

Mark Your Calendars 

Independence Day parade	Tues., July 4 at 10:00 AM starting from Green Acres pool
Summer block party	Sat., July 29 (rain date 7/30) from 3 to 8 PM at Green Acres pool

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2023 summer block party



GACA will once again be sponsoring a summer block party at the Green Acres pool. The target date this year is Saturday, July 29, with a rain date of Sunday, July 30. The party will start at 3:00 in the afternoon and run until 8:00 PM. Those who attended the 2022 event can testify that it is a great chance to relax, mingle, and let someone

else do the cooking! These block parties are part of the general mission of the civic association to foster connections and increase the sense of community in our neighborhood.

We're using the blueprint of last year's successful party. We'll provide grilled burgers and hot dogs, water, ice, beer for the grown-ups and plenty of water, soft drinks, and juice boxes for the young ones. Please RSVP so we can know how much food to buy: <https://forms.gle/6xNoGVa9Q7V9dxUr7>

For activities, there will be swimming, a bouncy house, a cornhole tournament, and more. Please bring your own lawn chairs! There will be a 50/50 raffle and a gift basket raffle, so remember to bring a few extra dollars. We'll also have a professional DJ this year to keep the energy high. We look forward to hanging out with you and having some fun!

Delmarva transmission tower replacement project

Here is a statement from Delmarva Power on the status of their transmission tower replacement project: "All work for this spring is complete. We will return in the fall to complete the towers and pull wire from the substation near Green Acres behind Carrcroft and over to the substation on Marsh Road. We will also be temporarily doing restoration along the right of way and sidewalks, since we will be back in the fall. After the project in the fall we can conduct a more thorough restoration."

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 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!



Independence Day parade

All Green Acres residents are welcome to come out for the annual Independence Day celebration. The parade will start at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 4th, kicking off at the Green Acres Pool on Grinnell Road and proceeding around the block. As usual, there will be a contest for best decorated stroller/wagon and best decorated bike. The prize for each category will be a \$25 gift card to Rita's. There will be snacks at the pool after the parade, hosted by GARA and sponsored by GACA. See you there!

Athens Road water main replacement project

Here is a statement from Veolia on the status of the Athens Road project: "Veolia is reaching the final stages of the water main restoration occurring on Athens Road between Quincy and Grinnell. All new water main has now been installed, and Veolia has completed flushing & pressure testing of those mains. There are two more service lines left to install and Veolia expects to complete those installations between June 12-16. Following those installations, Veolia expects 1-2 weeks of restoration weather permitting to top soil, seed and base concrete. DelDOT will be performing the repaving of the road."



Forwood Preserve Park

Now that we have seen the loss of trees and wildlife habitat related to the Forwood Commons development project (on the south side of Silverside Road behind the Shoppes of Graylyn), we should be more thankful than ever to have Forwood Preserve Park. This 16-acre area of woodlands bordered by Marsh and Veale Roads and Stony Run Drive is owned by New Castle County and is not subject to commercial development.

People may not think of the Forwood Preserve as a "park," since it does not have playgrounds or benches or gazebos. The long-term vision for the property will see it maintained in a largely unmodified state, perhaps with some walking paths added, so it will be a place where residents of adjoining communities can go to enjoy a peaceful and restorative natural environment. The current focus of the Friends of Forwood Preserve Park non-profit group is to work with New Castle County parks division on halting the progress of invasive species, particularly wisteria vines that are killing trees at an alarming rate.

The Friends group also urges any long-time residents of Green Acres and Brandywine Hundred to share any recollections they have of the earlier days of this parcel, when structures built and lived in by the Allen family were still standing. They are interested in preserving any information about the site and its history before recollections are lost to time. If you have any stories to share, please contact Dave White at dwhite@gmail.com.



Augustine Cutoff bike path

Improved bike facilities along Augustine Cut Off were identified as a priority in the New Castle County Bicycle Plan and City of Wilmington Bike Plan. The project was submitted to

DelDOT in 2020 by WILMAPCO for consideration in the FY22 Bike/ Ped Pool and it ranked highest, moving it to concept development.

This project will explore options for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Augustine Cut Off that will link the state's two largest population centers, the City of Wilmington and Brandywine Hundred, by connecting the greater Blue Ball/U.S. 202 Pathway system to Trolley Square and the Brandywine Park trail network.

A public workshop was held on April 18. Comments and feedback from the public are still being accepted here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2BHJ79F>

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DelDOT curb construction project on Stanford

As this newsletter is being prepared for publication, preliminary surveying and road marking work is being done by a DelDOT contractor on Stanford Road. This is in preparation for rebuilding the curbs to include ADA-compliant ramps, and later a permanent repaving of the road, which at the moment still has temporary asphalt patches that were laid down after Veolia's water main replacement project last year. That's all the details we have at the moment, but we'll update the website if we hear more.

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