

Dickinson Square West

Hi, neighbor!

On behalf of the Dickinson Square West Civic Association (DSWCA) Board of Directors, members, and residents, I extend my hand to you in friendship. We are happy that you have chosen to live here.

Ours is a wonderfully diverse neighborhood, not only in our ages, races, and religions, but also in our professions, careers, skills, and talents. We care about one another's well-being. We help our neighbors, and, through DSWCA, we work to make our neighborhood safe and friendly to all.

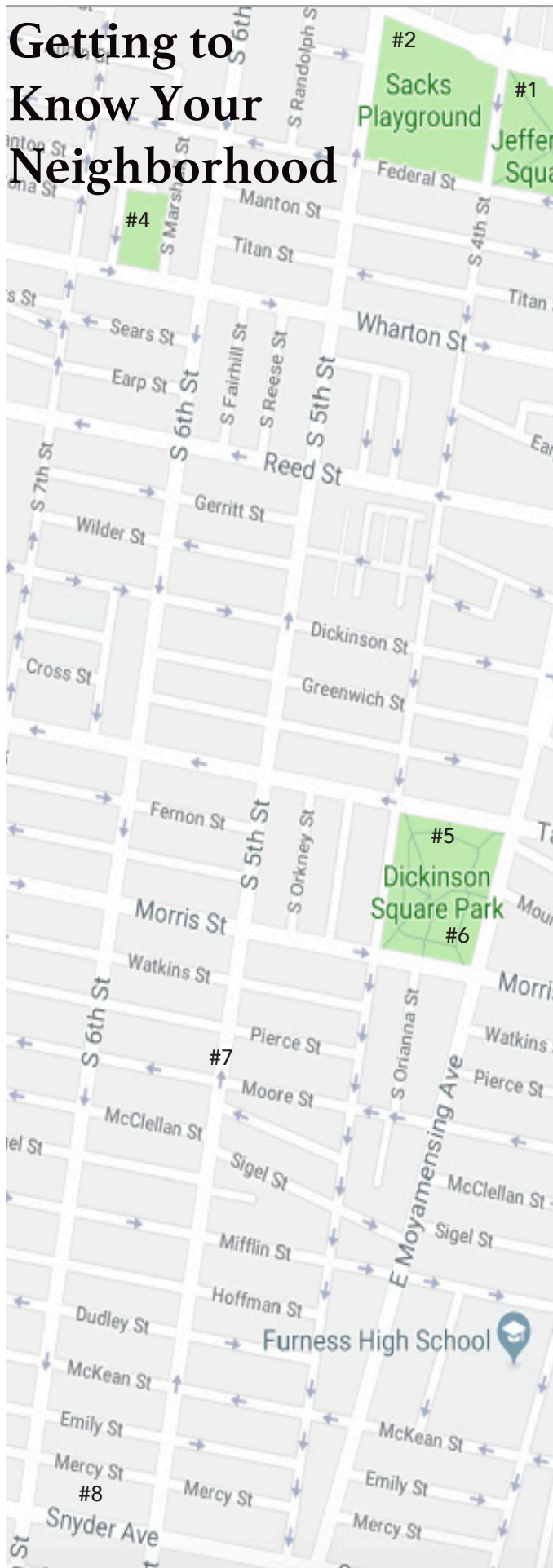
DSWCA exists to improve the quality of life and promote the social, cultural, and economic welfare of the neighborhood and larger community. Many members volunteer their time and energy to plan and implement programs, events, and initiatives to make our neighborhood a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Please join your civic and participate in community activities. Come to public meetings and get involved in clean-ups and other events. Meet your neighbors, make lasting friendships, and help our community thrive.

Heather Davis
President, DSWCA
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Getting to Know Your Neighborhood



1. Jefferson Square Park

Named after U.S. President Thomas Jefferson, Jefferson Square is a classic 19th Century American strolling park. The Friends of Jefferson Square Park host band concerts, outdoor movies, flea markets, and volunteer cleanups. [Facebook.com/Groups/FriendsofJeffersonSquarePark](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/FriendsofJeffersonSquarePark)

2. Sacks Playground

Just across 4th Street from Jefferson Square Park, Sacks Playground satisfies the neighborhood's active crew with a pool, baseball fields, soccer field, basketball courts, and a large jungle gym. Facility Manager: Louise Marchetti, Phone: 215-685-1889

3. Manton Street Park & Community Garden

The Friends of Manton Street Park and Community Garden have reclaimed and revitalized a long-neglected city park and a vacant lot, creating a beautiful leisure pocket park and community garden with 10 garden plots. [Facebook.com/mantonstreetpark](https://www.facebook.com/mantonstreetpark)

4. Gold Star Park

After the John Hay School burned down in 1939, the city turned this land into the John Hay Playground. It was renamed Gold Star Park in honor of the "Gold Star Families" that suffered the loss of a family member during World War II. Plans are in the works to revitalize this park. Learn more about this initiative at their website. Goldstarpark.org

5. Dickinson Square Park

Named after Pennsylvania Governor John Dickinson (1732-1808), who was instrumental in helping to create the U.S. Constitution. The park first opened in 1900, and, thanks to the hard work of The Friends of Dickinson Square Park, it received a \$1.2 million renovation in 2012, making it a true gem of the neighborhood (and the entire city). New playground equipment was installed; the basketball courts were resurfaced; new benches, trash cans, and lighting were added; and the landscaping was completely overhauled. It's now a wonderful play to play, relax, walk your dog, or meet with friends. Dickinsonsquare.org

6. Dickinson Square Farmers' Market

Friends of Dickinson Square Park, in conjunction with Farm to City, host this market at the southeast corner of the park every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from June through October. [Facebook.com/DSPFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/DSPFarmersMarket)

7. Moore Street Community Garden

Local residents have converted a once-vacant lot into an organic community garden. [Facebook.com/pages/Moore-St-Community-Garden](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moore-St-Community-Garden)

8. Ford Playground and Ford PAL Recreation Center

The Ford PAL Center serves hundreds of kids and teens in South Philadelphia. Directed by Police Officer Joe Ellerby, Ford PAL is a vibrant youth-development program provider and a beacon of hope in the community. Ford PAL is part of the PAL Adopt-a-Center Program, and is adopted by Phillie Charities, Inc. phillypal.org/centers/ford-pal



DSWCA Board of Directors

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DSWCA Meetings

Community Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Mt. Moriah (410 Wharton)
The Board of Directors meets publicly each month to conduct the business of DSWCA. Often a guest speaker is invited to make a presentation on a topic of interest to the neighborhood. The meetings are open to the public. Members are encouraged to attend and, as appropriate, ask questions and express concerns.

Zoning Committee 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. Parsons Building (Dickinson Square)
The goal of the Zoning Committee is to provide an open conduit for residents and neighbors to hear proposed zoning and variance applications for properties within the boundaries of Dickinson Square West, which have submitted an appeal to the City Zoning Board of Adjustment, and to provide thoughts, insights, and opinions on such applications. DSWCA is a Registered Civic Organization (RCO) of the City, and is tasked with the responsibility of conducting community meetings on such applications and of making recommendations to the ZBA regarding these applications.

Beautification Committee 1st Wednesday at 7 p.m.
The Beautification Committee helps improve quality of life in Dickinson Square West through supporting environmentalism, sustainability, neighborhood cleanups, tree planting, park support, and more. Come out and help us make our neighborhood a cleaner and greener place to live!

For more information, contact DSWCA (info@dswca.org) or the Zoning Committee (zoning@dswca.org).



Key Dates & Services

Dickinson Square West Community Board Meeting Schedule

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Moriah (410 Wharton Street).

January 8, 2019

February 12, 2019

March 12, 2019

April 9, 2019

May 14, 2019

June 11, 2019

July 9, 2019

August 13, 2019

September 10, 2019

October 8, 2019

November 13, 2019

December 10, 2019

City Services & Utilities

Public Transportation: SEPTA (www.septa.org)

Water/Sewer: Philadelphia Water Department (www.phila.gov/water)

Gas: Philadelphia Gas Works (www.pgworks.com)

Electric: PECO (www.peco.com)

Police: 3rd District Community Relations Officer: Ace Delgado, 215.686.3033

Crime bulletins are available on the DSWCA website at dswca.org.

All City Departments: Dial 311 from any phone when you're within city limits, or download the phone app on your smartphone.

Know the Code! Get better responses from city government agencies by citing specific code violations when they occur. The complete Philadelphia City Code is available online at amlegal.com.

PennDot Drivers License Center: 330 West Oregon Ave (in Whitman Plaza) - dmv.state.pa.us

Voter Registration: www.philadelphiavotes.com

Trash & Recycling Pickup: EVERY FRIDAY, except during holiday weeks

Your Local Legislators

City Councilman	Mark Squilla
PA House	Elizabeth Fiedler (District 184)*
PA House	Brian Sims (District 182)*
PA Senate	Lawrence Farnese Jr.
US House	Dwight Evans (District 03)
US House	Mary Gay Scanlon (District 07)
US Senate	Pat Toomey
US Senate	Robert P. Casey, Jr.

*You can search for your PA house Representative using your street address on <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/index.cfm>

More information about these Elected Officials can be found on their websites by typing their name into any internet search engine.