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CLEANING TEAM TACKLES TRASH

Many neighbors have noticed that the SCSSD area is looking much cleaner these days, partly because the SCSSD Cleaning Team has collected over 7,000 bags of trash since the SCSSD *Residential Cleaning Program* began operating in August 2005. The SCSSD Cleaning Team consists of five full-time workers pursuing the goal of zero tolerance for neighborhood litter.

Neighborhood cleaning was one of the first program ideas suggested by Community Directors to improve neighborhood quality of life. The SCSSD Community Survey confirmed broad neighborhood interest in a cleaning program. SCSSD conducted a Pilot Cleaning Project in



TRASH FACT:
 In four months, the SCSSD Cleaning Team collected 5,000 bags of leaves and 2,000 bags of litter. This equates to over 72 tons of trash no longer in your neighborhood!

2004, which validated the hugely positive impact a full-time program could provide. SCSSD has since developed a comprehensive Residential Cleaning Program to provide a variety of services in District neighborhoods.

What Can the Cleaning Team Do?

The primary focus of the SCSSD Cleaning Team is **street and sidewalk cleaning**. SCSSD has an All-Terrain Litter Vehicle that is driven by an operator and can vacuum litter debris on sidewalks, between cars, and around obstacles. The Green Machine, also driven by an operator, sweeps and vacuums on smaller sidewalks. The workers on foot use back-mounted blowers, trash cans on wheels, and pans, brooms, shovels, and rakes to finish the job. To date, normal cleaning operations pick up approximately 35 bags of trash per day, and each area of the District is visited once per week.

A major effort of the Cleaning Team throughout the fall has been **leaf cleaning**. SCSSD's many mature trees make the neighborhood lush and attractive, but as neighbors know, corralling the leaves is a major challenge. On average, SCSSD collected 200 bags of leaves per day during the heaviest times of this past fall season, visiting each area of the District once every two weeks.

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Shawn Jalosinski
Executive Director

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I am very proud to share with you, the neighbors of SCSSD, this second issue of *Neighborhood Notes*. With ongoing funding from Comcast-Spectacor, the Eagles, and the Phillies, your Board of Directors continues to work hard to ensure that SCSSD fulfills its mission to protect community interests, improve neighborhood quality of life, and promote efficient operation of adjacent sports venues. Your elected Community Directors continue to stress the importance of keeping residents informed and listening to neighborhood feedback. Community feedback is critical to the ongoing success of SCSSD, and I sincerely hope that you are and will continue to be impressed with our attention to your needs, a central focus of this newsletter.

To build consensus on the needs and desires of you and your neighbors, SCSSD has already conducted two community surveys, both of which are briefly summarized and highlighted in this newsletter. Not surprisingly, our survey results are quite consistent with the direction your highly involved Community Directors already offer. With that synergy as bonus, I am able to use the survey results to validate needs and empower our Board of Directors to make fully informed decisions, serving your best interests, with priority given to those projects and programs most important to neighbors.

Throughout this newsletter, I hope you will recognize the theme of community feedback and related SCSSD actions. So many residents have asked important questions about what SCSSD might be able to do for the neighborhood. The most rewarding part of my job is communicating to residents what we can do and acting on those neighborhood initiatives. With that pleasure, there is also the reality
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NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

In 2005, SCSSD proudly hosted two exciting community events for neighbors residing in the District.

Heat Relief Party—Free Fan Giveaway

In the midst of Philadelphia's 2005 heat wave, members of the SCSSD Board wanted to help our neighborhood seniors keep cool. Working with Lowe's of South Philadelphia, SCSSD purchased two truckloads of portable fans for the first SCSSD *Heat Relief Party*. On July 27th, one of the hottest days of 2005, over 500 neighborhood seniors, along with their helpful friends and family, lined up at SCSSD's offices to receive their new fans. Philadelphia celebrities including Flyers' Head Coach **Ken Hitchcock**, Philadelphia Phantoms' mascot **Phlex**, the **Sixers Dancers**, and the **Phillie Phanatic**, helped seniors carry the free fans to their cars. SCSSD thanks Comcast-Spectacor, the Eagles, and the Phillies for their continued support of SCSSD efforts, above and beyond the obvious financial backing. Neighbors were also treated to a dozen flavors of free water ice SCSSD purchased from Josie's Water Ice at 15th and Oregon. Many SCSSD Board members and consultants were on hand to discuss SCSSD efforts and answer community questions. The event was covered by various news organizations. SCSSD received many positive comments from neighbors during and after the party. SCSSD looks forward to organizing other community events like this in the future.

Check out the *Neighborhood Notes* centerfold for more community event photos!

Children's Halloween Party

The first SCSSD *Children's Halloween Party* was held on Saturday, October 29th, at the Phillies' Parking Lot. With funding and donations from Comcast-Spectacor, the Eagles, and the Phillies, SCSSD invited neighborhood children to a fun-filled afternoon of trick-or-treating for Halloween toys and important flashlights and reflective bags to keep children safe at night. Neighborhood children also painted mini-pumpkins donated by the Eagles and collected other Halloween crafts to make at home. Face painters from Fit 'n Fun transformed children into their favorite animal or super hero, like a butterfly or Spiderman. Characters including Dora the Explorer, Elmo, Spiderman, Scooby-Doo, and Cinderella greeted the children and posed with them for Polaroid picture keepsakes that captured the excitement of this event. Parents and friends also had a great time dancing with their children, meeting neighbors, and receiving first-hand demonstrations of the new cleaning equipment used in SCSSD's Residential Cleaning Program. **Over 500 children and their parents attended the two-hour party, and all left with bags of fun treats and exciting memories of Halloween 2005.**

SCSSD COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT

SCSSD exists to serve community needs. Understanding these needs and neighborhood priorities is critical to SCSSD's success. Your elected Community Directors recognize the importance of community input and approved a neighborhood survey for November 2004. Over 4,200 surveys were mailed to all residents, businesses, and institutions in the District. SCSSD compiled survey feedback, read all written comments, and has used the results to guide decision-making about projects and programs that residents have prioritized as most important to their neighborhood.

Survey Response

A total of 1,066 households returned the survey, or approximately **25%** of the households in the District.

This response is considerably higher than the 10% return rate that these types of surveys often achieve. We would like to thank each respondent for participating in our first community survey!

COMMUNITY SURVEY RETURN RATES:

District I	43%
District II	34%
District III	21%
District IV	19%
ALL DISTRICTS	25%

Survey Results

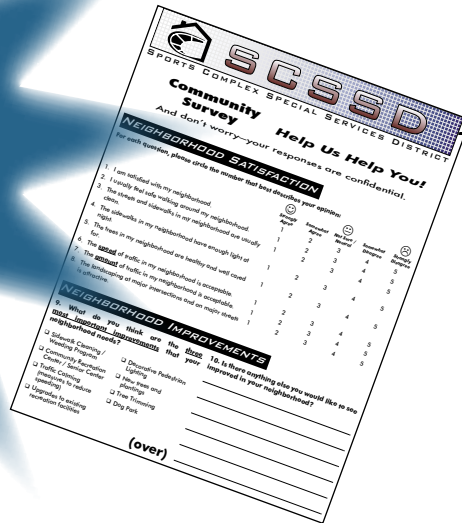
Content from the surveys was entered into a database in order to conduct statistical analyses. We are very pleased to report that **79% of respondents express "satisfaction" with their neighborhood.** Results also indicate that there are many specific community concerns and areas of improvement where SCSSD can act to help neighbors.

Over 750 respondents took the time to write additional comments and suggestions. Written comments are very helpful since they point to the topics that residents care about the most. Thank you to respondents who took the extra time to communicate more specific needs to SCSSD. This information will be helpful in

preparing future community surveys that monitor the progress and impact of SCSSD programs.

Our survey analysis also considered the responses unique to each of the four distinct Community Districts. It is not feasible to share with you all of those differences here, but be reassured that SCSSD uses these differentiations to better cater to the sometimes unique needs of each represented neighborhood.

Top neighborhood improvements respondents requested:
Sidewalk Cleaning
Traffic Calming



Neighbors are Most Satisfied With . . .

Neighborhood Safety



Least Satisfied With . . .

Traffic

Landscaping

Lighting

Tree Care

Sidewalk Cleanliness

SCSSD is proud to report that we are completing projects in **all** areas where respondents were "Least Satisfied".



TREE CARE IS A CONTINUING SCSSD PRIORITY

SCSSD understands that street trees are an important feature of the community landscape. The City Fairmount Park Commission (FPC) is responsible for the care and maintenance of all street trees. Due to budget and manpower limitations, the City is often challenged in providing desired neighborhood tree care services. Understanding these realities, SCSSD has developed a partnership with the City. SCSSD has dedicated efforts and funding for community tree care initiatives to supplement City services where possible, appropriate, and of greatest benefit to SCSSD residents. However, FPC remains legally responsible for all street tree care.

Tree Inventory Is Complete!

In 2005, SCSSD completed a detailed inventory of all street trees, documenting the location, size, species, and condition of each. SCSSD has organized this information in a database that is joined to photographs and mapping. This inventory ensures that future tree care efforts are well planned, documented, and executed.

Tree Survey Is Complete!

In September 2005, SCSSD completed a Community Tree Survey to determine specific neighborhood interest in SCSSD Tree Care Programs. 12% of District households responded to the survey. This response rate was lower than hoped, but still helpful. Some of the Tree Survey highlights include:

- 67% of respondents would like to see new street trees planted on their block.
- A substantial number of people indicated that they would be willing to water new street trees on their block for the first year.
- 41% of respondents identified a tree that they think needs additional trimming, and 28% of respondents identified a tree that they think should be removed. This information is being shared with the City FPC for their appropriate action.

Tree Removal Information

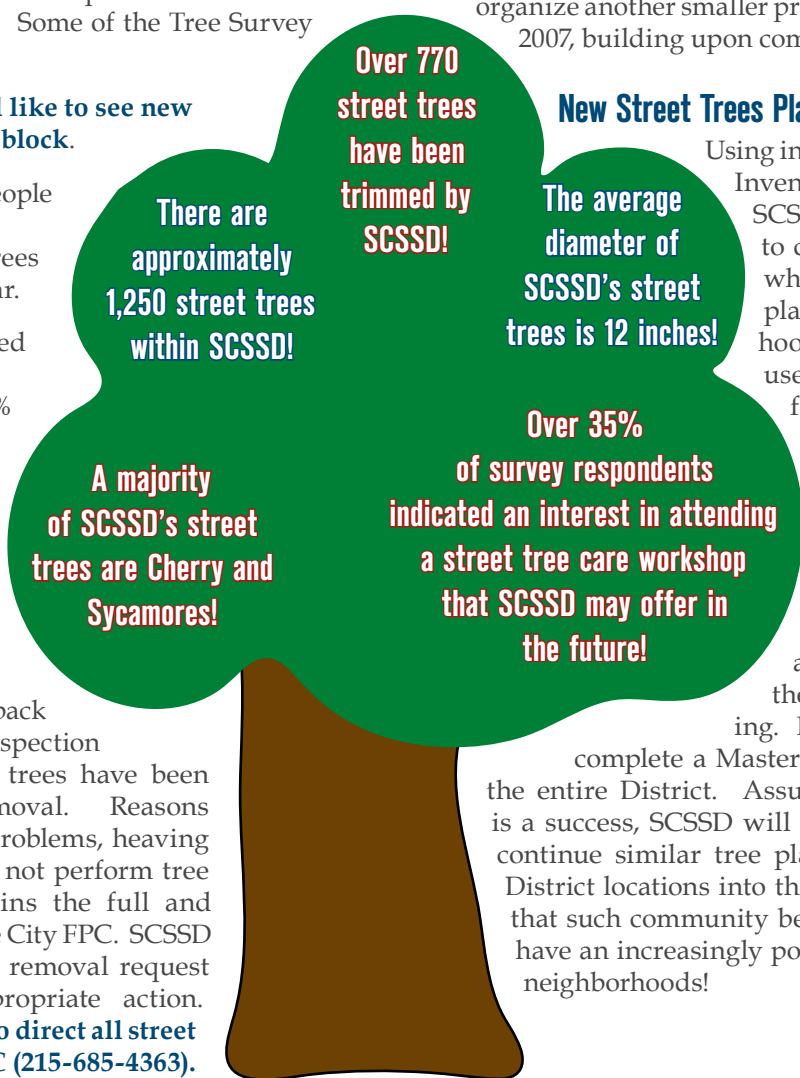
Through neighborhood feedback and SCSSD inventory and inspection efforts, a number of street trees have been identified for possible removal. Reasons include disease, structural problems, heaving sidewalks, etc. SCSSD does not perform tree removals. This task remains the full and complete responsibility of the City FPC. SCSSD does furnish FPC with tree removal request information for their appropriate action. **Neighbors should continue to direct all street tree requests to the City FPC (215-685-4363).**

Tree Trimming Is Complete!

In 2005, SCSSD completed neighborhood tree trimming on over 770 residential street trees. SCSSD is very proud of this seven-month project. A related and logical question is—if there are a total of 1,250 trees, and 770 were trimmed, what happened to the other 480 trees? The answer is threefold. SCSSD concentrated on sidewalk trees directly abutting residential properties. In some instances, the tree did not require any maintenance services at that particular time, so it was simply inventoried. In many other cases, the SCSSD contractor could not complete work because vehicles were parked in the way, even though “No Parking” signs were posted at each location the day before. SCSSD will likely organize another smaller project of tree trimming in 2007, building upon completed work in 2005.

New Street Trees Planned for This Year!

Using information from the Tree Inventory and Tree Survey, SCSSD will work in 2006 to complete a pilot project where new street trees are planted in select neighborhood locations. SCSSD will use community survey information to determine locations of highest neighborhood interest. SCSSD will coordinate tree planting efforts with the City FPC and involved neighbors to ensure that all parties are comfortable with the plans before proceeding. In addition, SCSSD will complete a Master Tree Planting Plan for the entire District. Assuming the pilot project is a success, SCSSD will use the Master Plan to continue similar tree planting efforts in other District locations into the future. SCSSD hopes that such community beautification efforts will have an increasingly positive impact in District neighborhoods!



LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS

When asked about “Neighborhood Satisfaction”, residents ranked landscaping as one of their biggest concerns in the Community Needs Survey. SCSSD has since acted on this need, completing its first *Landscape Improvement Project* this past fall.

SCSSD hired a landscape architect to design, and a contractor to install, a combination of **decorative plantings, trees, new sod, and concrete pavers** at twelve separate District locations, including eleven traffic circles in

District II and the southeast corner of Broad and Packer in District I. SCSSD will maintain these landscaped areas into the future.

We ask neighbors to have patience while these currently dormant plantings take root and mature. Starting this spring and continuing through the summer season, planting beds are expected to come alive with great bursts of color and foliage! This is hopefully the first of many such SCSSD beautification projects throughout the District.



COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Early in the SCSSD planning process, Board Members developed a list of projects and programs that could benefit the District. Over the last two years, SCSSD has researched the feasibility of many of those ideas. Some of them have developed into full-fledged District projects or programs, such as the Tree Care Program, the Residential Cleaning Program, and the community events. In other cases, the research demonstrates to SCSSD that community benefit of the project or program would not outweigh the cost.

One of the possible projects that SCSSD researched was the idea of constructing a Community Center within the SCSSD boundaries for the exclusive use of District residents and guests. In order to make informed decisions, SCSSD initiated a Community Center Feasibility Study that included the following tasks:

- Site visit and tour of the RiverWinds Community Center in West Deptford Township, New Jersey;
- Background research into other area recreation facilities to understand the competitive situation;
- An SCSSD Community Needs Survey that included several questions related to residents’ interest in a Community Center, willingness to pay membership fees, and desired features and programs;
- A prototype plan detailing building space and site requirements; and
- An economic analysis that included estimated capital costs, operating costs, and revenues.

Based on the results of the Community Needs Survey and information about the amenities at other similar facilities, a facility that provides the most desired features and programs for a reasonable cost would include:

- A 25-meter pool with small bleacher area,
- A room with weights and exercise equipment,
- A room for exercise classes (with sprung wood floors),
- Several small meeting rooms,
- A small kitchen,
- Locker rooms and rest rooms,
- A reception area, and
- Administrative offices and support spaces.

Development cost for this facility, including land acquisition, engineering/design services, construction, and contingencies, is estimated at approximately \$8 million. Given the estimated revenue, debt service, and other operating expenses, the Community Center would have an annual operating deficit of about \$537,000 – \$672,000.

For it to be feasible for SCSSD, by itself, to develop a Community Center with the facilities and services described above, SCSSD would have to spend most of its current cash savings (much of which is already earmarked to specific projects and programs) as well as 1/2 - 3/4 of its annual income every year for the next 20 years. That level of spending would require SCSSD to cancel most of the other programs described in this newsletter. **SCSSD will continue to investigate possible partnering opportunities, but is not planning to build a community center on its own at this time.**



2005 SCSSD COMMUNITY EVENTS



**SCSSD Heat Relief Party
July 27, 2005**



**Seniors Enjoying
Their New Fans!**



**Media Coverage
of the SCSSD
Heat Relief
Party!**



**SCSSD Board
Members
Helping Out!**



**Philadelphia
Celebrities
Joining the Fun!**



2005 SCSSD COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SCSSD Children's
Halloween Party
October 29, 2005**



**Face
Painting a
Big Hit!**



**Costume
Characters
Entertaining
the Guests!**



**Trick-or-Treating
for Fun Toys!**



Pumpkin Painting!



SCSSD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

It is no secret that traffic congestion, parking, and pedestrian safety are top concerns for neighbors surrounding the Philadelphia Sports Complex. SCSSD continues to invest time and effort into transportation improvement initiatives that will benefit the community. While there is no single, simple solution to correct area traffic problems, SCSSD is making best efforts to help improve the situation step-by-step, piece-by-piece, project-by-project.

Sports Complex Events

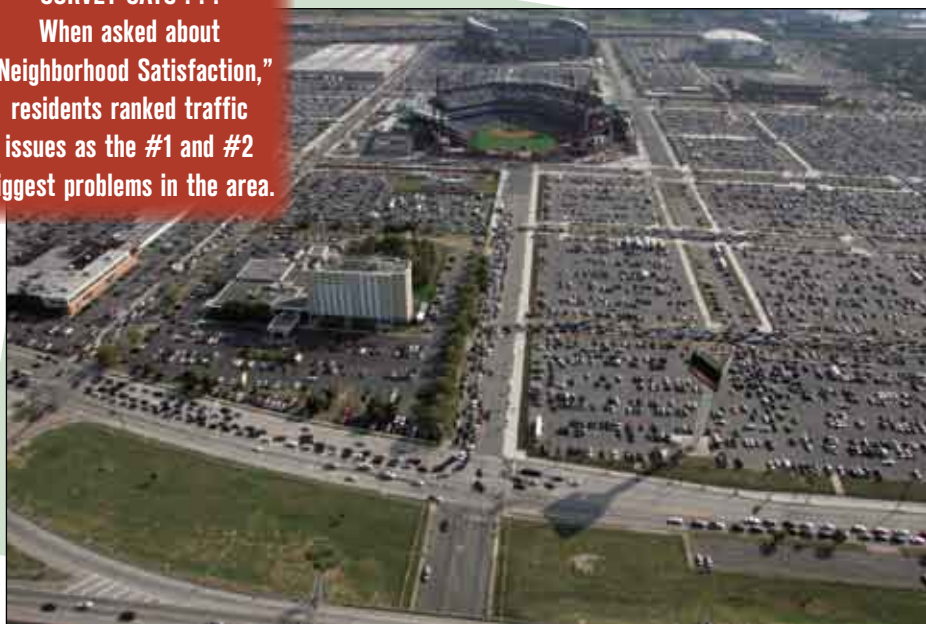
SCSSD keeps residents fully informed with monthly *Sports Complex Event Calendar* mailings, highlighting instances where local travel may be affected by high volumes of event traffic. In 2005, SCSSD mailed over 63,000 event-related flyers to neighbors.

SCSSD has approved a \$50,000 donation to the *Sports Complex Sign Improvement Project*. Scheduled for construction in 2006, this \$1.1 million City project includes overhead signs to better direct event patrons from the interstates to parking lots, and then from parking lots directly back to

the interstate ramps, steering clear of adjacent residential neighborhoods.

SCSSD continues to participate in *Sports Complex Traffic & Parking Taskforce* meetings, where City Departments and the Sports Venue Operators regularly convene to discuss event scheduling and traffic and parking operations. Many strategies are used to study and ease area traffic congestion. In one interesting example, the City Police helicopter is used to take aerial photos during large events, which stakeholders use in debriefing meetings to analyze traffic, parking, and pedestrian patterns. Photos help identify what worked, what did not, and what can be improved for the next time. Hopefully neighbors are seeing the positive results of such continuous improvement efforts.

SURVEY SAYS . . .
When asked about "Neighborhood Satisfaction," residents ranked traffic issues as the #1 and #2 biggest problems in the area.



SURVEY SAYS . . .
Traffic Calming was the second most important "Neighborhood Improvement" identified in the SCSSD Community Survey.

Transportation Improvements Studies

SCSSD continues to develop a comprehensive *Transportation Improvement Study*. In 2005, SCSSD hired a consultant to study neighborhood traffic concerns and identify possible solution projects. Study recommendations focus on **Neighborhood Traffic Calming** and **Improved Interstate Access**. In 2006, SCSSD will work to:

- ➔ Share traffic study findings with neighbors and present solution alternatives, such as the construction of traffic circles, roundabouts, corner "bumpouts", median treatments, and landscaped community gateways.
- ➔ Build neighborhood consensus on project alternatives to advance into the next step of engineering design.
- ➔ Make short-term requests to the City for appropriate changes in traffic signal controls and stop sign placements.

- ➔ Seek outside funding sources for large capital improvement projects.
- ➔ Advocate for additional interstate access options to ease congestion.

This is not a study that will be put on the shelf only to collect dust. This is a comprehensive effort that will serve as an action plan for SCSSD to pursue both short- and long-term transportation solutions. Most transportation improvement projects are costly and take time to develop, fund, and construct. SCSSD is dedicated to starting that process now. Although SCSSD will not be able to directly fund large improvement projects, SCSSD will have a critically important master plan with project solution designs and related cost estimates. SCSSD will use this information to search for ways to make project construction a future reality.

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CLEANING PROGRAM

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Two other important features of the program are **graffiti removal** and **weed killing**. Thankfully, graffiti is not much of a problem in this area, but can be removed as needed. During appropriate times of the year, the Cleaning Team also tackles weeds growing in sidewalks using weed wackers and sprayers.

How Often Will My Sidewalk be Cleaned?

SCSSD attempts to visit every area of the District at least once a week with some form of cleaning. However, the Cleaning Team must adjust the type and frequency of cleaning for various conditions. For example, picking up leaves is extremely demanding, so during the fall season, SCSSD cannot possibly service every area of the District in a single week. Litter returns to some areas much faster than others. Corridors like Oregon Avenue, Packer Avenue, 10th Street, Pollock Street, and Bigler Street must therefore be cleaned more often. Weather can also negatively impact operations, as was the case in February 2006 when the Cleaning Program was suspended for the entire month. Many of these factors are beyond our control—just know that we are doing our best to equally distribute services and keep all residential areas as clean as possible.





Does SCSSD clean commercial properties in the District, such as shopping center parking lots?


No, SCSSD is prohibited by law from spending District funds on private property, and therefore, we only clean public sidewalks. **However**, SCSSD is pursuing future options to provide “fee-for-service” cleaning. Under such arrangements, the property owner would pay a fee to SCSSD, and SCSSD would expand regular cleaning services to include that private property. This could be a “win-win-win” situation where SCSSD receives additional income to fund expanded programs, private property owners benefit from SCSSD’s cleaning expertise, and neighbors enjoy the benefits of extending “cleanliness” throughout the entire District. **Interested commercial property owners are encouraged to contact the SCSSD offices to discuss “fee-for-service” cleaning options.**


Clearly the SCSSD Residential Cleaning Program is the most comprehensive and visible program we are able to offer to residents. One-quarter of the SCSSD annual budget is spent on cleaning operations. We hope it is making a positive difference in your community, and we look forward to continuing these services into the future.


HOW CAN NEIGHBORS HELP?


 The Cleaning Team must operate safely and efficiently around and between parked vehicles, moving traffic, and pedestrians. Please understand that in some cases, this means that there is trash that the Cleaning Team cannot safely reach.

 The Cleaning Team is prohibited from accepting gratuities because of the possibility of improprieties. Please do not put the Cleaning Team in a difficult position by offering a tip—a simple “Thank You” will do!

 SCSSD does not collect trash bags placed out by residents. Collecting homeowner trash bags is a City service. If neighbors have any problems with City trash collection, they should call the City of Philadelphia’s Streets Department Customer Service Unit at 215-686-5560.

 Please do not ask the Cleaning Team to provide any services on private property, such as private sidewalks, front steps, patios, common driveways, etc. SCSSD may only work on public property.

 To work more safely and efficiently, the Cleaning Team may briefly “close” a street by blocking access at the entrance corner with the pick-up truck. Please be patient with this small inconvenience.

 Please do not try to “redirect” the Cleaning Team to your street. The team follows pre-determined routes to maximize efficiency and may leave an area before returning via another direction. All streets are assigned to sub-districts to ensure no area is missed.



SURVEY SAYS . . .
Sidewalk cleaning was the #1 “Neighborhood Improvement” requested in the Community Needs Survey.



SURVEY SAYS . . .
Why doesn’t everyone want new street trees? “Too many leaves to clean up” was one of the most frequent reasons stated in the Community Tree Survey.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Is SCSSD a City agency?

No, SCSSD is not a government agency. SCSSD is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, completely separate from City government. SCSSD does not replace any services of city, state, or federal government. SCSSD may only supplement government services from time to time, with such projects as increased street tree care, landscape maintenance, and street cleaning.

What legal limitations control a non-profit such as SCSSD in selecting projects and programs to act upon?

The most significant limitation relates to projects of private benefit. As a 501(c)(3) corporation, SCSSD benefits from tax exempt status and also is **strictly prohibited from funding any project or program where the benefit to a private resident or group of residents outweighs the benefit to the community at large.**

The best example of applying this rule relates to many neighborhood requests for SCSSD to repave common driveways. **In the eyes of the IRS, repaving a common driveway (the deeded responsibility of private homeowners) is no different than installing new carpets in someone's living room.** As much as SCSSD would like to address this quality of life issue for neighbors, SCSSD may not engage in any such activity of clearly private benefit. In another example, SCSSD cannot clean common driveways under the Residential Cleaning Program.

To verify this reality, SCSSD legal counsel has studied this issue at

great length and cautioned that **any violation of this private benefit guideline would likely result in loss of non-profit status.** Without non-profit status, SCSSD would cease to exist. It is critical that SCSSD protects the financial investment Comcast-Spectacor, the Eagles, and the Phillies are making in your community. This can only be accomplished with prudent decision-making that conforms to government guidelines, thereby protecting our tax exempt status and your future neighborhood improvements.

I see that SCSSD has made valuable donations to schools and recreational facilities in the area. Why can't SCSSD make similar donations for organizations just outside the District?

SCSSD has a set of written By-Laws, or rules of operation, that we are legally required to follow. **SCSSD may only provide services in the geographically defined boundaries.** An interesting example of applying this law is the Residential Cleaning Program and our border streets. If you haven't already noticed, border streets like Oregon Avenue are only cleaned on one side of the street, the innermost side. This conforms to the service boundary rules. Making exceptions to this rule would set a precedent that could quickly grow out of control, thereby compromising funds that should continue to be dedicated specifically to you, the defined residents of SCSSD. Borders need to be defined or we will have no way of gauging where to stop our services!

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City of Philadelphia Services:

Fairmount Park Commission (street tree problems): ☎ 215-685-4363
Streets Department, Customer Service (trash pick-up): ☎ 215-686-5560
Police (to report any crime problem): ☎ 911

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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of telling neighbors why SCSSD may not be able to do something desired by the community. I have included in this newsletter a section of "Frequently Asked Questions" to better define for you some of our limitations, which I hope you will agree, are greatly outweighed by the positive actions SCSSD can, has, and will continue to take to make your community the best it can possibly be.

I have had the pleasure to share in productive conversations with so many of you already, and feel strongly that open information sharing and honest discussions will ensure continued SCSSD success. I look forward to our continued interactions.

As always, thank you for allowing me to share in the positive growth of your community!

Sincerely,



Shawn Jalosinski,
Executive Director

TRANSPORTATION

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SCSSD recently commissioned a **Gaming Traffic Study** to analyze the possible community impact of a casino in the Sports Complex area. The study found that **a casino with 3,000 slot machines could add 10-11 million vehicle trips to the area each year.** This would triple existing event traffic, where it is estimated that the Sports Complex already generates 5.5 million vehicle trips a year. SCSSD shared this formal testimony with City officials at a related public hearing. It is now understood that **no application has been made for a casino (slots parlor) in this immediate area.**

SCSSD FINANCIAL FAQs

It is important that SCSSD neighbors have a clear understanding of our financial situation, and feel comfortable and confident that we are acting in their best interests. To that end, SCSSD has and will continue to furnish related financial updates, this time in the form of Frequently Asked Questions.

How is SCSSD funded?

Comcast-Spectacor, the Philadelphia Eagles, and the Philadelphia Phillies are committed to community improvement and donate a combined \$1 million to SCSSD each year. This amount is increased each year by the Consumer Price Index. By 2010, it is estimated that the teams will be investing more than \$1.2 million a year into neighborhood improvement efforts managed by SCSSD.

How much money has SCSSD spent thus far?

SCSSD commenced active operations in 2003, and through 2005, SCSSD has spent just under \$1.7 million. \$1 million of this amount was spent in 2005. To date, SCSSD has invested over \$1 million, or 61% of spent funds, directly into community improvement projects, programs, and events highlighted in this and the last *Neighborhood Notes*. Start-up, overhead, and administration costs account for the remaining 39% spent thus far.

How much unspent money does SCSSD currently have? Why hasn't it all been spent?

At the conclusion of 2005, SCSSD had a surplus balance just over \$2 million. There are a few reasons why this

current surplus exists. First and foremost, SCSSD needed to start operations with planning. Before spending the bulk of valued community improvement funding, SCSSD considered all proposed programs, completed test "pilot" projects, surveyed residents for feedback, and only then developed an informed, long-range strategic plan. This took some time, but now ensures that money can be spent most efficiently, on areas of absolute highest community priority, with greatest impact possible.

In addition, the described surplus includes a number of funding earmarks that have been rolled over from year to year. In other words, SCSSD has approved funding for a particular project of community benefit that another agency is managing. SCSSD is simply waiting to "pay the bill" once that project is complete, and right now, that committed money shows up as surplus. SCSSD has created a 5-year budget plan assigning all earmarks, surplus, and future income to prioritized community projects and programs, while still leaving some flexible funds for unforeseen community needs.

How much money is spent in each Community District?

Each of the four Community Districts receives an equal 25% share of SCSSD services and offerings over time. Special attention is given to Community District I, most notably in the first few years of operation, due to this District's close proximity to the Sports Complex venues and its related special needs. SCSSD closely tracks spending in each Community District to ensure that all neighbors benefit equally. To date, spending by Community District varies by no more than a few percent.

MORE SCSSD PROJECTS IN THE WORKS . . .

SCSSD has completed preliminary design and cost estimates for a **Lighting Improvement Project** in District I. SCSSD will coordinate a meeting with involved residents in the near future to discuss construction possibilities.

SCSSD is working on **Landscape Maintenance Programs** to care for recently constructed improvements. SCSSD is discussing a partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to complete ongoing maintenance and develop **Landscape Improvement Projects** at additional SCSSD locations.

SCSSD is brainstorming about "to be determined" **Neighborhood Events for 2006**

that will hopefully be as successful as the Heat Relief and Children's Halloween Parties hosted by SCSSD in 2005!

SCSSD is working on a new and improved **website** that will be accessible at www.scssd.org.

SCSSD has approved a donation of \$286,000 for **decorative security fencing** to be installed around the Southern-Bok athletic fields in District III.

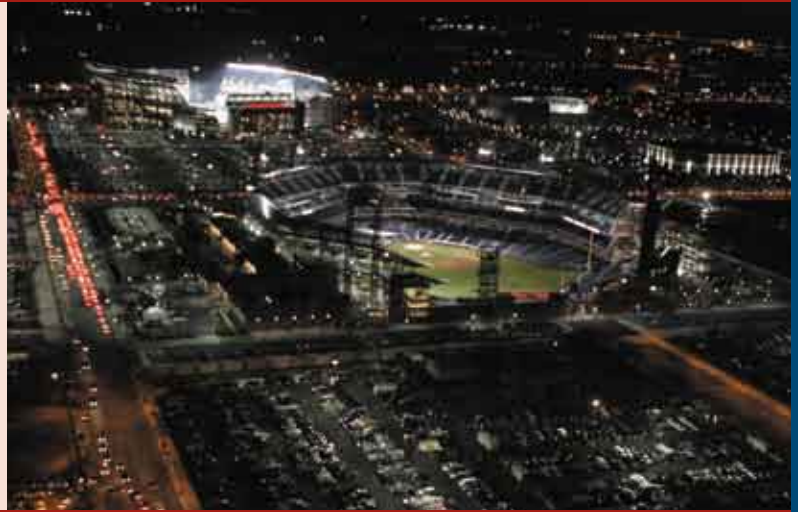
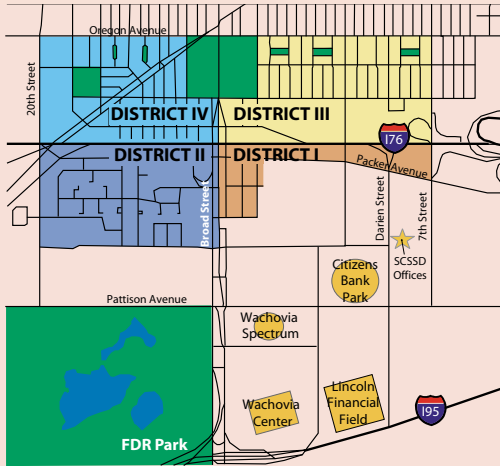
SCSSD has offered \$2,500 **school donations** to each of the seven District schools for a notable project or purchase that would not be possible without our assistance.

Look
for more details
about these exciting
SCSSD efforts in
future SCSSD
Neighborhood
Notes!





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