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September 2020 Newsletter

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September Virtual General Meeting - 6:30 PM Online Tonight!

Register here for Zoom link and information: www.passyunk.org/generalmeeting

General Meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month at South Philadelphia Older Adult Center. However, PSCA events will be conducted virtually until further notice.

On the Agenda:

Q & A with State Representative Elizabeth Fiedler

Minutes from our past general meetings are available on our website
www.passyunk.org/about/general-meeting-minutes.

September Zoning Meeting - Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 PM Online

Register here for Zoom link and information: www.passyunk.org/zoningmeeting

Zoning meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of every month at St. Maron's Hall, 1013 Ellsworth Street. Meetings are being held online until further notice.

On the Agenda:

621-25 Reed Street

1400 S. 7th Street

1501 S. 12th Street

817 Earp Street

For updates, additions and past and upcoming case details, visit www.passyunk.org/zoning or the [Passyunk Square Facebook page](#).

Municipal Complex Redevelopment Status: Thank you to everyone who submitted comments on the [proposed plans for the area around 1100 Wharton Street](#). Your comments have been forwarded on to the developer and as this process moves forward, we will be posting updated information about next steps for further community feedback.

Clean Streets

With the current additional stresses on our sanitation system, it's more important than ever for neighbors to monitor [alerts from the Streets Department announcing changes to the trash collection schedule](#). Now is also a great time to focus efforts on [reducing your household waste](#).

Current update for the week of 8/31:

- Trash and recycling collections to start on your regular day (Wednesday or Thursday within our boundaries, [check your day here](#))
- Set materials out on your scheduled day
- Practice [Curb Your Waste Tips to reduce delays](#)
- Visit [Sanitation Convenience Centers](#) for an alternative option to curbside disposal (our closest center is [3033 S. 63rd St., near Passyunk Ave.](#) ([Google](#)

Maps))

- Increased tonnage, staffing shortages and severe weather may impact collection schedules

For more information, follow the [Philadelphia Streets Department](#).

We also remind neighbors to be respectful of our public spaces. Household trash should never be left anywhere beyond your own curb on your trash day. Public trash cans should never be used for household trash. If you are spending time in a public space or park and plan to generate considerable trash, please make a plan to take it with you so as not to overwhelm the systems for emptying public cans.



It is also important to make sure your trash is securely tied and enclosed when you set it out and to keep your curbside clean and swept, particularly after trash day. A few minutes tending to this can make all the difference. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood clean!

PSCA Street Cleaning Program

The ACAM clean up crew is continuing street cleaning. We have been assured that crew members are provided with protective gear and are practicing social distancing. Please help them do their jobs by giving them lots of room! We appreciate ACAM's hard work always, but especially during this time. The crew sweeps 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:

September 4

September 18

Step of the Month

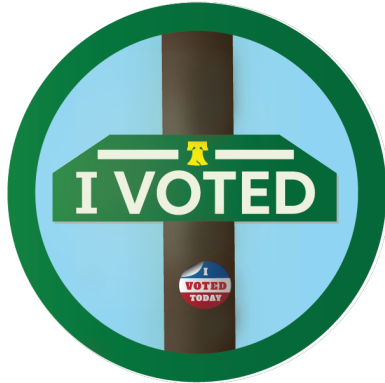
You voted and named 1204 Ellsworth our August Step of the Month. As one neighbor said, it has all of the essential container elements of "thrill, fill, & spill"!

To nominate a home for our September Step of the Month, send a photo (with residents' permission) to stepofthemonth@passyunk.org.



Register to Vote/Vote by Mail

The General Election is **November 3, 2020**. To vote in this election in PA you need to be registered by **October 19th, 2020**.



To check your registration go

to: <https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/Check-Your-Voter-Registration-Status.aspx>

To register to vote

to: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>

Pennsylvania has made some exciting and historic changes to its voting laws that will make voting easier and more accessible for millions across the Commonwealth. Everything you need to know for processes such as the mail-in ballot application process is available at <https://www.votespa.com/readytovote/>.

You can also find answers to frequently asked questions on [this neighbor-complied resource sheet](#).

Finally, poll workers are needed! If you are well and willing to volunteer, visit the [poll worker information page](#) available from the state.

Census 2020

There is still time to fill out the 2020 Census and encourage your neighbors to do the same!

The census is quick and easy to take, can be done online, and helps ensure resources are devoted to our neighborhood. Fill yours out here and spread the word: <https://my2020census.gov/>



More information on how you can help with this effort in Philadelphia is available through the city's [Philly Counts](#) campaign.

Supporting Local Businesses

This a difficult time for our local shops and restaurants. Many are offering gift certificates, take-out/ delivery, and other special contactless services during this time. Below are a few resources to help you match needed services with local businesses

[East Passyunk Ave - Passyunk Strong Campaign](#)

[9th Street Market](#)

[Support 7th Street Shops](#)

[Passyunk area businesses spreadsheet](#) (please email us at contact@passyunk.org to add to or help us with this list in progress)

Other COVID-19 Resources and Information

While the city continues to carefully move towards green phase activity, we remind neighbors that city and state health guidelines require that you wear a mask when outside your home. Please visit the [city's guidelines for "reopening with care"](#) for other ways you can stay safe and help protect your neighbors

A few key reminders:

- Text COVIDPHL to [888-777](tel:888-777) to receive updates from the city, follow at [@PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter.com/PHLPublicHealth) of [phila.gov/COVID-19](https://www.phila.gov/COVID-19)
- Call [311](tel:311) for questions about essential businesses and City resources
- Call [\(800\) 722-7112](tel:8007227112) to speak to a health care professional on the Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline

There are many suggestions for ways to help or get help during this time [listed on our website](#), on the [city's COVID-19 page](#), and the [Commonwealth's COVID-19 page](#) and via [this crowdsourced document of publically available information and resources](#).

3rd Police District Events

Stay connected with the [3rd district via their webpage](#)

PSA-3 had begun holding Zoom meetings last month, check their webpage for updated information on how they will be handling these going forward.

Passyunk Parks

[Parks and Recreation](#) ask that you maintain distance between others when using the open parks. Columbus Square and Gold Star Park are currently closed for

renovations. Capitolo Playground is closed other than Capitolo Garden being accessible for essential garden maintenance.

- Capitolo Playground: 900 Federal Street
- Columbus Square: 1200 Wharton Street
 - Renovations continue at Columbus Square. For details about the plan, visit [their website](#) or plan to attend the [next Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd](#)
- Gold Star Park: 625 Wharton Street
 - Gold Star renovations are in progress! Please save the date for a special update meeting [Wed, Sept 9th at 6:30 via Zoom](#)
- Paolone Park: 700 Sears Street

Passyunk Schools

As the city of Philadelphia's PHLConnectED program can help if your family needs enhanced internet access or access to community space for your children to safely attend online classes.

If you don't have internet access at home and need it for your K-12 student, call the PHLConnectED hotline by dialing **211**.

For more information on all student support programs, visit phila.gov/phlconnected

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](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

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