LLANGOLLEN ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Happy 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50th Earth Day Celebration. The first event was April 22, 1970 when there was a wave of national activism. People protested the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War and began questioning just how dirty our air and water would become before anyone took action.

Considerable progress has been made to protect our environment. There were 20 million Americans fighting industry pollution, toxic dumping, pesticides and the countless mindless acts negatively impacting our environment. Among those Americans were A-listers like Ali McGraw, Paul Newman, and Pete Seeger.

"Think globally, act locally" has become a sacred statement for those concerned about our earth-bound futures. Acting locally on Earth Day usually means people plant trees, collect trash from a park or neighborhood, and recycling.

How do you intend to spend Earth Day? What can you do to keep the "party" going? Keep reading for more ideas.

Information taken from numerous sources

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Paid & Prepaid Llangollen Estates Civic Association Dues
(as of March 1, 2020)

Listed below are paid, prepaid, & partially paid homes by street names and house number for Fiscal Year 2020. If you are listed as paid, your community THANKS YOU for your support. The "+" indicates those who have paid for 2020 and beyond. Partially paid amounts for 2020 are shown in parenthesis.

Callow: 204+, 211, 213+, 216, 217+
Dudley: 202+, 213+
Gordy: 203($5), 206, 207+, 213+, 215, 224, 226+, 228+, 233+
Hodgkins: 7($10), 9, 12, 17($5), 28, 30+, 32+
Llangollen: 106, 203, 204, 209, 214+, 303+, 304, 308, 315($5), 323+, 402, 412, 502+, 503+, 506, 509+
Mendell: 207, 217+, 219, 222+, 223, 224($5), 225+, 230+
Park: 207+, 208, 217+
River Road:
Rolling Green: 204+, 209, 210+, 212
Schafer: 110, 210, 216, 217, 227+, 228, 229+, 234+
Southerland: 212, 213, 218+, 224, 227+
Sterling: 203, 204($10), 206($5), 207($5), 208, 209, 305, 306+, 307, 309+, 318, 320, 321, 406, 414, 415+, 421, 422($5), 423, 503
Werden: 205, 206, 209+, 210+
Wooddale: 204, 206+, 210, 212, 216, 303, 309, 315+, 316, 404, 406, 407, 418+, 421+, 423

Llangollen Estates Civic Association would like to keep you informed about our community, and we are trying to make a Llangollen Phone and/or Email listing and would be grateful if you would complete the following form. ***If you have not already done so, please include your yearly $15 payment.*** It can be mailed or dropped off to Al Luckey, 226 Gordy Place, New Castle, DE 19720. Please make checks payable to LECA. Questions should be directed to Al Luckey at alucke3@verizon.net.

Name _____

Address _____ New Castle, DE 19720

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email Address _____

We encourage you to get involved in the active management of our community. We need volunteers to share in a wide variety of activities. You can simply check the box below, and you will be contacted.

☐ **Yes, I would like to participate.**

Celebrate Earth Day

We all are familiar with the increasing loss of wildlife habitat caused by uncontrolled development. As the Joni Mitchell song states, "They paved paradise to put in a parking lot."

You don't need a large piece of property to contribute. Small changes to part of your yard can help.

You can create a Certified Wildlife Habitat by starting with the following steps:

1. Provide Food: native plants with nectar, fruits, and seeds

2. Supply Water: water gardens, bird baths, and puddles for drinking and bathing
3. Create Cover: rock piles and evergreens give protection from weather, predators, and people
4. Provide Baby Animal Spaces: trees and shrubs are great protection to animals raising their young
5. Garden Sustainably: reduce lawn chemicals and use a rain barrel

It's Your Civic Duty

Your civic association addresses issues of concern and promotes the quality of our community. We work together to make a difference for residents when we can. It's your voice and your votes that count.

So stand up! We'll lend you an ear at our Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, March 14th from 1 to 3pm. It will be held at the New Castle Public Library where elections will be held for the two- year terms of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations can be submitted now until the meeting to dickbraveheart@cs.com.

Be sure to cast your vote. It's your right to have the right people represent you.

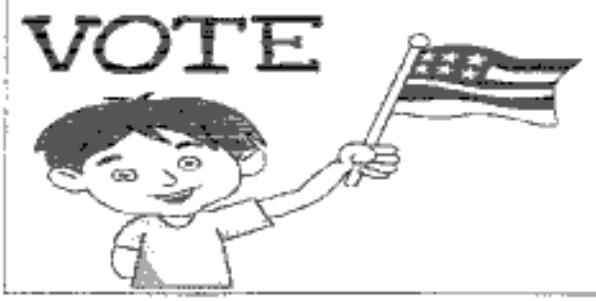
Your current officers are:

President: Dee Morris

Vice-president: Kayode Abegunde

Treasurer: Al Luckey

Secretary: Anne Marie Borsello



Somebody's Watching You

Keep an eye out for your neighbors by becoming part of the Neighborhood Block Watch. Training will be provided by the New Castle County Police.

If you're interested, give Ray a call at 302-324-9781.

Another way to watch out for your neighbors is to volunteer to be an Area Representative.

Currently, there are two vacancies – areas 1 & 4.

Area 1 covers the 100 block of Schafer, Southerland, Werden, and Llangollen, plus all of Hodgkins. Area 4 takes care of the 300 block of Llangollen, Sterling, and Wooddale, plus Callow from Llangollen to where Wynthorpe connects to Schafer.

Drink Up --

Our Water is Safe

Rumor has it that realtors were telling prospective buyers to bring bottled water if the plan was to buy a house in Llangollen Estates. This is probably due to the Superfund Sites known as the Delaware Sand & Gravel Landfill (DS&G) and Army Creek Landfill (ACL). However, that is not a valid point.

Both sites have been on the EPA's National Priorities List since 1983. And since that time, several cleanup actions have been implemented.

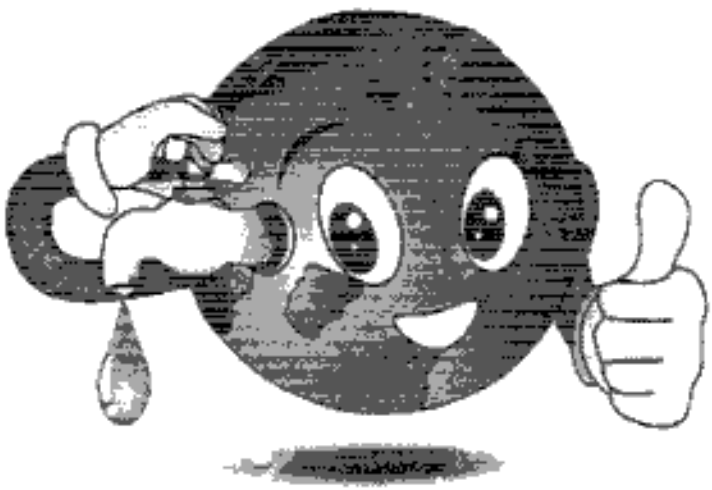
At DS&G there's been excavation and removal of contaminated soil and drums, installation of an underground barrier wall and landfill caps, extraction of contaminated groundwater, and installation and operation of a bio-venting system that helped soil microbes naturally break down hazardous chemicals.

The ACL Site's activities included the off-site disposal of drums of hazardous chemicals, installation of a landfill cap, and operation of the groundwater recovery wells.

For more information about the EPA's work on these sites, visit:
https://www.epa.gov/superfund/delawaresand gravel and/or

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/armycreek.

You can also express your concerns at our Annual Meeting when Meg Keegan-Broughton will be one of our speakers. She is the Community Involvement Coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3.



They'll Be A Bloomin'

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2. Forsythia
3. Iris
4. Tulips
5. Crocuses
6. Daffodil
7. Violet
8. Buttercup
9. Lily
10. Daisy
11. Pansy
12. Jasmine
13. Lilac
14. Hyacinth
15. Azaleas
16. Magnolia
17. Primrose

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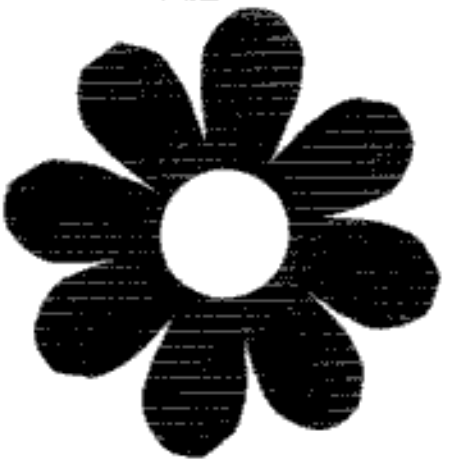
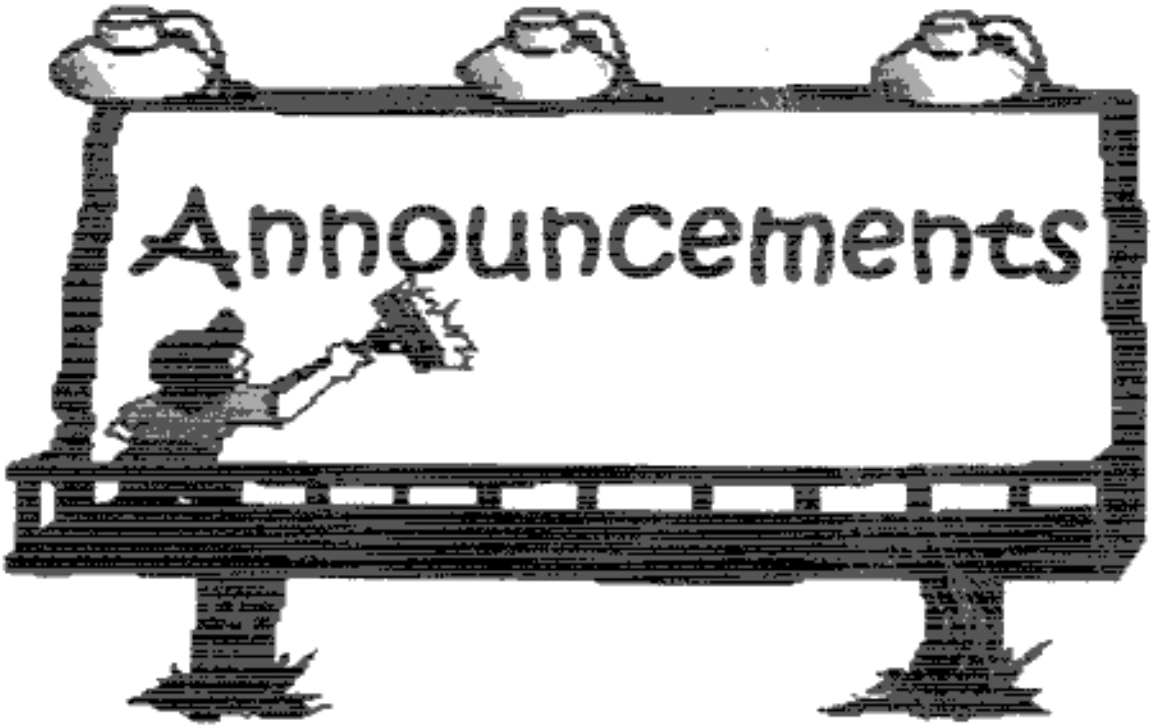


Springtime Weather Folklore

Most of us have heard "April showers bring May flowers."
Here's what else April is said to have going on :

If it thunders on All Fool's Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.
A cold May and a windy April, a full barn.
March will search ye, April try ye; May will tell whether live or die ye.
If the oak is out before the ash then we are in for a splash.
But if the ash is out before the oak we are in for a soak.
April cold and wet fills barn and barrel.
When April blows its horn, then it stands good with hay, rye, and corn.
A cold and moist April fills the cellar and fattens the cow.



- ✓ Our Annual Community Meeting will be Saturday, March 14th at the New Castle Public Library at 424 Delaware Street from 1 to 3pm.
- ✓ Our Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 25th from 8am to 3pm. Rain date is Sunday, April 26th from 8am to 3pm.
- ✓ Look for the clean-up dumpster in June.
- ✓ Volunteers are needed to maintain the landscaping at the entrance to our neighborhood. Contact Dee at deemorris2016@outlook.com if interested.
- ✓ Visit our website at neighborhoodlink.com/Llangollen_Estates for current events, contact information, and ongoing discussions on topics of interest.
- ✓ If you haven't already done so, PAY YOUR DUES! It's only $15/year.