



Councilwoman Diller's Community Corner

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Yard Sale Tips For Success!

There are not many things that make me happier than a good yard sale and the possibilities of turning slightly used treasures into extra cash. The hard work that goes into planning a yard sale, or much bigger, a community yard sale, takes a lot of energy and group coordination. Many of our 5th District communities are making plans for their 2016 spring community yard sale, so please let me know when your community is planning a yard sale or special event, and I will add it to the “Mark Your Calendar” page of my newsletter.

Here are a few tips and tricks for all community members who will be participating with their community yard sale this year.

Tip #1 - Select a Date - Most yard sales occur during the weekend including Friday's. Many potential shoppers prefer to start early so they can have time for other things later in their day.

Tip #2 - Create Public Advertisements - An ad for the News Journal; A flyer for neighboring communities; An online post such as Craig's List , Facebook, and/or Yard Hopper.

Tip #3 - Get Your Supplies in Order - You may need chairs, a table for transactions, a large enough area to display your items without item congestion or table clutter; small increments of cash such as coins and one dollar bills to provide change for your customers; and, a note pad and pen to keep a record of your sales.

Tip #4 - Keep Items Organized - Sort before your price. It's the easiest way to keep your garage sale organized and make it easy on potential buyers. Dedicate a room in your house to garage sale planning and divide all of your items by category, such as clothes, books, home goods, and kids' toys.

Tip #5 - Set the Mood - Create ambiance by playing background music, consider setting-up a lemonade stand or have baked cookies for sale. Also, be sure to have a trash can nearby to keep the area tidy for your customers.

Mark Your Calendar

- **First Friday With Councilwoman Lisa Diller** - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Newark Senior Center. Please join Councilwoman Diller on the First Friday of each month to discuss topics that are important to you and your community.
- **5th District Public Meeting** - New Castle County Councilwoman Lisa Diller cordially invites you to attend a 5th District community meeting. **Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Kirk Middle School, 140 Brennen Drive, Newark, DE 19713. 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.** Please join the New Castle County Police Department and the departments of Community Services and Code Enforcement for this informative public meeting to discuss public safety, speak with representatives from Code Enforcement, and hear from the Department of Community Services about upcoming programs for our youth. For additional event information please contact Councilwoman Lisa Diller, 302-395-8365.
- **Newark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 19th, 10:00 a.m. (Rain date Sunday, March 20th.) Newark's annual egg hunt will be held at White Clay Creek State Park's Carpenter Recreation Area. All children should bring a basket or bag to collect their goodies. This year, we are partnering with WXCY to bring even more fun and excitement to the event, so come early and see what surprises are in store for you! State park fees will be in effect. For more information visit: <http://cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentCenter/View/6358>
- **Newark's Community Clean-Up** - Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join us at the City of Newark Municipal Building. Individuals and volunteer groups are welcome. Trash bags and a volunteer snack will be provided to all who help (T-shirts will be given to the first 200 volunteers). For additional information or to volunteer for the clean-up, please call the Recreation office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.
- **Brookside Park Flea Market** - Saturday, April 30, 2016. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Brookside Community Center, 900 Marrows Road. Rain date: Sunday, May 1, 2016.
- **Scottfield Yard Sale** - Friday, May 13th, and Saturday May 14th. For more information please visit www.scottfiled.org.
- **Iron Hill Museum Exhibits** - Iron Hill Museum is one of the best local repositories of historical information about the Iron Hill region, as well as wildlife, ecology, archaeology, and the natural sciences. Plan your visit to explore many fascinating exhibits offer at the museum! Exhibits include: Iron Mining; Please Touch Wall; The Leni Lenape; Rocks and Minerals; Glowing Rock Room; Taxidermy Collection; and Delaware's Prehistoric Sea Life. Museum Operating Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Saturday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Sunday & Monday Closed. For more information please visit: www.ironhill-museum.org.