# SGCDC

# Spring Garden CDC's Neighborhood "Navigation" Guide August 28, 2020 Weekly Update

#### **Local Businesses**

<u>Meek:</u> Hours are: Thurs- Fri. 4 PM to 9 PM, Sat.- Sun. Noon to 9 PM, and Mon. 4 PM to 9 PM. Reservations are recommended. <u>www.jacksfirehouse.com</u>, Tel. 215-232-9000.

McCrossen's (569 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St.) is Open for Expanded Outdoor Dining With its New "Streetery": Hours are Mon–Thurs 4PM to 11PM, Fri – Sun 12PM to 11PM.

<u>Reviews for Outdoor Dining:</u> Hours are Tues – Sat, 5PM to 9PM (for now). <u>www.clementinescafe.com</u>, 215-454-6530. Named for owner Dan Greenberg's black lab, Clementine's will "be a cousin to Tela's" (also named for Dan's erstwhile beagle), with all-day indoor dining (after renovations are complete and as approved by the City). Initially, it will offer coffee and a simple menu for outdoor dining and take-out, with free delivery. The café has a liquor license, and a bottle shop is also being planned.

<u>Project HOME's HomeSpun Resale Boutique Has Reopened:</u> Buy or donate stylish gently used clothing and accessories; buy candles and other items made by Project HOME residents; and/or make a donation. Hours are Mon to Sat 11:30AM – 6:30PM. Tel. 215-232-6322.

Eastern State Penitentiary is Now Open Friday Through Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM:

Purchase tickets online at <u>www.easternstate.org</u>. There is a lot to see at the 11-acre site, and there are informative videos on their website. *Become a member for additional perks, and to help the site survive the pandemic*. Click <u>here</u>.

<u>Urban Saloon, 2120 Fairmount Ave., is Back Starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>.</u> Tel. 215-232-5359. Hours: TBD.

#### Where to Find Outdoor Weekend Breakfast/Brunch/Lunch in the Neighborhood:

A number of local restaurants are offering breakfast and/or brunch/lunch at their outdoor dining areas on Saturday and Sunday. The weather is getting cooler so be sure to try one of these venues this weekend for an enjoyable open-air meal.

Sat. – Sun. Hours

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Bar Hygge - 1720 Fairmount Ave., 215-765-2274	10:30AM - 2:30PM
Barnes Museum - 2025 Ben Franklin Pkwy, 215-278-7000	11AM - 4PM
Bishop's Collar - 2349 Fairmount Ave., 215-765-1616	10:30AM - 2:30PM
<b>The Fairview</b> - 601 N 21 <sup>st</sup> St., 215-419-5940	10:30AM - 2:30PM
Jack's Firehouse - Lunch, Brunch - 2130 Fairmount Ave.	Opens at 12 PM
McCrossen's (Lunch) 529 N 20th St., 215-854-0923	From 12 PM, on
St. Stephens Green -1701 Green St., 215-769-3291	10AM - 4PM
Check before you go, Hours subject to change.	

Coming soon: Clementine's Stable Café, 631 N. Broad St. 215-454-6530 Also, Little Pete's - The Philadelphian, Breakfast & Lunch, From 6:30 AM, Daily

We are sad to report that Lifesport Fitness, 2112 Fairmount Ave., is reportedly permanently closing its doors, after 35 years in business.

# Governmental Issues and Responses Re Covid-19

It's Not Another Stimulus Check (Yet): The IRS Is Sending Interest Payments to Individuals Who Filed their Tax Returns on Time but Did not Get Their Refunds

Yet: The average payment is about \$18. Those who receive their refund by direct deposit will have the interest payment deposited in the same account.

<u>Philadelphia Criminal Jury Trials Will Resume on September 8.</u> Jurors will undergo temperature checks, must fill out questionnaires about Covid-19 symptoms ahead of time, and will face much less crowded conditions. The goal is to bring 80 jurors a day to the courthouse. All will receive the questionnaire in the mail in advance.

To Date, the City Has Been Able to Hire only 45 of the Proposed 120 New
Temporary Sanitation Workers: The City has a process to follow and it has taken

longer than anticipated. The Mayor says the City can't catch up on collections until there are more than 200 sanitation workers who come to work on a consistent basis. The recent average has been 160.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey Have Determined to Accept FEMA Disaster Relief
Money To Fund an Extra \$300 Per Month in Unemployment Benefits; But The
Programs May Take A while to Set Up: By Executive Order, the President
directed that some \$44 billion of FEMA Disaster Relief moneys be redirected to
states to supplement their unemployment benefits, in the absence of new federal
legislation funding supplemental benefits (the "Lost Wages Assistance Plan").
New systems will have to be set up to operate programs using FEMA relief
money, so it is not clear when the additional benefits will actually begin. The
program will apparently be retroactive to August 1, run for about 3 to 5 weeks,
and end by December 27. Some 39 states have accepted the FEMA money.

The PA Public Utility Commission Has Deferred a Decision on Allowing Utilities to Resume Shutoffs For Nonpaying Customers Until September 17: This is the third time the Commission has been unable to agree on lifting the moratorium, which began in March.

Over 1 Million Individuals Applied for Unemployment Last Week, Nationally, and Over 14 Million are Receiving Unemployment Benefits, Up From 1.7 Million a year Ago: While there has been a recovery/partial recovery in some sectors, this data suggests that some areas are still falling behind.

With Coronavirus Numbers Down In PA, Governor Wolf is Looking For Funding and Other Programs (and Moratoriums) to Help Individuals and Small

**Businesses**: Proposed programs include cancelling the liquor tax for 6 months to help struggling restaurants, and legalizing marijuana for recreational purposes and using the funds for relief programs. He also asked the legislature to dedicate some \$225 million of the State's remaining \$1.3 billion in Federal relief funds for a \$3-an-hour hazard pay supplement for the State's 200,000 front line pandemic workers. He further asked legislators to extend the moratorium on home evictions and foreclosures past the August 31 current expiration date. The State has also unveiled a new "roving" mobile testing RV, to provide free testing to underserved communities.

The City Has Received a \$10 Million Grant From a Private Organization to Help with the Election: The City will use the funds to open at least 800 polling places (after it consolidated down to 190 polling sites for the Primary Election), set up 15 neighborhood elections offices for in-person early voting using mail-in ballots, install at least 15 drop boxes for mail-in ballots across the City, give poll workers an additional \$100 in hazard pay, and buy equipment to dramatically increase the City's ability to process large numbers of mail-in ballots.

Governor Wolf has Asked the PA Legislature to Enact Legislation Changing the State's Election Laws to Facilitate Mail-in Balloting: The Governor asked that 1) poll workers be allowed to start processing ballots earlier (21 days before Election Day) by removing them from envelopes and preparing them to be scanned, but not counting them until the polls have closed; 2) require counties to send out mail-in ballots at least 28 days before Election Day vs. the current 14 days; 3) allow ballots postmarked by Election Day to be counted through the Friday following the election; and 4) allow counties to appoint new poll workers to vacant positions earlier (current law does not allow appointment more than 5 days before the election. It's not clear whether the proposed legislation has any chance of being enacted, either in whole or in part, given partisan differences.

Some 22 States Have Formed a Coalition to Bring a Lawsuit Against the U.S. Postal Service and Postmaster General in Federal Court Over Slow- Downs in Mail Service that Threaten Mail in Voting in the November Election, and Some Have Brought Suit; PA Expects to Join in the Litigation: At least 6 states and the District of Columbia have already filed suit, and others are expected to join. The PA Attorney General has said that PA will join, as well. The Postmaster General made promises at Congressional hearings that overtime pay will be restored and the Post Office will cease the removal of high speed mail sorting machines; but the lawsuits are apparently designed to assure that the promises will be kept. Postal delays affect not only individuals, but small businesses, as well, that must rely on the Post Office for delivery of products and materials to them, and the shipping of their merchandise to distributors and consumers.

In a Bi-Partisan Vote, the U.S. House of Representatives Passed a Bill to Provide \$25 Billion in Funding for the Post Office and to Halt the Removal of High -Speed Mail Sorting Machines and Elimination of Overtime Pay.

A PA Federal Judge Has Abstained From Ruling on the Trump Campaign's Case Seeking to Prohibit the Use of Mail In Ballot Drop Boxes and Other Mail-in Voting Practices in PA, To Await State Court Rulings on PA Election Law: The Trump Campaign challenged the use of mail-in ballot drop boxes in PA, in Federal Court in Pittsburgh. Another issue was whether the ballots had to be sent back in the secrecy envelopes provided with the ballot. Philadelphia relied heavily on drop boxes during the Primary election The Federal Judge recently ordered the Campaign to provide evidence of mail-in ballot fraud, from the use of these practices, in Pennsylvania by Friday August 21. This week the Federal Court decided to abstain from ruling on the case and to await state court rulings in state lawsuits on the matter. Stay tuned!

The Trump Campaign Has Also Sued the State of New Jersey in Federal Court
Over its Recent Decision to Send a Mail-in Ballot to Every Registered Voter: A
similar lawsuit was brought by the Campaign against the state of Nevada.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended mail-in ballots as a way to vote without risking exposure to the virus at the polls.

## Health

<u>The World Health Organization Has Recommended Delaying, if Possible, Regular Dental Cleanings and Other Aerosol-Generating Dental Procedures.</u>

<u>Children</u>), <u>But When</u>? With the coronavirus pandemic still with us, and flu season approaching, doctors are strongly urging that everyone (including children) get a flu shot. This will help lessen the number of flu cases, and avoid the hospitals filling up with flu patients when their capacity is already stretched thin with the pandemic. Also, the flu and the coronavirus share many symptoms, and it can be hard to tell them apart. Coronavirus patients need to be isolated. There is a treatment for the flu, but not yet for the virus. *Some providers have the flu vaccine now. Protection from the flu shot lasts only about 6 months for most people, less for older individuals. It takes 2 weeks for the shot to become effective. Younger people can get the shot now, but some doctors say older* 

people should wait until September-October. Follow the advice of your medical provider on when to get the fu shot.

The Federal Judge in the Parkway Encampment Case Has Ruled that the City May Clear out the Encampments with at Least 72 Hours' Notice: The City must also store and return to the occupants any property left at the sites. The City is determining what action it will take. The encampment, that has grown to 3 sites (The Parkway, the Azalea Garden, and outside PHA Headquarters on Ridge Ave.), now has about 230 occupants. The City says they have provided housing for 100 individuals since the encampments were set up. The encampments pose serious health and safety issues for both the occupants and nearby residents, and the Parkway encampment has made it impossible for youth teams to play sports at Von Colln Field, where a number of the tents have been set up. The occupants testified in the case that there is insufficient low-income housing/housing for the homeless in Philadelphia, and that they are at risk living in what is available.

# Assistance and Other City and Community Programs

Philadelphia is Offering a Hotline for Low Income Families in Philadelphia

Needing Free Internet for Students to Participate in Distance Learning: The new hotline is run by United Way and will provide families of K-12 students with advice on how to get free internet. Dial 211 and press 1 to speak to a resource navigator. The service will be available 24/7 and in 150 languages. The free Internet program is being operated in partnership with Comcast and other entities and will provide free Internet to some 35,000 families with children in the Philadelphia School District, and charter and private schools.

The City is Opening Access Centers to Provide Supervised Sites For School
Children For Digital Learning, Primarily For Families Who Work Outside the
Home and Cannot Afford Childcare: The first phase will open September 8 with
31 sites serving 800 children in grades K to 6. Click here for information about eligibility, sites, and how to enroll. Families who need help with digital learning can get help from PHLConnected, click here.

<u>The City is Still Providing Free Boxes of Food and Meals:</u> A list of boxed food pickup sites is at <a href="https://www.phila.gov/food">www.phila.gov/food</a>. August 24 is the last day for Monday

pickups of food boxes. Thursday pickups began yesterday, August 27, between 10 AM and 12 PM. One box per household. Call 311 or visit the website to check that the site is still open. Student, senior, and outdoor meals will also still be provided in partnership with Step Up to the Plate, Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging, and Liberty Resources. See the site listed above for locations.

Spring Garden CDC, Along with Spring Garden Civic Association, is Inaugurating a "Solo Cleanup Program", With a Free Kit For Residents, With Cleaning Supplies and Equipment, as Long as Supplies Last: The SGCA and SGCDC typically have two cleanups a year, April and the Fall, with supplemental leaf cleanup days held into December. However, with the pandemic continuing, with no end in sight, these group activities are not safe and are no longer being scheduled. But residents can still do their part to keep their own blocks, and problem blocks in the neighborhood, clean, tidy, and litter-and-weed-free. To help, the SGCA and SGCDC are providing Solo Cleanup kits. Email SGCA President Patrick Boyle at sgcasanitation@gmail.com or info@springgardencdc.com to sign up. We urge everyone to continue the Solo cleaning program into the fall and winter and to get your friends and neighbors involved, as well. SGCDC still has a cleaning program, but the crew is stretched thin trying to deal not only with our Commercial Corridors, but with the in-between streets, as well. The problem is exacerbated by delays in City pickups, increased amounts of trash on the streets, use of improper containers for recyclables, and a lot of weeds from the hot wet weather. We look forward to hearing from you! **Dog Park Members can complete** their mandatory 4 hours per quarter of volunteer work in Spring Garden through this program.

## Entertainment, Culture

PHDC is Offering \$1,000 Grants to Artists in its "Art is Essential Initiative"

Focusing on Public Art. The deadline is October 7, 2020. The program is focused on "reimagining public art" and seeks ideas on "What does engagement mean today". The ideas can be expressed in any medium and from artists at any experience level. For more information and to apply: <a href="mailto:artisessentialphl.com">artisessentialphl.com</a>.

A "Jurassic Quest" Dinosaur Drive-Through is Opening at the Wells Fargo Center September 4-13: Due to overwhelming demand, the event was moved from the Expo Center in Oaks to the Wells Fargo Center, to be able to offer extra capacity. There will be more than 70 life-like dinosaurs and an audio tour. The cost will be \$49 per vehicle with 9 occupants or fewer. Tickets must be purchased in advance at <a href="https://www.jurassicquest.com">www.jurassicquest.com</a>

Parks on Tap Has Two Family-and-Dog-Friendly Locations Near Our Community: Some 25,000 Square Feet Next to the Waterworks and 70,000 Square Feet at the Horticultural Center Near the Franz Schubert Monument, 100 N. Horticultural Drive: Hours are Wed.-Fri. 4 PM to 10 PM, and Sat. and Sun. 12 PM to 10 PM. Each site features fresh food, beers on tap, and non-alcoholic beverages in an outdoor environment, with comfortable chairs and clean restrooms. The sites are family-and-dog-friendly. Groups are limited to parties of 6. Masks and social distancing required. A wait list, with text notification, is established once the site is at full capacity. Visit <a href="https://www.parksontap.com">www.parksontap.com</a> for more information. Free check-in allows for contact tracing, if necessary.

Oaks, PA Pop-Up Drive-In Movie Theater: The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA is hosting a Cinema Pop-Up drive-in movie theater, organized by Kilburn Live, at the Expo Center Fairgrounds. The site holds 233 cars. Tickets are sold by the car (6 people maximum) and cost \$25.00. The price is more reasonable than some other drive-ins that charge by the person. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information and to purchase tickets.

Enjoy Many Attractions at the Historic Franklin Square, at 6th and Race Streets, including "Summer Splash", From Now into September: There are fountain displays every 30 minutes from noon to 9 PM daily. After Labor Day, the performances will be every 30 minutes from 12 PM to 2 PM, and evening performances every 30 minutes from 6 PM to closing. Philly favorites provide background music. Yoga in the Square began August 18, and is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM, Wednesday 6 PM, and Sat. 10 AM. Thursday classes are free, but all must register, go to their website, below. Also enjoy the Oasis Garden Bus, serving an interesting array of summer cocktails. Ongoing attractions include the City's only miniature golf course, the Parx Liberty Carousel, playgrounds, and Squareburger for an assortment of burgers, hot dogs, and



<u>The Federal Reserve Has Announced that It Will Keep Interest Rates Near Zero</u>
<u>Even After Inflation Has Exceeded Its Target 2%:</u> This will likely result in ultra-low borrowing rates for individuals and businesses for years to come.

## **Other News**

There Have Been Two Recent Drug-Related Shootings Along the N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor from Fairmount Ave. to Wallace Street; Subsidized Home Security Cameras: Arrests have been made on the first incident, and an arrest is imminent in the second. Home security cameras have been key to apprehending the offenders. The SGCA and SGCDC have a program to subsidize home security cameras. Email <a href="mailto:info@springgardencdc.com">info@springgardencdc.com</a> if you wish to inquire about getting one. The SGCDC and SGCA are also setting up a phone line with a voicemail to report all incidents of crime, drugs, and nuisance activities. Be sure to call 911 and the LCE/LCB at 1-800-932-0602 and leave a message. But we also need to create our own record so that we have the evidence we need to secure additional police, LCB, and other help.

# Local Businesses – Ongoing Offerings

#### **The Following Restaurants are Currently Offering Outdoor Dining:**

Bar Hygge\* Gabi Mangia Macaroni

Bishop's Collar The Green Room McCrossen's

Buena Onda Juno OCF

Cicala King of Tandoor Rybread Clementine's Stable Café\*\* Kelliann's Santucci's

Coffee Cream & Dreams La Calaca Feliz St. Stephen's Green

Doma La Scala's Pronto Thirsty Dice

The Fairview Little Pete's (has a tent) Tela's Fare Luigi's Pizza Fresca Zorba's

# **Breakfast/Bunch (Daily)**

Coffee Cream & Dreams - 1500 Fairmount Ave., 267-225-7602

Gabi - 339 N. Broad St., 215-377-9407

John's Place (Takeout Only) – 1529 Spring Garden St., 215-665-0972

Little Pete's – at The Philadelphian, 215-232-5001

OCF Coffee House – 2100 Fairmount Ave., 267-773-8081

Rybread – 1711 Fairmount Ave., 215-769-0603

Tela's – 1833 Fairmount Ave., 215-235-0170

## **Breakfast/Brunch (Weekends Only)**

Bar Hygge - 1720 Fairmount Ave 215-765-2274 10:30AM - 2:30PM

From 6:30 AM, Daily

Sat – Sun Hours

Barnes Museum - 2025 Ben Franklin Pkwy, 215-278-7000 11AM - 4PM

Bishop's Collar - 2349 Fairmount Ave 215-765-1616 10:30AM - 2:30PM

The Fairview - 601 N 21st. 215-419-5940 10:30AM - 2:30PM McCrossen's (Lunch) 529 N 20th St. 215-854-0923 From 12 PM, on

St. Stephens Green -1701 Green St. 215-769-3291 10AM - 4PM

<sup>\*</sup>Bar Hygge also has a sit-down outdoor beer garden across the street at 1723 Fairmount Ave., called Brygge, with Bar Hygge food to eat on-site.

<sup>\*\*</sup>opening Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

#### These Local Salons and Barber Shops are Now Open:

Civil Barbers	1631 Wallace St.	215-660-9556

Classic Barber, 1517 Spring Garden St. 215-567-6166

Ou Salon, 2323 Fairmount Ave. 267-930-3299

Shear Excellence, 2019 Fairmount Ave. 267-519-9708

Shear Perfection, 1535 Spring Garden St. 215-568-5009

SNIP Philadelphia, 2052 Fairmount Ave. 215-232-7647

Sulimay's Salon & Barber Studio, 2333 Fairmount Ave. 215-763-4448

#### **You Can Buy PPE at:**

Fairmount Hardware, 2011 Fairmount Ave. 215-765-5820

Luz Marina Montano Fashion Design, 1914 Fairmount Ave., www.mmontano.com

designer cloth masks, \$12 each or 5 for \$50. 267-972-7328

#### These Gyms and Fitness Centers are Now Open.

Anytime Fitness, 1640 Fairmount Ave. (RSVP online) anytimefitness.c	<b>Anytime Fitness</b>	1640 Fairmount Ave.	(RSVP online)	anytimefitness.cor
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BPM Fitness, 1808 Spring Garden St. (Call for appt.) 215-515-2110

Culture Philly Gym, 1415 Melon St. (Call for appt.) 267-607-5883

J'aime Fitness, 2102 Brandywine St. (1-on-1 training) 610-357-6675

Lumos Yoga & Barre, online & outdoor (Call for appt.) 215-787-0700

Retro Fitness, 1500 Spring Garden St. (Walk ins) 570-591-1209

Yoga Habit, Book outdoor classes online <u>yogahabit.com</u>

## These local Businesses Provide To-Go Beer and Wine, and Some do Delivery:

Bar Hygge, 1720 Fairmount Ave Growlers and Wine to go	215-765-2274
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The Bishop's Collar, 2349 Fairmount Ave. - 6 packs of beer 215-765-1616

City View Pizza, 1547 Spring Garden St. - 6 packs of beer 215-564-1910

Fairmount Pizza, 2000 Fairmount Ave. - 6 packs of beer 215-763-4000

The Fairview, 601 N 21st St. - 6 packs of beer 215-419-5940

Old Nelson, 1500 Spring	g Garden St Craft beers a	and 6 packs 267-519-2239
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Parkway Deli, 2200 Spring Garden St. - Growlers and 6 packs 267-758-6785

Stone's Beer & Beverage Market, 1701 Fairmount Ave. 215-763-9789

St. Stephen's Green, 1701 Green St. - 6 packs of beer 267-239-8968

#### **Beat the Heat with these Tasty Take-out Drinks**

The Bishop's Collar, 2349 Fairmount Ave. – Various frozen drinks 215-765-1616

The Fairview, 601 N 21st St. - Strawberry Mojitos or Margaritas 215-419-5940

Fare, 2028 Fairmount Ave. - Farmers Tonic or Fairmount Sunset 215-763.5500

Green Soul, 600 N. Broad St. – Mango-Lychee Sangria & cocktails-to-go 215-660-9600

La Calaca Feliz, 2321 Fairmount Ave. - Margaritas or Sangrias 215-787.9930

St. Stephen's Green, 1701 Green St. – Various frozen drinks 267-239-8968

Thirsty Dice, 1624 Fairmount Ave. - Ice cream shakes for adults 215-765-2679

#### **Gifts, Plants, Other:**

The Neighborhood Potters, 2034 Fairmount Ave., is open for curbside pickup and in-store shopping by appointment. They will also ship your purchase. Find terrific gifts there for family and friends. www.sandiandneil.com, 215-439-0893.

Also, for great gifts, Ali's Wagon, 2017 Fairmount Ave., is also open for limited in store shopping plus shipping, or curb side pickup. (Appt online) <u>aliswagon.com</u>

Bookhaven, 2202 Fairmount Ave. 215-235-3226

Cerulean Arts, 1355 Ridge Ave. (Appt online) <u>ceruleanarts.com</u>

Fairmount Hardware, 2011 Fairmount Ave. 215-765-5829

Plants Etc., 2313 Fairmount Ave. 215-236-3060

## Food gifts:

Tela's Market and Kitchen, 1833 Fairmount Ave. 215-235-0170

## Physical Therapy, Health: Call to Schedule an Appointment

Jefferson Health, 2100 Spring Garden St. 215-955-9555

Vybe Urgent Care, 1500 Spring Garden St. 267-768-8288

Wallace and Nilan, 1714 Fairmount Ave. 267-606-6923

Wellpoint, 2014 Fairmount Ave. 267-687-5655

## **Pet Stores / Veterinary Care:**

Art Museum Veterinary Center, 1710 Fairmount Ave. 215-982-1490

Fairmount Animal Hospital, 2315 Fairmount Ave. 215-684-1439

Fairmount Pet Shoppe, 2024 Fairmount Ave. 215-236-6080