

SOSNA NEWS

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Developer unveils plans for 18th & Christian Streets



1800-1808 Christian St. — 900 S. 18th St.

SOSNA and the community met with the developer, PH Properties in September and October to review the above 11-unit single family home development. Hardly any of us have been around long enough to remember the Tabor Presbyterian Church that stood at this site although many of us remember the gas station. The ground breaking is expected in the Spring of 2004.

On the south side

Now that winter has arrived and we've seen our first snow, many people, especially our seniors, find themselves confined to the house. Check on them and make sure they're ok. *"You can also help them by shoveling their sidewalk"*, said Angela Richardson, SOSNA Chairperson, *"and in doing so you will help make our neighborhood a better place to live"*.

Soledad Gillespie, SOSNA's liaison to our neighborhood schools reports that the Chester Arthur School is looking for volunteers. If you have 2 hours or more a week to contribute, contact the Principal, Renee Musgrove at Chester Arthur, 20th & Catharine Sts. and lend a hand.

NTI Home improvement Program



SOSNA is moving into the fourth month of the Targeted Basic System Repair Program (TBSRP), with some exciting results! So far, 22 families and individuals have applied for the program. A number of applicants are quickly moving toward the construction phase of the program, for a variety of repairs and home improvements. The repairs include new roofs, new furnaces, and window treatments and replacements among others. In addition, some homeowners are making improvements to their kitchens, bathrooms, or to the exterior of their homes. This is an opportunity to make repairs and improvements to your home for half the cost! Eligible homeowners must live on ten specific blocks and meet income requirements. If you are interested, please contact Drew Bergman at (215) 546-0363.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **SOSNA General Meetings**
December 10, 2003—
(Marian Anderson Recreation Center)
January 14, 2004 -
Presentation of Bainbridge West by Universal Companies (Marian Anderson Recreation Center)
- **February 11, 2004 (St. Anthony Senior Residence)**
- **LIHEAP applications available at the SOSNA office**
- **Graduate Hospital/Philadelphia Eagles Toys for Tots Campaign—Week of 12/9/03**
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive—December 22, 2003, Graduate Hospital from 9 am— 3 pm.**
- **Sheriff Sale—December 18, 2003**

NAC corner *by Eve*

The 5Year Neighborhood Strategic Plan is going forward and is expected to be completed in early 2004. Information has been gathered and surveys are in. Residents who expressed an interest in participating in writing the plan ... Stay tuned!

On behalf of the Board of SOSNA, staff and community we serve, I would like to thank all SOSNA Block Representatives and volunteers for your support this year. Your time and efforts are invaluable to the organization. ***We wish all of you a very happy , healthy and safe holiday season.***

Paint for the Neighborhood

The Sherwin-Williams Company has partnered with the City to donate 3000 gallons of paint in support of the Mayor's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI). 2500 gallons of free interior paint will be distributed to neighborhoods citywide, including the SOSNA service area (Broad to the Schuylkill, South to Washington Ave). Distribution plans are currently being worked out and SOSNA will notify the community as soon as more information and details are available.

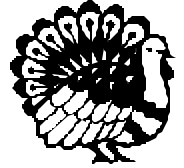
Residential Parking

Parking continues to be a problem for a lot of residents in the SOSNA service area. At the SOSNA General Meeting in November, Rick Dickson, Director of On Street Parking of the Parking Authority listened to area residents and offered suggestions on how to turn parking problems into parking opportunities.

Individual blocks can apply for permit parking by submitting a block petition containing 50%+ signatures of residents/homeowners. A permit costs \$35 per vehicle the first year and \$20 for annual renewal. To be eligible a vehicle must display a valid PA license plate and be registered to a home address within the permit parking district. Cars without a permit will then no longer be able to park on your block for more than 2 hours. It helps to keep you block clear and gives the residents who live on the block a better opportunity of finding a space. Contact the SOSNA office for details.

'Tis t the Season

SOSNA, in cooperation with Graduate Hospital, will again distribute turkeys for Christmas. There are many people in our neighborhood who would not have turkey dinner on Christmas Day if it were not for this generous donation made possible by Graduate Hospital. If you know of a neighbor who is in need and would welcome a turkey, come visit our office at 1711 South Street or call our office at 215-732-8446.



Many thanks to Graduate and best wishes for the holiday season !

SOSNA Board Members and Staff

Banking on South

Afence has gone up at the SW corner of 19th & South Streets. That means that the ground breaking for a new bank in our neighborhood and new homes on 19th and Kater Street is not far away. Look for ***Sharon Savings Bank*** to open at this site in 2004.

Thrift shop News

Seconds on South, SOSNA's Thrift Shop, is decorated for the Holidays. Come visit us at 1635 South Street to shop for the Holidays and enter a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate. Your donations to Seconds on South are tax deductible. Whether you move from one apartment to another, to a new house, or simply no longer have use for the things "you have cherished", Seconds on South will find them a new home. Remember, your donations are always welcome. ***Tell a friend! Visit and support all the stores and establishments on South Street. It's a good thing for the community.***

***SECONDS ON SOUTH
SOSNA Thrift Shop, 1635 South Street
(215) 732 8151***

Weekdays 11:00 am—6:00 pm., Saturday 12:00 noon— 5:00 p.m. closed Sunday

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