



## October 2013 – Newsletter

### **GENA Membership Meeting: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 Donatucci Library at 6:30 PM**

This is an important meeting where we will be electing the leadership team for the next 2 years. All members in good standing (dues paid) will be permitted to vote. One vote is allowed per household.

Stepping down from their present offices, with our thanks for their efforts of the last four years in creating GENA and getting us underway, are President Vince Ricchiuti, Vice-president Frank LaMacchia, Secretary Loretta Rossi and Treasurer Sal Patti.

#### **Nominations for Leadership Positions:**

The following people have been proposed by the nominating committee and have agreed to run:

Frank LaMacchia	President
Gaetano Piccirilli	President
Mark Leuzzi	Vice President
Paul Rossi	Secretary
Tom Janke	Treasurer

GENA is accepting additional candidates for nomination for any of the offices above. If anyone in the membership has an interest in running for any of the offices, including those for which we already have candidates, you are welcome and encouraged to put your name in nomination, or to nominate a GENA member.

**Please propose any candidates to the nominating committee before Tuesday, October 15th** so the committee can gather statements from them in time for the election. Nominees must be willing to fulfill the duties of the position and be members in good standing.

Nominations may be submitted to GENA's secretary at [GENA001@comcast.net](mailto:GENA001@comcast.net) or [flowershow1993@yahoo.com](mailto:flowershow1993@yahoo.com), or mailed to GENA P.O. Box 20116, Phila. PA 19145 or dropped off at 2508 S. Colorado St.

Vince Ricchiuti, the current President will become a board member by virtue of his position as previous President. Also by virtue of their positions as officers of GENA and their service to the community, Loretta Rossi and Salvatore Patti have been nominated to fill the other two Board positions.

#### **Zoning**

The Zoning Committee continues to meet monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) to review requests for variances. A number of issues that have come to the attention of the committee will be presented in more detail at the meeting.

1. Plans of the ACME on Oregon and the Convenience store on 20<sup>th</sup> Street to sell beer as take-out.
2. The continuing litter at the Sav A Lot parking lot.
3. The possibility of making Shunk St. one way near the Sav A Lot so traffic exiting the shopping lot won't flow through the neighborhood.

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**Actual Value Initiative:**

As you already know, all of our properties have been reassessed which has resulted in higher Real Estate Taxes. **What can you do?** You may appeal if you believe the assessed value of your property is incorrect. Assessment appeals should prove at least one of the following:

- The estimated market value of your property is too high or too low
- The estimated market value of your property is accurate but not uniform
- The characteristics of your property that affect its value are substantially incorrect.

Appeals are due by the first Monday in October (10/7) the year preceding the tax year for which the revision is requested. Contact the Board of Revision of Taxes at:

**The Curtis Center, 601 Walnut Street, Suite 325 East, Phila. PA 19106**  
**[www.phila.gov/brtappealinquiry@phila.gov](http://www.phila.gov/brtappealinquiry@phila.gov)**  
**Phone: 215-686-4343 or 215-686-9283**  
**Fax: 215-686-4336**

**Councilman Kenyatta Johnson - Girard Park Fall Clean and Green Day:**

Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9:00am – 12:00pm – Hope to see you there



**Safety and Security**

An increase in armed robberies in and near the Girard Estate has revived interest in volunteering for town watch. As of September 25, there are 21 new members in Neighbors Against Crime Town Watch, headquartered at the corner of Porter and Bancroft Street. These civic-minded people have received "eyes and ears" training from the city, and they will soon be going on patrol throughout the neighborhood. Anyone interested in joining them, please email [NACTW19145@gmail.com](mailto:NACTW19145@gmail.com).

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**Membership Dues: \$20 per household. Membership will be good for one year from payment date.**

Please mail this form with dues to:	
Girard Estate Neighbors Association P.O. Box 20116 Phila. PA 19145	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	

Together we can accomplish great things for this neighborhood. - The GENA Leadership Team

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