



Wister NAC Newsletter

Elections for Wister NAC Board Members

Rosalind McKelvey



My 21 years of community service proves that I love Germantown

enough to live here but care enough to be involved. I have always been involved in Wister NAC activities and my main passion is the Germantown Deaf Ministry.

Tracie Tate



Working as a volunteer for the past 4 years has been very rewarding. My love for

children and to see a smile on their face make my work in the community worth while, I love working with my community and I love Wister for giving me the opportunity.

CAST YOUR BALLOT

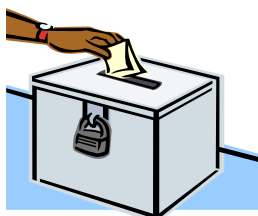
January 21, 2010

Thursday at 7pm

Victory Baptist Church

5131 Germantown Ave

Only vote for three (3)



You **Must** live or own a business within our service area and have attended at least 4 meetings within the last year to be

eligible to vote or run.

GOOD LUCK

to all our potential

Board Members.

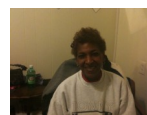
Mary Ravenell



I would like to serve as a Board Members

because I made a personal commitment to help our children and our seniors and I believe this is a great opportunity to accomplish my goal in a broader way

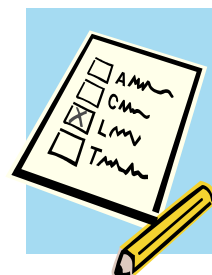
Marilyn Robinson



I have worked for Wister Neighborhood Council in the past for a short period of time. During that time I learned many things about Germantown and the efforts to improve the area.

I feel I can be helpful in the endeavors to improve our neighborhoods.

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What's Up For The Avenue

Wister NAC Advocate of the Avenue

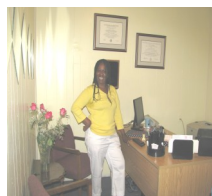
The proposed project involves upgrades to streetscape improvements, under the Restore Philadelphia Corridors and Hometown Streets programs. The project will be conducted along Germantown Avenue in two sections; from **Seymour** Street to **Ashmead** Street and from **Walnut** Lane to **Johnson** Street. The project includes replacement/addition of sidewalks, curbs, street trees, consolidation of signage, and lighting. The Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School program initiative is intended to improve the quality of life and encourage reinvestment and redevelopment along the corridor. The project is being facilitated within the offices of the City of Philadelphia, Dept of Commerce and our City Councilwoman, Donna Reed-Miller.

Wister NAC moves to 5118 Germantown Avenue



"NEED A BROOM—GIVE US A CALL"

Many thanks to Saadiq Abdul Jabbar & The Germantown Masjid, Smith Houston Inc, Frank Bruno Developers, Dwayne Sanders Construction, Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corp (OARC), Rapid Wiring LLC, and the many community volunteers who helped us move to our new location. Your generous donations, support and service has made our new space a great home.



As you can see, we are now right next to the former police mini station (5116). It is our goal to acquire 5116 and rehabilitate the property for community use as intended by its donors. We are determined to rid our community of blight. This includes abandoned buildings, trash and illegal activities. You can join us by at least sweeping in front of your property every day.



Annual Picnic



Thank you to all who supported our picnic on June 18, 2009. Over 300 attended and enjoyed good food, entertainment, give-aways, resources and information.

Sav-A-Lot
New Germantown Pizza
Office of Housing & Community Development
Philly Recycling Program
Energy Coordinating Agency
NW Housing Counseling



Around the Clock Health Care
Every Murder is real
Keystone Health Plan East
Rita's Water Ice
Philadelphia Pretzel Factory
In & Out Deli
Mecca
Pathmark
Census 2010



Off to a Good Start !

Wister NAC is a program of Wister Neighborhood Council, Inc. and funded by The City's Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), the NAC staff is here to assist you with various programs and other resources. There are also many other city departments with resources to help. Information is always available at the NAC office.

Wister NAC welcomes Renee Workman as our new part time neighborhood assistant. She will join us to help you with city services.



HOUSING

- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE DIVERSION PROGRAM—215-686-
- RENT REBATES
- ADAPTIVE MODIFICATIONS
- BASIC SYSTEMS REPAIR

ENERGY

HELP WITH YOUR GAS, WATER, ELECTRIC?

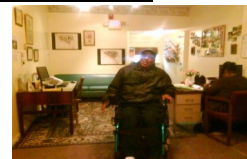
- LIHEAP, CRISIS APPLICATIONS ARE ON SITE.
- WEATHERIZATION

OTHER INITIATIVES

- REBUILDING PHILLY TOGETHER PROGRAM

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

"Finally a NEW Chair! Thanks WNAC."



Mr. Steven Wilson

"Snug & Safe in Dad's Arms Thanks WNAC & Cradles to Crayons"

Mr. Robert Blackmon & Zhiara



OUR GROWING RELATIONSHIPS

Eighth District City Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller and State Representative John Myers joined representatives from city's Commerce Department, the Historic Germantown Business Association, Gtown Restoration CDC, to present checks to the Wister Neighborhood Council for marketing



Can we take these BIG checks to the bank ?

assistance to offset the impacts of PennDot construction on the businesses of Germantown Avenue. Even though PennDot's work is complete, Miller emphasized the funds still should help to increase business along the corridor.

**United States
Census
2010**

Census data is used to distribute more than \$300 billion in federal and state funding each year for a number of projects, programs and services .

The more people who

are counted, the more money Pennsylvania and communities will receive from the federal government.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Make sure you complete and mail back your Census questionnaires.



Looking for a job? The U.S. Census Bureau is now hiring. Call toll free at 1-866-861-2010 .

2009 in REVIEW

Oh What A Party!

Thanks to the generosity of groups like United Way Gifts In Kind Program, Mattell Toys, Toys for Tots, CradlesToCrayons, and our local partners like In & Out Deli, Bargain Thrift Center, Sav-A-

Holiday Celebration

Lot, Chef Ken's Café, Foxy Diva, Mecca Hallal Pizza Restaurant, Chunk's Soul-food, Elena's Glitz & Glamour Boutique, What's For Dinner Catering, Logan Floral design & Gifts and our always dependable Wister Youth Team Leaders (Melika Roberts, Ivyn Mack & Mustafa Fox)



More than 150 Children received gift bags filled with new coats, books, and toys in our day long Holiday Party. We all enjoyed hot chocolate, juice, fruit, pastries and great food donated from our community partners. The evening concluded with the drawing for a 32" flat screen TV.



And The Winner is
David E. Mack, Sr.



The Party's Over

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Letter From The President

The Year 2009 presented many "CHANGES" to our community. It also brought many opportunities. Wister Neighborhood Council (WNC) was able to recognize these opportunities and take advantage of them. We were able to forge new partner relationships and enhance old ones. We were able to increase community awareness, involvement and citizen participation in development activities surrounding us. We were able to identify and bring resources to our community. In this year 2010, the "CHANGE" will continue and new opportunities will arise. We must keep our eye on our focus, stay involved and be a part of directing the change instead of being caught up in it. WNC will continue to reach out to you for your ideas, suggestions and concerns. The WNC/WNAC office will continue to provide information, referral and services. The staff of WNAC, Board of directors for WNC, and our many volunteers want to extend our thoughts and wishes for everyone to have a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. We look forward to the great opportunities we have coming such as:



- Philadelphia Recycling Rewards Program—Residents will earn rewards for curbside recycling. **"Earn Points & Shop" The Program will be** phased into communities beginning February 2010. The Germantown area is scheduled for July 2010. Call the Recycle Bank at 888-769-7960 or visit www.RecycleBank.com/philly to register your address.
- Upgrades for the Wister and Germantown Train Stations—Funded in part by a Federal Stimulus of approximately 191 million dollars
- Rebuilding Together Philadelphia—Homeowner's rehabilitation grant program to aid the elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners to live in warmth, safety and independence—Call WNAC for more details
- Establishment of the Historic Germantown Business Association
- Continued Upgrades To Germantown Avenue
- **13th Annual Germantown Unity Day**—Sunday August 29, 2010

Peace To All

Anita Hamilton