



Councilwoman Diller's Community Corner

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Yard Sale Tips For Success

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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 2018 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. See the back page for fast approaching community yard sales in the District.

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. 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.
- **Free Self Management Workshops** - Each Monday between 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. beginning April 9th . the Delaware Medical Reserve Corps partners with the Department of Public Health and conducts FREE- 6 week Self Management Workshops in the community on 4 topics: Diabetes Self-Management; Chronic Disease Self-Management; Chronic Pain Self-Management ; Cancer; Thriving and Surviving. For more information, please visit Delaware Division of Public Health at <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/>
- **City of Newark, Spring Community Clean Up** - Saturday, April 14th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Grab your family and friends and come make Newark beautiful. Join us at the City of Newark Municipal Building on Saturday morning in April and get an early start to your Earth Day celebrations, trash bags and a volunteer snack will be provided to all who help (T-shirts will be given to the first 200 volunteers). DuPont and Dow have been proud sponsors of this event. For additional information or to volunteer for the clean-up, please call the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000.
- **Robscott Manor Community Yard Sale** - Saturday, May 12th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There is nothing like getting up early on a Saturday morning and scouting out the neighborhood for yard sales! What better way to spend a Saturday morning?
- **Arbour Park Community Yard Sale** - Saturday, May 19th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Come out and see all the treasures!
- **Chestnut Hill Estates Yard Sale** - Saturday, May 19th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The prices are good, but more than that, there's something about the friendly vendors, the assortment of items, and the potential of what you might find. (Rain date: Sunday, May 20th.)
- **Newark Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade** - Sunday, May 20th. Ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. on UD Green, and the Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. on Main Street. For more information, please contact City of Newark Parks & Recreation 302-366-7000, parkrec@newark.de.us.
- **Newark's Spring Concert Series** - Every Thursday in May and June at the Academy Building Lawn from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.