Residents in 19104 and 19139: Voted for PEC’s Neighborhood Advisory Sub-committee with the New voting machines.

The Neighborhood Advisory Sub-Committee (NAS) at PECCDC is a sub-committee of the PEC Board of Directors. The NAS functions in an advisory role, serving as community level liaison. These members help support community program activities provided by PEC and the City’s Division of Housing and Community Development. The NAS service area includes Belmont, Mantua, Mill Creek, Saunders Park, West Powelton and Powelton. NAS Elections are held every two years. The NAC manager, Kevin Brown, solicited residents to help determine future NAS members by using the City’s new touch screen voting machines. Mr. Brown stated that the election was a great opportunity for anyone in the neighborhood to try out the new devices – in preparation for the upcoming National Election.

The NAS Election took place at two locations:
- Mill Creek Rec. Center, 4700 Brown St.
- United Bank Building, 3750 Lancaster Ave.

Listed below are the names and brief bios of the newly elected NAS:

1. Keith Bell – Mill Creek
   Keith Bell has lived in the area his entire life and wants to work with the NAS to continue his work helping the community. He has served as a volunteer in various capacities for the past 20 years. Keith is a co-founder of the Men of Mill Creek organization and runs the Mill Creek Summer Basketball League, located at 48th & Brown, where he is known as “Coach Bibby.” He is particularly interested in education, youth, and sports programs.

2. Lamont Twyne – Mantua
   Helping provide community input was Lamont Twyne’s main reason for running for the NAS. He has been volunteering in his community for the past 33 years, since he was 18, helping with everything from resume and cover letter writing to job training. Lamont is currently a Committeeman for the 24th Ward.

3. Pamela Wells – Saunders Park
   Pamela Wells is running for the NAS to help support her community, to get proper and complete leadership training, to get information and resources to benefit her neighbors who can’t get to all the meetings that happen. She is currently a member and treasurer of the Sloan Street Community Garden.

4. Neva White – Saunders Park
   Neva White wanted to join the NAS because she sees that her community is experiencing a tremendous amount of change and believes that it’s important to have individuals who live in the community to have a voice. She has previously served as a board member of the Maternity Care Coalition, Neva is a nurse practitioner whose interests include gardening and exploring the many restaurants the community has to offer.

5. Rose Bryant – Mill Creek
   Rose Bryant has been president of tenant council for over 15 years. She is very passionate about her neighborhood and children that’s why she runs a nonprofit organization called Rose’s Club House. Her interest is fighting for people’s rights. And, President of the tenants council within the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

6. Hyden Terrell – Belmont
   Hyden Terrell is affiliated with her Temple Carolyn B Irvin #123. One of her objectives is to do charity work. She has organized, participated or supported events such as coat drives, Easter Egg hunts, school supply drives, senior luncheons, flea markets and more. She is the Block Captain for the 4200 block of Ogden.

7. Brenda Bailey – Mill Creek
   Brenda Bailey has worked with the PECCDC in company with NAC. Additionally, she works with AARP and as a tutor throughout the community.

8. David Pickett – Belmont
   David E. Pickett is the President and co-founder of the West Belmont Civic Association. The W.B.C.A. was officially formed in June of 2015 but has been working in the neighborhood since the summer of 2014. David has lived in the Belmont Neighborhood of Philadelphia for the past 13 years and has been a Philadelphia resident for 26 years.

9. Pastor Evon M. DeLee – Mill Creek
   Evon M. DeLee is a retired Administrator at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, author, and Senior Pastor of New Church Down the Way Ministries. The ministry is growing and making a great impact in the community. She is a preacher, teacher who believes in empowering people through education and revitalization.

10. Ellen Tiberino – West Powelton
    Local artist and activist, Ellen Tiberino is highly engaged in her community and currently works with the Community Education Center. She has successfully completed many community based art projects in West Philadelphia.

11. Lisa Stewart – Mill Creek
    Currently, Lisa Stewart volunteers with the NAC and helps to distribute flyers and information for the PEC NAC. She is an active member of her church and is dedicated to her community.

12. Sherry Jane E. Alindogan – Powelton
    Currently, Sherry Jane E. Alindogan volunteers with the NAC and helps to distribute flyers and information. She is an advocate for the homeless and immigrant population. She also volunteers at the PEC Food Cupboard.

13. Thomas Blackwell – Powelton
    Thomas Blackwell is a public school teacher and has been involved in the community for many years – who recently launched his own not for profit community based organization.

14. Deborah Smith – West Powelton
    Deborah Smith is currently involved in the neighborhood programming at Dornsife Community Center. She is actively engaged in her community and support adult education initiatives throughout West Philadelphia.

The committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, from September to June.
NASC Halloween Haunted House

The NAC held its 3rd Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest... Members of the NAS and a representative from Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell’s office traveled the NAC service area to award homes - that put forth special effort in their Halloween Decorations. The NAC partnered with Philadelphia Federal Credit Union to provide prizes and information about how to avoid predatory lending, repair credit and establish banking accounts for young people.

Overall, the event was an opportunity to support homeowners - that take pride in their property and neighborhood. But, it also provided an opportunity for local residents to meet the NAS and to also learn about financial supportive services in the area. Additionally, the event was a great way to bring resources and services directly to the door of our residents...at the same time celebrating those that took time to beautify their blocks.

Spotlight Resource: Basic Systems Repair Program!

The Basic Systems Repair Program (BSRP) provides free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, carpentry/masonry and roofing emergencies for income eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.

Homeowners can apply for free major systems repairs if your home’s problems include:

- Dangerous electrical conditions, such as overheating or sparking wiring or entire circuits that won’t stay on
- Leaking or broken sewage/drainage pipes
- Blockage of main sewage drain
- Roof leaks which have caused a 4 sq. ft. or larger section of ceiling to collapse
- Masonary repairs to bulging walls of home
- Floor rot (Threat of stepping through floor)
- Unstable interior stairway
NASC (Neighborhood Advisory Sub-Committee) hosts Mental Health First Aid Training.

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches, community members, how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. The training helps participants identify, understand and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. The NASC hosted the training to address the local need for mental health and substance abuse supportive services. They invited all in the area to attend the training - which provides a three-year certification in MHFA.

“Having mental health first aid skills means that our community members can now assist someone developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis - knowledge can make a real difference to your community.”- Completing an MHFA Course will help trainees - to develop the skills to support a friend, family member or co-worker. says Kevin Brown, NAC Manager at PECCDC.

NASC members responded to Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell’s call for Thanksgiving Givers!

They volunteered to help pack and distribute free turkeys - accompanied with groceries full of all the fixings need to prepare a hearty family holiday dinner. Over 500 turkeys were distributed. And, it was rewarding to help. But we know that hunger is a year-round problem.

As such, for the NASC, it is a year-round issue. Every Saturday, year-round, we volunteer at the PEC Food cupboard. In the spring we plant vegetables in our plot at Sloan Street Garden. We give the harvest to the Food Cupboard at PEC. In the summer, we assisted with school yard food cupboard pop-ups.
S.E.C. partners with the NASC!

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission oversees the rules that govern the securities industry in the United States. The Neighborhood Advisory Committee at PECCDC invited the S.E.C. to the West Philadelphia Senior Community Center to facilitate a workshop on Senior Fraud prevention...They introduced us to Affinity Fraud?!

Fraudsters who carry out affinity scams frequently are (or pretend to be) members of the group they are trying to defraud. Fraudsters target groups they think they can convince to trust them with the group members’ hard-earned savings.

Affinity fraud almost always involves either a fake investment or an investment. Many affinity frauds are pyramid schemes, where money given to the promoter by new investors is paid to earlier investors to create the illusion that the so-called investment is successful. The fraudster simply takes new investors' money for the fraudster's own personal use, often using some of it to pay off existing investors who may be growing suspicious. Eventually, when the supply of investor money dries up and current investors demand to be paid, the scheme collapses, and investors discover that most or all their money is gone.

NASC wraps Christmas toys at City Hall for the Holiday for the Homeless event

The NASC volunteered with City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell to host her Annual Holiday for the Homeless, at the Convention Center.

Over 5,000 people were served at the event. The NASC served with hundreds of other volunteers to serve the dinner and distribute toy giveaways - to help the homeless and families living in shelters.

NASC manager, Kevin Brown, stated, "It was our pleasure to volunteer at the holiday party, along with other neighbors - who share the Councilwoman’s compassion to provide a community event of this magnitude. But, personally, my favorite part was working with my NASC members to wrapping hundreds of children’s toys the weekend before the event...it made us feel like Santa’s little helpers!"

Additional Resources:

And, the Heater Hotline provides free emergency heater repairs for eligible households. If the Heater Hotline staff determine that your heater needs to be replaced, they will forward your application to BSRP...To apply for heater repairs only, call the Heater Hotline at 215-568-7190.

Additionally, the City of Philadelphia’s Restore, Repair, Renew initiative helps Philadelphia homeowners access low-interest loans to invest in their properties. Lenders participating in the program are offering 10-year, 3% fixed Annual Percentage Rate loans that range from $2,500 to $24,999 to eligible homeowners. Restore, Repair, Renew loans can fund a range of home repairs that focus on health, safety, weatherization, accessibility, and quality of life. Eligibility criteria does apply

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