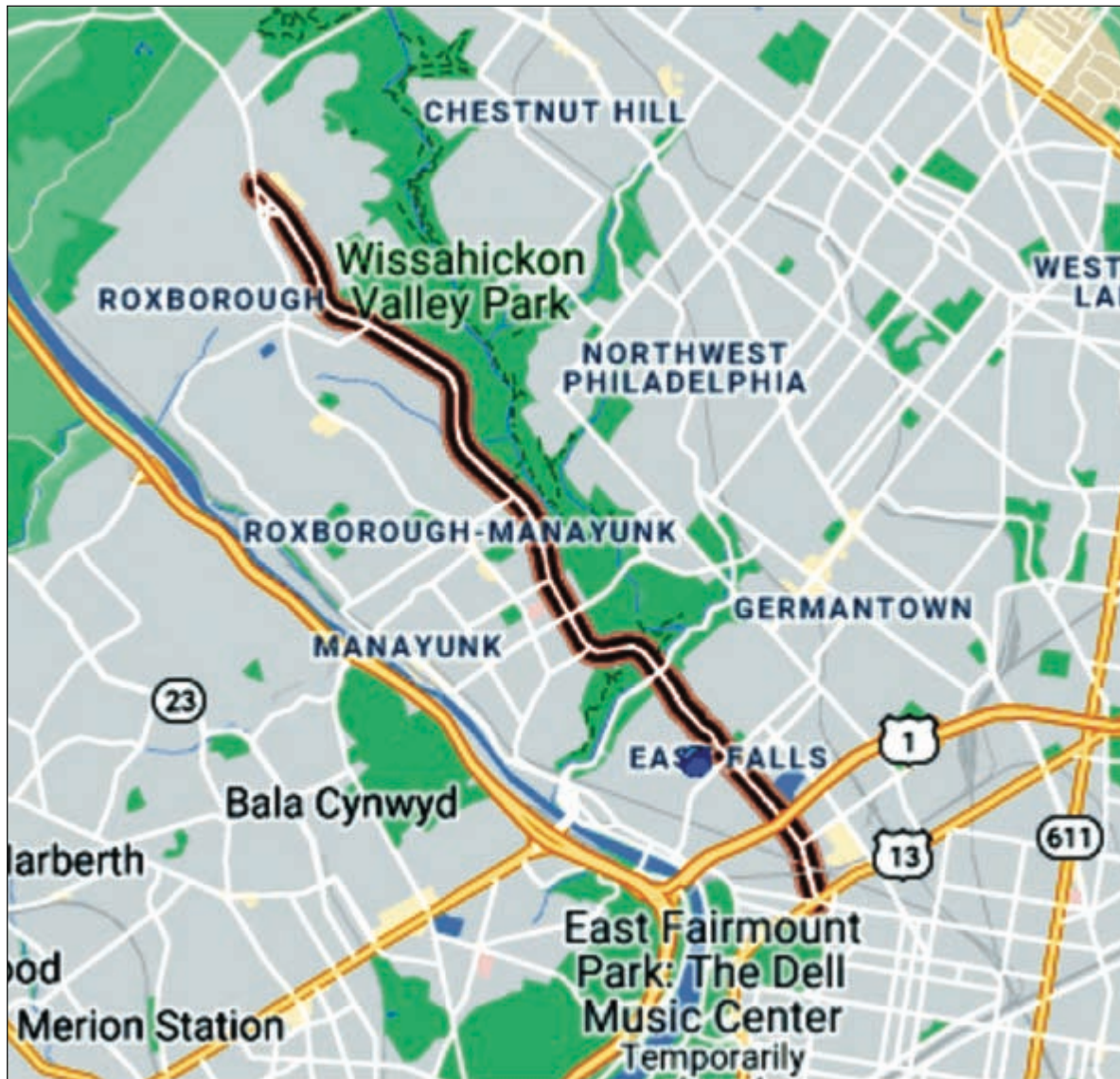


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PennDOT's Safety Improvement Plan for Henry Ave. covers from Roberts Ave. north to Port Royal Ave.

## Henry Ave. revamp set to begin in 2021

by John T. Gillespie  
Co-Editor, East Falls NOW

Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation has awarded a \$12.9 million contract to Road-Con Inc. of West Chester in Chester County to begin the first phase of safety improvements to the collision-prone and long denigrated Henry Ave.

PennDOT said construction would begin in the spring between Port Royal Ave. in Andorra and the Wissahickon Creek Bridge (Barnes St.), the northern tier, or first phase, of the project. A second phase, the southern tier traversing East Falls from just below Roberts Ave. to the Wissahickon Bridge, calls for bids this winter with construction to begin in late spring or early summer.

The 4.6-mile-long project has been in planning for eight years, and has been subject to numerous reviews and revisions. The final cost is expected to be in the range of \$20 million, all of it federal funds.

The East Falls Community Council's Traffic Committee welcomed the news while reserving the right to suggest further changes and improvements to the safety features in the plan, according to Ray Lucci, Chair of the committee. Among other adjustments, the Committee seeks more raised intersections and speed tables, vegetated medians, signalized pedestrian crossings and enforcement of the bans on commercial vehicles.

Lucci said he and other EFCC representatives will meet with

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## EFCC to meet Mon., Jan. 11

PennDOT's plans for Henry Ave. and other traffic issues will be the topics of discussion for the 7 pm Monday, Jan. 11 general member-

ship meeting of the East Falls Community Council. A Zoom link will be posted at [www.eastfallscommunity.org](http://www.eastfallscommunity.org) and Next Door East Falls.

## Structure without permit to be focus of Jan. 20 meeting

by the East Falls NOW staff

The East Falls Community Council's Zoning Committee will meet by Zoom at 7 PM Wednesday, Jan. 20 to discuss a range of significant neighborhood development proposals.

The Zoom link for the meeting will be posted at [www.eastfallscommunity.org](http://www.eastfallscommunity.org) and on Next Door East Falls. The agenda will include:

### 3018 Midvale Ave.

A large two-story structure is under construction behind 3018 Midvale Ave. without zoning and construction permits. Construction restarted after the city's Department of Licenses and Inspection issued a stop work order. The owner now is applying for legalization of the structure.

Hilary J. Langer, Chair of the Zoning Committee, said that near neighbors and committee members will not support the legalization of the current structure. Reasons include the building's 21-foot height, which exceeds the zoning limit of 15 feet. He said they are willing to discuss changes to the existing building that would bring the structure closer to confor-

mance with the zoning code. This would entail changes to the second floor.

### 4401 Ridge Ave.

The last undeveloped parcel of the former Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) towers and single homes – the hillside 4401 Ridge Ave. at the corner of Merrick Rd. – has been proposed for 185 apartments. Langer said committee members are disappointed in the proposed density, which would increase the already congested traffic picture on Ridge Ave.

The PHA's original plans for the property and a 2004 court settlement between PHA and the EFCC called for 30 units on the site. Langer said that discussions with city officials and the developer, ATAPCO out of Baltimore, are continuing.

### 3445 Division St.

Representatives of the owner and developer of proposed townhomes at 3445 Division St. -- currently three garages -- have informed the Zoning Committee that they will return at the January 20 meeting with changes to their plans. The changes include a proposal for two rather than three townhomes on the site, and the addition

of a required setback on the rear of the property. Near neighbors and committee members have expressed concerns that three-story homes without a stepped back third floor on Division St. would reduce sunlight on their homes. They developer has informed the Zoning Committee that it has made improvements to the curb appeal of the proposed homes.

### 3515 Midvale Ave.

Argos Development and owner David Ross said they intend to break ground in February for 36 apartments and three commercial spaces on the site of the former Chuck's Garage, pending approval of construction permits. Ross intends to remove the billboard currently on the property.

The apartments can be built "by right" -- meaning they can be built in accordance with the current CMX-2.5 (mixed use) zoning for the property.

### 3568-74 Calumet St.

Ross plans to build four townhomes on the Calumet St. property above 3515 Midvale Ave., along with 12 parking spaces in the rear of the site for residents of 3515 Midvale Ave. This would

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Structure built without permits or required zoning variances behind 3018 Midvale Ave.



The Wright family of W. Coulter St. prepares to roll with its Christmas tree purchase. From left are Matt, Erin, Jack and John.

# Successful Tree Sale by Friends of Library seen as response to COVID-19 pandemic

by John T. Gillespie  
Co-Editor, East Falls NOW

The record pace and sell-out of trees at this year's annual Friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Library Tree Sale during the first weekend in December is seen by many as a search for normalcy amid the surreal experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. For years the annual tree sale has operated in the black over two weekends -- not one -- but never with the assembly line proficiency of this year. There was no quibbling over prices -- averaging \$65 to \$75 -- or quality. There also were no leftovers to sell at cost to Stanley's True Value Hardware on Ridge Ave. And the sale at Vault+Vine was completed in a day and a half instead of the allotted five days. The Library sold slightly more trees at higher markup last year, pre-pandemic, when growers' prices were lower.

But it took a full five days, and an unsold handful of trees was consigned to Stanley's Hardware when the sale ended. This year, news reports showed strong demand for

People wanted a real Christmas tree, a feeling of authenticity and normalcy amid the surreal experience of the pandemic." Kolodziej's observations are borne out in a survey of more

**'People wanted a real Christmas tree, a feeling of authenticity and normalcy amid the surreal experience of the pandemic.' -- Ken Kolodziej**

real Christmas trees nationwide. At the same time, sales of artificial trees, which dominate 75 percent of the market, also were up. COVID-19 is cited by growers and buyers alike as a major reason for the exceptional demand. "People didn't travel," said Fallser Ken Kolodziej, who volunteered at the sale. "Instead, they stayed put and paid attention to the home.

than 2,000 adults by True Global Intelligence reported in the New York Times showing that three quarters of the respondents considered real Christmas trees to be an experience rather than a product. Doug Hundley, a spokesman for the National Christmas Tree Association, said the growth in demand for Christmas trees "was a  
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## Your January 2021 East Falls NOW Calendar

Visit the East Falls NOW Restaurant and Business Guide on Page 11. We'll do our best to keep it up to date on our website and in the weekly emails from the East Falls Community Council. If you don't get those emails, send your email address to [info@eastfallscommunity.org](mailto:info@eastfallscommunity.org). In addition, the East Falls Farmers Market continues every Saturday under the Twin Bridges, after taking a holiday break. The first market of 2021 will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9.

- 1 Friday**  
A happy and healthy New Year to all of our East Falls NOW readers.

**8 Friday**  
2 pm: EF Village Zoom program on two books about France in World War II. (Pg. 9)

**9 Saturday**  
11 am to 1 pm: East Falls Farmers Market under the Twin Bridges (Pg. 2)
- 11 Monday**  
2 pm: EF Village Zoom program on Jefferson University's "Hidden Gem" -- its Textile and Costume Collection. (Pg. 9)

**7 pm:** EFCC January General Membership Meeting (Pg. 1)

**14 Thursday**  
7 pm: EF Town Watch Zoom
- meeting. The link will be posted at [www.eastfallscommunity.org](http://www.eastfallscommunity.org). Or call TW office, 215-848-2033, for log-in information. (Pg. 7)

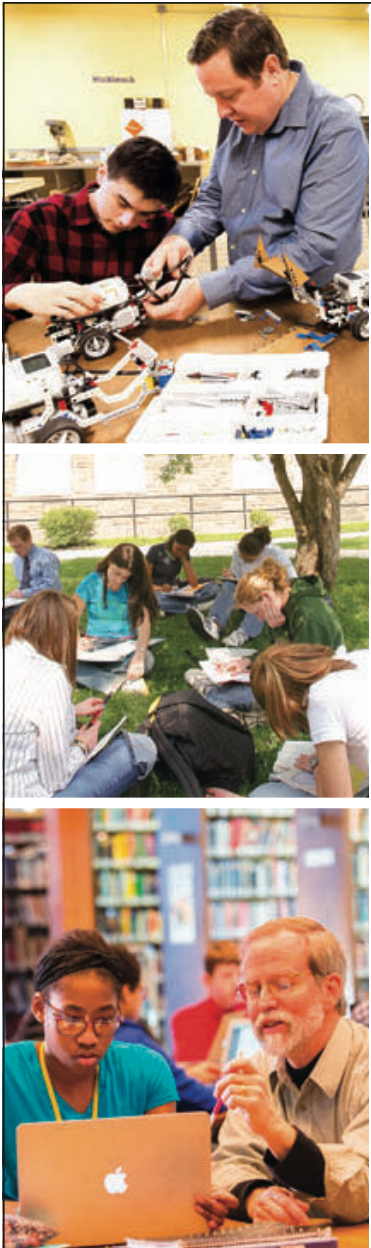
**16 Saturday**  
9 to 3 pm: EF Town Watch monthly "Litter Crew Ahead" clean-up. Meet at TW office, 3540 Indian Queen Ln. (Pg. 7)

**11 am to 1 pm:** East Falls Farmers Market under the Twin Bridges (Pg. 2)
- 20 Wednesday**  
6 pm: EF Town Watch meeting with 39th Police District officials for Police Service Area 1. Dial 605-313-5071, code 946071#. (Pg. 7)

**23 Saturday**  
11 am to 1 pm: East Falls Farmers Market under the Twin Bridges (Pg. 2)
- 25 Monday**  
2 pm: EF Village Zoom program on "Reading the Sky." (Pg. 9)

**4 pm:** EF Town Watch 39th Police District-wide meeting; dial 605-313-5071, code 946071#. (Pg. 7)

**30 Saturday**  
11 am to 1 pm: East Falls Farmers Market under the Twin Bridges (Pg. 2)



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## Happening in East Falls:

- EF Farmers Market resumes Sat., Jan. 9**

The East Falls Farmers' Market at 4100 Ridge Ave. under the Twin Bridges will not take place on Saturday, Jan. 2nd, but will resume on Saturday, Jan. 9 and continue to run every Saturday on winter hours of 11 am to 1 pm. These winter hours will continue until the regular farmers' market season in May. The market is growing slowly to include more regular vendors, and customers can expect to find bread, coffee, and beer as regular offerings together with the market's usual farmers' produce and regular vendor products.
- Market vendors will continue to operate with safety protocols and precautions, and online pre-order systems to help reduce or eliminate person-to-person contact at the market. Visit [www.eastfallsfarmersmarket.com](http://www.eastfallsfarmersmarket.com) for more information.

**Recycle Christmas trees**

Instead of putting your tree on the curbside, bring it to the EF Community Garden at Scots Ln. and Ridge Ave. for the garden's mulching program. Leave trees on the grassy area on the Ridge Ave. side, free of all decorations, lights and twine garland and NOT in a plastic bag. Accepting trees through Jan. 20.

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# The bread also rises for two good causes in East Falls

by William Epstein  
Co-Editor, East Falls NOW

For the month of December -- and perhaps again in the near future -- East Fallers had a chance to get some good bread. Some really good bread.

The best parts? You didn't have to leave the neighborhood. The transaction could be completed in a pandemic-safe, contactless manner. And the purchase supported some important nonprofit causes.

All thanks to Maxwell Nurnberger, of New Queen St., where he and his wife, Rebecca, bought their home two years ago.

Working from his row home kitchen, Maxwell turned a hobby and passion for baking into a fundraiser for two key causes.

"My dad gave me the spark. He got me into it," Maxwell told East Falls NOW, explaining how his father "started playing around with sourdough."

From there, Maxwell talked to people, searched on-line, bought a number of bread-making books and did a lot of reading.

While in college at the University of Pittsburgh, he put his research into action, starting with a visit to the now-closed Larry and Carol's pizzeria on Semple St. across from his campus apartment.

"I went in and I asked the

owner if I could buy some dough from him," Maxwell said. "He looked at me like I had two heads. But he sold me the dough for \$2, and that's how I started making pizzas myself."

The native of Abington graduated, he and Rebecca married, and he started his career as an actuary at Aetna, now a subsidiary of CVS Health. With the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, he started to get more serious about baking. Thanks to Instagram he came across Bakers Against Racism, which bills itself as "unofficially the world's largest bake sale."

The organization was formed in mid-2020 by three young Washington, DC pastry chefs who wanted to support the Black Lives Matter movement and the fight against racism. They thought they might find 80 colleagues who would bake to raise a few thousand dollars to make an impact on Black lives.

In the first couple of months they smashed through that goal. They were on their way to signing up bakers in 41 states and in 17 countries on five continents. Each baker chooses a non-profit cause to receive the funds raised by her and his labor. So far, the group reports raising more than \$2 million for social causes world-wide. Maxwell took part in two of the group's first three bake sales.



Nurnberger prepares to handle dough.

For a December-long project, Maxwell selected The Loveland Foundation, a national group that provides support to Black women and girls, and Coded by Kids, a Philadelphia non-profit that uses project-based education and mentorship to provide underserved and underrepre-

sented youth with the skills needed to succeed in a technology-driven society. All proceeds went to the two groups.

Maxwell took orders -- \$10 for his sourdough country loaf and \$15 for his Challah. He usually cut off orders on Wednesday at 10 sourdough loaves and five Challahs, and

did his baking on the weekends. The loaves were picked up curbside on New Queen St. or he delivered.

The sourdough is mixed by hand and naturally leavened, while the Challah dough is mixed by machine.

The sourdough is flour, salt

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# Hopes for the new session include avoiding gerrymandering

Thank you for your vote and confidence to return me to the PA House of Representatives. Thank you, also, for letting me share a few reflections on the two-year session that ended November 30, 2020 and to share my hope for the session that began December 1, 2020.

On one hand, I am surprised that we are at the beginning of another year. On the other hand, 2020 took its good old time exiting and

will, in my mind, always feel like Sherman's March to the Sea during the Civil War.

In March, the House passed a rule to permit remote voting on legislative business, which in actuality provided our proxy to the Whip who would then vote on our behalf. The Whip made every effort to ensure votes were cast as the member desired. There was no opportunity, however, for remarks or debate if House members chose to not be on

the floor for votes.

With the exception of three days when I voted remotely, I was always on the floor of the House, taking appropriate precautions, because it was vital to me that I use my voice to represent you. I do not regret the decision to be present in the Capitol, and I will continue that in-person participation in 2021.

Additionally, I found it vital to be present for committee meetings in order to participate in debate and share in discussion with my colleagues regarding the legislation before us.

The year is off to a decent start with the rollout of COVID-19 related vaccines. We are not out of the woods yet, and it will be months, in my opinion, before the pandemic is behind us. That said, the approval of multiple vaccines provides the hope all of us need to get through the next four months or so.

Legislatively, though, we soon will be up and running for the 2021-2022 session. Swearing-in day is January 5 and our first day of session is January 11.

The PA House is comprised of 203 members, 113 from the majority party and 90 from the minority party. I am a member of the minority party.

I have always worked in a bi-partisan manner and believe that the development of good policy is predicated on bipartisan input. Be assured that legislation that is vetoed by the Governor is rarely the result of a bipartisan effort.

During the past few years,

and especially during this pandemic, I have witnessed a significant uptick in the number of citizens who are engaging in state policy discussion. I know this because instead of about 100 unanswered emails at the end of the day, the average is closer to 500 unanswered emails at the end of a day. Earlier this year, the average unanswered emails at the end of a day was closer to 800.

Citizen engagement is encouraged and for me, heart-

Redistricting task

2021 is the year in which redistricting of the state senate and representative and congressional district boundaries occurs. Despite significant work by me and a few dedicated colleagues over the past four years to establish an independent redistricting commission to handle this critical task, the legislature will continue to redraw these boundaries. Think: fox guarding the hen house.

Please know that I and thousands of our fellow citizens will watch this process very closely and do our best to ensure that boundaries are drawn to truly reflect compact, contiguous districts, keeping communities whole where possible. The big difference between this upcoming redistricting year and 2011 is that thousands of citizens are paying closer attention and are now better informed about the polarizing and negative impacts of gerrymandering.

My commitment to you remains as follows: to dialogue on an ongoing basis to get your input, thoughts, ideas and concerns so that I can best represent you in Harrisburg. To that end, please join me at my 102nd town hall at 10 am Saturday, Jan. 23. We will convene via Zoom and this also will be livestreamed on Facebook. To register for a Zoom link, please email me at RepDeLissio@pahouse.net or call the office at 215-482-8726.

Cheers to a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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### Pam's Viewpoint

by St. Rep. Pamela A. DeLissio

ening. The constituents of the 194th District have good ideas and meaningful feedback, and I do take all of your input into consideration when voting on bills. The 194th also is blessed with citizens who are willing to share their particular expertise in helping to advance meaningful legislation.

This year, I anticipate being named a minority chair of one of the House standing committees. As soon as that assignment is finalized, I will share that information with you. I also have asked to be assigned to another standing committee as a rank and file member because I thoroughly enjoy the committee work.



Non-native Honeysuckle, which is one of the widespread invasive plants in our woods.

Kitchen Corner

Let’s hear it for blood oranges!

by Anne Farnese

January means reduced sunlight hours, but that doesn’t mean we can’t have a taste of sunshine thanks to the sweet, refreshing citrus fruit that is at its peak this time of year. We can choose from many varieties: sweet oranges such as Valencias, and navels; garnet-fleshed Cara Cara and blood oranges; and tangerines and clementines with easy-to-peel skin. Lemons, limes and grapefruit also are at their best this month. Citrus fruits deliver a lot more than zesty, sweet taste. They’re rich in Vitamin C, which plays an important role in supporting the immune system and is essential for building healthy tissues. The fruit also contains flavonoids that protect cells against damage from free radi-

cals, thus reducing inflammation. Other benefits include fiber, calcium, potassium, folate and Vitamin A. Kitchen Corner suggests making a citrus salad to



**Blood oranges** – perfect in a radicchio salad. brighten a January meal. **Blood Orange and Radicchio Salad** Pecans add a crispy component to this winter salad: 4 blood oranges or Cara Cara oranges 1 cup thinly sliced radicchio 1 small shallot, thinly sliced 1/2 cup whole pecans,

toasted 2 tablespoons lemon juice 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 1 teaspoon honey ½ teaspoon salt Heat oven to 350°. Spread pecans in a single layer on a parchment-lined baking sheet and toast for about five minutes, being careful not to burn. Remove and place in a bowl; set aside. Cut off the ends of the oranges then vertically slice off the peel and pith. Slice the oranges into “wheel” shapes about ¼ to ½ inch thick. Gently mix orange slices and radicchio and arrange on a plate. Sprinkle sliced shallot on top and scatter toasted pecans. Whisk together lemon juice, olive oil, honey and salt. Drizzle over salad. Enjoy.

Blanket ban on synthetic pesticides could cause problems

The topic I’ve picked for my first East Falls NOW article of 2021 is sort of an interesting and challenging one for me. I hope to address some of the concerns of the Toxic Free Philly program and the Healthy Outdoor Public Spaces bill that the Philadelphia City Council passed recently. On the face of it, Toxic Free Philly seems to be a wonderful goal. Who wants ‘toxins’ where they live, work and play, right? And if you’ve been reading my articles over the past few years, you probably know how much I love the wildlife that is affected by these pesticides. However, this blanket ban on pesticides has problems. It would have a terrible effect on conservation in the city. Yes, you read that right.



Navin on Nature

by Navin Sasikumar

Banning all synthetic pesticides would have a detrimental effect on maintaining healthy wild areas in the city. In a perfect world, this wouldn’t have to be the case, but unfortunately we do not live in a perfect world. Humans have brought in hundreds of plant species that do not belong to the region, either inadvertently with seeds hitching rides on shipments of other goods or purposely as garden plants. Many of these plants now have established themselves in the city where they out-compete our native plants and form dense thickets. These plants thrive here because they don’t have the insects and other critters that eat them and keep their populations from exploding in their native range. When these plants take over, the ecosystem becomes impoverished. Many insects are specialists, and they can eat only certain plants that they have co-evolved with. With non-native plants there are no

herbivorous insects eating them. Without insects there are no birds or amphibians that rely on insects for food. So when invasive plants establish themselves in an area, not only do we lose plant diversity because these plants form a monoculture, but we also lose insect and bird diversity as well. Synthetic herbicides are an important tool to control these invasive plants. Other control methods such as exclusively weeding and cutting are expensive since they need to be repeated multiple times and for many years. They are not always effective, since some plants respond to cutting by bouncing back more vigorously. Another solution is ‘natural’ herbicides, but depending on the herbicide used, it’s either not as effective or it’s more expensive and it can even sometimes be more dangerous to humans and wildlife than some synthetic ones. A combination of mechanical methods combined with some selective application of herbicide seems to be the best approach we currently have. Rather than a blanket ban on all synthetic pesticides, limiting their usage to only ecological uses rather than cosmetic ones (so no synthetic pesticides for lawns, sports fields, ornamental plants and other human-centered land uses), combined with increased transparency and accountability on their usage would have been the right way forward. An amendment to the bill allows ecological restorers to use synthetic pesticides through a waiver, but depending on the execution we might have tied their hands pretty drastically. Without an increased budget for Parks & Recreation, we can look forward to meadows, wetlands and forests overrun with plants such as Japanese Knotweed, Privet, Phragmites, non-native Honeysuckles and a host of other invasive plants. This would not only affect native plant diversity, but also that of insects, birds and amphibians, and we would lose our access to a vibrant healthy ecosystem in the city.

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# EF Historical Society solves mystery of ‘Daisy Quilt’

by Patty Cheek

Everyone loves a good mystery. How about a little history with your mystery?

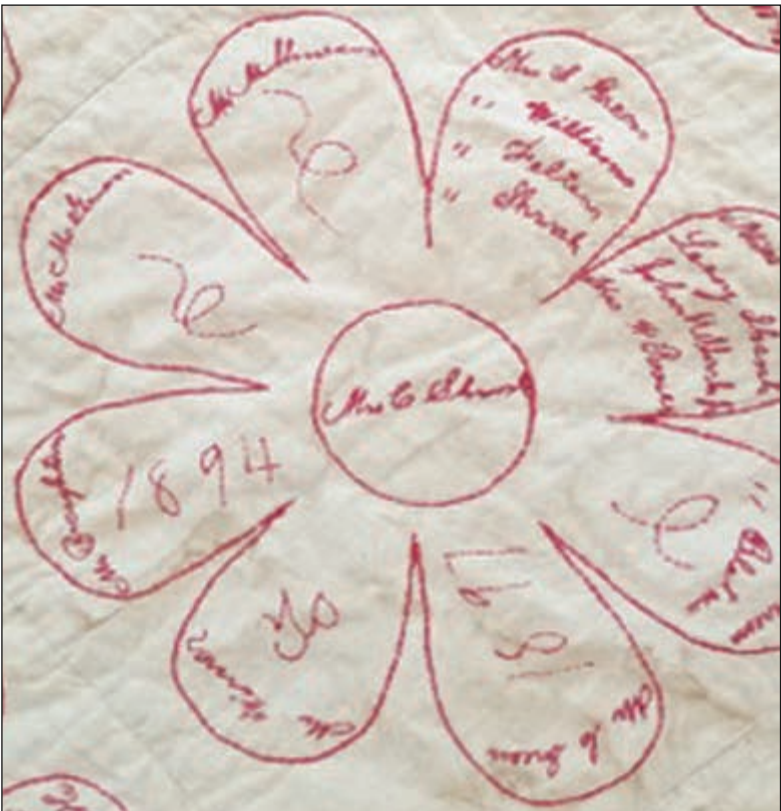
This is the story of a very special quilt which was donated to the East Falls Historical Society (EFHS) by the Clayton family, former residents of East Falls.

It was in early spring that Tom Clayton contacted Ellen Sheehan regarding an old quilt that was found in an attic. At first it seemed like a plain old quilt, 6 and one-half feet square, white with red embroidery. The center rectangle had the embroidered outline of a church, surrounded by 32 squares, each with a red daisy and names stitched within.

As we looked closer, it became clear that there was a mystery about this old blanket.

The church on the quilt was an image of the Methodist Episcopal Church of East Falls. The pastor’s name, Reverend R.A. McIlwain and the words “Pearls of Price” were stitched around the outline of the church.

“Pearls” appears to refer to the bible parable which describes the great value the



Sections from the Daisy Quilt, sown in East Falls in the 1890's.

Sunday School class on it?

At last, we came upon the one square that gave us the key clue to the quilt’s existence. On one particular flower were embroidered the words, “Nearly three years was the quilt in making - by it, \$200 was raised for the Church.”

AHA! This quilt was loving-

ly stitched and put together as a fund raiser for the church.

There are so many interesting aspects to it. It’s clear that the embroidery is not the hand of one stitcher. Therefore, each square was probably taken home by each of the church member as they worked on it, before the quilt assembly. Not only that, but

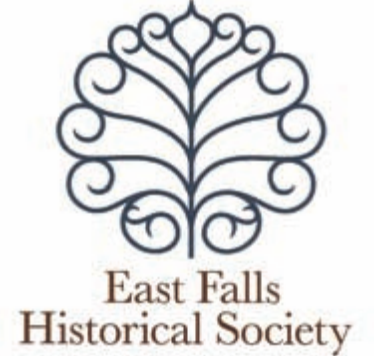
the quilt reaches across state lines, as one square bears family sur-names from other states, including Florida and California.

Finally, an understanding of the words “Pearls of Price.” In the context of this quilt’s evolution, it might be that the words “Pearls of Price” referred to the value of donat-

ing to the cause of the quilt itself, as well as a salvation parable.

Mystery solved!

Do you have questions about East Falls history, or want to know more? See our growing website at [eastfallshistorical-society.org](http://eastfallshistorical-society.org), or contact us at [eastfallshistory@gmail.com](mailto:eastfallshistory@gmail.com). And join!



Kingdom of Heaven places on believers. According to Wikipedia, the Methodist Episcopal Church became the Methodist Church in 1939. In 1968 it was renamed again as the United Methodist Church. At that time the building became the Falls United Methodist Church, located on Indian Queen Ln. and Krail St. across from what is now Fiorino’s Italian Restaurant. The former church currently houses office space and boasts organ pipes as decoration.

When Ellen Sheehan and I began to examine the quilt, we saw that there were hundreds of family names embroidered within the daisy petals on the quilt, along with the dates 1894 to 1897. We began the fascinating task of transcribing the names as best we could decipher them onto paper. We could imagine the families that had lived and worshipped here in East Falls in the late 1890’s.

As we compiled our lists, we noticed some interesting names in the center of each daisy. Sometimes it was a family name, but other times it was a title such as “Royal Cadets,” “Willing Workers,” “Sunbeams,” “Earnest Workers” or “8 Jewels.” What could these names represent?

Then, longtime member of the EFHS reference committee, Joe Terry, unearthed important information:

These were the names of Sunday School classes.

Curiouser and curiouser. Why did the church members create a quilt with names of

## Library faces further closure to replace broken boiler

The Falls Library, closed for months and only recently providing limited access because of the corona virus, faces further shutdown because of a failed boiler.

Drew Birden, branch manager, told East Falls NOW that he estimates the library won’t reopen until late winter or early spring to allow time to hire a contractor and replace the more than 25-year-old boiler. The boiler provides heat and was manufactured by Weil-McClain. The company advertises an average life span of 15 years.

In a letter to Friends of the Library, the advocacy group, Friends President Martha Fuller said the aging boiler



was “out of options to repair” and that the time had come to replace it. She said the city’s Property Management division was preparing to seek bids.

Fuller expressed regrets for library staff and customers

who have had to withstand 10 months of closure and now replacement of the boiler. One recent day the temperature inside the English Collegiate library at Midvale Ave. and Warden Dr. was 43 degrees.

“We’re all upset,” said Birden. “It’s out of our control. We’ve done what we can.”

Birden said a RedCross blood drive scheduled for Friday, Jan. 8, has been cancelled. For further information, contact Kristin Mckale at [kristin.mckale@redcross.org](mailto:kristin.mckale@redcross.org).

Books can be returned to any nearby Free Library of Philadelphia branch. Holds can be placed for material pickup at the Andorra Library or Coleman Regional or any other branch that is convenient. Branch staff are working to assist community members pick up their holds currently held at the library. For additional assistance, contact 833-825-5357.

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# Miniature gardens and rooms create sense of personal reality

by John T. Gillespie  
East Falls NOW Co-Editor

Human beings have long sought to recreate their own reality through miniature art forms. Doll houses, toy soldiers, bonsai gardens, model trains and dioramas are just a few of the ways we entertain ourselves in miniature.

Especially two long-time East Fallers -- Fred Vincent of W. Queen Ln., with his shoe box dioramas and model Philadelphia row homes, and Rich Weisenberg of Apalogen Rd., with his small moss or shade garden and Alpine-style village. Both have captured the fascination of seeing ourselves and our environment in miniature -- HO scale or 100 to one, to be exact.

"I'm creating my own reality," says Vincent, who might be better known among members of the East Falls Village for his popular tours of city neighborhoods.

## 'Relieves stress'

A now-retired public school teacher, Fred turned to crafting miniatures to relieve stress. "It's better than taking drugs or medicine," he jokes. For 45 years he has been following his avocation. Recently, he slowed down. "I don't have the dexterity to do it anymore," he says.

It takes dexterity to deal with Q-Tips, cotton balls, pins, bottle caps, beads and crayons, among other common household items used in Fred's eye-catching dioramas. Balsa wood, clay and cardboard serve as the basic building materials. Then there's more than 3,000 photos to choose from for wall decorations, signs and other touches.

Fred says he gets his ideas from exploring the city -- something that is second nature after his neighborhood tours for the Village and from the Internet; and magazines. For inspiration he relies on family -- his wife, Peg, and grandchildren Quinn and Annabelle.

His diorama, Quinn's Market, is based on food courts and fruit stands in the Reading Terminal. Annabelle's Flower Shop took its cue from his granddaughter's love of flowers. The flowers are

made from wire, clay and dried cuttings. To prevent crumbling and preserve color Fred dips the clay in glycerin and bakes it in a microwave with "mixed success."

Peg's Bakery pays tribute to his wife's fondness for baking, featuring cakes, breads, bagels and other goods along with wall pictures of places Peg has visited: Rome, Prague, Paris and China.

At his grandchildren's urging Fred built a Santa's workshop with stained wooden beams, a floor with wooden planks, and Santa with -- what else -- a Q tip cotton beard. He admits his hand-made figures are "primitive" next to store bought figures,

Oompa band. "I hesitated over the beer garden, unsure I could construct an Oompa band. The success of the Mariarchi band gave me the confidence to try it."

## Alpine village

There's nothing Rich Weisenberg enjoys more than inviting people in to see his miniature moss garden and village in front of his house on Apalogen Rd. -- complete with hilly terrain, mini trees and plantings somewhat akin to bonsai, roadways and steams with running water, LED lights, and small shop. The picturesque scene conveys a sense of an Alpine or fairy-tale village.

"The first thing people ask



If you've attended an EFVillage event at the home of Richard Senneca, you've seen his fairy village climbing a mossy hillside.



but says they "provide a variety of shapes and forms, a variety of poses, jewelry, belts added tools and instruments." To help with faces, Fred makes a mold of bought figures.

In response to friends, Fred has created other cultures, including a Café Mexicano with a Mariarchi band and a Deutsche Biergarten with an

me is, "Are you going to put in a train?" says Rich. The answer is "no," but there's already plenty to marvel at -- from the vineyard fashioned out of local plant cuttings to the town hall, bakery, tavern, blacksmith, flower shop and a miniature light house picked up in Curacao. All are meticulously crafted and arranged



Fred Vincent with his collection of shoe-box dioramas, the biggest less than a foot high. They display the distinctive architectural styles of East Falls row houses, and are crafted one small stick at a time.

on a carpet of moss transplanted from nearby woods and laid over soil and rocky outcroppings.

"The biggest enemy of the display is the robbers," says Rich. "You have to water the moss that brings worms that bring robbers."

He calls his garden "my pride and joy." He invites children over from the neighborhood to go on treasure hunts. He himself haunts toy stores and hobby shops for items to add to the display. "I look for quality and what grows in the shade," he explains, saying that he plants boxwood cuttings, holly, perennial grasses, pine saplings, among others.

Every morning over coffee Rich repairs to a bench next to his garden and enjoys his creation, now eight years in the making. He credits his father who worked in the Navy building model ships used to test electricity and mechanics in warships. He is recognized for his drawings of botanical gardens, and every year he visits the miniature gardens at the Philadelphia Flower show.

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## Zoning Panel to meet at 7 pm Jan. 20

(Continued from page 1)

eliminate his original plan for a 22-car much larger parking lot and a bridge to the roof of his proposed Midvale Ave. property.

Langer said that he and Zoning Committee member have met with near neighbors about Ross' proposed changes, and that further conversations will take place. **3929 Ridge Ave.**

Another Ross project is planned for 3929 Ridge Ave. on the border of East Falls. This apartment project has been approved by the Ridge-Allegheny-Hunting Park Civic Association. The design is by the same architect, Canno Design, as Ross' Calumet St. proposal.

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# Town Watch soars with high-altitude graffiti removal

by the East Falls *NOW* staff

The volunteer members of East Falls Town Watch reached new heights in December with a high-altitude removal of over-sized graffiti on a wall of the Schuylkill Expressway facing East Falls.

Mary Jane Fullam, EF Town Watch President, said the TW team scouted out the safest way to reach the high wall of I-76. The wall is visible both from the EF side of the Schuylkill River and to drivers on the City Ave. Bridge as they cross from Philadelphia into Lower Merion.

The wall has been marred repeatedly by vandals in recent years, and EF Town Watch has alerted City and PennDOT officials of the need to paint over the graffiti.

Seeing the most recent vandalism, TW volunteers Curtis Jablonka, Daphne Hanford, Franz Ostertag and Fullam decided not to wait for city and state officials to act. They loaded rollers and paint into their cars, drove across the river, scaled the hillside and painted over the defacement.

Also during December, the TW anti-graffiti effort was at work along Kelly Dr., where Ben Stravinsky, Marie Filipponi, Andrea Sunderland and Fullam used recently purchased paint spraying equipment to cover defacements along Kelly Dr. and W. Hunting Park Ave.

Fullam said neighbors interested in supporting the anti-graffiti effort and TW litter cleanup efforts can contribute on-line at [www.eastfallscommunity.org](http://www.eastfallscommunity.org) or by mail at 3540 Indian Queen Ln. Persons interested in helping with graffiti removal

should contact TW at [east-fallstownwatch@gmail.com](mailto:east-fallstownwatch@gmail.com) or call 215-848-2033.

**Litter Crew Ahead**  
The EF Town Watch every-third-Saturday of the month “Litter Crew Ahead” clean-up, named after the road safety sign provided to TW by PennDOT, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 16. Participants are invited to meet at the TW office, 3540 Indian Queen Ln., where gloves, bags and safety vests will be provided. Please wear masks.

**Town Watch January 2021 calendar:**

**Thurs., Jan. 14, 7 pm:** TW monthly meeting via Zoom. Contact TW office, 215-848-2033 for log-in information or visit [eastfallscommunity.org](http://eastfallscommunity.org) for link.

**Sat., Jan. 16, 10 am to 2 pm:** TW monthly “Litter Crew Ahead” COVID-19 compliant community clean-up.



High above the Schuylkill River to paint over graffiti on the Schuylkill Expressway way are, from left, Daphne Hanford, Franz Ostertag and Curtis Jablonski. Photo by Mary Jane Fullam.



Using recently purchased spray paint equipment, EF Town Watch volunteers Ben Stravinsky (left) and Marie Filipponi tackle graffiti vandalism on the Kelly Dr. Photos by Mary Jane Fullam and Andrea Sunderland.



Meet at the EFTW office, 3540 Indian Queen Ln. Call 215-848-2033 for more information.

**Wed., Jan. 20, 6 pm:** TW call with 39th District Police Service Area 1 officers. Dial 605-313-5071, code 946071#.

Call the 39th District at 215-686-3390-1 to confirm.

**Mon., Jan. 25, 4 pm:** TW 39th Police district-wide

meeting; dial 605-313-5071, code 946071#. Call the 39th District at 215-686-3390-1 to confirm.



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# Mid-winter bird census set for Saturday, Jan. 9

Census counts aren't just for people. They're for birds, too.

At least they will be on Saturday, Jan. 9, when the annual Philadelphia Mid-Winter Bird Census takes place in East Falls and 30 other Philadelphia communities.

Sponsored by Audubon Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, the day's task will be to identify and count East Falls' feathered friends, according to Wendy and Winston Moody, who are coordinating the effort here.

East Falls residents who have active bird feeders can participate in two ways:

- Call or email before the census date so that your address will be among the sites observed on Jan. 9. Wendy and Winston can be reached at 215-848-5131 or [wmoodyw@aol.com](mailto:wmoodyw@aol.com).
- If you feel comfortable in bird identification, leave a message on January 9th at 215-848-5131 before 4 pm with the number of each species of bird you observed on the day of the count.

According to Keith Russell, who serves as Philadelphia bird census coordinator and formerly was with the Philadelphia Museum of Natural History, the Jan. 9 census is "the only monitoring effort in which birds are counted throughout Philadelphia County -- what birds are present, where they are located and how they change through the years."

Russell explains that because East Falls is situated on an edge of Fairmount Park, the area is vital to the bird census. In 2008 Fairmount Park was named an Important Bird Area (IBA) by National Audubon. The park, a significant wildlife sanctuary, is one of 82 IBAs in Pennsylvania, the first



Blue Jay, part of the Jan. 9 EF Bird Census.

state to recognize IBAs.

So our bird census job is clear. Keep those feeders and water sources full not only until Jan. 9 but throughout the winter.

# EF Village sets January programs: books, fashion and the sky

by Mary Flournoy

East Falls Village will greet 2021 by continuing to present programs via Zoom that are open to the community as well as to Village members. While these programs are not the same as an in-person program, viewers will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each Zoom.

Register in advance for these programs by emailing [info@eastfallsvillage.org](mailto:info@eastfallsvillage.org). The Zoom link to join will be sent the day before and the day of each program.

**Books, Books, Books!**

Two village members will discuss two books about life in France during World War II at 7 pm Friday, Jan. 8. One is a novel. *Mistress of the Ritz*, by Melanie Benjamin. The other is *Chanel's Riviera: Life, Love and the Struggle on the Cote d'Azur, 1930-1944*, by Anne De Courcy.

Both books include some of the same characters -- Coco Chanel, Picasso, Cole Porter, and the famous Ritz Hotel in Paris. The Zoom presentation will include photographs of the people and places of the period. After each book is discussed, audience mem-

bers will be able ask questions or make comments.

Hidden Gem at Jeff U.

At 2 pm Monday, Jan. 11, Jade Papa, the Curator of



the Jefferson University's Textile and Costume Collection, will lead a virtual tour of the campus'collection.

The collection is housed in the Design Center on Henry Ave. -- the former Goldie

Paley House. The extensive collection includes textiles, costumes from many countries and periods, designer clothing from the Victorian era to the present, and accessories of all kinds -- hats, shoes, fans bags.

Papa, a costume and textile historian, will share some of the spectacular pieces she has unearthed in the collection. The oldest pieces are textile fragments from the 4th through 8th centuries. She will show us a Coptic piece depicting animals and symbols, the "acorn dress" from circa 1850-1860 -- so-called because of the acorn pattern in the silk and

in the buttons -- one of the collection's 300 textile wood-blocks, and an evening coat from 1957 in one of Christian Dior's last collections.

Reading the Sky

Sarah West, a retired science teacher from Germantown Friends School, led a previous Zoom tour for us of the Wissahickon Park, where she is a Trail Ambassador. Now she will lead a Zoom "tour" of the sky, describing the different types of clouds and what they tell us. The program will take place at 2 pm Monday, Jan. 25.

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- \* Staff are on hand to answer all your reference questions by calling the branch at 215-685-2093.

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# An appreciation: Joe Lukaitis retires as 39th District's Community Relations Officer

by Mary Jane Fullam  
President, EF Town Watch

Officer Joseph Lukaitis, gentle giant with 24 years of service in Philadelphia's 39th Police District, which includes East Falls, called it quits with a pandemic-safe retirement party on December 4 at the 39th headquarters. Joe, Badge 2081, served as the District's Community Relations Officer. At five feet, 11 inches, with pride he told colleagues and community friends that in his entire career with one exception to deal with an out-of-control ravenous dog "I never drew my gun, and I

never wanted to." Instead, "What I always wanted to do is help people," he said, and he certainly did that. In recent years as the 39th District's Community Relations Officer, Joe organized food and clothing drives and health fairs. He continued his long-standing commitment to working with young people, and developed a close and productive working relationship with EF Town Watch and community leaders throughout the 39th District. A native of South Philadelphia, Joe was active in his neighborhood Town Watch, which helped forge his interest in a career in law enforce-

ment. Joe's service in the 39th District included time as the district's crime prevention officer. In 1997 he rescued a victim from a burning building. As he turned in his holster, body camera and bullet-proof vest, he said that he is troubled by the swelling of disrespect for police nationwide. Sadly, he and his wife, Christina, were victims of violence when their daughter was murdered in South Carolina in August of 2010. Joe, my colleagues at East Falls Town Watch join me in saying that we are ever grateful to you and for your efforts. We wish every blessing upon you.



Retired Officer Joe Lukaitis on the porch of the East Falls Town Watch office.

## The bread also rises for two good causes in East Falls



Left, Nurnberger works on dough for his December baking of Challah and sourdough loaves. Right, the finished Challah and sourdough bread. For more information about Bakers Against Racism, visit [www.bakersagainstracism.com](http://www.bakersagainstracism.com).

(Continued from page 3) and water. The flour is a blend of bread flour, spelt and rye. "In the course of two weeks it develops a starter culture that serves as the yeast that rises the dough and imparts an acidic sourish flavor," Maxwell explains. The no-eggs Challah – a water Challah, Maxwell says

– consists of water, sugar, olive oil and commercial yeast, but he has plans "to workshop a sourdough Challah in the future." Maxwell isn't the only bread baker in the household. Rebecca, a nurse practitioner and clinical director for a local healthcare company, was born and raised on Long Island, "and she's a big bagel fan," he says. As a New Yorker "she has standards and knows what makes a good bagel, so basically I'm forbidden from making them." For more Information on plans for future sales, follow Maxwell on Instagram @the\_boychik\_baker and on Twitter @theboychikbaker. Also visit • <https://www.bakersagainstracism.com/> • <https://thelovelandfoundation.org/> • <https://codedbykids.com/> • <https://www.theperfectloaf.com/7-easy-steps-making-incredible-sourdough-starter-scratch/>

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# East Falls *NOW* December Restaurant and Business Guide

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Please visit [www.eastfallscommunity.org](http://www.eastfallscommunity.org) for the latest information. We'll update this alphabetical guide regularly. For questions or to change or add information, please email us at [info@eastfallscommunity.org](mailto:info@eastfallscommunity.org).

We'll also carry this guide in the EFCC's weekly emails. If you don't get them, send your email address to the same address, [info@eastfallscommunity.org](mailto:info@eastfallscommunity.org).

At this time restaurants are permitted to operate for outdoor seating only with limits of four people of the same household at a table, and to do deliveries and take-out if orders are called-in or submitted on-line ahead of pick-up. Alcohol can be served at tables, but seating or standing at bars is not permitted. Masks must be worn while entering and exiting the premises.

**4th Street Famous Cookies**, 4177 Ridge Ave., 215-625-9870 or [www.famouscookies.com](http://www.famouscookies.com); order 8 am to 3 pm Mon. to Thurs., 8:30 am to 1 pm Fri.; Grub Hub.

**Apollo's Pizza**, 3542 Conrad St., 215-842-0178; take-out 11:30 am to 8:30 pm daily.

**Black Squirrel**, 3749 Midvale Ave.; plans to open as soon as allowed with an English pub-style menu.

**Cranky Joes**, 3501 Indian Queen Ln., 215-844-5626; 12 noon to 6 pm, call for take-out food and beer.

**East Falls Deli**, Conrad and Tilden Sts.; 267-297-5746; order online at [www.fallsdeliphilly.com](http://www.fallsdeliphilly.com); takeout and delivery; 7 am to 3 pm, Mon. to Tues.; 7 am to 6 pm, Wed. to Fri.; 7 am to 3 pm, Sat. and Sun.

**East Falls Farmers Market**, under the Twin Bridges between Kelly Dr. and Ridge Ave., 10 am to 2 pm Sat.

**Fiorino**, 3572 Indian Queen Ln., 215-843-1500 or 877-585-1085; take out 12 noon to 8:30 pm Tues. through Sun.; sidewalk table service if weather permits.

**Foghorn Fried Chicken**, 4213 Ridge Ave; 267-335-3061; order online: [www.foghornphilly.com](http://www.foghornphilly.com) take-out and delivery 12 noon to 8 pm daily.

**Founded Coffee and Pizza**, 3300 Henry Ave., 267-900-5338; order online at [www.foundedpizza.com](http://www.foundedpizza.com); take-out and delivery 10 am to 9 pm daily. Full pizza, sandwich, salad and platter menu.

**Franklins**, 3259 Cresson St., 267-

336-7420, google franklins east falls; take-out limited menu and beer. Wed. to Sun., 12 noon to 9 pm.

**Frank's Pizza**, 3600 Fisk Ave., 215-848-6433; order online at [www.frankspizzaeastfalls.com](http://www.frankspizzaeastfalls.com); take-out and delivery; Grub Hub; pizza, steaks, hoagies, salads and platters; 11 am to 10 pm Mon. to Thurs., 11 am to 10:30 pm Fri. and Sat., 11 am to 9:30 pm Sun.

**Golden Crust Pizza**, 3732 Midvale Ave.; 215-848-4400; order online at [www.goldencrustpizzaii.com](http://www.goldencrustpizzaii.com); pick-up and delivery; full pizza, sandwich, salad and platter menu, daily except Sunday.

**In Riva**, 4116 Ridge Ave., 215-438-4848; order online at [www.in-riva.com](http://www.in-riva.com); take-out, curb-side service and delivery; opentable; specials: ½ off draft beers, pizzas and specialty cocktails, and \$5 house wines; 12 noon to 8 pm daily.

**LeBus**, 4201 Ridge Ave., 484-255-2100; order online at [www.lebuseastfalls.com](http://www.lebuseastfalls.com); Opentable; sidewalk table service, takeout and delivery; 11 am to 9 pm Mon. through Fri., closed on Tues., 9 am to 9 pm Sat. and Sun.

**Majors**, 4207 Ridge Ave., 215-848-0848, grocery and sandwiches 9 am to 8 pm Mon. to Sat.; closed Sun.

**Murphy's Irish Saloon**, 3333 Conrad St., 215-844-9683; sidewalk table service weather permitting and take-out 4 to 8 pm, Thur. to Sun.

**Nou Vaux Market**, 3539 Vaux St., corner of Tilden and Vaux Sts., 215-438-7600; 8 am to 8 pm Mon. to Fri., 8 am to 6 pm Sat. and Sun.; local meats, Marchiano's breads, vegan and gluten-free products, dairy, pet needs, lottery, seasonal plants, tools and soil.

**Shan Chuan**, 4211 Ridge Ave., 215-844-7889, [shanchuaneastfalls.com](mailto:shanchuaneastfalls.com); take out 11:30 am to 10 pm Mon. to Thurs., 11:30 am to 11 pm Fri. and Sat., 12 noon to 10 pm, Sun 12 noon to 10 pm.

**Side of the Road Jerk Chicken**, 3502 Scotts Ln., Bldg. 21 in Sherman Mills, 267-297-7286 for take-out and delivery; 12 noon to 8 pm Tues. to Sat., 12 noon to 6 pm Sun.

**Slices Pizza**, 4249 Ridge Ave., 215-843-4747; take-out and delivery; 11 am to 11 pm Sun. to Wed., 11 am to 12 midnight Thurs. to Sat.

**Terron vegan restaurant**, 3426 Conrad St., 215-716-7111, order at [www.terrorkitchen.com](http://www.terrorkitchen.com); take-out curb-side service; free local lunch delivery and delivery via Grubhub and Doordash; 11 am to 2 pm and 5 to 9 pm Mon. to Fri., Sat. brunch 9 am to

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**Thunder Mug**, 4233 Ridge Ave., 267-766-6950; take out only; call to order ahead or on-line at [www.thundermugcafe.square.site](http://www.thundermugcafe.square.site) for coffee and pastries; 8 am to 3 pm daily.

**Trolley Car Cafe**, 3269 S. Ferry Rd. under the Twin Bridges, 267-385-6703; [trolleycarcafe.com](http://trolleycarcafe.com); outdoor table service, take-out and delivery, Uber Eats and Grub Hub; 9 am to 3 pm daily.

**Vault + Vine**, 3507 Midvale Ave., 267-331-6292, [cafe@vaultandvine.co](mailto:cafe@vaultandvine.co); café open for bagged coffee, drink and pastry curbside pick-up 8 am to 3 pm daily; plant shop open Thurs. to Sat. for delivery, [hello@valutandvine.co](mailto:hello@valutandvine.co).

**Wissahickon Brewery**, 3705 W. School House Ln., 215-483-8833 or order online at [www.wissahickonbrew.com](http://www.wissahickonbrew.com); take-out and delivery of beer, snacks and doggy treats; 12 noon to 7 pm daily.

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## Henry Ave.

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St. Rep. Pam DeLissio (D-194) to discuss next steps.

DeLissio, who represents part of East Falls and helped mediate discussions with PennDOT, said the contracts are “an important step forward. Citizen input had been a crucial part of the process.”

Henry Ave. ranks as one of the more dangerous roads in the city, nowhere more so than in the narrowly curved and poorly banked 3900 block between Coulter St. and School House Ln. Accidents, many involving speed, are common.

Originally built as a single lane road in both directions, Henry Ave. many years ago shifted to a four-lane highway under PennDOT jurisdiction. A designated “arterial” route, the road carries about 25,000 cars a day, mostly commuter traffic.

The following is PennDOT's list of proposed improvements to the East Falls sector of Henry Ave. from just south of the Roberts Ave. intersection to just north of the Wissahickon Creek Bridge. In the meantime, discussion of further changes and improvements are ongoing between the EFCC Traffic

Committee, Rep. DeLissio and representatives of PennDOT:

- Upgrade to traffic signals at Abbotsford Ave.; the Medical College Driveway; Queen Ln.; Midvale Ave.; Coulter St.; Schoolhouse Ln.; and the Jefferson University driveway. Traffic signal improvements to include new mast arms, controllers, and signal heads; timing optimization; and the addition of pedestrian countdown timers. The plan includes new curb ramps if they were not previously updated by the city.
- Addition of vegetative raised center medians south of Abbotsford Ave., south of the Medical College Driveway and north of Schoolhouse Ln.
- Addition of concrete raised center medians at the former Medical College driveway, Queen Ln. and Coulter St.
- Addition of bump-outs, sidewalk and ADA ramps at the following intersections: Roberts Ave.; Abbotsford Ave.; Medical College driveway; Indian Queen Ln.; Bowman St.; Ainslie St.; Tilden St.; Queen Ln.; Penn St.; Midvale Ave.; Coulter St.; Warden Dr.; Schoolhouse Ln.; and the Jefferson University driveway.
- Installation of gateway signing south of Abbotsford Ave. and south of the Wissahickon Creek Bridge.

- Roadway lighting is proposed at the Schoolhouse Ln. intersection.
- A shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path is proposed along the east side of Henry Ave. from Schoolhouse Ln. to Walnut Ln.
- Placement of a high-friction surface treatment on the curves north of Coulter St. Also proposed are advisory speed pavement markings for these curves.
- Speed reduction pavement markings are proposed south of Ainslie St. and north of the Jefferson University driveway.
- A median deflection is proposed south of Abbotsford Ave.
- Placement of electronic speed feedback signs south of Bowman St., south of Tilden St. and north of the Jefferson University driveway.

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- Update of signs, delineators and pavement markings to meet current standards.
- Attachment of orange placards to each speed limit sign and addition of 35 mph pavement markings to travel lanes adjacent to each of these signs.
- Placement of driveway signs between Coulter St. and Warden Drive.
- Incorporation of pavement resurfacing and tree trimming along the entire corridor.
- Updating of guide rails to meet current standards.
- Enlargement of traffic island at Warden to reduce turning radius for vehicles traveling south on Henry Ave. and turning right onto Warden Dr.

- Interconnecting and coordinating traffic signals.
- Adding a southbound left turn lane on Henry Ave. at its intersection with Midvale Ave.
- Providing a raised intersection at Schoolhouse Ln.

**Traffic Impact**

PennDOT said it will maintain traffic on Henry Ave. during construction utilizing long-term lane shifts and short-term operations with single-lane closures.

Motorists can anticipate utility impacts at intersections where traffic signal poles and mast arms are being replaced or where drainage facilities are added.

# Volunteering in the Community

The City of Philadelphia has set up a warehouse to partner with local food pantries to assist with getting meals to the City's most vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic. This warehouse will be the main hub through which food will be sorted, packed, and distributed.

Volunteers will work in teams of 6 to 10 people to sort food and pack meals. The City is committed to keeping volunteers safe through practicing social distancing and following guidelines from the CDC and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. Ages 18 and up. 10 AM to 12 PM.

For more information, go to [forphilly.com](http://forphilly.com)


**Zoom with East Falls Village!**  
All are welcome to attend this program.  
Register in advance by emailing [info@eastfallsvillage.org](mailto:info@eastfallsvillage.org).

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**Monday, January 11 at 2 pm**  
Jade Papa, the Curator of the Costume Collection, will lead a virtual tour of this collection, which is housed at the Design Center on Henry Avenue.



A Free Program, open to all, presented by



East Falls Village, a program of the East Falls Community Council, was established in 2011 to enhance the lives of residents in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia as they grow older.

For more information on the Village, visit [eastfallsvillage.org](http://eastfallsvillage.org). or call 267-444-4507.



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