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Introduction

Jerome Brown
NPC President

On behalf of the NPC Leadership I would like to thank all of the citizens who have volunteered on behalf of the NPCs and their community organizations. In the past year, the NPCs have contributed to the implementation of many vital capital projects, including:

- Security Fencing at William Hicks Anderson Community Center;
- Street Lighting at Franklin Chase;
- Upgrades at Herman Holloway, Judy Johnson and Tilton Parks; and
- Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement projects throughout the City.

Keep up the great work !!

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7th District's Mural Project

The Little Italy Neighborhood Association Community Mural Project is part of an ongoing collaborative effort to promote the Little Italy neighborhood and local businesses as an attractive destination where people will choose to live, work and visit. To secure funding for the mural, the Little Italy Neighborhood Association (LINA) collaborated with the 7th District Neighborhood Planning Council,

as well as local businesses and residents. Local artists Maria Pepe and Louis Wilson masterfully executed the chosen design theme. The mural's picturesque portrayal of Italian history and culture is emblematic of the rich Italian heritage in which Little Italy is steeped. The mural is complemented by an adjacent landscaping project undertaken by LINA, with assistance from the Delaware Center for Horticulture.



Pictured (from left to right): Nick DiBuo, Fr. Roberto Balducelli, Chris Pepe, Luigi Vitrone, Maria Pepe, Brad Siegfried, Jacquie Kimball, Mike Porro, and Mary Baines.

“Reading A Neighborhood”

The 1st, 2nd and 4th District NPCs had the unique opportunity to participate in the **Neighborhood Works’** August 2010 training in Philadelphia funded by the City of Wilmington. The course title was *Reading a Neighborhood: What a Walk Around the Block Can Tell You*. Each participant attended a seminar followed by a city tour to the Walnut Hill section of West Philadelphia. Michele Griffiths of the 2nd District NPC described the experience as an opportunity to take time out of the daily grind to evaluate and then to reflect on the complexities of each city block. The class has inspired **Michele Griffiths**, **Subira Ibrahim** of the 1st District and **Beverly Bell** of the 4th District to coordinate and



Pictured (l - r): Subira, Beverly and Michele.

plan block tours for their respective neighborhoods.

4th District NPC Unveils Neighborhood Banners

The 4th District NPC Plan (2000), sponsored by the 4th District Planning Council, and funded by the City of Wilmington prioritized the beautification of the streetscape as a main goal. Under the leadership of 4th District NPC President, NPC designed a community banner



project. The project directly addresses the stated goals of the NPC Plan by making the area more vibrant. The decorative banners will help identify the East Side community as a historic district and will also promote community and neighborhood revitalization.

NPC Bake Sale Raises Funding for Greenspace Challenge!

The NPC Leadership held a Bake Sale on June 16, 2010. The proceeds of the event benefited the NPC and Delaware Center for Horticulture's Greenspace Challenge. The Bake Sale offered delectable goods, such as Bread Pudding, Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies, Apple Pie, Carrot Cake, Devil's Food

Cake, Lemon Squares, 7-Up Cake, Almond Cookies, German Love Cookies, Rum Cake, Banana Bread and many other homemade items. The NPC Leadership would like to thank all of the NPC Districts and the many citizens for their support in baking and in purchasing for this great cause.



Before

First Place Winner is Amy O'Neil and the Lewis Elementary School.

The Second Place Winner is Sharon Bonniwell.



After

WHO TO CALL:

Constituent Issue	Number
Graffiti Removal, Potholes and Abandoned Vehicles	576-2489
Trash, High Weeds, and Housing Maintenance Issues	576-3030
Police Non-Emergency Number	654-5151
Special Pick-Ups	576-3878
Street Lighting Issues	1-800-375-7117

10 Fall GREEN TIPS

Have your heating system checked annually by a professional.

Replace furnace filters as recommended by the manufacturer (typically every month or two).

Remove window air conditioners for the winter. If they can't be removed, seal them with caulk or tape and cover them with an airtight, insulated jacket.

Clean the ducts and area behind the dryer. Also, don't forget, clean the filter after every use.

Check windows for proper caulking. If you have single-pane windows, add storm windows. Even a plastic film over windows will reduce heat loss.

Seal and weather-strip your home so that you do not lose warm air.

Insulate your water heater and turn down the temperature. As water heaters can account for up to 13% percent of your utility bill, set the temperature to 120° F.

Wait until you fill your dishwasher before turning it on and always set it to the energy saver mode.

Turn off your TV, DVD player, computer and cable box. Even while idling in "standby" mode, your home entertainment center and computer consume energy. Plug them into a power strip and turn it off after you shut down your electronics.

Clean your refrigerator. Those piled-up plastic containers can prevent your refrigerator from venting heat effectively.