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WELCOME TO THE THIRD EDITION OF THE FOURTH!

In this edition, you will read about the various seeds that were planted years ago, which have begun to bear fruit. From major developments to major legislation equals real change for real people.

From Main Street to Market Street, the 4th Council District is constantly improving. We have turned the corner and are hitting our stride. With two new football fields in West Parkside and an improved baseball field in Gorgas Park, also known as “The Mud Flats”, the 4th is a hotbed for recreation.

After nearly twenty years of deferred maintenance, Cobbs Creek Golf Course will receive a \$20 million upgrade of renovations to restore the club to its former glory.

We have worked with the Philadelphia Police Department to increase the number of security cameras in the district along the business corridors on Main Street and Haverford Avenue.

I have helped to close prisons like the House of Corrections and open opportunities, such as the \$50 million mixed-used New Market West development at 59th & Market Street, which will bring 100 projected permanent jobs.

Working together, ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

Thanks for reading!

IN THE NEWS...

Moving Philadelphia forward through effective legislation.

During his three terms as City Councilman of the 4th District, Councilman Jones has passed major pieces of legislation aimed at preserving the community and keeping families in their homes, while increasing access to opportunities for community members. In March of 2008, Councilman Jones called for a moratorium on residential property foreclosure sales, which led to the creation of the Philadelphia Moratorium Diversion Program, that prevented thousands of residents from losing their homes. Highlighted below are examples of legislation the Councilman worked to implement on behalf of the residents of the City of Philadelphia and our beloved 4th District.



BAN THE BOX FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Philadelphia's "Fair Chance Hiring" law, also known as the "Ban the Box" law, was enacted in 2011 and further updated in 2016 with an amendment offered by Councilman Jones. The law is crucial in providing job opportunities to those with prior criminal records. In October, Councilman Jones convened a public hearing to examine the willingness of local area universities to "Ban the Box" from college applications, to ensure our city's youth with criminal convictions are not deterred from applying to college.



GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Gun violence is a leading cause of death and injury in the United States, taking a tragic toll on American families. The uptake in gun violence and mass shootings nationwide has forced law makers across the country to re-examine ways to strengthen protections for citizens. In May, Councilman Jones introduced Bill No. 180553, which calls for the creation of a Philadelphia Gun Violence Protection Program, allowing for the filing of a petition in the Court of Common Pleas when an individual has knowledge that a person who possesses a firearm is presently a danger to themselves or others.



RIDGE AVENUE THEMATIC HISTORIC DISTRICT

On October 12th, 2018, the Philadelphia Historical Commission unanimously voted to enact the Ridge Avenue Thematic Historical District. The district encompasses 188 properties from the Wissahickon Creek to Northwestern Avenue in the 4th District. The district culminated an 18-month process that began with legislation Councilman Jones sponsored implementing a demolition moratorium of 324 properties along Ridge Avenue. The historic district includes the largest number of properties designated historic since 1999. This stretch of Ridge Avenue includes properties as old as 1717.



RESOLUTION CALLING ON MORATORIUM FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHERIFF SALES

In October, Philadelphia City Council adopted Resolution No. 180851-A, introduced by Councilman Jones, calling on Sheriff Jewell Williams and the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania to impose a temporary moratorium on residential property foreclosure sales until City Council can hold public hearings examining sheriff sale trends throughout the city. The Revenue Department has already provided data showing that in the 4th District alone, there are 815 properties that are at risk of being delinquent. Recommendations will also include how to maximize revenue and minimize gentrification.

IN THE DISTRICT..

There are great things happening in the 4th district. Below are just a few events that highlight the great things that the 4th councilmatic district has to offer!



MOVIE NIGHT SERIES



FRIENDS OF GORGAS:



BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY:

1 Councilman Jones and community members of the Wynnefield Heights section of the district enjoy a summer evening watching a screening of Black Panther.

2 Ground breaking for the Friends of Gorgas Park Athletic Field with Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell.

3 Councilman Jones gave away more than 100 book bags stuffed with school supplies to the children in Bluford Elementary.



RIBBON CUTTING FOR CARROLL PARK



FRIENDS IN PINK 5K WALK:

4 Councilman Jones, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell, Senator Vincent Hughes, State Representative Morgan Cephas and members from the community participate in the ribbon cutting at Carroll Park.

5 Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. participates as the Master of Ceremonies in the Friends in Pink Annual 5K Walk in Manyunk.

ON THE MOVE.



ON THE MOVE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS THE PRESTON APARTMENTS

Great reuse of an old building! The former Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP), founded in 1929 is now the Preston Apartments.

ON THE MOVE FOR EDUCATION NEW MULTIMEDIA CENTER

Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new \$2.5 million Multimedia Communication Center at Overbrook High School. Now, our current and future Overbrook students will be cross-trained in a state of the art studio, both in front of and behind the camera, as well as receive high school and college credits.



EYE ON THE DISTRICT..

A few snapshots of some of the great events in the 4th.



MARKET WEST UPDATES

DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT NEW MARKET WEST

Groundbreaking of the \$50 million four-story, 135,700 square foot hub for retail and community services that will bring high-quality childhood education; workforce development, educational and emergency services to 60th and Market Street.



NEW PLACES TO PLAY

OUR KIDS ARE WORTH IT

Ribbon cutting for the Tree Top Adventure Play Space with Councilman Jones, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell, State Representative Vanessa Lowery Brown and Jamie Gauthier, Executive Director of Fairmount Park Conservancy.



ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

ABOUT ATHLETICS

Daisy Field in Wissahickon Valley Park was renamed David P. Montgomery Field. Montgomery, the Phillies Chairman, was honored for his extraordinary contribution to Philadelphia through his work with the Phillies.



ON THE WATER

FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Councilman Jones and Temple University support neighborhood youth at the Free Summer Rowing Camp which provided an opportunity for them to learn a non-traditional sport.



TAKING CARE OF THE COMMUNITY

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE

Ribbon cutting and grand opening of the mixed-use rental project located at 52nd & Parkside Avenue, designed to accommodate seniors and people with special needs. Pictured are: Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., Mayor Jim Kenney, Senator Vincent Hughes, Congressman Dwight Evans, Lucinda Hudson and members from the community.



GETTING IT DONE

NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

Councilman Jones, community members and city partners toured the 1500 Block of North Allison Street where problem areas were identified, and onsite constituent services were provided.



SWEET SOUNDS

NEIGHBORHOOD TUNES

Councilman Jones and members of the East Falls section of the district enjoy a summer evening listening to jazz performances during the 2nd annual neighborhood Jazz In the Park Series at Inn Yard Park.



COMMUNITY PRIDE

VETERANS DAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Councilman Jones, Michael Reid, and members from the Wynnefield neighborhood participate in the 2nd Annual Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony.

OUR COMMUNITY.

Updates and reports of projects and initiatives in the 4th district.

STREET RENAMING FOR DORIAN DUMAS WAY



ESPN HAIR ZONE & BARBER SHOP - GAVE AWAY TABLETS TO DESERVING YOUTH



PARKSIDE EVANS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Parkside Evans' 15th Annual National Night included free food, music, social service information tables for the community and an appearance by The Philadelphia Police Department's 19th District Captain John Stanford and officers.



Councilman Jones, Council President Darrell Clarke and Councilman Mark Squilla visit New York to determine whether the city's successful traffic enforcement efforts could work in Philadelphia.

NUMBERS TO KNOW.

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Licenses & Inspections
(215) 686-8686

Philadelphia More Beautiful
(215) 685-3968

Philadelphia Parking Authority
(888) 591-3636

Philadelphia Water Department
(215) 685-6300

PECO
(215) 841-4000

PGW
(215) 235-1000

Alzheimer's Association
1 (800) 272-3900

Older Adult Behavioral Health Program
(215) 787-2065

Temple Elderly Law Project
(215) 204-6887

Community Legal Services Elderly Law Projects
(215) 227-2400/16

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging Mayor's Commission on Aging
(215) 686-8450

New Courtland Senior Services
1 (888) 530-4913

AARP
(215) 525-6040

University of Pennsylvania Living Independently for Life
(215) 573-7200/7100

SNAP, Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger (Food Stamps/ Food for Seniors)
(215) 430-0558

Grands As Parents
(215) 236-5848

CARIE (Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interest of the Elderly)
(215) 545-5728

CARE (Crimes Against Retired & Elderly)
(215) 685-9486

AID for Friends (Homes Delivered Food for the Homebound Elderly with No Other Supports)
(215) 464-2224

UPCOMING EVENTS

around the city and in the district

JANUARY 2019

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

MAY 2019

Block Captain Boot Camp

JUNE 2019

Movie Night Series

AUGUST 2019

Jazz In The Park Summer Series

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INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW.



WORKING TOGETHER...GETTING IT DONE.

The following are a list of total cost of completed and proposed projects which represent a series of improvements during my tenure as Councilman.

- Ground breaking for the first REBUILD Project in the City of Philadelphia is scheduled for December 2018 - Parkside Practice Field - Parkside Avenue (\$600K)
- Second REBUILD Project Parkside Football Field/Track - Georges Hill Drive (proposed total cost of project \$6 million)
- John C. Anderson and Wynnefield Library - 54th & Overbrook Avenue (proposed total cost of project \$500K)
- BWAP Recreation site - 53rd & Euclid Street (proposed total cost of project \$2 million)
- Carroll Park - 58th & Girard Avenue (total cost of project \$400K)
- David P. Montgomery Baseball Field - 5001 Hermit Lane (total cost of project \$300K)
- Gorgas Park - 6300 Ridge Avenue (proposed total cost of project \$200K)
- Granahan Skate Park - 65th & Callowhill Street (total cost of project \$200K)
- Kendrick Recreation Center - 5822 Ridge Avenue (total cost of project \$750K)
- Manyunk Towpath - Off of Main Street & The Canal (proposed total cost of project \$600K)
- McMichael Park - Corner of Henry Avenue & Midvale Avenue (proposed total cost of project (250K)
- Overbrook Park Library - 7422 & Haverford Avenue (proposed total cost of project \$400K)
- Al Pearlman Complex - 600 Port Royal Avenue (total cost of project \$200K)
- Pretzel Park - 4300 Silverwood Street (proposed total cost of project \$325K)
- Rose Playground - 1300 N. 75th Street (total cost of project \$300K)
- Roxborough Library - 6245 Ridge Avenue (total cost of project \$100K)
- Shepard Recreation Center - 5700 Haverford Avenue (total cost of project \$750K)
- Triangle Park - 5425-65R Upland Way - (total cost of project 450K)
- Wissahickon Neighbors Park - 3901 Terrace Street (total cost of project \$350K)
- Woodside Park - 3910 Conshohocken Avenue - (total cost of project \$300K)

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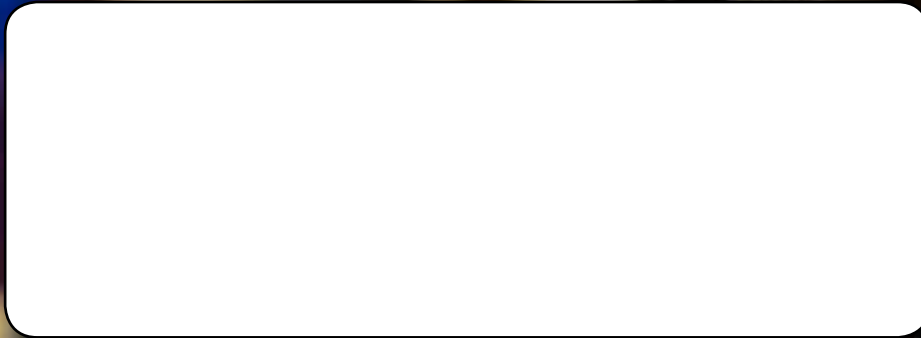
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