

# Yays & Boos

## Submissions are free!

Introducing the newest feature to Hoboken Progress: **Yays and Boos**. This section features anonymous submissions from residents. Messages are not to exceed 140 words - like Twitter.

You should e-mail messages to us at [editor@hobokenprogress.com](mailto:editor@hobokenprogress.com).

Make sure you put "YAYS AND BOOS" in the subject line. You can also snail mail submissions to our office at Hoboken Progress, P.O. Box 1717, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407.

All submissions must include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes; personal information will not be printed).

Boos and negative messages must omit specific references to people, establishments or businesses unless they are already being referenced in current events. We may edit submissions at our discretion while keeping with the meaning of the original message.

>:( Boo to how everyone in this town gossips but pretends they don't.

:) Yay to the Hoboken Jubilee Center for all the great work they do.

>:( Boo to the Westboro Baptist Church for their shameful display in the city last week. I hope there is a Hell, and it's reserved just for them.

>:( Boo to the 24/7 curry smell in my building.

>:( Boo to the Hoboken public schools system for getting a high violence rating from the state.

:) Yay to the city for providing fresh water to everyone on Jackson Street when the water main broke.

>:( Boo to whoever stole my bicycle by the PATH station.

>:( Boo to the person that stole my bonsai tree while I was moving. I inherited that tree from my father who inherited it from his father - who first started growing it

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## PHILLIES

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hails from the Philadelphia area, then you know that person practically has an undying allegiance to his teams written into his genetic code. You can take the fan out of Philly, but you'll never take the Philly out of the fan, at least not all of it. This immutable law of nature is true of Sean Iaquinto, who moved to Hoboken in 1994. He is the enterprising founder and leader of the Phillies club.

Clad in a gray replica Chase Utley road jersey and a faded, retro 1980s-style Phillies hat, Iaquinto is the quintessential Philly sports fan, though living outside of the Philadelphia area for fifteen years has smoothed the rough edges that often typify the notoriously unruly breed of sports fan. He's a gregarious personality. While taking a few minutes to talk with Hoboken Progress before Game One of the World Series, Iaquinto schmoozed a pretty blond TV reporter from FOX 5 by arranging for food to be delivered to the reporter and her producer in their news van parked on the corner. The reporter planned to tape several segments of Iaquinto and his fellow Phillies fans watching the game for the local newscast following the game's broadcast on FOX.

Between puffs from a pre-game

cigar, Iaquinto recalls his early days in Hoboken, before the Phillies club was born. He moved to Hoboken in 1994, during a recession that he remembers being much like the one the country is currently mired in. Iaquinto arrived without a job and after sending out a lot of résumés to no avail, he took a gig at Starbucks as a barista because they offered benefits and stock options. Later, he landed a job as a network engineer for a financial information company in New York City.

All the while, loyalty to his favorite sports teams never wavered. By the late nineties - a time Iaquinto remembers fondly for its upwardly mobile Internet stocks - he'd befriended a few like-minded Philly sports fans also residing in the Mile Square. They would informally gather at a bar to watch Eagles games on Sundays. Invariably, they would get static from bartenders who refused to turn on the TV's sound, even though the Giants and Jets weren't on and the bar was otherwise empty, because of their disdain for a team from Philadelphia.

Eventually, Iaquinto discovered a bar that was Philly-friendly and he'd meet his compatriots there to watch games. In 2004, he officially started the Eagles club and, in response to a demand from his club members, started the Phillies club three years ago, just as the

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