

## **A MESSAGE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM KOVACH**

**March 30, 2010**

Dear 6th District Residents/Neighbors,

Below please find several events/happenings that may be of interest to you and your community. Please forward on to all who may be interested throughout your neighborhood.

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### ***Claymont Community Center's 3rd Annual Beef, Brew & Casino Night – Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>***

On Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Claymont Community Center will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beef, Brew and Casino Night to help benefit people in need of health care, counseling, crisis support, jobs and recreational/educational activities for children and senior citizens. The event will be held 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at Claymont Fire Company #13 (3223 Philadelphia Pike). The cost is \$25 per person and you must be at least 21-years-old to attend. Please RSVP by March 31<sup>st</sup> by calling Debbie at 792-2757, Ext. 158.

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### ***Annual Christina River Cleanup – Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>***

Please join me for the Annual Christina River Cleanup on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Fox Point State Park. To sign-up online, go to [www.christinarivercleanup.org](http://www.christinarivercleanup.org) and under "Volunteer" choose Fox Point State Park. You may also contact my staff assistant, Janet Kilpatrick, at 577-5190 to confirm your participation. T-shirts can be reserved upon your registration.

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### ***19<sup>th</sup> Annual Jason Gundel Claymont Classic – Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>***

I am proud to be one of the many sponsors of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Jason Gundel Claymont Classic, an amateur and semi-pro bicycling event that will be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The start/finish line is on Philadelphia Pike in front of the Claymont Steak Shop. The event also includes a children's race for kids aged 3-10. Registration for the kids' race will be held 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. at Archmere Academy on Philadelphia Pike.

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### ***Comcast Cares Day – Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>***

Comcast will hold its biggest volunteer effort of the year on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Talley Day Park and Bonsall Park. Comcast is working with New Castle County officials in organizing volunteers to paint the baseball field fences, mulch the playgrounds and cleanup the parks. Registration – which will include bagels and donuts – starts at 8:00 a.m. at Talley Day Park, with the cleanup beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last year, Comcast had over 55,000 employees, family members and friends volunteering at projects across the country. More than 250 volunteers were in New Castle County.

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### ***Join me for "Coffee with Kovach" twice a month***

Please join me to share your issues and concerns, or just to say "hello!" The coffees are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at **Dunkin' Donuts** (701 Philadelphia Pike, near Washington Street Extension), and on the **third Thursday** of each

month between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at **Sweets to You by Ginger** (913 Brandywine Boulevard).

- \* Tuesday, April 13 – Dunkin' Donuts
- \* Thursday, April 15 - Sweets to You by Ginger
- \* Tuesday, May 11 - Dunkin' Donuts
- \* Thursday, May 20 - Sweets to You by Ginger

*The coffee is on me, the topics are up to you!*

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### ***Your opinion is wanted!***

On Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Delaware House of Representatives is expected to consider legislation – House Bill 194 – that would expand gambling to two additional venues, with one being in New Castle County. Currently, only Delaware's three existing racinos – Delaware Park, Dover Downs and Harrington Raceway – are authorized to operate slot machines and table games.

I am interested in your opinion. How do you feel about the potential of the state licensing two more venues?

- a) Authorize immediately—we need construction jobs now, don't worry about long-term effects (if any).
- b) Authorize, but ensure a fair (as possible) competition for the additional licenses; ensure a fair/level playing field with existing operators; attempt to maximize revenue, while minimize harm to existing license-holders (and seek to incentivize current license holders to expand offerings: i.e., hotels, amenities, etc.)
- c) Wait to authorize—study more, seek preparation of another study. There is no rush.
- d) Don't authorize any more gaming venues—expansion isn't a good idea.
- e) We shouldn't have any casinos. The state using gaming for revenue is wrong.

Please email me at [Thomas.Kovach@state.de.us](mailto:Thomas.Kovach@state.de.us) to let me know which option you prefer.

Additional comments are also welcome, but responses are needed by midnight on Wednesday, March 31. For a copy of the bill, including additional amendments, etc., please visit the General Assembly's website at [www.legis.delaware.gov](http://www.legis.delaware.gov).

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, comments or concerns. I'll do my best to get back to you.

Thanks.

--Tom

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