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District Two – Sports Complex Special Services District

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**ENJOY THE 2006 CALENDAR ENCLOSED
WITH OUR BEST WISHES**

We Wish All of our Neighbors,
Young & Old, New & Been Here Years,
The Blessings of the Holiday Season,
The Peace & Quiet of a Wonderful Neighborhood,
The Security of a Warm, Safe Home, & Bountiful
Prosperity & Excellent Health in 2006

We do everything possible to Protect
You all Year Long,
Fighting battles Big & Small
to keep our area Strong,
We will not shrink, we will not cower,
No one can keep us down
If you back us with your Power !



AND WE DON'T MEAN SANTA.....

JANUARY 1, 2006 – Our area gets the New Year off to a Roaring start with a CLASH between the New Year's Day Parade VS. a 4 PM Eagles Game (and Disney on Ice for extra chaos). You know we did not plan this one. Blame the NFL TV schedule. Sobriety Takes A Holiday – Be prepared in advance.

Just a few of the Issues we are working on.....

- **REAL ESTATE TAXES** – The ‘news’ you hear is about proposals for property taxes hikes in 2007 (not 2006). We have been at work with various committees to support appropriate Council measures to protect strong, valuable, tax-paying neighborhoods like ours from bearing the brunt of ‘tax **WE ARE ALL OVER THIS ONE, BELIEVE IT!**’
“What can I do?” – When we call you to a meeting, PLEASE SHOW UP & BE HEARD. We have postponed our General Meeting until the time is ‘ripe’. We are trying very hard to ensure that when / if the tax burden is ‘shifted’ it is NOT shifted toward us. We expect fair, equitable treatment & will settle for NOTHING LESS for all of our residents.
- **IMPROVING & REVIVING PENROSE AVENUE** – Thanks again to our two Good Neighbors **Jim McGinty & Jay Agnes** who have already staked their claim & brought their wonderful businesses to the north side of Penrose Avenue. Also Many Thanks to **Council**

President Verna for her ongoing efforts & assistance.

- * We expect to have VERY good news to report about our efforts to contain the car crusher (26th & Penrose)
- * We have continued to argue with the Dept. Human Services for housing homeless families at the round hotel.
- * We have continued our dialogue with the Phila. Housing Authority to ensure that the revitalization of the former Passyunk Homes site is done by a private developer with market-rate housing ONLY.
- **IMPROVING THE S. E. CORNER – 20th & PACKER** – FINALLY, DRPA has started the landscaping & fencing that has long been planned. Dear God, our notes on this project are yellow with age but lo & behold, we have finally seen Beautiful results. More plantings to come, check it out!
- **BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR 11 CIRCLES** – Plantings have been completed. PLEASE be patient, we will have fabulous results in the Spring. MOST Plantings are dormant for the winter. Thanks to the neighbors who have already ‘adopted’ the Circles and have carefully watered and watched out for the plantings. In the meantime, **PLEASE WATCH OUT** for the trash trucks & recycling vehicles which have already ruined two circles. We have all worked too hard to let this happen. Please Be vigilant and REMIND them to ‘Be Careful’ on our new curbs and plantings.
 - * “**THANK YOU**” for cooperating with the SCSSD cleaning crews. No, they can NOT do your yard or private areas. This is a much-requested service funded by the SCSSD – leaf collection was awesome and we can expect to see the crews every one or two weeks throughout each portion of the District.
 - * Problems that we have not yet solved – but we wish we could:
 - * **That horrible sewer smell** – any ideas on what to do?
 - * **Stopping destruction of the traffic bollards** put in place to protect you and limit access to strangers. We are at a loss to explain such destructive & mean behavior by our own residents.
 - * **Brown water in some sinks / toilets?** - no answers on this one either

IDENTITY THEFT IN THE AREA –

TOP FOUR COMPLAINTS THAT WE WISH WE COULD RESOLVE (BUT WE ARE NOT THE BEHAVIOR POLICE).

1 -REMOVAL OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM OUR RESIDENTIAL STREETS

- This is still the #1 complaint we receive. Residents parking their commercial vehicles in front of other people’s homes, never their own, are the #1 cause for neighbor to neighbor unrest. Folks, these vehicles take away from the Beauty of our area, gobble up multiple parking spaces & just don’t belong here. We would appreciate any suggestions from the **98%** of the people who want to see these beasts GONE!

2 -PLEASE STOP FEEDING THE BIRDS!!!!

- This has quickly become the second biggest complaint. Does anyone read the paper or listen to the news! BIRDS ARE NOT CLEAN, especially when their bellies are full of good Italian bread. PLEASE stop feeding the birds, at least until the cure for the pandemic potential of the avian flu is resolved. Largest area of complaints are the long suffering neighbors on the 1500 block of Forrestal who beg us repeatedly to make YOU STOP.

3 - NOT PICKING UP AFTER POOCHIE

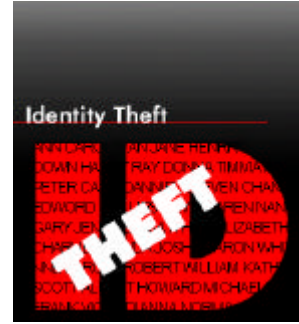
- What more can we say about our inconsiderate neighbors (the two – legged ones). Some neighbors have resorted to picking it up FOR the offenders and plopping it on their doorsteps. Try It – it Works!

- # 4 - LITTERING** and / or Putting trash out way before trash day, not taking cans in until way after trash day, etc. etc.



“Thank You” to all of our Neighbors who came out to Vote ‘YES’ for Ethics reform. The proposal passed overwhelmingly and various protective measures are in City Council for approval.

Please be careful. We have investigated one website that can assist in fighting back. You can STOP all those credit card solicitations that you receive in the mail, some contain enough info to get a scammer started in the process of becoming YOU. PLEASE be careful how you dispose of your mail with credit card and personal financial information.



You can check out optoutprescreen.com (or call 1 888 5optout) to remove your name from those lists. Also, www.ftc.com (Federal Trade Commission) has ideas on how to protect yourself. Do not respond with personal info to any calls that have not been initiated by you.

During this Holiday Season, please be **Extra Careful** to lock your cars and doors, don’t leave presents and packages on display, don’t answer the door to strangers, ...



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE LIONS!!!

Check out the Beautiful new Lion Preserve at 20th & Hartranft West. Lions, ground & landscaping courtesy of Barbara Capozzi & landscaping & fencing courtesy of Westrum Development Company. This scenic spot has the added benefit of closing off access through to Penrose Avenue to make Packer Park more secure.

Dues for 2006 are now due.

\$12 one year, \$20 two years

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