



# Councilwoman Diller's Community Corner

*5th District, New Castle County Council*

Spring 2019

## Welcome Spring!

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 2019 spring community yard sales, 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.

### Yard Sale Tips for Success

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. Have a rain date too!

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; small increments of cash such as coins or one dollar bills to provide change for your customers; and, a notepad and pen to keep 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 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.
- **City of Newark, Spring Community Clean Up - Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Grab your family and friends and come make Newark beautiful. For additional information or to volunteer for the clean-up, please call the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000.
- **Iron Hill Museum: Archaeology & Heritage Festival - Sunday, May 5th, 2019, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Explore community history; learn about historical foodways; dig with professional archaeologists, and much more... For additional information, please visit: [www.ironhill-museum.org](http://www.ironhill-museum.org), or call 302-368-5703.
- **Newark Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade - Sunday, May 19th.** 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, [parksrec@newark.de.us](mailto:parksrec@newark.de.us).
- **Scottfield Community Yard Sale - Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** There is nothing like getting up early on a Saturday morning and scouting out the neighborhood for sales! Rain date: May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Arbour Park Community Yard Sale - Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Come out and see all the treasures! Rain date: Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (same hours).
- **Robscott Manor Community Yard Sale – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Don't miss out on your next "perfect find"!

### Councilwoman Diller's Committee Assignments:

**Boards & Commissions (Co-chair)**

**Community Services (Co-chair)**

**Subcommittee on Aging**

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