



# CITY LIGHTS



*Revitalizing our city's neighborhoods*

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## BREAKING NEWS!!!

Tell us what is  
**IMPORTANT** to **YOU!**

Come join the discussion about

"Where we are now" and "Where we are headed."

Want to find out more information or get involved?

Please visit [www.togethernorthjersey.com](http://www.togethernorthjersey.com).

Can't make the workshop but want to provide input? Please visit [www.engagenorthjersey.com](http://www.engagenorthjersey.com)

Please join Together North Jersey, the NJTPA, and the City of Paterson, for a public workshop to gather input for the plans that will shape the future of North Jersey. This workshop gives you the opportunity to share your ideas about planning for the future to build stronger communities and local and regional economies with better access to transportation, housing, jobs, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Passaic County Community College  
Academic Hall- Paterson Room  
One College Boulevard  
Paterson, NJ 07505

Parking: Public Safety Complex Parking Garage  
125 Broadway with pedestrian overpass to  
PCCC main building (\$4.00 first hour, \$2.00 second hour, \$1.00/hour after; cash only)

Transit: Rail: NJ Transit Paterson Station  
Bus: NJ Transit #171, #704, #704M, #707, #722, #746, #770 at PCCC stops

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If you would like to participate in the meeting but require special arrangements such as language interpreters, audio assistance, transportation or child care, please contact Miriam Salerno at 848-932-2876 or via email at [Miriam.salerno@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:Miriam.salerno@ejb.rutgers.edu) at least five business days prior to meeting.

## **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS**

### ***NEWLY HIRED PART TIME HOUSING INSPECTORS:***

The Dept. of Community Development has hired 10 Part Time Housing Inspectors for the Division of Community Improvements. These Inspectors will be performing sweeps in several areas of the City in search of Illegal Conversions. They will work Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### ***CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:***

1. Dialysis Center to be constructed at 498 East 30<sup>th</sup> St.
2. PCCC performing renovations to building located at 225 Market St. and an interconnecting bridge to the college extension located at 200 Ellison St.

### ***CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN FINAL STAGES OF REVIEW:***

1. 44 Beech St. which is a Mill Conversion to 245 Apts. and a Laundry on 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
2. 233-247 Van Houten St. corner of Ellison St. renovations for new Family Dollar Store
3. 372 Mc Bride Ave. Complete renovation of Pennington Park.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Spring has started another wave of development throughout the City. The Heritage at Alexander Hamilton continues to construct new townhouses. Access is easily gained at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. A “Super Supermarket” will soon be opening and joining the already opened “Advanced Auto” store on Memorial Drive, near the intersection with West Broadway. Watch for more retail construction in this area coming soon! A new School 16 has also broken ground at 20<sup>th</sup> Street, south of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, which is not far from the building addition being put on to Gianella’s Modern Baking Company, also on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Can everyone say “Three Walgreens Drug Stores in Paterson”? That is correct. An application has been received to construct the City’s third Walgreen’s on Main Street, conveniently located near St. Joseph’s Medical Center, the City’s largest employer. And speaking of Main Street in the South Paterson section of the City, look for more new mixed-use buildings getting ready to be built soon. Not far away, Brother’s Produce Company in the Farmer’s Market will be undergoing an expansion to better serve their customers. The City’s commercial corridor of Route 20 will soon see more retail activity. Don’t forget 3.5% sales tax & open all day on Sundays! Just say ‘No’ to 7% sales tax outside of Paterson. Shop local and save! The Hacienda Mexican Restaurant is planning an addition and buildings to the south are to be converted for retail activity. And on the other side of the highway,

congratulations to the new McDonalds Restaurant and drive-thru that recently opened. This is the City's fifth McDonalds currently in operation.

The long dormant northeast corner of Straight Street and Van Houten Street is finally coming alive again. The old Candy Confectionary Building is being reconfigured into office and retail use with additional on-site parking.

Congratulations go to George Meadows, whom joined the Division of Planning and Zoning as a Principal Planner in the fall.

Board of Adjustment meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Planning Board meetings are scheduled on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Both Boards meet on the third floor of City Hall in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

## **DIVISION OF HOUSING**

### ***First Time Homebuyers Program***

Applications are now being accepted for any person wishing to apply for the First Time Homebuyers Program. To obtain an application, you must complete a homebuyers counseling seminar which is provided by the Paterson Housing Authority. For information on how to register for the classes, please contact Ms Lucy Ruiz at 973-345-5995

First Time Homebuyers applications can be picked up at the Division of Housing located at:

125 Ellison Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Paterson, NJ 0705

Please note: A certification of completion must be presented prior to obtaining the First Home Homebuyers Application.

## **Neighborhood Assistance**

### **It's Spring Clean Up Time Again!**

Great Falls - May 11,2013

Eastside Park - May 18, 2013

Westside Park - May 25,2013

The Neighborhood Assistance Office and community volunteers will be cleaning in 1<sup>st</sup> ward ,3<sup>rd</sup> ward 4thward and the 5<sup>th</sup> ward for more information contact Nancy Grier 973-321-1212 or Diane Polifronio 973-321-1488



## Urban Enterprise Zone



To become a UEZ certified business, contact our office at 973-321-1212 ext 2267 or go to [www.nj.us](http://www.nj.us). Click on the link “Premiere Businesses” and follow the prompts. It’s very easy to sign up your business and there is no application fee. Our office personnel are here to assist you with your online registration.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Type of Event	Time of Event	Place of Event
	Ribbon Cutting Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward		Presidential Park
	Ribbon Cutting Park 4th Ward		Wrigley Park
	Ribbon Cutting Park 5 <sup>th</sup> Ward		Roberto Clemente Park
May 11, 2013	Spring Clean up	8:30 am – 12 Noon	Great Falls National Historical Park
May 18, 2013	Spring Clean up	8:30 am – 12 Noon	Eastside Park
May 25, 2013	Spring Clean Up	8:30 am – 12 Noon	Westside Park