



# Green Acres NEWS

Summer  
June  
2022

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## Mark Your Calendars

Independence Day Parade	10:00 AM, Monday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Green Acres Pool
Community Block Party	Mid-August	Details coming soon on GACA website

## 2021 Green Acres Civic Association Officers

Dave White, President	302-479-9221
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## Important Numbers to Have Handy

<i>New Castle County Rep.:</i> John Cartier .....	302-395-8348
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<i>State Senator:</i> Kyle Evans Gay .....	302-744-4137
<i>Governor:</i> John Carney .....	302-577-3210



## Independence Day Parade

The annual Independence Day parade will be held on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, starting out at the Green Acres Pool on Grinnell Road and proceeding around the block. All are invited to meet at 10:00 AM for the start of the festivities. There will be a contest with prizes for best decorated stroller and best decorated bike. There will be snacks after the parade, hosted by GARA and sponsored by GACA. See you there!

## Redistricting



As the result of required redistricting based on federal census data, Green Acres will fall in a different state senate district for the general election in November of 2022. While we were previously part of senate district 5 and represented by Senator Kyle Gay, we will henceforth be part of senate district 1 and represented by Senator Sarah McBride. We encourage you to review the official redistricting information at the state website: <https://legis.delaware.gov/Redistricting/2022FinalSenateDistricts>



## Email database updates

We want to be able to reach you about GACA-sponsored events and important matters affecting our community. If you are not already receiving messages from the civic association, or if your email address has changed, please send us a message at [greenacrescivic@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrescivic@gmail.com) so we can add you to our contact list. We typically only send out a handful of emails a year, so don't worry about us filling up your inbox — and we never share our list with outside organizations!



## Civic Association Dues

Thank you to all of you who have paid your 2022 civic association dues!

To date we have received payment from 306 homes. We are still missing payment from 70 homes.

If you haven't paid yet, there are several ways to do so. By mail, send checks payable to Green Acres Civic Association to P.O. Box 295, Claymont, DE 19703. To pay electronically, go to <https://greenacrescivic.org> and click on the "Dues" link, which will take you to a form to use PayPal. Dues are \$35 per household. If you have any questions, please contact GACA Treasurer Patti Powers at [greenacrescivic@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrescivic@gmail.com) or 302-384-8215.

## Storm Drain Blockage

We have noticed on our evening strolls that many of the storm drain grates are partially or entirely blocked by sticks, grass, and trash. During this season of heavy rains, clogged grates can cause large amounts of water and debris to back up into our roads instead of draining properly. If there is a storm drain near your home, be a good neighbor and periodically check to make sure it is all clear for stormwater runoff!

## Notable Neighbors

We want the newsletter to contain stories you're interested in reading, so please share with us the stories you think are worth telling! Email your suggestions to [greenacrescivic@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrescivic@gmail.com).

### GERI & MARK HUXSOLL

Mark and Geri will mark their 33rd year in Green Acres (GA) this fall. They have raised two daughters and a son here and been active members of the community. Mark has served for two elected terms on the Brandywine School Board, and Geri is currently serving on the board of the pool. You may see them strolling through our walker-friendly neighborhood. What they enjoy about GA is our diversity coupled with our strong feeling of a shared community. For instance, when someone loses a pet, everyone joins in the search. The norm here is for everyone to be supportive. They note that their children have lifelong friends from the neighborhood. To them "Green Acres is a special place".

Their professional contributions are substantial. Geri recently retired from a nursing career, but her first love is her work as an active printmaker with lithography as her medium. She has a BFA from The Maryland Institute of Fine Arts. She is a member of the National League of Penwomen and recently she was invited to join the Howard Pyle Studio Group. She describes lithography as graining the stone,



drawing on the stone and printing. Her lines come alive with subtle shading and depth. She is looking forward to more time to concentrate on art in "retirement."

In addition to a demanding performance career on the trumpet, Mark has devoted himself to education,

serving as the Director of the Kardon-Northeast Branch of Philadelphia's Settlement Music School (1983-2004) serving many under-resourced youths. He is currently the director of the Temple University Music Preparatory Division, the community enrichment program of Temple's Boyer College of Music and Dance. Again, a primary focus for him is serving under-resourced youth. He takes great joy in seeing students succeed in a variety of careers with continued interest in music. Mark has played our national anthem to start the GA Independence Day Parade and he has also played it at countless swim meets for the past 25 years. For the past three years on Memorial Day, Mark has participated in Taps Across America, an event that organizes trumpeters and buglers to play Taps at 3:00 PM eastern standard time for the National Moment of Reflection.

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### HOME IMPROVEMENTS

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15% off if you join the pet pack.