NCCA NEWSLETTER Fall, 2021

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall

Despite the ongoing pandemic, there were some good times this summer. The Newtown Car Show made an appearance on Mill Pond. The pool was open again, albeit with a few hiccups. Everyone enjoyed the popsicle and pretzel days, culminating in an August Poolapalooza. Thank you to Lorrie Strange and Freda Gowin for coordinating the summer fun and games!





Swim Team

The Newtown Crossing Swim Team had a busy season with four regular season meets plus cross-over and invitational meets, championships and finals. Team records were broken and awards, ribbons, and trophies were won. Two Swim Team members received Senior Scholarships. By helping out younger swimmers during practices, many of our teens earned LINCS hours for community service. A special thanks goes out to the Bocnowicz family for coordinating the Snack Stand during home meets. Also, thanks to Joe Pizzo who was the starter/referee, to parent volunteers, and to Katie Lukomski and the entire Newtown Crossing Swim Team Parent Board.



Arcadia Update

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has turned down Arcadia's request for direct access to the Newtown Bypass as part of its plans to build a new housing development at Buck Road and the Bypass. The agency also rejected a secondary suggestion that would have allowed left turns from the development onto northbound Buck Road. What it has agreed to is allowing a U-Turn at Mill Pond Road and Diamond Drive at the entrances to the Eagle Ridge and Crown Pointe developments that would allow traffic from the new development to double back for access to the Bypass and destinations north of the Bypass.

On September 9, 2021, members of the public met with PennDOT representatives to petition the agency to reconsider its



approval of the U-turn option and to further discuss the traffic situation that will be caused by the construction of Arcadia Green housing development. Governmental agency participants included Senior Engineer Francis Hanney of PennDOT with a member of his staff, Kyle Davis, John Mack, Perry Warren, and a staff person for Steve Santarsiero. Also in attendance were Pete Ancona, Dennis Schoener and Jack Brod representing Newtown Crossing, Eagle Ridge, and Crown Pointe, as well as Jason Duckworth, his project manager, and Chris Williams/Jeff Gramm from McMahon Traffic Engineering.

A portion of the meeting can be heard <u>here</u>.

Mr. Hanney offered a more detailed summary of PennDOT's rationale for the above position in a <u>September 16, 2021, letter</u> sent to the Township and participants. The letter responds to the community's concerns and clarifies why certain alternatives are not acceptable and provides additional information about each alternative. Mr. Hanney hopes this response is understandable by lay-people so that they might better understand and accept PennDOT's position. He also implored the community associations to work with Mr. Duckworth to reach a solution to the access issues, including re-looking at the Mill Pond connection (which would cut through Eagle Ridge property and which is strictly prohibited by the settlement agreement) and what could be done by Arcadia to mitigate the communities' concerns.

Curb Repair and Road Paving Continues

Road work is currently being done on Chestnut Drive, Candlewood Court, Chesapeake Drive, and Commonwealth Drive and will continue through the week of 9/27.



Things to Remember:

- As posted, pets (except service animals) are not allowed in the playground and pool area.
- Please refrain from parking any vehicles on the top of curbs or sidewalk areas in Newtown Crossing. This creates a hazard for pedestrians and is also causing damage to the curbs and sidewalks around our development, which costs us all money in the form of taxes and association dues.
- When it snows, it is the responsibility of adjacent property owners to clear the public sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Snow is to be placed on the owner's property. Snow should never be placed in the roadway.
- School is once again in session. Please obey the posted speed limits and be alert for children walking or boarding and exiting buses. Do not try to pass school buses, even if their crossing arm is not extended.

Don't forget to vote!

Election Day, Tuesday November 2, 2021

District 1: East side of Mill Pond Road

District 4: West side of Mill Pond Road

Location: Newtown Middle School, 116 Richboro Newtown Road

Polls are open Election Day 7 am to 8 pm.

Where do you get your Newtown Crossing information?

The Newtown Crossing website: <u>https://newtowncrossing.info</u> is maintained by the webmaster (Fred Ehmann) through close coordination with the NCCA Board of Directors. If, occasionally, something more time sensitive comes up, we send an email to all residents on our email list. Not on the list? Please <u>sign up</u>. Finally, we send out this quarterly newsletter to the same list and post it on the website.

The website and NCCA emails are the only official sources for Newtown Crossing information. Saw something on facebook? It's not official. Have a complaint you want to air? Come to a monthly meeting (time and dates are on the website) or <u>contact a member of the Board of Directors</u>.

Next NCCA meeting is October 5, 7:30 at the Spring House. Residents, as always, are invited.

