

PMBC Reporter

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**WELCOME TO
THE PMBC
REPORTER**

This publication is intended to keep Block Captains informed. We hope you find the information useful.

BINdependence Celebration

“All Together Now”

The Philadelphia Recycling Office declared July 7, 2008 “BINdependence Day” to kick off the new “All Together Now” recycling advertising campaign celebrating the completion of single stream recycling in Philadelphia. Residents will now be able to place all recyclables into one bin- *any* bin.

A total of 540,000 Philadelphia households will be able to place steel and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, newspapers, paper items such as food boxes, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail, cardboard and #1 and #2 plastics in the same container. Residents should check the bottom of plastic containers for the number to see if the item is acceptable. Residents may continue to use their blue recycling bins for curbside collection. Should one bin not be enough to hold all recyclables, residents may add another container and place a sticker on it or mark it **“recycling”**.

Recyclables can be placed all together in one bin for all Philadelphia residents



Eagles’ Mascot Swoop and Junior Block Captains joined the celebration



Mayor Michael Nutter issues a BINdependence Day Proclamation



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Meet Sun Ray
PMBC Mascot

Sun Ray was born to the Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee on August 1, 2007. He stands about 6’3 tall and his bright yellow rays light up all of the beautiful neighborhoods in Philadelphia. PMBC’s Junior Block Captains gave Ray his name because where ever he goes he is sure to put a sunny spot in your day! Come out and meet Sun Ray at your next coming event.





Drive CarePhilly: Heed the Speed Safety Program

Traffic Calming Initiative to Slow Down Speeding

Philadelphia citizens have expressed concern about the speeds that vehicles travel in their neighborhoods. The Streets Department's **Drive CarePhilly, Heed the Speed** is a program that uses enforcement, education and engineering to discourage excessive speeding, specifically in residential neighborhoods. The **Drive CarePhilly, Heed the Speed** program is a collaborative effort of the Philadelphia Streets Department and the Philadelphia Police Department with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, PennDot and the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation (PHMC).



Speed humps utilized as a traffic calming tool in the residential neighborhoods.



3D markings are holographic images that help curb speeding by giving the illusion of an object in the street.

SPEED IS LETHAL

Slow down and make your neighborhood safer!

You need time and space to stop:

- At 20 mph, it takes you 47 feet to stop your car
- At 30 mph, the distance almost doubles to 88 feet
- At 40 mph, it almost doubles again to 149 feet

For a speeding ticket you could get:

- A fine of over \$100
- An insurance increase of hundreds of dollars
- Points on your license
- A suspension of your license



First ever speed humps and 3D markings have been installed on the 900 block of Blue Grass Road, along with new signage to encourage motorists to slow down.

Save Your Home Philly Hotline



Under a new Pilot Project of the Court of Common Pleas, if you live in Philadelphia and are facing foreclosure, you may be able to get help with your mortgage. You will be put in touch with a non-profit Housing Counselor who will help you try to work out an agreement with your mortgage company. You will have the right to go to a conference under the court's supervision where a reasonable work out can be arranged. This help is available for owner occupied residential properties. To get this help you must be call the Hotline and go to an approved Housing Counselor. **If you're facing foreclosure on your home MAKE THIS CALL TODAY! 215 334-HOME (215 334 - 4663).**

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Pilot Program Joint General Court Regulation No. 2008-01

Owners of residential properties which are subject to Sheriff's Sale to enforce a residential mortgage who live in the property may be eligible to have the Sheriff Sale postponed and may receive help to save their home.

Qualified homeowners **MUST** file a Certification of Premises As Residential - Owner Occupied and Request For Conciliation Conference form with the Prothonotary (Room 278 City Hall) as soon as possible, but no later than ten days before the date of the Sheriff's Sale to have the Sheriff's Sale of their home postponed. Download a form at www.phillysherif.com.

WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE SEWER INLETS?

A Message from the Philadelphia Water Department

Even if an inlet does not look clogged still do not throw anything down there that's not suppose to be there. Every time it rains, rainwater washes trash into the sewers and then trash directly goes down there and ends up in the streams and rivers. Sometimes when there is to much trash the sewer clogs up and the sewer is sitting there choking on trash that was placed there. When trash is clog up that's when it build up different smells that's not to pleasant.

Items that harm the sewer systems include tires, street litter, broken appliances and plastic bags and jugs. Others like motor oil, old car batteries, paints household, garden chemicals and even dog droppings pollute our rivers and streams. There are three easy steps to keep inlets litter free:

- Know where the inlets are on your block.
- Sweep debris away from inlets.
- Throw your trash where it belongs (in the trash cans) or set out with your rubbish collection.



Don't throw trash down the inlet, commonly called storm drains. Some inlets lead directly into local rivers and streams!

A Focus on Cigarette Litter Prevention in Philadelphia

With their sights on litter awareness, prevention and sustainability, Keep Philadelphia Beautiful and several prominent communities in Philadelphia, including Old City District, Manayunk Development Corporation, and the University City District will launch a cigarette litter prevention campaign throughout the months of July and August.

Through a grant from Keep America Beautiful, the organizations will follow a process which includes; counting butts prior to the campaign, producing education and awareness events and performing a second count.

Most experts say cigarette butts rank at the very top of litter problems. The litter problem extends past the unsightliness to the toxicity and non-biodegradable nature of the cigarette components. Because cigarette filters are a plastic compound and not cotton as is widely believed; **cigarette litter never truly vanishes.**

Pre-counts have been conducted along 40th Street, who reported counting over 300 butts at the corner of Walnut & 40th Street alone. Love Park in JFK Plaza, reported almost 900 butts around the park, many of the butts were swept from flower beds. Next Keep Philadelphia Beautiful will begin promotional events at the Center City building sites. For more information about this campaign, please contact Keep Philadelphia Beautiful at (215) 477-0235.



Request Your Construction Permit Through the Internet

A Public Notice from the Department of Licenses and Inspections

In a continuing effort to improve constituent services in a convenient and flexible manner, the Department of Licenses and Inspections is offering to the citizens of Philadelphia the option of submitting requests to for construction permit inspections via e-mail.

Each construction permit has specific required inspections that are listed on the permit document. Requests for these required inspections may be e-mailed to the appropriate District Offices as listed on the permit inspection by using the associated e-mail address below. When requesting required permit inspections, the caller must specify the permit number, the type of inspection requested, the date and the preferred time (AM or PM). As an added improvement, Licenses and Inspections has instituted a customer service standard of inspections within 2 business days for requested permit inspections.

Anyone needing to schedule construction permit inspections may do so by either calling the District Office listed on the permit document or using the associated e-mail address below.

District Offices Associated E-mail Boxes Phone Numbers

North District:	north_inspections@phila.gov	Phone: (215) 685-2857
South District:	south_inspections@phila.gov	Phone: (215) 685-1575
East District:	east_inspections@phila.gov	Phone: (215) 685-0580
West District:	west_inspections@phila.gov	Phone: (215) 685-7680
Central District:	central_inspections@phila.gov	Phone: (215) 685-3786

Know Your PMBC Staff and Clean Block Officers!

PMBC's Clean Block Officers act as liaisons between Block Captains and a number of City agencies.

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