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“Hey, this reading stuff is pretty easy...” is what two and a half-year-old Daniel River, of Winona St., seems to be thinking as he becomes the East Falls NOW’s youngest customer to review our work.

Mifflin reading scores jump; Most improved in NW Philly!

by Robert Rabinowitz and John Gillespie

The Thomas Mifflin Elementary School has reported a 5.8 percent increase in reading scores over the previous year.

The increase places Mifflin first in reading improvement among public schools in Northwest Philadelphia. The results were based on statewide standardized tests and were welcome news for the neighborhood volunteers who spend time each week reading to students in grades K to 3.

The annual tests measure improvement and grade-level performance in reading, math and science. Despite lagging grade level scores, the improvement in reading was a morale booster for a school that has struggled to improve performance. School principal

Leslie Mason said the “trend was up.”

Holmes and Bonnie Emilius, Co-Chairs of Friends of Mifflin, reacted enthusiastically. “The jump in scores reaffirms the steps the school is taking to strengthen performance,” they said in a statement. Those steps include the addition of a reading specialist and a limit on class size in to 18 students.

Lacked Library

For many years, Mifflin was without a library or librarian due to lack of funding. To help fill the gap, the volunteer reading program, Read to Me!, began four years ago as an activity of East Falls Village. The program has grown in scope and numbers. From once a month and a handful of volunteers, Read To Me! now includes some 30 volunteers who meet every Wednesday with students in groups of two

and three.

The popularity of the program owes much to former Philadelphia librarian Mary Flournoy, who also happens to co-chair East Falls Village and is thus able to draw on the membership for help. Village member Kathi DiMenna, a former teacher, administers the program.

The program not only encourages children to read but accustoms them to using the library and borrowing books. Each child has a “library card” – a 5” x 8” index card – which keeps a record of their borrowings.

“The great change is the children’s attitude to the library,” says DiMenna. “Before Read to Me! many didn’t know what a library was.”

The school benefits from an active parents association and a dedicated Friends of Mifflin,

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Oct. 28 House tour to feature Ravenhill Mansion

by Mary Flournoy

The featured stop on the October 28 East Falls House Tour will be Ravenhill Mansion at 3480 W. School House Ln., the EF Community Council has announced.

Built in 1802, the mansion was enlarged and designed in a Victorian eclectic style by architect Willis G. Hale for William Weightman, one of the richest men in America at the time of his death in 1904. His Powers & Weightman chemical plant was located down School House Ln. from Ravenhill. The

plant made quinine, later merging with Merck & Co.

After Weightman’s death, the house was inherited by his daughter, Anne Marie Walker Penfield. She became one of the wealthiest women in the world. In 1919, she gave the house to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which established the Academy of the Assumption there. The school closed in 1977 and in 1982 Ravenhill was sold to the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, later Philadelphia University and now part of Thomas Jefferson University.

In honor of the coming 100th anniversary of the arrival of

the Sisters of the Assumption at Ravenhill, the EFCC has invited the sisters and board members of the East Falls Historical Society (EFHS) to be docents in the Mansion on the day of the House Tour.

The private homes on the tour range from a home built in the late 19th century but with a brand-new kitchen to a 1965 split level with a new addition for aging-in-place. Its bath is wheelchair accessible, with a striking natural black walnut countertop that allows a wheelchair to slide underneath. Other houses on the tour include a 1902 Craftsman style twin

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Walnut Lane Bridge work nears completion

by Ron Goldwyn and John Gillespie

Reconstruction of the historic Walnut Lane Bridge is nearing completion a year late and \$2.4 million over budget.

General Contractor John Buckley estimates the project will be completed by the second week of October, possibly sooner.

The delay and cost overruns

are due entirely to the unforeseen need for asbestos remediation, according to Brad Rudolph of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PaDOT.) Originally, costs were set at \$14.7 million. The 110-year-old bridge was closed in April 2016 to replace a deteriorated bridge deck, hand railings, joints, street lamps, and more. It was reopened to traffic on a

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Two new luxury living options debut in East Falls

East Falls NOW welcomes two new luxury living options to our neighborhood -- the townhomes of The Overlook on Kelly Dr. and the apartments of The Preston on Henry Ave.

The Overlook Townhomes:

Facing the Schuylkill River between Ridge Ave. and Kelly Dr., the 21 brick homes in the first phase of The Overlook debuted on

Sept. 20. The construction is by HOW Properties, who first introduced itself to East Falls in 2013 with the conversion of the former St. Bridgets School building on Stanton St. off of Midvale Ave. into 32 apartments. The firm, headed by Gary Jonas, then converted the long-vacant Lutheran Church building at Midvale Ave. and Conrad St. into apartments last year.

Jonas said that at The

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New kitchen at the Overlook.

Your October 2018 East Falls **NOW** Calendar

Falls of the Schuylkill Library Hours:

Mon. & Wed., 12 to 8 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 10 am to 6 pm; Fri., 10 am to 5 pm; Sat. 10 am to 5; closed Sun.; due to staff development, delayed opening Thurs., Oct. 11 at 2 pm. LEAP, the Free Library’s drop-in after school program, offers homework assistance, computer literacy and library skills for students in grades K–12, along with daily literacy enrichment activities for elementary school students. This program takes place every Monday through Thursday from 3 to 5:30 pm.

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1 Monday

4:15 pm: Read with a Therapy Dog at the Falls Library. School age kids are invited to read with Wally or Orchid, certified therapy dogs. Come share a new book or an old favorite in a judgement-free space.

5:45 pm: Advanced bridge group card game at the Library.

2 Tuesday

10:15 am: Music and Movement Time at the Falls Library. Babies and toddlers will enjoy a parent-led music and dance story time. Children will play maracas, shake pom-poms, dance and listen to music and dance-themed books. Come tire out your little ones and meet local parents. Groups and daycares should call the library to set up your own special visits.

3 Wednesday

1 pm: Beginner’s Bridge card game for new players at the Library.

6:30 pm: Free CPR training at the Library; register at info@eastfallsvillage.org.

4 Thursday

9:30 am: East Falls Village neighborhood walk; meet at Library garden.

5 Friday

1:30 pm: Free sample of Mindfulness/Meditation session with EF Village at Vault & Vine. Register at info@eastfallsvillage.org. See Oct. 26.

6 Saturday

10 am to 2 pm: EF Farmer’s Market under the Twin Bridges, rain or shine. Last day to pick up your voter registration form from the Farmers Market – they must be postmarked by Oct. 9.

7 Sunday

3 to 5 pm: “As Time Goes By,” a concert from stage and screen by vocal soloist Suzanne Schneider

Join Up, Show Up, Speak Up

Take part in the EFCC’s monthly general membership meetings – 7 pm every second Monday, East Falls Presbyterian Church, Midvale and Vaux

Join an EFCC committee: Zoning, Events, Traffic, By-Laws. Contact info@eastfallsnow.com

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and pianist Gayl Koster. Sponsored by EF Village and Northwest Village Network at the Germantown Friends Meeting Social Room, 47 W. Coulter St.

8 Monday

7 pm: East Falls Community Council general membership meeting and General Election Candidates’ Night, EF Presbyterian Church, Vaux St. and Midvale Ave.

9 Tuesday

Final Day to postmark your voter registration form if you are a new voter, have moved or changed your name. Forms available at the Post Office.

10:15 am: Music and Movement Time at the Library. See Oct. 2.

10 Wednesday

1 pm: Beginner’s bridge card game for new players at the Library.

2 pm: Program on “Patients’ Bill of Rights in Today’s Health Care Environment,” presented by EF Village and Roseann Sellani, registered nurse and attorney. At the Library.

11 Thursday

9:30 am: EF Village neighborhood walk; meet at Library garden.

3:30 pm: Free sample of Mindfulness/Meditation session with EF Village at Church of the Good Shepherd, 3820 The Oak Rd.; register at info@eastfallsvillage.org. See Oct. 26.

7:30 pm: Town Watch monthly meeting, 3540 Indian Queen Ln.

12 Friday

11:45 pm: Dutch treat lunch with East Falls Village at In Riva, 4116 Ridge Ave.

13 Saturday

10 am to 2 pm: Farmer’s Market under the Twin Bridges, rain or shine.

15 Monday

4:15 pm: Read with a Therapy Dog at the Library. See Oct. 1.

5:45 pm: Advanced bridge group card game at the Library.

6 pm: This is What Democracy Sings Like, with Singing City at the Library.

6 pm: Philadelphia Stoics at the Library.

16 Tuesday

10:15 am: Music and Movement Time at the Library. See Oct. 2.

2 pm: Medicare Update by East Falls Village, at the Library.

17 Wednesday

1 pm: Beginner’s bridge card game for new players at the Library.

7 pm: EFCC Zoning Committee meeting, Murphy’s, Conrad St. and Indian Queen Ln.

18 Thursday

9:30 am: EF Village neighborhood walk; meet at Library garden.

11 am: Storytime and Block Play

at the Library. Stories, songs and playtime with the Library’s wooden blocks. For kids aged two to six accompanied by an adult; siblings welcome. Groups and daycares please call the Children’s Librarian to schedule separate appointments, 215-685-2093.

20 Saturday

10 am to 2 pm: Farmer’s Market under the Twin Bridges, rain or shine.

22 Monday

4:15 pm: Read with a Therapy Dog. See Oct. 1

23 Tuesday

10:15 am: Music and Movement Time at the Library. See Oct. 2

24 Wednesday

1 pm: Beginner’s bridge card game for new players at the Library

6:30 pm: Medicare Update by East Falls Village, at the Library.

25 Thursday

9:30 am: EF Village neighborhood walk; meet at Library garden.

11 am: Storytime and Block Play at the Library. See Oct. 18.

1 pm: “Canes, Train(ing) & Automobiles,” and EF Village program with Jefferson University occupational therapy students. At the Library.

26 Friday

10:30 am: Spooky Storytime at the Library. Join in Halloween songs and stories. Costumes encouraged. Best for ages seven and under and their caregivers.

1:30 pm: The first in a four-part East Falls Village Mindfulness/Meditation Series, Church of the Good Shepherd, 3820 The Oak Rd. Register at info@eastfallsvillage.org. Fee: \$40 for EF Village members, \$45 for non-members. Make checks payable to EFCC and mails to EFCC, PO Box 12672, Phila., PA 19129.

27 Saturday

10 am to 2 pm: Farmer’s Market, under the Twin Bridges

28 Sunday

East Falls House Tour – See Page 1

29 Monday

4:15 pm: Read with a Therapy Dog. See Oct. 1

7 pm: Falls of Schuylkill Library Annual Meeting, Library

7:30 pm: Evening of East Falls Performers, Library (Free; refreshments will be served.)

30 Tuesday

10:15 am: Music and Movement Time at the Library. See Oct. 2

31 Wednesday

1 pm: Beginner’s bridge card game for new players at the Library
East Falls NOW wishes all of our readers a spooky, happy and safe Halloween.

The EFCC: Step up now to serve

On Page 1 of this East Falls NOW you'll find the story with the roster of my colleagues who were elected to serve as officers of the East Falls Community Council for the next 12 months. These men and women are dedicated volunteers who care deeply about our community, and I look forward to working with each of them.



A message from the
EFCC
President

by Bill Epstein

I urge all of our readers to feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions or suggestions. If you don't see us at a meeting, send a note to info@eastfallcommunity.org. We always need help with the jobs at hand and new challenges. Zoning issues will continue to be front and center; we want to conduct a serious membership drive; and the calendar of events is full of fun activities and in con-

stant need of volunteers. At the September General Membership meeting, where the balloting took place, once the results were announced I mentioned to folks who might not have been counting that this will be my fourth year as President of the EFCC. I said that while I enjoy the job, four years is one or two years too many for someone to oversee the EFCC. This is supposed to be a volunteer gig, not a monarchy. That's a different way of saying that while I will give it my all in the coming year and I will remain involved after that, next October it's time for someone else to be President. It's also a different way of announcing that consistent with the EFCC bylaws, I will appoint a Search Committee to solicit nominees for the 2019-20 EFCC year. Please indicate your interest to me directly and give me a chance to talk you into serving on such a committee, or into serving in one of our many volunteer tasks. I'm easy to find at billepstein2014@gmail.com.
Fallser Fest: Sat., Sept. 29
If you're lucky enough to get your October East Falls NOW early – like before Saturday, Sept. 29 – you still have time



Vault & Vine's greenhouse

to take part in the biggest bash in East Falls' history, Fallser Fest 2018. The day-long party launches on the parking lot under the Twin Bridges with a free family event from 11 am to 2 pm, featuring vendors, food, beer, games for kids, music, a fire engine to climb on and giveaways courtesy of the EF Firehouse. Come earlier at 10 am when the EF Farmers Market opens.

From 7 to 11 pm it's the adults' turn. Try out music, dancing, karaoke and a taste of East Falls staged by the full range of the neighborhood's top restaurants. Tickets for the adult event are \$20 in advance at www.fallserfest.com, and \$25 at the door. Park for both events at Penn Charter with a free shuttle to and from the site. Fallser Fest is a joint effort of the EFCC and the East

Falls Development Corporation. As far as I know it's the biggest ever such joint effort between our organization ever – and it has been a pleasure working with Kathleen Hogan, EFDC Executive Director, her entire board, and particularly EFDC board member Julie Haines, who was indispensable in helping us put together the family event for the morning of Sept. 29.

Vault & Vine
Congratulations to our neighbors Peicha Chung and Mark Hansen, proprietors of the flower/plant/coffee shop Vault & Vine, at 3507 Midvale Ave., for the well-deserved recognition as Best of Philly 2018 New City Garden Shop in Philadelphia Magazine. The shop has become a great addition and huge upgrade to this stretch of Midvale; a calm stop-in and take-out place for coffee, snacks or a quiet place to meet folks or read; and a convenient meeting place for community groups on the second floor. Most if all, it's a go-to place for plants and flowers for occasions big and small.

It's Really All About You

Often I'm asked why I love my job, and what exactly is my job? In 2010 when I first ran for election, I got asked a myriad of questions, a few that I remember to this day. Two in particular were frequently asked: "Was my job a volunteer position?" (no); "Was it in Washington?" (no) Many folks would tell me their concerns about city matters and problems related to city government; not state matters. Many citizens just want their needs met and are not concerned about different

levels of government (local, state, federal), let alone different branches of government



Pam's
Viewpoint

by St. Rep. Pamela A. DeLissio

(executive, legislative and judicial.) But the reality is that citizens must be informed and

concerned about how this grand experiment in democracy works if they want a truly representative form of government. Constituents' questions and concerns made me realize that many folks wonder what the role of a state representative is, and possibly why anyone would love the role as much as I do. My job is to represent you in Harrisburg and to represent, to the best of my ability, the diversity of thoughts and opinions reflective of the citizens in the 194th legislative district. State government affects our daily lives and the quality of those lives – everything from funding basic education and helping to ensure that we have a ready workforce to ensuring that our roads and bridges are safe, and that our criminal code is administering true justice. In order to represent your ideas I need to be in touch

with you on a regular basis, and I am, indeed, passionate about communication. Whether by email, newsletter, press release, town hall, social media, office appointments, policy round tables, the aisles of the local market or this monthly column, I always want to be in touch and to hear from you. And that's probably what I like best about my job – listening to my constituents and disseminating information to them and helping them to better understand the nuances of state government. I am a firm believer that knowledge is power, and I never hesitate to share knowledge. My commitment to dialoguing with constituents is best evidenced by the regular Town Hall Meetings that I conduct throughout the year. As this article goes to print, my 78th Town Hall is scheduled for October 18th. Please go to my webpage at

www.pahouse.net/DeLissio for details of time and place. Whether the audience numbers seven or 70 participants, these dialogues are important for both of us. We share ideas and opinions, and ask questions to gain clarity. I know I always walk away with more to think about on any number of topics. It is truly and honor and privilege to represent and serve and I have all of you to thank for that opportunity. Please don't hesitate to speak up and stay informed. Thoughts? Suggestions? Concerns? Make your voice heard by visiting my office at 6511 Ridge Ave. or calling (215) 482-8726 or emailing me at RepDeLissio@pahouse.net. Stay in the know by signing up for my electronic newsletter (delivered twice monthly) or my paper newsletter (delivered twice a year) by calling my office at 215-482-8726.

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VOTE on Nov. 6!

City Commisioner Al Schmidt, a resident of East Falls, reminds everyone about these important dates regarding the General Election on November 6. First, make sure that you are registered. If you have moved or changed your name, you can pick up a registration form at the PA Wine & Spirits Store, post office, the East Falls Farmer's Market or a library. You also can register online at philadelphiavotes.com – but the deadline is October 9. If you are expected to be away from Philadelphia on Election Day, you may apply for an absentee ballot. Call the County Board of Elections (215-686-3943) and ask to have an absentee ballot application mailed to you. Or you can

download and print the absentee ballot application from www.philadelphiavotes.com. October 30 is the deadline for the County Board of Elections to actually receive your application. But it is best to complete the actual absentee ballot as soon as you receive it, as the completed ballot must be received by 5 pm on November 2. This is not the post-marked date, but the time and day it must be received. This is a very tight deadline, set by the state, and because of it many absentee ballots are not received on time and counted. To find your polling place, type your address in the "Polling Place Lookup" on www.philadelphiavotes.com. Make note of your Ward and Division as well as the address

of your polling place, as the Falls Library and Mifflin School each have several divisions voting in their building.

EFCC meetings set: Oct. 8 & 17

- The EFCC's General Membership meeting and Candidates' Night is set for 7 pm Monday, Oct. 8 at the EF Presbyterian Church, Midvale Ave. and Vaux St. John Gillespie, EFCC Executive Committee member, said that all federal and state candidates whose districts include East Falls have been invited to this always popular presentation.
- The EFCC Zoning Committee will meet at 7 pm Wed., Oct. 17 at Murphy's Saloon, Conrad St. and Indian Queen Ln. Todd Baylson, Zoning Chair, said that at press time the agenda includes review of a zoning variance for interior work at the Kelly Mansion, 3901 Henry Ave. For the latest news on the agenda, visit www.eastfallscommunity.org/zoning.

EFCC elects officers for 2018-19

The general membership of the East Falls Community Council elected officers for 2018-19 at its meeting on Sept. 12.

Elected by ballot were:

William Epstein, President. Bill has served as President since Oct. 2015, previously chairing the Zoning Committee. He also serves as Vice President of EF Town Watch. He retired in 2014 as Director of Communications for the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1776, and lives with his wife, Beth Hymel, on the 3100 block of W. Penn St.

Todd Baylson, 1st Vice President (Zoning). Todd has chaired the Zoning Committee since Oct. 2015. He and his wife, Meg, and their children live on Timber Ln. Todd is a former staff member for the Philadelphia City Council, and now works for Solar States, a solar energy design, installation and education firm based in Philadelphia.

Mary Alice Duff, 2nd Vice President (Events). Mary Alice

has chaired the EFCC Events Committee for the past two years. She recently opened her own fashion design business, Alice Alexander, on the 4000 block of Ridge Ave., and lives with her husband and daughter on Indian Queen Ln.

Christina Spolsky, Corresponding Secretary: Christina is a tech-savvy long-time resident of East Falls. She has an extensive record of volunteerism and previously served on EFCC's Traffic Committee. She and her husband, Tom, live on the 3900 block of Henry Ave.

Mary Jean Cunningham, Recording Secretary. Mary Jean is a 34-year resident of East Falls. In addition to serving as Recording Secretary she serves as Membership Chair. She serves on the Board of EF Town Watch, and says she wants to help continuing to make EF one of the best places in which to live in Philadelphia.

Joe Leube, Treasurer. Joe has served as Treasurer for several EFCC administrations. He lives on the 3400 block of War-

den Dr. and serves also as Treasurer for the East Falls Village. He is retired as a consulting actuary for AON.

At-Large Members of the Executive Board:

Chris Caporellie formerly served as Corresponding Secretary for the EFCC, establishing its first website. He rejoined the Executive Committee two years ago. He was instrumental in the start-up of the EFCC's monthly newspaper, East Falls NOW, and now heads up the newspaper's advertising effort and assists with editing.

Thomas Flynn is a member of the EFCC Zoning Committee. He has been a resident of the 3300 block of Midvale Ave. since 2003. He is a psychologist and is Director of the Department of Neuropsychology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

John Gillespie and his wife, Connie, have lived on Warden Dr. since 1983. He chairs the EFCC's Traffic Committee and for the past several years has organized the EFCC's Candi-

dates' Forum for the primary and general elections. John is a member of East Falls Village and edits the group's newsletter, Village Voice, and assists with writing and editing East Falls NOW.

Alex Keating is former co-chair of the Friends of Mifflin. He is a contractor and lives with his wife, Lauren, and their two sons on Indian Queen Ln.

Emily Nichols is a member of the EFCC's Zoning Committee and Executive Committee. She lives on the 3600 block of Stanton St, and has been a resident of East Falls since 2008.

Robert Rabinowitz has been a resident of EF since 1982. He has become an active advocate in an ever widening range of community actions in the last 10 years, including hospice and Mifflin school volunteering, Friends of McMichael Park, East Falls Village, and most recently EF Town Watch.

Chris Rooney and his wife, Shannon, have been residents on the 3700 block of Calumet

for more than four years. He serves on the EFCC Zoning Committee and the Executive Committee. He is Acquisition Manager for a telecommunications vendor.

2018 Election Calendar

October 9
Last day to register before the November 6 election

October 30
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

November 2
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

November 6
GENERAL ELECTION

November 7
First day to register for future elections

November 13
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absetee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 5)

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We anticipate being extremely active in the months leading up to the November election. It is unquestionably *the most significant in our lifetimes*. The continuation of the outrageous behavior and policies of Trump and the cowardly acquiescence of the Republican Party will have profound consequences for decades to come. If nothing else, we owe our children and our grandchildren a return to sanity, compassion and decency in government. **We again will run ads in the Jewish Exponent and the Philadelphia Inquirer in support of PA Federal Democratic candidates. Please go to our web page to learn more about our good work and to support us: www.djop.org and check us out on Facebook at Democratic Jewish Outreach PA.**

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- EF Town Watch • Friends of Mifflin
- Falls of Schuylkill Library • EF Village • Grants
 - EF Tree Tenders • EF Sports Association
 - EF Historical Society • McMichael Park
 - Inn Yard Park • EF Community Garden
 - Solarize East Falls • EF Dog Park, coming soon

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- Mifflin Arboretum Clean-up • EF Flea Market
- Fallser Fest 2018 • Holiday Sing • EF House Tour

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Oct 29: A night of great EF performers



2017 East Falls Performers at the Library

It's a great night of entertainment, and you can't beat the price! Join your neighbors at 7:30 pm Monday, Oct. 29 at the Falls Library for the annual Evening of East Falls Performers sponsored by the Friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Library. This popular free concert of toe-tapping performances by

local vocalists and instrumentalists will celebrate the wealth of talent in our neighborhood for the 28th year. The concert will be held in the Library's lower-level meeting room. Everyone is invited. Among the musicians in this year's diverse menu of performers will be: the Falls Clarinet Quartet; John Komanski (piano); Matt Mur-

phy (baritone); Frank Kaderabek (trumpet); Kate Dress (ballet) from Merge Dance Company; Randy Scupp (tenor); with Bob Munnich on the piano. The concert will be emceed by Caroline Davidson and Wendy Moody. The concert will be preceded by a short Annual Meeting of the Friends at 7 PM. At this meeting officers will be elect-

ed for President of the Friends and also for Treasurer. The terms of current president Nina Coffin and current treasurer Phil Hughes are ending. Nominations for these offices will be presented and voted upon. If you have a nomination it must be received by the Secretary of the Friends at least five business days before the meeting.

Contact Elizabeth Johnston at bethj113@gmail.com. Refreshments will follow the concert. For questions contact Caroline Davidson, 215-848-2864 or cdavidson@germantownfriends.org or Nina Coffin, nhcoffin@gmail.com.

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Oct. 28 House tour to feature Ravenhill Mansion

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with modern furniture, bright accent walls, and artwork from around the world, a 1925 twin completely redone in 2017 to create an open concept first floor, and a new home built on the grounds of the former Powers & Weightman plant.

The EFCC's popular self-guided tour will take place from 12 noon to 4 pm. Program books and maps will be picked up from 11:30 am to 2 pm that day at the East Falls Presbyterian Church, 3800

Vaux St. Tickets also can be purchased then for \$25.

Pre-ordered discount tickets are \$20. Purchase them online at www.eastfallscommunity.org and use PayPal. Tickets also can be ordered by sending a check for \$20 per ticket to EFCC, PO Box 12672, Philadelphia, PA 19129 by Oct. 24 to receive the discount. Discount tickets can be ordered online through Oct. 26.

For more information: mary.flournoy1@gmail.com or text or call 215-589-4344.

Ravenhill: 200+ years of history

by Ellen Sheehan

Owned successively by Thomas Rea and Edward Pechin, Ravenhill was acquired by William Weightman in 1846. Renovations were made in 1887, reportedly by Architect Willis G. Hale, to create an eclectic Victorian appearance. The Mansion is on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

Weightman (1813-1904) was born in Lincolnshire, England. At 16, he came to the US to work for his uncle, John Farr, founder of Farr and Kunzi, the first manufacturer of sulfate of quinine in the US. In 1836, the firm became Farr, Powers & Weightman. Weightman married Louisa Stillwagon in 1841. Their children were, John, William, and Anne Marie.

When Farr died in 1847 the business became Powers & Weightman. Weightman amassed a large fortune from his chemical company and huge holdings of real estate in Philadelphia. Outliving his sons, he left his entire fortune to his daughter, Anne Marie

Walker on his death in 1904. Anne Marie's husband, Robert Walker, died in 1903, pre-deceased by their infant daughter and adult son. She sold the company for \$4 million in 1905. Anne Marie married Frederick Courtland Penfield in 1908, settled in New York City, and gave the estate of Ravenhill to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She died in 1932 at the age of 82, and is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Dennis Cardinal Dougherty granted the estate to an order of nuns, Religious of the Assumption, for a girls Academy. They opened Ravenhill Academy in 1919, best known for famous attendees: the Von Trappe Family girls, (the family lived on the estate for a short time) Cory Aquino, President of the Philippines after Ferdinand Marcos, and Grace Kelly. It also was known for the introduction of Montessori Education in the US in the 1930's and again in the 1960's.

The Sisters of the Assumption, with local missions in West Philadelphia and Lansdale, will host a series of events this year to culminate in the 100th Anniversary of their arrival at Ravenhill.

Keys left in car. Result: A joyride!



by Mary Jane Fullam,
President, EF Town Watch

Our neighborhood is a pleasant and relatively safe community. Yet some folks come looking to take what they can, so we have to be vigilant and take steps to protect our property.

Police tell EF Town Watch that car break-ins continue as the crime most often committed in East Falls. To protect yourself, lock your car. Don't leave belongings of any kind in your car. Take your keys. Every time!

Sounds simple. But a recent case described by the 39th Police District's Lt. Roxanne Maddrey at September's Police Service Area #1 meeting shows that some people don't pay attention.

Just recently early on a September weekday afternoon, a woman pulled into the East Falls BP gas stations and went inside to make a quick purchase. But she left her keys in the car with the motor running.

Surprise! Three juveniles jumped into her car and roared off on a joy ride. They ended up in a wreck, smashing into six cars, coming to a stop and being arrested at 28th St. and Allegheny Ave.

Young persons hanging around our gas stations have been an ongoing and growing problem. Despite the many 911 calls by the employees and by the public, loitering, panhandling and harassing customers continues. The 39th District Police have been responsive, making some arrests. Store managers have made some efforts, but clearly the store ownership can take additional steps.

These would include expanded video surveillance, hiring store safety guards, and upgrading property maintenance. EF Town Watch and EF Community Council have requested a meeting with the 7-Eleven officials who now own the Sunoco property to discuss the loitering, harassment and trash around the property.

Capt. Anthony Ginaldi, commander of the 39th P.D., has indicated that he will par-

ticipate in such a meeting.

In the meantime, TW urges neighbors to continue to call 911 every time they see young people hanging out and bothering customers at the either of the Ridge Ave. gas stations. Be prepared to provide a detailed description of anyone annoying customers around the doorways or gas pumps.

More community involvement will help our police and our Town Watch. Consider attending these meetings: our monthly EFTW meeting, slated for Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 pm at TW headquarters, 3540 Indian Queen Ln., and just prior to that on the same night our monthly meeting with 39th Police Service Area #1 officials, at 6 pm Thursday, Oct. 11 at 1939 W. Venango St. For further information call EFTW at 215-848-2033 or visit eastfallstownwatch@gmail.com.

Oct. 3: 'Coffee with a cop'

EF Town Watch is taking part in "Coffee with a Cop" from 10 am to 2 pm Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Founded, 3300 Henry Ave. Fallsers are invited to stop by and meet with police officials and Town Watch members to discuss any safety issues they have – and enjoy coffee and pastries on the House – courtesy of the Police, Town Watch and proprietor Fahri Demirpence.


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Time for fall planting

As the gardening season draws to a close and our thoughts turn to winter, it's also time to start planning for your garden next season. And it's not just planning. You can do some planting, too!

In fact, with many native plants this is the best time to plant. Some native plant seeds -- milkweed, for example -- require a period of cold stratification before they will germinate. Some people will refrigerate their seeds for a period, but you can plant them in the ground after the first frost.



**Navin
on Nature**

by Navin Sasikumar

If you would rather install plants than sow seeds, this can be done earlier in the fall, too. With fall temperatures usually higher now than in the spring, the roots have time to grow while the plants are not putting their energy into blooms. Once frost sets in, the plants will look like they have died, but instead they have gone dormant. The stronger root system established before the frost means that they can outcompete weeds that inevitably pop up in the spring. Planting in the



New England Asters

fall also requires less care and watering because the plants have had time to establish themselves and put out fresh growth during our naturally wet spring.

I spoke to John Janick, founder of Good Host Plants, a native plant nursery at 150 W. Butler St., Philadelphia to learn more about his experiences with fall planting. At his nursery, Janick started a

demo garden last fall to highlight native plants and inspire customers for their own gardens.

"Last year I planted leftover perennials in my nursery demo garden from mid-September through the last week-end in November, after which temperatures fell below freezing," Janick said. "After a cold, wet spring, I resumed planting in mid-May. By that

point, everything I planted last fall had well-established root systems and was putting on significant growth. By late-July, while many of the species planted in spring were flowering, I had fewer blooms and more weed competition than in the fall section, where most plants were reaching maturity and really filling out the planting bed. I've found that many native perennials

need a winter or two in the ground to reach maturity and yield maximum blooms."

Janick also said that in the fall, many nurseries, including his, offer discounts on remaining inventory. It's the best time to fill out the gaps in your flower beds at a lower cost. With summer blooms still fresh in your mind it is easy to remember where those gaps are. Janick offers one last piece of advice to aspiring fall planters: "When I plant in the fall, I typically give the plant one good watering, put down a few inches of shredded pine bark mulch or shredded leaves, and that's it. In spring, depending on when you plant, that might not be enough if we get a stretch of hot, dry days."

I would add that I love using fall leaves as mulch. It's less work for me, provides habitat for over-wintering critters and is less wasteful.

Here's a quick round up on what you can expect to see. Late blooming perennials such as some asters and goldenrods are still in bloom. Monarchs are migrating south. Bird migration is starting to wind down, but the ducks that over-winter in the region are starting to make an appearance. As always, if you have any questions about nature and wildlife in the area, email me at navin-sasikumar@gmail.com. And be sure to check out goodhostplants.com for a selection of native plants you can plant now.



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150 years and counting for Granny Smiths

by Anne Farnese

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Granny Smith apple, prized for its color and distinctive tart taste. Besides taste, cooks and bakers value another characteristic of Granny Smiths: slices of the juicy, firm fruit maintain their shape when heated. The apple originated in Australia from a chance seedling, a plant that is the product of unintentional breeding. Found growing in a compost heap on her Australian orchard farm, its discoverer, Maria Ann Smith, did not live long enough to experience the worldwide success of the bright green apples she nurtured. As October nights grow longer and the weather turns cooler, a warm apple dessert is a comforting go-to treat; Kitchen Corner recommends this quick, easy-to-make recipe.

Grandmother Phoebe's Apple Crisp
4 cups sliced pared apples
2/3 cup brown sugar (packed)

½ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup oatmeal
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1/3 cup butter, softened
Heat oven to 375°. Grease a square pan, 8x8x2 inches. Place apple slices in pan. Mix remaining ingredients thoroughly then sprinkle over apples. Bake 30 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden brown. Serve warm. 6 Servings (When using a glass pan, decrease temperature to 350°)



Lend a hand to Hosts for Hospitals

by Cathy Davis, for Hosts for Hospitals

As 2019 approaches many of us are reflecting upon personal resolutions we might make. In addition to some of the things you are already thinking about, here's an idea. Give back through Hosts for Hospitals. Greater Philadelphia is a center for specialized medical needs. People travel from all over the country and world to receive desperately needed medical care. Hosts for Hospitals is a local nonprofit that supplies lodging and caring support at volunteer Host-homes to these patients and their family members. Founded in 2000, Hosts for Hospitals has welcomed into

Host-homes nearly 3,400 patient-families. This has saved these guests about \$11 million in hotel expenses. Equally important is the great comfort which such guests feel at a time of great stress. While Hosts for Hospitals makes use of Host-homes throughout Greater Philadelphia, East Falls is an area particularly well-suited in terms of providing guests easy access to so many medical facilities. This is especially so for guests without cars. In particular, there is a urgent need for short-term lodging of two to four nights for patients traveling here to be evaluated as possible transplant candidates. Simply for lack of space, other wonderful facilities such as the Gift of Life Transplant House each night turn away many patient-fami-

lies. Being a host is easy. All that is required is a comfortable bed, a clean bathroom and a feeling of home. You decide who, when and for how long you host. Even if you are not able to become a Host, you can help Hosts for Hospitals help patient-families. Become a Facebook friend to share information. Join the Hosts for Hospitals email list to forward to your own contacts emails about the lodging needs of particular patient-families. Print a host-recruitment flyer from the Hosts for Hospitals website to post in the community library, a coffee shop or your place of worship. Tell others about Hosts for Hospitals. Help introduce Hosts for Hospitals at your workplace, especially if your company promotes community involvement among its co-workers. Visit www.hostsforhospitals.org and the 'Our Shared Stories' link. For more information, contact a Hosts for Hospitals Outreach Coordinator at 484-380-2999 or by email, cathy.davis@hosts-forhospitals.org.

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Mifflin reading scores jump; Most improved in NW Philly!

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whose goal is a top-flight public school in a neighborhood favored with high-ranking private academies.

To volunteer, go to www.east-fallsvillage.org, click on volunteer info, and then on Help Children Learn to Read. Scroll down for required clearances. You can also sign up for volunteer times. You also can contact kadimenna@aol.com or at 215-848-6735. Village membership is not a requirement to volunteer.

In addition to the reading scores, enthusiasm at Mifflin is being driven by:

- A long-serving, highly respected and award-winning principal in Ms. Mason;
- A site selection method of identifying committed and hard-working prospective teachers; and,
- A school counselor, Ms. Maxine Coker, who led the school's dragon boat team to top-ranked placements in highly competitive Schuylkill River matches.

All have combined to bring a new and exciting focus to the school.

On Wednesday, September 12, Carla and Brad Lewandowski, who live on Sunnyside Ave. and whose children attend Mifflin, hosted an open house for parents whose children already attend Mifflin and for other families whose children are close to school age. As the children played on the floor the par-

ents were open and direct in their comments and questions. Administrative leadership, student safety, and academic challenges were addressed and, in all cases, prospective Mifflin parents were able to be reassured and supported.

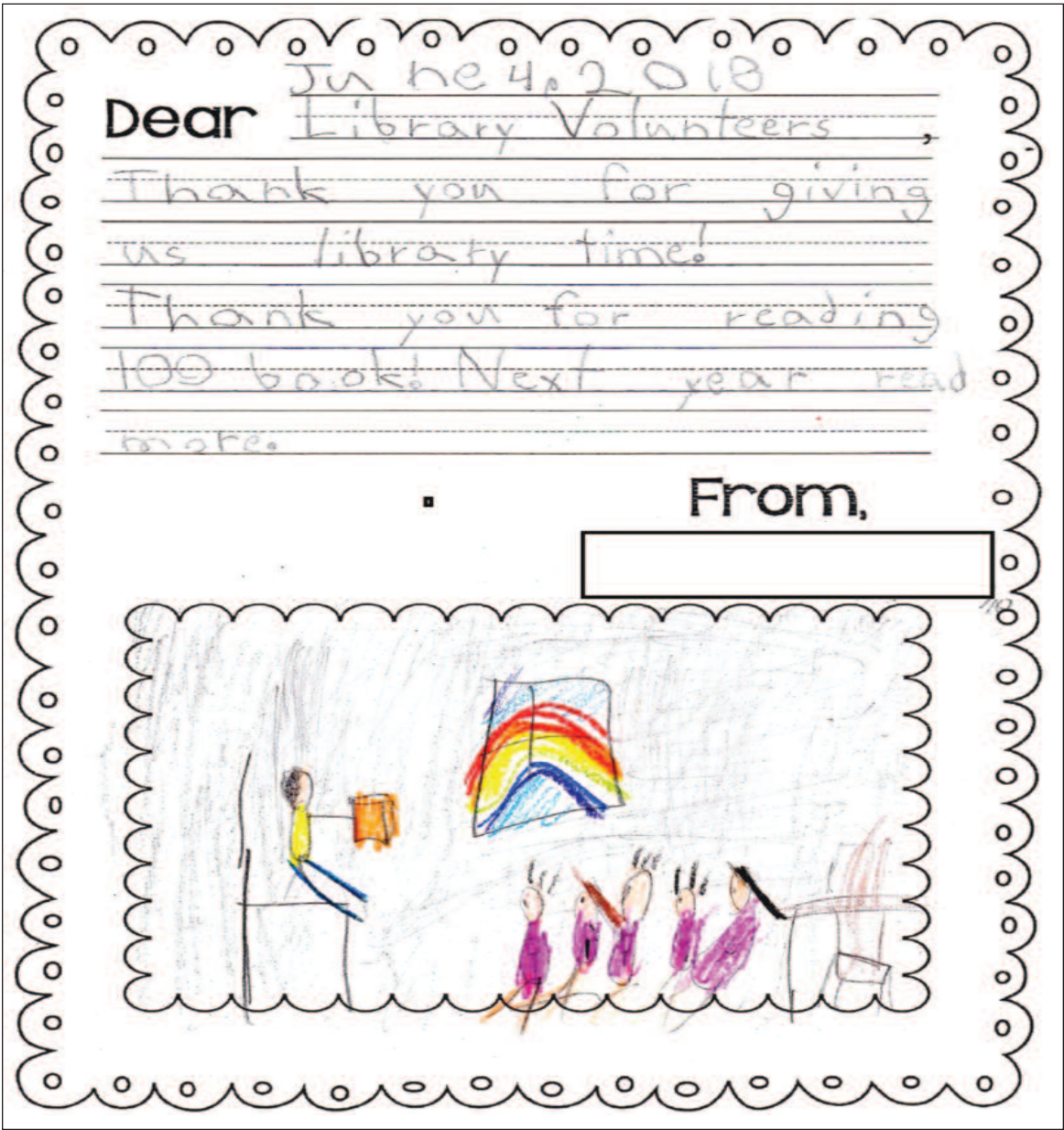
Parent meetings, scheduled on a regular basis, are posted on Next Door and often are held at Vault and Vine on Midvale Ave.

Exercise Equipment

In other Mifflin news, school officials have learned that the school will share with the Edward Gideon School at 2817 W. Glenwood Ave. \$6,000 in exercise equipment raised during afterschool running events last April. The funds were raised by the iRun4Life, a program aimed at combatting childhood obesity.

"The purpose of the iRun4Life Gives Back Program is to share our love of exercise with children who often do not have access to new and updated equipment," explained Judy Wexler, President and founder of iRun4Life. "We believe daily physical activity helps give children confidence and a positive attitude about healthy living, which ultimately helps in the fight against childhood obesity."

Mifflin and Gideon were two of the 12 local schools that took part in the program this year. The equipment is scheduled to be delivered to Mifflin on Sept. 26.



A typical thank-you note from Mifflin students to volunteer readers.

Books Needed for Falls Library Book Sale

It's time to find new homes for those books on your shelves that you no longer need.

Starting Oct. 6, you can deliver them to the Falls Library as it begins to gather donations for its Autumn Book Sale. The sale takes place on Sat., Nov. 17.

Books can be dropped off at the library every Saturday from

10 am to 1 pm Oct. 6 through Nov. 10.

Hardbacks, paperbacks, DVDs, audio and musical tapes, CDs, and children's books will be accepted -- but not textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines.

If you are unable to bring the books to the library, contact Wendy Moody, Book Sale Chair, at wmoodyw@aol.com or 215-

840-4213 for a pick-up.

The Autumn Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Library, will be held from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Nov. 17, with preview sales on Wed., Nov 14. The sale raises funds for library programs, books, and building improvements.



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EFSA soccer off to a strong start

by Jen Arnoldi

Though the start of the season was delayed one week due to heavy rain, the East Falls Sports Association's recreational soccer program at McDevitt Rec Center began on Sept. 15 with strong numbers of participants – more than 250 boys and girls. The youngsters are divided into four divisions by age: 11 and Under; eight and Under; six and Under; and four and Under. All groups play on Saturday mornings between 9 and noon, with an additional practice on Tuesday nights for the older groups. At press time teams are being formed for the season.

In addition to the games, highlights of the season will include a coaching clinic, a trip to Jefferson University for a men's soccer game on Oct. 13, and professional photos on Oct. 20. The season wraps up on Nov. 17.

The Under 11 travel team,

participating in the Philadelphia Parks and Rec travel league, started strong with victories in its first two games of the season. Upcoming home games at McDevitt are on October 13 and Nov. 10 at 1pm. The team will play in a Columbus Day tournament in Fairmount Park.

EFSA would like to thank all of its sponsors this season: Billy Murphy's Irish Saloon, NewCourtland Senior Services, Superior Bus Service, Liberty Vet Clinic, Wissahickon Brewing Company, East Falls Beverage, Elfant Wissahickon Realtors, DNB First, Frank's Pizza, Frequency Tattoo, Long & Foster Real Estate -- Heather A. Petrone-Shook, McIlvaines Funeral Home, Shan Chuan East Falls, Slices Pizza, Trolley Car Café, Vault + Vine, Wee Care Child Care Center, Wissahickon Cyclery and Jefferson University Men's Soccer Team.

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Farmer's market sets Oct. agenda

by Pennie Brooks for the East Falls Farmer's Market

The volunteers who run the East Falls Farmer's Market have set a full schedule of Saturday activities for October.

The market operates rain or shine every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm under the Twin

Bridges, 4100 Ridge Ave. It features a rotating cast of vendors and the weekly presence of top-quality fruits, vegetables and honey from McCann's Farm.

The October agenda includes the market's second Halloween celebration for children on Sat., Oct. 27. The day will feature crafty children as vendors selling their items.

Several performers are scheduled throughout the month, and

community organizations are welcome every week to provide non-partisan, non-sectarian materials for distribution. EF residents who are new to the area, who have changed their name or who are first-time voters can stop by and register to vote at the Oct. 6 market.

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Historic house on School House Ln. demolished



The main structure of "Lycoming," a country estate at 3005 W. School House Ln. designed by prominent architect Wilson Eyre, Jr., recently demolished by William Penn Charter School. Courtesy of the Keeping Society.

by Steven J. Peitzman, MD

To further its campus plan, the William Penn Charter School during August and early September demolished the house and complex originally known as “Lycoming,” built in 1907-1908 and designed by prominent Philadelphia (and nationally recognized) architect Wilson Eyre, Jr. for attorney William J. Turner. It was at 3005 W. School House Ln. Eyre considered the design,

with elements of the arts and crafts movement and the colonial revival, to represent “the ideal country home” and an important advance in his thought about the optimal house. After Turner’s death, the complex was added to and used as a nursing home, in recent years by the Jewish Employment and Vocational Services. It was acquired by Penn Charter in 2016. The original structures were largely intact at the time of demolition.

The East Falls Historical Society sought without success to convince Penn Charter officials to reconsider their plan to raze the complex for the purpose, in effect, of expanding a playing field. Members of the EFHS board communicated with Penn Charter leadership by email, met with representatives on site, and even obtained coverage by a local television station. A nomination for placement of the structures on the Philadelphia Register of His-

toric Places had been submitted by the Keeping Society, a preservation organization headed by Oscar Beisert. But a demolition permit had been applied for just before the nomination was accepted as complete by Historical Commission staff. At previous meetings regarding zoning changes for the site, the Lycoming complex received little or no discussion, its asserted architectural importance seemingly unrecognized. Clearing the site entailed in

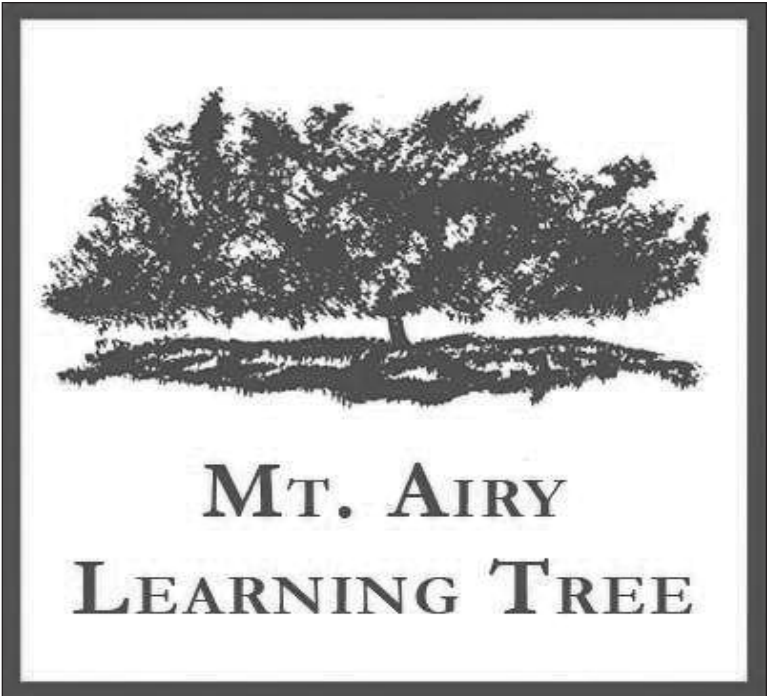
addition the loss of several mature trees. At a recent meeting of the Committee on Designation of the Philadelphia Historical Commission on September 12, 2018, the destruction of “Lycoming” was described as “a grievous loss” by architectural historian Jeffrey Cohen of Bryn Mawr College, and evidence of critical flaws in Philadelphia’s preservation ordinances by Paul Steinke, head of the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.

Register now: Mt. Airy Learning Tree

Enrollment is now open for fall classes through the Mt. Airy Learning Tree (MALT), at locations throughout Northwest Philadelphia -- including East Falls. MALT builds community by providing shared learning opportunities throughout the region. Founded in 1980, MALT celebrates the diversity of Northwest Philadelphia, bringing together neighbors to share ideas, information and skills in informal learning environments – including courses that encourage exchange among people of different ages; that reflect backgrounds, experiences and talents; and that focus on issues of concern to the community.

“Northwest Philadelphia is tremendously rich in intellectual capital. We all have something to learn and something to share with our neighbors. MALT does an amazing job of bringing our diverse community together through shared interests, strengthening and enriching the social fabric of our community” said Stephanie Bruneau, MALT’s Executive Director. MALT’s first catalog consisted of a folded over sheet of paper with 17 classes, attracting 125 registrants. MALT now offers some 300 courses three times a year, in the fall, winter and spring. Topics range from A (Adventures in Sewing) to Z (Zumba). Classrooms are in local churches, schools, businesses and homes

or outdoors in the Wissahickon and at local points of interest throughout Northwest Philadelphia. The student body totals more than 5,000 students a year, ages 4 to 94. The racial and economic diversity of our students reflect the make-up of Northwest Philadelphia and beyond from 214 zip codes. Bruneau said by offering dynamic courses at affordable fees, MALT has become a social and economic engine. For example, some 20 percent of its classes help students with employment and self-sufficiency. For more information, contact Bruneau at stephanie@mtairylearningtree.org or 215-843-6333.





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Walnut Lane Bridge work nears completion

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restricted basis in the Fall of 2016.

The northside railings are in, all four bridge-end lamp posts are up and the side-walks are finished. Contractors installed erosion and flood control stonework under the bridge arches on the Roxborough side to protect the Forbidden Drive trail.

The concrete barriers on the bridge were removed starting Sept. 4, followed by an epoxy overlay of the Bridge deck and sidewalks -- application of an epoxy resin and a stone grit that will give the new concrete an historic look.

Remaining details include the striping, which include eight-foot bike lanes on both sides, with two-foot painted buffers between bike lanes and the 12-foot traffic lanes. The bridge remains one lane in each direction.

Lastly, says PaDOT, the contractor has to complete the punch-list. These are generally small items of work that PaDOT says need to be addressed to complete the job at acceptable levels.

As for the Circle garden on the side of the bridge opposite East Falls, a sub-contractor will redress the area and reseed to help get some better grass growth. This work should also be taking place soon.



Cars travelling the Walnut Lane Bridge.

Venice Island tour set for Oct. 12

The East Falls Historical Society will present a walking tour of Manayunk’s Venice Island on Sat., Oct. 13, led by Ken Hinde, Tour Guide at Fairmount Water Works.

Interested persons are asked to meet at 10 am in front of the Pumping Station, Main St. and Lock St., where there is paid parking available. The fee for this event will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, which will include the price of EFHS membership.

Originally part of Manayunk’s mainland, Venice Island was created in 1819 upon completion of the two-mile section of the Manayunk Canal as part of the 108-mile Schuylkill Navigation System, which opened in 1825. Schuylkill Navigation was founded in 1815 by East Falls resident Josiah White. He pioneered the process of burning anthracite coal and a

means to transport coal from central PA to Philadelphia to power the mills of Manayunk and East Falls, contributing to Philadelphia’s reputation as “The Workshop of the World.”

This tour will focus on Manayunk’s and East Falls’ mill town history and also address Green Storm Water Infrastructure (GSI) projects implemented here in 2014 by the Philadelphia Water Department.

Household Hazmat drop-off events

The City of Philadelphia operates monthly household Hazmat drop-off events. Residents can drop off their household hazardous materials for safe and proper disposal. Here is a list of what is accepted. For more information visit the Philadelphia Streets Department website, www.philadelphiastreet.gov/events

- October 20: Streets Department Facility 3033 S 63rd St.
- November 3: Streets Department Northeast Facility,3901 Delaware Av.

ACCEPTED WASTE:

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| -Antifreeze | -motor oil | -auto & lead acid batteries |
| -Moth balls | -fuel | -tile & oven cleaners |
| -rodentide | -acids | -roofing tar |
| -herbicide | -glue | -auto body repair products |
| -fungicide | -pool & photo chemicals | -chemical fertilizer |
| -pesticide | -degreasers | - solder |
| -insecticide | -lead products | -drain & septic tank cleaners |
| -kerosene | -lithium & NiCad batteries | |
| -oil base paints | -brake fluid | |
| -spray paints | -stain removers | |
| -solvents | | |
| -gasoline | | |

Volunteering in East Falls

Have some extra time on your hands? Interested in giving back to the East Falls Community? Here are some organizations that would welcome your help!

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| East Falls Historical Society
Keeping the history of East Falls alive
ellen@eastfallshistory.com | East Falls Village
Helps Fallers stay in their homes as they grow older
volunteers@eastfallsvillage.org , 267-444-4507 | jmartell@att.net |
| East Falls Sports Association
Help East Falls children participate in sports
jmartell@att.net | East Falls Zoning Committee
Stewardship of East Falls Zoning issues
zoning@eastfallscommunity.org | Friends of McMichael Park
Help maintain McMichael Park
lexy3904@gmail.com |
| East Falls Town Watch
Serving our community
eastfallstownwatch@gmail.com , 215-848-2033 | Friends of the Falls of the Schuylkill Library
Promotes the needs and the knowledgeof the library:
nina.coffin@eastfallslibraryfriends.org | Friends of Mifflin
Helping school children with their school work
theholmesfamily4@gmail.com |
| East Falls Tree Tenders
Help planting trees in East Falls.
crk3114@msn.com | Friends of Inn Yard Park
Help maintain Inn Yard Park. | Saturday Morning Sandwich Making
Making sandwiches for the hungry for more than 25 years:
Fran Chicchi, 215-848-5199 |

Help make our community great.

Join the East Falls Community Council by visiting “Become a Member” at www.eastfallscommunity.org

Join Up, Show Up, Speak Up

Take part in the EFCC’s monthly general membership meetings – 7 pm every second Monday, East Falls Presbyterian Church, Midvale and Vaux

Join an EFCC committee:
Zoning, Events, Traffic, By-Laws.
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