

TACONY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Tacony Civic Association General Meeting

★ **September 15, 2009** ★

- ♦ Starting Time: 7:00PM
- ♦ Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, located at 4500 Tyson Ave. (Please use side entrance on Glenloch St.)
- ♦ Delaware River City Corp will be there to discuss river trail.
- ♦ All are welcome!

Future 2009 TCA meetings:

- ♦ November 10

Renew Your Membership for 2009!

If a 2009 membership renewal form is enclosed, please complete it and return to the address specified on form. Only \$5 a year! What a bargain!

18th Annual Tacony History Day

Saturday, September 19th, 2009

Parade - 11am starting at Torresdale and Hellerman Street and going North to Disston. It will then proceed left onto Disston, ending at Disston Recreation Center at Disston and Glenloch Streets.

Festival - 12 Noon -4:00pm - Disston Recreation Center - Disston and Glenloch - Games, Rides, Entertainment and Historic Exhibits!

Tacony Flea Market

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009

Disston Park: Keystone Street and Longshore Avenue

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10 space / \$25 food vendors

All Vendors must bring their own tables

Rain Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

If interested in being a vendor, please contact :
Dawn Ramos (267) 455-2859 or

taconycivic@gmail.com

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*Please leave a message on the Tacony Civic phonenumber (215-338-2575 ext. *1) if you would like join a committee.*

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York city? Now celebrated annually every first Monday of September, this holiday celebrates the social and economic achievements of American workers and was the creation of the Central Labor Union (CLU). It is generally accepted that Matthew Maguire, Secretary of Local 44 of the International Association of Machinists in Patterson, New Jersey, originally proposed the holiday, which began as a local demonstration and picnic. By 1884 the CLU was urging similar organizations in other cities to celebrate a national "workingmens' holiday." By the following year, with the expansion of labor organizations, Labor Day was celebrated in many industrialized cities throughout the United States.

The first governmental recognition came via municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. The first State bill to be introduced to establish the holiday was New York; however Oregon passed the first State law recognizing the day on February 21, 1887. By year's end, New York, New Jersey, Colorado and Massachusetts had joined Oregon on its observance, and by 1890 Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Nebraska joined them. On June 28, 1894, the United States Congress passed an act officially creating the Labor Day Holiday.

In establishing the Holiday, the traditional proposal was to provide "a street parade to exhibit to the public the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations of the community" followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. Later, a resolution by the American Federation of Labor in 1909 established the Sunday preceding Labor Day as Labor Sunday and dedicated the day to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Many residents today spend the Labor Day Holiday at a shore destination as summer winds to its melancholy close. In Tacony, the annual celebration of history and pride known as Tacony History Day, held every third Saturday in September, awakens the spirit of the original Labor Day celebrations, if only for one day a year. It is a time to remember our rich past, to admire the labor and dedication of those who make such events possible and to look to the future with optimism, hoping that our children and their children will perpetuate the labors of love which have kept Tacony a special place for the past 150 years.

Tacony Library Events

Tacony Library
6742 Torresdale Avenue
215-685-8755

Home Canning and Preserving - Wednesday September 2 at 6:30pm

Learn the basics of successful home canning in this workshop presented by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. A City Gardening Series Workshop.

Historic Property Homeowner Workshops at Tacony Library

Sponsored by the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, these four workshops are targeted to the owners and aspiring owners of older and historic homes. Workshop attendees will learn about the best practices for the restoration and maintenance of older and historic homes.

Reservations are required. To reserve a space, or for more information, please contact Patrick Hauck, Director of Neighborhood Preservation Programs, at 215-546-1146 x4 or patrick@preservationalliance.com.

Schedule of Workshops

Energy Efficiency in Older Houses

-Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM

Wood Window Maintenance and Repair

-Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM

Flat Roofs: Repair, Maintenance and Replacement

-Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 PM

Masonry and Pointing

-Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 PM



Calling All Volunteers! Tacony Needs You!

The Tacony Civic Association is looking for a few good men and/or women to help with different activities throughout the year. This could be volunteering for a one day event, or helping organize park clean ups or attending a zoning hearing. The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish.

We also welcome high school and college students who may have community service hours to complete. If interested in helping out, please contact the civic at taconycivic@gmail.com.

Zoning Variances

Louis M. Iatarola, Tacony Civic Zoning Committee Chair

4921 Longshore Ave. - permit to legalize 3 apartments in front house and 2 apartments in carriage house. Meetings were held in December, 2008 and July, 2009 with applicant and neighbors. TCA was to oppose and offer compromise variance for 3 units. ZBA Hearing on July 21 lacked quorum and was continued until October 20.

7127 Torresdale Ave. - permit to legalize one office and 2 apartments. May 6 ZBA hearing was continued until July 22. Meeting was held with applicant and neighbors on July 15. TCA opposed and ZBA dismissed case for lack of preparation, entered for L&I enforcement.

7201 Walker Street - permit to legalize a 3-family dwelling (triplex). Hearing on June 10 was "must be heard." Meeting was held with representatives of applicant and neighbors, resulting in TCA opposition to variance. ZBA denied variance on June 10.

7053 Torresdale Ave. - permit for retail sales of chrome rims, installation of radios, car alarms and window tinting as an accessory to existing auto repair shop, a use granted via variance in 2000. Meeting was held with neighbors and applicant on June 25. TCA opposed at hearing on June 30. ZBA decision is pending based on further submission of applicant's documents.

7520 State Road - partnering with Holmesburg Civic Association - permit to use part of existing building as a banquet hall to include preparation/serving of food, DJ, dancing by guests and patrons and live entertainment. Hearing scheduled for June 23 was continued since applicant may alter proposal to include open business to the public. Hearing expected to be heard in mid-September. Will be discussed at meeting.

7041 Gillespie Street - Continued from 2007 - relocation of lot lines to create 5 lots out of 4 lots, partial demolition of patio, demolition of garage, creation of off-street accessory parking for existing structure, plus the erection of four (4) three-story

structures with cellars, rear decks, front porches and accessory off-street parking spaces. Meeting held with applicant and neighbors on June 25 - applicant decided to ask for continuance in order to continue discussions regarding a change of plans or selling the land to a new developer. Hearing on June 30 continued until mid-September. Will be discussed at meeting.

6658 Algard Street - Remanded back to ZBA after applicant appealed ZBA denial in 2007. Permit to legalize a 4' high, solid private fence at the front yard, greater than 50% opaque. TCA opposed - as at the last ZBA hearing. Awaiting ZBA decision. Will be discussed at meeting.

7315-23 State Road - partnered with Holmesburg Civic Association (HCA) - variance for use as a church with Sunday School, serving of food to guests and 3 accessory parking spaces (7315) plus 11-car accessory parking lot (7323). TCA and HCA did not oppose. ZBA granted variance on July 22.

7367-75 State Road - partnered with HCA. Variance to legalize full service auto body shop with repair shop including accessory paint spray booth. HCA and TCA did not oppose with provisos. ZBA granted variance on July 28.

7100 Tulip Street - permit for extension of eat-in BYOB restaurant to second floor and erection of 2-story addition (outside property lines). Meeting was held with applicant and neighbors on August 3 in preparation for August 4 ZBA hearing. TCA did not oppose with provisos. Awaiting final ZBA decision. Will be discussed at meeting.

6201 Keystone Street - partnering with Wissinoming Civic Association. Variance to legalize amusement machines as part of existing Billiard Club. Applicant will be present at General Membership Meeting to discuss variance in preparation for ZBA hearing on October 28, which was continued from August 5th.