

# AROUND THE PARK



**Updates from State Representative Cephas**

In January I began my second term as State Representative for the 192<sup>nd</sup> District. It is my honor to continue this work with and for the residents of Overbrook Park and beyond. Read on for updates of my work in Harrisburg.

**Investments**

As a legislator, it is my job to write and vote for laws at the state level. But, investing in our communities has been one of my top priorities since day one. Just three months into the year I am proud to announce that we have secured \$600,000 in state grant funding to improve pedestrian safety along Haverford Avenue in Overbrook Park. In addition to those funds, we were able to secure \$25,000 for beautification projects, and additional funding for the Overbrook Library project to make the necessary improvements. Working with the Overbrook Park Civic Association, the Haverford Avenue Business Association and colleagues in Harrisburg to make improvements to the Haverford Avenue business corridor really paid off and is a testament to how working together helps to make much needed improvements in our communities.

**Law & Policy**

With the political climate in the state House, it is not easy to get laws passed and enacted, but that does not stop us from strategizing to get the job done. I am working with a number of Republican Members on some of my policy priorities including a childcare package, student loan tax credits and sexual harassment.

With education at the forefront, I recognize the unique needs that students and parents have during enrollment and while in the workforce. My childcare package would create a tax credit for employers who furnish child day care facilities, expand eligibility for Child Care Works and would require post-secondary educational institutions to consider childcare expenses in student financial aid decisions. I am also drafting legislation that would provide tax credits to employers that make contributions toward employee student loan debt and a proposal to ban-the-box from college admission applications. In addition, I've teamed up with a bi-partisan group of female Representatives to propose legislation that addresses sexual harassment in the workplace by expanding resources for both employees and employers in prevention and response to workplace incidents.

The many issues that face our communities are multi-faceted and need to be addressed from many angles. While we can claim victory with securing funding for some new local projects, we also are aware that the hard work continues. I am here for the charge and I look forward to working with and for the 192<sup>nd</sup> to improve our neighborhoods and bring much needed resources to all Pennsylvanians.

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## Spring Cleaning Beyond the House

By: Tyrone Smith, Master Plumber, Contractor Network Supervisor, American Water Resources

A survey conducted by the American Cleaning Institute revealed 76% of Americans participate in Spring Cleaning every year. This year, consider adding plumbing to your spring cleaning to-do list. Plumbing fixtures caked with grime and mineral scale aren't just unsightly, they could also point to hidden issues with your pipes and plumbing system.

Check out this list of simple ways to upkeep your plumbing system this spring.

### Make your plumbing fixtures shine

Have you noticed white, crusty deposits forming on your plumbing fixtures? This unsightly issue is a result of lime scale – or a buildup of mineral deposits on plumbing fixtures as water evaporates. Lime scale can be cleaned quite easily with lemon juice, vinegar and a little elbow grease.

To make those faucets and handles shine, simply soak a paper towel in the mixture and leave it on the fixture overnight. Discard the towel and scrub the fixture clean with a brush or sponge. If you see evidence of lime scale in your tap openings, you can fill a plastic bag with vinegar and secure it around the opening with a rubber band on the faucet. After removal, simply scrub the opening clean.

### Keep your pipes squeaky clean

In addition to leaving unsightly marks on your plumbing fixtures, lime build up can wreak havoc on your hot water pipes. Hot water will dissolve the lime so it can flow freely through the water in your plumbing system. When that water cools, those lime deposits will settle in your pipes or even your hot water heater, which may cause a decrease in water pressure and eventually lead to clogs.

If your plumbing is sluggish due to lime build up, empty half of the water contained in your hot water heater tank and add a bit of lime remover to it, then refill the hot water tank and let the mixture sit for a couple of minutes. Flush your pipes by running hot water through all of your faucets until the water runs clear and free of bubbles.

### Clear the way for your drains

If you have a clog in one of the drains in your home, don't turn to chemical cleaners, which may eat away at your pipes. The best way to solve the issue is by using hot water, but if all else fails, try mechanical means, such as plunging or snaking.

Next time one of your sinks or tubs experiences a clog, try running very hot water down the drain to soften the blockage, and follow up with a grease-dissolving dish soap to loosen it. You can also mix up a natural remedy of equal parts baking soda and vinegar and pour it down your pipes for a similar effect.

### Dust off your homeowners' insurance plan

The worst time to realize you aren't covered is in the event of a plumbing emergency. Dust off your current homeowners' insurance plan and see what your policy protects against. American Water Resources offers an array of protection plans specifically suited to your plumbing system, water and sewage service lines which are typically not covered by homeowners insurance. Visit [AWRUSA.com/phl](http://AWRUSA.com/phl) or call 888-892-9009 to learn more.



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\$20 per household

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

**April 1st at 7pm Citizens Patrol Meeting—Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

**April 6th at 10am Spring Clean Up Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

**April 10th at 7pm—OPCA Spring Quarterly Meeting and Membership Drive – 7630 Woodbine Overbrook Park Church of Christ**

**April 24th at 6pm—Citizens Patrol Crime Prevention Safety Walk—Meet up 7500 Brookhaven - Lamberton Parking Lot**

**April 25th at 7pm PSA1 Meeting at Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

**May 7th at 7pm Citizen’s Patrol Meeting—Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

**May 11th at 10am Love Your Park Clean Up Event -Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

**June 3rd at 7pm Citizen’s Patrol Meeting—Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

**June 8th at 10am—Rose Playground Monthly Park Clean Up 1200 N 75th Street**

**June 12th at 7pm—OPCA Summer Quarterly Meeting 7630 Woodbine Ave Overbrook Park Church of Christ**

**June 22nd at 2pm OVERBROOK PARK COMMUNITY DAY—Haverford Ave between Brookhaven and Sherwood**

**August 23rd at 8pm FREE OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—Rose Playground 1200 N 75th Street**

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## Crime Blotter for Overbrook Park

Please attend Citizens Patrol Meetings the 1st Monday of every month—7pm—Rose Playground

### January 2019

Thefts – 8  
Assault – 1  
Drug Violations – 1  
Robbery – 2

### February 2019

Homicide – 1  
Aggravated Assaults – 2  
Burglaries – 1  
Thefts – 4

### March 2019

Thefts – 6  
Aggravated Assaults – 15  
Burglary – 1 (non residential)  
Car Thefts – 2



Detailed crime information can be found here: <https://www.phillypolice.com/crime-maps-stats/index.html>

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS !!

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 7474 Rhoads         | 7663 Woodcrest Ave |
| 7671 Overbrook Ave  | 7541 Sherwood Rd   |
| 1615 Ashurst Rd     |                    |
| 7475 Brockton Rd    |                    |
| 7436 Drexel Rd      |                    |
| 7667 Overbrook Ave  |                    |
| 1405 West End Drive |                    |
| 7534 Woodcrest Ave  |                    |
| 7338 Brookhaven     |                    |
| 1356 Kimberly       |                    |
| 7415 Drexel Rd      |                    |



## Selecting the Right Summer Camp Tips by Holly Riddick

Summer camps are fun, build character, are great for balancing out the unstructured school-free months, and provide opportunities for campers to meet new friends and reconnect with former classmates. Plus, kids can discover new interests & stay intellectually engaged. Some camps are registering now and tend to fill up quickly.

The full article can be read at <https://www.idtech.com/blog/tips-choosing-summer-camp>

- **Set your expectations** – Ask yourself what do you want your child to gain from their experience? The goal is to get kids excited about summer and finding programs that speak to their current interests.
- **Select the Right Genre** – Narrow down the type of program such as traditional, academic, art, adventure, athletic or special needs.
- **Decide on Day Camps or Overnight Camps** – This depends on your child's age & comfort level with being way from home. Day camps can provide the opportunity for kids to socialize, learn new skills or play sports while overnight camps offer kids a taste of independence in a supervised setting.
- **Consider Camp Setting & Experience** – Some camps team up with universities or churches to provide a collegiate or religious environment.
- **Find Instructors You Kids will Adore** – Instructors should be fun, upbeat, and both passionate & knowledgeable. Check out counselor profiles on the camp website, look for low student-to-instructor ratios, & be sure that your camp runs background checks on all instructors
- **Determine Your Budget Based on your Desired Outcome for Your Child** - Summer camp prices vary drastically. Don't forget to determine what's included in the final price of camp, since most added benefits can bump up your total cost. Does the camp provide lunch? Offer early pick-up and drop-off? Make sure you're paying for the things that are most important to you and your family.

### Summer Camp Resources:

[www.metrokids.com](http://www.metrokids.com)  
[www.Philadelphiasummercamps.com](http://www.Philadelphiasummercamps.com)

### Local Camps

Sharon Knights – Wynnefield Heights -Contact Marc Reason, email [sharonknightsathletics@gmail.com](mailto:sharonknightsathletics@gmail.com), 267-403-0063  
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