

# SANFORD PLACE BLOCK ASSOCIATION & FRIENDS, INC.

MARCH 2022



## Hello Neighbors and Friends

Despite the hardships of last year we had a great year and will have an even better 2022.

We lost some and gained others, we found ourselves tested in every area of our lives. Yet we are here stronger and wiser, in our right minds with the ability to become a better person, a better unified front.

You don't have to exist alone, there is so much we can do together. Be open to learn and grow into what we are called to do. Be willing to make the best out of our situations and out of what remains.

Yet we are still here

**Valerie Crute, President**

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## STAY INFORMED

Join our email list Block Association website:  
[www.sanfordplaceandfriends.org](http://www.sanfordplaceandfriends.org)

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973-432-8928

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Jonai Andrews - Secretary

Janice Roberson- Treasurer

Anthony Forde - Sergeant of Arms

Victoria Levine - Block Captain

Rhonda Wise - Block Captain

Gwendolyn Rosier - Block Captain

Ken Andrews - Block Captain

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**The Next Monthly Meeting:**

**March 10, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

Topics: Love Your Block Grant Application

Code Enforcement Mark Frances

Zoom Meeting:

Click Here

Meeting ID: 841 9171 2810

Passcode: Sanford

or

Dial in by your nearest location

+1 646 558 8656 US

(New York. Meeting ID: 841 9171 2810

Passcode: 5758319)

SANFORD PLACE BLOCK  
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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Interested in joining us?

We need your help with some tasks to keep our organization running and to serve the community. Volunteer as little or as much as you like.

Great experience. Training provided.  
Contact us at:

[sanfordplaceblockassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sanfordplaceblockassociation@gmail.com) to learn more.

## WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Block Captains: Ellery or Eastern Parkway
- Create, copy and distribute flyers
- Create or contribute to our Newsletter
- Website and Social Media Contributors (photos, videos, articles)
- Grant researchers and writers
- Fundraisers
- Event Volunteers
- Photographer/Videographer



Sanford Block Association & Friends is appreciative of our neighbors' contribution to funding educational outreach and community projects through membership fees as well as in-kind donations.

Dues are \$40 per family for 2022. You can make payment by cash, checks (made payable to: *Sanford Place Block Association & Friends*) or by one of the options below



Valerie Crute 

Scan to pay \$sanfordplaceblock





On **March 15, 2022** the winter moratorium ends. If you need assistance, please review programs below that can help you.



## Utility Payment Solutions:

To protect utility service from being interrupted, customers must contact PSE&G before March 15, 2022.

### Contact PSE&G to set up a Deferred Payment Arrangement (DPA)

This special arrangement is available to all customers, regardless of past payment history, with no money down.

- Visit [pseg.com/myaccount](https://pseg.com/myaccount)
- Call 800-357-2262. When asked, "What would you like help with today?" just say, "Payment arrangement."
- A DPA allows a customer to pay their regular monthly bill, plus an amount towards the past due balance, over an agreed upon period of time.
- The customer's account will be protected from the day they create the DPA and remain protected as long as they make their monthly payments.
- The customer will receive a confirmation letter from PSE&G documenting the terms of the arrangement.

**Apply for utility assistance** programs as soon as possible and notify PSE&G that you have applied for assistance.

Thanks to increased income limits, more people are now eligible for payment assistance.

### Apply for Utility Payment Assistance Programs

- Visit: [www.nj211.org/utility-assistance-programs](https://www.nj211.org/utility-assistance-programs)
- Call 2-1-1
- Customer must notify PSE&G that they have applied for assistance. Provide the name of the program, and place the customer applied or confirmation number.
- Their account will be protected from disconnection for up to 90 days, however it is the customer's responsibility to ensure the application is processed.

### To recertify or check application status:

- Visit: <https://www.nj211.org/apply-recertify-and-check-application-status-utility-assistance-benefits-online>
- Call 2-1-1.

### It's important to know:

- Customers must apply through the State.
- PSE&G does not manage the application process for these assistance programs and cannot check the application status.
- PSE&G has social service agency representatives at 80 Park Plaza, Newark, New Jersey.

**Information on Other Energy Assistance Programs**

You can learn more about other energy assistance programs by calling the toll-free numbers below.

**NJ Lifeline**  
**1-800-792-9745**  
Helps with gas and electric bills for disabled or senior homeowners and renters with limited incomes.

**NJ SHARES**  
**1-866-NJSHARES**  
**(1-866-657-4273)**  
Helps with gas and electric bills for people facing a temporary financial crisis.

**New Jersey Comfort Partners**  
**1-800-915-8309**  
Helps qualified low-income households lower natural gas and electric bills through energy education, the installation of energy efficiency measures, and repairing or replacing heating and cooling equipment

**PAGE PROGRAMS**  
**1-732-982-8710**  
Provides gas and electric grants to low to moderate income households with overdue utility balances.

[www.pseg.com/HelpNow](https://www.pseg.com/HelpNow)

# LOOKING FOR A PAID SUMMER EXPERIENCE?



## CITY OF NEWARK 2022 SYEP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 14-24!

- ✓ Be Employed from July 11th - August 19th, 2022
- ✓ Work 16 Hours per Week

**APPLY TODAY!**

[newarkyouthonestop.org/syep](http://newarkyouthonestop.org/syep)



**Application Deadline:  
February 28th to April 30th, 2022**

**OPEN TO NEWARK RESIDENTS ONLY**

**CONTACT US!**

✉ [NEWARKYOUTHONESTOP@CI.NEWARK.NJ.US](mailto:NEWARKYOUTHONESTOP@CI.NEWARK.NJ.US) ☎ (973)273-6064

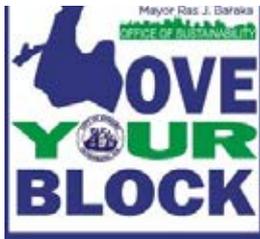
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[www.newarkyouthonestop.org](http://www.newarkyouthonestop.org)

**Newark Youth One Stop is pleased to announce the launch of the 2022 City of Newark Summer Youth Employment Program Application. The application will be open until April 30th. click on the link below:**

<https://www.newarkyouthonestop.org/syep>





## 2022 Mini-Grants Program

The City of Newark **Love Your Block** program connects residents with City departments and community organizations to implement hyper-local neighborhood beautification and community-building projects. The overall goal of the Love Your Block program is to prevent blight and revitalize city neighborhoods one block at a time!

### Workshop Dates

Wednesday - Feb. 23, at 12 pm-1:00 pm

Saturday - Mar. 5, at 10 am-11:00 am

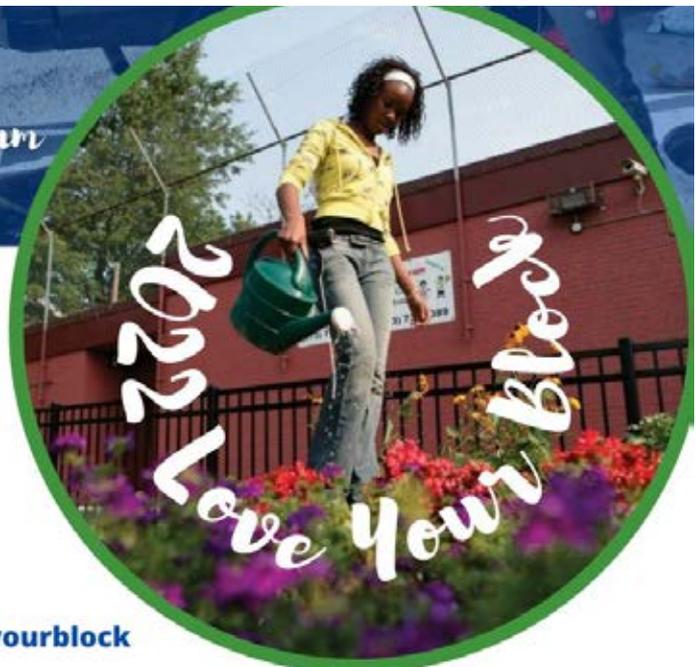
### Application deadline:

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 Noon



For more information

[www.newarknj.gov/loveyourblock](http://www.newarknj.gov/loveyourblock)



The Love Your Block grant is available for 2022.

We would like your creative input. Some organizations got matching house lights to light up their block, some put dog waste stations on their block, and yet another put iron rods cases around their trees. We would like to have our neighborhood pop.

Please keep in mind the maximum payment is \$5000.

Send in those ideas, we hope to hear from you soon.



**YOUR MVC IS COMING TO YOU**

**in Conjunction with**

**St. James Social Service Corporation!**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022**

**WHERE: Saint James AME Church**

588 Martin Luther King Blvd (parking lot)  
Newark, NJ 07102

**TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Limited Slots Available**

**CALL Wendy Hurling to schedule your time 973-624-4007**

\*Please note: Cancellations may occur due to weather conditions or at the discretion of the MVC over unforeseen circumstances.

## OUR "AGENCY-ON-WHEELS" OFFERS ...

### Driver Licenses

The Mobile Units provide the opportunity for drivers to renew their license, obtain a duplicate license, change their name or address on their license, add a boat endorsement, add a veteran designation, register to vote and/or make organ donation selections.

### Non-Driver Identification Cards

The Mobile Units can provide residents with photo identification that may then serve as a primary or secondary form of personal ID.

### Registrations

Drivers may renew their registration or obtain a duplicate registration card for their vehicle in the Mobile Units.

### REAL ID

### License Plates

The Mobile Units allow drivers the option to surrender license plates.

### Placards

Drivers may obtain a Persons with a Disability, Purple Heart, or Disabled Veteran placard from the Mobile Units.

### Examination Permits

Customers can apply for an examination permit to take a written (law/knowledge) test. However, the written test itself is not available in the Mobile Units.

PLEASE VISIT [NJMVC.GOV](http://NJMVC.GOV) FOR TEST LOCATIONS.

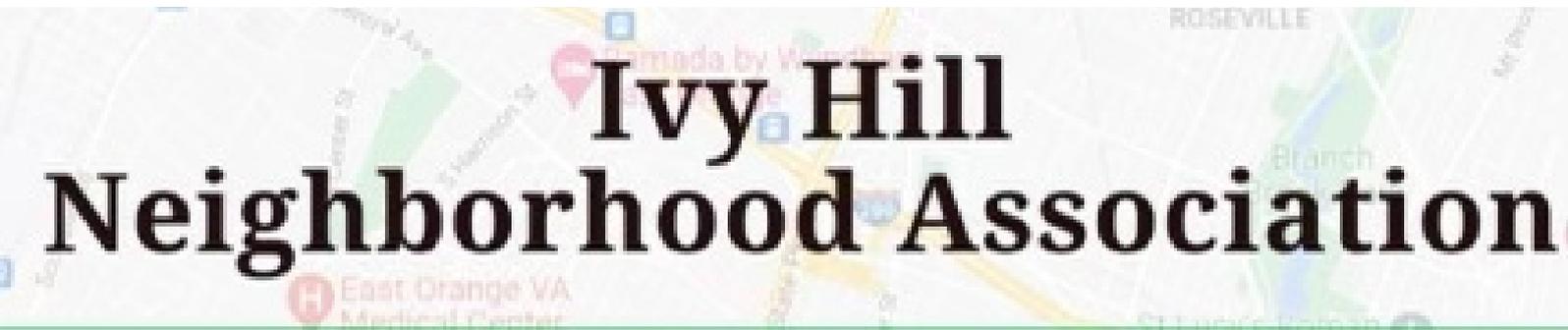
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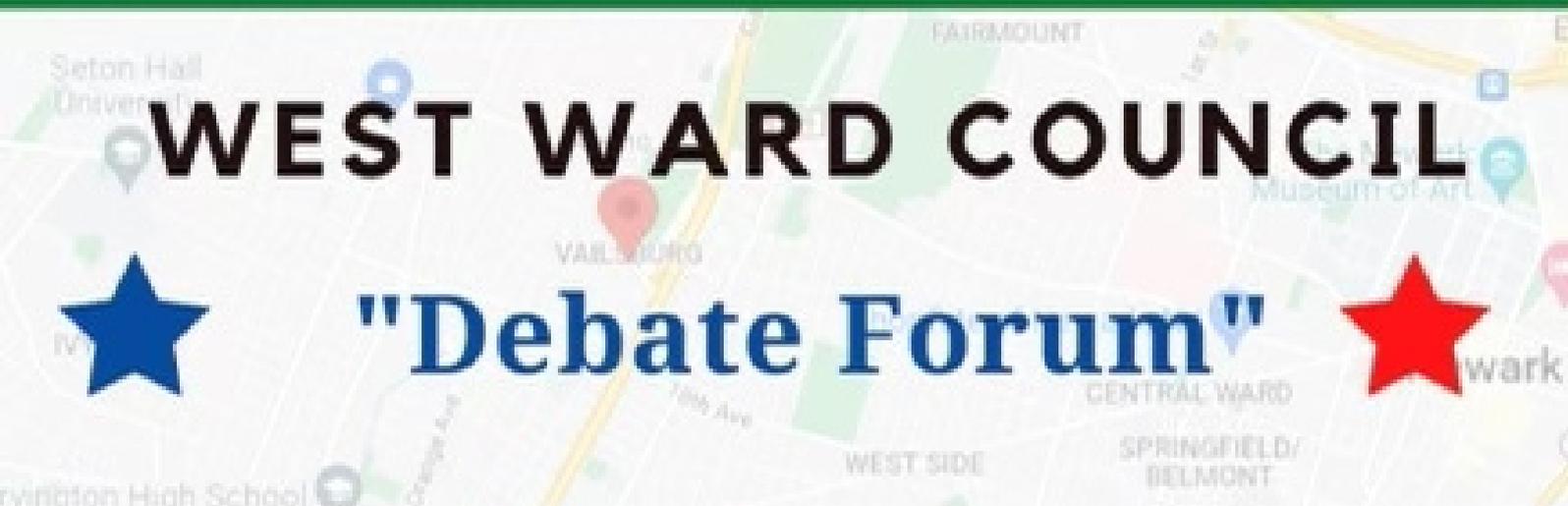
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**NJMVC**  
New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

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# Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association



## WEST WARD COUNCIL



### "Debate Forum"



## Save the Date!

**Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 7 pm**

**Details coming soon!**



CITY OF NEWARK  
Mayor Ras J. Baraka

# SNOW TUBING TRIPS

CAMPAGAW MOUNTAIN SKI AREA, MAITWAIN, NJ

Dates:	Departure Sites:	Site Office#:
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bo Porter Complex, 378 Lyons Ave.....	973-733-8006
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	SJ/KAG Recreation, 226 Rome St.....	973-733-3707
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rotunda Recreation, 75 Clifton Ave.....	973-733-3677
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Boylan Recreation, 916 So. Orange Ave.....	973-733-8947
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pennington & Hyatt Courts Housing.....	973-619-9001
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hayes West Center, 179 Boyd St.....	973-733-3959
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vince Lombardi, 201 Bloomfield Ave.....	973-482-5439

**FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY!**  
Lunch will be provided. No participants under 7yrs old.  
All participants MUST DRESS IN WARM LAYERS w/ COATS, HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES.  
Registration & Consent Forms must be signed.

All children must be at least 42" tall  
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Register at your nearest Recreation Center or Call: 973-697-9018

## Health Effects of Lead Exposure

Damage to Brain

Learning & Behavioral Problems

Speech Problems

Nervous System

Slow Growth & Development

Hearing Problems

All children are at risk for lead poisoning.

Getting a simple blood test is the only way to know if your children are lead poisoned. Get your child tested for Lead.

Get tested for free! Receive a Gift!  
No appointment necessary!

Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness  
Division of Environmental Health- Childhood Lead Prevention Program  
94 William Street, Newark, NJ 07102  
973 733-LEAD (5323) or (5324)



### Newark To Hold Swimming Lessons For Kids With Autism

Mayor Ras Baraka and Director of Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Senior Services Patrick Council announced Monday that the City of Newark is launching a "Learn to Swim Program for Children with Autism," which will teach children and young adults across the spectrum water safety and swim instruction.

The program will commence on Wednesday, March 9 at the John F. Kennedy Aquatic Center, and will be held every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., through Wednesday, May 25. The center is located at 211 West Kinney Street in the Central Ward, with the entrance on Howard Street.

All water safety instructors are certified by the American Red Cross. For more information, call (973) 733-6550 or (973) 715-2856.

# NEWARK -VS- COVID-19

THE WIN IS UP TO US!

MASK UP



WASH YOUR HANDS



SOCIAL DISTANCE



GET VACCINATED



CITY OF **NEWARK**  
Mayor Ras J. Baraka

## COVID-19 TESTING SITES

CITY OF **NEWARK**  
Mayor Ras J. Baraka  
and the Municipal Council

**Newark School Stadium**  
(450 Bloomfield Ave)  
**Walk-Up Testing Only\***  
(973) 988-5511  
Monday - Sunday, 9AM - 3PM

**Saint James Health**  
(228 Lafayette St)  
**Walk-Up Testing by Appointment**  
(973) 789-8111  
Monday - Friday, 8AM - 6PM

**Saint James Health West Ward**  
(332 South 8th St)  
**Walk-Up Testing Only**  
(973) 245-0060  
Tuesday - Friday, 8AM - 6PM

**University Hospital Ambulatory Center** (140 Bergen St)  
**Walk-Up Testing Only**  
(973) 972-9000  
Monday - Friday by Appointment  
9AM - 3PM

**The Waterfront**  
(2 Grafton Ave)  
**Walk-Up Testing Only**  
(973) 988-5511  
Monday - Saturday, 10AM - 7:00PM

**Muhammad Ali Ave & Bergen St**  
(Enter through Irvine Turner Blvd)  
**Walk-Up & Drive Through Testing**  
(862) 257-0718  
covidtesting@sunrisegoc.com  
Monday - Saturday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

**Ann Street School**  
(30 Ann St)  
**Walk-Up Testing Only**  
Parking available in school lot  
(973) 988-5511  
Monday - Saturday, 9AM - 5PM

**Branch Brook Park Skating Rink**  
(Enter on Park Ave)  
**Walk-Up & Drive Through Testing**  
(973) 988-5511  
Brief screening required  
Tuesday - Saturday, 9AM - 5PM

**Lincoln Park**  
**Walk-Up & Drive Through Testing**  
(862) 257-0718  
covidtesting@sunrisegoc.com  
Monday, 9AM - 5PM (City employees only)  
Tuesday - Saturday, 9AM - 5PM  
Friday, 9AM - 6PM

**Mary Eliza Mahoney Health Center**  
(394 University Ave)  
**Walk-Up Testing Only**  
(800) 734-7083  
Monday - Friday, 9AM - 3PM

Newark residents ONLY. No appointment or symptoms needed. Testing is FREE. Uninsured are welcome. Insured individuals must provide insurance information. Masks REQUIRED at all testing sites. If you do not have a mask we will give you one.  
\* Antibody testing available

### MAYOR BARAKA SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ENDING PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIREMENT AND LIFTING INDOOR MASK MANDATE

Mayor Ras J. Baraka announced that effective today, Wednesday, March 2, under a new Executive Order, the City of Newark is lifting the proof of vaccination mandate, and will no longer require persons to wear face masks while indoors in public places. Businesses have the discretion to require patrons and employees to wear face masks while in their establishment. In addition, it is strongly recommended that buildings housing seniors/and or the disabled require the wearing of face masks in public and common areas, including, but not limited to elevators, hallways, stairways. Masks are still required in common areas of all government buildings.

“Because of the cooperation of our community in our efforts to continue our fight against COVID-19, we are seeing a downward trend in cases. That has in turn enabled us to remove vaccination and mask restrictions,” said Mayor Baraka. “However, we still need to remain vigilant. Continue to wear your masks when appropriate and get vaccinated, to protect yourselves and your loved ones.”

READ MORE HERE: [Article](#)

Full Press Release



# SECOND SATURDAY FAMILY ADVENTURES



10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Ages 3–10 | FREE

**Saturday, March 12**

*Pi day is March 14 and this Second Saturday Pi art party is the place to be!*

*Let's celebrate Pi and all things circular together. We will create and measure circles and make some cool circle art. Our main focus is to understand and gain knowledge about circles in a unique way. Are you ready to learn about Pi?*

*Visit our website for future dates.*

**\*\*Registration is required\*\***

**\*\*Dress appropriately for the weather\*\***



Learn more and register at [www.citybloom.org/events](http://www.citybloom.org/events)  
32 Prince Street, Newark, NJ  
(973) 642-4646

Follow us on social media to stay updated about our events and news.



@GreaterNewarkConservancy



@CityBloom87



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We will be going on a circle scavenger hunt in the garden, learning ways to measure the circumference of a tree, and creating some cool circle art. We will be outdoors so come dressed for the weather.

Register here:

[Second Saturday Family Adventures](#)

Saturday, March 12

32 Prince Street

10:30am-12:00pm

TREE HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

# BACK TO OUR ROOTS

DANCE PARTY

**SATURDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022**

RAIN DATE - SUNDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2022

**12:00PM - UNTIL 9:00PM**

DJ AND ARTIST LINEUP TO BE ANNOUNCED

IVY HILL PARK  
MT. VERNON PL • NEWARK, NJ



VENDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE INFO CALL (973)393-3449



# save the date

**Sanford Block Association & Friends, Inc.**

## BLOCK PARTY

**Saturday, September 10th, 2022**



WHERE:

**SANFORD PL. & MARSAC PL.**

SANFORD PLACE & MARSAC PLACE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FESTIVITIES.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Planning Committee
- Grillers
- Set Up/Break Down Crew
- Games
- Activities
- Dues

QUESTIONS:

**VALERIE CRUTE: 973-432-8928**

INVITED

- Sanford Place Block Association and Friends
- Ellery Ave
- Fleetwood Place
- Marsac Place
- Kerrigan Blvd.
- Eastern Parkway
- All That Will Come

Come out and meet your neighbors. Get to know one another so we can continue to keep our neighborhood safe. We need to know one another for effective community policing.

*More Details to Follow...*





# WELCOME



Secretary  
Jonai Andrews

Block Captain  
Ken Andrews

The Andrews Family are new Homeowners on Kerrigan Blvd and are ready to make a difference in their community. Ken and Jonai along with their children, are here to serve where needed, and look forward to making many lasting memories with the Sanford Place Block Association and Friends.