

BELMAR

Belmar Gardens Continues with Covid-19 Procedures and highlights City Project Updates

In this issue we continue our Covid-19 Guidelines and give insight on all the new updates happening around the city of Pittsburgh that impact our community



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SUMMER BELMAR GARDENS NEWSLETTER

COVID-19

When walking through Belmar Gardens, please practice CDC guidelines.

See more under [Important News](#)

BELMAR'S RESPONSE

The Board Members of Belmar Gardens have received a letter regarding parking.

See more under [Community News](#)

CITY CONTACT INFO

Non-emergencies:
Zone 5 Police: 412-665-3605
City of Pittsburgh: 311

Emergencies:
911

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." - Coretta Scott King

"Provided by Ramone Davis"

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all of our Doctors, Nurses and Essential Workers in the community who have devoted themselves in this fight against Covid 19!

Thank you to all of our community Teachers for the efforts and struggles you have encountered to see that our children in the community are being taught.

Thank you to our community food workers, both Restaurant and Fast Foods, Janitors, Garbage Collectors, and anyone else who helped by going to work and/or providing your time so that we could survive during the pandemic!

To all those sick and shut in at home or otherwise, you and your family are in our prayers for healing and swift recoveries.

If there is anyone that you would like to be remembered in prayer, please submit comments on our website and we will include them in future publications of Belmar's Newsletter.

Please remember to park against the garages instead of along the fences. This measure helps snow plows get through safely and for your neighbors to effectively maneuver out of their garages.

Please do not put food outside to feed stray cats or other animals. In doing so, you attract unwelcomed rodents in and around our property. Fines will be issued to anyone doing so.

Please continue to mail in your carrying charges. The Rubinoff Company Management Office is still not open to the public. Should you have any issues with mailing in your carrying charges, please contact Katie Smerkle.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: RAMONE DAVIS



I LOVE HELPING THE PEOPLE OF BELMAR GARDENS. I LOVE GETTING OUT AND MEETING NEIGHBORS AND HELPING THEM OUT WITH PROJECTS THEY WOULD LIKE DONE, TEACHING PEOPLE NEW SKILLS OR SIMPLY CONVERSING. I ALSO LOVE JUST BEING THAT PERSON THAT ANYONE CAN GO TO. I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT COME RAINY DAYS, SUNNY DAYS OR EVEN SNOWY DAYS, I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Belmar's Response to Letter

The Board Members of Belmar Gardens has received letters regarding parking. The letters ask that we address the parking issues in the front, not only the back.

Please be aware that the street belongs

to the City of Pittsburgh and we have no Control over who can park there.

In regards to the handicap plaques in front of homes, they were requested from the City of Pittsburgh and placed there by the City of Pittsburgh.

If you have any questions, please contact the management office at 412-231-1000 x211.

IMPORTANT NEWS

CITY OF PITTSBURGH RECYCLING BIN

Mayor William Peduto announced a May launch of the second phase of the Department of Public Works Environmental Services' distribution of 32-gallon blue curbside recycling bins to City residents as part of a transition away from a bag-based recycling program into a bin-based collection method.

"The City of Pittsburgh is now offering residents a method that makes it easy for people to create the habit of single-stream recycling, which allows residents to combine all recyclable materials in one container," said Mayor William Peduto.

"Blue bins offer many advantages such as

saving on costs for both residents and the City, providing high-value recyclables to the circular economy and cutting contamination."

Prior to receiving the new recycling bins, residents will receive notification via U.S. Mail announcing when to anticipate the arrival of their new blue curbside recycling containers, along with information on what can and cannot be placed in the bin.

Residents can learn to recycle correctly by taking part in a series of free online workshops. The 30-minute webinar, presented by the Pennsylvania Resources Council, will spotlight bin use as well as options for recycling hard-to-recycle materials. Individuals can register for a webinar at www.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/recycling-blue-bins.

BELMAR GARDEN ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2020 Belmar Gardens Virtual Annual Shareholder's Meeting.

We appreciated the fellowship and look forward to seeing everyone again for our next meeting in December 2021.

HOUSE KEEPING

- Please do not place your trash outside any earlier than Sunday at 6:00 pm.
- Dogs and other pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Please carry a pooper scooper to clean up when walking your dog.
- Continue to keep your car doors locked to avoid and discourage anyone looking to break in.
- Peak Landscape will service Belmar's property this summer season. Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the season regarding Peak, please call Katie at Rubinoff.

COVID-19 AND THE CDC GUIDELINES

To do our part with slowing the spread of COVID-19, when walking through Belmar Gardens, please remember to wear masks (if you are not vaccinated), practice 6 feet social distancing, wash your hands constantly.

Please be safe and virtually check on your neighbors if possible.



7TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

Save the Date for the 7th Annual Community Day " The Backpack Hero".

August 22, 2021
12pm to 8 pm

Chadwixk Park 1501 Oberlin St

For Donations, you can cashapp \$Madeit2011, through the Facebook Fundraiser or in person to Amber Sloan.

SANKOFA VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Last summer, Belmar Gardens Neighbors Ogecchie Chieke and Jordan Durham, had the pleasure of teaming up with the Sankofa Village Community Garden to bring free fresh food boxes to our community.

Sankofa Village Community Garden's goal is to eradicate the Food Apartheid that exists within our communities, and to rekindle the intergenerational atmosphere that has long been a touchstone of our communities. Sankofa's goals are also to engage and provide the community with the opportunity to benefit from food self-sufficiency, to provide plant-based urban agriculture education, and to enable the community access to food production and to provide opportunities for entrepreneurship.

The Sankofa Village Community Garden is now moving to a new location and is seeking volunteers for the spring/summer season.

The new location is on Durango and Susquehanna St. Please come out on Saturdays and enjoy sometime in the garden.

Thank you again to Ogecchie, Jordan and CEO and Founder of SVCG Vikki Ayanna Jones, for all the hard-work you did with bringing our residents free and fresh food and veggies.

Should you want to reach out to Vikki Ayanna Jones, her email is nugziayanna55@gmail.com

LOCAL RESOURCES

The Lincoln Park Community Center Food Pantry will operate strictly as a drive-up pantry. No patrons will be allowed inside the building. They have made these changes in hopes of reducing the risk of exposure as well as to aid with the reduced volunteer staffing.

The pantry has resumed their pick up to Saturdays at 11:00am to 12:30pm. They will still resume the Drive up service.

Lincoln Park Community Center
7300 Ridgeview Avenue
Penn Hills PA 15235
PH: 412/441-6150

The Office of Equity announced the launch of OurFuturePGH (<https://ourfuture.pittsburghpa.gov/>), a website to connect youth, families and organizations to educational and recreation opportunities provided by the City of Pittsburgh.

The website also includes additional resources from outside community partners for families that address needs such as technology, school options, parenting resources and more, particularly during the pandemic.