
Katrina Medoff	633-0334
Valerie Medoff	633-0334
Natalie Palermo	999-7339
Alexia Solis	994-9426
Morgan Williams	998-5294

Want to add your name to the list? Contact Bill Short . You must be a resident of Wood Creek.

Note: the WCCA provides this list only as information to our residents. Qualifications and references should be obtained before engaging a babysitter.

Upcoming Wood Creek Events

October

Annual Fall Community Yard Sale in Mid-October

Wood Creek Annual Civic Association Meeting

Meeting topics include:

- Election of Officers
- 2012 Budget and Goals

November

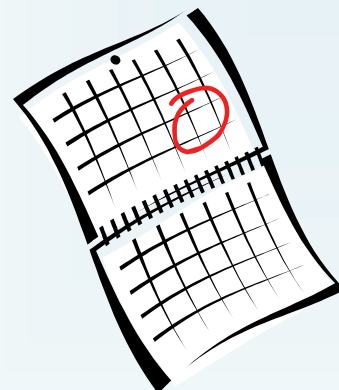
Annual Holiday Food Drive

December

Community visit by Santa on the Fire Truck—Wood Creek Park

Door-to-door visit by Santa

Look for flyers in your mailbox, the Fall/Winter edition of Wood Creek Trails and announcements posted on our website at www.woodcreekde.com.



Wood Creek Trails

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Comments or suggestions for this Newsletter are welcome and appreciated, and should be sent to me at the contact info listed. Thank you.

Advertise Locally

Consider advertising your business in our newsletter. The following fees apply to advertise in the Wood Creek Trails (business card ads only).

Wood Creek Residents	\$24
Non-Residents	\$60

These fees apply for a one year period, January to December, regardless of the number of Newsletters issued in the calendar year. If you had a paid ad in 2011, soon will be the time to renew your listing.

To place an ad in the Wood Creek Newsletter or renew for 2012, please contact the Newsletter Editor, Michele Davis (see side bar for contact information). Space is limited, reserve your space now.