



Wood Creek Trails

What's Happening in Wood Creek

Santa and Friends Visit this Saturday 12/19

Santa will arrive at 3pm on Saturday 12/19 at Wood Creek Park. He will be arriving by fire truck. Be a few minutes early as they will only stay for about 10-15 minutes. Mill Creek Fire Company will also collect non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Bank.

WCCA Annual Meeting

The Board has been working to secure a new meeting location for our annual meeting. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are not able to hold our meeting at the church across the street. Our State Rep. Mike Ramone has offered some suggestions that we are actively pursuing for a meeting date in early January. If anyone has a meeting place in mind, please email the Board at woodcreekcivic@yahoo.com.

Natural Gas in Wood Creek Update

Good News! We received enough signatures to be in the natural gas upgrade project with Delmarva. See page two of this newsletter for further details and the next steps involved in this natural gas expansion.

Visit our Website

In an effort to reduce the size and cost of the newsletter, certain sections are now only available on the WCCA website.

Visit our page at

www.woodcreekcivic.org

for more information about Wood Creek, its civic association, and information such as the Important Numbers section and the list of Block Captains.

WC Babysitter List

Devon Collazo

Ocheltree Dr—633-0101

Martina Davis

Woodward Dr—824-2244

Lauren Desmond

Greenwood Dr—994-1029

Cassandra Padovani

Greenwood Dr—995-6043

Bailey Sciota

Sweetleaf Dr—598-5475

Maria Whiting

Ocheltree Dr—633-0133

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

Are you interested in shoveling snow or pet sitting for your neighbors? We would like to expand our current babysitting list to include these additional services for Wood Creek

Please send your name (or child's name) with your address and contact number and email. Due to the immediate demand for these services in our neighborhood, we will accept names of residents over the age of 18 as well at this time. Please send contact information to woodcreekcivic@yahoo.com.

Natural Gas Update

As stated on the newsletter cover, Wood Creek was able to collect enough interested property owner applications to secure a natural gas upgrade. Our expansion project should begin in late 2016 or early 2017. When a more definitive timeframe is announced, Delmarva will meet with representatives from Wood Creek and provide further details on how the project will move forward. We will be looking for a few volunteers to assist with this project—anyone interested should email the Board at woodcreekcivic@yahoo.com.

Suspicious Activity or Vehicles

Anyone seeing a suspicious vehicle in the area or activity that is questionable—Call 911 or the non-emergency line for New Castle County Police at 302-573-2800. Residents are also welcome to contact the Board via email or phone but we urge residents to call the police first.

How to you determine what is suspicious activity? A suspicious activity is when a person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of our neighborhood—an occurrence that is out of place and should not be happening in Wood Creek.

Our neighbors are our best defense against crime!

2015 Wood Creek Civic Association Officers and Committee Chairs

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

The main contact email is WoodCreekCivic@yahoo.com.

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Wood Creek 4th Quarter Update 2015



Wood Creek Corner

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Currently there are no houses on the market in Wood Creek. What is interesting is there are only 41 detached homes on the market in the Mill Creek, Pike Creek, and Hockessin areas from \$300,000 to \$400,000 as of December 7, 2015. Inventory is down and demand seems to be increasing for homes in this area. NOW is the best time to consider selling your home. Below is the activity in Wood Creek comparing 2014 to 2015.

2014

There were 12 home sales in Wood Creek with a sales price from \$294,000 to \$402,000. These homes were on the market an average of 55 days. The median sales price for 2014 was \$351,550.

2015

There have been 6 sales in Wood Creek with an average sales price from 306,000 to \$402,000. These homes were on the market also an average of 55 days. The median sales price for 2015 increased to \$383,750.

As you can see, there were less home sales in Wood Creek however the median price increased showing a positive movement in the values of our homes. In the overall competing market, the number of competing homes in the two MLS areas that Wood Creek competes with has increased from 30 homes to 41 homes in the last quarter.

This is the information that is available on our TRend multi list system. There were also homes that have sold that are not on our MLS system. These homes may help establish a higher value for your home for appraisal purposes. If you would like more information regarding these homes, please call me.

I would like to thank you for your referrals and continued confidence in me as your REALTOR. As a resident, I am grateful that I can be part of a community like ours. If ever I can assist you, or anyone you know, with buying or selling real estate, please call me at 302-733-7073.

Thank you to our Civic Association volunteers!

We have had quite a winter with snow storm after snow storm last winter. I would encourage every resident to reach out and thank your representatives in the Wood Creek Civic Association for their contributions to the community. As a REALTOR that travels in many communities, Wood Creek has the clearest streets around. Also make sure you pay your annual dues so our streets can remain clear during the storms.

I hope you and your families have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.



On behalf of Lisa and the entire Ramone Family, I would like to wish the residents of the Wood Creek community a very happy holiday season and all the best in 2016!

~ Your State Rep. Mike Ramone



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Does your child know how to be street smart?

Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you're alone or with other kids. When your child is street smart, they know their way around, they know how handle themselves in tough situations, and they are able to "read" people. With reports of strangers in and around our neighborhood, it is always good to review stranger danger information with the young people in your life.

Kids Health from Nemours explains how to Understand Who Is A Stranger. Most strangers aren't dangerous and wouldn't do anything to hurt kids. Unfortunately, though, some strangers can be dangerous, and its impossible to tell who's OK and who's not. That's why it is important to follow these safety rules all the times:

Make your whereabouts known— An adult needs to know where you are at all times. This means telling a parent, babysitter or whoever is keeping an eye on you where you are and when you'll be home.

Stick with a friend—It's more fun and safer to do things with friends. Take along a buddy or sibling when you walk to school or bike to the park. Traveling with a bunch of kids is even better.

Pick out safe spots—Safe spots are places where you can stop if you need help, like the houses of kids you know, stores, libraries or friends of parents. Remember to make a mental note of the safe spots along a route.

Stay away from strangers' cars—If a stranger pulls up in a car and offers you a ride, don't get in. It's also important to avoid a stranger's car completely. Don't agree to look in a car or back of a truck and if you're too far way to hear the person, don't go closer. Just get away—run in the opposite direction that the car is heading.

Trust your instincts—Kids need to follow the rules of street smarts all the time with every stranger, ever if the situation seems fine. And if your instinct is telling you something is dangerous or just not quite right, got out of the area, tell an adult, or call 911. No one will think that you are silly. In fact, just the opposite—people will think that you're truly street smart.