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A New Year for our Neighborhood

*Claymont North is not immune to change;
let us focus on the future!*

Neighborhoods are a lot like family generations. They start out fresh and hopeful with brand new houses, fresh sod and young trees and shrubs. Often the residents are young couples starting families and careers, eager to make their mark. Gradually they mature into established neighborhoods with that comfortable, homey “lived in” feeling. Children grow up and head off to college and adults deal with mid-life crises, advancing age and expanding waistlines. Eventually, neighborhoods start to show their age. Paint fades and peels, decks rot, trees and shrubs need maintenance and replacement, and houses cry out for maintenance and modernization.

Claymont North is in that last phase – poised and ready for renewal if we are equal to the challenge. Many of our neighbors have retired, some have down-sized and moved away making room for new, young families. All of us are faced with the need to repair, replace and modernize many aspects of our homes and yards.

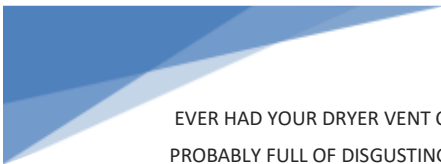
Our Neighborhood Association needs updating, too! Most of the Officers and Board Members have served for many years and are ready to pass the baton to the next generation of leaders. Please consider investing a bit of your time and talent to keep Claymont North the wonderful place to live and raise a family that it has been for over 30 years!

Coming Events

Event	Details
Annual Dues are due now!	Please pay by Jan 31 st or face late fees and interest
Spring Cleanup Dumpsters NW 44 th Terrace	8AM – NOON Saturday, May TBD Saturday, June TBD

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!



EVER HAD YOUR DRYER VENT CLEANED? IF NOT, IT'S PROBABLY FULL OF DISGUSTING FUZZ AND LINT THAT MAKE YOUR DRYER WORK OVERTIME, KEEP YOUR CLOTHES FROM DRYING COMPLETELY AND WASTE COSTLY ENERGY! CALL DAN AT ALL CLEAR DRYER VENT CLEANING TO “GIT ‘ER DONE!” (816) 877-9116 OR [HTTP://WWW.ALLCLEARVVC.COM](http://WWW.ALLCLEARVVC.COM)

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If you are concerned about the quality of your neighborhood, consider volunteering to serve. The only prerequisite is a desire to maintain the livability of the neighborhood.

We need your help - to volunteer, please contact any Board member!

Parking Protocol

While on-street parking is perfectly legal, it can cause undue congestion on narrow neighborhood streets. Please park all cars in the street on the same side to make more room for passing vehicles. Follow the rules in our CNHA By-Laws to keep our streets safe and attractive:

- Whenever possible, please keep all vehicles parked in your garage. Our by-laws allow parking not more than 2 cars in driveways but prohibit parking of trucks of any kind.
- Please remove any vehicles from the street before a snow or winter storm event to facilitate snow removal.
- Garage doors shall be in closed position except when needed for entry or exit. This makes homes more attractive and discourages burglars.
- Boats and trailers cannot be left in driveways or yards.

Planning Home 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. Easy on-line form coming soon!

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

Neighborhood News Online

When you're looking to find out who to call or what's happening in our neighborhood association, check out our website at <http://www.claymontnorth.org>. Upcoming events, pertinent city news for homeowners, contact information, documents and forms can all be found here!

Coming Soon:

- On-line form for architectural changes
- Neighborhood BLOG
- Service Directory contributed by YOU and your neighbors