

Tacony Civic Association News

November 2013

Next General Meeting -

Wed, 11/06/13, 7pm

The next Tacony Civic Association general meeting will be held on November 6, 2013, at Holy Innocents Church at Tyson & Torresdale Ave. Start Time 7pm .

Guest Speaker: John Swanson will talk about the Shopping Center at the Frankford Arsenal

All are welcome to attend.

Board of Directors

Joe Sannutti, President

Dan Kane, Treasurer

Mike Scotese, Vice President

Mike Thaete, 2nd Vice President

Helen Caputo, Secretary

Ann Marie Kuvik, Trustee

Mike Barone, Trustee

Committees

Events: Mike Thaete

Fundraising: open

Membership: Ann Marie Kuvik

Police Liaison: Mike Barone

Quality Of Life: Joe Sannutti

PR: Helen Caputo

Clean & Green: Mike Scotese

Zoning: open

Public Works & Streets: Mike Thaete

Winterfest – Sat, 12/07/13, 11am-3pm

A number of neighborhood organizations are teaming up to bring you Winterfest!

Winterfest will be on Saturday, December 07th, from 11am to 3pm at the Tacony Free Library.

Join us in trimming the tree outside the Library.

- carolers
- children's arts and crafts
- free trolley tours of Tacony by the Tacony Historic Society
- and of course a visit from Santa!



A Big Hand for Mary Benussi

We would like to thank our outgoing president Mary Benussi for her years of service to our neighborhood. Probably no Tacony Civic Association president worked as tirelessly as Mary.

Quality of Life Update

Bobby Henon held a meeting on problem houses and delinquent landlords. Over the past year they have collected addresses of houses and properties that are eyesores, abandoned and not up to code, They have taken pictures, researched the owner, sent letters listing the problem(s). Some of the properties have been corrected and are back up to code, others are being worked on and others are being taken to court. The staff at his office have been working very hard to improve the quality of life in his district. If you know of a property that is an eyesore you may call Bobby Henon's office at 215-686-3444 with the address of the property and specific problems.

Many Tacony Civic members have met or been helped by Police Officer Sharon Krause, the community relations officer for the 15th district for the past 7 years, she has attended many community events and meetings providing police support when necessary. Many times giving of her personal time to make sure the event was successful Sharon has now accepted a new job in the 15th. We want to thank Sharon for all the help and support she has given our community and wish her well in her new job.

Our new Community Relations officer is Police Officer Keisha Jacobs. We welcome her to her new position and look forward to working with her in the future. - Mike Thaete

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Main Street Minute

A lot of exciting things are happening with the Historic Tacony Revitalization Project and the revitalization of Torresdale Avenue. Here at the Tacony CDC we have completed two of our storefront improvement projects. You may have seen the outstanding new storefronts at both DeNofa's Deli and the Sannutti Funeral Home. Construction is currently underway on 12 more storefronts along Torresdale Avenue. This work will include painting, new signage, façade cleaning, and awning installation.

This is funded in partnership with the City of Philadelphia Commerce Department Storefront Improvement Program. Be sure to look for the new banners and selected sidewalk improvements coming this fall along the Avenue. Look for twenty new trees on the 6300-6800 blocks of Torresdale Avenue in partnership with TreePhilly.

Also arriving will be new security cameras under the Commerce Department SafeCam Program. This grant program provides business owners with a reimbursement grant of 50% of the cost of qualifying new camera systems.

Commercial vacancy on Torresdale Avenue has also declined, and we will be welcoming a new business, Pagano's Steaks and Shakes to the corner of Torresdale Avenue and Robbins Avenue. This is the former Produce City location which has been vacant for more than two years. Construction is currently underway at the corner of Disston St and Torresdale Avenue, the former vacant lot and site of the PGW explosion. This new infill building is designed to complement our historic buildings and strengthen our commercial corridor.

I hope you will join us in recognizing this progress. We have launched our membership program "Support Tacony." Join us today and find more information at taconycdc.org or call the CDC office at 215-501-7799 to receive a brochure. With your support we can continue to make Torresdale Avenue cleaner and safer, more vibrant, and restore it as the heart of our community - Alex Balloon

Tacony Library News

Tacony Library welcomes a new branch manager Suzin Weber-Rigsby, who has replaced David Payne as the manager of the Tacony Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Suzin has been a librarian for the Free Library since 1996 and has been a branch manager since 2000.

New computers will be installed on Tuesday, November 5. Tacony Library will be closed until 2:00pm on Tuesday, November 5 while new public and staff computers are installed. The new computers will have large 23 inch touch-screen monitors with Office 2010 and Windows 7 applications.

Pre-School Storytime at the Library: There will be a Thanksgiving-themed storytime on Thursday, November 21 at 10:30am for children ages 3-5 accompanied by their adult caregiver. In addition to enjoying holiday stories, children will share in songs and have a chance to make a special Thanksgiving craft. Please register in advance with Ms. Carpenter, the Children's Librarian, by calling 215-685-8755.

Town Watch Update

The next Tacony/Holmesburg Town Watch Meeting will be on Thursday Nov 14th, 7pm at Tacony Baptist Church (Hegerman and Disston). If you live, work or have a business in these two historic, awesome communities, please attend. We will have crime stats, tips to keep your family safe and a question and answer session. Our 15th district officers will be there to answer private concerns you have as well. Bring a neighbor! Join us today

Tacony/Holmesburg Town Watch, www.tactw.org, email us at askaway@tactw.org

Tacony Civic Association 2014 Application

Have you renewed for 2014 yet? If not, please do so now. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Newsletter Preference: email US mail

Amount _____ \$10 per Household, \$5 Seniors

I am interested in helping with the following committees:

Zoning Quality Of Life Membership PR Events

Clean & Green Fund-raising Other

Please mail application and dues to:

Tacony Civic Association

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Thank you!