



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

December 2019 Newsletter

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December Meeting

Tuesday, December 3 - 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: State Rep. Brian Sims

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

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:

December 13

December 27

The full schedule for 2019 is available [here](#). Check back soon for the 2020 schedule.

Zoning Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00pm

St. Maron's Hall, 1013 Ellsworth Street

This month we will hear the following cases:

- 1224-28 S. 8th Street
- 1431 S. 9th Street
- 1512 S. Juniper 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.

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Language Exchange

December 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 a 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!

TreeCycling

Saturday, January 4, 2019 (9am-3pm)

Capitolo Playground (900 Federal - note special location)

We know your tree just went up, but don't forget to mark your calendar to plan to turn it into mulch and keep it out of a landfill! We'll be working with our neighboring civic associations to help you get your tree chipped on January 4th. More details on our [Facebook event](#).



Step of the Month

Congratulations to our November Step of the Month, 1523 S. Clarion Street, voted the most festive step in our friendly contest on the PSCA Instagram and Facebook pages. There are a lot of fans of the orange door out there (BTW, did you know the former Arthur Tofani door factory at 8th and Dickinson was a stop on this year's PSCA Home Tour?!) Our winner will receive a PSCA window decal and a gift certificate to Molly's Books & Records (thanks to Molly's!), as well as some clearly deserved street cred.



To recognize a neighbor's home for extra jolly holiday decor, send the address and a photo (with residents' permission) to StepoftheMonth@passyunk.org and it will be entered in December's contest for most festive holiday step in Passyunk Square!

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!

Passyunk Parks

- [Capitolo Playground](#): 900 Federal Street
- [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

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

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](#)

1100 Wharton Municipal Complex

Hosted by Councilmember Mark Squilla

December 16, 6:30pm

Capitolo Rec Center, 900 Federal Street

Hear the following updates:

- The conclusion of the city's developer selection process for 1100 Wharton
- Proposed plan for the site and surrounding area, including the addition of over 60 new free resident permit parking spaces
- Next steps to provide feedback
- For a refresher, here is the [information released in June](#) as well as the process timeline for community meetings and input. We encourage neighbors to reach out directly to Councilmember Squilla at Mark.Squilla@phila.gov. If you have questions for PSCA or want special notification of any future meetings or information on this, please feel to email us at municipalcomplex@passyunk.org.

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Full list of our events and other community events coming up:

December 4 - [Free ACA Healthcare Enrollment event at Whitman Library](#).

December 5 - [East Passyunk Tree Lighting](#)
December 10 - [PSCA Zoning Meeting](#)
December 16 - [1100 Wharton Municipal Complex Update](#)
December 21 - [Kidical Mass Holiday Ride](#)
January 4 - [TreeCycling](#) (note the special location - Capitolo Playground)
March 28 - PSCA Art Auction at Theater Exile

We'll be adding neighborhood holiday events as we hear about them so be sure to check our [calendar](#) and email at communityevents@passyunk.org

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

Happy Giving Tuesday! 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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