

# SGCDC

## Spring Garden CDC's Covid-19 Neighborhood "Navigation" Guide September 25, 2020 Weekly Update

---

### *Local Businesses and Cultural Institutions*

---

**See the attached list of local businesses and their current offerings, including indoor and outdoor dining, and other services and products.**

***Support our local businesses to help them survive the pandemic!***

**Sally Elk, Longtime Eastern State Penitentiary CEO, Was Honored on September 23, 2020 With a Preservation Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award, in a Moving and Inspiring Zoom Awards Ceremony:** Congratulations Sally! We were particularly inspired and moved by her colleague Sean Kelley's tribute to Sally, including regarding Sally's "EEO" - - her "Eternal Elk Optimism". EEO has been a key moving force behind much of the Prison's restoration and programming, through good times and bad, and in difficult circumstances. **Show your appreciation for Sally's efforts to restore the Prison and become a member of Eastern State. Click [here](#). After all, the site was seriously being considered for demolition and to be repurposed as a K-mart!**

**Eastern State Penitentiary Has Added Night Tours of its Dark Creepy Cell Blocks (in Addition to Daytime Tours), To Be Offered Through November 15.** Night Tours start at 6 PM on select nights. Purchase Night Tour tickets online at <https://easternstate.org/nighttours20> for a timed 30 minute entry window. The Haunted House Terror Behind the Walls event, a major Prison fundraiser, had to be canceled on account of the pandemic. ***Consider making an additional donation to help Eastern State weather the pandemic.*** Click [here](#).

**The Philadelphia Museum of Art has Reopened with Strict Precautions in Place:** Hours are 10AM to 5PM Sat., Sun., and Thurs.; until 7:30 PM Wed. and Fri.; closed Mon.-Tues. Only one entrance is open, the North Entrance on Kelly Drive. Reservations are strongly recommended, visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

**Cicala at the Divine Lorraine is Offering a Pop Up Pasticceria (Bakery) October 11, 11 AM to 2 PM,** including breads, cookies, and mini cakes. Breads must be pre-ordered; other items can be purchased in person while supplies last. Click [here](#) to preorder and for more information.

---

## *Governmental Issues and Responses Re Covid-19, Voting*

---

### **An Important Voting Update to Make Sure Your Mail-in Ballot is Counted!**

### **In a Surprising Move, the PA Supreme Court Ruled That Mail-In Ballots Which Are Not Returned to Election Officials in the Additional Secrecy Envelopes, Being Provided with the Ballot and the Return Envelope, Will be Ruled Ineligible!**

When PA mail-in ballots are sent to voters, the package will include the ballot, a smaller Secrecy Envelope to place the ballot in, and another larger envelope, addressed to the Election authorities, in which to put the ballot (in the Secrecy Envelope), to mail or to deliver to an election office or drop box. (***See below for election office sites. The drop box locations have not yet been announced.***) (The PA Supreme Court authorized drop boxes and satellite election offices in the same recent group of rulings, and ruled that ballots postmarked by Election day will be counted if received within 3 days after the election).

***Ballots not enclosed in the inner Secrecy Envelope, called “naked ballots”, will not be counted unless the law changes between now and the election.***

***Please do not discard the extra Secrecy Envelope as extraneous, or your ballot likely will be considered a “naked ballot,” and it won’t be counted.***

### **What do you do if you lose or throw out the Secrecy Envelope by mistake?**

Voters can take their ballot to an election office (including one of the satellite election offices being set up in Philadelphia, see below) and ask for a Secrecy Envelope. Place the ballot in the Secrecy Envelope and give it to the election official. We will also try to secure extra Secrecy Envelopes, if election officials agree to do so, to provide to residents who have lost or misplaced them.

**Philadelphia Mail-In Ballots Will Be Mailed to Voters Soon:** Now that the PA Supreme Court has ruled on a final ballot eligibility issue regarding a Green Party Candidate, the ballots can now be printed and mailed to voters.

**Where Will the Philadelphia Election Offices (Including Satellite Offices) Be Located?** The Philadelphia City Commissioners have permanent election offices at City Hall, Room 140. The City will also set up satellite offices at 15 additional locations throughout the City. **The offices will be open 7 days a week, Mon.-**

**Thurs. from 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM, and Friday through Sunday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.**

**The first 7 of the 15 additional Satellite Election Offices (plus the City Hall Office) will open by September 29,** and the rest soon. Click [here](#) for a list. The closest election office to Spring Garden will be City Hall, the Liacouras Center at Temple, and Julia De Burgos School at 401 W. Lehigh Ave. ***We will provide information about satellite office openings as soon as it is available.*** The offices and other voting improvements are being paid for by a nonpartisan \$10 million grant.

**At the one-stop satellite election offices, you can register to vote, request (and submit) a mail-in ballot on the spot (if you have not yet done so) and deliver a mail-in ballot received in the mail. If you are worried about requesting, receiving, and returning a mail-in ballot in time, get one at an election office. Or Request Your Mail-In Ballot Now, and Mail it Back as Soon as You Receive It:** Click [here](#) to request a ballot and then click [here](#) after mailing it to check whether it has been received.

**The PA Department of State Has Directed Counties Not To Discard Mail-In Ballots Solely Because an Election Official Did Not Think the Signature Matched That of the Voter, and to Give Voters A Chance to Correct The Issue:** The State now has a uniform process for verifying signatures on Mail-In Ballots.

**Attorneys General From 6 States and the District of Columbia Have Sued the Post Office in Federal Court in Philadelphia Over Mail Slowdowns That Could Adversely Affect Mail-in Ballot Voting:** Testimony was offered by the States that there was a sharp dip in on time mail delivery in July, and it has not rebounded. They also offered testimony alleging that mail slowdowns were initiated at Post Office headquarters, and not by local Post Office managers as had been stated. Philadelphia Federal Judge Gerald McHugh has not yet issued a ruling.

**Previously, A Federal Judge in Washington State Granted an Injunction Sought By 14 States to Temporarily Block Operational Changes at The Post Office That Have Slowed Mail Delivery:** The States sought and were granted an injunction requiring the Postal Service to end the “leave behind” policy where mail trucks go out on delivery routes before loading all of the mail, treat mail in ballots as 1st Class Mail, and restore/retain the high speed sorting machines required for 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mail processing, that had been removed or are slated to be removed. A similar case was also brought in Nevada.

**More Poll Workers are Being Sought for the 700-800 Polling Places That Philadelphia Proposes to Open for the November Election; Sign Up Now!** The pay is \$250 including \$50 for a mandatory training session. Given the additional confusion from the “naked ballot” ruling, Philadelphia must be prepared for more in-person voting. Many poll workers have traditionally been older individuals who could be more susceptible to the virus. As a result, Philadelphia is looking for new, and in many cases, younger volunteers. To sign up to be a poll worker, click [here](#).

---

### *Other Governmental Issues and Responses Re Covid-19*

---

**City Council Proposes to Keep Expanded Outdoor Dining Regulations in Place Through 2021.** The new rules, which made it easier for restaurants to serve outdoors, were set to expire in December 2020. But with no end to the pandemic restrictions in sight, City Councilmember Allan Domb introduced two bills that would extend regulations for Expanded Outdoor Dining another 12 months, through the end of 2021. One bill would authorize sidewalk cafes to continue operating under the coronavirus emergency rules while another would extend the regulation allowing the City’s Streets Department to close the public right-of-way to cars so diners could enjoy expanded al fresco options. If and when Indoor Dining is expanded to 50% capacity, this still may not be enough to keep restaurants open. The continued Outdoor Dining Expansion is necessary to help stabilize the industry and to recoup the significant investments by many restaurants to expand outdoors. The City is also seeking recommendations and ideas for winterization advice for Outdoor Dining providers.

**A Pittsburgh Federal Judge Has Denied a Stay During the Governor’s Appeal of The Recent Ruling that Certain of Governor Wolf’s Pandemic Orders (Including Limits on Outdoor Events) Were “Unconstitutional” as Impinging on Fundamental Liberties:** The ruling does not impact the Governor’s other Orders, including the mandatory mask order. ***But the ruling (and the denial of a stay) means that there are no longer any PA limits on the number of attendees at outdoor gatherings or rallies, at least for now,*** just as states are girding for a potential resurgence of the virus in the fall, and as the flu season also begins. An appeal is expected but it is not clear when it would be acted on. ***The ruling apparently does not apply to Philadelphia, which has its own crowd limit rules.***

**Starting September 14, Philadelphia Allowed Outdoor Gatherings of up to 150 People (the Prior Limit was 50); The Limit on Indoor Gatherings Remains at 25.**

***Based on the current status of the pandemic in Philadelphia, and its unpredictability, the City is strongly urging that no large events be planned before February 28, 2021.***

**The Pennsylvania Senate Passed a Bill to Loosen Covid-19 Restrictions on Restaurants and Bars:** The bill allows for service of liquor at bars, and without the purchase of food, and 50% capacity for indoor dining, or more if Federal guidelines can be followed, and it also made adaptations for outdoor dining easier. The bill now goes to the PA House. Governor Wolf had already lifted the capacity restrictions to 50%, with self-certification that the required precautions were being observed. ***This bill also does not appear to affect Philadelphia's more restrictive rules.***

**The PA Legislature Also Passed a Bill Allowing Local Control of the Number of Spectators at School Sports; Governor Wolf Has Vetoed the Bill.** An attempted veto override vote was unsuccessful.

**There Has been No Action From Congress on Additional Federal Stimulus Relief; But the Speaker of the House and the Treasury Secretary Agreed to Resume Talks, Reviving Hopes For Possible New Legislation:** A 50-member bipartisan coalition in the House, dubbed the "Problem Solvers Caucus", had proposed a \$1.5 trillion Coronavirus stimulus package. The Senate had proposed what has been labelled a "skinny" \$500 billion package. House Leaders are now working on a \$2.4 trillion package. The Speaker of the House has said that the House will not adjourn in October, as planned, until a relief package has been passed.

**Will the Issue of a Proposed Pre-Election Supreme Court Nomination and Vote Take Precedence in the Senate Over Coronavirus Relief for Individuals, Small Businesses, and State and Local Governments?**

**The Centers For Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") Has Cautioned Against Halloween Trick or Treating:** The guidelines discourage door to door trick or treating, "trunk or treat" events, indoor costume parties and haunted houses, hayrides with people not in your household, and fall festivals outside of one's community. Low risk events that the CDC mentioned include pumpkin carving at home and at a safe distance outdoors with neighbors, decorating your home, outdoor scavenger hunts at a safe distance (or in one's home), Halloween movie night with family.

**The City Has Eased Restrictions at Outdoor Farmers' Markets: You Can Now Pick Your Own Produce.**

**Applicants for Supplemental PA Unemployment Benefits, If Any Funds Are Remaining** must log into [www.uc.pa.gov/cert](http://www.uc.pa.gov/cert) as if they were filing a biweekly claim, then select "Complete LWA certification". To qualify, applicants must already be receiving \$100 a week from an existing unemployment program. LWA payments will be made retroactively for August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. The funds are Federal FEMA Disaster Relief moneys, diverted by Executive Order, and will provide 6 weeks+/- of supplemental unemployment.

**The PA Department of Health Has Updated Its Nursing Home Guidelines To Allow for Visitors "In Limited Situations":** Visitors may include friends, family and volunteers if they are deemed to be "important caregivers" and they can play an important role in the resident's physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.

**For Information About Which States Are Currently Included in Pennsylvania's Self-Quarantine List,** click [here](#). Those coming into PA from any of the States on the list (including returning PA residents) must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. The list changes frequently as new states are added, and others removed.

**A Federal Judge Issued an Injunction This Week Requiring the Census Count to Continue Through October 31 and Enjoining an Early Closing Down of the Census Count on September 30, as Ordered by the Administration:** She also enjoined the Census from delivering the count on December 31, rather than the April 2021 delivery date previously set. Census officials believed that an early ending of the count - - delayed by months because of the pandemic - - would seriously endanger its accuracy. There will no doubt be an appeal. Be sure to fill out your census form now if you have not already done so. Click [here](#). The census count is extremely important, including for the establishment of voting districts, State representation in Congress, and distribution of trillions of dollars of federal funding, among other issues. ***The count will shape America for the next decade!***

**The Federal Payroll Tax Deferral Program Began September 1, But Employees Must Pay the Funds Back in the Spring; It Is Not Mandatory Except For Certain Federal Employees and Military.** *If you don't want a double deduction in 2021, tell your employer you want to opt out now. If you think you have received a raise, it may just have been the payroll tax deferral!*

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) Has Issued a Nationwide Moratorium on Residential Evictions, Based on Coronavirus Concerns:** But there are numerous hurdles to overcome to secure the relief. Some exceptions also apply. Click [here](#). The CDC’s September 1, 2020 ban is effective through December 31, 2020.

**The Philadelphia Housing Authority Earlier Extended Its Eviction Moratorium For its Tenants Until March 15, 2021, For Non-Payment of Rent Issues Only.**

Evictions for criminal activity and other non-rent-payment issues are not covered in the moratorium.

**The City’s Municipal Court Landlord-Tenant Court Reopened after Labor Day.**

**The President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court Has Ordered a Further Ban on All Residential Evictions (Not Just Those Related to Payment of Rent) Until October 7:**

An earlier order limited the number of eviction notices that the City’s landlord tenant officer can serve until September 21, and he/she must serve notices explaining the new Federal moratorium on eviction for nonpayment of rent, and provide a form to be used to apply for federal protection. Click [here](#) for the form. **On September 10, a Bill Was Introduced in City Council to Extend the City’s Eviction Moratorium Until December 31.**

**Philadelphia Criminal Courts Began Holding Jury Trials Again on September 9, With Strict Controls in Place.**

**Philadelphia District Attorney Krasner Obtained a PA Supreme Court Ban on the You Tube Virtual Real Time Broadcasting of Philadelphia Criminal Trials, to Avoid Witness and Defendant Intimidation.**

**Civil Jury Trials Have Been Postponed Until January 2021, But Some Non-Jury Trials and Hearings Began in September.**

**Philadelphia Will Defer Reassessing Properties in 2021 (For the 2022 Tax year) Because of the Pandemic,** with no increase in assessments until at least 2023.

**PA Will Start Offering REAL IDs at Its Recently Reopened Drivers’ License Centers, But the Enforcement Date Has Been Moved to October 1, 2021.**

**The Philadelphia Parking Authority is Seeking to Advance Its New “Park, Eat, Love” Campaign, to Promote Indoor Dining, in a Poster Design Contest:**

Contestants can get rules and submission requirements [here](#). The poster should

incorporate the above slogan. The deadline is October 2, 2020. Winners receive a year of free parking at a PPA garage. ***We all love the Parking Authority, right?***

**The PA Public Utility Commission Has Prohibited Non-Payment Utility Shutoff for Utilities Governed by the PUC Until Further Notice.** A decision had been delayed multiple times into the next hearing, but the Commission decided to disallow non-payment utility shutoff resumption until further notice (it could technically be brought up again at any Commission meeting, but is reportedly not expected to be heard until April 2021 at the earliest).

---

## *Health*

---

**Philadelphia’s Health Commissioner Advised that, Based on Contact Tracing, In Philadelphia, the Virus Has Been Spreading Most Often Through Small Gatherings of Friends and Family:** White House Task Force Member Deborah Birx had earlier advised the wearing of masks even in family gatherings.

**PA Has Set up a New State-Based Affordable Health Care Market Place, “Pennie”.** The Affordable Care Act required States to either participate in the federal plan or set up their own. The new state-run plan provides for many additional benefits. Residents will also get an extra 3 weeks to shop for 2021 coverage: Open enrollment runs from November 1 through January 15. Visit [www.pennie.com](http://www.pennie.com) for more information.

**Concerned About Going to a Gas Station to Fill Up your Car? A New Philadelphia Company, Gas It Up, Will Bring Gas for Your Car to Your Home or Business:** Download their free app Gas It Up. The service is supposed to begin in Philadelphia by the end of this week.

**Virus Cases are Rising in 27 States, Fueling Fears of a Fall Resurgence, Just as Some States are Loosening Restrictions.**

**The U.S. Has Reached 7 Million Coronavirus Cases, Up From 6 Million at the End of August, and Over 200,000 Deaths.**

**The Head of the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) Has Reiterated that a Vaccine Will Not Be Generally Available to the Public Until Late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021:** He also stated that “masks are the most important health tool we have,” and may offer more protection than

a vaccine. The CDC had earlier advised states to get ready to distribute a vaccine in October and November 2020.

**New York Governor Cuomo Has Announced the Formation of a New York State Independent Clinical Advisory Panel to Advise on the Safety and Effectiveness of a New Coronavirus Vaccine:** The step has been taken in light of perceived political pressure on Federal Agencies to produce a vaccine in record time, and increasing public mistrust of the process and the vaccine.

**Recent Polls Have Shown That More Americans - - a Staggering One in Three - - Are Reluctant to Get the Coronavirus Vaccine, When Released, Citing Fears that a Vaccine Rushed Out for Non-Scientific Reasons May Not Be Safe or Effective.** Broad public mistrust of a new vaccine could significantly hinder efforts to eradicate the virus in the U.S.

**Good News: Wearing A Mask Will Also Help Protect Against Transmission of the Flu, as We head into the Fall-Winter Flu Season with the Pandemic Still with Us.**

**THE EPA Has Approved Nearly 500 Household Products That Kill the Virus:** Some are faster- acting than others, taking from 1 to 10 minutes to be effective. For the complete list, click [here](#).

**On September 10, Philadelphia City Council Voted to Require Employers to Provide 2 Weeks of Paid Sick Leave, Through December 31, 2020, For Employees Not Covered by Federal Sick Leave Legislation, Including Gig Workers.** The Mayor has signed the bill. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Vybe Urgent Care, with a Facility at 1500 Spring Garden St., is Now Offering a Rapid Nasal Swab Test by Appointment, With Results in 15 Minutes, For Asymptomatic Patients:** The 15 minute results are extremely helpful for those who need quick clearance for work, school, travel, or access to medical or other care. The test is currently not covered by insurance, although that may change, and costs \$75. For an appointment call 267-728-4033.

**PA Now Has A Contact Tracing Smart Phone App:** The free App works by blue tooth. It detects when 2 users (both of whom have the App) are within 6 feet of each other for more than 15 minutes. If one App user later tests positive for the virus, the App will alert anyone who has earlier been in close proximity to the infected individual. Governor Wolf announced the new app in Philadelphia this week, along with City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley. For more information, or to download the app, click [here](#).

**It Is More Important Than Ever to Get A Flu Shot This Year During the Pandemic (Both Adults and Children):** Some 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 Parkway, Rodin Museum, Azalea Garden and Ridge Ave. Encampments Were to be Disbanded At 9 AM Wednesday September 9, Per a City Order, But the City’s Deadline Came and Went With No Action Taken:** Neighbors are becoming increasingly frustrated with this ongoing 3-month-old situation that poses significant health and safety problems for both the occupants and the community. The encampment occupants have now also barricaded 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between the Parkway and Pennsylvania Avenue making the roadway unavailable for traffic. ***On September 22, a stabbing took place during a fight at the encampment, leaving one individual in critical condition.*** The City says it is working on permanent housing initiatives for the occupants, but more individuals keep joining the encampments. The Mayor announced that an agreement had been reached for nonprofits to acquire 300 vacant City properties for housing. The City has also already housed 130 individuals. The Mayor has stated that it is hard to negotiate a resolution because there is no clear leader. The encampment group has refused to allow longtime respected homeless advocates into the site. ***The City has expressed concern about a violent confrontation if it moves to disband the site by force.***

---

### *Assistance and Other City, State, and Community Programs*

---

**Phase 2 of Philadelphia’s Rental Assistance Program is Open.** Renters can now receive \$1,500 a month in assistance, thanks to the funding. Click [here](#) for more information, the guidelines, and to apply.

**Become a “Grocery LifeLine” Provider: Help a Project HOME Resident with Groceries Next Time You Shop:** Click [here](#) and scroll down to “Select Now” to select a resident’s profile. Follow the online instructions regarding purchase of groceries and delivery (or do an online purchase and delivery if you so choose). There is also a number to call and an email for any questions about the program.

**Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Events are Back:** After a hiatus, due to the virus, the first Hazardous Waste Disposal event will take place tomorrow, Saturday, September 26, at 3033 S. 63<sup>rd</sup> St, from 9AM – 3PM. For more information on what will be accepted at this event and details on future events, click [here](#).

**PHDC Is Offering is Basic Systems Home Repair Program for Single Family Homeowners:** Click [here](#) for more information and the income guidelines.

**The State is Offering a “Shared Work” Program, Whereby Employers Can Temporarily Reduce the Hours of a Group of Employees and Divide the Hours Equally:** Employees receive partial unemployment benefits. The program allows employers to retain their workforce during a temporary slowdown and then be able to ramp up quickly, without the effort and expense of new hiring and training. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

**Restaurants Offering Takeout Can Apply for A Temporary Loading Zone:** Click [here](#) to apply. You must have a Business Privilege License to apply.

**Businesses Can Apply for a Refund of U&O Taxes for Periods in Which They Did Not Operate:** Click [here](#).

**The Nonprofit Pennsylvania 30 Day Fund Offers Forgivable Loans of Up to \$3,000 For Small Businesses:** The business must have between 3 and 30 employees to qualify, be owned and operated by a PA resident, and have been in business one year. Click [here](#) to apply.

**PGW and the Philadelphia Water Department Have Suspended Non-Payment Terminations and Late Fees.**

**Residents Needing Assistance with Their Gas and/or Water Bills Can Apply for PGW’s CRP or Other Assistance Programs:** Click [here](#) for more information on PGW Assistance Programs. Click [here](#) for more information on Water Department Assistance Programs.

**Philadelphia Elementary and High School Students Needing an Internet Enabled Device Can Pick up a Chromebook, On Loan from the School District, at a Number of Locations in the City:** Click [here](#) for more information.

**A State Environmental Protection Agency Small Business Advantage Grant Will Provide up to \$7,000 for Small Businesses (with a 50% Match) for Energy Efficiency:** Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

**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: [artisessentialphl.com](https://artisessentialphl.com).

**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 Now Operating 77 Access Centers to Provide Supervised Sites For School Children in Grades K-6 For Digital Learning, Primarily For Families Who**

**Work Outside the Home and Cannot Afford Childcare:** 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](#).

**The City is Still Providing Free Boxes of Food and Meals:** A list of boxed food pickup sites is at [www.phila.gov/food](http://www.phila.gov/food). Thursday pickups are 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 Aging, and Liberty Resources. See the site listed above for locations.

**Spring Garden Civic Association and Spring Garden CDC, Have Inaugurated a “Solo Cleanup Program”, With a Free Kit For Residents, With Cleaning Supplies and Equipment:**

The SGCA and SGCDC Spring and Fall cleanups were cancelled on account of the pandemic. 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](mailto:sgcasanitation@gmail.com) or [info@springgardencdc.com](mailto: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. 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, Other Programs***

---

**A “Jurassic Quest” Dinosaur Drive-Through is Being Held at the Wells Fargo Center Through September 27:** There are more than 70 life-like dinosaurs and an audio tour. The cost is \$49 per vehicle with 9 occupants or fewer. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.jurassicquest.com](http://www.jurassicquest.com). Those who have attended say it is great fun. ***You can also get fun dinosaur toys at the online shop on their website,*** for a prehistoric-themed holiday season.

**Inexpensive or Free Drive-In Movies are Still Being Offered at Fairmount Park, at the T-Mobile “Philly Drive-In”, at Montgomery and Belmont Avenues.** Click [here](#) for information and to purchase tickets. It has been recommended that you arrive early to be sure you get in, even if you have a ticket.

**The Recent Cool Nights and Sunny Days are Said to Be Perfect Conditions to Create Vibrant Fall Color.** A colorful Fall should help raise spirits amid the ongoing pandemic and other troubling recent events.

**All of Our City’s Cultural Institutions Have Been Hit Hard By the Mandatory Closures and Restrictions, and Decrease in Visitors; 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, and the Franklin Institute. Become a member now!

**The Made in Philadelphia Fall Market (In-Person Shopping and Multi Day Event) is Being Held Outside City Hall:** Local crafters, photographers and artisans will sell their wares outside at City Hall. Masks and social distancing are required. Dates are Sept. 11, 17-18, 24-25, Oct. 1-2, and 9-11, 12 PM to 7 PM, weather permitting. Visit [www.madeinphila.com](http://www.madeinphila.com) for more information.

**The Fringe Festival Will Be Held Mostly Online, Through October 4, With Some In-Person Events.** Visit [www.fringearts.com](http://www.fringearts.com) for more information.

**Philadelphia’s “Greenfest” Environmental Festival, Sponsored by Toyota Hybrids, is Going Digital:** It is the largest environmental festival in the region, and this would have been its 15<sup>th</sup> year. It includes over 100 organizations and vendors

and focuses on teaching everyone what they can do to make their daily lives more sustainable. The festival runs through Sunday September 27. Visit [www.cleanair.org/greenfest](http://www.cleanair.org/greenfest) for more information.

**The Broad Street Run Is A Virtual Event This Year:** From September 12 through October 3, runners can record their 10 mile runs at a site of their choice, at their own pace, on an electronic device, and submit the results. Organizers encourage participants to create their own routes. Suggested venues include Fairmount Park, the Ben Franklin Bridge, Penn Park, the Kelly Drive Loop, and FDR Park. There will be no awards, but participants will be sent a T-shirt and a medal in the mail. For more information and to sign up to participate, visit [www.broadstreetrun.com](http://www.broadstreetrun.com)

**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 [here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

---

## *Financial*

---

**Mortgage Rates Are Still at a Historic Low, for Anyone Thinking of Refinancing or Buying a Home.**

**New Jersey Will Borrow \$4.5 Billion to Cover Basic Operating Costs, One of the First States to Do So To Plug a Budget Hole.**

---

## *Other News*

---

**As Most Already Know, There Was A Horrendous Drug-Related Shooting at Roberto Clemente Playground September 16, At 8 PM, With 3 Armed Shooters, and 2 Dead and 3 Injured; Call Our Crime Hotline and Help Fight Back:** We grieve for the young lives lost, and for those innocent bystanders who were injured. We are enraged at the brutality brought into our community by the 3 shooters, and at the violence that they inflicted on our neighborhood. ***We are working with City officials on measures to stem drugs and crime in the community.*** Also, please do your part to help us eliminate the last vestiges of drug dealing, and fight crime in our community. ***Call our crime hotline at 215-821-6465 or email***

*springgardencrimeline@gmail.com and report any incidents of crime or drug dealing, or nuisance activities, with as much detail as you can provide. You may call anonymously if you like.*

**On September 17, City Council Adopted a Resolution Calling for the Mayor to Take Steps (Spelled Out in the Resolution) to End Gun Violence.** A copy of the resolution can be found [here](#).

**In the Wake of the Louisville Grand Jury's Decision Not to Indict on the Killing of Breonna Taylor, Protesters Took Over A Portion of I-95 At The Columbus Blvd. Exit for A Brief Period the Night of September 24:** Protests also continued in the area in Center City, South Philadelphia, and elsewhere.

## Local Businesses – Ongoing Offerings

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

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

\*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. They also have a giant screen to watch the Eagles games.

### **The Following Restaurants are Offering Indoor Dining:**

A Mano	Gabi	Osteria
Bishop's Collar	The Green Room	Santucci's
Clementine's Stable Café	Jack's Firehouse	St. Stephen's Green
Cicala	La Calaca Feliz	Thirsty Dice
The Fairview	McCrossen's Tavern	Urban Saloon
Fare		

### **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
Luigi's Pizza	2401 Fairmount Ave.	215-769-8888

Mangia Macaroni	1543 Spring Garden St.	215-563-1690
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

**Breakfast/ Brunch (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 (from 6:30AM, daily)	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)**

**Sat-Sun Hours**

Bar Hygge	1720 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-2274	10AM - 2:30PM
Barnes Museum	2025 Ben Franklin Pkwy	215-278-7000	11AM - 4PM (Fri-Mon)
Bishop’s Collar	2349 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-1616	10:30AM - 2:30PM
The Fairview	601 N. 21 <sup>st</sup> St.	215-419-5940	10:30AM - 2:30PM
McCrossen’s	529 N. 20 <sup>th</sup> St.	215-854-0923	From 12 PM, on
St. Stephen’s Green	1701 Green St.	215-769-3291	10AM - 4PM

**Ice Cream and Shakes (including “Adult Shakes”)**

Thirsty Dice	1642 Fairmount Ave. (17th St Side)	215-765-2679
--------------	------------------------------------	--------------

**Baked Goods, Keto:**

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

**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 - designer cloth masks, \$12 each or 5 for \$50	1914 Fairmount Ave. <a href="http://www.mmontano.com">www.mmontano.com</a>	267-972-7328

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

Anytime Fitness	1640 Fairmount Ave.	(RSVP online)	anytimefitness.com
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	outdoor classes	(Book Online)	yogahabit.com

**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
The Fairview	601 N 21st St.	6 packs of beer	215-419-5940
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 Market	1701 Fairmount Ave.	Beer distributor	215-763-9789
St. Stephen's Green	1701 Green St.	6 packs of beer	267-239-8968

**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](http://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) [aliswagon.com](http://aliswagon.com)

Bookhaven	2202 Fairmount Ave.	215-235-3226
Cerulean Arts	1355 Ridge Ave. (Appt online)	<a href="http://ceruleanarts.com">ceruleanarts.com</a>
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