

SOSNA NEWSLETTER

JULY 2005

SOSNA/PATHMARK STORES PARTNERSHIP

The City of Philadelphia has a program that creates a partnership between community organizations and Philadelphia businesses in order to spur economic growth and strengthen neighborhoods. SOSNA is pleased that Pathmark Stores, Inc. agreed to partner with us for this important program. Our partnership application was accepted by the City of Philadelphia and, in April 2005, Pathmark began contributing \$100,000 per year to SOSNA as part of a ten-year commitment. The board, with community approval, is planning a long-term economic development effort targeted at SOSNA area commercial corridors such as South Street, Washington Avenue, Broad Street, and Grays Ferry Avenue to begin this year. There are many different agenda items as part of the SOSNA program, which were introduced at the January 2005 meeting and will be discussed at future SOSNA general meetings. We continue to welcome suggestions from residents. The city allows community groups flexibility to use the funds, with city approval, in support of economic development efforts.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ADDRESS COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

About 100 members of the community attended the June 8th South of South Neighborhood Association (SOSNA) General Meeting to meet our city and state Representatives. State Representative Babette Josephs, Council President Anna C. Verna and State Senator Anthony Williams were in attendance. Marcus Mitchell, Director of Community & Economic Development attended representing Senator Rick Santorum's office. The meeting held at Graduate Hospital gave both long term



Senator Anthony Williams and Representative Babette Josephs



Council President Anna Verna, Representative Babette Josephs, Marcus Mitchell and Ann Hoskins-Brown

2005 SOSNA GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR

Note: All General Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 7:30 p.m.

(Location to be Announced)

- September 14, 2005
- October 12, 2005
(SOSNA BOARD ELECTIONS)
- November 9, 2005
- December 14, 2005

ZONING

This month Community Zoning Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Wed., July 20, 2005

(Graduate Hospital Pepper Pavilion—Conference Room 2A—Entrance 18th & Lombard)

Thurs., July 21, 2005 (St Anthony Senior Residence— 2309 Carpenter Street— Lower Level)

Flyers are available in the SOSNA office

For additional information visit the SOSNA website @ www.southofsouth.org

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Blood Drive-Wed., July 27, 2005 Graduate Hospital Pepper Pavilion— 2nd Floor— Contact 215.893.2200

Lunch-N-Tour with Brian L. Finestein, CEO Graduate Hospital —Contact Marisa Sharkey 215.893.2332

National Night Out -Tues., August 2, 2005 6:00-9:00 pm Scottish Rite House, 1525 Fitzwater St. Contact Jessica Marshall 215.545.7712

SAVE THE DATE!
September 17, 2005
SOSNA Annual
Community Fall Fair

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

The South of South Neighborhood Association (SOSNA) is seeking a full time Executive Director. The Executive Director will report directly to the Board; each Program Director will report directly to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will be responsible for implementing policies and programs, for managing operations, overseeing staff, and for daily financial management. The office maintains regular working hours, and there are regularly scheduled evening and weekend responsibilities. Resumes and cover letters should be addressed to:

**Ann Hoskins-Brown, Chair
South of South Neighborhood Association**

**1711 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19146**

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and more recent residents an opportunity to learn of constituent services available to them and discuss neighborhood issues, raising awareness and bringing attention to the needs of the community.

The Representatives also updated the community on current legislation at both the city and state level.

SOSNA extends our thanks to all of our representatives.

ZONING UPDATE

Community zoning meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday (and Thursday if required) of each month to give residents input into the redevelopment process. Zoning meetings begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Letters are sent to the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) and Council President Anna C. Verna reflecting the response of the residents to the development as expressed at the neighborhood zoning meeting.

Developers requesting to present to the community are required to complete a request form, submit the Notice of Refusal, deed, photographs, and architectural drawings.

All documents must be submitted by the second Monday of the Month.



Trees Available

Trees are available for residents living within the following boundaries - 18th to 25th Street from Catharine to Washington Avenue. There have to be at least 6 trees requested per block for that block to be included. Each tree must have someone willing to commit to water and maintain it. That person doesn't have to be the homeowner whose house the tree is planted in front of, but the homeowner does have to give permission for the tree to be planted. The program is sponsored by the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) and administered by Dixon House. Please contact **Ms. Nadine Hall at (215) 336-3511.**

Become a TreeVitalize Tree Tender!

Free trainings will be held at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. **September 14, 21 & 28, 5:45-8:45 pm.**

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE ZONING COMMITTEE OR OUTREACH COMMITTEE PLEASE CONTACT MS. EVE LEWIS, NAC DIRECTOR