



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

November 2019 Newsletter

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October Meeting

Tuesday, November 5 - 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.

Don't forget to vote before the meeting! Polls close at 8pm.

For information about your polling place and the candidates and issues on the ballot visit: <https://ballot.seventy.org/>

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 topics and speakers:

- 1) General updates from our committees and leadership and the 3rd Police District PSA-3**
- 2) Update from our 3rd District U.S. Congressman Dwight Evans**
- 3) Questions and new business**

The 11th Street safety project will not be on our October agenda. Based on ongoing neighbor feedback, work and modifications on 11th (including adding back some parking spaces) will be continuing through the fall. Neighbors are welcome to continue to leave feedback via [this google form](#), and we will pass on any comments to the city. More information about this project is [available here](#) as well.

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 4pm 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:

November 15

November 29

The full schedule for 2019 is available [here](#)

Zoning Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00pm

St. Maron's Hall, 1013 Ellsworth Street

This month we will hear the following cases:

- 1328 S. Clarion Street
- 1542 E. Passyunk Avenue
- 725 Latona 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.

The process with the potential sale and development of 1100 Wharton has continued through the summer and fall. This meeting will present the option of choice to neighbors. For a refresher, here is the [information we released in June](#) as well as the process timeline for community meetings and input. If you have questions for PSCA or want special notification of future meetings, please feel free to email us at municipalcomplex@passyunk.org.

Language Exchange

November 21

Place TBD

The PSCA Language Exchange is back from Summer break. 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!

Fall Planning Meeting

November 18, 7pm

Capitolo Playground, 900 Federal Street

Come discuss policies, challenges, and opportunities to make our neighborhood successful and vibrant. Projects include neighborhood branding street signs, the Percy Street project, discussions around larger development projects and opportunities, trends in land use, historic preservation and much more. For more information email planning@passyunk.org.

PSCA/EPX Happy Hour

Tuesday November 19

5:30 - 8 pm

Brigantessa, 1502 E. Passyunk Ave.



Thanks to all those who joined us at Barcelona and Bok bars the last few months. Join us at Brigantessa on November 19 for food, drinks and information on how to get involved with your neighborhood association and raffle as well for a treat from the Avenue! Hope you can join us!

Step of the Month



For our October Step of the Month, “the EYES have it!” Congratulations to 1507 S. 8th Street, voted the most boooo-tiful step in Passyunk! Our winner will receive a PSCA window decal, a prize donated by one of our generous neighborhood businesses, and some clearly well-deserved street cred.

If you'd like to recognize a neighbor's home for fun and festive fall decor, send the address and a photo (with residents' permission) to StepoftheMonth@passyunk.org to be entered in next month's contest.

Gardens, Trees and Beautification

PSCA Tree Tenders

Our next Tree Planting is **November 16, 9am-1pm**. We have close to 25 trees to plant, so we'll need lots of help. Tools and training provided. RSVP here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/410211572952863/>

Be sure to join our Tree Tender Facebook group to be part of planning for plantings and for tree care work: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/957771687667398/>

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. If you return your application by November 22nd it will likely be included in the Spring 2020 planting.

Tending to other green spaces, art spaces and community gardens

See another 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 help out answering questions and hearing your ideas!

Passyunk Parks

Love Your Park Fall Service Day

Saturday, November 9

Love Your Park is a biannual event that cleans, greens, and celebrates Philly's parks. Learn more at <https://loveyourpark.org/> and by following our neighborhood parks below.

- [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](#)

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](#)

Community Calendar

Check our [calendar](#) for ongoing updates on neighborhood events! Have an event to list? Send us an 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

We also 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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