

NPC NEWS



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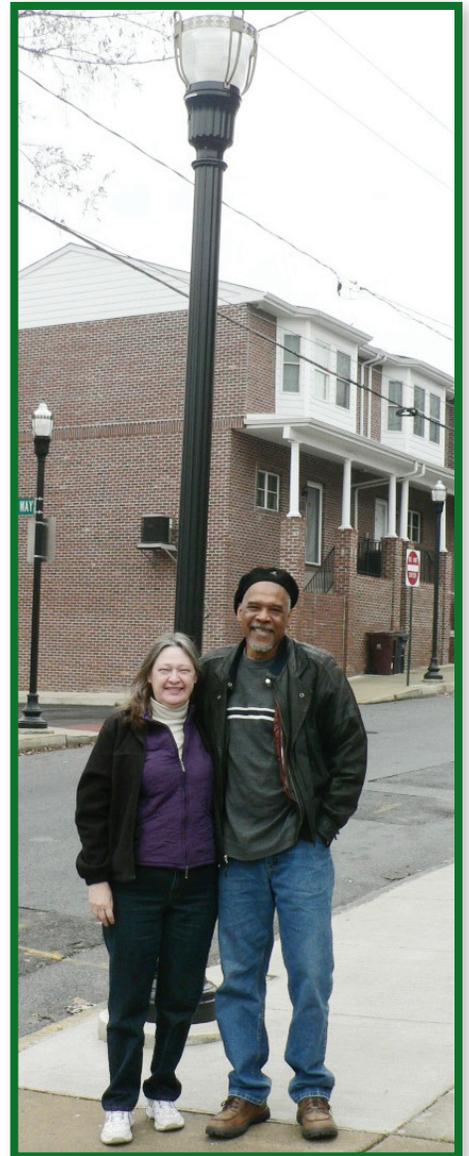
DCH COMMUNITY AWARD



Subira Ibrahim of the 1st District Neighborhood Planning Council was the recipient of the prestigious 2011 Community Service Award from the Delaware Center for Horticulture! Ms. Ibrahim has been instrumental in the development and implementation of several horticultural projects in the 1st District as well as citywide. Congratulations!

5th District Lighting Project

In 2008, the Wilmington Housing Partnership (WHP) built Franklin Chase, a 19-unit housing development between N. Harrison St. and N. Franklin St. along the 1200 block of W. 6th Street. WHP placed attractive pedestrian-style lighting along the south side of the 1200 block of W. 6th Street. The 5th District NPC decided to use City capital funds for lighting on the north side of the 1200 block of W. 6th Street. The NPC paid for three lights and sidewalk replacement where necessary. The lights were installed in October of 2011. With guidance from the community, the Public Works Department placed pavers in the areas proposed for mulch and plants to complement the lighting and to provide easy access to vehicles. All-in-all, the NPC, Public Works and the neighbors are pleased with the additional lighting on the block.



Judy Fardoulis and Jerome Brown at Franklin Chase.

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Meet Nancy Mazaris, President, 2nd District NPC

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Hollis in Queens, NY but grew up on Long Island.

Q: What do you like most about your neighborhood?

A: The name of my neighborhood has officially been changed to Washington Heights from SE Ninth Ward. When we "Homesteaded" our house in 1978, it was called the Old Ninth Ward. Whatever the name, I love my neighborhood. I have great neighbors and I enjoy the diversity of people who live here as well as the ease of getting to downtown and to I-95.

Q: What is your favorite spot in Wilmington?

A: There are many places in Wilmington that I enjoy, but my absolute favorite is the Brandywine Park. I walk there daily.

Q: What motivated you to become active in your community?

A: I have always been deeply concerned about the well being of others. Now that I am retired, after being a social worker for 40 years, I am free to use my knowledge and skills to improve my community.

Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Park

Originally named Compton Park when the land was gifted to the City by the Wilmington Housing Authority in 1965, Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Memorial Park was re-named in honor of State Senator Herman M. Holloway, Sr. in April 1989. This park is approximately 2.6 acres and features unique winding paths, playground equipment and a variety of mature trees. Holloway Park contains a number of larger *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* which are at least sixty feet tall and are commonly known as Dawn Redwood. What is unique about these trees is that they are needle leafed like an evergreen but shed their needles each winter and grow new needles again in the spring.

The 4th District NPC worked with the City's Parks Department to refurbish 23 benches and to

add four new benches made from recycled plastics and five new ornamental trash receptacles spaced throughout the park. Several of the benches replaced near the chil-



New benches at Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Park.

dren's multipurpose play area were originally facing away from the equipment, making it difficult for parents to oversee their children. The NPC and the Parks Department identified and addressed this issue; now park users can enjoy the new benches while keeping an eye on their children.

NPC Animal Signs

The NPC Officers teamed up to reach out to dog owners across the City with interpretive signs. Through a joint NPC effort and City funding, parks across the City have new leash your pet and obey scoop law signs. The goal of this endeavor is to encourage dog lovers to follow the City's leash and scoop laws while

enjoying City parks.

If you have a question about any of the City's animal laws, please contact Delaware SPCA at (302) 998-2284 or see *Wilmington City Code, Chapter 3, Article I, Section 3-1 through 3-45* at the City website:

www.WILMINGTONDE.GOV.



EVENTS CALENDAR

**Wilmington
Community Project Day
May 5, 2012**

Call (302) 576-3109 for details.

**Wilmington Flower Market
May 10 - 12, 2012**

The event will be in Rockford Park and will feature flowers, plants, crafts, rides and games. Call (302) 995-5699 for more details.

**Greek Festival
June 5 - 9, 2012**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Call (302) 654-4466 for details.

**Saint Anthony's Italian
Festival
June 10 - 17, 2012**

The Festival offers a wide variety of delicious and authentic Italian food specialties. Experience a virtual tour of Italy.
www.StAnthonysFestival.com

**DuPont Clifford Brown
Jazz Festival
June 18 - 24, 2012**

Rodney Square, 10th & Market
www.WilmingtonDE.gov

**2012 Wilmington
City Gardens Contest
Entry deadline: May 14, 2012
Judge date: June 16 & 17, 2012**

The Wilmington City Gardens Contest recognizes Wilmington gardeners for their contributions to a greener city. Volunteers can participate by either nominating gardens, or by judging.

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