



# Sanford Place Block Association & Friends

## OFFICERS

Coordinator - Valerie Crute  
Vice Chair - Robbie Seabrooks  
Secretary - Valerie Johnson  
Treasurer - Chevonne Cheatam  
Captains - Debby Strong  
Harold White  
Vicki Levine  
Cynthia Alford

## NEXT MEETING

Igbo Anglican Church  
844 Sanford Ave  
Newark, NJ 07111  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
December 8, 2016 @7:00pm

## MEETING AGENDA

- December-
- Public Safety- NPD
- January-
- Water Quality and Sanitation Dept.

## OUR SECOND MEETING WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE

I want to give a special thank you to our neighbor Chevonne Cheatam of Ultimate Financial Services for hosting our second meeting. She stepped in while the board of the Igbo Anglican Church voted on us making them our permanent meeting place. I want to also thank them for opening their doors to the community. We all look out for one another and that's the way we stay safe. From now on, we will meet at the church we had our first meeting, on the corner of Sanford Place and Sanford Ave which is most convenient.

Our Block Association currently consist of Sanford Place and Marsac Place. Fleetwood Place and Ellery Avenue request to join and was excepted. The more the merrier. There is strength in numbers.

## MEETING OVERVIEW

### 1. ELECTIONS

The members in attendance voted to keep the acting officers in place for a period of at least one year.

### 2. SHARING CONTACT INFORMATION

Members contact information will only be shared with the Members of our organization.

a. Coordinator, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer will have everyone's info while as Block Captains, Vicki Levine of 25 Sanford Place and Debby Strong of 84 Sanford Place will split Sanford Place. Harold White of 31 Marsac will have Marsac Place and Cynthia Alford of 10 Fleetwood will have Fleetwood Place and Ellery Ave. Their job is to assist me in updating residence on necessary information.

### 3. FUNDRAISING

Several options were made available as ideas to raise monies for our group but the Members are not interested in raising funds to support the events like an annual block party and snacks at the meeting but would rather donate \$20 or \$40 per year to support our efforts. Now, we elected to only do one major event, the block party and as we grow we can add additional projects. GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. DON'T LET THIS STOP YOU FROM PARTICPATING.

*"The things that bind us together are greater than the things that divide us. Let us not allow our difference cause us to withdraw from our purpose. Let us gather around the desire to remain safe in our homes and neighborhood. Everything else can be worked out, let us reason together." Valerie Crute, Sanford Place Block Association Coordinator*



VALERIE CRUTE (LEFT) AND HER NEIGHBOR, ROBBIE SEABROOKS, TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO START BLOCK ASSOCIATION IN THEIR WEST WARD NEIGHBORHOOD IN NEWARK. THE NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED A RECRUITMENT DRIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BLOCK WATCH GROUPS THAT HAVE DECLINED IN THE LAST 11 YEARS FROM 200 TO 70. (BARRY CARTER | THE STAR-LEDGER)



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## ❖ *From the desk of Senator Ronald Rice*

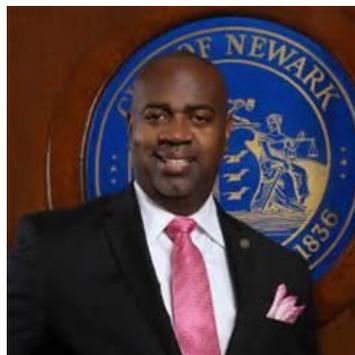


I would like to thank everyone for voting. We did well in NJ. In case you are fearful about our new President Elect Donald Trump's plan for NJ, we will work diligently in making sure that we at the local government will represent your needs for a better City, State, and Country in the coming years.

Do feel free to stop by my office M-F, 9-5, 1044 South Orange Ave Newark, NJ 07106 or call 973-371-5665

THANKS SENATOR FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## ❖ *From Mayor Ras Baraka Clergy Affairs Meeting 11/18/16*



The Mayors Heart WORK BUY LIVE

1. Literacy Campaign – Start a reading program in your community. 60% of Newark One Stop Career Center Candidates can't pass the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) that's why they can't get the jobs. Thus, Companies prefer to go to Craig's List rather than go to One Stop Newark
2. The Mayor is asking the 30 Large Corporations in Newark to:
  - a. Hire 10 Newark residents per year.
  - b. Increase the Procurement rate from 3% to 10% helping small businesses grow in Newark.
  - c. Have their employees live in Newark.
3. Public Safety- Residents look out for hotspots of crime in our area and report it to the police. Do not engage.

## ❖ *From the desk of Councilman Joe McCallum*



I would like to thank the West Ward Seniors for participating in the First Fall Senior Ball. You made it a success and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

If you know a needy family in the West Ward, turkey's will be made available to them on Tuesday November 22, 2016. What we are asking for is their name, address, phone number please call me at 973-733-6427.

We will announce the West Ward Toy Drive soon. Last year we had 1500 toys for needy children and are looking to match that this year.

I will continue to monitor the traffic situation with the Police and Engineering to see what the next steps are. Thank You



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