



Green Acres NEWS

Autumn
September
2023

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Autumn Calendar		
Fall community yard sale	Sat.-Sun., Oct. 7 & 8	Green Acres
Large trash pickup	Saturday, October 14	Green Acres
GACA Council Meeting	Wednesday, October 18	Zoom — 7:30 PM

Current Green Acres Civic Association Officers

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

Important Numbers to Have Handy

<i>New Castle County Rep.:</i> John Cartier	302-395-8348
<i>New Castle County Executive:</i> Matt Meyer	302-395-5101
<i>State Representative:</i> Debra Heffernan	302-577-8476
<i>State Senator:</i> Sarah McBride	302-744-4147
<i>Governor:</i> John Carney	302-577-3210

Forwood Commons

There has been a lot of conversation in our neighborhood since the lot behind Shoppes of Graylyn was cleared to make way for the construction of Forwood Commons. Many have decried the loss of trees and wildlife habitat, and many have predicted awful consequences for traffic at the already nerve-racking intersection of Marsh and Silverside.

Although project planning is far past the point of public input, if you have significant concerns you would like to register as the development moves forward, you may contact New Castle County District 2 Councilwoman Dee Durham

(dee.durham@newcastlede.gov),

DE district 6 Representative Debra Heffernan
(Debra.Heffernan@delaware.gov), or

DE district 1 Senator Sarah McBride

(sarah.mcbride@delaware.gov).

For background on what's being built on this site, the stories reporter Larry Nagengast has written for Delaware Public Media over the last few years are a good source of information. Go to <https://www.delawarepublic.org> and use the magnifying glass icon to search for "Forwood Commons."

Summer block party

After sliding from Saturday to Sunday due to storm forecasts, GACA's annual neighborhood block party took place at the Green Acres pool on July 30. This is the second year in a row the party has been held at the pool. The weather on the rain date was amazing: sunny and clear with a high of 84°. About 130 members came out to enjoy grilled burgers, beer, and laid-back conversation. In addition to the swimming, bouncy house, and cornhole tournament activities carried over from last year, this year's event also included gift basket raffles and a live DJ.

Everyone I talked to felt the party was another great success. We're fortunate to have a venue like the Green Acres Pool where we can gather (shout out to the GARA folks who keep it running!) and to have so many friendly and interesting neighbors to hang out with. Come join us when we do it again next year!

Athens paving update

It's been a while since Veolia finished the water main replacement project on Athens Road, but we're still driving over bumpy, temporary patching to the trenches that were dug. According to a representative of DelDOT I spoke with recently, they will be starting the concrete work the last week of September or first week of October, and then paving will begin shortly after that. Check the Green Acres website for updates. (<https://greenacrescivic.org/>)

Delmarva transmission tower replacement project

A spokesperson for Delmarva Power recently provided an update on the transmission tower replacement project that got started in the spring and then took a summer hiatus. She says we should start to see material staged soon and then construction of the new poles and demolition of the existing towers will take place throughout October and into early November.

Restoration of the sidewalks and grounds will take place after that. We are told that no power outages are expected for Green Acres residents during the course of this work.

Green Acres directory update

We hoped to have had an updated Green Acres Directory produced by now, but we're still thinking "better late than never." This is not worth doing unless the information is up to date, so please 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. If you don't have email, drop off or mail your information to Mike Curry at 1409 Bucknell Road.

Annual Large Trash & Yard Waste Clean-Up Program

Saturday October 14, 2023, 7:00am – 9:30am.

The following guidelines are from Lou Fortunato & Stephen King, Large Trash Coordinators, DSWA & WM.

This event is **ONLY** for residents who have paid their dues for the 2023 fiscal year.

Last date to pay your 2023 dues is Monday October 9, 2023. No dues will be collected during the Large Trash Event.

Call Patti Powers at 302-384-8215 or pattipowers11@gmail.com if you wish to check your status or pay prior, and current 2023 dues.

Please put the items you wish to dispose of on **YOUR FRONT CURB** - in front of **YOUR HOUSE**. Items placed between homes of paid and unpaid homes make it difficult to determine whose items can be picked up. This happens more than you might imagine, and we always leave the items.

We will start collecting trash and yard waste at 7:00AM and make **ONE** trip through the neighborhood picking up Trash and Yard Waste at the same time. We expect to finish around 9:30AM. The event starts on Athens at 7:00am and finishes on Grinnell. **Items put on the curb after 7:00AM the day of the event will be missed.**

Typical items we pick-up are washers and dryers, appliances, furniture—inside and outside, exercise equipment, lawn mowers, grills, kitchen cabinets and tops, open and dried latex paint cans, basketball hoops, household items, mattresses, ping-pong tables,

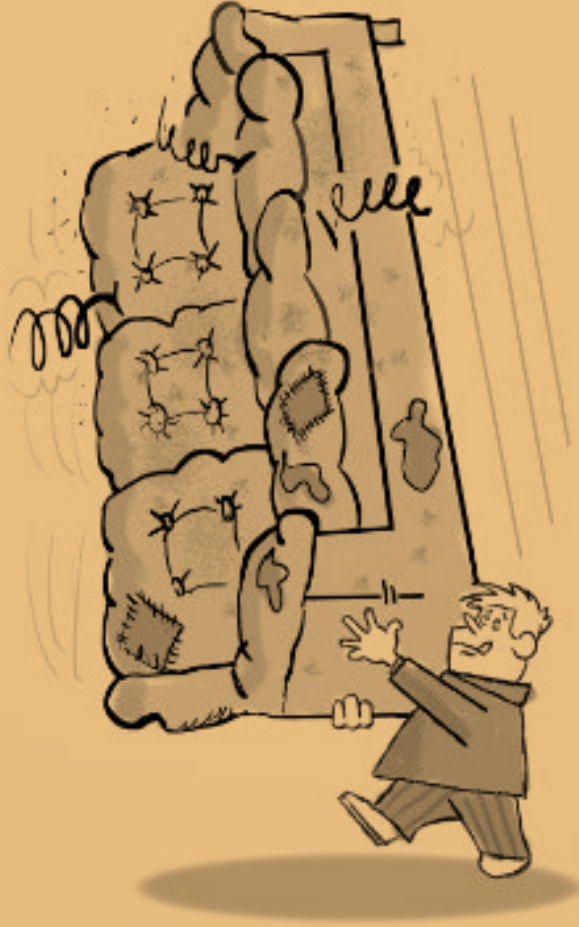
light construction materials, old bikes, etc.

We can't pick up 20+bags of trash - major construction debris, piles of drywall or all items from a major house clean-out.

Latex paint cans **MUST BE OPEN** and the paint **MUST** be dry inside. We suggest you open the cans weeks ahead of the Large Trash pick up to dry out the paint. Unopened cans will be left behind.

Tree limbs or branches must be shorter than 96" (8 feet). Smaller branches should be bundled for easy pick-up. We can't haul away large tree trunks or a lot of tree trunk sections.

Items containing Freon: refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, a/c units, etc, must have the freon removed. I've secured a contractor who will remove the freon and label the item(s) to be discarded. The fee is \$8.00 for EACH item. Please call me with your address so I can schedule this service for you at least **1 week prior** to our event. Please move the item to your curb too. The contractor will not enter your house to remove the freon.



Items we CAN'T pick-up are: Tires, roof shingles, items containing asbestos, solvents, batteries, oil-based paints, chemicals, filled propane tanks, items with gasoline still in the tank, oil, items still containing Freon, sections of concrete, TV's, electronics, and computers. Items found in this category will be left on the curb. The above is directly from DSWA and WM.

I've contacted two reliable local metal scrappers who scour our neighborhood for metal items. I encourage you to put metal items out days early to give them time to help clear out the heavy metal items. We pay WM by the hour and by the weight of disposal. Everything taken by the scrappers help our financial bottom line and reduces the impact to the landfill.

If you have any questions **PRIOR** to Saturday morning, please call Lou Fortunato at 302-478-8664 to discuss your concerns. If you have an excess amount of trash or yard waste, an additional fee may be requested.

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