

# NPC NEWS



NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

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## NPC Greenspace Challenge

The Neighborhood Planning Leadership Council has teamed up with the Delaware Center for Horticulture for the **3rd Annual Wilmington City Gardens Contest Greenspace Challenge**. Challenge your civic or community groups to participate in a community greening project and they could win the prize of \$250!

In order to participate, please photo-document the site before you begin the project, then submit the enclosed application to the Delaware Center for Horticulture by **June 17, 2011**. Remember that community greening projects come in different shapes and sizes and can include container plantings, cleaning a vacant lot or open space, tree plantings, flower gardens, vegetable gardens and many others.

## 8<sup>th</sup> District Tree Project



11th Street after turf renovation and tree planting.

Community members in the 8th District took notice of deteriorated soil conditions and dying trees along the 11th Street corridor. Collaborating with the Delaware Center for Horticulture, and with a City NPC Capital Grant, the 8th District NPC sprung into action and plans were developed to reinvigorate the existing soil conditions; to improve the structure of shade trees by pruning to increase light infiltration and air circulation; and to remove and replace trees



11th Street before renovations.

identified as diseased or in decline. Stakeholders selected 24 native trees, including Kentucky Coffee and Black Gum trees, which were planted in the medians throughout the neighborhood. The NPC would like to invite everyone to visit their community to see the difference that a few trees can make.

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## Meet Christine Kirklin, new President, 3<sup>rd</sup> District NPC

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

**A:** I was born and raised in Philadelphia. I have been a resident of the Village of Eastlake since 2005.

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

**A:** I recently read the book *Repositioning Yourself* by T. D. Jakes, and it was inspiring!

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

**A:** I like many things about my neighborhood, but the top two would be the diversity that it offers and the great location.

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

**A:** Community involvement is something that has always been important to me.

## Washington Street Project

The Washington Street streetscape project, located in the median between 40th Street and Lea Boulevard, is a part of the plan to enhance the entrance ways into the 1st District. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to create a green neighborhood with more plants, colorful gar-

dens, and trees. With the help of the Delaware Center for Horticulture and City NPC Capital Grant funds, the 1st District NPC was able to enhance the median of this area with colorful perennial plants able to withstand high traffic and full sun with relatively low maintenance.



The Washington Street streetscape project underway.

## Community Project Day Saturday, May 14, 2011

**Entry Deadline April 29, 2011**

The Neighborhood Planning Council Leadership is teaming up with the City of Wilmington for the inaugural Wilmington Community Project Day. The goal of this event is to build on the many community successes already in place in Wilmington thanks to the hard work and community spirit that is demonstrated each day by various organizations and neighborhood associations.

Wilmington Community Project Day is mobilizing neighborhood groups, churches, non-profit agencies, businesses, schools and others to plan a project for **Sat., May 14, 2011** that will improve the area in which you live or make life better for people or

organizations that could use our help or assistance.

Your project could be anything that benefits your community and City! How about planting a tree, organizing a neighborhood clean-up, selecting a project to benefit a community center or senior center, planning a landscaping project to beautify an area of the City, or visiting door-to-door with your neighbors to urge them to recycle their trash?

Visit the City's website at [www.WilmingtonDE.gov](http://www.WilmingtonDE.gov) and download your Wilmington Community Project Day application form or call us at **576.3109** and we'll mail you a form.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Wilmington Flower Market May 5 - 7, 2011

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 1 - 4, 2011

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

### Saint Anthony's Italian Festival June 12 - 19, 2011

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

[www.stanthonysfestival.com](http://www.stanthonysfestival.com)

### DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival June 20 - 25, 2011

Rodney Square, 10th & Market

### 2011 Wilmington City Gardens Contest Entry deadline: June 17, 2011 Judge date: July 9, 2011

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.

### Peoples Festival (Bob Marley) July 30, 2011

Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park

## Constituent Issues

*Graffiti Removal, Potholes  
and Abandoned Vehicles*

**576-2489**

*Trash, High Weeds and  
Housing Maintenance Issues*

**576-3030**

*Police (Non-Emergency)*

**654-5151**

*Special Pick-Ups*

**576-3878**