

N.P.C. NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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NPC President

*“A community is like a ship;
everyone ought to be prepared
to take the helm.”*

Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian playwright

2009 has been a very busy year for the Neighborhood Planning Councils. The variety of community projects range from community cleaning events, garden contest promotions, transportation enhancement projects, public safety cameras and park improvements to the planting of street trees in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Labor and the Department of Corrections.

These projects were accomplished by the hard work of community leaders and volunteers. On behalf of the NPC Leadership, I would like to invite all community members to get involved with their district NPCs. All of the relevant contact information is listed herein, so give us a call or send us an e-mail. *We welcome the new energy!*

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7th DISTRICT NPC NEWS

Brad Siegfried was elected President of the 7th District NPC in August 2008. Under his leadership and in collaboration with the respective community groups, the NPC has completed several capital improvement projects, including the Little Italy Security Camera Project, landscaping upgrades for Corbin Court, S.W. Civic Transportation Enhancement Project and the Bancroft Parkway Median Project. An additional project underway is the Judy Johnson Park Improvement Project, which will fund much-needed bleachers for the sports field.

In addition to the many capital projects, the 7th District has partnered with the State Department of Corrections' Probation and Parole Division and 7-Eleven for Operation Clean Sweep. Through these



Nick DiBuo, Council Member Bud Freel, Rick Shoemaker and Brad Siegfried.

connections, the 7th District secured over 60 probation volunteers for community cleaning events. The NPC has also worked in partnership with the Delaware Center for Horticulture on various community greening projects and in partnership with the City's Department of Licenses and Inspections on vacant property issues in the community. Keep up the great work!

MEET THE 2nd DISTRICT NPC

Where is the 2nd District NPC office located?

2205 "C" Jefferson Street - (located at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Jefferson Street).
Phone: (302) 655-1615.

What are a few of the programs that are offered from that site?

We offer after-school tutoring in conjunction with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation, community outreach referrals, summer camp programs, community clean-ups, greening projects, and neighborhood flea markets. The office is also the site for several community meeting groups such as Brandywine Gateway Neighbors and the 2nd District Blueprint Team.



2nd District NPC Clean Up

What is the NPC's proudest accomplishment?

While the NPC has overseen several community projects, the proudest moments have come from seeing children in our tutoring programs flourish.

CLEAN SWEEP 2009

Operation Clean Sweep 2009 had a record number of participants! Thanks to the diligent work of the NPCs, the civic associations and the neighborhood groups, numerous alleys, blocks, vacant lots and parks were cleaned throughout the City.

The NPC Leadership would like to offer a special thanks to Council Member Bud Freel and

the **Clean Wilmington Committee** for the donations of refreshments, broom/dust pan sets, flowers and plants that they provided for the nine-week City-wide event.

The Leadership would also like to thank Constituent Services and Public Works for all of their hard work in making this a successful endeavor.



1st District NPC Clean Up



4th District NPC Clean Up



5th District NPC Clean Up



6th District NPC Clean Up

NPC CHARITY BAKE SALE

To raise funds for the **NPC Greenspace Challenge**, the NPC Leadership sponsored a bake sale. The event was held on Valentine's Day and offered everything from sugar cookies and cupcakes to specialty baked goods, such as Blueberry Coffee Cake, 7-Up Cake, Red Velvet Cake, Apple Bread and Molasses Cake. With an assortment of



over 25 donated baked goods, the NPC Leadership raised \$400 from the bake sale!



WHO TO CALL:

Constituent Issue

Graffiti Removal, Potholes and Abandoned Vehicles
 Trash, High Weeds and Housing Maintenance Issues
 Police Non-Emergency Number
 Special Pick-Ups

Number

576-2489
 576-3030
 654-5151
 576-3878

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Lunch Time Concert Series at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront
 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, September 4, 2009

Art Loop held from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at various venues throughout Wilmington. The free event includes a free shuttle from location to location and a re: Fresh After Party.

Monday, September 7, 2009

Labor Day Rally at Tubman-Garrett Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, September 11-13, 2009

Hispanic Festival on the Riverfront

Saturday, September 12, 2009

India Festival at the Chase Center

Monday, September 14-19, 2009

Polish Festival on the Riverfront

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Lunch Time Concert Series at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront
 Noon-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Riverfest Noon - 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Wilmington Wellness Day - Noon. Rodney Square

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Lunch Time Concert Series at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront
 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, September 25-27, 2009

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival at the Chase Center

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Lunch Time Concert Series at Hare Pavilion on the Riverfront
 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1-4, 2009

Fringe Festival throughout Wilmington.

Friday, October 2, 2009

Art Loop held from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at various venues

Friday, November 6, 2009

Art Loop held from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at various venues.

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Downtown Fall Fest on Market Street

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Shredding / Recycling Event
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Frawley Stadium Parking Lot

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Caroling in the Square in Rodney Square

Friday, December 4, 2009

Art Loop

Thursday, December 31, 2009

First Night Downtown