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Spring Garden CDC's Covid-19 Neighborhood "Navigation" Guide November 20, 2020 Weekly Update

Return of Covid-19 Restrictions, It's "Deja Vu All Over Again"

For you old timers out there, Yankee catcher Yogi Berra's famous phrase is right on. We've been there, done that, and now it's starting all over again. The pandemic is worse now than when restrictions first began in March 2020, due to a lack of a national policy and disdain among some for basic preventive measures.

The City Has Imposed New Covid-19 Restrictions, Effective November 20-January 1, 2021 Called "Safer at Home"; Let's Hope They Can be Eased After That, If Residents Follow the Guidelines and Don't Congregate Over the Holidays

- Indoor Dining is banned again; Outdoor Dining limited to tables of 4 from the same household; what's an allowable Outdoor Dining Tent?
- Gyms and exercise studios are closed again
- Barber shops and salons may stay open with precautions
- Museums and casinos are closed again. **See below for more details.**

Businesses/Cultural Institutions React to the Restrictions

Bar Hygge Has No Plans to Close; It is Currently Offering Thanksgiving Meals and Beer to Go, Outdoor Dining, Takeout, Family Meals (Soon), Other Offerings: Skip the hassle of cooking a big Thanksgiving meal for what we hope is just your own household, without outside guests. Order from Bar Hygge. Dinner for 2 is \$75, for 4, \$125. Choose Roast Turkey with Gravy or Honey Baked Ham, Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes, Crispy Brussels w/ Apples & Pink Peppercorn Sauce, Cranberry Jam, Coleslaw, Black Olive Stuffing, Biscuits w/ Honey Butter, Sweet Yams with Toasted Marshmallows. **Order by Sunday November 22, and pick up on Wed. Nov. 25, 2 PM to 8 PM.** Click [here](#) for more information and to order.

News Is Just Trickling In From Stunned Restaurant Owners as To Who Will be Open, Who Will be Closing Temporarily; More Information Will Be Provided

Going Forward: As of now, we know that the **Fairview** at 21st and Green Streets and **St. Stephen's Green**, 17th and Green Streets, and **South Jazz Kitchen**, 600 N. Broad St., will close until after the 1st of the year. **Clementine's Stable Café**, 631 N. Broad St. and **Fare**, 2028 Fairmount Ave. will both remain open for takeout and outdoor dining. On Thursday, a group of 15 restaurants sued to overturn the restrictions as unconstitutional, but it is unclear whether the case has any chance of success.

Eastern State Penitentiary is Required to Close Again Under the New Restrictions, But You Can Still Buy Online From Their Museum Shop, and Your Donation to the Prison Now, Before the End of the Year, Will be Matched 100% By A Board Initiative: Check out the great holiday gifts you can buy from Eastern State's Museum Store, click [here](#) for more information and to order, and consider making a donation (with a 100% match before the end of the year) to help the institution and its staff weather the pandemic. Click [here](#) to donate.

Holiday Shopping and Dining: Buy Local to Help Struggling Business Owners, and Buy Early To Avoid the Crowds as the Pandemic Surges, Including From:

Local restaurants, including gift cards and meals and mixed drinks to go.

Beer and wine purveyors, including Thirsty Dice, Bar Hygge, Stone's Beer & Beverage (which offers other gifts as well), and some bars.

Ali's Wagon, 2017 Fairmount Ave., is offering 20% off in store and online purchases now through November 29. Use code 20FOR2020 for online purchases. Expanded Thanksgiving week shopping hours are: Fri. and Sat. 11/27 and 11/28, 9 AM to 8 PM, Sunday 11/29 8 AM to 5 PM. Open 7 days for in-store purchases, shipping, local delivery in 19130 and 19121, and curbside pickup. Call 215-787-0611 or visit www.aliswagon.com.

The Neighborhood Potters, 2034 Fairmount Ave., is Now Open on Saturdays from 12 PM to 4 PM For Holiday Shopping; and Expanded Holiday Hours Start November 27: Buy in-person or online for curbside pickup or shipping. Open Saturdays 12 PM to 5 PM, or by appointment. Their annual fall sale starts November 27, and holiday retail hours from Nov. 27 to Dec. 20 will be Sat. and Sun. 11 AM to 5 PM, and Thurs. and Fri. Noon to 4 PM. Call 215-439-0893 or visit www.sandiandneil.com.

Food Gifts, Including Tela's Market & Kitchen

Holiday Plants and Flowers at Plants, Etc. 2013 Fairmount Ave., or call 215-236-3060, or visit them on Facebook [here](#).

Bicycles & Accessories, Fairmount Bicycles, 2015 Fairmount Ave., 267-507-9370

Other gifts: Online at Eastern State Penitentiary, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and The Barnes Foundation; Cerulean Gallery, Fairmount Hardware and General Store, Luz Marina Montano Fashion Designs (See the attached for contact info.)

Support our local grocery stores and keto bakery with holiday food buying including from **Old Nelson** (1500 Spring Garden St.), **Museum Market** (1800 Spring Garden St.), **Tela's Market & Kitchen**, (1833 Fairmount Ave.), **DessertCrazy**, 1925 Fairmount Ave., **Klein's Supermarket**, 2400 Fairmount Ave.

Governmental Issues and Responses Re Covid-19

As Warned, as the Pandemic Has Surged in Philadelphia and Elsewhere, the City Has Imposed Strict New Guidelines, "Safer at Home", For the period November 20, 2020 Through January 1, 2021: Click [here](#) for the complete list. Among the guidelines is a ban on indoor gatherings of any size in any location; closing of offices and working remotely, unless the services can only be provided in an office setting; and the restaurant restrictions, above. Retailers must also limit access to fewer patrons at one time. If residents follow the guidelines, including resisting the temptation to hold or attend indoor holiday gatherings, hopefully the restrictions can be lifted after the 1st of the year. **But, if folks throw caution to the wind, it will go on and on and, as Dr Fauci warned, "December and January are going to be very painful."**

Philadelphia's Health Commissioner Has Advised That Half of The People with the Virus in Philadelphia Don't Know Where They Got It.

Virtually Every Reputable Health Official is Warning Against Holding/Attending Gatherings Over the Holidays, For Fear of a Massive Spread of the Virus, So Don't Do It; and Don't Be Lulled Into a False Sense of Security or Rationalize Unsafe Events By Mask Wearing and Testing/Temperature Testing When in

Close Contact With Others: It may go against all of our most basic instincts and traditions to avoid hosting or attending holiday gatherings, and we may try to rationalize it as safe, but science tells us that it's not. Studies have shown that over 1/2 of infections are asymptomatic; and testing and temperature checks are often ineffective to detect a communicable infection. Tests do not always show an active infection depending on when they are taken.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has Reissued Its Holiday Guidelines to Recommend Against Any Holiday Travel or Gatherings, Stating That it is Better to Stay Home With Your Immediate Household. A previous release also recommended against indoor holiday gatherings but provided guidelines for those who decided to hold or attend gatherings. Click [here](#) for the CDC guidelines. However, they are impractical, incomplete, and not likely to be strictly followed or to keep people from spreading or getting an infection during the holidays if infected people are present. **See below for more details about testing and temperature checks and why they can't be relied on to guarantee a safe gathering. *Stay safe by celebrating with your own household, only.***

Anyone Who Travels to PA Will Now Have to Get a Test Within 72 Hours or Quarantine for 14 Days.

PA Now Requires Mask Wearing Indoors If You Are with Anyone Not in Your Regular Household And Even if you Can Remain Socially Distant.

The School District of Philadelphia Has Postponed the Resumption of In-Person Classes which Had Been Scheduled to Start In November. All students will continue with 100% digital learning for now.

Unemployment Claims Have Climbed to 742,000 This Week as the Pandemic Has Continued to Worsen:

SEPTA Has Warned of Potential Layoffs and Cancelled Routes as a Result of the Pandemic: SEPTA has announced that it is losing \$1 million a day as ridership hits an all-time low. Whether they are forced to do so depends on the amount of State and Federal funding that is available. With many in high places obsessed with finding election fraud where there is none, and threatened government gridlock, a lot of the things we have taken for granted, like a viable public transportation system, may be in jeopardy.

There is No Current Virus Grace Period for PA Car Registrations: Unlike the period of relaxed enforcement early on during Virus Shutdowns, you must have a current car registration and a current driver's license to operate a vehicle in PA.

There is No Apparent Movement in Congress on a Much-Needed Stimulus Bill, Without Which the Economy and Citizens Will Continue to Suffer, While Baseless Election Fraud Claims Continue to Dominate the Attention of A Number of Senators.

The Governors of Several Northeastern States Held an "Emergency Summit" Last Weekend to Discuss Coordination of State Restrictions, as the Virus Continues to Surge, in the Absence of any Nationwide Effort, Concern, or Coordination: The states involved in summit discussions were New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware, and Vermont.

New Jersey Has Imposed New Restrictions on Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings: Indoor gatherings are now limited to 10 people and outdoor to 150 people. Click [here](#) for details.

The Census Bureau is Working Overtime to Complete the Count By the End of the Year, But Will anyone Trust it as the Completion of the Count was Cut Short? Some Legal Issues Also Remain: The issue of whether undocumented immigrants should be counted in the census is before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Health

As of November 19 the U.S Had Surpassed 11.6 Million Covid-19 Cases, With More Than 162,000 Daily New Infections Averaged For the Last Seven Days, Over 79,000 Hospitalized, and over 250,000 Deaths, and is Surging in Most of the Country. Many states are reimposing restrictions (although not yet complete shutdowns), see below, and others will no doubt follow soon. Many health care systems are beginning to be stretched to the max. In the meantime, there is no coordinated federal response to the crisis, and no transition to the next administration, as the pandemic keeps getting worse.

Have Your Doctor Arrange For Testing if You Think You Have Been Exposed, or Find A Free Testing Site in Philadelphia at www.phila.gov/testing.

Help the City Trace Your Contacts if You Have Tested Positive and Stay Anonymous if You Want: Click [here](#).

When to Get Tested, and Why Covid-19 Testing is Not Always Accurate/Reliable;

Precautions to Take in the Meantime: The incubation period for Covid-19 is usually 4 to 5 days but can be as long as 14 days, or longer in rare cases. This means that at any point during the incubation period you can be infected, and contagious, but you might not test positive. If you take a test within a day or two after being exposed, you probably won't test positive even if you have the infection. Also, the tests themselves can give false results. Rapid (antigen) tests that test for specific virus proteins are said to be reliable only if you test positive. Doctors have seen over 50% false negatives in rapid tests. PCR tests (that detect the virus' genetic material) are deemed to be more reliable as they can detect small amounts of virus material. But they take longer and can also give false results. Also, testing only shows infection at a moment in time. If you don't quarantine while waiting for results, you could get infected in the interim. The safest course if you think you have been exposed is to quarantine for 14 days and then get tested. If that test comes back negative, it is likely to be accurate.

The Same is True for Temperature Testing, Just Because You Don't Have A Fever Doesn't Mean You Aren't Contagious.

Why You Shouldn't Fly if You Don't Have To, Airport Screenings: The Centers for Disease Control and Preventions ("CDC") has determined that airport temperature screenings are not an accurate test for passengers with the virus, because it is now known that half of virus carriers are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms. ***If you must fly because of an emergency (and not for a holiday gathering, which would be ill-advised), wear a mask, stay far away from others, wash your hands, don't touch your nose, eyes, or face. Also, wearing protective goggles and a face shield can add an extra layer of protection.***

Mask Wearing Not Only Helps Protect Others from Getting the Virus From You, But Helps Protects the Wearer, as Well, From Contracting it From Others; What Mask to Wear? Masks block the forward propelling of droplets and can also repel them as well, especially silk masks. **Wear a mask when around others not from your immediate household, and, also, keep a 6-foot distance away. The 6-foot distance requirement is not eliminated by mask wearing!**

Too Little Too Late? Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Brett Giroir, Has Told CNN He “Loses Sleep” Over the Dire Situation the U.S. Is In Now; While Waiting for the Vaccine, People Should Wear Masks, Avoid Crowds, and Social Distance.

There are Now Two Vaccines in the Final Stages of Testing, Both With 95% + - Effectiveness, That Could Be Ready For Distribution Within the Next Several Months, Pfizer and Moderna, Inc.; and Astra Zeneca Will Be Completing Final Testing of its Vaccine Soon. Both Pfizer and Moderna are now seeking emergency approval from the FDA to distribute the vaccine. Both require cold temperatures, Pfizer minus 70 degrees Celsius (-94°F) and Moderna minus 20 degrees Celsius (-4°F). But Moderna’s remains stable up to 30 days at a standard refrigerator temperature. And Pfizer’s can remain stable at standard freezer temperatures of 18 to 28 degrees for up to 5 days. During testing, the Astra Zeneca vaccine has proved to be highly effective in producing an immune response in adults.

Pennsylvania Announced a Plan Thursday That Outlines Who Will Get Immunized First, Where Shots Will Be Available, and Other Aspects of a Rollout That Will Take Months to Fully Implement: The vaccine will first be available to medical personnel working with COVID-19 patients or those in high-risk environments, along with residents of long-term care facilities. When more becomes available, the vaccine will then be opened up to more healthcare workers, first responders, workers employed in “core societal functions,” residents 65 and older, and high-risk populations. In a second phase, when supply is ramped up, it would then be available to any remaining unvaccinated healthcare workers, “critical workers,” people with higher-risk conditions, residents aged 40 to 64, and people in congregant settings. When there is ample supply and slowing demand, it would then be available to everyone who was not previously vaccinated. For the full details on the vaccination plan, click [here](#).

The FDA Has Given Emergency Approval to a New Eli Lilly Monoclonal Antibody Treatment With the Unlikely Name of “Bamlanivimab,” Designed to Kick-Start an Immune Response to the Disease: The single treatment is authorized for both adults and children who have a mild to moderate infection. It must be administered in a hospital or other health care setting. Studies showed that it eased symptoms and lowered the risk of hospitalization. ***But with the surge in virus cases, the drug may now be in short supply.***

The FDA Has Also Given Emergency Approval of a new Rapid At Home Virus Test Being Produced by Lucira: With a simple nasal swab - - which is then dipped and stirred in a vial of chemicals and plugged into a test cartridge - - results can be produced by the battery operated device within 30 minutes, and will cost \$50 or less. It is suitable for use for all ages, although children cannot administer it themselves. It will be most useful if the results are positive. As with other tests for the virus, negative results can occur for many reasons, when the patient is actually infected. Results must be reported to a health care provider.

A New T-Cell Test Being Developed Could Better Discern Immunity to the Virus.
The test may prove to be more accurate than current antibody testing.

What the Pfizer, Moderna, and potentially the Astra Zeneca Vaccines Mean for Control of the Pandemic and Any Change in Our Life Style (Unfortunately, Not Much of a Change in our Lifestyle for a Long Time): Even after emergency FDA approval, it will take a significant amount of time to produce the vaccine and get the whole country vaccinated. The Pfizer vaccine require 2 shots, one month apart, to be effective, and Moderna, 2 doses, 28 days apart. Also, a significant percentage of the population needs to be vaccinated to impact the spread of the virus. This will be difficult with many doubting the safety of vaccines, because of the speed and conditions under which they were developed, and because those who are against vaccines of any kind. Also, the Pfizer vaccine was not tested for children, and the virus won't disappear if we vaccinate only adults and at-risk individuals. It is also not clear how long the immunity will last. Also, the virus is circulating globally, and must be attacked on a global basis to eradicate it here, and cold storage of the vaccines will be difficult in many parts of the world.

The Future of Obamacare (the Affordable Health Care Act, ACA) is Now In the Hands of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Trump administration has asked the Supreme Court to strike down the Act in its entirety, at a time when 20 million people depend on it for health care during the pandemic.

The Virus Surge is Worse in States That Have Had Fewer or No Restrictions; and Many States are Now Imposing Restrictions for the First Time or Reinstating Them: Examples include New Mexico (that has announced a stay at home order that began Monday), Oregon (that put in place a partial lockdown), North Dakota (a notable holdout during the earlier days of the pandemic and that helped give rise to the surge, that is now imposing a mask mandate for the first time). Iowa, also a long time hold out, has now imposed a mask requirement and other

restrictions. (Senator Grassley of Iowa recently tested positive for the virus). The Governors of Washington State, California and Oregon urged residents to avoid all unnecessary travel. California has just imposed a 10PM to 5AM curfew (for those not working essential jobs) on 94% of its residents until December 21, subject to further extension. The Governor of Ohio who once earlier backtracked on a sweeping mask mandate has now imposed one and ordered a statewide curfew. Rules are also tightening in Utah, Maryland, and West Virginia. A bipartisan group of Midwestern Governors told residents that “distribution of a vaccine is a long way away and we first need to survive the holidays, so mask up”. There are no doubt many more restrictions now in place and/or in the offing as officials react responsibly - - some for the first time - - to the alarming number of new virus cases, increased hospitalizations and deaths, and the fear of running out of hospital capacity. Too bad so many public officials are so late to see the light, and followed foolhardy anti-scientific advice, or we might not be in such a predicament, nationwide.

Some People Still Don't Get It, Even Now: The City of El Paso, Hard Hit During the Recent Surge in the Virus, Had Passed Much-Needed Restrictions But A Texas Appeals Court Overturned The Restrictions; and Trump's "Health Adviser, Scott Atlas, Told People to "Rise Up Against" New Restrictions Put in Place by the Governor of Michigan to Stem the Surge of the Virus: Is it any wonder we continue to be the least effective country in the world in our efforts, such as they are - - virtually all at the state level, with no national policy - - to deal with and contain the virus?

Cases are Surging in Europe as Well, and Many European Countries Are Also Reimposing Severe Restrictions: Let's Hope We Can Avoid More Lockdowns Here if Everyone Acts Responsibly. Italy has sealed off 6 regions in the heavily infected industrial North and in the poorer vulnerable south, with travel restrictions to and from the areas. England has gone into a second lockdown, as has Lithuania, and Poland is shutting schools and shops. Germany, France, and Greece have also imposed nationwide lockdowns.

Loss of Smell is One of the Earliest Virus Symptoms; If You Experience Loss of Smell, Get Tested ASAP: Click [here](#) for testing sites.

Per Dr. Fauci, Focus More on Hand Washing and Less on Wiping Down Groceries and Mail, to Stop the Spread of the Virus. (And Wear a Mask and Keep a Distance of 6' from Others Even if Wearing a Mask).

The Virus Can Adversely Affect Many Organs (Heart, Lungs Etc.), Can Produce Antibodies that Attack the Body, and Can Have Long-Lasting Effects, including Neurological. Protect yourself, your family, your co-workers! Observe all medically prescribed precautions: Hand washing, masks, social distancing. ***Avoid indoor gatherings, even during the holidays.***

Exercise After the Virus, Take it Slowly, and Consult a Doctor: Many individuals who have recovered from the virus find it hard to get back into an exercise routine because of fatigue; and for many, it can actually be dangerous because of heart and lung conditions that develop from the virus, including myocarditis and a higher risk of blood clots. **Check with your doctor before resuming any exercise routine.**

We Keep Repeating This: It Is More Important Than Ever to Get A Flu Shot with the Surge in the Pandemic (Both Adults and Children); Have You Gotten Yours Yet?? Providers, including drug stores, have the flu vaccine now. Follow the advice of your medical provider on your flu shot. ***If you are over 65, and you get the shot at a drug store, be sure to ask for the shot for that age group.***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) Eviction Moratorium Expires at the End of the Year, After Which Millions of Evictions Are Expected to be Filed. As more families are forced to double up, the risk of spreading the virus becomes even greater. It is not clear if there will be any further Federal, State, or local moratoriums.

The Public Utility Commission Ruled That Shutoffs for PUC Regulated Utilities (PGW and PECO) Could Begin Again As of November 9. Individuals who qualify as “protected customers,” based on income, can avoid shut off until March 31, 2021. Click [here](#) for more information and for links to assistance programs. If you don't qualify based on income, you can still get help. The PUCs order requires 10 days' notice before sending a 10-day termination letter. During that time, you can ask for a payment arrangement or ask for a medical certificate and a 30 day hold on any shutoff (regardless of income) if someone in the household has a medical condition that will get worse with the shutoff. E.g., a diabetic who needs to refrigerate insulin. The PUC also has a winter moratorium for service shutoffs between December 1 and March 31 for individuals of certain income levels; but this does not indicate that service, once shut off, will get turned back on.

Assistance and Other City, State, and Community Programs

See above for assistance regarding impending utility shutoffs.

If you applied for rental assistance but are still waiting, check the status at www.PhIRentAssist.org or contact the program help desk via the contact form [here](#).

Entertainment, Events/Programs, Culture, Volunteer

Join the 11-Mile “Fraud Street Run” From the Now-Infamous Four Seasons Total Landscaping in Northeast Philadelphia to the Four Seasons Hotel in Center City, at 9 AM on November 29, To Commemorate the Rudy Giuliani Four Seasons Landscaping Election Fraud News Conference: The company (sandwiched between an adult book store and a crematorium in Holmesburg in Northeast Phila.) was the site of a Rudy Giuliani press conference about “election fraud” on Saturday November 7. There are no fees but rather a suggested donation to Philabundance of \$10.00. Over \$8,000 was raised for the charity in the first 24 hours. You can participate virtually with your own 11-mile run, starting on Saturday November 28, or you can run or bike the course on November 29, including in costume. A donation will be made by a special guest in honor of the winning costume. For more information, and to donate, click [here](#). T-shirts are also available.

Will the Philadelphia Orchestra Continue to Provide Inspiring Weekly Online Concerts? It is unclear if it will be able to do so with the new indoor gathering regulations. Visit www.philorch.org

To Access the Mann Music Center’s Newsletter “Great Vibrations,” click [here](#).

Stroll the Wintergarden at the Greenfield Lawn, at Dilworth Park, 1 S. 15th St (West side of City Hall), with whimsically crafted reindeer topiaries, festive lights, a rustic arbor, and seating. Adults can purchase warm mulled wine at the Chaddsford Kiosk. The Garden is now open, until February 28, 2021. Hours are 9 AM to 9 PM. The Kiosk is open until February 28, 2021, and closes at 9 PM except 11 PM on Fri. and Sat.

The Dilworth Park Rothman Ice Rink is Now Open, Until February 28, 2021, 7 Days a Week. 1 S. 15th St. (West side of City Hall). Make online reservations for a skating session and print your ticket or use a QR code on your mobile phone. You can also rent a locker for your belongings. Adults \$7, kids \$5, skate rental \$10. Group rates available. Sled skating will be available for children with disabilities starting in January. Click [here](#) for more information and hours.

The Rothman Orthopaedics Cabin in Dilworth is Also Now Open for Food and Drink in a Cozy Atmosphere, with Festive Lighting, an Open-Air Layout, and Heaters. Click [here](#) for more information.

Christmas Village Returns to City Hall and Love Park in November (with Pandemic Safety Protocols in place): It will host a preview weekend on Nov. 21-22, and will officially open on Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, through Christmas Eve on Dec. 24. Operating hours will be 11AM – 7PM Sun-Thurs, and 11AM – 8PM Fri and Sat. Organizers encourage everyone to consider attending during non-peak weekday times to avoid crowds. New restrictions will apply. Bar Hygge will be serving beer in the Christmas Village, so grab a beer and support your local business. ***Bar Hygge will be the beer purveyor for the event.***

Even Though it is Closed, You Can still Enjoy Eastern State Penitentiary's Informative "Searchlight" Series, the First Tuesday of Every Month, 6 PM to 7 PM, by Zoom or on Facebook. Visit the Eastern State website [here](#) for more information.

The December 12, 2020 Army vs Navy Game Has Been Moved to West Point, Because of Philadelphia's Limit on Outdoor Gatherings.

The Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership is Providing a Free Virtual After School Program (STEAM) For Children Grades 5 to 8, Which Will Run for the Whole School Year: The program includes fun and engaging science, math, literacy and social emotional learning, through different art forms (visual arts, music, dance). It runs Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM for the entire school year. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

All of Our City's Cultural Institutions Have Been Hit Hard, Again, By the New Mandatory Closures Effective November 20; Become a Member, and/or Make a Donation, if You Are Able, to Help them Weather the Pandemic: In our area, they include Eastern State Penitentiary, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum, the Barnes Foundation, Please Touch Museum, the Academy of

Natural Sciences of Drexel University, and the Franklin Institute. Become a member now!

Financial

If You Are Entitled to a Stimulus Check But Have Not Yet Filed, Click [here](#) for information. The last date to apply is November 21.

Rates For 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgages Are Now at 2.72%, and 2.28% for 15-Year.

Other News

The Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia Has Announced the Closing of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, 19th and Wood Streets, At the End of the School Year: Hallahan is the oldest all-girls diocesan high school in the country. It has recently been operating at 36% of capacity. The study that recommended the closing claimed that it was not as a result of the pandemic but rather based on sustainability grounds. We will be sad to see it go and sorry that the Archdiocese cannot find a way to keep it going. We are still smarting from the loss of the 100-year-old La Milagrosa Spanish Chapel at 19th and Spring Garden Streets, which was sold for redevelopment as condos in 2013.

The City is Moving Forward with Its "Vision Zero 2025" Program To Reduce Traffic Deaths to Zero by 2025.

SGCA is Asking All Resident to Pitch in and Clean Up Leaves on Their Own Blocks: If you need bags and/or equipment, you can pick them up at the SGCDC offices, 601 N. 17th St. 1st Floor – email or call to setup a time to pickup – sgcasanitation@gmail.com or 215-236-7334. Please keep the bags off the street/sidewalk until your regular trash pickup or take them to the City's temporary leaf disposal site at Corinthian Avenue and Poplar Street on Saturdays until December 19 (except 11/28). You must use paper bags if going to the City temporary leaf disposal site.

SGCDC's Festive Holiday Lighting Will Be Returning Soon to Fairmount Ave. and Spring Garden St., and Environs. At a time when we all need a bit of cheer, Spring Garden CDC is pleased to once again return its festive holiday lighting on the entire length of the Fairmount Ave. and Spring Garden Street Commercial Corridors from N. Broad St. to PA Ave., on the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Pa Ave., and environs.

Local Businesses – Ongoing Offerings

The Following Restaurants are Currently Offering Outdoor Dining:

A Mano	The Green Room	OCF
Bar Hygge*	Jack's Firehouse	Osteria
Bishop's Collar	Juno	Rybread
Buena Onda	King of Tandoor	Santucci's
Clementine's Stable Café	Kelliann's	Thirsty Dice
Coffee Cream & Dreams	La Calaca Feliz	Tela's
Doma	Little Pete's (has a tent)	Umai Umai
Fare	Mangia Macaroni	Urban Saloon
Gabi	McCrossen's	Zorba's

Takeout Food:

All of the restaurants listed above, but call them to be sure; Plus:

The Better Box	1519 Spring Garden St.	267-858-4143
Bishop's Collar	2349 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-1616
City View Pizza	1547 Spring Garden St.	215-564-1910
Engimono Poke & Deli	2319 Fairmount Ave.	215-454-6669
Engimono Sushi	1811 Fairmount Ave.	267-273-0303
Fairmount Pizza	2000 Fairmount Ave.	215-763-4000
Green Soul	1410 Mt. Vernon St.	215-660-9600
Kansai Sushi	1822 Spring Garden St.	215-568-0888
LaScala's Pronto	1501 Spring Garden St.	215-751-0200
Luigi's Pizza	2401 Fairmount Ave.	215-769-8888
Mangia Macaroni	1543 Spring Garden St.	215-563-1690
Old Nelson	1500 Spring Garden St.	267-519-2239
Rybread	1711 Fairmount Ave.	215-769-0603
Sakura Japanese Cuisine	1521 Spring Garden St.	215-569-3838
South Jazz Kitchen	600 N. Broad St.	215-600-0220

Coffee Shops:

Coffee Cream and Dreams	1500 Fairmount Ave.	267-225-7602
The Daily at the Divine Lorraine (Fairmount Ave. side)		
OCF Coffee House	2100 Fairmount Ave.	267-773-8081

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
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
Fare	2028 Fairmount Ave.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-763-5500
The Green Room	1940 Green St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-241-6776
Kelliann's Bar & Grill	1549 Spring Garden St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-563-6990
La Calaca Feliz	2321 Fairmount Ave.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-787-9930
McCrossen's	529 N 20th St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-854-0923
Old Nelson	1500 Spring Garden St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	267-519-2239
Parkway Deli	2200 Spring Garden St.	Growlers and 6 packs	267-758-6785
Stone's Beer&Beverage	1701 Fairmount Ave.	Beer distributor	215-763-9789
Thirsty Dice	1642 Fairmount Ave.	Beer & "boozy shakes"	215-765-2679

Ice Cream and Shakes (including "Adult Shakes")

Thirsty Dice	1642 Fairmount Ave. (17th St Side)	215-765-2679
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Baked Goods, Keto:

DessertCrazy	1925 Fairmount Ave.	267-764-1411
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Groceries:

Klein's Supermarket	24 th & Fairmount Ave.	215-232-1120
Old Nelson	1500 Spring Garden	267-519-2239
Tela's	1833 Fairmount Ave.	215-235-0170
Sal's Produce Plus	676 N. Broad St.	215-763-7186

(currently seafood only, order must be placed via phone in advance)

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
Halo Salon at the Philadelphian	2401 Pennsylvania Ave.	215-232-2660
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:

Fairmont Hardware	2011 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-5820
Fairmount Pharmacy	1900 Green St.	215-567-0364
Luz Marina Montano Fashion Design –	1914 Fairmount Ave.	267-972-7328
designer cloth masks (\$12 each of 5 for \$50)	www.mmontano.com	
Parkway Pharmacy	2401 Pennsylvania Ave.	215-642-2422

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.

Ali's Wagon	2017 Fairmount Ave.	www.aliswagon.com
Bookhaven	2202 Fairmount Ave.	215-235-3226
Cerulean Arts	1355 Ridge Ave. (Appt online)	ceruleanarts.com
Fairmont 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
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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

Bicycles, Bike Repair, and Accessories:

Fairmont Bicycles	2015 Fairmount Ave.	267-507-9370
Philadelphia Bikesmith	1822 Spring Garden St.	267-324-5910

Pharmacies

Fairmount Pharmacy	1900 Green St.	215-567-0364
Parkway Pharmacy	2401 Pennsylvania Ave.	215-642-2422
Rite Aid	1924 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-5078
CVS	2320 Fairmount Ave.	215-232-5262
CVS	490 N. Broad St.	215-430-5757

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