



Winter 2009

Hometown Overlay Moves Forward

Inside this issue:

<i>HomeTown Overlay</i>	1
<i>Ametek demolition</i>	1
<i>Duncan Road Enhancement</i>	2
<i>Construction Status Meeting</i>	2
<i>Message from Sen. Peterson</i>	3
<i>Community Happenings</i>	3
<i>Membership Form</i>	4
<i>Contact Information</i>	4

On March 13, 2008, New Castle County officials gave a presentation at the regular scheduled civic association meeting to explain and answer any questions that residents had about the possibility of a Hometown Overlay. Present were county planner Mary Grace Novak and Vice President Jim Smith. During the session Mrs. Novak explained how residents would not be impacted by having to change any current architectural features of their homes and explained how future construction guidelines could be established. She also went on to describe what the Over-

lay could not do, such as control traffic, install sidewalks, etc. Residents were told how every overlay is different. Claymont, Centerville, Hockessin and Saint Georges are all different. Each has their own identity and different guidelines. Marshallton would be the fifth Hometown Overlay District and would be the fifth different. It is up to the community on how they perceive their community to be.

Please refer to dates on the right regarding meeting dates.

Please mark your calendars with these important meeting dates regarding the Hometown Overlay:

February 12th Marshallton Meeting - Presentation of Plan Concepts by Peter Johnston and Mary Grace Novak

March 12th Marshallton Meeting - Public Discussion RE: Plan Draft. Questions and concerns will be addressed at this time.

April 9th Marshallton Meeting - Continued public discussion re: Plan Draft.

July 14th - Introduction of Marshallton Community Plan by Councilman Reda at Council meeting

National Register of Historic Places in Marshallton

- Hickman House c1865
- Hickman Blacksmith Shop
- Marshallton United Methodist Church c1888
- Springer-Cranston House c1800
- Judy Johnson House

Demolition Begins at Ametek Site

Ametek's August 12, 2008 proposal appears to satisfy the concerns of the community regarding the preservation of historic buildings and the appearance of the site. The Board recommended to the Department of Land Use that the demolition permit for this property be released with the following conditions:

1. Building 1 and the bridge over mill race, plus Building 3, if possible, be preserved;
2. Building 4 and the balance of other structures may be demolished;
3. All foundations be graded to match the existing terrain using approved fill from the buildings, add 4-8 inches of topsoil on top, compacting to Land Use specifications, and add a wildflower mix and possible plants indigenous to the Red Clay Creek/Wilmington area;
4. All foundation walls and flooring facing Greenbank Road and the raceway be preserved;
5. The remaining foundation walls are to be removed in order to grade the topsoil to match the existing surrounding area; and
6. Ametek may erect historical markers or have the Center for Historic Architecture and Design (CHAD) perform documentation.

Duncan Road to get Facelift



Early map of Marshallton

The current committee of Bob Grabowski, Jeff Seemans and Denis Hehman continue to work with DelDOT and the engineers at McCormick and Taylor to layout a safe and walk-able Duncan Road. On more than one occasion school children and pedestrians have been viewed walking in the road. A sidewalk is planned from the intersection of Greenbank and Duncan Roads up to the parking lot of Panera Bread at Kirkwood Highway. This would include trees, pedestrian lighting and crosswalks. The intersection of Newport Road and Old Capitol Trail was also an area of concern. The decision made by the engineers was it would have to be part of a much larger DelDOT pro-

ject due to street level parking and the lack of curbing.



Rendition of Duncan and Greenbank Roads

Construction Status Meeting.....

Today in Marshallton there is over 100 homes built before 1920. The earliest c1800

November 20th 2008 was the date set by all groups involved and was held at the New Castle Conservation District Office in Newark.

Denis Hehman and Bob Grabowski represented the Marshallton Civic Association. Delaware Department of Transportation (DeL DOT); Delaware Department of Natural Resources (DNREC); Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Engineering along with McCormick Taylor finished out the list with 10 members in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to co-ordinate as much as possible all construction projects that have been approved in the Marshallton area by our legislators.

A conceptual plan and flood enhancement was presented by Larry Trout and Steve Williams on the Ham Run Restoration project along with a tentative schedule for the CSX Bridge and its aesthetic treatments by Jason Hastings.

Jason Hastings will also be working on the Ham Run Parapet. A starting date will be announced soon.



Early Marshallton Post Office

Bill Dougherty, of Taylor McCormick, reviews Duncan Rd. project with members of DelDot, DNREC, Marshallton and design engineers. One of several scheduled projects discussed that day.



Mortgage Information From Sen. Karen Peterson

For homeowners who have fallen behind in their mortgage payments, the State of Delaware recommends making contact with your loan servicer as soon as possible. A national hotline for homeowners has also been established at 1-888-995-HOPE. In Delaware the foreclosure process (from first missed payment to sheriff sale) can take 9 to 10 months so there is time to get help. Local housing counselors conduct classes and meet with residents one on one for support and education. Local housing counselors' services are free and include YWCA (224-4060), Neighborhood House (652-3928) and Interfaith Housing (652-3991). The State of Delaware has also established the Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (DEMAP), a loan program for people who fall into foreclosure through no fault of their own. Please call the Delaware State Housing Authority at 302-577-5001 for more information on DEMAP.

The most important point to remember is never agree to a plan from your mortgage company unless your budget can handle the new payment. Too often residents agree to a repayment program they cannot afford. Companies should be flexible with interest rate charges or other terms of the loan so the mortgage payment is affordable.

Other resources:

<http://www.995hope.org/>

<http://ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/homes/rea04.shtm>

Deputy Bank Commissioner Gerry Kelly 302-577-5092



Sign on Old Capitol

What's Been Happening.....

This past year we had great opportunities to join in Community activities with cooperation of the Mill Creek Fire Company and the Marshallton United Methodist Church.

We have an annual Clean -up day in the Spring coinciding with the Department of Transportation's clean up day and the youth and their leaders from the church joined several members of the Civic Association in an effort that really spruced up our little community. We all shared refreshments back at the church.

We carried this tradition of working together when we held our Community Day Fair. We started our day off with a pancake breakfast, free lunch, lots of games and rides for the kids, and plenty of bargain table for the community. What a GREAT DAY for the kids in our community.

Our Annual Christmas Tree lighting on the first Sunday in December was another community success. The Mill Creek Fire Company joined us with their equipment, Santa Claus, and Rudolph and Frosty with carol singing and refreshments back at the church.

Look forward to the next Clean up day coming shortly in the Spring and don't miss the fun at the Community Day Fair and the Christmas Tree Lighting. These are becoming real traditions and we want to include everyone.,

We all have great times and it really generates a community with the church and fire company helping out on these projects.

*** Civic Association will sponsor a yard sale on June 6, 2009, at the Marshallton United Methodist Church. Contact Betty Tull for table space 995.2745. Cost of \$15.00 per space.**



Having Fun at 2008 community festival

Historic Village of Marshallton

Contact information

Historic Village of Marshallton
PO Box 5438
Wilmington, DE. 19808

Email: contact@villageofmarshallton.com

www.villageofmarshallton.com

***This is your community
Volunteer's needed***

Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00pm in the community room located in the Millcreek Fire Hall.

In the three years since its rebirth, the Historic Village of Marshallton Civic Association has moved forward with a list of projects. Some of these projects are out of our hands at the moment and are waiting for final design and estimates. Over the next year or so you should begin to see the results of some these efforts. Through monthly meetings and handouts we will do our best to keep you informed.

2009 Membership Form

Yes, I would like to be a member of The 2009 Historic Village of Marshallton Civic Association

Please circle amount enclosed: Household: \$15.00 Business: \$25.00 Seniors: \$10.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return to: Marshallton Civic Association
Po Box 5438
Wilmington, DE. 19808

Looking for the Past

Going forward we continue to collect memories of Marshallton's past. If you have any old photos, paper, deeds, signs, etc. relating to our Villages' past, please share them with us. We would love to see, record and possibly scan the information you provide. If you know someone no longer living in the area but has information to share, please let them and us know. This effort is to help preserve our heritage now and for future generations.

phone: 996.0242 or 994.6659

Email: contact@villageofmarshallton.com

Officers: *Betty Tull-President *Bob Grabowski-Vice President *Kelley Connell - Secretary *Denis Hehman -Treasurer