



# PARKSIDE NEWS

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## News Flash



### PBCIP November meeting cancelled

Due to Election Day coinciding with PBCIP's normally scheduled meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, there will be no community meeting in November. PBCIP encourages Parkside



residents to take the time to be informed and engaged citizens and to cast your vote on Tuesday, November 8, after carefully considering the candidates and issues on their merit.

## Parkside Residents Schedule Rally

PBCIP would like to commend Parkside residents who have banded together to organize a Parkside Street Light Rally before Camden City Council on Thursday, November 10. These residents are not satisfied that repairs and upkeep have been sufficient to deter crime and keep Parkside residents safe. The group has created a Facebook page for residents interested in learning more about this issue: Parkside Street Light Rally. This type of effort shows a great commitment to advocating for positive things in the Parkside community.



The next PBCIP meeting will be our **Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration** on Tuesday, December 13.

Visit [pbcip.org](http://pbcip.org) to submit your suggestions for fun party ideas!



Camden  
City  
Council  
meets

at 5 p.m., on Thursday,  
November 10, at City Hall  
520 Market Street, on the  
second floor

**It's a New Day in Parkside...Make a New Commitment.**

## Are You a “Kitchen” Person?

If these pictures make you want to pull out the pots and pans and whip up a delicious meal, contact us about purchasing a PBCIP home in Parkside! All PBCIP homes include a modern, stylish kitchen with brand new appliances and open floor plan so you can socialize while creating a meal to remember!



PBCIP homes have all new plumbing, wiring, HVAC... new and worry free!



**For details, contact  
mlawrence@pbcip.org  
or call  
(856) 964-0440**

## Holiday Baskets



One of PBCIP's longest-running traditions is our December holiday food baskets. Each year PBCIP collects donations from the community and purchases turkeys with assistance of our corporate friends and partners to fill overflowing baskets for a holiday meal of turkey and all the trimmings. More than 15 items/ingredients go into each basket.

With assistance from the Camden Police Department, baskets are delivered to families in the Parkside community who otherwise would not have a holiday meal.

To donate a food item, contact Sade at sbryant@pbcip.org or call (856) 964-0440.

## Calendar of Parkside Events: What's Happening In November & December

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** homebuyer program.  
Topic: Credit Restoration.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 -- Election Day.  
**VOTE! Please note: There will be no PBCIP community meeting in November.**

Thursday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m. -- **Parkside Street Light Rally** at City Council Chambers, 520 Market Street. (see pg. 1)

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** homebuyer program.  
Topic: Applying for a Mortgage.

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24-25 -- **PBCIP Offices closed** for Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** homebuyer program.  
Topic: Managing Your Finances.



Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** homebuyer program Graduation.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, -- **PBCIP Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration.**

**\*\*DON'T FORGET: Once a week trash pick-up has started!\*\***

## Regional Emmy for Parkside Residents

A Classroom Close-Up tv segment highlighting the collaboration and personal commitment of two Parkside residents and a teacher at Forest Hill Elementary School has earned a Mid-Atlantic Emmy award. Brothers

Jamal and Nassir Dickerson and Hassan Sabree, all music teachers in Camden, star in the inspiring story presented on NJ public television. Go to pbcip.org to view the video.



## PBCIP Elections: Cast Your Vote!

Nominations are now being accepted for individuals interested in serving on PBCIP's Board of Trustees. Elections for the board will take place on Tuesday, December 13, at PBCIP's Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration. Up for election are four seats on PBCIP's board currently held by Michelle Banks-Spearman, Zora Dees-Brown, Colandus "Kelly" Francis and Delores Showell.

Anyone interested in being

included on the election ballot must submit a half page statement detailing their background, why they would like to serve on the board of trustees, what assets they bring to the board, and details of their involvement with PBCIP over the years. This statement may be submitted via e-mail to [mLawrence@pbcip.org](mailto:mLawrence@pbcip.org) or mailed to PBCIP, 1487 Kenwood Ave., Camden, NJ 08103. Statements are due November 18.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**To vote:**

Your PBCIP dues must be paid in full by October 31

**To be considered for the board:**

You must submit your statement of interest to PBCIP by November 18

**Election:**

Vote at PBCIP's Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration at 7 p.m. on December 13

## Neighbor Spotlight: Tawanda Jones & Camden Sophisticated Sisters

In the early years, practice was at Tawanda Jones' Park Boulevard house. Seventy-some kids regularly arriving to practice drumming and stepping because someone cared enough to welcome them in. That meant 70+ hungry kids at the end of the night, and 70+ kids who needed uniforms if the Camden Sophisticated Sisters were to make a name for themselves.

And that's why Tawanda credits her late grandfather, Walter (Dynamite) Green, Jr., with believing in her dream to provide a positive activity for youth with an underlying goal of encouraging them to go to college.

"I didn't have a clue how to go about this," she said. "My grandfather encouraged me and was my very first sponsor. He purchased more than 70 uniforms and our first set of drums."

That was November 12, 1986 ("That's my anniversary date and I celebrate it every year!"



*The Camden Sophisticated Sisters perform at PBCIP's Haddon Avenue Street Festival earlier this year.*

she said.)

Today Camden Sophisticated Sisters is still a family affair, with her husband and children helping with choreography and drum instructions and extended family still contributing the majority of operating expenses to the group, which has grown far beyond the boundaries of Camden.

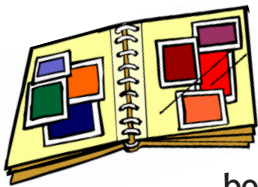
With six levels ranging from tots to college-age, the group performs throughout the region and emphasizes college visits, where the youth realize they can succeed, possibly through finding a "home

away from home" with step teams on campus.

Youth who join make a year-round commitment to practice three days a week plus tutoring, and an extensive travel schedule. They must also maintain a C average in school. But the discipline and Tawanda's positive message bring great reward.

The drill team can be found on Facebook by searching for Camden Sophisticated Sisters. Tawanda can be contacted at (856) 870-3032 or by stopping by 1314 Park Boulevard.

## TIP: Put a Face to the Name!



Use an inexpensive photo album as an address

book and add a picture of the family to go with the address of the family member. Be as creative as you'd like decorating the page! This tip is from PBCIP's highly organized administrative asistant, Sade B.

Do you have a tip for your neighbors? Click on Contact Us at [www.PBCIP.org](http://www.PBCIP.org) and send us your idea. Be sure to put "Newsletter Tip" in the subject box.

## Were You in the Crowd at PBCIP's Street Festival?



You might be on PBCIP's website! Go to [PBCIP.org](http://PBCIP.org) and check out the Street Festival photo gallery. Relive the fun and good times - you just might spot yourself in the crowd!

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