

STRAFFORD STATION 2017-2018

The Strafford Station team continues to plant and maintain the annuals, shrubs and trees at the historic station. The team consists of:

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During the growing season, we meet at 9 every Tuesday that there is not a Weeder event. We accomplish a lot, but equally important we have great conversations and laughs. Since we meet every Tuesday, we do not expect everyone to be with us every Tuesday. It is “come when you can”; however, no one wants to miss the camaraderie!!

We decorated at Christmas, filled the seven containers with annuals for three different seasons and then, over the winter, filled the containers with decorative greens. We fertilized and pruned the roses, dead headed daffodils, and cut back the Butterfly Bush. Gradually we are filling the available planting space and the station gets better and better each year. This year some of our efforts have been diminished by the construction of the bike shelter on the south side of the station. It has been under construction since last September. Construction has resulted in the loss of three of our largest and oldest Bonica Roses, part of our Daylily bed and one of our pair of Kousa Dogwoods. SEPTA is willing to replace our plants, but nothing can replace mature plants.

The appreciation by the neighbors and the commuters continues to cheer us on to do more and more. It is good we are so young and full of energy!!

Alice Doering

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