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Anou Vonbandith's wife Ahn speaking at 8/9 Protest

Photo courtesy of Rasheed Ajamu, Germantown Info Hub

"Bring Anou Home" Rally brought over 400

Here are ways you can continue to help Anou:

*Letter writing campaign at Das Good Tomorrow 8/16 & Wednesday 8/20 from 5-8 PM.

*Sunday 8/24 Join us for a non-violent statewide protest at the Moshannon ICE Detention Center in Philipsburg PA. [Register](#) for a seat on our bus.

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

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.

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

Support GUCDC

- Because all of Germantown Benefits

Enjoy a fun evening and bring some cool prizes home. Always remember to shop Germantown when you can. Register and/or donate [here](#).



WCGN Board Member Appointments

During our July monthly Board meeting, Bob Lane officially tendered his resignation as our Treasurer. We are all appreciative of his hard work and commitment to the WCGN community.

At the same meeting, the Board approved the appointments of Don Maedche as acting Treasurer and Fairleigh Barnes as acting Communication Committee Chair.

Fairleigh is taking over our WCGN [website](#) from Beth Emmott who created it and has managed it for many years. Thank you, Beth for all your dedication and thanks to Don and Fairleigh for stepping up.

Price Knox Flea Market August 23 9-12

Price Knox Neighbors Association Yard Sale

What: an opportunity to sell your gently used items and find new treasures. Participation is free!

When: Saturday, August 23, 9 AM to 12 PM

Where: Mastery Pickett (corner of Wayne and Rittenhouse)

Contact priceknoxrco@gmail.com to reserve a table. Additional space for those who wish to sell will be on a first come, first serve basis if not registered in advance.



Price Knox
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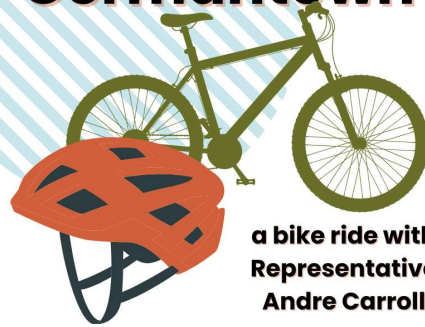
28-30 W. Haines Street RCO Meeting

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 as Visitor Accommodations. [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.

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.

Safe Streets for Germantown



**a bike ride with
Representative
Andre Carroll**

Saturday, September 6th from 10am-1pm

Starting and ending at Fernhill Park

Bicycles available for participants

Rain Date: October 4th



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Office of
Transportation and
Infrastructure Systems

Wyck House & Garden News [Calendar](#)

A poster for 'The Philadelphia Honey Festival'. It features a large bee illustration, photos of people at the festival, and text detailing the event. The text includes 'SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10AM - 4PM, FREE ENTRY' and 'FEATURING LOCAL VENDORS, OPEN HIVE TALKS, HONEY EXTRACTION DEMOS, BEE BEARD, FOOD TRUCKS, PLANT SALE, AND MORE!'. There is also a QR code and a 'WYCK' logo.

Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion

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

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!

Open Zoning & Land Use Meeting

Please join us Tuesday August 26 on Zoom at 7pm. Brainstorm with us on ways we can be proactive in attracting the kind of development and developers we want in our neighborhood and learn about upcoming zoning issues. Use this [link](#) to attend.

Storage Space Found

Thanks to Yvonne Haskins on Tulpehocken Street, we now have a cool dry place to store WCGN supplies for our community picnics, etc.

Fall Potluck and Community Meeting 9/25

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

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

Ando Scotti & Silvia Guslandi on Harvey, Niyata Johnson & August Pendergast on McCallum, Gloria Jackson on E. Walnut Lane, Jarma Frisby parishioner of Christ Church & St. Michael's on Tulpehocken, Tina Woodrit, Alfonso White from Four Freedoms, Jermaine Bromell from ArchWell Health ([6201 Germantown Ave.](#)) and Kaitlin Orner owner of Pomelo ([5336 Germantown Ave.](#)) 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 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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