

April 5, 2016

PVCA Spring Newsletter

Spring greetings Penn Valley neighbors! We're happy to announce that last year's efforts on our traffic triangles are beginning to show. We hope the budding flowers and plants reflect our growing sense of community spirit.

Spring cleaning

Penn Valley is a beautifully lush area. It's one of the reasons why many of us love living here. Help us maintain the beauty of our natural assets while also keeping our streets safe. During spring clean-up, please remember to cut back shrubs and other foliage blocking sight lines for pedestrians, cyclists and cars. Pay special attention to corners, driveway entrances and pedestrian pathways. Together, we can build a safer network for all users.



Poor hedge management with no safe landing for pedestrians

This child has no safe way of jumping out of the way of traffic because hedges grow directly to the road's edge.



Notice that this hedge pruning/growing approach allows a safe landing for walkers

A grass path near the road gives this walker a safe landing out of the way of cars. Hedges are grown and pruned back from the road. This also improves overall visibility.

Did you know that it is also our responsibility to clean the storm grates in front of our homes of leaves and other debris? This helps to manage stormwater runoff and prevent flooding in the neighborhood. When you see debris as in this photo, please be a good neighbor and remove it.



Thank you for your help and cooperation!

FYI, if you're planning some indoor spring cleaning as well, the Township will host two clean up weekends in April. April 16-17 and April 30-May 1st from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Lower Merion Public Works Complex on 1300 N Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley. More information here: <http://www.lowermerion.org/index.aspx?page=140>

Traffic Safety

Have you noticed the new high visibility school crossing signs around Penn Valley Elementary? The PVCA continues to participate in a working group with Lower Merion Township Building and Planning, Traffic Safety, Public Works, Traffic Engineering and the Lower Merion School District. In addition to the 4 new signs, a request has been submitted to PennDOT to expand the school zone to include the intersection at Hagys Ford and Righters Mill. The crosswalk at Margo Lane and Ardleigh has been repainted and a new pedestrian placard has been installed. Additional items still under consideration include:

- Lane striping/painted parking stalls on Hagys Ford Road for traffic calming
- Widening of Hagys Ford Rd / Righter's Mill Rd Crosswalk
- One-way signage for Margo Lane during pick-up and drop-off
- New crosswalks at problem intersections (requires ADA compliant curb cuts)

LMSD enrollment growth update

Did you know that many of our elementary schools are at or near capacity? Did you know that Penn Wynne elementary has already lost core space like art and music rooms? A special meeting of the Lower Merion School District was held last night on the topic of enrollment growth and planning. Several options were presented including adding new classrooms, building a new school, neighborhood stabilization and redistricting. This meeting was videotaped and will be available on the LMSD website though it is not posted yet. This is an important issue to watch -- stay informed at

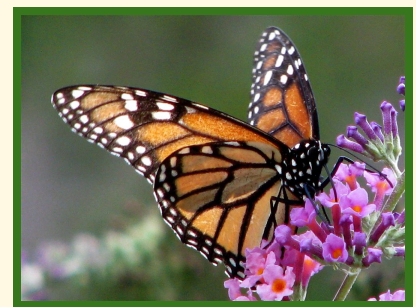
<http://www.lmsd.org/departments/board/view-meetings/index.aspx>

Next PVCA meeting

Hope to see you at the next PVCA meeting in May! We are planning a special afternoon presentation about the history of Penn Valley. More details to follow.

Events

Penn Valley Elementary Plant Sale, **Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 7:30am-7pm**. Beautify your space and support the PVE HSA. Mark your calendars for this special event offering well-priced native perennials for butterflies and other pollinators. Hanging baskets, Mother's Day plants and herbs also available.



Our best!

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