



Green Acres NEWS

Winter
December
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Green Acres Civic Association • PO Box 295 • Claymont, DE 19703

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Mark Your Calendar

Full Membership Meeting	Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 PM	Zoom (link via email)
Community Yard Sale	May 18-19	Green Acres

Current 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: Sarah McBride	302-744-4147
Governor: John Carney	302-577-3210

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Green Acres Winter Snow Announcement

Prior 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.

Our snow plowing contractor starts moving snow when we have or are about to receive 4 inches of snow or more. Occasionally we receive "nuisance" snowfalls where the accumulation is less than 4" and the average daily temperature is below 32 degrees and will remain below 32 degrees for more than 1 day. When this "nuisance" type of snowfall presents, we typically will plow the neighborhood.

Applying sand mixed with ice melt is done when needed, and is always applied at both entrances and all intersections. Some streets don't melt as quickly and will need special treatment as well. Please note those same streets have a higher percent of cars left on the street during snow removal, thus contributing to the icing condition.

The contents in the sand barrels at both entrances and two other locations in the neighborhood are to be applied to the road directly around the barrels; not for your private use at home. We thank you for sanding icy patches in the neighborhood. The barrels are self-service and you can help out by throwing a few shovels of sand onto the road way if you find it slippery. Again, they are sand barrels, not trash cans.

"Timing" the removal of snow and "timing" the snow event is never an easy task. The timing involves the following:

- multiple calls to the contractor and the Mount Holly, NJ weather station
- listening to the local weather broadcast
- actually driving around the neighborhood
- checking the driving condition on Silverside Road, and checking what other neighborhoods are doing
- 2:00 AM meetings with the snow removal contractor
- and of course, luck
- All of these factors play into making a good decision when to start clearing the neighborhood.
- If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Lou Fortunato at 478-8664

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Here are the duties of the officers as described in the association bylaws (<https://greenacrescivic.org/by-laws/>):

PRESIDENT - The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and meetings of the Council. The president shall see that all resolutions of the Association are put into effect. The president shall also appoint committees and approve the person who will review finances annually.

VICE-PRESIDENT - The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, and any other duties as needed.

RECORDING SECRETARY - The Recording Secretary shall record minutes of all proceedings of the Association and of the Council and shall keep the essential records belonging to the Association, which are not assigned to other officers. In the absence of the Recording Secretary at any official meeting, minutes shall be recorded by a designee.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - The Corresponding Secretary shall handle all official correspondence directed by the Association President, including notices of meetings.

TREASURER - The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds of the Association and shall keep an account of all dues, receipts and expenditures. All funds collected by the Treasurer shall be deposited in the name of the Association in a bank designated by the Council. All records of the Treasurer shall be available to the Council at any meeting. The Treasurer shall present an annual report at the January membership meeting. Indication of the financial review shall be shown by signature and date by the reviewer.

Interested parties can contact the GACA board of officers at greenacrescivic@gmail.com or our Nominating Committee chair, Lou Fortunato, at laafort@comcast.net.

Newsletter delivery candidates

If you have a responsible child who would like to help distribute the GACA newsletter once per season, please write to greenacrescivic@gmail.com and let us know. (Middle school or high school aged kids preferred.) Each of the four delivery zones in the neighborhood contains about 95 homes, and we will try to match you with the zone you live in. We pay \$25 for each delivery helper!

New neighbors in Green Acres

The real estate market slowed somewhat from the previous year, but sale prices have been historically high! Here is a list of homes that sold this year, based on publicly available closing information. Introduce yourself to your new neighbors, if you haven't already!

Address	Sale Date
1419 Fresno	1/10/23
1424 Emory	5/31/23
1415 Drake	6/30/23
1305 Newcomb	8/1/23
1318 Quincy	10/18/23
1311 Grinnell	10/24/23

Please pay your dues!

Civic association dues notices have been delivered. Your dues help pay for snow plowing, entrance island maintenance, neighborhood events and parties, and much more! To pay by mail, send a \$35 check payable to "Green Acres Civic Association" to P.O. Box 295, Claymont, DE 19703. To pay electronically, use the form at <https://greenacrescivic.org/dues-paypal/> (Please note that PayPal adds a fee of \$1.77.) If you have any questions, please contact GACA Treasurer Patti Powers at greenacrescivic@gmail.com or 302-384-8215.

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[Mike: depending on space, can you please include the snow removal article from either the winter 2015 newsletter (shorter version) or the winter 2017 newsletter (longer version)?]

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- 2023 Home Sales [If needed to fill space, we can put together a table of home sales/new neighbors like we did in the winter 2022 newsletter.]

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