

**50 Years of the Penn Wynne Civic Association (PWCA)
from the pages of the PWCA newsletters**

1947: In 1946, a builder had wanted to construct twin homes on Remington Road between Haverford and Trent. Adjoining neighbors objected, negotiated with the builder, and convinced him to build single homes. A permanent PWCA emerged out of this group....Fourth of July parade and picnic is held for fourth consecutive year, organized by the Penn Wynne Recreational Association and the Fire Co.

1948: The Penn Wynne Players group is formed and performs 2 plays annually in the coming years.

1949: New building begun for the library, which will move from Manoa and Henley (where it has been since 1929) to Overbrook Parkway and Rockglen Road...Penn Wynne Women's League has 121 members; cost for the luncheon meetings is \$0.75...Fourth of July picnic includes 52 track & field events plus softball game between Penn Wynne team and members of the Philadelphia Eagles.

1950: Fire Co. phone number is Ardmore 2020; its recommended annual donation is \$5.00.

1951: 400 residents attend PWCA annual meeting, which includes performance by Penn Wynne Players...zoning committee reports on new Lankenau Hospital.

1952: Penn Wynne becomes separate voting ward with its own commissioner...addition to firehouse built...restrooms built in Penn Wynne Park on Remington Road.

1953: PWCA dues are \$2.00...Annual PWCA meeting includes a dance...Don't be a litterbug campaign...Fourth of July features baseball game between 2 cub scout packs and prize for best litterbug costume.

1956: PWCA opposes possible extension of Manoa Road to City Ave.

1957: Fire Co. phone is Midway 2-2020...Penn Wynne has 1 Boy Scout troop, 3 Cub Scout troops, 3 Girl Scout troops, and 7 Brownie troops.

1958: Much needed parking lot built behind stores on Manoa Road...Township buys 10 acres on Manoa Road for new Penn Wynne Park...old Penn Wynne Park on Remington Road is renamed Wynnewood Valley Park.

1959: PWCA begins sponsoring teenage record hops 2 Saturdays/month at school gym, sometimes with live bands.

1960: PWCA annual meeting features speech by writer for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin...extension of Manoa Road to City Ave. is defeated by L.M. Commissioners by a vote of 8-6...PWCA dues are \$3.00.

1961: New Penn Wynne Park on Manoa Road is completed, and Sen. Hugh Scott addresses 350 people at its dedication with a speech about America getting tough with Soviet Premier Khrushchev...250 attend annual meeting featuring choral group and pianist...residents asked to use mailing address of Phila 51, Pa...complaints of youth vandalism in the park.

1962: PWCA fight to block rezoning of MacCoy tract ends after 8 years, and Greenhill Apartments to be built...parking on many Penn Wynne streets now restricted to one side of street to help fire trucks and snow plows get through...annual meeting speech on civil defense zone commanders being named in L.M...library installs latest gadget, a “book drop.”

1963: Penn Wynne School designated as federally stocked nuclear fall-out shelter...speed limit in Penn Wynne lowered to 25 mph...9 Girl Scout and Brownie troops in Penn Wynne have 179 members.

1968: Left turn lane added on Haverford Road, and islands removed on City Ave.

1969: Lankenau acquires 40-acre “Penn Wynne woods”...tot lot built at Penn Wynne Park...To alleviate “serious juvenile problem,” a juke box and snack machines are put in school gym...PWCA dues \$5.00.

1970: 500 homes in Penn Wynne are without heat for days due to failure of central steam heating plant.

1973: PWCA Steam Heat Action Committee active as again many families are without heat and stay with neighbors...200 of 600 homes have converted to gas or oil heat.

1976: Adding fluoride to drinking water debated...PWCA sponsors girls softball team in addition to 3 boys baseball teams.

1978: Fire Co. celebrates its 50th anniversary, having been formed in 1928 after a large barn near Haverford and Remington Roads caught fire and burned to the ground...L.M. Community Watch founded...Garden for the Blind built in Wynnewood Valley Park...2 tennis courts added at Penn Wynne Park...PWCA begins petitions to change address from Philadelphia, Pa. 19151.

1979: Cable TV arrives...PWCA raises money for starving people in Cambodia...canvassing for new post office continues.

1980: Fourth of July features 3rd annual Penn Wynne mini-marathon.

1982: 100 boys try out for 3 baseball teams sponsored by PWCA...dues are \$7.50.

1983: New playground equipment added at Wynnewood Valley Park.

1988: Addition built to library building

1989: PWCA works to end waste-burning at incinerator at Lankenau Hospital.

1990: Our mailing address changes to Wynnewood, PA 19096...PWCA dues are \$10.00.

1991: PWCA works with the Jewish Community Center (JCC) to reshape plans for design of new gym complex and parking lots.

1995: Residents demonstrate at Penn Wynne Park to oppose turning it into a Little League complex.

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