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Growing Up In Germantown

The restoration of an early Mural Arts installation is happening right now in Center in the Park's lot at [54-60 W. Rittenhouse Street](#). Painted on the side of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church's Community Annex, after 21 years of the natural elements having eroded some of the mural's details, work is being done to restore it to its original beauty. If

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.

you come by you, you may catch the artist herself, Ann Northrop, as she makes the finishing touches.

261 W. Rittenhouse RCO Meeting

The 59th Ward, as the coordinating RCO, has announced an **In person** meeting to be held on Tuesday June 24 at 6:30 PM at Face To Face located at 123 E. Price Street.

Zoned RSA-5 (Residential Single Family Attached), the applicant is applying for a use variance to operate a commercial business on the premises. Attend the meeting to better understand the variance request and how it may effect neighbors.



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 entire [Walnut Lane Complete Streets Improvement Project](#), at the very least, they should be able to program the existing light at Four Freedoms 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. If

you haven't already, 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. Please join us!

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

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

Home Farm Club

June, July, & August

Tuesdays 5-7 PM & Fridays 10AM-Noon

Carillon Concerts July 7, 14, 21, 28

Meet the Marquis de Lafayette July 20 2-4PM

Comemorating his visit over 250 years ago.

Maxwell Mansion News

[Calendar of Events](#)

Music of Victorian Women Composers

June 21 at 7 PM & June 23 at 3PM

28-30 Harvey RCO Meeting

WCGN has been assigned as the coordinating RCO. A Zoom meeting is scheduled for July 9 at 7PM. Details about the variance request and Zoom link will follow.

5920 Greene Street For Sale

Where did the fashionable Germantown ladies and gentlemen go for a five-course luncheon in the '50s? At the Boswell House, customers dined in one of four dining rooms to their famous Steer Liver and Onions, scallops with tartar sauce and broiled chopped sirloin. For over thirty years Boswell House was a Germantown favorite.

Fast forward to 1991 when Ellen Rose Appelbaum, of the Chestnut Hill Spice Shop Fame, opened her eponymous restaurant, Ellen Rose. With husband Noyma at the hosting, the popular BYOB drew customers from all around. The restaurant served its last meal in 1996 yet to this day older residents still say, 'That was Ellen Rose' when they pass the corner of Greene and Haines.

Today the building is vacant and for sale. Some of the kitchen amenities are still in place and they

have plenty of parking. Pass the word among your foodie friends in case they know someone interested in opening a new restaurant.

Disclaimer: WCGN is not a realtor and has no affiliation with the owner or the listing agent.

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 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.

Welcome our neighbors and their families

Tryphena on Germantown Avenue 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.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bob Lane either via [email](#) or by phone: 215-840-0801.

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