

NPC NEWS



NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2013

City of Wilmington - Dennis P. Williams, Mayor - Sophia Hanson, Director, Department of Planning and Urban Design

Introduction

Activism is my rent for living on this planet.

- Alice Walker

The Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC) Leadership has worked diligently to plan for a safer, greener, healthier and better Wilmington. It is our hope that in 2013 even more City residents will become active with their respective NPCs at the District level. This issue includes highlights from some of the recent initiatives undertaken by the NPCs. Remember, it is the goal of the NPCs and the community to help shape the vision of our great city!

Sincerely,
NPC Leadership

NPC Leadership Welcomes Mayor Williams

On December 5, 2012, Downtown Visions hosted a meet-and-greet for Mayor Dennis P. Williams at the Delaware College of Art and Design. The NPC Leadership was out in support of the event. Over 200 attendees were able to shake hands with the Mayor and speak with key appointees of the new administration. Mayor Williams addressed the crowd and emphasized crime reduction and commerce development. The NPC Leadership welcomes Mayor Williams and looks forward to working with him on all of his initiatives.



Mayor Williams with Harold Schneikert and Brad Siegfried at the Downtown Visions meet-and-greet.

NPC Leaders Tour Delaware Historical Society Museum



(l to r) David Batchelder, Sophia Hanson, Jerome Brown, Nancy Mazaris, Jaehn Dennis, Harold Schneikert, Subira Ibrahim, State Representative Charles Potter, Jr., Judy Fardoulis, Brad Siegfried, Linda Gray and Ivey Ahmed Ibrahim

On January 16, 2013, the NPC Leadership and State Representative Charles Potter, Jr. participated in a private tour of the Delaware Historical Society's Delaware History Museum and heard a presentation on DHS's planned Center for African American Heritage. The Center will include memorabilia of Wilmington's own Edward L. Loper, Sr. (1916-2001); burial permits for Mount Olive Cemetery; recordings and materials of Clifford Brown; and

much more on the African American experience in Delaware. Lectures, multicultural exhibits and scholastic-based educational programs will also be featured at the Center. The NPC Leadership appreciated the opportunity to tour the site, to meet the DHS's leaders and to learn about the plans for the Center.

For more information about the Center for African American Heritage, please contact DHS at (302) 655-7161.

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2nd District Beautification

Between 2004 and 2006, former State Representative and current Wilmington Mayor Dennis P. Williams, State Senator Harris McDowell and community leaders of what was then called the SE 9th Ward implemented a plan that transformed Jefferson and Madison Streets between 19th and 23rd Streets. Large cobblestone circles with brick cross walks graced each intersection. Stone ringed tree pits were planted with red plum trees



Nancy Mazaris and Council Member Congo select plants for streetscaping.



Rob Johnson selects plants for the streetscape project.

and liriopoe adorned every corner. After a few years, some of the planters needed to be refurbished with new plants.

In 2012, the 2nd District NPC and the Washington Heights Civic Association worked with City Council Member Ernest "Trippi" Congo to purchase plants so that the community could come together for a neighborhood planting day.

The 2nd District NPC would like to thank everyone who supported this beautification project!



First City Park QR Code!

Tilton Park is the first City park to welcome a QR Code (Quick Response Code). The QR Code is featured on the Tilton Park Tile Mural Wall. Please visit the City's Tilton Park webpage by scanning the code with your Smartphone.

NPC De-Lead Outreach Event



The City of Wilmington's NPC Leadership group hosted a wonderful Lead Prevention Week outreach event. Over time, lead poisoning in young children causes damage to the brain and the nervous system, which may result in learning disabilities, lowered I.Q, speech delay, hearing loss and many other developmental issues. One manner in which children come into contact with lead is through lead-based paint, especially in older homes. Children can be exposed by eating peeling paint, chewing on painted

surfaces, or coming into contact with harmful material during remodeling projects.

The goal of the Fall Harvest was to promote lead-safe homes in Wilmington. Over 200 attendees enjoyed free on-site lead testing, lead education information, moon bounces, pumpkins, pizza and many informational giveaways!

The NPC Leadership is thankful to the State of Delaware, LACC, Beautiful Gate, 3rd Eye Photography and the Walnut Street YMCA for collaborating to raise awareness for lead prevention!

Don't be misLEAD!



Find out how to get your home tested for Lead Paint.
 For further information, please contact DE-Lead Wilmington at (302) 655-7338 or visit www.WilmingtonDE.gov/residents/de-lead