

PBCIP NEWS

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YOUR Farnham Park: What Would Make It Beautiful?

Would you bring your family to Farnham Park if it had:

- an improved spray pool to cool off on hot summer days,
- a nice place for little children to play,
- areas that dried out quickly after it rained so the park could be enjoyed,
- bike paths and safe hiking trails for exercise,
- picnic tables and well-maintained trash cans for easy clean-up?

What else would you like to see in Farnham Park?

A million dollars is being spent to upgrade it, and you



can help decide how the money will be spent. Come to our next community meeting to meet the engineers and officials who are doing the work. They will be on hand to collect your ideas and incorporate them into the \$1 million renovation that is taking place.

Join Us:

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9
at Martin Luther King Center
1151 Haddon Ave.

Farnham Park should be a place Parkside residents can use and enjoy, and community members should be as involved as possible in planning renovations to the park.

PBCIP is working with Cooper's Ferry Development Association, the EPA and NJDEP Green Acres program and The Trust for Public Land to improve our beautiful Farnham Park.

**The June Parkside
Community Meeting
will be held at the
Martin Luther King Ctr.
1151 Haddon Ave.
(corner of Sycamore &
Haddon Avenues)**

**Topic: Farnham Park Upgrade
7:30 p.m., Tues., June 9**



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

Why Pay Your Landlord's Mortgage When You Could be Paying Your Own?



BUY!

Don't let the bad news about the economy get you down. Now is a great time to buy a home! PBCIP has several newly renovated properties available on Kenwood Avenue. These homes have 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors, central air, all new plumbing, wiring, heat/AC, walls, floors, appliances, and more.

If you make \$10 an hour or more, and meet state guidelines for income and family size, one of these homes may be right for you.

LEARN!!

Not sure if you'd get approved for a mortgage? PBCIP's next Hope Institute homebuyer education session begins on Wednesday, May 27. Learn how to improve your credit, budget your money and save, and how to understand mortgage offers and pick the one that's right for you. Classes are FREE, and include one-on-one private sessions to create your own timeline and action plan. With hard work and determination, you CAN own your own home.



CELEBRATE!!!

Parkside is one of a handful of communities that will receive money in the first round of federal stimulus plan funding. PBCIP's strong application is bringing \$350,000 to Parkside to provide more affordable housing for working families. This means:

- jobs,
- fewer boarded up houses,
- great new 3-bedroom homes for sale
- better looking blocks



For information on our homebuyer education program or PBCIP's homes for sale, contact Homeownership Coordinator Miosha Lawrence at mlawrence@pbcip.org or (856) 964-0440.

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

EVERY THURS, 4-5:30 p.m.
-- **PBCIP Youth Arts Program** meets at the Boys & Girls Club, 1709 Park Blvd.

Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. -- **PBCIP Community Meeting** at Martin Luther King Center, 1151 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Your Farnham Park.** Block Captains meet at 6:30.

Wednesday, June 10, 6 p.m.
-- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Are You Ready To Buy a Home?**

Wednesday, June 24, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Budgeting.**

Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. - **PBCIP Night at Super Suppers, Voorhees. (NOTE: No July Community Meeting)**

Wednesday, July 8, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Credit Restoration.**

Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m. -- **PBCIP**

Board of Trustees meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m.
-- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Applying for a Mortgage.**

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** meets at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1600 Haddon Ave. **Topic: Managing Your Finances.**

Saturday, Aug. 15, noon to 4 p.m.
-- **Fun Day** in Farnham Park.

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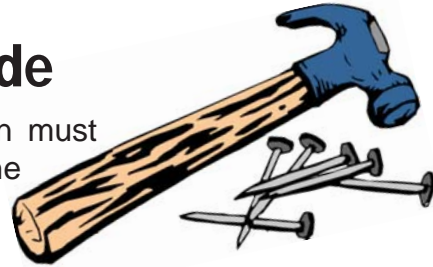
Money for Home Repairs in Parkside

The Camden Home Improvement Program (CHIP) is offering up to \$20,000 for qualified homeowners in Parkside to make life safety home improvements. Money will be provided as a forgivable loan that requires you to remain in your home for at least 10 years after repairs are made.

Applicants must have lived in their homes for at least the past three years and meet income

guidelines. An application must be submitted to determine eligibility. **Forms are available at www.CamdenCHIP.com or by contacting Cooper's Ferry Development Association at (856) 757-9422.**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, JUNE 12.



This money is available through

CHIP, an NJHMFA program administered through Cooper's Ferry Development Association. If the homeowner is eligible, his or her name will be entered into a lottery system. If selected, the homeowner will be able to begin the next step of the application process. Those who are not initially selected will be placed on a waiting list.

To be eligible, homeowners must live in Parkside, be 18 or older, have lived in their home for at least the past three years, plan to stay in their home for at least 10 years after receiving the loan, be current on taxes, CCMUA and water bills, and meet income guidelines.

Improvements that will be funded include:

- ▶ Repairs to make your electric, gas or plumbing systems safe
- ▶ Fire and access safety
- ▶ Water, sewer, heating, or ventilation work required for occupancy
- ▶ Weatherization such as roofing, windows, doors or waterproofing
- ▶ Exterior improvements to enhance the visual impact of the neighborhood

Reach Parkside Residents With Your Business or Program

PBCIP has several activities planned that provide a great, low-cost way to promote your home business, an organization you volunteer for or your church:

Fun Day on Saturday, August 15, is a great day in Farnham Park that attracts a big crowd for free food, games for the kids and the vendor and information tables. This is a

perfect venue for crafters and start-up businesses looking to get the word out.

The **Haddon Avenue Street Festival** is Saturday, October 10. We kicked off this event on a beautiful, sunny day last year and we'll be back bigger and better than ever in '09. If you're a food vendor or



have items to sell, or if you have a great musical group that needs some exposure, this is the day for you.

On October 31, **PBCIP's Jazz Breakfast Fundraiser** is a way to show your support for Parkside.

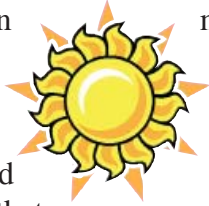
All our events are also in need of volunteers. Young and old are invited to sign on and help out!



Volunteers, Donations Needed for Fun Day

PBCIP is already lining up the fun and good times for Parkside's annual Fun Day, scheduled this year for Saturday, August 15. We have some great ways you can help out and be part of the proud crew that throws a great party in the park for Parkside every year!

We are always looking for people to help us plan the event. Let us know if you'd like to be in on brainstorming sessions and can contribute some great ideas and resources.



Does your business or employer have giveaways or donations that your neighbors would love to have?

We welcome promotional items with company logos, as well as donations of food, prizes, etc.

There's plenty of space for vendor or information tables, and we'd like to offer as many as possible for this year's Fun Day. Churches and service organizations get space for free and there's just a small charge for small businesses who'd like to join us. Call PBCIP at (856) 964-0440 to participate!

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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