



WYNNEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Serving Our Community Since 1936

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Dear Wynnewood Neighbor:

Our 73rd^d Annual Meeting, followed by our Second Annual Roundtable Discussion, takes place this year at All Saints Church, Montgomery Avenue and Gypsy Lane. The meeting, scheduled for December 13, 2009, will begin at 4:00 PM and conclude by 6:00 PM. With the Eagles vs. the Giants beginning at 8:20 PM, there will be plenty of time for our civic association to conduct its business and enjoy a beneficial panel discussion that is certain to be of interest to all who love our neighborhood and wish to preserve the finest aspects of it.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, we'll be holding our second in a series of roundtable discussions, this year entitled **"We the People: Civic Associations and Civic Debate."** We are fortunate to have an outstanding panel which will be moderated by our Ward Five commissioner, Cheryl Gelber. This panel consists of four individuals who've each made a real difference in civic life by being civic activists.

By hosting this meeting, the Wynnewood Civic Association seeks to promote the civic awareness that allows us to be a uniquely wonderful place to live by learning from the shared experiences of our panelists. **For the last 76 years, the Wynnewood Civic Association has continuously strived to enhance the quality of life in our community. Generations of residents have engaged in this effort, giving unstintingly of their time to make Wynnewood the gracious locale it is.**

We are fortunate to have four excellent panelists:

- **Paul Boni, Esquire**, is the president of the Society Hill Civic Association ("SHCA"), one of the oldest, most important and most active civic associations in Philadelphia. The SHCA has been very successful in representing the interests of its neighborhoods against a series of encroachments that would have essentially changed the character of the area. We look forward to Mr. Boni describing for us how his civic managed these challenges. The SHCA describes itself as "a pro-active volunteer organization that strives to enhance the quality of life in Society Hill."

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- **Janet Long** is a neighbor with a great idea for an outdoor market that might put Lower Merion on the map. Ms. Long has been trying – for the last two years – to start the Clover Market, a place to buy art and antiques on weekends in the fall and the spring. Although she has not yet received approval to hold the market, her experience in dealing with local government on this issue is instructive to us all.
- **Sherry Tillman**, the owner of Ardmore's Past, Present and Future, will also join us. Ms. Tillman, long an Ardmore champion and activist, started *First Friday, Main Line* and is in large part responsible for the vitality now on display every first Friday evening of the month, from Ardmore to Bryn Mawr.
- **Carla Zambelli**, of the Save Ardmore Coalition, was extremely important in stopping the ill-advised eminent domain plan for historic Ardmore, and she played an immensely valuable role in getting the word out about the beautiful La Ronda, the Addison Mizner designed home, that sadly was demolished in October. She is an author, photographer and blogger. Ms. Zambelli's civic activism extends beyond the borders of Lower Merion, and she is often the first person to alert the community to issues of significance that threaten the quality of life in our town.

Please mark your calendar and join us for this important meeting, as we enjoy some good refreshments and fellowship. We'll learn together how to make our community as wonderful a community as possible by strengthening the civic associations that have enabled Lower Merion to be the terrific place it is.

All the best, and thanks so much. We hope to see you on December 13th!

Very truly yours,

Teri R. Simon and Perrin C. Hamilton, Jr.
Acting Presidents, Wynnewood Civic Association

Enclosures