

Tacony Civic Association News

January 2014

Next General Meeting - Wed, 01/15/2014, 7pm

Our next general meeting will be held on January 15, 2014, 7pm, at the Tacony Firehouse - Keystone & Magee.

All are welcome to attend.

At the March General Meeting we will be holding Nominations for President, Treasurer and Trustee. Elections will be in May.

Tacony CDC Update

Change and progress though the CDC's efforts is now very evident on Torresdale Ave. The CDC's facade improvement program has several more finished projects, including Wellens Hosiery, East Coast Dental, Kavangh's Tobacco, Smith's Hardware, and Dave's Auto. These join the facade improvements to Denofa's and Computer Guy. And there are more facade improvements to come.

Also construction is underway for a real coffee shop here in Tacony at the corner of Princeton & Hegerman St. It should be opening soon.

More information can be found on their Website, <http://historictaconyrevitalization.com/>

Board of Directors

Joseph A Sannutti, President

Joseph Coccio, Treasurer

Mike Scotese, Vice President

Michael Thaete, 2nd Vice President

Helen Caputo, Secretary

Ann Marie Kuvik, Trustee

Michael Barone, Trustee

Committees

Events: Connie DeLury

Fund Raising: open

Membership: Dawn Ramos

Police Liaison: Michael Barone

Quality Of Life: Barbara Rupp

PR: Kim Orawsky

Clean & Green: Mike Scotese and Ann Marie Kuvik

Zoning: Louis M. Iatorala

Public Works & Streets: Open

Highlights from Bobby Henon's 2013 Year in Review

* Fought for family-sustaining manufacturing jobs as co-chair of the Manufacturing Task Force

* Encouraged family health & play with the debut of his Philly Play initiative

* Passed legislation that requires new medical-use facilities to meet with community groups as part of applying for zoning variance

* Continued to attack blight through "bandit sign", graffiti and property maintenance bills in City Council

* Committed to tax reform to ensure Philadelphia's business tax culture is competitive- not punitive

* Reached thousands of eligible homeowners to encourage property tax savings through the Homestead exemption

* Pushed for worksite safety measures after tragic Market Street building collapse

39 properties voted on to the Problem Properties advisory Council list.

14 properties voted off that same list for making significant improvements

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. You can also go to bobbyhenon.com and download the City Hall app to submit issues with a push of a button

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Historical Society News

The final report of the comprehensive Survey of Historic Resources was received by the Historical Society of Tacony from the consultants at Preservation Design Partnership, LLC within the past week. Over 1,500 properties in the Disston Estate were photographed and cataloged as part of this study, which concluded that the streetscapes within the area retain the sense of scale, rhythm, forms, volumes and predominance of building materials of a historic neighborhood. A unifying factor is the relatively narrow range of scales and sizes of lots, regardless of housing type, creating a sense of proportionality between open space and buildings which unifies the Disston Estate. It was determined that this central portion of Tacony retains the integrity of location, design, materials, feeling and association, with a greater story of industrial paternalism, which warrants significance as a designated historic area.

In 2014 we will proceed with the National Historic District Register nomination for the Disston Estate, which is handled at the state level through the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. The nomination to the Philadelphia Historical Commission for the local district will follow the national nomination but will likely be proposed in the form of a condensed section of the Disston Estate or select portions of the Estate where loss of architectural character is not a significant factor.

When weather permits there will be eight (8) more historic house plaques installed at homes within the "pilot" area of the program (6900-7000 Tulip/Keystone, 6900 Hegerman, 4800-4900 Tyson/Disston/Longshore) bringing the total to twenty-three (23) plaques describing the date and for whom each home was built. This was made possible with a 50% buy-in from the homeowners and grant funds provided through the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Activities Fund. Future phases of the program will be implemented as grant funds are secured, and eligibility will be open to all homeowners within the Disston Estate. We hope to develop a series of walking tours in the spring and summer to highlight the plaques/homes of some of Tacony's pioneers and also include the History of Tacony mural and new Engine 38 firehouse. Anyone who wants more information on the plaque program or historic district can contact the Society at 215-338-8790.

Tacony Library News

Federal tax forms will be available at the Tacony Library beginning in January. The standard forms and instructions will be available in paper form for free, and all other forms will be available for download on the library's computers. The State forms will be available in February.

The Library holds a gently used Book Sale every Tuesday in the basement from 1 to 3. Proceeds go to programs & activities.

For information call- Suzin Weber-Rigsby 215-685-8755.

Town Watch Update

The next Tacony/Holmesburg Town Watch Meeting will be on Thursday Jan 9th, 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.. Bring a neighbor! Join us today

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

NE Quality of Life Coalition Update

The NE Quality of Life Coalition meeting will be January 23, 7:15 PM, location to be announced. We have been working on the restoration of the WWI memorial in Keystone Park. Most of the work has been completed, and we are currently waiting for the plaque to be recast. We are planning a re-dedication ceremony for mid April.

6504 Torresdale Ave Zoning Meeting and Hearing

6504 Torresdale Ave is scheduled for a Zoning Board hearing on 02/04/14 regarding conversion from a single family residence to a duplex. There will be a public meeting with concerned neighbors on 01/23/14 with the NE Quality of Life Coalition. Place and time to be announced.

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

P.O. Box 8979

Phila Pa 19135

Thank you!