

Working Together to Serve and Unite Our Community

# Packer Park Civic Association

District Two – Sports Complex Special Services District

Our Newsletter Is The Most Reliable Source to Update All Our Residents

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## FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Sponsored by the  
SPORTS COMPLEX  
SPECIAL SERVICES  
DISTRICT

**SATURDAY – APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> –**

**11 AM to 1 PM 19<sup>th</sup> & Packer**

Bring your old documents & personal papers and other personal items (old passports, bank statements, etc.) and WATCH as they are shredded for Identity Theft Safety.

Please Plan to VOTE on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Voter registration ends April 15<sup>th</sup>.



our office or thru  
committeepeople.  
neighborhood

grows as the voter rolls swell. Please plan to get out & cast your ballot on May 15<sup>th</sup>.



Registration forms are available at your local Our CLOUT

## What is the Purpose of the ‘Cameras’ at Broad & Hartranft Street????



These are video detection ‘cameras’ connected to the traffic signal controller. The detectors sense vehicle presence and change the traffic signal accordingly. In concept, Broad Street will stay green and traffic will

flow North and South on Broad UNTIL the detector senses a vehicle waiting to exit Hartranft Street or the Phillies driveway or waiting to make a southbound left turn into Citizen’s Bank Park.



Here We Go Again - We have been asked by soooo many residents to ask YOU to STOP FEEDING THE BIRDS! Bird Flu, Filth, Dirt, Germs, etc. etc. WHY would you want to attract it to your HOME! Your neighbors sure hate it!



We want to help Local Businesses Thrive. If you are a resident & Own or Operate your Own Business, please consider a web link to the Packer Park Civic Website 2 years of exposure for \$100. What A

Bargain! Sign on at [www.packerparkcivic.org](http://www.packerparkcivic.org) and check out Links

BINGO				
10	20	42	59	62
5	29	39	56	75
4	17	FREE SPACE	60	71
11	18	32	51	66
15	19	36	47	69

## On a New Night.....

Come Check It Out  
HOLY SPIRIT HAS  
STARTED

## B-I-N-G-O

EVERY MONDAY

NIGHT.

(starting 04/09) Doors open Early – Action starts at 7PM – Holy Spirit Church Hall - Foods & Refreshments available – Be a part of this Great Community gathering each week.

Top prize of the Night \$1000 Jackpot!

All proceeds stay within the Parish. Volunteers are needed to assist this effort. Come out & meet Old Friends & New Neighbors.

## UPDATES

SPC CAR CRUSHER – 26<sup>th</sup> & PENROSE AVENUE –

Our INITIAL GOAL in our 3 year long campaign was to stop the facility from expanding its operation at this site. We were successful in that goal.

However, OUR ULTIMATE GOAL – to see the total relocation of this facility to a location AWAY FROM US - may soon be realized. We hope to have Good News very soon regarding the ultimate relocation of this facility to a spot where the company can expand and modernize their equipment, FAR from OUR Eyes & Ears.

In the meantime, because of our forceful & continuous complaints, the facility has taken extra measures to curb loud explosions and midnight rumblings that have occurred throughout January & February.

## UPDATES from the Sports Complex Special Services District (SCSSD)

- Fifty Gorgeous new trees were installed in our Community thanks to SCSSD. We are scheduled for another round of plantings, and a few removals, in the Fall. Flyers will go out requesting volunteers for new tree locations.
- A pilot decorative banner / holiday light program has been approved for Broad Street.
- Security & Emergency Preparedness – SCSSD is working with the teams, sports facility owners, Sunoco & City, State & Federal government to review & assist in enhancing current Emergency Preparedness plans.
- SCSSD, at our request, has researched & will soon install, an Automated Phone Call system which can be used District wide or just throughout Packer Park for emergency notices. You will be receiving a flyer at the appropriate time asking your approval and what number you would like to register to be called. These calls will be very limited in nature.
- PLEASE feel free to make suggestions for projects that you would like PPCivic association or the SCSSD District to tackle on behalf of our Community.

We receive calls daily to do the Impossible. Make teenagers Behave, make people stop feeding birds and stray cats, or make Police appear instantly, we wish we had the magical powers many attribute to us.

We here at PPCIVIC Association are all volunteers – please remember that. We can not INTERCEDE IN NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR DISPUTES, WE CAN ONLY MUST TACKLE ISSUES THAT INVOLVE THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD, LIKE STADIUMS ISSUES, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, NO CASINOS NEARBY, OVERALL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS & BEAUTIFICATIONS ...

First District Police have responded to the many neighbor calls regarding Quality of Life/Juvenile hangout issues. There are increased Police patrols during summer months. Please cooperate as Police enforce curfew for teens as the best way to keep our area safe. New, stricter curfew rules call for Children under 18 to be at home

- prior to 9PM weeknights during school year,
- 9:30PM on weeknights in summer,
- Weekends = 10PM year round

This not only protects the families & older residents but more importantly, these rules also serve to protect the teens themselves. In many areas, groups of teens have been the target (and victims) of drive by shootings and random acts of violence. We can not let that happen here!

Our Community is one of the most Crime-Free in the City. Please Help Us Keep it that way.

- Keep the Lights ON & the area around your home and car well lit. Dark spots are Easy targets for roving teens or strangers seeking a place to burglarize
- Stay Vigilant - watch out for neighbors but also for strangers
  - Keep doors, windows & cars locked when not at home or in use. Keep valuables out of sight.
  - Cooperate with Police - call only when needed -

### "WELCOME" TO A FEW

#### NEW BUSINESSES IN OUR AREA -

All About Me - Day Spa, tanning, facials, body sculpting - 2020 A Penrose

VWC Nails II - Nails, manicures, pedicures, waxing, 2020 D Penrose Ave

O15 Workout - Only 15 minutes to a firmer, stronger Body 3310 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street - side entrance

Serenity Salon - hair, facials, massages, 1534 Packer Avenue

International Alliance -

Theatrical Stage Employees - Local # 8, 2237 Hartranft Street

WARNING - Red Light Cameras are now fully operational at Broad & Oregon. Please Drive S-l-o-w-l-y thru this dangerous intersection or risk being caught on camera and facing heavy fines.

#### FDR HISTORICAL PARK:

- GOLF LESSONS children, teens and adults.
- TENNIS COURTS - 10 new courts & 5 refurbished courts.
- WALKING / BIKING TRAILS -
- REMEMBER - The More People who USE the Park, the Safer it will become.

REMEMBER – The Sunoco TEST SIREN is heard for 30 SECONDS on the FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH – AT NOON. However, IN A REAL EMERGENCY, THE SIREN WILL LAST FOR 3 MINUTES & means to ‘SHELTER IN PLACE’ & TURN ON KYW FOR NEWS. Neighbors are asked to call 215 339 2286 (24/7) to report any flaring, noises, large smoke clouds, explosions or suspicious activity around the SUNOCO plant.

**WE HAVE CALLED THE CITY ON YOUR BEHALF FOR RATS & SEWER SMELLS.**

Council President Verna has requested on our behalf and our area has received a general sewer cleaning throughout the neighborhood. HOWEVER, City agencies respond BEST when SPECIFIC ADDRESSES ARE CALLED IN. Please HELP us HELP you by following up our calls with individual calls to the numbers below.

**SEWER SMELLS** – Please leave individual messages about specific sewers at specific addresses. Please call 215 685 2028

**RATS – RATS** Especially at this warm time of year, it is important to Seal trash bags in CLOSED CANS. Bags alone can not discourage RATS & MICE. If rodents are spotted, call Rat Patrol immediately, with specific addresses. Please call 215 686 5000 – Press 1 Press 5.

For Complaints about Street Trees – please call Fairmount Park Commission at 215 685 4363.

**PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON**

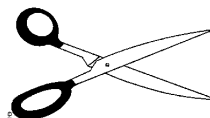
- Hartranft Street - cars still speeding in spite of improvements. Landscaping is being improved as we write this.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street - City cannot at this time justify traffic signal on 20<sup>th</sup> and Hartranft but a four way stop will be installed.
- Drag Racing on Pattison - Call 9-1-1- immediately to report this dangerous, deadly, disturbing activity.
- Packer Avenue - speeding like lunatics - where ARE you going in such a Hurry?
- Vandalism by local 'children' - Hartranft landscaping & benches, New plantings in circles, Gazebo at the Reserve, ETC.

**PARENTS** - PLEASE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN RESPECT FOR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS AND FOR COMMUNITY PROPERTY. RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER is the ONLY thing that separates us from the masses.

**Hotline Calls** – We DO receive all calls, we do act upon your complaints and issues, where possible. Please Be Kind - We are all volunteers here so the best use of our limited time is to get the job done, we may not always be able to call you back to talk about it in detail.



We need your dues to help PPCA pay the costs of the hotline; copying & distributing our newsletters; refreshments for General Meetings; etc. 'THANK YOU'



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**Dues for 2006 are now due.**

**\$12 one year, \$20 two years**

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