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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

As we approach the end of summer and look forward to the Fall, we have much to share with you. There are a lot of exciting things happening at Delaware Greenways!

First, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us at the following upcoming events:

- Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community - Saturday, September 13 at 9 am in Bellevue State Park
- Delaware Greenways' 25th Anniversary Celebration - Friday, October 17th at 7pm at the Historic Penn Farm
- Second Public Meeting - Greenville Village Study - Thursday September 4 6:30 pm at AI DuPont H.S Greenville
- See You Outside event at the PawPaw Festival on August 23 at Alapocas Run State Park in Wilmington

We have many exciting programs and initiatives underway. Below we have described a few of the key events and programs that we are working on. There are many opportunities to get involved, so please come out and support Delaware Greenways.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we hope to See You Outside at our Fall activities!

Peter J. Walsh, Jr.
President
Delaware Greenways

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Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community



The inaugural Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington. Delaware Greenways is one of 17 participating nonprofits

in this fun morning. Highmark Inc. underwrites the cost of the walk so that 100 percent of the money raised by walkers goes to the participating organizations. The goals of the walk are to help participating organizations raise money for their individual missions, and to energize community members to have a greater hand in their health by becoming or staying physically active.

See our event page [here](#) at and please join with us for a healthy walk and fun with the Wilmington community!

See You Outside Challenge Kick-off



We are excited to announce the kick-off of our second 'See You Outside' challenge that will run through October 31st, 2014. So "what is this challenge all about?" you may ask. It's an opportunity for you to find out what terrific outdoor resources Delaware has to offer for recreational purposes. And as you enjoy any of our approved activities and send us photos (selfies included!) via e-mail, instagram or twitter, get entered in a drawing to win fun prizes. To learn more and [sign up for the challenge](#), visit our

website syodelaware.org. You will also find this website to be the most comprehensive resource for fun events and activities in the state. So register today to have a fun, happy and healthy summer.

Delaware Greenways Awarded Clear Into the Future Grant!



We are delighted to announce that Delaware Greenways has been awarded \$5000 from DuPont's Clear into the Future Grant for Historic Penn Farm's Woodland and Revitalization Project.

The goal of the project is to restore wooded areas that are heavily infested with invasive plants by using research based sustainability practices an engaging students and the public in a hands-on environmental enhancement project. Delaware Greenways looks forward to furthering their project scope on the farm in an effort to create a 21st century model for sustainable agriculture.

Many thanks, DuPont!

Food Bank of Delaware has successful first year at Historic Penn Farm



Over the last few years, there have been numerous urban garden projects popping up all over Delaware. The Urban agriculture movement is a huge educator of the importance of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles which ties perfectly into the objectives of Delaware Greenways and Historic Penn Farm. It seemed like a natural fit when the [Food Bank of Delaware](#) approached us last fall with an interest in gardening a small plot of land to experiment with growing their own food to provide their patrons with fresh, local produce- a new concept in Delaware.



With the help of volunteers recruited by the Food Bank, Delaware Greenways and William Penn High School, the Food Bank has planted, cared for, and harvested various plants. To give you an idea of what they have accomplished, here is a count of the plants that have thrived: 96 tomato plants, 71 red dressing kale plants, 93 green kale plants, 30 cabbages, 175 bell pepper plants, 40 eggplant plants, and 44 watermelon plants. So far, they have harvested 31 bushels of kale, all of the cabbages, 4 bushels of beets, a bushel of green bell peppers, and 20 eggplants. Every week there is more to harvest, and the tomatoes are starting to ripen!

Through all of their efforts, the Food Bank is feeding many through their Bank's hunger relief programs in addition to showing the importance of fresh produce. Delaware Greenways looks forward to cultivating this growing partnership in an effort to provide fresh, local produce to the Delaware community as well as help raise awareness of healthy lifestyles.

Delaware Greenways Partners With Amazon Smile Program



If you shop on Amazon, you can help support Delaware Greenways just by shopping through the Amazon Smile program site! You simply register that you want Delaware Greenways to receive a donation as part of your Amazon purchase and every time you shop, it will just happen - there's nothing more to do. You get the same Amazon experience and deals that you're used to while helping to support Delaware Greenways.

Just register at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and make Delaware Greenways your designated nonprofit beneficiary. Thank you!

See You Outside Summer Events



See You Outside has a number of exciting upcoming events which will get you active, outside, and enjoying the summer weather!

On August 23 we will be at the PawPaw Festival at Alapocas Run State Park in Wilmington. The event features local folk artists and craftsmen who use eco-friendly materials and designs. Be sure to stop by the See You Outside table for fun games and free giveaways. Also happening on September 13th is the Highmark Walk for Healthy Communities at the Bellevue State Park in Wilmington. Register to walk or donate to help support Delaware Greenways.

As you enjoy any of these [events](#), or other SYO activities, send us your photos (selfies included!) via [e-mail](#) or on [Facebook](#), Instagram, and [Twitter](#) with [#syochallenge](#) to be entered into a drawing to win fun prizes. To learn more and sign up for the challenge, visit our See You Outside [website](#).

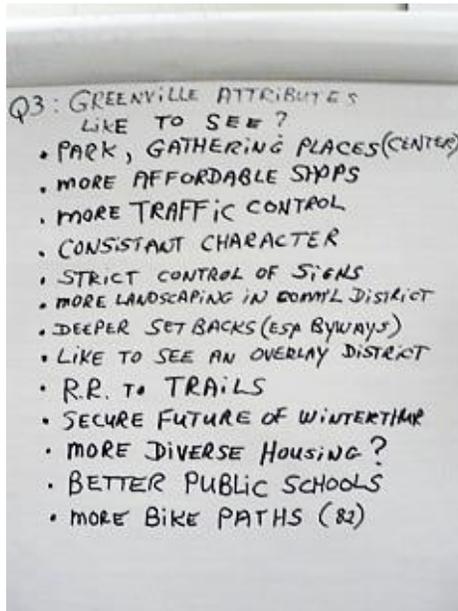
Second Greenville Public Meeting Set

**You Are Cordially Invited
to the second public meeting for the Greenville Village Study**

Date: September 4, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: A. I. DuPont High School Cafeteria Hillside Road,
Greenville, DE



- Q3: GREENVILLE ATTRIBUTES
LIKE TO SEE?
- PARK, GATHERING PLACES (CENTER)
 - MORE AFFORDABLE SHOPS
 - MORE TRAFFIC CONTROL
 - CONSISTANT CHARACTER
 - STRICT CONTROL OF SIGNS
 - MORE LANDSCAPING IN COMM. DISTRICT
 - DEEPER SET BACKS (ESA BYWAYS)
 - LIKE TO SEE AN OVERLAY DISTRICT
 - R.R. TO TRAILS
 - SECURE FUTURE OF WINTERTIME
 - MORE DIVERSE HOUSING?
 - BETTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 - MORE BIKE PATHS (82)

The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM and its purpose is to continue the dialogue with the public regarding how Greenville should look and function in the future. The meeting will include a series of exercises meant to spur discussion and feedback using images of potential design and land use elements.

Greenville is a community on the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway. The Byway consists of Kennett Pike and Montchanin Road between Rodney Square and the Pennsylvania Line. National Byway designation was approved in 2005 because of the spectacular scenery along the route, the history of the area and its cultural

institutions. But most importantly, the Byway remains a special area due to the efforts of its citizens to protect and preserve the entire Brandywine Valley.

The Greenville Village Study will lead to a plan that will guide development and redevelopment in a manner that preserves the character of the Brandywine Valley.

If you have any questions, please contact the study team:
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Firefly Tickets Winners



Congratulations to Seton M., the winner of two 4-day passes to Firefly Music Festival during our special membership drive. Seton and her fiancé Sean report that they had "a blast" and are excited to be members of Delaware Greenways!

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