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## **WCGN NEWSLETTER**

### **June 1, 2025**



### **WCGN's Annual Memorial Day Picnic**

This year our annual picnic brought more than 170 neighbors of all ages together on a beautiful day to share delicious food and drinks, reconnect, meet new people, and have some fun. Check out [Luke Smith's](#)

*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 Germantown Avenue, the south side of Washington Lane, and in the east by the Chestnut Hill West SEPTA rail line.*

[videos](#), [more](#) If anyone else has photos please send them to [wcnboard@gmail.com](mailto:wcnboard@gmail.com)

WCGN thanks Luke Smith & Rama Assaf for once again hosting. Thanks to: Kim Rogers, Johan Dejong, Bob Lane, Phil Kane, Emily Demarest, and Roberta Moore who helped set up, Anthony LoCicera for use of the extra tables & tents, those who helped clean up - especially CC, Paula, and Tim our neighbors from Four Freedoms.

### **And Speaking of Four Freedoms...**

Philadelphia's office of Multitmodal Planning is hosting yet another opportunity for neighbors to weigh in on the **not yet funded** [Walnut Lane Complete Streets Improvement Project](#) this time at the Waldorf School at [6000 Wayne Avenue](#) on Thursday June 12 from 6 - 8 PM.

Our neighbors, the senior residents at Four Freedoms have been meeting with the city for 2 years for a simple immediate solution to a dangerous situation near Morris Street. Since the city does not yet have the money to pay for the big project - which will extend from Wayne Avenue all the way to Henry Avenue - at the very least, they should be able to program the light there to be a fully functioning **green**, **yellow**, and **red** traffic light. Right now, that light is always **green for the speeding cars**. Pedestrians must push a button, which doesn't always work, to make the 15 second **red** light across to the SEPTA bus stop. Please [sign the petition](#) to urge the Streets Department to at least make this a fully functioning traffic light. Another protest is scheduled at that light on June 28 at noon.

For more information email Jeff Jones, WCGN's Safety Committee Chair at: [jff.c.jones@gmail.com](mailto:jff.c.jones@gmail.com)

### **GLEC Fundraiser at Awbury June 10 6-8 PM**

Learn about and support [Germantown Life Enrichment Center](#) at [5722 Greene Street](#) which provides educational, recreational and child care programming, as well as transitional housing and support services for formerly unhoused men. [Register for the fundraiser](#).

### **Wyck House & Garden News** [Calendar of Events](#)

**Home Farm Club in June, July, & August**

**Tuesdays 5-7 PM & Fridays 10AM-Noon**

**June 12 Vinal Listening Party**

**June 14 Textile Workshop**

**June 20 Jazz around the World**

**July 7, 14, 21, 28 Carillon Concerts**

## Maxwell Mansion News [Calendar of Events](#)

June 13 Multi Site walk and Ice Cream Social

June 21 at 7 PM & June 23 at 3PM

Music of Victorian Women Composers



### Tired of Mosquitoes? Try this trick!

Did you know you can fight mosquitoes without harming pollinators, pets, or your kids? Our very own garden & orchard expert, Anastasia Alexandrin, recommends visiting the [Homegrown National Park](#) for tons of useful gardening tips and taking the [Bucket Challenge](#) to keep those biters at bay.

### Help Lingelbach Grow & Thrive!



Many of our WCGN children are Lingelbach students, so please consider attending and showing your support.

### **Softball anyone?**

Steve Nelson, our neighbor on W. Price St. is calling us all to consider digging out our bats and gloves from the attic and fielding our very own team to play in Vernon Park. How about it? Get in touch with Steve at [stevenel@umich.edu](mailto:stevenel@umich.edu) or 612-889-5004 to learn more.

### **WCGN Parents WhatsApp Group**

Click here: [West Central Germantown 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](mailto:seanraymondmorris@gmail.com).

### **Welcome our neighbors and their families**

Amber & Kate on Greene, Dee on Wayne, Josh, Carmen, Maris & Kyle on W. Walnut Lane, Julie & Jehane on Germantown Avenue, Li & Philip on McCallum, Kim & Scarlett on Harvey, Mary in The Annex (formerly Germantown High School) on E. Haines Street, Ray on W. Tulpehocken, Hanna & Aubry on Cheltenham, Travis on W. Washington Lane, Nicole & Mariah on Pulaski and Brendan on Price have all joined our mailing list.

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They can sign up on our [website](#).

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**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 Bob Lane either via [email](#) or by phone: 215-840-0801.

*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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