



# PENN VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER *FALL 2016*

*You're invited!*

### Fall Picnic and Concert in the Park

**Sunday, October 16  
4-6pm**

Join us on the soccer field of Penn Valley Elementary for a community picnic and live music.



**Local band Wheelhouse will entertain** with their distinctive Americana sound. Invite your neighbors. Help us fill the field! Everyone is welcome! Free.

You pack a picnic. We'll provide the music and ice cream. Bring a chair or blanket.

### Meetings Schedule

**Wednesday, September 21**

**Event: Sunday October 16 - Picnic and Concert! Free. PVE soccer field.**

**Wednesday, December 7**

**Wednesday, February 8**

**Wednesday, April 5**

**All meetings will be held in the cafeteria of Penn Valley Elementary School at 7pm. Please join us.**

### In the news...

The former location of clothing retailer, **Annie Sez** will become home to three district courts currently located in Penn Valley, Ardmore and Bala Cynwyd. The consolidation at 925 Montgomery Avenue will occur between September 2016 and January 2017.



*New edge line striping along Hagys Ford Road creates a margin of safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Thank you for slowing down while driving in Penn Valley!*

## New pedestrian safety improvements near schools

Over the past year, a dedicated and novel working group of PV Civic officers and staff from LM Township and LM School District met three times in problem solving sessions to negotiate pedestrian improvements along Hagys Ford Road. We're thrilled with the resulting edge line striping that creates designated parking space for residents and visitors of Penn Valley Elementary School (PVE) as well as an improved margin of safety for pedestrians and cyclists between PVE and Welsh Valley Middle School. Other new improvements include stop bars at Old Gulph Road and Hagys Ford Road, a center of road crosswalk placard at Ardleigh and Margo Lane, freshly painted crosswalks, and a new high visibility traffic sign on Margo Lane at Stacey Road. Forthcoming improvements provided by the LMSD will include an expanded school zone around PVE to include the intersection of Hagys Ford and Righters Mill. Special thanks to Chris Leswing, Carissa Hazelton, Harry Wilson, Dennis Witt, Pat Guinnane, Officer Michael Sullivan, Sergeant Robert Ruggiero and Commissioner Dan Bernheim for their engagement.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP? *Vegetation control for safety.*** During your fall clean-up, **please support our initiative to make Penn Valley more safe for all road users** by cutting back or re-landscaping vegetation on your property, especially around corners, blind spots and within the right-of-way. Help us to improve visibility and avoid accidents for pedestrians, cyclists, cars and busses. Thank you for helping to make PV safer for children walking to school!

**Penn Valley Civic has a new website! Visit us at [pennvalleycivic.org](http://pennvalleycivic.org)**



*PV residents meet to hear Ted Goldsborough talk about historic Penn Valley.*

## Meeting Recap - PV History

At our May meeting, Ted Goldsborough created a delightful opportunity for Penn Valley residents to learn more about area history. Over 25 neighbors packed the conference room of the lovely Lower Merion Historical Society to hear about the history of the Fairview Union Sunday School and stories about Percival Roberts, Jr., owner of the 539 acre estate of Penshurst Farm. Let's keep the conversation going into the future.

## PV Historic Signs



Would you like to join the committee to coordinate cleaning and restoring of our historic neighborhood signage? It's been 10 years since their refurbishment, and they need our attention.

Contact us at

[pennvalleycivic@gmail.com](mailto:pennvalleycivic@gmail.com).

## Hello new neighbors!!

Over 50 homes have sold in the past 9 months in Penn Valley. **Welcome** to all!

## Traffic Island Gardens

### Flower Power Update

Have you noticed flowers in Penn Valley? Over the past year a dedicated cadre of local gardeners have donated countless hours to artfully planting, weeding, and mulching the islands at Old Gulph and Bryn Mawr and Hagys Ford and Righters Mill. Volunteers have thoughtfully incorporated native plants to entice butterflies and ladybugs.



*Our largest traffic islands on Old Gulph and Hagys Ford now support pollinators. PVCA goes native!*

Consider joining neighborhood volunteers to nurture these spaces into full maturity. **We're currently looking for someone to adopt planting and maintenance of the triangle at Centennial and Righters Mill Rd.** Contact us at [pennvalleycivic@gmail.com](mailto:pennvalleycivic@gmail.com). Big thanks to current volunteers Michelle Detwiler, Kris Prendergast, Janet Krafchik, Ellen Briggs, June Lauer, Stefanie Langer and Danielle Chacko.



*Winter in the Wildlife Respite Garden at WMC.*

## West Mill Creek Park Wins Environmental Award

LMTS recently awarded the Friends of WMC a 'Go for the Green' award recognizing the educational and ecological benefits of the new native wildlife garden at the entrance to this off-leash dog park in Penn Valley. You can visit the park where Old Gulph Rd merges with Mill Creek Rd.

## Where do your dues go?

PVCA provides a voice on common interests to the Township and School District. Your dues fund traffic island plantings and renovations, the local Neighborhood Watch, community events and meetings, educational campaigns, maintaining our website, and neighborhood infrastructure like historic PV signs and more. Please join us to keep Penn Valley strong!

**A BIG thanks to current PVCA officers for their tremendous volunteer efforts.**

President, Michelle Detwiler  
Past-president, Kris Prendergast  
Secretary, Danielle Chacko  
Treasurer, Jen Kelly

## Penn Valley Civic Association Membership Dues for 2016-2017

Return this portion with a check for your annual dues and contributions to **PVCA, P.O. Box 753, Penn Valley PA 19072**. Please include your email and mailing addresses. **Thank you** for your support!!

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

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