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WCGN NEWSLETTER October 13, 2025



Dressing up for Halloween

[Would you like to see your photo here?](#)

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.

Dignity Teach-ins with Senator Art Haywood

Join us for an interactive conversation with Senator Haywood and leading experts about what it means to protect and honor our communities.

Session 1: Dignity and Diversity

Thursday, October 16 | 6PM
Woodmere Museum
9201 Germantown Ave., Phila. Pa 19118

Session 2: Dignity and Free-Speech

Wednesday, October 29 | 6PM
Arcadia University | Castle Building
450 S. Easton Rd., Glenside, Pa 19038

Register at:
SenatorHaywood.com



How do you want to see vacant land used in Philly?

The City wants to hear from you! Take the survey in English or Spanish by October 17 for a chance to win a **\$50 gift card**.

tinyurl.com/vacantland2025

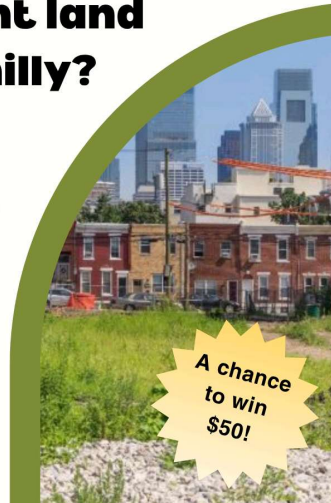


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A chance
to win
\$50!





**Help Send Our Lingelbach
4th-8th Grade Students on an
Outward Bound Adventure!**

Firewood Fundraiser

Firewood for Sale

- \$10 per bundle (8-10 pieces)
- \$150 per truckload
- \$50 delivery available for truckloads



Come see us for our firewood fundraiser sale!

October 10th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, & 30th — 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

November 2nd — 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Lingelbach Elementary School — 6340 Wayne Ave. 19144



**Every purchase helps our students experience teamwork,
leadership, and adventure through Outward Bound.**

Free Yard Trees Register by 10/15

Partners: Maplewood Collective

Event Date: Saturday, October 18th, 2025

Location: Maplewood Mall

2-20 Maplewood Ave

Philadelphia, PA 19144

Time: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Registration: [Register Here!](#)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

If you register, Phil Kane, WCGN's Green Space Committee Chair, will pick up and deliver to you! Just let him know [here](#).

Oct. 18 Vernon Park Flea Market



If you have things to donate for the Park to sell, please [contact](#) us and we will pick them up.

Wyck House & Garden News

Oct. 24 10:30 Flax Processing Workshop

Hosted by [PA Flax Project](#). Everything you ever wanted to know about Flax and for free!

Visit Wyck's [website](#) for other events.

Oct. 25 WCGN Halloween Parade, Fall Potluck & Community Meeting at Wyck!

This year our Fall Potluck Picnic will be combined with a short Community Meeting (Board Elections) and a Halloween Parade for the little ones. It will be held at WYCK [6026 Germantown Ave.](#) on the 25th from 12-4. Let us know how you can [help](#).

Treats for those (kids & adults) who come in costume!

Otherwise please bring food to share. We will supply drinks, cups, plates & utensils. Donations are welcome.

Grab Your Gardening Gloves

Oct. 25 9-11 at 62-64 Harvey to plant bulbs

Nov. 2 1:30 at the Tulpehocken Station Orchard

If you can't make it either of these times, but you like to get your hands in the soil, let us add you to our Green Space list of gardeners by letting us

know [here](#).

Oct. 25 Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion "Spirits of Historic Germantown"

Don't let your fear of ghosts prevent you from experiencing otherworldly phenomenon. Get your [tickets](#) now!

Check out other EMM events [here](#).

Oct. 31 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 don't have Trick or Treating responsibilities, or if you just love Halloween and you can help, please let us know by clicking [here](#).



Anou and Anh
of Das Good Cafe Philly
in Germantown

Need Your Help!

Our neighbor, Chef Anou has been imprisoned by ICE at Moshannon since July with intent to deport to Laos where he hasn't been since a child 45 years ago. Major progress is being made to stop deportation and secure Anou's release!

We Urgently Need:

1. Character Letters via Email for Anou by **Oct. 13th**.
100 letter Goal!
2. If able, donations to Legal Fund **GoFundMe**

All details in QR Code and Bit.Ly Link!

<https://bit.ly/lettersforAnou>

28-30 W. Haines St. RCO Meeting Voting Results

The October 1 meeting gave the 4 neighbors who attended, the opportunity to consider allowing the entire property - the 3-story main twin house as well as the freestanding 1-story building - to have Visitor Accommodation (AirBnB) zoning.

Near Neighbors	1 Supported	1 Opposed
"Not Near" Neighbors	1 Supported	1 Opposed

WCGN will report the voting results to the ZBA along with a proviso requesting that, if the variance is granted, it be limited to 2 years.

This case will be heard by the ZBA on 10/29 at

9:30AM. Use this [link](#) to register and attend the hearing via Zoom. You may also [write an email](#) to the ZBA expressing your support or opposition. Be sure to include the property address and the appeal #ZP-2025-004094.

WCGN Board Election

At our Halloween Parade, Potluck, Community Meeting (see above), we will be voting to elect the following slate of officers:

*President: Suzanne Ponsen

*1st VP & Zoning Committee Chair: Julie Stapleton Carroll

*2nd VP & History & Heritage Committee Chair: Mike Ramos

*Secretary: Lora Lewis

*Green Space Committee Chair: Phil Kane

And the appointments of:

*Don Meadche, as treasurer

*Fairleigh Barnes, as chair of the Communications Committee

WCGN Selected as Grant Recipient

The University of Pennsylvania's Netter Center for Community Partnerships has awarded WCGN the opportunity to work with their students at [Nonprofit Connect](#). The project will be focused on WCGN's efforts to engage more of our neighbors, especially those living in the area between Germantown Avenue & Baynton Streets and E. Cheltenham Avenue and E. Washington Lane. If you are interested in helping us make the most of this opportunity please [contact](#) us.

FOOD IS DIGNITY



ALERT - NEW RULES TO KEEP SNAP FOOD ASSISTANCE

NOW IN EFFECT

- To keep SNAP food assistance, adults aged 18-64 without disabilities must provide proof of 80 hours of work per month from one or more of the following:
 - Work
 - School
 - Volunteering
 - Job Training
- Make sure your information is up to date with the Post Office, DHS, and Compass

For more
information:
Contact DHS at
1-800-692-7462



SenatorHaywood.com
215-242-8171

WCGN Parents WhatsApp Group

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

Welcome our neighbors and families

Allisa Wailoo, Senior Pastor at [FUMCOG](#) (First United Methodist Church of Germantown) has 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 Maedche 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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