

## **Blue Bell Hill Civic Association**

**General Meeting 5/21/2019**

**Started 7:05pm Closed 8:10pm**

17 people in attendance, including Rep. Pam DeLissio

### **Treasury Report**

Checking 1,057.36

234 cash

### **Philadelphia Water Department**

<https://www.phila.gov/water/wu/drinkingwater/lead/Pages/default.aspx>

Saterria Kersey, the Public Relations Specialist

**Emergency call center: 215-685-6300**

#### **Lead in water presentation notes:**

- Philadelphia has never had a boil water alert. Water is cleaned 3x before it comes to homes.
- PWD pipes are lead free, home pipes may not be
- PWD takes lead seriously
- Most cases of lead in the city is from paint, not water
- Phila water sources: Schuylkill and Delaware River
- Water mains are in the middle of the street, every property has a water service line that connects the home to the water main.
- How does lead get into the water? Your home service line, older pipes, older solder, old fixtures.

#### **How to check for lead service line**

- Magnets only stick to steel, they will not stick to lead or copper. If you scratch it with a key and it becomes shiny it's possibly lead. See diagram:  
<https://www.phila.gov/water/wu/Lead%20Information/HowToCheckServiceLineLead.pdf>
- Home depot has a simple kit.
- Always test the one coming from the street
- You can live with a lead service line. Run cold faucet in the morning in you're lowest faucet. If you're far back from the curb run it longer. Do this for cooking, drinking, or if your not home for 6 hours – Cold, not hot because hot water comes from an appliance.  
Daily flushing tips:  
[https://www.phila.gov/water/wu/Lead%20Information/DailyCleaning\\_FaucetAerators.pdf](https://www.phila.gov/water/wu/Lead%20Information/DailyCleaning_FaucetAerators.pdf)
- If you're constantly using the water, then the waters not sitting so you don't need to run it but when you get home from work run it.
- If you have construction on your street it can bring up rust so run your faucet until it runs clean.
- Phila has rust prevention/corrosion control (Flint did not)
- Can get the latest water quality reports online

- If a block has a scheduled water main replacement PWD will replace lead services lines on the block for free. Can call the number to see if your block is on the schedule. Eventually they will do every neighborhood, every block.
- PWD has a 5 year 0% interest loan as their Help Loan.

### **Proposal for bus shelter**

Reverend Joe Williams spoke about the need for a bus shelter at the corner of Johnson street at Walnut Lane. He spoke to Councilman Jones' office. City says there is not enough people catching the bus to warrant a shelter. Asked Civic to add it to the boards agenda.

### **Update on speed signage**

- There has been a no "right turn from 7am to 9pm" sign placed at Johnson and Wissahickon to help with speeding issues on Johnson street.

Representative DeLissio spoke:

- Budget vote coming up. Raised concerns about deficit.
- 84<sup>TH</sup> Town Hall is tomorrow! The Future of Nuclear Energy  
<http://www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=107044>
- Book club – Next meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm discussing 'Educated' by Westover  
<http://www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=106221>

### **Questions/comments**

Walnut lane bridge construction debris are in the bike lane and on the sidewalk. PENNdot won't take responsibility, Streets via 311 won't do it. Rep DeLissio will try to assist.

Broken pipe sticking out of the ground by the bridge – Liz will 311 it.

### **FESTIVAL OF SPEED**

Saturday, June 15th

Please move your cars from the street.

See flyer below or <https://bluebellhill.net/upcoming/>

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Tuesday, June 11th

We will have Jazz music again!

See flyer below or <https://bluebellhill.net/upcoming/>

The 9th Annual Father's Day (eve)

# Festival of Speed

**When- 3pm Saturday June 15th** (rain date June 16th)

**Who- YOU!** Big and small, young and old, ladies and gents

**What-** Bring your favorite food, an object with wheels and no engine, and a helmet

**All participants under 18 must have parental permission and a helmet. No exceptions. Some spare helmets may be available if you don't have one.**



### What can I run in the Derby?

1. The only means of propulsion is gravity. 2. It needs to be able to **steer and stop**. Scooters, skateboards, bikes, wagons, wheelchairs, etc. are all possibilities as long as the person driving can steer and stop it. Costumes and/or themes for your racer are strongly encouraged. If you want to be eligible to win a trophy, you must build, decorate, or significantly alter your vehicle.

### How will the Derby work?

Everyone should have multiple chances at running. If there are a lot of participants we will group the brackets according to age and or vehicle type.

3:00 pm- sign up 3:15 pm- Parade of Racers 3:30 pm - First race... racing until bracket is done 5:00-ish pm Awards and BBQ!

(times are approximate, depending on participation)

**What about the BBQ?** Roll out your grill and bring something to share, you know the drill.

### Trophy Categories:

#### • People's Choice

- Independence (for entirely kid-built entries)
- Spirit (for costume or theme)
- Seussical (for the most musical, think Whoville vehicle- not simply loud, MUSICAL)



\*Just to be clear- Blue Bell Hill is a wonderfully diverse neighborhood, you do not need to have, or be, a father to participate; all families are always welcome.

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# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June, 11th Tuesday 6pm

Mt. Airy United Fellowship Church Lawn  
701 W. Johnson Street

The BBHCA will be hosting our 2nd ice cream social.

Ice cream donated by Frank Matysik Painting.

Join us at the lawn of the Mt. Airy United Fellowship  
Church for ice cream and music.

Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs.

Ice cream is free, all are welcome.

Rain Date: Wednesday, June 12th