



Green Acres NEWS

Winter 2019

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Officers & Dist. Rep. Meeting	Monday March 9, 2020	TBA
Easter Egg Hunt	TBA	10:30am At the pool

2019-2021 Green Acres Civic Association Officers

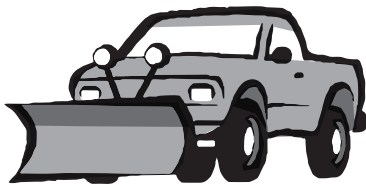
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Green Acres Winter Snow Announcement

What goes into a decision to plow or not to plow? Read about how our snow guru, Lou Fortunato, keeps us going when we get hit with the white stuff or a wintry mix.



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

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Message from Outgoing President

By the time you read this, you will have installed a new slate of officers for GA. I am sure that they will perform their tasks as competently and efficiently as we did.

It was both a challenge and an honor to be your President. I enjoyed (mostly) talking to you and helping you for the past six years. Of course, it was teamwork that kept GA one of the best developments in Northern NCC. I need to give a shout out to Vice President, Mary Rodgers, the Treasurer, Christine Bouchelle and the Secretary, Dianne Seidel, who worked without complaint, took on extra jobs and gave me excellent advice. And to Rosetta Dixson, who was our Corresponding Secretary until we decided that, in our modern digital age, we no longer needed one.

And, thank you to all our volunteers who will continue to keep GA running.

I urge all of you to step up and become a volunteer. Every little bit helps!

Have a bright Hanukkah, a joyous Christmas and a peaceful Kwanzaa.

Harriet

Outgoing President, GACA

Message from the New President Crystal Wimbush

I am excited to officially take over the reins as President of our wonderful Green Acres Civic Association and look forward to working with all of you.

As your incoming President, I want to assure you that I not only have the experience but the patience, eagerness and candor to do the duties of this position.

I have been a Property Manager for years where I actively participate in HOA / Association budgets; board meetings; landscaping/ snow removal and architectural processes and contracts as well as day to day neighborhood issues.

My "straight out the door" goal is to STRENGTHEN community involvement! I will actively work with District Representatives and Board of Directors to provide our community timely vital information; help with collaboration of events and to work together to keep our neighbor safe, property value good and importantly, Knowing and Loving THY neighbor.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King. .

Thank you,

Crystal

Snow Announcement continued

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 roadway 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.

Message from Lou Fortunato, our Large Trash event coordinator

Thank you to the community for your help with another successful community clean-up.

We also had help from our local “metal scrappers” who circled through the neighborhood picking up all of the metal items for recycling and reduced our overall trash weight.

This year we had a record amount of household furniture, which surpassed lawn furniture and exercise equipment, that typically top the list. Unfortunately we left a few TV’s behind because they




are restricted from the disposal program.

I also wanted to thank everyone who made sure their own paint cans were dry and properly prepared. Well over 100 paint cans were picked up.

Again, thank you to everyone in the community who participated and helped to make this event so successful and to the Team at Waste Management who’s been our partner for this event for the last 25+ years.

Lou

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