

## **Blue Bell Hill Civic Association General Membership Meeting September 18, 2018**

*Minutes taken by Brooke Giles*

*Attendance (30 people)*

*Special Guest: Pam DeLissio*

### **Treasury Report**

- \$937.92
- 51 members

### **Pam DeLissio**

Two free shred events coming up: Oct. 13th and 27th from 9am-11pm. Location and additional information: [www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/Events/?ID=99689](http://www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/Events/?ID=99689)

Senior expo: Thursday, Sept. 27th from 9am-noon. Location and additional information: [www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/Events/?ID=99682](http://www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/Events/?ID=99682)

September 2018 Newsletter:

[www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/InTheNews/Newsletter/](http://www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/InTheNews/Newsletter/)

Article by Rep. DeLissio in East Falls Local:  
[eastfallslocal.com/the-shadow-knows](http://eastfallslocal.com/the-shadow-knows)

**Q: Any chance Dems could take both houses? A:** Go vote.

**Q: What's the voter turnout? A: Not good.** 17% phila county. See <http://www.ncsl.org/> for bipartisan statistics.

**Q: Where can we get more information on who to vote for? A:** Sample Ballot can be found online or in the newspaper. Next election is for Governor, US Senate, Congress, and half of PA senate (Even #). Encouraging people to vote absentee in case you can't get to election day. If you can get to the polls they'll then pull your absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are not available. Allows you to research and vote in your home with time. Have to returned by in their hands by Friday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

[www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)

**Q: If you apply for one do you have to use it? A:** No

Visit Rep. DeLisso's office on Ridge Ave. [www.pahouse.com/DeLissio](http://www.pahouse.com/DeLissio)

### **Streets Update**

Ongoing issues have been brought to the civics attention recently, including:

- Walnut Lane Bridge – To be completed around the end of October. See neighborhood newsletter for more information. [bluebellhill.net](http://bluebellhill.net)
- Lincoln Drive – Closures will continue through this year. We will update the neighborhood as we get info. Wissahickon Ave traffic and speeding has

increased with Drive closures. Streets says Wissahickon Ave is too narrow to do any calming measures and it is a state road. Wissahickon is of concern because it is a commuter way for bicycles and access point into park.

- Johnson Street – There has been many people saying speeding is an issue. Concerns are many small children on the street and a deaf child. A speed study will happen, the Civic has been talking with Street about this. Dialog will be open to speed cushions. To get speed bumps they will have to find that people are going 10 mph over the speed limit.  
[www.philadelphiastreet.com/traffic-and-lighting/traffic-calming-policy-information](http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/traffic-and-lighting/traffic-calming-policy-information)
- Walnut lane – Streets is working on potential calming measures. Potential crosswalk from Kinsley to Blue Bell Meadow trailhead in 2019.

### **Safety: Break-Ins**

If you are broken into (car or home) please CALL 911, then post to the neighborhood FaceBook page and Google listserv. If you see suspicious activity call the 911, then post it. The police will log the occurrences. If there is an increase in occurrences the police will patrol BBH more.

### **Neighborhood Celebrations**

- Fall Gathering- Around when the bridge reopens – waiting date. Church lawn? Any one interested in helping reach out to the board.
- Holiday Party – The annual neighborhood potluck will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Canoe Club.

### **Neighborly Reminders**

- Mosquito Safety: West Nile Virus

No standing water in or around you property. Egg laying season goes to the end of October. [hip.phila.gov/DataReports/WestNileVirus](http://hip.phila.gov/DataReports/WestNileVirus)

- Spotted Lanternfly

Has been spotted in Philadelphia. Invasive and a threat. Your vehicle can transport them. If seen smoosh and report. Know to be seen on Trees of Heaven(when you rub this trees leaves it smells like burnt peanut butter). For additional resources search Lanternfly on [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).



From [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov):

### **What to do:**

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag them and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them. Please [report all destroyed egg masses](#) on our website.

**Collect a specimen:** Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Entomology lab for verification. Submit samples with the [Entomology Program Sample Submission Form](#).

**Take a picture:** A photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to [Badbug@pa.gov](mailto:Badbug@pa.gov).

**Report a site:** If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call the Spotted Lanternfly hotline at 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359) with information regarding your sighting.

**Pet Waste:** Pick up after pets, specifically dogs. The board is in a process of choosing more permanent signs to put around the neighborhood and looking to install containers for plastic bags. If you see someone not picking up after their pet and you feel comfortable please remind/inform them.

### **Questions, comments, concerns**

**Q: Is anyone in the apt building on walnut lane between Daniel and Bridget?** A: Yes, board will follow up.

**Q: Any update on the Park Lane property under construction?** A: That was a lot for years, contractor purchased it, then started building. They got the zoning but did not get the clearance for a waterline. Home stood vacant for a year and half. Recently they got approval to get the water line. No new permits have been issued and no new construction observed. It's been sitting in the elements as just plywood, not sure what they'll do. Board will contact City about the mess left behind from tapping the waterline. SHOUT OUT FOR 311 – website, phone, app. If there's something of concern in the neighborhood report it to 311.

**Q: Chickens on Johnson street they're at the end of the driveway in the early morning waking people up. Who owns the chickens?** A: Board will support neighbors solving chicken issues. Please be courteous with you pets making noise in early and late hours.

**Q: Fireworks in the neighborhood on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They are going over to Park Lane from Johnson Street leaving debris and ash on Park Lane homes.** A: Board will include complaint in minutes and newsletter. Additionally board will remind neighbors to be courteous of other neighbors homes when setting off fireworks. Do not aim them at other's homes.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Reverend Joe! He is turning 80. There will be a ceremony held at the African American Museum downtown on Sunday, October 28th. The service is from 10am to 1pm, followed by a reception from 2pm-4pm at the museum.**

Attendance based on street: JOHNSON: 5, DANIEL: 1, WISSAHICKON: 3, WALNUT: 1, BRIDGET: 2, KINSLEY: 3, NOAMI: 5, PARK: 6.