



Northern Lights

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Annual Picnic & Tailgate Party Sept. 23rd!

*Join your Claymont North neighbors for
Sunday afternoon fun, food and festivities*

Your Claymont North Homes Association invites you and your family to join us for our Tailgate Party and Annual Meeting at Noon on Sunday, September 23rd, in the Normandy Lane cul de sac. In keeping with our tailgate theme, we'll have a big screen TV so we can keep up with the Chiefs playing in New Orleans. Support your favorite team or school by wearing your colors!

We'll gather in the big party tent to enjoy fun, food and fellowship. **Two Guys & A Grill** will be grilling fresh hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken, and serving up baked beans and potato salad. We'll also have iced tea, lemonade, water and soft drinks. If you want something else to drink, it's BYOB. We invite you to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share.

After the meal, as required by our by-laws, we will have a brief business meeting to vote on 2013 Board members, (see p.2) and any other business that comes before the membership. It has been an honor to serve as your CNHA President the past few years and I will remain on the Board to ensure a smooth transition.

Richard Reed, President - CNHA

If you will not be able to attend the event, please fill out the proxy insert found in this newsletter, and return it to the Association by Sept 19.

Please RSVP by returning the enclosed form, or by emailing president@claymontnorth.org.

Coming Events

Event	Details
Annual Meeting & Tailgate Party	Sunday, September 23 NOON
Fall Cleanup Dumpsters	8AM – NOON
Normandy Lane Cul-de-Sac	Saturday, October 20 Saturday, October 27

Be Good Neighbors:

- Keep the sidewalk and street free of trash and debris
- Trim street trees so walkers and trucks can pass easily
- Avoid parking in the street
- Limit party size and sound appropriately
- Keep dogs leashed and pick up their waste
- Park vehicles entirely in the driveway without blocking the sidewalk
- Know your neighbors!

Curb your butts!!

Yes, there are butts around the neighborhood, along with cans, bottles and miscellaneous trash. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful by policing the street in front of your house to keep it free of unsightly debris.

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Your Home Association Board

If you are concerned about the quality of your neighborhood, consider volunteering to serve. You may meet some new folks and have a chance to influence what happens as well. The only prerequisite is a desire to maintain the livability of the neighborhood. Many of our volunteer board members have served multiple terms, and would love to see some new folks step in.

The proposed slate of board officers and members for 2013 follows:

President	Frank Coppa
Vice President	George Schluter
Treasurer	David Lash
Secretary	Nick Lammers
Board Members:	Gordon & Peggy Hayes (Architectural Control)
	Stacy Miller (email Notifications)
	Maggie Moran
	Brenda Coppa
	Audra & Mike Heller
	John Benson
	Richard Reed

We hope you will join us to help make Claymont North continue to be the wonderful neighborhood in which we all enjoy living. To volunteer, please contact any Board member, or use the sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting.

Fall Gardening Ideas

WATERING & FEEDING – Many trees and shrubs have been severely damaged by the summer drought and are badly weakened. To give them the best chance of surviving the winter, deep water and root feed them now.

LAWN RENOVATION - After a summer of blazing heat and record drought, lawns have suffered badly. Now's the time to scratch up damaged areas and reseed. Over-seeding now will give you a great start on a beautiful lawn next season. After seeding, dress the lawn with peat moss and water frequently until seed germinates.

PRUNING – Now is the perfect time to prune your trees and non-flowering shrubs. Cut back limbs that overhang your house, shade areas where you want sun or crowd adjacent trees or buildings. Remove dead or weak branches and those that grow in awkward directions. Prune street trees up to keep the sidewalk and street clear for auto and foot traffic. Don't prune azaleas or other flowering shrubs now or you'll cut off next year's flower buds.

WINTERIZATION – As soon as nights get chilly, mulch tender shrubs and perennials such as roses with bark or leaves. Be sure to cover the roots and trunk base with at least 3" of mulch. For shrubs like azaleas or rhododendrons with winter sun exposure, spray with Wilt-Pruf to protect from winter dehydration and spray evergreens with Volck Oil Spray or other good dormant spray.

Planning Fall Projects?

There's lots of fixin' up going on around the neighborhood. Thanks for all of your efforts to keep your community looking great! Don't forget that any exterior changes to your home (roofing, siding, fencing, landscaping, painting, additions, etc.) require prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee. (*Section VII. Right to Approve Plans - Declaration of Restrictions*) This process helps to maintain the quality of our homes and neighborhood. Obtain Architectural Control forms from www.claymontnorth.org or by contacting Committee members.

Have a question about what's required? Contact George Schluter or Gordon Hayes for a quick review of your plans!

Parking Protocol

While on-street parking is perfectly legal, it can cause undue congestion on narrow neighborhood streets. Follow these guidelines to keep our streets safe and attractive:

- Whenever possible, keep all vehicles parked in your garage or driveway
- Keep garage doors closed to discourage burglars
- Park all cars in the street on the same side to make more room for passing vehicles

Winter's Coming...

The Board is again making plans for snow removal and street treatment for the coming winter 2012-2013. You can be helpful in this process by removing any vehicles from the street before a snow or winter storm event. This will help the crews clear the streets more quickly and make them safer for everyone. Remember, you will still need to clear the area around your mail box and the entry to the street from your driveway.

Don't forget to winterize your sprinkler systems, shut off outdoor water, drain and cover bird baths and protect tender plants.

Security Secret

Do you want to know a secret? A professional burglar can kick in your door, grab your jewelry and valuables, and be gone in 5 minutes!

How do you prevent this from happening?

- Install an extra deadbolt lock at the top or bottom of the door. This makes it very difficult to break in the door. If you have children, place the lock at the bottom so they can get out in case of fire.
- Install a security alarm. Alarms are a great deterrent, but help may not arrive in that 5-minute window.
- Store jewelry and other valuables in a safe located in an unusual place.

Fall Home Face-lifts

Fall is a great time to paint, roof, or install siding and many of our homes are ready for a face-lift. Various siding and roofing materials have been approved, but be sure to check with the Architectural Committee before making a selection.

Paint remains the most economical way to freshen up your home's appearance and extend the life of siding and trim. Remember that colors should be selected from the pastel to earth tone range and must be approved in advance. It's a good idea to buy a quart and paint a small section of the house by hand to ensure that the color looks the way you expect.

For best results, replace any rotted wood, caulk, and seal and prime thoroughly, and then apply top quality paint. Materials are relatively inexpensive – labor is not! Top grade materials look better and last longer, giving you the best value.

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**FALL BRUSH
DUMPSTERS**

10/20 and 10/27
8AM – Noon
Normandy Lane Cul-de-Sac



Teresa and David Lash

Your neighborhood travel consultants

For cruises, tours, vacation packages or business trips,
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Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 23rd

NOON to ???

Bring the entire family for the brief
annual meeting, plus great food and
neighborly fun! Don't forget to RSVP by
Wednesday, 9/19.

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!

Once again, CNHA will provide an off-duty police
officer to patrol our neighborhood from 6 to 11 pm
on Halloween night.

