







Philadelphia Refinery
LEGACY REMEDIATION

YARDS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

2026 Q4 NEWSLETTER

Q3 2026 Community Event Recap: Council President Kenyatta Johnson's Community Appreciation Day

Evergreen and Hummingbird attended Council President Kenyatta Johnson's Annual Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 29, 2026. The well-attended community event offered a great opportunity to engage residents living near the former Philly Refinery site. The outreach team engaged over 90 people, ranging from young children to seasoned citizens. While some had heard of the Philly Refinery, many did not know about the remediation efforts, offering a meaningful opportunity to raise awareness.

We used some of the same activities from the 2026 Juneteenth Event to inform and engage. The event activities were facilitated by Evergreen and Hummingbird.

Upcoming Engagement Events

Our list of 2026 engagement events and dates is listed below:

- **Q1 Virtual Meeting**
  Tuesday, March 31, 2026 - completed
- **Q2 In-person Community Event**
  Sunday, June 21, 2026 - completed
  - Philadelphia Juneteenth Parade and Festival
- **Q3 In-Person**
  Saturday, August 29, 2026 - completed
  - Council President Kenyatta Johnson Community Appreciation Day
- **Q4 Virtual Meeting**
  Tuesday, November 10, 2026

The activities and displays included Evergreen Informational Posters, Legacy Remediation Site Model, Myth or Fact Spinner, and Rock Art. More details about the activities and the giveaways are below:

Activities & Displays

We had four main activities and displays, all of which supported the advancement of the event's theme: **"Education Matters."**



Evergreen Informational Posters

There were two posters on display: One, titled "Who is Evergreen" and another titled "Community Engagement." The posters provided an introduction to Evergreen's work and its approaches to inform and engage community members.



Legacy Remediation Site Model

The activity included a model of a refinery. Beneath the refinery were three layers: soil, groundwater, and bedrock. Participants interacted with the model by removing contaminants (beads) from the soil or watching a demonstration of oil (vegetable oil) and water being pumped from the groundwater layer.



Myth or Fact Spinner

The spinner attracted a lot of festivalgoers. Participants spun the wheel, and depending on the number they landed on, were given a true-or-false question. The statements were related to remediation in general and Evergreen's remediation of the former Philly Refinery. Many of the statements were based on common misconceptions. For young children, we pulled from a more age-appropriate list of questions (e.g., what is one thing gas is used for, what is pollution, have you ever cleaned up trash in your community).



Rock Art

Children and adults decorated rocks using paint pens, an activity tied to the topic of geology. We shared sample designs for inspiration and encouraged everyone to get creative, and participants took their finished rocks home.

Giveaways

Those who engaged in activities were offered a giveaway bag. The bags included an informational postcard on Evergreen's cleanup program (or coloring sheets for children), an Evergreen pen with the project website, a pencil, and one additional gift based on preference. For the latter, participants could choose between a flower grow kit, a Hummingbird-branded reusable utensil kit, and a notebook.

Project Updates

Site Activities:

Evergreen consultants performed the annual groundwater gauging and sampling across the site, including new wells installed in development Lots 15 & 16 in the 2nd Quarter of 2026. Results were included in the first half of 2026 semi-annual Groundwater Remediation Report. These annual groundwater sampling events will continue and are used along with other data and activities to show that conditions in the subsurface are improving.

Reports:

The following reports will be submitted in the future:

- ***Human Health Risk Assessment Addendum/Cleanup Plan combination report***
- ***Groundwater Final Report*** *(after approval of the above report)*
- ***Soil Final Reports*** *(upon approval of the CUP report)*
- ***Belmont Terminal Human Health Risk Assessment and Cleanup Plan Reports***

This is not a complete list of all reports that may be submitted, but it provides major milestones that are expected in the Act 2 process. As a reminder, public comment periods are typically 30 days; however, you may submit questions or comments at any time, including outside the formal comment period for a report. Additionally, we are happy to answer any questions you may have related to the reports during our quarterly public meetings.

You may Submit Questions or Comments:

- Via the comment submission form at https://phillyrefinerycleanup.info/comment-submission-form
- Via email at phillyrefinerycleanup@evergreenresmgt.com
- Via US Postal Service: **PO Box 7275, Wilmington, DE 19803**

In our commitment to strengthen community ties, we have an ongoing initiative called Small Group Chats, where interested community members can dive deeper into the details of the Environmental Cleanup Program, ask questions, and provide feedback. For more information, please email dsmith@hummingbirdfirm.com or call us at **(267) 490-3445.**

Meet a Team Member!



My name is **Derek Jelinek**, and I am an environmental engineer with Geosyntec Consultants, one of Evergreen's project consultants. I have spent nearly 25 years helping clients address environmental challenges, with much of that time focused on the investigation and cleanup of complex industrial sites. Over the years, I have worked with a variety of remediation technologies and project teams, giving me the opportunity to see how project-specific solutions can be tailored to the needs of individual sites. Today, I support remediation activities at the former refinery and work closely with a diverse group of technical specialists and project partners. What stands out most about this project is the combination of technical expertise, collaboration, and long-term commitment required to achieve meaningful results. It is rewarding to be part of a team helping move the site forward.

We'd also love to feature community members in our newsletters! If anyone is interested in sharing a little bit about themselves or their organization and what this project means to them, please let us know! You can call, text, or send an email to **Denise Smith.**

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