

# PMBC Reporter

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STREETS DEPARTMENT

SANITATION DIVISION

WELCOME TO THE  
PMBC REPORTER

This publication is intended to keep Block Captains informed. We hope you find the information useful.

## 2009 PMBC BLOCK CAPTAIN RALLY

The Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee (PMBC) hosted its Block Captain Rally on Saturday, March 14, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Mayor Michael Nutter and other City officials joined Streets Commissioner Tolson in recognizing the efforts of Block Captains and Junior Block Captains in Philadelphia neighborhoods. The event was held from 9:30 am until 2 PM. The theme for this year's event was "Love Where You Live, Live Where You Love."

The dual purpose of the Rally was to thank our dedicated Block Captains, Junior Block Captains and cleaning volunteers, as well as to motivate them for the upcoming cleaning season.

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SunRay and the PMBC Staff



Deputy Street Commissioner Carlton Williams joins Curby Bucket, the Litterbug, SunRay, and Junior Block Captains in celebrating the day.



Mayor Nutter joined PMBC and invited the audience to come out for the April 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Cleanup.



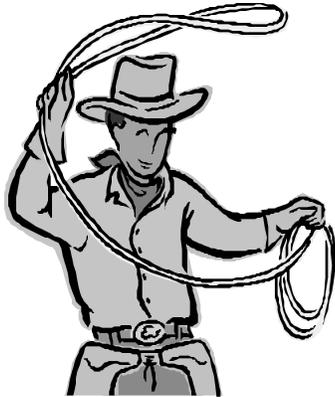
Kerri Lee Halkett of Fox 29 poses with District Attorney Lynne Abraham and a Junior Block Captain



Commissioner Tolson was joined by Junior Block Captains to help distribute prizes to the crowd.

The City's Cleaning Season is well underway.  
Don't forget to take advantage of these upcoming  
city resources!

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**2009  
TIRE  
ROUND-UP  
PROGRAM**

July 11	August 1
July 18	August 8
July 25	August 15



The Streets Department will be hosting its 2009 Tire Round-Up Program beginning Saturday, July 11. Registered Block Captains and community groups who bring illegally discarded tires to designated drop off sites are eligible to receive \$0.50 per tire (up to \$500). If your community would like to participate please call PMBC at 215.685.3981.

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To assist citizens with neighborhood cleanups, the Managing Director's Office of Community Partnerships would like to announce that request (s) to borrow racks, shovels, brooms, gloves bags and paint can now be requested online at [www.Phila.Gov/qualityoflife](http://www.Phila.Gov/qualityoflife) .

When you go to the Quality of Life page link, other City programs are listed including lot maintenance and graffiti removal.

# PENNDOTs SUMMER TIRE SAFETY TIPS

*Before driving off this summer, make sure your tires are ready for the road!*

## 1. Pressure:

- Warm temperatures cause inflation pressure which causes blowout.
- Check when tires are cool.
- Also make sure there are no nails or other object that could puncture the tire.

## 2. Alignment

- When a vehicle is misaligned it will pull to one side.
- This needs to be corrected by a licensed mechanic.

## 3. Rotation:

- Regularly rotating tires according to your vehicle owner's manual or every 5,000-8,000 miles.

## 4. Tread:

- To check the tread of your tires, insert a penny in the tread groove with Lincoln's head upside down- if you can see the entire head, your tires are worn and should be replaced.

**For more information, or to obtain a copy of the complete brochure on tire safety please contact PennDOT's Press Office at 610-205-6798.**

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## Summer Art Camp '09

**Valerie Arhondakis Visual Arts Coordinator 215-685-2871**



### Where

Tustin, Jardel, and Fisher Park

### When

July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>

### Ages

8 to 18

### Time

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Classes

Painting – Pottery – Copper Enameling – Drawing - Sculpture

### Cost

\$150.00 per week session

### Exhibit/Award Ceremony

Wednesday – August 19<sup>th</sup>

Fisher Park Recreation Center



**For more information or to have a brochure/application mailed out to you call Valerie Arhondakis at 215-685-2871**

# MAYOR NUTTER ANNOUNCES 46 POOLS OPENING THIS SUMMER



**Tuesday, June 23rd**

**Fox Chase**, 7901 Ridgeway Street  
**Feltonville**, Ella & Wyoming  
**Awbury**, Ardleigh & Haines  
**Athletic**, 26th & Master  
**Cohocksink**, Cedar & Cambria  
**Lee**, 4400 Haverford Ave  
**Vare**, 26th & Morris  
**Kelly**, 4231 N. Concourse

**Wednesday, June 24th**

**Jardel**, Cottman & Pennway,  
**Hunting Park**, 1101 West Hunting  
 Park Avenue  
**Francisville**, Francis & Shirley  
**James Finnegan**, 69th & Grovers

**Thursday, June 25th**

**Max Myers**, 1601 Hellerman Street  
**Vogt**, Cottage & Unruh  
**Ziehler**, B & Olney  
**Hillside**, Fountain & Fowler  
**Cruz**, 6th & Master  
**Christy**, 56th & Christian

**Friday, June 26th**

**Mitchell**, Morell & Crown  
**Bridesburg**, Richmond & Ash  
**Cherashore**, 10th & Chew  
**Mander**, 33rd & Diamond  
**Marian Anderson**, 17th &  
 Fitzwater  
**Cobbs Creek**, Spruce & Cobbs  
 Creek Parkway  
**Murphy**, 4th & Shunk  
**Houseman**, Summerdale &  
 Godfrey

**Tuesday, June 30th**

**Belfield**, 21st & Chew  
**Kendrick**, Ridge & Pensdale  
**Gathers**, 25th & Diamond  
**McVeigh**, D & Ontario  
**Ford**, 609 Snyder Ave  
**Shepard**, 5700 Haverford Ave

**Wednesday, July 1st**

**Samuel**, Gaul & Tioga  
**Morris Estate**, 16th & Cheltenham,  
**Cecil B. Moore**, 2020-50 W. Lehigh  
 Ave  
**Waterloo**, Waterloo & Cumberland,  
**Ridgeway**, 12th and Carpenter

**Thursday, July 2nd**

**Lackman**, Chesworth & Bartlett  
**American Legion**, Torresdale &  
 Devereaux,  
**Penrose**, 12th & Susquehanna  
**Tustin**, 60th & Columbia  
**Francis J. Myers**, 58th &  
 Kingessing

**Friday, July 3rd**

**Piccoli**, Castor & Cayuga.  
**Pleasant**, 6750 Boyer Street  
**East Poplar**, 800-842 N. 8th Street  
**Kingessing**, 50th & Chester

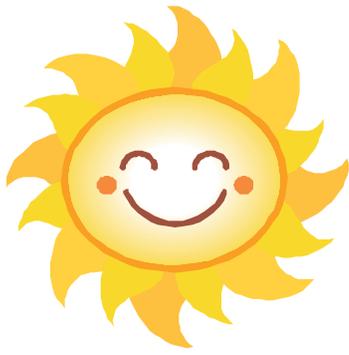
Thanks to this years “Splash and Summer Fund” \$430,000 was raised!

**Know Your PMBC Staff and Clean Block Officers!**

Administrator: Lawrence Martin (215)685-3968

Clerical Staff: Marilyn Wright (215)685-3981  
 Johnnie Mae Lemar (215)685-3994

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>P.D</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>P.D</u>
John Barnett	215-685-3976	5, 39	Joseph Miranda	215-685-3987	24
Wille Brown	215-685-3991	2,7,8,15	Sandra Miranda	215-685-3986	25,26
Santa Conix	215-685-3982	14	Joni James	215-685-3972	22
Annette Davis	215-685-3986	6,9,23	William Stern	215-685-3989	17
Denise Ladson	215-685-3992	12,16	Yvonne Tyler	215-685-3973	35
Stephanie Robinson	215-685-3993	1, 3, 4	Cassandra Whitters	215-685-3975	18,19



With Summer here the Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections would like to advise citizens about swimming pool safety with these helpful guide lines!

### Safety Tips:

All pools more than 2 feet deep require building permit

NO pool should be left filled and unprotected.

Unprotected and illegally set up pools can increase the risk of injury and/or drowning.

Nationally, drowning is the leading cause of death to children under five years of age.

Fences and walls should be at least 4 feet high and installed completely around the pool.

Keep latches out of small children's reach

If your house forms one side of the barrier to the pool, then doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with alarms.

For above ground pool, steps and ladders should be secured and locked or removed when the pool is not in use.

Always watch children closely when in the pool area.



### Installation Conditions:

1. The pool must not be located in the front or side yard and not within two feet of any property line or structure on the lot.
2. Water must be properly treated and free of scum, debris, and foreign matter. Discharge water must not create a nuisance to adjoining property.
3. Pools must be installed in accordance with Manufacturer's Specifications
4. In ground pools must be located a minimum distance from all property lines equal to the depth of the pool adjoining such property lines.
5. Suction outlets must be designed to produce circulation throughout the pool or spa and must be protected against user entrapment.

# National Student Partnerships wants to help you...



- Looking for a job? We can help you build/edit your resume, enhance your interview skills, and guide you to open employment opportunities in and around Philadelphia.
- Looking for housing? We can help you search for an apartment, connect with subsidized housing agencies, or better understand budgeting and finances related to home ownership.
- Looking for education/job training opportunities? We can help you find a GED program, submit your FAFSA, or apply to degree and training programs that fit your career interests.
- Looking for public assistance? We can help you file your back taxes, apply for TANF and Food Stamps, or enroll in an appropriate health care program.
- National Student Partnerships (NSP) offers a wide range of services, free of charge, to help you work toward your goals. We will work with anyone that comes to our office- regardless of age, race, religion, gender, income, or history. We want to help you move forward.
- Call to set up a meeting at either of our Philadelphia offices:
  - 1) NSP- West Philadelphia- 60th and Walnut  
203 S. 60th Street (next to Mimmo's Pizza)  
215-474-1807
  - 2) NSP- North Philadelphia- Broad and Thompson  
1231 N. Broad St - 4th Floor (OIC Building)  
215-765-3430

Hours of operations are Monday - Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Check out the website at [www.nspnet.org](http://www.nspnet.org).

# Hydrants are not playthings

There are other safer and legal ways to  
escape the heat of summer

The classic scene of children playing in the spray of an open fire hydrant is now thought of as an annual rite of summer for urban residents trying to beat the heat. However, unauthorized opening of fire hydrants can wreak havoc in neighborhoods can cause many tragedies.

Hydrant abuse can severely hamper the efforts of firefighters, putting people's lives and property at risk. Fire hydrants are for fighting fires. They are not toys designed for summer fun.

The risks of hydrant abuse aren't well-known but, besides hindering firefighters, open hydrants can cause dangerous road conditions by impairing visibility for motorists from the high-pressure spray and push children into the path of oncoming vehicles. It can also cause low water pressure for the entire neighborhood and contaminate drinking water. Residents may also experience flooding in their basements.

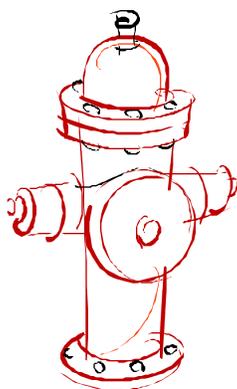
Opening fire hydrants wastes 1,000 gallons of water per minute, in an hour that's an Olympic-size swimming pool. The Philadelphia Water Department is offering free-hose and sprinkler sets for block captains. Don't forget to take advantage of the 46 pools the City of Philadelphia opening this summer. See page 4 for when the closest one to you is opening. The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, located behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art at 640 Water Works Drive, is also a great and educational way to escape the heat.

No matter how hot it gets, there is never a good reason to open a fire hydrant illegally.

Open hydrants can be reported by calling the Water Department at 215-685-6300 or by dialing 311.

Adapted from the article:

*Brunwasser, Bernard, and Lloyd Ayers. "Hydrants are not playingthings." Philadelphia Inquirer 28, May 2009.*



# Free and Low-Cost Health Care in Philadelphia

(Spanish speaking staff and interpreters at all sites)

## Esperanza Health Center

(215) 831-1100  
 (Main Office) Mon-Fri: 9 am – 5 pm  
 (closed 12:30-1:30)  
 3156 Kensington Avenue

## Esperanza Health Center

(215) 221-6633  
 (5th Street Office) Mon-Fri: 9am – 5 pm  
 (closed 12:30-1:30)  
 2940 North 5th Street

## Health Center #2\*

(215) 685-1803  
 1720 South Broad Street Mon, Tue,  
 Wed, Fri: 8 am – 4:30  
 Thurs: 8 am – 7:30 pm

## Health Center #6\*

(215) 685-3803  
 301-21 West Girard Avenue Mon, Tue,  
 Thurs, Fri: 8 am – 5 pm  
 Wed: 8 am – 8 pm

## Health Center #10\*

(215) 685-0639  
 2230 Cottman Avenue Mon, Tue, Thurs,  
 Fri: 8 am – 5 pm  
 Wed: 8 am – 8 pm

## Maria de los Santos Health Center

(215) 291-2500  
 Mon: 8 am – 7:30 pm  
 401 West Allegheny Avenue  
 Tue-Fri: 8 am – 5 pm  
 Sat: 8 am – 12 pm (appointments only)

## Puentes de Salud Clinic

(215) 490-6700  
 St. Agnes Hospital (basement)  
 Thurs: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm (walk-in)  
 1900 South Broad Street

## Southeast Health Center

(215) 339-5100  
 800 Washington Avenue Mon-Fri:  
 8:30 am – 5 pm

*\*for Philadelphia residents only*

## PMBC block Captain Rally ( continued from page 1)



Conestoga Drill Team performed again this year!



The future of Philadelphia's beauty is safe in the Junior Block Captain's hands



Recreational Commissioner Susan Slawsom addresses the audience.



Commissioner Tolson and Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers



The Philadelphia Eagles Cheerleaders show their spirit also!