

JSID Takes Lead with Vision Plan



Aerial view illustrating the proposed vision for Harrisburg Pike

The James Street Improvement District has taken the lead in developing a vision plan for the area around the planned Clipper Magazine Stadium. Pictured above is a view depicting what the future may hold for Harrisburg Pike and Prince Street. View the entire Lancaster City Stadium District Physical Environment Vision Report (December 2003) by entering our website at www.jsidlancaster.org.

New Faces at the JSID

The James Street Improvement District is growing! Joining Lisa Riggs, Executive Director, are the Bike Ambassadors (Pictured from L to R): Jay Patel; Samuel Reed, 2nd Shift Supervisor; Samantha West; John Sage; Michael Kurtz; Michael Kelly, Operations Manager; Michelle Mills and Dave Phillips (not shown).

The JSID Bike Ambassadors are contracted through Allied Security, a nationally recognized leader in improvement district security programs. Congratulations to our own John Sage who was recognized by Allied as a Security officer of the month in December. He was recognized for his hard work and dedication in the neighborhood.

The administrative staff has also grown. Hilda Carter is the most recent addition to the JSID. She will be

working on a wide range of marketing projects. Please contact her at 394-6992 or by e-mail at hildacarter@comcast.net to be added to our mailing list. We are eager to hear from you.



Good News Highlights

- Charter Homes purchased the former Samuel Miller & Sons Inc. property at 811 North Prince Street. The company plans to develop the site for their own corporate offices, a restaurant on the ground floor and parking.
- Auntie Anne's Inc. will open the second Auntie Anne's Café in the old Champion Blower and Forge site at Harrisburg Pike and North Charlotte Street. The 3,400 sq. ft. facility is scheduled to open May 2004. They will serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and Starbuck's coffee and will be open from 7 am - 9 pm.
- Pemberley Tea Shoppe has opened at 443 North Mulberry Street. The 1,500 sq. ft. space is divided into three sections, with a casual seating area, conference room table and table seating. They serve tea, coffee, lunch, and baked goods. The Shoppe is open Monday - Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm and also offers take-out.
- Thomas Campus Deli is opening at the end of January in the former Adelphia Seafood store, a 4,500 sq. ft. building at 430 Harrisburg Avenue. The deli seats up to 50 and will be open seven days a week from 11 am to 11 pm.

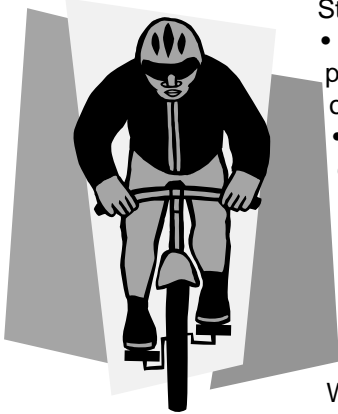
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Bike Ambassadors On Patrol & On the Move

Two shifts of three bike ambassadors began patrolling the James Street Improvement District in June, providing a friendly face and an additional safety presence in the area. They serve as extra eyes and ears on the street but do not substitute for or replace the police. To give residents and employees a better sense of what role the squad members play, here is a sampling of services recently provided.

- Patrol public schools daily during arrival and departure times.
- Dispersed crowd of about 10 teens that were being disruptive at Wharton Elementary.
- Fix kids bikes.
- Notified police of smashed windows at Otterbein Methodist Church.
- Contacted City Health Department regarding excessive trash on Lime Street.

- Assisted in pushing cars out from snow.
- Stop in to check up on businesses.
- Took report about hub-caps stolen in the 500 block of West Chestnut Street.



- Reported several tires slashed overnight in the neighborhood.
- Assisted police and F & M in locating runaway/missing teens/children.
- Report burned out streets lights and malfunctioning traffic lights.
- Assist with directing traffic around accidents.
- Reported to the graffiti hotline new graffiti on a private garage in the 900 block of North Christian Street.
- Contacted the police to assist with two unsupervised children playing in the street.
- Regularly hand out dog treats.
- Assisted an area employee chasing six youths (ages 10-13) who had broken into a car. Contacted police who caught one of the youths with a cell phone stolen from vehicle.



Don Gallagher, President, Gallagher Construction and Lisa Riggs, Executive Director, JSID

Historic/Modern Offices

Gallagher Construction has recently completed the renovation of the former A.C. Welchans' Elevator Works building located on the corner of West James and Water. Don Gallagher will be moving his company in to the space by the end of January. The James Street Improvement District moved its offices in to the new location on November 1st.

The two story building was constructed in 1891. In 1941, High Welding (now known as High Steel Structures) purchased it to manufacture auto springs. The building's Late Victorian Industrial style is a good example of buildings the historic district has to offer. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is associated with the city's industrial heyday of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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The fare will include cheesesteaks, hoagies, homemade soups, salads and burgers.

- The County of Lancaster was selected to receive a \$100,000 Smart Growth in Brownfield Communities grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Lancaster County Planning Commission will use the funds to develop, in partnership with the City and Manheim Township, a Specific Plan for the area around the Amtrak Station.

JSID - Overview

The JSID is a non-profit organization created to enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors in the Northwest neighborhoods of Lancaster City.



James Street Improvement District Boundaries

The JSID's initial goals to enhance the quality of life in the District include:

- Reduce the crime rate and enhance the realities and perceptions of safety;
- Reduce litter and graffiti;
- Enhance/restore the building stock and public environment;
- Increase home ownership and owner-occupancy;
- Advocate for appropriate commercial development;
- Market and promote the District;
- Facilitate and serve as a liaison connecting representatives of neighborhoods, government, businesses and investors; and,
- Build community pride.

2003 JSID Accomplishments

- Launched the bike squad, which has recorded more than 3,437 contacts with residents and 785 contacts with businesses in six months.
- Reported nearly 40 locations for unkempt lawns or trash violations.
- Identified for the City 25 burned out street lights, malfunctioning traffic lights, downed cables and missing sewer grates.
- Reported and had towed 20 abandoned vehicles.
- Provided a matching grant in support of the West End Mural at Walnut and Mulberry streets.
- Coordinated a coalition of public and private safety providers within the JSID.
- Hosted two public community meetings to listen to residents' and businesses' ideas for the area around the proposed multi-purpose stadium.
- Produced a vision plan to guide development and activity particularly focused on Harrisburg Pike and Prince Street.
- Assisted more than a dozen small businesses with start-up, expansion or relocation needs.
- Provided funding to extend the hours of operation at Buchanan Park's wading pool during the summer movie program.
- Initiated a parking study to assess current and future parking needs.
- Conducted site tours for a variety of private investment interests evaluating Lancaster City.
- Proposed a re-orientation of the multi-purpose stadium design that supports future development opportunities.
- Supported a research survey of residents to assess quality of life concerns.
- Promoted the northwest part of Lancaster City through the media, print and web materials and in various public speaking engagements.
- Advocated for the re-utilization of historic buildings as an important component of retaining this area's unique character.



Meet 2nd Shift Supervisor, Sam Reed

Samuel E. Reed is one of the outstanding members of the Bike Squad that patrols the James Street Improvement District. Sam has been with the JSID since Spring 2003 and was recently promoted to 2nd Shift Supervisor.

Sam is a US Army veteran and is currently in the US Army National Guard. During his 6 years in the armed services he received the Army Achievement Medal, multiple Presidential Citations, Overseas Ribbon and French Fourragère. Sam holds certifications in various security related training courses including CPR.

Sam was born in Orlando, Florida but has lived in Lancaster most of his life. He has a brother, Michael, and 2 sisters, Dorothy and Patti, who live in the area.

Barney Rubble is Sam's nickname, but he will have to tell that story himself. He lives by the words of Marcus Garvey, "If you have no confidence in yourself you are twice defeated in the race of life, with confidence you have won even before you have started."

Congratulations Sam, job well done!

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Mission Statement

The James Street Improvement District is a non-profit community development organization focused on enhancing the quality of life for the north and northwest neighborhoods of Lancaster City. Initial priorities focus on "clean and safe" initiatives, including the deployment of a bike squad in the District.

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