





Paulsboro PRIDE First Quarter 2024 Newsletter

Hello Gene.

Welcome to the Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Newsletter! We are thrilled to present to you the first edition of our community newsletter, crafted with the collective spirit and enthusiasm that defines Paulsboro PRIDE and Raider RESPECT. This newsletter is not just a collection of updates; it's a celebration of our vibrant community, where every voice matters and every story is worth sharing. From spotlight features on outstanding steering committee members to announcements of upcoming events and projects, this newsletter is your window into the pulse of Paulsboro PRIDE neighborhood. Our goal is to keep you informed about upcoming events, initiatives, and opportunities within our community. Thank you for being an integral part of Paulsboro. Let's make every moment count!

Paulsboro PRIDE Vision Statement

"Moving Paulsboro Forward"- Working Together For the Betterment of the Paulsboro Community Through Neighborhood Revitalization

The vision of this resident-driven project is to identify and assess the community level risk and protective factors, as well as the social determinants of health to address health inequity in Paulsboro, New Jersey.

Meet Our Consultant-Interface Studio!!

Interface Studio LLC is a full-service planning and urban design practice based in Philadelphia. Founded in 2004 with the intention to start as a small, collaborative office and remain so, we are



today a successful company of 11 professional planners working together on a diverse array of projects including neighborhood plans, corridor studies, citywide comprehensive plans, strategic plans, and economic development studies. Ben and Mikaela will be working alongside of Kyana Evans from Gateway on the Paulsboro PRIDE neighborhood plan.

Community/Steering Committee Meeting



On, April 18th, 2024 the Paulsboro here we come together to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our shared journey. This gathering served as a vital forum for us to engage with one another, exchange ideas, and shape the future of our community. Over 35 residents, stakeholders and community leaders attended the meeting sharing their thoughts and insights on the current conditions of the community and what we can do to improve the community, together. Our next meeting will be held in June 2024. We hope to see you there!

Paulsboro Neighborhood Revitalization Plan



LET'S MAKE A PLAN!



This year, with the support of the Regional Foundation, Gateway Community Action Partnership and Interface Studio will be working with Paulsboro neighbors on a comprehensive neighborhood plan for the community.



A neighborhood plan helps guide improvements and investments to make your community a better place to live, work, and play, and may address topics like safety, quality-of-life, housing, infrastructure, economic development, and more! Most importantly, the plan is driven by YOUR input, and what YOU want to see happen in your neighborhood!





This summer we will be popping up at local events to engage residents and conducting a community-wide survey.





Have questions or want to stay in the loop? Contact: PaulsboroPride@gatewaycap.org



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A New Playground On Buck Street



More than 130 volunteers from Gateway Community Action Partnership, the Borough of Paulsboro, Atlantic City Electric, KABOOM!, and the Paulsboro community came together to bring a child-designed playground to life at West Buck Street Park in Paulsboro, NJ on April 10. This new playground is more than just a new playspace, it is a key catalyst for the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative process in the Paulsboro community. Gateway is committed to doing whatever it takes to improve the Paulsboro PRIDE neighborhood and is looking forward to future projects that help improve Paulsboro and make it a better place to live for its residents.

Paulsboro Community Cleanup Event



Some of our Steering Committee members and youth leaders participated in the Paulsboro Annual Spring Clean-up Event in April 2024.

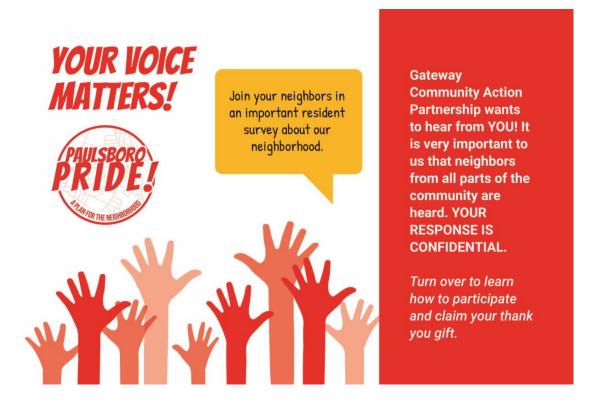
PHS Youth Engagement Event



Gateway's Paulsboro PRIDE Program is quickly accelerating with the help of Paulsboro residents, including enthusiastic and community-oriented high school students. On Thursday, May 23, 36 local sophomores, juniors, and seniors from Paulsboro High School's Project ABLE program took the time to provide feedback about their community and what they'd like to see in Paulsboro's future. They each shared something they love about Paulsboro, as well as their ideas and concerns. Thank you also to Ben Bryant, AICP, PP, Senior Associate and Mikaela Strech, Urban Designer and Planner, from Interface Studio, for assisting with the plan and community survey, and for preparing materials for this meeting; to the Student Assistance Counselor Ms. Rose Clark at Paulsboro High School; and to Paulsboro High School graduate/Rowan College of South Jersey student Anaiah Hill for helping to facilitate the discussion. Paulsboro PRIDE provides a plan to revitalize the community of Paulsboro with a focus on equitable and participatory community decision-making, in-line with Gateway's overall mission "to provide services that improve the quality

of life and promote self-sufficiency."

Community-Wide Survey and Summer Pop-Up Events



During Summer 2024, we will be popping up at local events to engage residents and conducting a community-wide survey. The survey will launch June 1. A randomized sampling of residents will receive a postcard in the mail with instructions on how to complete the survey and how to redeem their thank you gift. We encourage all residents who live in Paulsboro to complete the survey. A link to the survey is included below!

Take the Survey

June

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Pop-up Eventi Second Baptist Church 10-4pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Youth Engagement Event Elementary School		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Office-Hours 12-2pm		Office-Hours 12-2pm	Paulibaro Senior Chizens Club 10-12pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Community Conversation Gill Memorial Library 3:30-5:00pm		Office-Hours 12-2pm		Office-Hours 12-2pm	Pop-Up Event- Juneteenth Event 4-8pm
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	Office-Hours 12-2pm		Community Conversation Gill Memorial Library 5:00-7:00pm		Office-Hours 12-2pm	
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GET INVOLVED- Join Our Committee!!

PAULSBORO PRIDE

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan



STEERING COMMITTEE

ABOUT THE PLAN

The Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan represents a crucial step forward in shaping the future of our community. As a member of the steering committee, you will help guide the plan to ensure that it reflects the needs and aspirations of our residents.

YOUR ROLE

Help Design the Planning Process to ensure that the methods we use generate interest, awareness, and participation from Paulsboro community members

Promote Outreach and Events to collect feedback and explore ideas. We ask that you use your networks to help us reach Paulsboro stakeholders with the community survey, set to launch in May, and staff or facilitate public events.

Plan Oversight for each phase of the plan, from public involvement, to analysis of existing conditions, to strategies. Your knowledge of Paulsboro will provide the consultant team with a valuable perspective to fine-tune the neighborhood plan.

Advocacy to promote the plan, get the community to meetings, and secure funding to take action. A broad range of voices, like yours, will be important in ensuring that there is enough support and momentum to fuel the implementation of the plan.

AT A GLANCE

PLAN TIMELINE

• 8 - 10 Months

OF MEETINGS

• 3 - 4 Committee members should plan to attend all meetings

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

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