

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

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## Mark Your Calendars

Easter egg hunt	Green Acres Pool Sat. 3/23, rain date 3/34
Community yard sale	Sat. 5/18 & Sun. 5/19

## Current Green Acres Civic Association Officers

Dave White, President	302-479-9221
Anita Nicholson, Vice President	302-354-0947
Patti Powers, Treasurer	302-384-8215
Lois Helmerson	
Corresponding Secretary	302-478-1095
Ted Carl, Recording Secretary	570-350-2728
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

## Green Acres Pool Season

Hello from "the pool" to all our Green Acres neighbors!

It's hard to believe it, but the summer is quickly coming. We'd love to have you join us this year! Longtime pool members and GA residents will tell you that the pool is a great way to cool off on a hot summer evening and a great way to get to know your neighbors. We've already begun planning our calendar

for the 2024 season. Possible events include Burgers & Brew, Tacos & Ritas, and an Olympics game day for everyone. All kids are welcome on our swim team, the Darley-Green Acres Narwhals, where, under the leadership of Coach Catherine Broadway, we've won the league sportsmanship trophy for two years running. For more information, please reach out to [greenacrespoolcontact@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrespoolcontact@gmail.com) or visit our website at <https://greenacrespool.weebly.com/>.



## New GACA board officers

We'd like to introduce a few folks who stepped up to fill open positions on the civic association board of directors.

**Anita Nicholson** will be serving as our Vice President. Anita says this about herself: "My husband, James (Nick) Nicholson, and I moved into Green Acres in June 1987 and have developed friendships with neighbors over the many years. We raised our son, Robert, in the Brandywine School District. I retired from the School District of Philadelphia after 39 years. I started my teaching career as a reading specialist and ended as a School Administrator at Julia R Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School - grades 5-12. I spend my time now volunteering with my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church. I also taxi my grandchildren, one at Talley Middle School, and the other in home daycare. I am happy to serve the Green Acres community as the Vice President."

**Ted Carl** will be serving as our Recording Secretary, with responsibility for maintaining minutes of all official Council meetings. Ted says this about himself: "My wife and I moved into Green Acres in August 2017 and have loved this community ever since! We have two young boys you may see running around or riding their bikes (supervised of course). We are happy to be a part of this community and I am excited to be a part of the Associations board to continue to help make this community great! Green Acres is the place to be!"

Our sincere thanks to Anita and Ted for volunteering to serve their community!

Although our board positions are now filled, there are always opportunities to volunteer -- helping us run our various annual events, lending a hand with maintaining the entrance island, or serving as a district representative. If you have time and energy to share, we'd love to hear from you!



## Neighborhood Directory Update

We're finally making it happen! Your Green Acres civic association is hard at work on revising the neighborhood directory, last published in 2020. (Your district rep may be reaching out to verify contact information for your household.) The directory is a handy printed resource for getting in touch with folks in the neighborhood - to ask questions, extend invitations, swap misdelivered parcels, or just put a name to a face. It also contains evergreen information about the history of the development and other Green Acres lore. Look for the directories to be delivered later this year!

## Tax Relief for Seniors

The March newsletter of NCCo District 2 Councilwoman Dee Durham contained information about two programs we thought were worth passing along for the benefit of our older neighbors.

### School Property Tax Relief

Homeowners age 65 or over are eligible for a tax credit against regular school property taxes of 50 percent (up to \$500). This credit may only be used against property taxes on a primary residence.

Ten-year Residency Requirement for New Applicants:

- Individuals who establish legal domicile in Delaware on or after January 1, 2018 will be required to have been legally domiciled within the State for a period of at least 10 consecutive years in order to be eligible to receive a credit. Individuals who establish legal domicile in Delaware AFTER December 31, 2012, but prior to January 1, 2018 will continue to be required to have been legally domiciled within the State for a period of at least 3 consecutive years in order to be eligible to receive a credit. Individuals who have established domicile in Delaware prior to January 1, 2013, will be eligible to receive the credit in the ensuing tax year.

Please Note:

- Taxpayers must pay their property tax bill in full by the end of each tax year in order to qualify for this credit for the subsequent property tax year.
- Application Deadline: April 30th.
- To qualify, a copy of a valid driver's license or official state ID is required for each applicant at the time of application.

Learn more and apply: <https://finance.delaware.gov/senior-relief/>

### New Castle County Senior Property Tax Exemption (Deadline: June 1st)

- Applicant must be at least 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the fiscal year for which the exemption is sought.
- Applicant must own the property.
- The property must be the applicant's principal residence.
- Applicant's income must not exceed \$50,000 per year.
- The assessed value of the property does not exceed \$125,000.
- Applicant must have been legally domiciled within the State of Delaware for a period of ten consecutive years immediately preceding October 1 of the pretax year.
- Property must have all taxes and sewer service charges paid in full, or the applicant must be actively enrolled and making monthly payments of any and all tax and sewer services charges due and collectible.
- Property must continue one of these options to keep the exemption from year to year.

Receive a reduction of the taxable assessed value of \$32,000. This exemption is exclusive of any local light and ditch taxes.

Apply for exemption: <https://www.newcastlede.gov/2182/Tax-Exemptions>

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## Local Parks

We have been pleased to see many families with young children moving to Green Acres in the past few years. We hope this list of local parks with playgrounds helps you discover some new favorite spots to enjoy with your families as the weather gets warmer!

Delaware State Parks (annual pass or daily entry fee required March 1 to Nov 30)	
Bellevue State Park	800 Carr Road
Can-Do Playground	4631 Weldin Road (Alapocas Park)
Fox Point State Park	End of Lighthouse Road (Edgemoor)

New Castle County Parks (no pass required)	
Bechtel Park	1301 Naamans Road
Blue Rock/Fairfax North Park	130 Alders Drive
Bonsall Park	3000 Silverside Road
Chatham Park	1248 Faun Road (South Graylyn Crest)
Lynnfield Park	15 Ridgeland Road
River Road Park	610 River Road
Talley Day Park	1308 Foulk Road
Woodley Park	300 Mt. Lebanon Road
Woods Haven Kruse Park	100 Darley Road (Claymont)

Upcoming Festivals		
Wilmington Flower Market	May 9-11	Rockford Park
Wilmington Grand Prix	May 17-19	Monkey Hill & Downtown Wilm.
Bellefonte Arts Festival	May 18	Brandywine Boulevard
Shadfest	May 19	Brandywine Park
Juneteenth Freedom Parade & Festival	June	date & details TBA
Clifford Brown Jazz Festival	date & details TBA	Rodney Square
Ladybug Music Festival	May 31	location TBA
Holy Trinity Greek Festival	June 3-8	808 N. Broom Street
Separation Day & Vintage Market	June 7-8	3rd & Delaware, Old New Castle
Delaware Pride Festival	June 1	Legislative Hall, Dover
St. Anthony's Italian Festival	June 9-16	9th and Dupont
Rockwood Ice Cream Festival	June 29	4651 Washington St. Ext.



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