



# Green Acres NEWS

Winter  
December  
2021

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## Mark Your Calendars



District Reps meeting	Wednesday January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom - 7:30 PM
District Reps meeting	Wednesday February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom - 7:30 PM
District Reps meeting	Wednesday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom - 7:30 PM

## 2021 Green Acres Civic Association Officers

Dave White, President	302-479-9221
Vice President	OPEN
Patti Powers, Treasurer	302-384-8215
Lois Helmerson	
Corresponding Secretary	302-478-1095
Recording Secretary	OPEN
Mike Curry, Newsletter Editor	302-477-1150

## Important Numbers to Have Handy

*New Castle County Rep.:* John Cartier .....302-395-8348  
*New Castle County Executive:* Matt Meyer ..302-395-5101  
*State Representative:* Debra Heffernan.....302-577-8476  
*State Senator:* Kyle Evans Gay.....302-744-4137  
*Governor:* John Carney.....302-577-3210

## Green Acres Winter Snow Announcement



**P**rior to and during snow events, please do not park any vehicle or trailer in the street. Items in the street make it difficult for our plowing contractor to

clear the streets curb-to-curb. Additionally, when or if the vehicles are removed after the snow event, the residual snow remains in the street for drivers to navigate around and it narrows the drivable roadway. One last point about residual snow in the roadway; it also contributes to ice patches when it melts. Please be considerate to the other drivers in the neighborhood.

## Green Acres Directory Update Is Coming Soon

**T**he Green Acres Directory is in the process of being updated. Check your existing copy to make sure your information is correct. Your address, last name, and telephone number are requested. If the information is wrong, or if you don't have a directory and want your information verified, email the information to [mikec1409@gmail.com](mailto:mikec1409@gmail.com). If you don't have email, drop off or mail your information to Mike Curry, 1409 Bucknell Road,

## Letter from the President

I hope you are staying healthy now that the brisk weather of the holiday season has arrived! Our lovely neighborhood always seems even more cozy at this time of year, with lights and decorations everywhere. We'll make the place even more beautiful if we walk around with an extra measure of charity and goodwill in our hearts.

On November 17, the civic association held our annual meeting of the full membership. For those who weren't able to attend, a link to a recording of the meeting was sent to our member mailing list. This meeting featured the election of officers (which you can read more about elsewhere in this newsletter), and extensive discussion of our ongoing bylaw ratification vote. Valuable comments were received from the community, and the GACA Board is grateful for your input into this process.

For those who have not yet voted, here is some background. In October of 2017, a committee formed by Harriet Ainbinder (then president of the Green Acres Civic Association) began meeting to consider updates to the organization's bylaws, which had not been amended since May of 2000.

The proposed bylaw revisions seek to:

- Simplify legal language wherever possible without changing its meaning
- Eliminate gender-specific pronouns for greater inclusiveness
- Include more details about financial governance and reporting requirements
- Reflect the current level of community participation more realistically

The work of this committee continued through several changes of leadership in the association. The committee strived to further improve the bylaws by incorporating experiences gained during these transitions. After the pandemic hit, it also became obvious that the rules needed to include virtual meetings as a legitimate way of doing business.

Ratification voting began on October 25, when ballots were sent to member households via email and distributed in printed form. In order to conclude the process, we must receive ballots from 50% of our active membership, and we are still short of that number. If you already voted, thank you so much! If you have not yet voted and your household's GACA dues are paid, we urge you to go into your email, dig up the message we sent on 10/25 and reply to it with your vote. A couple of points:

- If you do not see the ballot in your email, please write to [greenacrescivic@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrescivic@gmail.com) and request one. If you require a paper ballot, you can contact me at 302-479-9221.
- The Green Acres website has all the materials you need to make an informed decision and participate in this vote: our current bylaws, our proposed amendments, and a detailed comparison of the difference between the two. Please visit <https://www.greenacrescivic.org> and scroll down to the bylaws article for all the links.

Your vote is crucial to help us modernize our Green Acres bylaws!

Happy holidays!

**Dave**

## Green Acres Board of Directors Elections

The Civic Association held elections for new officers at our annual meeting November 17. GACA Treasurer Patti Powers was re-elected, and interim President Dave White was elected to a full two-year term. Lois Helmerson, current GACA district 12 representative, was elected to serve as our Corresponding Secretary. We thank outgoing Vice President, Jim Storment, and outgoing Corresponding Secretary, Susan Lovejoy-Storment, for their service and wish them the best of luck in their new life beyond Green Acres! We thank outgoing Recording Secretary and GACA district 4 representative, Marie-Anne Aghazadian, for her service as well!

No candidates came forward to fill the vacated positions of Vice President and Recording Secretary. We still need folks to help in these roles. Please read these job descriptions and consider getting involved:

### Vice President

- Hold meetings in President's absence
- Work with our sign guru to make sure signs are posted at the entrances in advance of meetings and events
- Help with generating material for the quarterly newsletters
- Maintain do-not-deliver list for newsletter delivery team (so we don't clutter the neighborhood with unneeded flyers)
- Track real estate sales in GA for New Homeowner list and Directory
- Work with gift bag coordinator to make sure bags are

- prepared in a timely manner for new residents
- Field calls and emails from residents when President is unable
- Work with contractors regarding maintenance of entrance island and other common areas
- Attend some CCOBH meetings
- Work with webmaster to make sure GA website is kept current with announcements and calendar items

### Recording Secretary

- Attend all meetings, take attendance, and record all items that are discussed
- Compose and edit meeting minutes
- At the next meeting, read minutes for official approval
- Keep a notebook of all minutes from all meetings

Maintaining a healthy, responsive, well-organized civic association – one that takes care of its responsibilities, fosters human bonds and a sense of community, and is mindful of our common interest in high property values – doesn't just happen by itself. It takes work from people whose hearts and minds are in the right place, and who know that giving time to a worthwhile cause enriches the giver as much as it enriches the cause.

Please spread the word to anyone you know in Green Acres who matches that description, or consider volunteering for one of these positions yourself. Prior experience as an officer in any type of organization would certainly be helpful, but anyone who is smart and cooperative can learn their role. Interested parties can contact the GACA board of officers at [greenacrescivic@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrescivic@gmail.com) or our Nominating Committee chair, Lou Fortunato, at [laafort@comcast.net](mailto:laafort@comcast.net). We will be happy to chat.

## October Large Trash Collection Sets New Record



Thank you to the Green Acres community for your help with another successful community clean-up. This year we set another record amount for waste removal

The team picked up over 11,000 pounds of rubbish from our neighborhood. An all time high. Yard waste was minimal this year.

Short and sweet. The Team from Waste Management really stepped up, and I pushed them, to complete the job in 5 hours. Normally it takes us 2.5 to 3 hours, and half as much rubbish.

We picked up two pianos this year. They don't call it the Large Trash Collection for nothing.

**Lou Fortunato**

## DOUBLE D HOME IMPROVEMENTS

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