

Green Acres NEWS

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Mark Your Calendars



Independence Day Parade	Green Acres Pool Thursday, July 4, 10:00 A.M.
Annual Block Party	Green Acres Pool Saturday, August 17 (rain date Aug. 18)

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Independence Day parade



All Green Acres residents are welcome to come out for our annual Independence Day celebration. The parade will start at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 4th at the Green Acres Pool on Grinnell Road and proceeding around the block.

(Thanks to GARA for hosting our kickoff spot.) A fire engine from the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company will lead the procession — always a big hit with the kids! As usual, there will be contests after the parade for best decorated stroller/wagon, bike, and scooter. This year, there will be first, second, and third place prizes for each category. Snacks will be sponsored by GACA. We hope to see you there!



Brandywine Hundred Library Reopening

By the time this newsletter hits the streets, the

Brandywine Hundred Library will have reopened. Our beloved local library has been closed since February for major renovations, including replacement of the HVAC system and installation of a new roof. The work took about a month longer than originally planned. A grand reopening celebration was publicized for Friday, June 21st. Those of us who have been traveling to Claymont or Woodlawn for our library needs will be delighted to have the facility available again!



2024 Summer Block Party

GACA will once again be sponsoring a summer block party at the Green Acres pool. The party will be held a little later this year, with a target date of Saturday, August 17. (The rain date will be Sunday, August 18 — hoping we won't have to use it like we did last time!) The party will start at 2:00 in the afternoon and run until 8:00 PM. This is a great chance to relax, mingle, and let someone else do the cooking, as anyone who attended the previous block parties can attest. The annual 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 reprising all the elements that made our previous parties successful:

- Food! 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. Watch for an RSVP form coming soon -- your responses help us know how much food to buy.
- Activities! Swimming, a bouncy house, a cornhole tournament, and lawn games.
- Raffles! We will be raffling off multiple, themed gift baskets, so remember to bring a few extra dollars.
- Music! Once again, we'll have a professional DJ to keep the energy high.

Please bring your own lawn chairs and feel free to BYOB. We look forward to hanging out with you and having some fun!



Neighborhood Directory Update

We are making progress on updating the Green Acres Directory and plan to have it produced and distributed by the end of the summer. GACA district

representatives are in the final stages of ensuring that all our listings are correct, so please know that if you are contacted to verify your information, it is for a worthy cause. Stay tuned for updates as we bring this project to fruition!

Forwood Preserve Park

Friends of Forwood Preserve Park is a nonprofit group helping New Castle County to make the best decisions about stewardship and development of the 16-acre preserve located at the corner of Marsh and Veale roads. They are dedicated to understanding and protecting the preserve's unique natural characteristics and cultural history, as well as making responsible improvements to the land for the enjoyment of the nearby communities. The group is actively seeking new members and officers. Please contact friendsofforwoodpreservepark@gmail.com if you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more.



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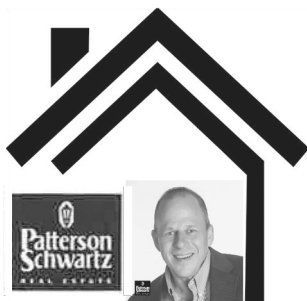
If you have a responsible child who would like to help distribute the GACA newsletter once per season, please write to greenacrescivic@gmail.com and let us know. (Middle school or high school aged kids preferred.) Each of the four delivery zones in the neighborhood contains about 95 homes, and we will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

Bellevue State Park Summer Concert Series

Head over to the band shell at Bellevue State Park on Sunday and Thursday evenings to enjoy the free summer concert series. For more information, call the Concert Hotline at 302-761-6965. (Note that park entrance fees are currently in effect.) Here is the schedule:

Sunday, June 23, 6:30 PM	The Launch (rock)
The Launch is the tri-state area's only tribute to the legendary music of Boston, Styx, and Queen.	
Thursday, June 27, 6:30 PM	Mother's Highway Junction (original Americana)
Mother's Highway Junction has been tagged 'the World's First and Only Original Folk Power Trio.'	
Sunday, June 30, 6:30 PM	The Big House Band (soul, funk, rock, motown, pop, country)
Everything from Sinatra to soul, funk, Motown, rock, pop, country and current hits.	
Sunday, July 7, 6:30 PM	Basic Cable (80's Pop)
This four-piece Philly based powerhouse recreates the music from all your favorite music videos from the 80s.	
Thursday, July 11, 6:00 PM	Jimmy & The Parrots (Jimmy Buffet tribute)
All the great Buffett songs you love, plus covers of Zac Brown Band, the Beach Boys, Bob Marley, and others.	
Sunday, July 14, 6:30 PM	Flatland Drive (bluegrass)
A blend of traditional, hard-driving bluegrass with modern stylings.	
Thursday, July 18, 6:30 PM	The Core (Eric Clapton tribute)
An electric and acoustic tribute to Eric Clapton, from Cream through Blind Faith and Derek and The Dominoes into his extensive solo career.	
Sunday, July 21, 6:30 PM	The Malarkey Brothers (Irish, Celtic, American)
An upbeat mix of traditional Irish music, Celtic rock, and American Favorites.	
Thursday, July 25, 6:30 PM	Seven Rings (Irish Music)
Irish pub music, as well as acoustic versions of classic rock favorites, country, and seafaring songs.	
Sunday, July 28, 6:30 PM	Spokey Speaky (Roots Reggae)
Spokey Speaky aims to spread the positive vibes of reggae music through its soulful, high energy live performances.	
Thursday, August 1, 6:30 PM	John Flynn (folk singer/songwriter)
All ages show by award-winning singer/songwriter.	
Sunday, August 4, 6:30 PM	The Brandywine Riders (country/folk/jazz)
An electrifying fusion of American music that blends country, rock, and jazz, and seamlessly intertwines Americana folk melodies with jazz-infused improvisational jams.	
Sunday, August 11, 6:30 PM	Exit 93 (classic rock, R&B and dance music)
Exit 93 is a 5 piece band of veteran musicians. Led by 3 dynamic lead vocalists the mission is to bring you to the dance floor and keep you there with a unique hypnotic groove to the music.	
Thursday, August 15, 6:30 PM	Gunpowder Lane (American roots/Americana, bluegrass and folk)
Their acoustic roots music spans bluegrass, gospel, folk and traditional pieces as well as originals.	
Sunday, August 18, 6:30 PM	Chorduroy (rock, blues and soul)
Playing tunes from the 70's to current hits, Chorduroy finds Dance classics, classic rock, pop-music, Hip-hop, funk, reggae and everything in-between.	
Thursday, August 22, 6:30 PM	Charlie and the Cooltones (classic rock, funk, soul, blues)
One of Delmarva's premier bands -- an American classic.	
Sunday, August 25, 6:00 PM	The Newspaper Taxis (Beatles tribute Band)
This band performs a wide selection of songs from across the entire Beatles universe.	
Thursday, August 29, 6:30 PM	The Navy Cruisers (jazz standards, R&B, classic rock, contemporary, pop)
The U.S. Navy Band Cruisers, the Navy's premier popular music group, features eight of the Navy's most dynamic performers.	

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