

RE: Corona Virus, Joint Letter from SGCDC and SGCA:

March 23, 2020

Dear Spring Garden residents, SGCA Members, and local businesses:

In the space of just a few days, our lives and businesses have been completely upended by the rapid spread of COVID-19, the corona virus, and the resulting State and City public health orders designed to keep us safe, including the City's stay-at-home order now in effect. It is not clear when things will return to "normal" and what normal will look like after the threat of the virus has ceased.

During this difficult time, we need to work together to assure the safety of all our residents and the survival of small neighborhood businesses. All SGCDC/SGCA community meetings/events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future: RCO, SGCA, and police meetings, tree care events/plantings, and the April 4, 2020 Annual Spring Cleanup. Green Street Dog Park is also closed pending further notice.

If you know of someone in need, please email SGCDC at info@springgardencdc.com or contact SGCA at SpringGardenciv@aol.com. The SGCDC is also taking emergency calls at 215-236-7334. But, if it is not a true emergency, please use email instead. If it's a medical emergency, dial 911. Go to the City's website at www.phila.gov/COVID-19 or message COVIDPHL to 888-777 for City updates.

If you are aware of any local businesses that need assistance, SGCDC is helping small businesses file for public funding; and it also has other business aid programs in the works. Go to the SGCDC website at SpringGardenCDC.com

Please follow City and State directives. Do not congregate in groups. Only leave home to buy food/other necessities, for outdoor exercise, or for medical help. Keep a safe 6' distance when you encounter other individuals outside of your home.

The City has closed Martin Luther King Drive to vehicular traffic for the foreseeable future to provide a more open space for City residents to engage in healthy outdoor exercise, while keeping a safe distance from other walkers.

Stay well and let us know if you or your neighbors need anything.

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