

# VERNON TRIANGLE NEWSLETTER

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## CONCENTRATED CODE ENFORCEMENT UP-DATE

The C.C.E. program is off to a very good start, and we're pleased that a number of Vernon Triangle residents have already expressed an interest in the grant/subsidy and loan programs available. Our Inspector, Sam Palmisano, has completed his first inspection of Vernon and is now beginning on Greenfield. He is doing exterior inspections only, looking for code violations and clear safety or health hazards. Some violation letters have already gone out. Rest assured--we are not picking out only some houses for violation letters. All houses are being systematically inspected and all violations are being noted. We want to fix up all the houses in the Vernon Triangle area, not just a few. Just think how great things are going to look after this clean-up, fix-up, and paint-up campaign!

## \$\$\$ AVAILABLE FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Homeowners in the Vernon Triangle area are immediately eligible for either outright subsidies or 3% federal loans for home improvements.

### SUBSIDIES:

- A maximum grant of \$5,000 per structure is available to resident homeowners of buildings that contain one to four units to correct conditions determined to be hazardous to safety and health.
- Eligibility is based on a sliding scale of income and number of dependents. For example, a family of four would be eligible for the full grant if their gross income was \$9,900 or below. That same family of four would still be eligible for a partial award as long as their income did not exceed \$17,365.
- Absentee property owners are eligible for partial awards of up to 75% of \$5,000.

### LOANS:

- Federal 312 loans are available to both resident and absentee owners.
- You may borrow up to \$27,000 at 3% interest for up to 20 years.
- This money may be used to generally improve your house as well as to fix health and safety hazards.

For further information about these programs and for applications, call the Parkside Community Association, 838-1240.

## PARKSIDE REFERRALS

Need an apartment?	Need an odd job done?	Need a contractor?
Have an apartment to rent?	Available to do odd jobs?	Know a good contractor?

Call the Parkside Community Association office, 838-1240.

## LOCK PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The County is sponsoring a pilot program called "Operation Dead-bolt" for low income elderly residents. Locks will be installed free of charge for eligible persons 55 and older. Call 855-4141 for information.

NOTE: Be sure to leave the key in the lock (on the inside, of course!) at night, in case of fire. For further details, ask when calling for information about the program, or call Sal Valvo, Liason Officer at Precinct 17 (847-2765).

## LARGE GARBAGE PICK-UP RESUMES

Beginning the week of April 9th, the Department of Street Sanitation will resume its bi-weekly trash pick-up schedule for the Vernon Triangle and all the Parkside Neighborhood. Please put out trash only on the scheduled bi-weekly trash pick-up days. Call 853-3880 to arrange for a special pick-up if this bi-weekly schedule is not convenient.

We've had complaints about residents not putting their garbage cans away after garbage collection day. Please--let's all cooperate in making the Vernon Triangle as attractive as possible.

## PARKSIDE TOUR BROCHURE

Now that spring is around the corner, it's an ideal time to get out and walk through our neighborhood. To guide you in those walks, the Parkside Historical and Architectural Rour brochure is available for only 25¢. Stop by the Parkside office to get your copy, or send 40¢ to us with your request and we'll mail you one.

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