



THE RADNOR 5TH WARD REPORT

BRINGING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER.

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What's in the 5th Ward:

- Two private schools
- The American College
- Shops and restaurants
- Estates, houses, condominiums, apartments-a little of everything!

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WHERE IS RADNOR'S 5TH WARD?

If you are receiving this newsletter, you live in Radnor's Fifth Ward which constitutes a thin slice across the entire width of the Township at the southern extremis. We are the Border Ward, you even may call it Southern Radnor.

Essentially, the Ward is the Bryn Mawr Avenue corridor. The border of the Ward is not a straight line nor is it defined by any one street or avenue. From Newtown Square to Hunt Road, the Ward encompasses the homes south of Bryn Mawr. From Hunt to Darby Paoli we include the houses on the North Side of Bryn Mawr. At Darby Paoli the Ward expands to include the homes up to the south side of Roberts then contracts again at Sproul, returning to Bryn Mawr until you hit Ithan Avenue at which point we slip back over to Roberts. You now encounter a fairly long portion of ward boundary, all the way east almost to Conestoga Road where we cross Roberts to include Roberts Hill Condos, Radcliff House and cross over to Montrose (south side only) to County Line. So, if you can visualize this line, the

Ward includes everything from there south to the border.

The Ward is divided into two precincts. Bryn Mawr Avenue and Mill Road are the dividing lines for the precincts. If you live on the quadrant defined by the north side of Bryn Mawr and the east side of Mill you are in the first precinct and you vote at American College. The remainder of you vote in the old gym at St. Aloysius which is the polling place for the second precinct.

The Ward includes a broad spectrum of housing, from estates to row homes and everything in between. We have two private schools, Sacred Heart and Saint Aloysius and we have a small business section on our border with Lower Merion. These businesses are located along Haverford Road, on Landover and Glenbrook and on to County line. Here too you will find a broad variety from take out, to eat in to cleaners to antiques, for example: Bryn Mawr Glass, Bryn Mawr Beverage, Lovecchio's Pizza, Wawa, La Taverna, Custom Tailor and Dry Cleaners, Alligator Clean-

ers, Bryn Mawr Hospital Thrift Shops, Glenbrook Market, Pacilio's Pizza, Antiques and Collectibles, Cirolamotta Shoe Repair, 7-11, Yang Ming, Bagel Factory, Ho Choi, Doorways, Ltd and the Birth Center. This is an expansive list of quality establishments. Try to support these local businesses.

As you can see, the Ward really doesn't have a focus or center, there is no "community of interest" or identity. If you do not have children participating in the youth programs or attending Radnor Schools it is likely you do not ever think of Radnor but rather identify with your post office, Bryn Mawr, Broomall or Newtown Square. This is unfortunate for many reasons not the least of which is our poor community involvement and low voting record. However, this is our Ward and Township and we all need to participate to assure that this remains a wonderful place to live.

Where do I vote?

- 5-1:** The American College, Bryn Mawr Avenue
- 5-2:** St. Aloysius, Bryn Mawr Ave.

MEET JOHN NAGLE - CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER



I've lived in Radnor Township for nearly 20 years and I'm proud to call Radnor home.

However, I feel that there is much untapped potential in our community. It's a well-known fact that community involvement is at an all-time low and it's my mission to change that.

I've been involved with township matters for a number of years. I've

led the Parks and Recreation Board and the Environmental Advisory Committee, I wrote the Shade Tree ordinance, and continually strive to create open space in our area. I'd be happy to tell you my other qualifications as well.

There is so much more that can be done and I'm looking forward to meeting each of you and hearing your opinions!

“Radnor Township has been repeatedly rated among the top communities to live in the United States”

CIVICS 101: LEARNING ABOUT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Before I got involved in local government some 20 years ago, I had a very distorted view of what can and can't be done by local government. (Legally, at least!)

In Radnor Township, there are two separately elected bodies, Township Commissioners and the School Board. Many folks do not understand that these are distinct entities with individual rules and responsibilities. I am primarily interested in Township Commissioners and think that you may be interested to learn more about them as well.

Radnor Township is governed by seven elected Commissioners and is run in accordance with our Township Code, the Home Rule Charter, and most importantly, the

Pennsylvania Municipalities' laws. The Township can only serve, or punish, within the confines of these rules. Many times you will hear people say, "Can't the Township do something about that?" and often, the answer is no. The township can operate a police force, plow your streets, pick up your trash and regulate zoning and such.

By the laws, all decisions and the related deliberations are supposed to be made in the "sunshine." There are some limited exceptions to this rule; personnel and real estate negotiations, for example. There is obviously a degree of flexibility in the implementation of these laws; however, problems can arise. This can manifest itself in the form of special deals, favoring one party over another,

twisting the rules or selective enforcement.

This has happened in the past and continues to happen today. For this reason, I want to be involved. I am no Don Quixote, but nonetheless proper government is ultimately the best solution for all of us.

This is the key to keeping Radnor a great place to live, now and in the future.

COMMITTEES

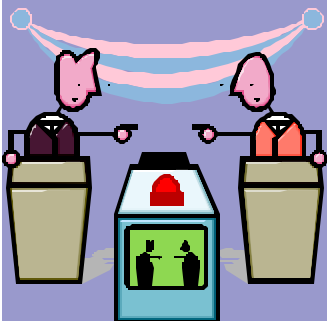
There are also several committees of which, Commissioners act as a liaison to; they address specific topics that are important to *you* and if you're interested you can also volunteer for one of the committees.

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Design Review Board
- Board of Health
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Ethics Board
- Shade Tree Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Radnor-Haverford-Marple Sewer Authority
- Citizens Cable Communications Council
- Code Appeals Board

TOPICS OF INTEREST

In recent years, the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners has ruled on such diverse topics as:

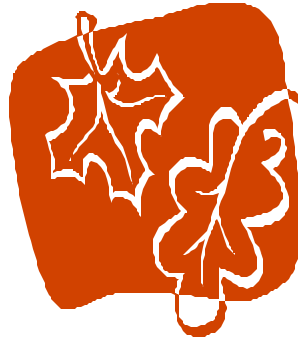
- Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Traffic and Parking
- Student Housing
- Urban Sprawl
- Open Space
- Capital Projects
- And, much more!



RADNOR'S FALL FESTIVAL—A DAY OF FAMILY FUN!

Mark September 21st on your Calendars. This is the date for the annual Radnor Fall Festival that takes place from 1 to 5 PM on the grounds of the Middle School in Wayne. There is tons of fun, loads of information tables, great food by local merchants, amusements for the kids, strolling musicians, a band, and as good as a hometown dog show you will ever see. Just

flat out fun for the entire family. You can see pictures from previous festivals on the Wayne business association's web page (<http://www.radnor.com/wba/wba.html>). For you football fans there will be a tent equipped with a TV so you won't miss your home team. Come and have fun, meet friends and neighbors and sample the food.



A GEM IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

Do you know about Chanticleer?

Chanticleer Gardens is a world class demonstration garden facility located in Wayne on Church Road. This 31 acre garden is the former estate of Adolph Rosengarten and is a site to behold. As a Radnor resident you have free admission, all you need is a Library Card from the Radnor Memorial Library. And best of all it is located only a few

minutes from your front door.

The gardens are described on the Chanticleer website (www.chanticleergarden.org) as a "pleasure garden, designed to illustrate the beauty of the art of horticulture." Plan on visiting many times a year to see the changing foliage and displays. Each time you visit you will find small delightful items to enjoy. Make a point of taking your out of town visitors; it will be a highlight of their visit. And, best of all, it is right here in

your backyard.

It is very easy to get there, less than five minutes from any place in the Ward. Just get on Darby Paoli Road, go past the Willows to Church Road (the duck ponds) turn right, keep right at the fork in the road and watch for Chanticleer's entrance on the left.

Enjoy!

***Admission to
the
Chanticleer
Gardens
is free to
Radnor
Residents!***

LAND CONSERVANCY: A PRIMER

Land conservancies are organizations set up to preserve open space through the permanent protection of lands while allowing people to retain ownership and enjoyment of their property. Each conservancy establishes their mission according to the needs and wishes of their membership. Some conservancies focus only on open space whilst others also look at preser-

vation of environmental or historical aspects of their communities. The main tool used by land conservancies is a conservation easement.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a property owner and a qualified conservancy. This protection is accomplished by placing permanent, legal restrictions on the types and amounts of develop-

ment that may occur on the property. Typically, an easement is given in the form of a donation from the property owner to the conservancy. This donation has monetary value and provides a tax benefit to the donor. To be claimed as a charitable donation, an easement must: be a qualified, real property interest; be given in perpetuity to a qualified organization; and be donated exclusively for conservation or historic

preservation purposes.

Your neighbors have recently established the Radnor Conservancy. If you would like further information, to become a member or donate lands, contact the Radnor Conservancy, P.O. Box 48, Wayne, PA 19087. You can also email, information@radnorconservancy.org. Their website is www.radnorconservancy.org.

Bringing Neighbors Together.

Paid for by the
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We're on the Web!
www.Radnor5thward.org

WHAT IS THE RADNOR 5TH WARD REPORT?

John Nagle, Candidate for 5th Ward Commissioner, is planning to regularly publish a newsletter to create a sense of community in our ward, to enhance our knowledge of local history and to keep you informed of local happenings. It will also be a forum for neighbors to get to know more about each other.

If you have ideas for future issues, we want to hear from you!

Contact John at nagle4five@comcast.net or 610.527.7218.



John Nagle at clean-up project at the Ithan Valley Park.

Preserving open space and keeping our parks clean for all to enjoy are among John's top priorities.

Pop Quiz:

Where is the most expensive park in Radnor Township?

Nope, betcha can't guess. It is right here in the Fifth Ward. Petrie Park, a beautiful pocket park on Petrie Ave, between Conestoga and County Line, is the most expensive Park in Radnor Township on a per square foot basis.



Neighbors working together to clean up the Willows.