

# N.P.C. NEWS



NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

City of Wilmington, Department of Planning

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## INTRODUCTION

### Jerome Brown

*NPC President*

Spring begins March 20, 2009! The spring season marks the end of winter and the welcoming of the fragrances and colors of crocuses, daffodils and tulips. As the sun begins to rise earlier and the animals emerge from hibernation, we are reminded that this is a time of growth and renewal. As we observe Mother Earth begin her annual rejuvenation, let us take note and begin to renew our community spirit and energy.

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## NPC HIGHLIGHTS

### 6th District NPC Working in Kosciuszko Park

The 6th District NPC worked in collaboration with the Friends of Kosciuszko Park, the Hedgeville Community Association and the Delaware Center for Horticulture to create a plan for park improvements at Kosciuszko Park.



David Batchelder, President of the 6th District NPC.

Kosciuszko Park, which is located at South Broom, South Franklin, and Maple Streets, is one of the four original sites in Wilmington that was created as parkland. The park was named for Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish Army Colonel who helped the Continental Army fight in the Revolutionary War and who was later upgraded to General.

David Batchelder, President of the 6th District NPC, stated that "with old fashioned community planning, Kosciuszko Park has undergone vital improvements over the past few years." With the support of the 6th District NPC, Kosciuszko Park will have new benches and sidewalks and improved lighting.

Kosciuszko is a neighborhood park that is utilized for community sports events such as tennis, basketball and softball and for many community festivities, such as the annual Hedgeville Community Pride Day.

*Play for grown people is recreation — the renewal of life;  
play for children is growth — the gaining of life.*

Joseph Lee, Father of the American Playground.



### Meet Beverly G. Bell of the 4<sup>th</sup> District NPC

**Q:** Where were you born and what is your current neighborhood?

**A:** I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. I am a proud current resident of the Eastside of Wilmington.

**Q:** What is your favorite flower?

**A:** Tiger Lily

**Q:** What is the most recent book that you read?

**A:** I just had the pleasure of reading *The Audacity of Hope*, which is the second book written by President Barack Obama.

**Q:** What do you like most about your neighborhood?

**A:** There are so many great things that I can say, but I will sum it up like this: I can walk to work, and walk to where I attend church and can actually speak to my neighbors by name!

## NPC LEADERSHIP SPONSORS GREENSPACE CHALLENGE

The Neighborhood Planning Councils want to know which civic or community group in Wilmington can green the best! The NPC Leadership is working in collaboration with the Delaware Center for Horticulture (DCH) and the Wilmington City Gardens Contest to offer \$250 to the group that presents the



best *before and after* photograph of a community greening project.

To request an application, please call Marcia Stephenson of DCH at (302) 658-6262 ext. 105, or Sophia Hanson at (302) 576-3100, or go to [www.dehort.org](http://www.dehort.org). The entry deadline is June 15, 2009.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**  
34th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade; downtown

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**  
Shamrock Shuttle - Out & About Loop

#### APRIL

**Friday, April 3, 2009**  
Art Loop

**April 27- May 2, 2009**  
City Restaurant Week

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**  
Lunch Time Concert Series at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront

#### MAY

**Friday, May 1, 2009**  
Art Loop

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**  
Wilmington Garden Day

**Thursday, May 7-9, 2009**  
Wilmington Flower Market

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**  
Lunch Time Concert Series at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009**  
Lunch Time Concert at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront noon to 1:30 p.m.

#### JUNE

**Friday, June 5, 2009**  
Art Loop

**Fridays, June 5 to Sept. 25, 2009**  
LoMa Fresh Market  
Every Friday 11-2, June to Sept. (16 weeks) located at 3rd & Market Sts.

**June 2 to 5, 2009**  
Greek Festival  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
8th & Broom Streets

**Sunday, June 7-14, 2009**  
St. Anthony's Italian Festival

**Monday, June 15-21, 2009**  
DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival in Rodney Square

**Friday, June 26, 2009**  
Stop the Violence Coalition at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### JULY

**Saturday, July 4, 2009**  
July 4th Celebration in Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park

**Thursday, July 9, 2009**  
CityLife Block Parties in the Plaza at City Center from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Saturday, July 25, 2009**  
Peoples Festival at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park

### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	BOUNDARIES
1	March 30 – Apr. 3 Sat., April 4	West Center City and Browntown; Washington St. to Adams St., Lancaster Ave. to South Park Drive
2	April 6 – 9 Sat., April 18	Union Park Gardens & Canby Park/ Hedgeville – Maryland Ave. to Union St., City Line to Lancaster Ave.
3	April 13 – 17 Sat., April 18	West Side – Lancaster to Pennsylvania Ave. / Jackson St. to Union St.
4	April 20 – 24 Sat., April 25	Bancroft Pkwy. – Pennsylvania Ave. to Brandywine Creek / Jackson St. to Rising Sun Lane
5	April 27 – May 1 Sat., May 2	Southwest – Lancaster to Pennsylvania Avenues, Union St. to City Line
6	May 4 – 8 Sat., May 9	Boulevard – West 18th St. to 30th St., Market St. to Broom St.
7	May 11 – 15 Sat., May 16	Northwest – 30th St. to Rockwood Rd., Market St. to Miller Rd.
8	May 18 – 22 Sat., May 30	Market St. to Edgemoor Ave., E. 12th St. to E. 36th St.
9	May 26 – 29 Sat., May 30	East Side/South Wilmington



**Wilmington**  
In the middle of it all



### WHO TO CALL:

Constituent Issue	Number
Graffiti Removal, Potholes & Abandoned Vehicles	576-2489
Trash, High Weeds, and Housing Maintenance Issues	576-3030
Police Non-Emergency Number	654-5151
Special Pick-Ups	576-3878