

Penn Valley Civic Association *NEWSLETTER*

P.O. Box 753 Penn Valley, PA 19072

Meeting Dates – Attention: Meetings are now Thursdays at 7:30pm

Please note: Evening Meetings have changed so our three elected Commissioners can join us regularly.

Meetings of Penn Valley Civic Association are held at 56 Fairview Road (historic school) at 7:30pm.

2008 Sept-25 Oct-23 Nov- 20 Dec-18

2009 Jan-22 Feb-26 Mar-26 Apr-23 May-28 June, July, & Aug-none

Holiday Party is February 8, 2009.

Supporters Update – Many, many thanks to all who responded to the 2007 fund appeal.

Space limitations do not permit listing everyone, but **all contributions are sincerely appreciated!**

Friends (\$30.00)

Fadia & Raymond Abi-Khaltar, Eileen & Marc Bloom, Sherl Broudy, Pat Burgess, Hermine Chern, Margery & Frank Cooper, Judith & Stephen Corson, Mitzi & David Einstein, Linda Finklestein & Jeff Bergelson, Marylyn & Leonard Finklestein, Mary Gall, Naomi & Alvin Gerstein, Louis & Donna Greenberg, Kathryn Evers & Allen Haas, Betty and Arthur Hausman, Janet & Andrew Harmelin, Virginia & Ken Hladun, Shirley and Mitchell Horenstein, Barbara & Leslie Kaplan, Sharon Kolasinski & Mitchell Berlin, Suzanne & Yaniv Levy, Lori & Stephen Lewis, Craig Lichtman, Staci & Matthew Littman, Lynn & Jerome Marshall, Tanya & Mel Moses, Harris Platt, Deepta & Suchil Rattan, Judith & Warren Roseland, Phyllis & Arnold Rovner, Sydelle & Allan Salkind, Blanche & Albert Schlessinger, Donna & Boris Shapiro, Norma & Bernard Shapiro, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Siegel, Matthew & Anne Siembieda, Nancy & Alan Silverman, Stephany & G. Kevin Smith, Kay & Paul Sude, Louise Tabor, Florence & Jerald Usatch, Montura & Carl Viola, Helene Feinberg Walker, Ellen & Gary Wasserson, Mirya & Herbert Yudenfriend

Supporters (\$50.00)

Carol Allen, Freddi & Samuel Barson, Lynn & Harris Berger, Rosina & Robert Bremner, Jenny Brown, Jeannie & Mark Cohen, Angie DeMichele & Robert Gross, Jane & Gordon Downing, Betsy & Roy Fulman, Ann Bassett & Ross Goldberg, Leslie & Jerald Goldfine, Gray & Flanagan, Marisa Griffin, Nancy & Michael Grossman, Sissy & Michael Halter, Carla Rosetti & Enrique Hernandez, Maribel Hernandez & Richard Davis, Nina & Ralph Hillman, Audrey Knowles, Sally Mattison, Barbara & Gerald Marks, Regina & Robert McCairns, Louisa O'Neal and Jules Merriov, Susan & Joseph Passante, Alan Saltiel, Elaine Schwartz, Mary & Buck Scott, Yumi & Henry Scott, Lauri Sussman Siegel, Karen Nakisbendi & Michael Simon, Paula & Morton Sork, Darlene Steiner, Lorraine & Donald Wasserman, Sandy & Michael Wax, Laura & Mitchell Wienick, Michael & Laura Weinstein

Leaders (\$100.00)

Alison Branigan, William and Gloria dePasquale, Juliet Goodfriend & Marc Moreau, Jay Bagia & Chris Grant, Donna & Louis Greenberg, Mary Hansen, Richard Katz, Patricia & David Mantlemacher, Judith & Marvin Rounick

Visionary (\$200.00)

Eileen Meline & Edward Hanley (list incomplete)

PVCA Officers for 2008-9

President: Lynn Berger, cell 610.420.3904

Secretary: Perri Strawn

Treasurer: Jeannie Cohen, home 610.668.9829

PVCA website www.pennvalleycivicassociation.org.

LM Township Commissioners for Penn Valley

Ward 1: Mark Taylor, home 610.667.3310

Ward 2: Jenny Brown, office 267.419.1508

Ward 3: Paul McElhaney, home 610.660.0725

PVCA email address: pennvalleycivic@verizon.net

Penn Valley Civic Association Membership Dues for 2008-9 and Contributions

Please send your annual dues and contributions for the year 2008-9. Please correct and return bottom with your address label & your email address and dues check to PVCA, P.O. Box 753, Penn Valley, PA 19072. Members who contribute as Friend, Supporter, Leader, or Visionary will be mentioned in newsletters.

Penn Valley Civic Association Annual Dues

(September 2008-August 2009)

Household \$20 Friend \$30 Supporter \$50 Leader \$100 Visionary \$200 Other_____

Please print clearly, thank you!

Name_____ E-mail address_____

IN BRIEF: NEW AND ONGOING NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

PVCA continues to give valuable feedback to community leaders to improve the quality of life in and around our homes. Join us as we monitor issues, and ask questions, and assist us advocate for neighbors at PVCA meetings. **LM Township Police will inform us about the crime picture and the recent rash of summer daytime burglaries in Penn Valley and Gladwyne at PVCA's meeting on September 25, 2008. Please continue to lock doors, use security alarms and contact LM Police at 610.649.1000, to report anything questionable. West Nile Virus tested positive in mosquitoes at the Township Public Works Complex in Penn Valley and Gladwyne Park. Montgomery County has sprayed to remediate; for prevention measures call 610.278.5117, or www.lowermerion.org.** PVCA is awaiting news of proposed **improvements to traffic and sidewalk crossings** at the Sabine, Old Gulph and other Montgomery Avenue and Narberth Boro intersections. Based on discussions at recent PVCA meetings about safety and improving our community, Commissioners have let us know that: 1) additional antennas will be installed to **improve cell phone coverage** in Penn Valley, 2) investigation is underway for new off-leash dog parks proposed at West Mill Creek park, 3) fact finding by consultants continues for a proposed multi-use contiguous Township River Community Trail near dormant and operating train tracks, and private homeowner properties, and 4) preliminary discussion is underway to add four foot wide sidewalks on Hagys Ford Road properties from Righters Mill Road through Oak Hill to be paid by and maintained by homeowners. **Ongoing:** The **relocation of school buses** still is not resolved; the Croyle site has been selected by the Lower Merion School Board (LMSB) for 25 small buses and additional staff parking spaces, and the Welsh Valley Middle School has been selected as an alternative if the LMSB is not able to use the Croyle site. Contact neighbors Lewis Gantman about the Croyle site or Jerald Goldfine about the Welsh Valley Middle School site with questions, comments, etc. PVCA **requested significant vertical landscaping** to screen the proposed new bus storage area(s), now wooded and residential. Yet, the Township and LMSD does not believe \$ exist to support barrier landscaping as part of their bus relocation plans. **Traffic safety** at Penn Valley Elementary is a concern as elementary students depart, and high school teams and spectators arrive all on Margo Lane. **More to come:** corrections to newly installed Township signage, new pocket parks, redistricting decisions for public schools, and continued greening of PVCA today and for future generations: improve property values and expand tree cover, call Lower Merion Township Arborist Cliff Van Y Ahres 610.667.1590x240, if you wish to use available 2008 grant \$ to have a new majestic tree planted in your front yard right of way, along street; planting begins in November.

REVITALIZE PENN VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION (PVCA)

It's all in the neighborhood! It's new: RSVP for First Saturdays this fall - new social opportunities for PVCA. Come one and all; sit gratis and update your **Family photos including your pets on October 4, from 6-8pm.** Photographer Mark Tessoni (www.marktessoni.com) will expertly snap the proofs, then at your leisure view, select, and order prints or Holiday cards via the internet. **November 1, 7-9pm, it's BINGO** for all ages, **December 6, 7-9pm, TOP CHEF CHILI Competition** featuring Celebrity chefs. Continue to **contact us to receive PVCA stipends to defray costs of an anytime block party** on your street. **Don't forget PVCA's Annual Holiday cocktail party with super tunes on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2009, 5-7:30pm!** Consider volunteer openings to serve on various Township/community boards, a one-time commitment, or more. We need your thoughts, ideas and participation! **Please join us at our meetings, and social gatherings, & be a part of our neighborhood.**

SHOUT OUT OF THANKS

Working together as a community! Thanks to the LM Township completing the environmental clean up and improvement of the abandoned park at Centennial Road behind the Township Transfer Station. Kudos to participating neighbors of PVCA's Annual Earth Day - clean up at the trail at the Bala Cynwyd Train Station. Our appreciation goes to Richard Katz, Jerald Goldfine, and Sally Mattison for attending the Federation of Civics, and Emerald Necklace Committee meetings. Many thanks to 2007-8 Guest speakers from the Lower Merion Conservancy, Shade Tree Commission who educated us on the indigenous birds, trees and plants in PVCA, & updates from Commissioners Brown, McElhaney, and Taylor. A special thank you to Drew Marcozzi & A.M. Ward Landscaping who generously plants, weeds, & maintains PVCA's three triangle gardens.

Please remember to include your email address with your name when you respond to our annual dues appeal. We use your email ONLY to communicate PVCA news to you.

We need you! PVCA collects dues annually, identifies PVCA interests & issues and acts! www.pennvalleycivicassociation.org

Count us in:

Monthly meetings

SEPT 25, OCT 23, NOV 20, DEC 18, 2008

RSVP:

OCT 6 RSVP _____

FAMILY & PET PHOTOS

NOV 1 RSVP _____

BINGO

DEC 6 RSVP _____

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