



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

February 2020 Newsletter

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February Meeting

Tuesday, February 4 - TONIGHT!

6:30pm

South Philadelphia Older Adult Center

1430 E. Passyunk Avenue

PSCA General Meetings are typically the First Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at South Philadelphia Older Adult Center and are preceded by the PSA-3 3rd District Police Meeting.

Childcare will be provided during general meetings with Manny the Nanny. ***We remind neighbors that we welcome families to our meetings. We expect and will*

*insist that adults attending conduct themselves accordingly.***

This month's speaker:

Vicki Riley from Philadelphia Dept of Revenue answering questions about Real Estate Tax

We are deeply saddened by the terrible fire on the 1400 block of S. 8th Street this past month. There are generous offers of support coming in from all over our area and it has been amazing to see our neighborhood come together to offer help. If you know of neighbors in need of connection to this assistance, please email us at 8thstreetfire@passyunk.org.

Minutes from our past general meetings are available on our website

www.passyunk.org/about/general-meeting-minutes

11th and Wharton Municipal Complex

Councilmember Squilla is continuing to accept comments on the proposed plans for the area around 1100 Wharton Street. We encourage neighbors to send their comments to mark.squilla@phila.gov in the next two weeks (by 2/14) so they can be included in fine-tuning the project. We'll be posting updated renderings when they are available and confirmed, likely later this month.

Street Cleaning

A clean-up crew is now sweeping all numbered streets from 6th to 13th (between Washington and Tasker, excluding the lower 9th Street market) every other Friday. Help us keep track of the work being performed! Email a photo of your block taken Friday after 4 pm to cleanstreets@passyunk.org and help us monitor the condition of the streets on days they should be swept.

Paying for supplemental sidewalk clean up is the largest single expense for PSCA, and we can't make it happen without financial support from neighbors like you! To make a contribution to support this and other work of the civic please consider making a gift now.

Upcoming Street Sweeping dates:

February 7

February 21

Zoning Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

St. Maron's Hall, 1013 Ellsworth Street

This month we will hear the following cases:

- 1501 S. 12th Street

For updates, additions and past and upcoming case details, visit www.passyunk.org/zoning or the [Passyunk Square Facebook page](#). Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of every month at Saint Maron's Church.

Update on Municipal Complex Redevelopment:

Councilmember Squilla is continuing to accept comments on the proposed plans for the area around 1100 Wharton Street. We encourage neighbors to send their comments to mark.squilla@phila.gov in the next two weeks (by Feb. 14) so they can be included in fine-tuning the project. We'll be posting updated renderings when they are available and confirmed, likely later this month.

Language Exchange

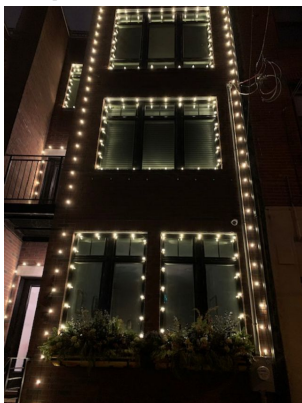
February 20

Place TBD

The PSCA Language Exchange typically meets on the third Thursday of every month. Check your emails and Facebook for details on which neighborhood restaurant we will meet.

In the meantime, please consider helping us reach our Spanish speaking neighbors. This spring, Passyunk Square Civic Association, and East Passyunk Crossing Civic held the Spanish language "Intro to RCOs" presentation. [This presentation is available on our website](#). Part of the feedback from this meeting was to survey our neighbors as to what might be most helpful programming. Please [share this survey with anyone you think might be interested](#) in helping us with some comments on how we can better serve!

Step of the Month



Congratulations to our first Step of the Month...of the decade! Our January 2020 winner is 1225 Federal Street. We are thankful they kept those beautiful lights up to continue to spread a little post-holiday cheer! Our winner will receive a gift card to Molly's Books & Records (thanks to Molly's for the generous donation!) and a PSCA Step of the Month window decal.

To nominate a step for our February contest, please send a photo and the address (with residents' permission) to StepoftheMonth@passyunk.org.

Gardens, Trees and Beautification

PSCA Tree Tenders

Be sure to join our [Tree Tender Facebook group](#) to be part of planning for plantings and for tree care work:

If you're a recent Tree Tender graduate (or one we haven't been in touch with recently) please reach out! We'd love to have you help us a planting team leader. Email beautification@passyunk.org for more information.

If you would like a street tree you can apply [here](#) or get a paper application by emailing beautification@passyunk.org. We'll include your application in the next available planting.

Tending to other green spaces, art spaces and community gardens

See an area that needs some weeding and help in a park, schoolyard or lot - likely we can tell you about who might be looking for help tending it! Or interested in knowing more about community gardens in our area? Email us at beautification@passyunk.org. We love to answer questions and hear ideas!

PSCA Art Auction

March 28, 7pm

Theater Exile, 1308 S. 13th Street

Early Bird Tickets \$10 - through Feb. 14



Our art auction is back in 2020! We are currently accepting artists submissions through February 7, 2020. [Apply here](#) and email pscaartuction@gmail.com for more info.

Passyunk Parks

- [Capitolo Playground](#): 900 Federal Street
 - [February 20 - Rebuild Design Input Meeting](#)
- [Columbus Square](#): 1200 Wharton Street
 - Columbus Square is closed for renovations until next summer. For details about the plan, visit [their website](#): For updates on renovations,

check the Columbus Square Facebook page.

- [Gold Star Park](#): 625 Wharton Street
 - [Paolone Park](#): 700 Sears Street
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Passyunk Schools

See [2019-2020 calendar here](#). Get in touch with a Friends group, School Advisory Council or Home and School Association to support Passyunk neighborhood schools:

Andrew Jackson Elementary School, [1213 S. 12th Street](#)

[Andrew Jackson Home and School Facebook page](#)

Eliza B. Kirkbride Elementary School, [1501. S. 7th Street](#)

[Friends of Kirkbride Elementary Facebook page](#)

Vare-Washington Elementary School, [1198 S. 5th Street](#)

[Friends of Vare-Washington Facebook page](#)

Community Calendar

Check our [calendar](#) for ongoing updates on neighborhood events! Have an event to list? Send us an email at communityevents@passyunk.org

Other Upcoming Events

- Feb. 8 - [GRASP State Senate - 1st District - for a Q&A Forum and Meet-and-Greet with voters.](#)
- Feb. 24 - [Town Hall with Rep. Brian Sims \(Palumbo Park\)](#)
- Feb. 24 - [Friends of Free Library of Philadelphia - South Phila Branch Monthly Meeting](#)
- March 5 - [GRASP all candidates for all State House Districts in South Philly to meet with voters in an informal meet-and-greet setting.](#)
- Theater Exile, 1340 S. 13th Street
 - ["Babel" February 13 - March 8](#)
 - ["Orphans" April 9 - May 3](#)

3rd Police District Events

Come out to get to know your neighbors and promote harmony in our community! We encourage neighbors to attend the 3rd District Captain's monthly Town Hall at 11th and Wharton. For more information, visit the [3rd district webpage](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

PSCA is an all-volunteer organization and we can always use help. Interested in getting involved?

In particular, we are looking for volunteers to help us with:

- Fundraising (We need someone to help with a simple annual campaign, sponsor benefit fulfillment and new plan for a resource guide)
- Events and Promotions (We need people who like to help at parties and tabling at events!)
- Social Media (We need some help with interesting Facebook/Twitter posts, Nextdoor presence)
- Greening and cleaning help (we're always looking for volunteers who don't mind getting a little dirty - is that you?)
- Education support (we're looking for help staying in touch with all the different school support groups - the supply drive is a great time to get involved!)

[Fill out this form](#) and tell us what interests you! Or email us at contact@passyunk.org for more information on any of these opportunities.

Make A Donation

We depend on donations from neighbors to continue our street cleaning program, to support various administrative efforts (like running our general meetings and zoning meetings) to providing supplies for our gardening and greening programs and to support other programs for the neighborhood. If you're interested in making a donation to support this work, you can do so via our website at www.passyunk.org



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