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WCGN NEWSLETTER

November 15, 2025

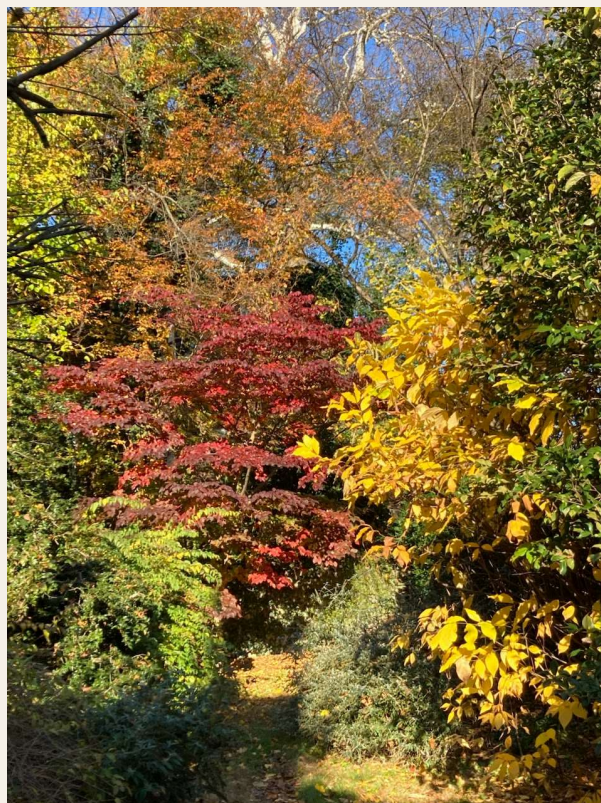


Photo by Ruth Seely from her back window into her yard

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226 Harvey ZBA Hearing 11/19 at 9:30

Neighbors interested in attending and possibly testifying via Zoom must register [here](#). When you register fill in the address of the property as well as the #ZP-2025-004094 and the #MI-2025-

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.

002914. You may also [email](#) the ZBA with your reasons for opposing or supporting the variance to convert the property to 6 residential units.

28-30 W. Haines ZBA Hearing 12/10

The ZBA hearing for this property has been scheduled for 12/10 at 9:30.

Neighbors interested in attending should follow the same instructions listed above and register [here](#). Use the property address and #ZP-2025-002638 and #MI-2025-002663. Send an email [here](#).

Correction Community Needs Edition

Please make the following correction:

[Germantown Friends Meeting](#) offers their food distribution on the 3rd Sunday of each month - not every Sunday.

Have Time To Spare During the Week?

Phil Kane, Chair of the Green Space Committee, could use help at the Tulpehocken Station Garden emptying leaf bags into the mulch bins. Call him at 215-680-1131 or me at 215-720-0809 and meet us at the station.

Maxwell Mansion Events

Sunday 11/16 3PM

[Gilded Age Christmas Cook Book Launch and signing](#)

Thursday 12/4 - Saturday 1/3

[Victorian Christmas Tour of the Mansion](#)

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

FOW Germantown Connection

Go to our website and read about Friends of the Wissahickon's

[Germantown Connection Phase II Project](#) and the "All Person Trail" they are planning with gentle slopes and wide paths. A trailhead will be located near Four Freedoms at 6101 Morris.

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

Crystal Jackson owner of [Perfectly Flawless](#) at [5312 Germantown Ave.](#), Rachel Whitworth on Cheltenham, Pauline Berkowitz & Lawson Schultz, from [Friends of the Wissahickon](#), and Viktoriia Bregen, Demi Olatilo, Yuna Chen, Erin Chowdhury, and Elani Bui, our Wharton student volunteers from [NonProfit Connect](#) 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 Maedche via [email](#).

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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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