



SANCTUARY VILLAGE

WELCOME

We welcome the summer and hope you will all have some time to relax and refresh. It has been a difficult Spring...like you, we at Sanctuary Village are saddened and greatly concerned over the violence that seems to have taken over our country, certainly including Philadelphia (with a staggering 200+ murder rate for 2022 as of Memorial Day weekend). Our hearts go out to those who have lost a loved one.

Let us all work together in whatever ways we can to make our country a safe place for all, especially our children and most vulnerable neighbors. All of our efforts can make a difference.

Thank you for your support,

Cathy

Board President

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER!

Sanctuary Village's next fundraiser will be a collection of new or gently used children's clothing with a resale event to be held Labor Day weekend (we think). Please tell your friends!

This will be similar to the shoe drive we held in the Fall of 2021 which was quite successful and helped keep hundreds of shoes out of landfills. Contact Cathy at cifarrell@comcast.net with any donations or if you have questions.

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WHAT'S NEW

HAPPENINGS

Recent updates on various Sanctuary Village happenings.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Learn more about how you can contribute to our worthwhile mission.

LET'S CONNECT

We want to hear from you!

Don't want to wait until our next newsletter to find out what's going on with Sanctuary Village?

Visit our website at:

<https://www.tinyhousecommunity.org>

Happenings

More House Sponsorships! We have another (sixth) house sponsored, thanks to Board member Reverend Schaunel Steinnagel and her husband, Matthew Taylor. We are so very grateful for their generous gift! We also have a burgeoning partnership with two churches – Grace Lutheran in Hatfield and Little Zion Lutheran in Telford. These churches are coming together to help sponsor a house and its residents. We love this model of teaming organizations with Sanctuary Village to build relationships with the tiny house community!

Steps Forward Toward Permits. We have made solid progress on the steps required for obtaining a zoning permit (the prerequisite for obtaining a building permit). A Board of Building Standards hearing was held for this project on May 5 and our building plans were approved. Thank you to our architect, Rustin Ohler, for all of his ongoing able expertise and assistance. The next step – the zoning approval process – is ongoing with the initial zoning application permit filed in March and refused in May (as expected). We just filed an appeal and will know soon when we can meet with the Zoning Board at a hearing. We understand it is currently taking several months to get a hearing date.

Grants Received. Recent grants include: The Deaconess Community of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Community in America), a community of women deacons who have given Sanctuary Village a generous grant of \$30,000. And Swarthmore Presbyterian Church who gave us \$1,000. We are thankful!!

Welcome Aboard!



We welcome Norman Weinstein, an attorney who has practiced law in Philadelphia for 40 years with a concentration in disability law. He has also spent 40 years engaged in pro bono work to help the indigent, disabled, immigrants and others navigate the legal system. He has served on or been president of many non-profit boards. Norman feels a strong commitment to giving back, especially in service to those living on the margins and the disenfranchised.

As of a special election held last month, the Councilman for the 6th district where we plan to build (State Road in Holmesburg), is Mr Mike Driscoll, formerly Representative in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives (representing the 173rd District). We look forward to getting to know him and working with him on this innovative project.



Sponsor a House!



We would love for you or your organization to sponsor a tiny house! To sponsor the costs of an entire house (including foundation and electrical hook-up), we are asking for \$20,000. You can also choose to sponsor at a lower level – please see the various levels of sponsorship below. Anyone who sponsors a house, at any of the levels listed below, will be listed on a plaque on the house itself, as well as on our website.

Contractor:	\$5,000 donation
Construction Manager:	\$10,000 donation
Master Builder:	\$15,000 donation
Architect:	\$20,000 donation

Recent Events

SEPA Day of Service. The Southeastern PA Lutheran Synod held a day of service on April 23. Board member, Pastor Serena Sellers, led one of the events at her church in Harleysville. Volunteers came together and assembled hand-made wreaths and throw rugs for our future residents as well as gifts of linens and other supplies that will be much needed when they move into their homes in Sanctuary Village. Thank you to all who participated, and thanks to the Synod for their financial contributions that helped make this possible.



Another Successful Beer Tasting Fundraiser.

On April 30, Board President Cathy Farrell's husband Lou (a former brewer) led a beer tasting of brews to serve with your BBQs at Grace Lutheran Church in Hatfield. This was our second beer tasting event and the attendees all said (again) that they learned a lot plus had a great time. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event!

News

To quote a recent article in the New York Times (<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/14/headway/houston-homeless-people.html?referringSource=articleShare>):

"There are addiction recovery and religious conversion programs that succeed in getting people off the street. But housing first involves a different logic: When you're drowning, it doesn't help if your rescuer insists you learn to swim before returning you to shore. You can address your issues once you're on land. Or not. Either way, you join the wider population of people battling demons behind closed doors."

And a description of what has been happening in Houston, where 25,000 individuals who were homeless moved into housing over the past ten years:

"...in broken America it's still possible for adversaries to share facts and come together around something contentious and difficult. Public and private, county and city, businesses and nonprofits, conservatives and liberals, the housed and unhoused: In Houston, enough of them have agreed on a goal that seems worth striving for. Working in concert, they have made genuine progress in housing previously unhoused people. And, so far, the benefits of collaboration have fended off the usual forces of entropy. That was an eye-opener and a sign of hope."

How You Can Help

There are plenty of ways for you to help support Sanctuary Village:

Buy a Brick! Brick by brick you can help us build a village! Purchase a brick that will be built into the landscape of the village.

Plant the Future. For \$35, Sanctuary Village will send you a 3D printed tiny house planter for you to plant and enjoy.

Wear Pretty Jewelry! We are honored that Linda Bucher, a resident of Media, is making beautiful jewelry and donating all of the proceeds to Sanctuary Village! Visit her site by searching for "PurpleSunflowerRose".

Matching Gifts. If your employer makes matching contributions, please consider making a gift to Sanctuary Village and having it matched. Any amount helps!

Shop for a Cause. Find the latest fashions and support Sanctuary Village by shopping at Rebel Girl Thrift. This virtual thrift store has a focus on sustainability and recycling. In addition to high quality women's pieces from brands like Banana Republic, Michael Kors and UGG, non-saleable items are upcycled into new, unique pieces. With a portion of every sale donated to Sanctuary Village, you can feel good about shopping! Visit RebelGirlThrift.com and use code VILLAGE at checkout to save 15%.



Let's Connect!

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