



Sanford Place Block Association & Friends

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - *Matthew 5:4*

In Loving Tribute To Mrs. Shirley Rice

- ♥ WIFE
- ♥ MOTHER
- ♥ GRANDMOTHER
- ♥ FRIEND
- ♥ ADVISOR
- ♥ INFLUENCER
- ♥ PROFESSIONAL
- ♥ **BELOVED**



In this issue of our newsletter, we honor our neighbor and friend, Mrs. Shirley Rice. Former

Governor Richard Codey, a close political ally of Senator Ronald Rice was quoted in the New Jersey Globe and said it best that "...the entire Newark community has suffered a great loss." "She was a wonderful human being who was a constant presence in Ron's life, and one of the sweetest and kindest people you could ever meet. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. Shirley was a well-respected higher education professional, especially at Essex County College where she served as dean of students, and throughout the entire community."



Darlene Burris, Vice Chair of Sanford Place Block Association & Friends, says, "Shirley and I were friends for over 28 years. I will always cherish the time we spent together. I will remember all the trips we took together, whether shopping or just hanging out. Words cannot express how much I will miss my friend. My heart is broken. I thank God for our relationship and the time we had together. She will be missed, but not forgotten."

Shirley Rice is survived by her husband Senator Ronald Rice and step-children, Ronald C. Rice, and Yuki Rice Faison. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rice family, and all who loved Mrs. Shirley.

OFFICERS

President - Valerie Crute
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Want to make a difference in our community? Join our team!

We are looking for a Treasurer, Grant Writers, Researchers and Volunteers for projects. Email us if interested.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Until further notice, monthly meetings will take place via Zoom, accessible on cell phone, tablet, laptop and desktop:

Next Meeting: 8/13/20, 7pm

Zoom link: [Click here for August Meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 778 5042 2135

Meeting Password: sanford

Check your email 30 minutes before the meeting. If you are on the Block distribution list, you will receive a reminder and notification with the Zoom link, ID and password

\$ WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PAYMENTS FOR DUES \$

We are still accepting dues for Block Association maintenance fees and to plan for a bigger and better block party in 2021. Dues are \$40.00 per year. Thanks in advance for your contribution.

\$ WAYS TO PAY \$

Via Cashapp and Paypal
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A WORD OF GRATITUDE: We want to give a whole hearted **THANK YOU** to Captain Lee Douglas of Newark's 6th precinct police department. After 25 years of service, we are sad to announce that he has retired. Captain Douglas, we appreciate your service, protection, thoughtfulness, dedication, partnership and the friendship you extended to our community. We hope you enjoy your retirement. You will be greatly missed!



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CONGRATULATIONS, PRESIDENT VALERIE CRUTE ON YOUR GRADUATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!



COVID CORNER: We want to remind everyone to continue to #MASKUP and be vigilant in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to recent upticks in COVID cases, the City of Newark has instituted "Sit Still Sundays." Effective 8/9, on Sundays everything will be closed at 8pm, and we are asked to be still.

With this and other safety measures such as wearing a mask and following cleanliness and safety guidelines, we can work together to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Let's do our part to continue to protect ourselves and one another.

IN CLOSING: As many of you know, our friends Sherri and Margie Moncrieffe have moved. Big shout out to all our neighbors and the 6th Precinct Police and Fire Department for an awesome send off! They will be greatly missed.

We now welcome, Rita Simmons & Stephanie Chambers to the SPBA&F family. We are so happy to have you as our new neighbors. We look forward to getting to know you.

To the SPBA&F family, stay safe and be blessed. See you on Zoom for this Thursday's meeting!

**Valerie Crute, President
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