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One of Shariff's glorious Day Lilies.
Photo Courteous of Maggie Chapman

226 Harvey Street RCO Meeting

September 3 at 7 PM [Register](#) for this important Zoom meeting to consider a variance to allow owners to create 6 apartments in this 3 story twin.

West Central Germantown Neighbors (WCGN) is an all volunteer community organization dedicated to improving and maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood, bordered by the north side of Cheltenham Avenue, the west side of Baynton Street, the south side of Washington Lane, and in the east by the Chestnut Hill West SEPTA rail line.

Lingelbach School Fall Clean Up

9/6 9AM -12PM

Help clean up the Lingelbach grounds at [6340 Wayne Avenue](#) and take a look at their newly renovated sunken garden outdoor classroom.



Safe Streets for Germantown

a bike ride & press conference with Rep. Andre Carroll

Saturday, September 6th, 10am-1pm
Location: Fernhill Park (entrance at corner of Morris and Abbotsford)
Bicycles are available for riders ages 16+
Rain Date: October 4th

scan to register or visit bit.ly/4fM7HFC

Logos: BICYCLE COALITION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA, FRIENDS OF FERNHILL PARK, SLOW DOWN, Penna. Dept. of Transportation, GFS, GREEN STREET FRIENDS SCHOOL, Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems, Indego, CINDY BASS, GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL.

"For The Love of Germantown" 9/18

Enjoy a fun evening and bring home some cool prizes on Thursday September 18 when Germantown United CDC hosts their annual fundraiser. Remember when Germantown thrives, we all benefit. Always shop Germantown when you can. Register and/or donate [here](#).

A BENEFIT

FOR THE *Love* OF GERMANTOWN



A night of **celebration** with food, drinks, entertainment, and **community**.

THURS
9/18
6-9 PM

BRAID MILL
441 HIGH STREET
PHILA, PA 19144



All Event Proceeds & Donations Benefit
GERMANTOWN UNITED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Wyck House & Garden News

Visit their [website](#).

THE PHILADELPHIA HONEY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
10AM - 4PM
FREE ENTRY

FEATURING
LOCAL VENDORS, OPEN HIVE
TALKS, HONEY EXTRACTION
DEMOS, BEE BEARD, FOOD
TRUCKS, PLANT SALE, AND
MORE!

Scan the QR Code for
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WYCK

Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion

Visit one of our many neighborhood treasures located at [200 W. Tulpehocken](#). Check out upcoming events [here](#).

28-30 W. Haines Street RCO Meeting

Because only one near neighbor attended the RCO meeting on July 9, 2025 to address a variance request to allow the entire property - the 3-story main twin house as well as the freestanding 1-story house - to have Visitor Accommodations, a second meeting will be held. [Email](#) Zoning & Land Use Committee Chair, Julie Stapleton Carroll, for more information on this variance. We will alert you as soon as this meeting is rescheduled.

Sorry...

Our 8/26 Zoning & Land Use Committee Meeting didn't happen because of technical issues on our part. It is being rescheduled for later in September. Details to follow.

Tulpehocken Station Historic District Events Planning Meeting

To commemorate the designation of our neighborhood to the Philadelphia Registry of Historic Places this fall, we are beginning to plan some special events for the Spring of 2026. Ideas being floated are House & Garden Tours, Plein Air Painting Day, etc. Please join us on Thursday September 25 at 7 for our first official meeting. Bring your ideas and expertise to help WCGN highlight our neighborhood around this Historic Designation. Please let us know of your interest by responding [here](#). Location or Zoom link to follow.

3 Full Busses Headed to Moshannon Valley I.C.E. Processing Center



On Sunday 8/24, 3 full busses left Philadelphia for a non-violent statewide protest with over 500 people at the Moshannon ICE Detention Center in Philipsburg PA where Anou and more than 1500 other immigrant detainees are being held.

Here are ways you can continue to help Anou:

*Contact PA Senators [John Fetterman](#) & [Dave McCormick](#) and Congress Persons [Dwight Evans](#) and [Mary Gay Scanlon](#). Demand that Anou Vonbandith be released from prison.

*Patronize [Das Good Cafe](#) at [322 W. Cheltenham](#)

Report those Pirate Signs to Us

Are you tired of seeing those signs - You know the

ones I'm talking about - We'll Buy Your House!
and We'll Buy Your Diabetic Testing Strips! and all
the others?

[Report](#) ones you see in Germantown and [Join us](#)
in pulling them down!

Mark Your Calendars September 25 Fall Potluck & Community Meeting

This year our Fall Potluck Picnic will be combined
with our Community Meeting/Board Elections
(which is usually held via Zoom on the last
Wednesday of October) and will be held at WYCK
[6026 Germantown Ave.](#) on October 25 from 12-4.
Watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

Beautification Partnership With Personal Care Residents

Renee Payton, ED of Women Walking In Victory,
and McCallum Street neighbor, Maggie Chapman,
are teaming up with WCGN's Green Space
Committee to beautify the frontage along 62-64
Harvey and create green therapy opportunities for
the residents. [Email](#) us to help with this project.

Halloween in the Neighborhood

Spooky plans are underway for our trick or
treaters this year.

Would you serve as a safe crossing guard at a
strategic spot? If you have little ones or if you just
love Halloween and you can help. please let us
know by clicking [here](#).

WCGN Parents WhatsApp Group

Click here: [West Central Germantown Neighbors
Parents](#) to join the conversation with other young
families about meet-ups, summer camps, scout
troops, schools, etc. Call or write to Sean Morris
at 610-368-8711 or
seanraymondmorris@gmail.com.

Welcome our neighbors and families

Petal Bovell-Proffitt and Rick & Pete (owners of
Monte's & Sons) on E. Walnut Lane, Samantha
Campo on McCallum, Sarah Carson on
Germantown, and Nina Curlett have all joined our
mailing list.

Please invite neighbors to receive WCGN newsletters so they too can stay informed of items related to our neighborhood. They can sign up on our [website](#).

Your Donations Matter. To support our mission of service to our community, please consider making an automatic monthly donation of any amount, such as \$5, or one annual donation.

Pay Online: Go to our [website](#) and click on “Donate”, and pay via PayPal or debit/credit card. There is a box to check for monthly donations.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Maedeche via [email](#).

WCGN's treasury is used for annual Directors and Officers Insurance, purchase of supplies for social gatherings as well as for the train station garden, zoom hosting for RCO and other meetings, printing notices for other neighborhood initiatives, and, on occasion, lawyers' fees.

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