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Introduction

Jerome Brown,
NPC President

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

- Author Sherry Anderson

Census data often defines our neighborhoods by population, income and age. What is not counted are the countless volunteers who selflessly engage in civic activities for the betterment of our City neighborhoods. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow NPC leaders as well as all other civic and neighborhood volunteers for the countless hours that they have dedicated to making our neighborhoods stronger, for you are truly priceless.

NEIGHBORHOOD BANNERS

If you have been to the Cool Spring Tilton Park area lately, you might have noticed something new in the air. The decorative banners were installed on June 3, 2008 as a part of the 5th District NPC's community beautification project. 5th District President Jerome Brown stated, "the goal of the project was to help compliment the on-going park beautification efforts with something that promotes the historic community." While beautifying the



Enid Wallace-Simms (Delmarva), Council Member Samuel Prado, Judy Fardoulis, Jerome Brown and Donna Arseneau (Delmarva).

overall streetscape, the banners also inspire a sense of community pride.

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Blueprint COMMUNITIES

On March 10, 2008, Governor Ruth Ann Minner, U. S. Senator Thomas Carper and U.S. Representative Michael Castle joined John R. Price, CEO and President of the Federal Home Loan Bank to induct nine different communities in the First State into the Blueprint Community. Under the leadership of Wilmington Fire Chief Willie Patrick, Vice President of the 2nd

District NPC, the 2nd District was one of the teams (out of four City teams) inducted. The program, which is sponsored by the University of



Chief Willie Patrick

Delaware's Center for Community Research and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, is designed to foster teamwork in cities and neighborhoods to help develop a plan for sustainable growth. Each eight-member team works in collaboration with the community to develop a comprehensive strategic plan.



2nd District Blueprint Team Photo at Community Stakeholders Meeting

CLEAN SWEEP 2008

Operation Clean Sweep began in 1987 as an effort to engage citizens in community cleaning. This year's Sweep started on April 5, 2008 and ended on May 31, 2008. The Neighborhood Planning Councils worked with the Wilmington Dept. of Public Works, the City's various civic associations and community volunteers to clean and green throughout the City. The



Clean Sweep Greening Project at Lewes Elementary School



2nd NPC District Clean Up

Clean Wilmington Committee donated the broom/dust pan sets that were used during the clean up and given to residents for their use in the future.

The 2nd NPC District won an award from Constituent Services for the most volunteers. The NPC Leadership congratulates them and all of the City's volunteers for all of their hard work.



1st NPC District Clean Up



3rd NPC District Clean Up

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15-20, 2008
Polish Festival

Festival will be held on the Wilmington Riverfront at Lot K 5:30 to 10 p.m.

September 20, 2008
Riverfest

Family-friendly festival will be held along the Wilmington Riverfront 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

September 20, 2008
9th Annual Wilmington Wellness Day 2008

Please join us from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. for FREE SCREENINGS, a day promoting safe, healthy lifestyles through prevention, awareness, early detection, education, & family fun activities. Mammograms are provided by the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition and may be free for Delaware residents by calling 1-888-672-9647.

Held at Rodney Square.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Raindate: Sept. 22 Info: 576-3827

October 2-5, 2008
Delaware Auto Show

Chase Center on the Riverfront will showcase the newest models of cars.

October 18, 2008
LoMa Fall Festival

Lower Market (LoMa) Design District will host an outdoor fall festival complete with apple bobbing, hayrides and other fall-related activities for the entire family.

October 18 -19, 2008
Hagley's Craft Fair at Hagley Museum

November 28, 2008
Holiday Parade

Holiday parade will take place downtown with floats, bands and more.

First week in December
Caroling In the Square

Event will be held in Rodney Square and will feature caroling & the lighting of the tree, and more.

Info: 576-2138

December 31, 2008
First Night Wilmington

Family New Year's Eve event will take place downtown in Rodney Square, Market Street and surrounding venues.

The evening has live entertainment, children's activities & ice skating rink.

Info: 576-2138



Summit speaker Ivey Ibrahim

On April 19, 2008, the 1st District NPC sponsored an "Economic Development Summit" to gather community support and input in developing a strategic plan for economic development along the business corridors of Northeast Boulevard and North Market Street. The Summit brought together over 50 residents, community leaders and business owners to plan together for the area's future.

WHO TO CALL:



Constituent Issue **Number**

Graffiti Removal, **576-2489**
Potholes &
Abandoned Vehicles

Trash, High Weeds, **576-3030**
and Housing
Maintenance Issues

Police Non- **654-5151**
Emergency Number

Special Pick Up **576-3878**