

SANFORD PLACE BLOCK ASSOCIATION & FRIENDS, INC.

Monthly Newsletter- January 2021



INTRODUCING

Happy New Year, Sanford Place Block Association & Friends, Inc Family! We hope that everyone is well.

In our first issue of our 2021 newsletter we are pleased to introduce to you our officers for 2021 and provide you with the latest news and current events.

PRESIDENT Valerie Crute

A foster parent, full-time homeschool teacher, substance abuse counselor, chaplain, as well as President and Founder of Sanford Place Block Association & Friends, Inc. where she acts on behalf of neighborhood residents to improve their quality of life. As a founder, member and ally of several non-profit and cultural organizations including Newark Police Chaplaincy, Heart of Vailsburg Block Club, Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association and LISC Vailsburg Collective, Valerie's motto is simple and one which she truly exemplifies: "I love to help."
Contact: valeriecrute@gmail.com



VICE PRESIDENT Darlene Burris

A mother of 1 (son) and 30 year resident of Sandford Place. Darlene is a licensed real estate agent who enjoys walking, traveling and family gatherings(when it is safe to resume). Darlene joined the block association to become aware of what is occurring in our community. She responded to a need to keep residents informed regarding services available to them by becoming an officer. She believes that if all residents are aware of the activities that concern them, they can make educated decisions and also prevent residents from becoming a victims of criminal activity.
Contact: (862) 368-2073





TREASURER Janice Roberson

A certified executive coach and corporate trainer who enjoys walking, hiking, traveling and being a part of Toastmasters public speaking organization. Being a part of the block association allows Janice to advocate positive change for our neighborhood. She believes that together we can provide solutions to challenging issues in our community and make effective changes that are needed to make our neighborhood safe, clean, and beautiful. She takes pride in living in a community that people are proud to live and work in and believes this is achievable by working together.
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Attn: Janice

SECRETARY Yatisha Forde

Resident of Sanford Place for 5 years, a wife, mom and former media professional, who enjoys singing/leading worship, taking walks and doing Zumba. Yatisha joined the block association because she wanted to get back to her career roots in community affairs, coupling her corporate knowledge with her passion for people to create a positive return on society, and to get to know her neighbors. She has always loved encouraging and uplifting people and enabling others be their best selves.
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sanfordplaceblockassociation@gmail.com, Attn: Yatisha



SARGENT AT ARMS Anthony Forde

A husband and father, a movie, gaming, biking, hiking and reading enthusiast, who enjoys spending time with his family. Anthony is a guest relations leader in his church and an expert machine operator by trade, where in both capacities he utilizes his abilities to train and mentor peers. He joined and now serves with the block association officers to get involved in the community and to get to know his neighbors.
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Attn: Anthony





BLOCK CAPTAIN - SANFORD PL Vicki Levine

A 40 year resident, who enjoys reading, all forms of the arts, traveling and crosswords puzzles. What drew Vicki to the block association initially was an interest in getting to know her neighbors, to learn more about the city services, and a desire to promote safety and provide help for our community. After seeing there was a need to fulfill a role as an officer, Vicki made the decision to become a block captain and from that time on, made it her goal to help the block association succeed in serving residents.

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Attn: Vicki

BLOCK CAPTAIN - MARSAC PL Rhonda Wise

A resident of Marsac Place for over 20 years, a proud mother of a Newark Public Charter School salutatorian and imminent Yale graduate, who enjoys cooking, thrifting, enlightening, facilitating and healing. Rhonda has been an active member of our block association, it's expanded coalitions and the community as a whole since becoming a homeowner, and has enthusiastically served as co-District Leader with Senator Rice for almost 2 decades, demonstrating her passion and dedication to our community.

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Attn: Rhonda



BLOCK CAPTAIN - FLEETWOOD PL Gwendolyn Rozier

An involved neighbor and friend to the community who has lived on Fleetwood since 1980 where she proudly states hers and her neighbor's children grew up on the block together. Gwen has worked with many of our residents to help our community to grow; always striving for our block to be a safe and happy one. She became a block captain to help address any issues or concerns about our block and to be a resource to fellow residents.

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SANFORD PLACE BLOCK ASSOCIATION & FRIENDS, INC. NEWSLETTER

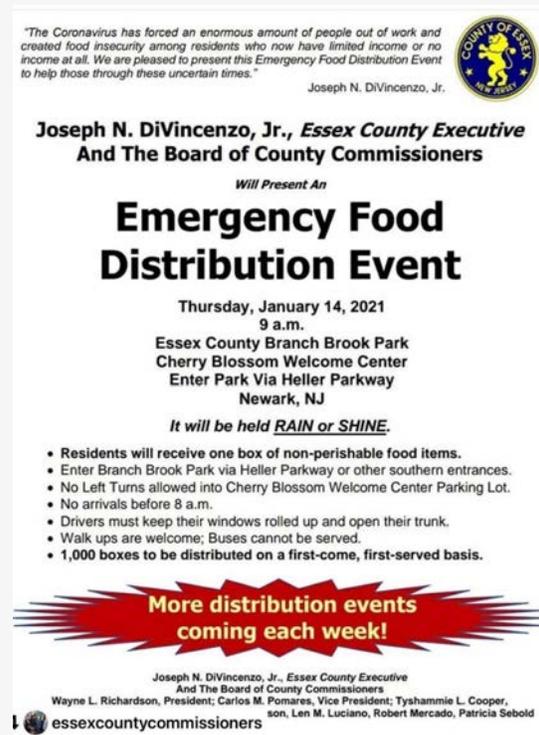
info YOU NEED TO know

FOOD DEPLOYMENTS

Ongoing support is available to provide individuals and families throughout Newark with food resources.

Additional resources include:

- Tree House Cares Free Grocery Distribution, UVSO Community Center, 462 Sanford Ave., Saturdays @ 3pm
- The Hubb Community Empowerment Center Free Food Distribution, 135 Prince St., Fridays @ 11am
- The City of Newark has resumed food deliveries. If you are not currently on the list, email sanfordplaceblockassociation@gmail.com to sign up



"The Coronavirus has forced an enormous amount of people out of work and created food insecurity among residents who now have limited income or no income at all. We are pleased to present this Emergency Food Distribution Event to help those through these uncertain times."

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
And The Board of County Commissioners**

Will Present An

Emergency Food Distribution Event

Thursday, January 14, 2021
9 a.m.
Essex County Branch Brook Park
Cherry Blossom Welcome Center
Enter Park Via Heller Parkway
Newark, NJ

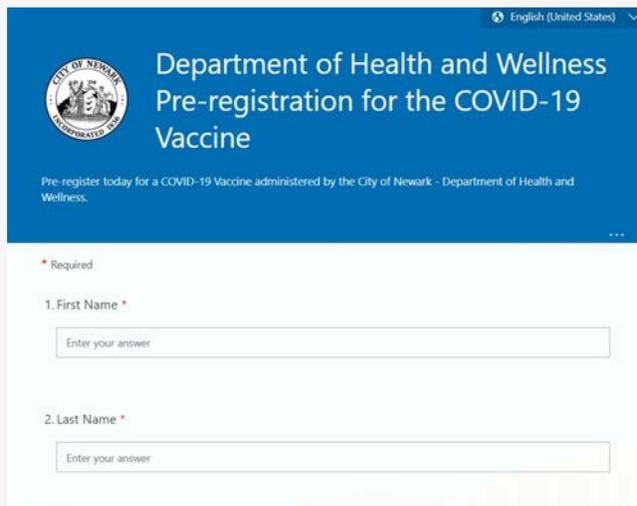
It will be held RAIN or SHINE.

- Residents will receive one box of non-perishable food items.
- Enter Branch Brook Park via Heller Parkway or other southern entrances.
- No Left Turns allowed into Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Parking Lot.
- No arrivals before 8 a.m.
- Drivers must keep their windows rolled up and open their trunk.
- Walk ups are welcome; Buses cannot be served.
- 1,000 boxes to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

More distribution events coming each week!

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
And The Board of County Commissioners
Wayne L. Richardson, President; Carlos M. Pomares, Vice President; Tyshammie L. Cooper, son, Len M. Luciano, Robert Mercado, Patricia Sebold

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 Department of Health and Wellness
Pre-registration for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Pre-register today for a COVID-19 Vaccine administered by the City of Newark - Department of Health and Wellness.

* Required

1. First Name *

2. Last Name *

VACCINE REGISTRATION

You may now pre-register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by [clicking here](#).

We encourage everyone to continue to mask up, wash your hands and socially distance to help prevent the spread of the virus. Be safe. Be well.

MOTHER, MOTHER, THERE'S TOO MANY OF
YOU CRYING
BROTHER, BROTHER, BROTHER, THERE'S
FAR TOO MANY OF YOU DYING.

- MARVIN GAYE -

WHAT'S
GOING ON?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In light of the recent events transpiring at the White House to incite hate and revolt the transition of power of the Presidency, along with the uptick in COVID cases, the new strain and ongoing social injustice for Black lives, I just wanted to encourage everyone to keep the faith. Brother Marvin said it well when he sang, "we've got to find a way, to bring some lovin' here today." We can do that by continuing to be the neighborhood family we have grown to be; one that supports each other and who truly loves our neighbors as ourselves.

Cheers to a new year of community endeavors and partnerships serving you!

Valerie Crute

President, Sanford Place Block Association & Friends, Inc



MONTHLY MEETING

When: Thurs, Jan. 14th, 7pm
Call: 646 558 8656, ID: 841 9171
2810, Passcode: 841 9171 2810
OR
[Click Zoom link here](#)
ID: 841 9171 2810, Passcode:
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COMMUNITY SURVEY

We need your feedback! Please fill out our 5 minute survey to help us better help you! If you know someone who is less tech savvy, help them take it too.

[Click here to take the survey](#)



2021 DUES

We are now accepting dues for 2021. \$40 per family via Cashapp and Paypal: \$sanfordplaceblock (+\$3 convenience fee), or via cash, credit card, money order or direct transfer to our bank account. Please contact an officer if you have questions.



MASKS AVAILABLE

Representing our neighborhood could not be easier or more functional. Masks are now available for \$7. To order, email sanfordplaceblockassociation@gmail.com, Subject: SPBA&F, Inc. Mask

HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to two of our neighborhood heroes who we happen to share with the rest of Newark, Senator Ronald Rice and Chief of Police, Lee Douglas.

Senator Rice will be honored by NJPAC with the Martin Luther King Jr. Steward of the Dream Award, in recognition of his decades of service as a member of the New Jersey State Senate. The award ceremony will be streamed live on NJPAC's Facebook page on Jan. 15th, at 7pm.

And our former police captain, Lee Douglas was recently appointed acting Chief of Police by Mayor Ras Baraka, recognizing his professionalism as a law enforcement officer and passion to serve Newark families.

Congratulations to you both, and thank you for your service.

