

PBCIP NEWS

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Public Safety: A Resident Priority in Parkside

If you have questions about safety in Parkside, come out to the April community meeting to get some answers. PBCIP is committed to continuing constructive dialogue on safety issues and finding ways for law enforcement and residents to

work together to improve conditions in Parkside.

Join Us:

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 14
at Parkside United Methodist
Church (New Location!)



PLEASE NOTE:
**The April Parkside
Community Meeting
will be held at
Parkside United
Methodist Church
1420 Kaighns Ave.
(corner of Kaighn &
Kenwood Avenues)
Topic: Public Safety
7:30 p.m., Tues., April 14**

We have invited representatives from the **Camden City Police Department, Camden County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey Attorney General's Office and Camden Chief Operating Officer Judge Davis** to join us. Although our invited guests are not yet confirmed to attend, PBCIP is hopeful that the leadership supervising public safety in Parkside and all of Camden will make themselves available on this night to constructively speak with residents about how law enforcement and

community members can work together to improve conditions in Parkside.

This meeting will address YOUR specific crime-related problems and effective solutions that empower both police and residents to make a difference.

Say Hello to PBCIP's new Outreach Specialist



Al Harris has recently joined PBCIP as **Outreach Specialist/Youth Coordinator**, and is looking forward to hearing your concerns

and suggestions regarding issues in Parkside. In addition to working with the Parkside block captains and residents, Al will lead a youth public arts initiative to involve Parkside teens in an arts project that is part of PBCIP's Haddon Avenue redevelopment initiative.

Al is from Princeton and

graduated from Rider University with a degree in political science. He comes to us with a background in constituent services and previously worked in the administrations of Gov. McGreevey and Gov. Codey.

Al can be reached at (856) 964-0440 or aharris@pbcip.org.

It's a New Day In Parkside...Make a New Commitment.

PBCIP Has Info to Help Sort Out Your Finances

Times are hard, and if you're looking for some financial savvy, PBCIP's Hope Institute has several ways to help.

PBCIP's Hope Institute homebuyer education program will show you it's possible to live that dream of owning a home of your own! With hard work and determination, you can save for a downpayment, find a good mortgage offer and successfully build personal wealth for yourself instead of your landlord. The Hope Institute will show you step by step how to do it.



Sign up now for **FREE** classes starting May 27 by calling (856) 964-0440, or e-mail your mailing address to: efinn@pbcip.org

PBCIP's Hope Institute is a series of six **FREE** classes that will get you on the road to home ownership. And, the program even includes **FREE** one-on-one counseling to



help you create specific action steps and a timeline so you'll know exactly what you have to do - and how long it will take - to qualify for a mortgage.

Stayed tuned for information on **Foreclosure Rights & Resources COMING SOON!**

Our next Foreclosure Information Workshop will have great info if it is getting harder to pay off your bills. You can take action now to make sure you aren't on track to lose your home to foreclosure.



Don't get scammed! There are disreputable programs that prey on people's fear of financial ruin. Come to a general meeting for great information on keeping ahead of the financial curve. Contact Miosha at (856) 964-0440 or mlawrence@pbcip.org to make sure you get details about our upcoming workshop.

PBCIP is a certified non-profit housing counseling agency with staff nationally certified in housing and mortgage default counseling. **We NEVER charge!** All PBCIP housing counseling services are **FREE!**



Calendar of Parkside Events: What's Happening In Your Community

Wednesday, April 8, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Are You Ready to Buy a Home?**

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. -- **PBCIP Community Meeting** at Parkside United Methodist Church, 1420 Kaighn Ave. **(Note: new location for this month) Topic: Public Safety**

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. -- **PBCIP Board of Trustees** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Wednesday, April 22, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** graduation at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave.

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. -- **Block Captains** meet at Faison Mews, 1655 Park Blvd.

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. -- **PBCIP Community Meeting** at Martin Luther King Center, 1151 Haddon Ave. **(Note: new location for this month) Topic: Tasty Treats**

Wednesday, May 27, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Introduction**

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Parkside Teen Honored Again by Boys & Girls Club

You may remember the face on the right in a previous issue of PBCIP's newsletter. Parkside's Kenneth Morgan, who was selected

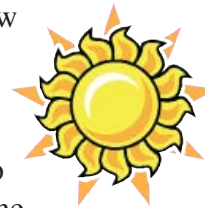


to deliver the first pitch at a World Series game at Citizen's Bank Park last fall has been chosen as 'Youth of the Year' by the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County. He will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members throughout New Jersey for a \$1,000 scholarship. The New Jersey winner moves on to regional and national competition, with a chance to win a \$15,000 scholarship for the national winner.

Book Now for Fun Day

PBCIP is dreaming of carefree, hot August days.... and Parkside's fabulous community Fun Day in Farnham Park.

You too can look forward to Saturday, August 15, the date



we've scheduled for pony rides, clowns and magic, games, singing and dancing, and of course, food! (The rain date is Aug.

22)

PBCIP is once again offering free space for community groups and service organizations to set up an information table. Vendors are also welcome to purchase space. For more details, contact Al at (856) 964-0440 or aharris@pbcip.org.

Girl Scouts looking for volunteers



Girl Scouts.

Volunteers are needed to assist with Girl Scout troops in the City of Camden. If you can help to run a troop, or contribute your time and talents occasionally to mentor girls and teach a new skill, call Membership Specialist Natasha Allen at (856) 261-0480.

Now is the Time to Finalize Those Summer Plans for the Kids

PBCIP's March community meeting - the "Summer Fun for Kids" Information Fair - was a great resource for families looking for quality programs for children and teens in the summer months.

Whether the need is full-time child care, or a fun enrichment program that meets just an hour or two a week, the Summer Fun Information Fair had something for everyone.

Attendees were also fortunate to hear a presentation by the Camden City School District about the **Early Childhood Development** program and Parkside's own new

ECDC School.

If your kids need some summer fun, try these programs:

Boys & Girls Club of Camden County: 966-9700

The Bridge Teen Program: 869-3122

City of Camden Office of Youth Services: 757-7599

City of Camden Summer Youth Employment: 757-7368

Girl Scouts of Camden

County: 697-3900

House of Clay: 858-8668

Kids World

Development Center: 365-0296

New Horizons Daycare: 699-7000

New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences: 361-1025

Settlement Music School: 541-6375

Unity Community Cultural Center: 365-4817



Calling All Foodies:

PBCIP is planning a “Tasty Treats” night for our May community meeting to promote healthy eating. We are looking for cooking and nutrition specialists who know how to make “good for you” taste great!

Plan to bring the family at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, at the Martin Luther King Center, 1151 Haddon Avenue, for some great ideas on meals and snacks everyone



will love.

C h e f s : contact us if you’d like to show off your healthy cooking cuisine to a hungry audience!

Contact Elaine at (856) 964-0440 or efinn@pbcip.org.

Please note our location for May is Parkside’s Martin Luther King Center.



Join Up Now!

Still haven’t paid your \$12 PBCIP membership dues? Join up now and become part of PBCIP’s growing voice to advocate for what Parkside needs. PBCIP is membership-based - we listen to your concerns and gather the resources to address issues you say are important.

PBCIP is also recruiting for committees. Consider contributing your time and talents to the Fundraising, Youth & Education, Community Outreach or Community/Real Estate Development committees.

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