

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

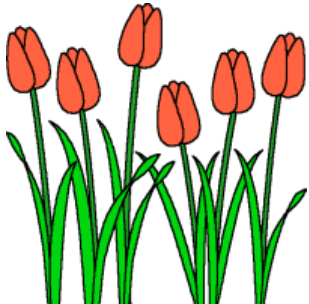
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**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATES\*\*\***



## Happy SpringTime

Here are some important dates  
to get you more active in your Community.

### **PACKER PARK CIVIC GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDS. - JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> - 7 PM - HOLY SPIRIT HALL**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS - OFFICER / BOARD ELECTIONS - INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER - DOOR PRIZES & the Very Popular RECYCLING BINS**  
If there is a topic of special concern - please call the Hotline - We will try to add it to the busy agenda.

### **Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> - A Festive Day at F. D. R. Park**

**Save the day, pull the kids away from the TV & Come down to the Park.**

**9AM** - Park Appreciation Day - Head down to FDR Park to help clean up, rake leaves, pick up litter - It's a Good Deed & Great Exercise Too - To Volunteer - call 215 683 0219 or email [thomas.dougherty@phila.gov](mailto:thomas.dougherty@phila.gov)

**NOON** - Registration for Walkers - Kids Activities  
12:30 - Opening Ceremonies  
1 PM - Walk Begins  
2 PM - Closing Ceremonies - More Entertainment

### **Arthritis Foundation & The Philadelphia Phillies Host a Walk-A-Thon**

to raise funds for Arthritis Research - Music & Festivities planned - The Phillie Phanatic, Greg Luzinski and more. To Volunteer - call Cheryl 215 574 3060 x 116 Or email [phillyaw@kintera.org](mailto:phillyaw@kintera.org)

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THE NEWLY REVITALIZED  
**'FRIENDS OF  
F.D.R. PARK'**



#### **NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Your dues will help us establish a website, buy new play equipment, lobby Fairmount Park Commission for more and better oversight of the Park and more FPC resources spent in our Park and many more goals that will make this a World - Class destination soon. It is a fact that property values escalate AT LEAST 15% - 20% for properties within close proximity to an active and healthy Park. That's Us!

We need to continue to fight to take back our Park. We have great plans - stay tuned. The Tennis Courts have been upgraded, the Golf Course is about to be upgraded again, The Walking / Biking trails need lots of work, for sure, and the Play Equipment is currently in bad shape.

The PPCA & the newly revitalized 'Friends of FDR Park' are working TOGETHER to save and enhance this Oasis in South Philadelphia. The Goal of both organizations - *to Improve the Quality of Life for our residents* - is One & the Same. Even if you have never been to the Park (Please Do So) you breathe easier because of all the trees & Green Space. It protects us 24/7 from harmful pollution.

### **FDR PARK = 'SERENITY NOW'**

We are planning a permanent exhibit of Wedding Photos thru the ages that were taken at the Gazebo & Boathouse at the Lakes. If you would like to submit your photo for exhibition, please drop us a COPY (not

original) with NAMES & DATES.

# The Vendemmia Foundation Festival

Happily returns to Our Area

Sunday – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

Sponsorship welcomed – Table sales begin July 1. Proceeds fund Scholarships for graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and graduating High School seniors from the 19145, 19148 area. Check out Ciao Newspaper & VendemmiaFoundation.org for more Scholarship & Festival details.



## Here is a short list of the issues that we are working on for your behalf

**KINDY'S** ( 20<sup>th</sup> & Penrose) – We stopped them from erecting TWO 20 FT x 60 FT billboards. A unified coalition of neighborhood leaders met with Kindy's to 'discuss' their opposition to this plan. The proposal was withdrawn!!!! Blight – in any form – will be strongly fought in our area.

**FIRST DISTRICT POLICE** - Reaching out to our new First District Captain Davidson to discuss area concerns.

**RELOCATING THE CAR CRUSHER** - The Car Crusher is preparing the new site that will accommodate their relocation and expansion. A few snags in this complex, multi-party transaction have occurred. With the firm assistance of our Council President Verna, we anticipate that the remaining roadblocks will be worked out shortly. We remain vigilant.

- **IN THE MEANTIME**, any explosions should be reported to 215 686 4514 after 5Pm and on weekends – as close to time of explosion as possible. During the day, the number to report explosions is 215 685 7580.



**CASINO PLACEMENT** - We remain On Guard for any rumors that Casinos are headed our way – Foxwoods – Columbus & Reed Street is close enough! There are still certain public officials trying to push it down to us. If their efforts gain even one ounce of credibility – they will be OUTED !!! you can be sure of that.

**WACHOVIA DEVELOPMENT PLANS** –We will bring you the latest word at our General Meeting – nothing has yet been officially determined.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER** relocation to 66 & Essington – This does not concern us – what does impact us greatly is whatever (????) will go in FDC current location.

**RE-USE of the FORMER NAVY HOSPITAL LOT** - Our agreement with the City expires in January '09, so the issue is ripe – THE CHOICES - either a complimentary re-use in keeping with the area or the temporary parking is extended for another term of years. Stay Tuned.

**SCSSD CONTRIBUTIONS** – The Sports Complex Special Services District donated \$2500. each to Holy Spirit School and to Calvary Academy, for a specific task of the school's choosing, Holy Spirit installed ceiling fans in classrooms and Calvary upgraded their K – 8 math programs.



### **TRAFFIC CLAMING / TRAFFIC SAFETY / STREETScape BEAUTIFICATION**

**Stop Signs** - Please note the new STOP signs added at important locations around the area. Every sign represents dozens of near – miss accidents caused by our own residents speeding. THAT's why the signs are NEEDED and MUST be obeyed. During warm weather - when our children are out and about, walking and biking – more CAUTION must be observed while driving through our Community.

**Traffic Islands – 20<sup>th</sup> Street** – will also be landscaped – The only way to stop speeders around here is to erect physical barriers.



**NO TRESPASSING SIGNS** – Please Stop destroying the iron fencing that surrounds the 'hospital lot' – We worked hard to get every foot of that fencing and kids and adults have been destroying this fencing in order to gain access to the grassy area to walk their dogs or allow kids to play. It is private property, maintained by others, for our benefit. Please respect it.

**FORMER ELWYN – SOUTHERN HOMES** – 3200 South Broad Street - This property is currently vacant, we are working with the owner to establish better uses. **IN THE MEANTIME**, please urge your children to stay away from this property. There is a security guard on the premises and trespassers will be prosecuted. The neighbors on Sydenham have been quite tolerant and deserve a break. They are urged to call 9 1 1 at the first sign of trouble even though it may mean local youths get caught by the Police.

**CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY** - On April 5<sup>th</sup> – Mayor Nutter declared a City-Wide CleanUp Day and FDR Park was the first choice for many hundreds of volunteers. Mayor Nutter SAYS “ It is not just about picking up trash, it is a reminder to all Philadelphians to LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE” “If citizens take care of their neighborhoods, they will take care of each other”

**PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM** - The SCSSD phone notification system was used to alert residents (who had signed up for the service) of the Town Meeting with our new Police Commissioner Ramsey. The meeting was very well attended by neighbors and the phone notification system worked well. This is in lieu of flyers which take much more time, money, and energy to get the word out.

**PLEASE SIGN UP NOW FOR THE  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.  
HELP THE SPORTS COMPLEX DISTRICT HELP YOU  
TO STAY INFORMED**



Please detach and return to SCSSD at 3300 South 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

**Help Us Help You Stay Informed  
SIGN UP NOW!**

**YES**, I would like to participate in SCSSD's Neighborhood Phone Notification System!  
All information you provide will remain confidential.

**Contact Information - Please fill out completely and clearly!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Philadelphia, PA/Zip Code

Phone Number 1: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell  Home  Work

Phone Number 2: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number 3: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



Sports Complex Special Services District  
3300 South 7th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Please include the following phone number(s) on SCSSD's phone notification system

All information will remain confidential. The notification system will be used for very important messages only, such as serious traffic advisories, changes in start times for playoff games, reminders of large Community events, etc. Please return the attached mailer if you have not already done so. Unfortunately, this system presently does not include Reserve, Regency, Villas since west of 20<sup>th</sup> street is ‘technically’ outside of the Sports Complex District boundaries. However, your HOA / COA association has established a similar system so please sign up through Wentworth for that.

**FOR EXTRA COPIES OF THE MOST RECENT FABULOUS AND INFORMATIVE SCSSD NEWSLETTER – PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP AT OUR OFFICE. 3320 SOUTH 20<sup>TH</sup> ST**



**PPCA DUES NOTICE**

**\$12 for One Year and \$20 for Two Years  
PPCA – 3320 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street – Phila. PA 19145**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_