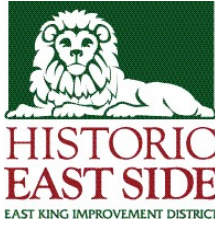


East King Improvement District
308 E. King Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
717.283.0942



Fall 2006 Newsletter

Greetings from the East King Improvement District!

What We Do:

The East King Improvement District is a community development program located in the Historic East Side of Lancaster City. Created in partnership by six local organizations, the East King Improvement District's mission is *to create livable communities by making its diverse neighborhood an even greater place to live, work, and invest.*

This has been an amazing year, and we want to thank all of you for your support. We are a collaborative organization, and our success is based around community participation. We see this community support forming around many of the projects listed on the other side. Please let us know your thoughts as we move forward with many plans for 2007 and beyond.

Who We Are:

Tom Wenger

Tom is the community builder at the East King Improvement District. His work includes oversight of the many efforts of EKID: mobilizing neighborhood residents, administering the myriad community events and projects throughout the year, communicating the vision and mission to the local community, and reporting measured outcomes and results to local organizations, partners, and foundations.

Suzy Hoover

Suzy is a hands-on neighborhood coordinator. She works closely with the Neighborhood Assessment Team to address housing violation issues, analyze police response calls, and empower residents to improve their quality of life. This initiative draws on various city departments and block coordinators to collaborate in addressing specific concerns.

Jean Weglarz

Jean is a neighborhood coordinator working closely with Suzy to plan EKID's Corridor Improvement Project to be launched next Spring, 2007. The project will provide some support to property owners to assist them with façade and streetscape improvements.

Fritz Schroeder

Fritz is the economic coordinator. His projects include the Community Fresh Food Initiative, a multicultural farmers market at the Eastern Market, and the East Side Shops. He is also involved with the Buy Fresh, Buy Local Lancaster campaign and serves as the coordinator for Sustainable Lancaster.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE HISTORIC EAST SIDE:

The East King Street Corridor and surrounding neighborhoods are bustling with activity. Energy and enthusiasm are pouring into this neighborhood! Here are some examples of the way new life is coming to the Historic East Side:

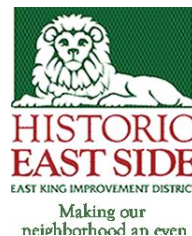
1. **Eastern Farmers Market** – The new outdoor fresh food market at the Eastern Market building had a successful first summer, featuring a variety of prepared foods, fresh produce, and cut flowers. The Market will reopen in June 2007.
2. **Transformation of Eastern Market Plaza** – With funding support from the Elm Street Program managed by the Inner City Group, we have worked together with the community to develop a plan to transform the little pocket park at Shippen and E. King Streets. Now, together with the City, we are raising funds to implement the plan, hopefully in 2007, to make the area safe and beautiful.
3. **East King Gateway Façade and Beautification Project** – With funding support from the Elm Street Program, Wachovia Regional Foundation, and PennDOT's Hometown Street, EKID is able to assist property owners in improvements such as façade beautification, sidewalk repair, house lighting, street lighting, and additional trees and litter receptacles.
4. **New Litter Receptacles** – We installed 25 *Historic East Side* litter receptacles along E. King Street and surrounding neighborhoods to help keep our streets clean.
5. **Friends of Reservoir Park** – A group of residents meets monthly to work together to revitalize Reservoir Park and ensure that it is a safe, friendly and attractive neighborhood park.
6. **Banners** – We recently installed colorful banners along the corridor that declare *Welcome to the Neighborhoods of the Historic East Side*.
7. **East Side Community Center** – Plans are underway to transform 219 E. King Street into a multi-purpose community center for residents of all ages.
8. **Lancaster Living** – We partnered with several city organizations and launched a coordinated city-wide marketing initiative to promote the benefits of Lancaster City living to increase the rate of homeownership and home improvement.
9. **Bookmobile** – Lancaster County Library's bookmobile stops in our area the second and fourth Thursday at 4 pm, providing easy access to books for children and families in the Historic East Side. A new stop will be beside the King Theatre Apartments at 419 E. King Street.

Get connected with the East King Improvement District

The primary reason for EKID's success is its reliance – no, its dependence – on partners and supporters. Whether it is collaborating with other organizations or partnering with area residents, the people of this community are our strongest asset.

We are always looking for ways to involve the community in our projects. And there are many ways! Please consider supporting the Historic East Side by volunteering your time.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____



Thank you! Drop off or mail to 308 E. King Street.