



September 2017

Hi friend of the Historical Society,

Belmont Hills: The Schuylkill River, West Manayunk and Pencoyd



Jerry Francis and Ann Bagley of *The Lower Merion Historical Society* and Sylvia Myers of *The Roxborough Manayunk Wissahickon Historical Society* will present a history tour of Belmont Hills. The community developed around the Schuylkill River and was known as West Manayunk with its many water powered mills and its steam powered *Pencoyd Iron Works*. The interactive PowerPoint lecture will show more than 80 images, revealing what this community looked like at this time in its development. Some of the landscape has changed, but some areas have remained the same. Take a tour back in time. **Both Events Are Free with Light Refreshments**

The first showing is **Thursday, October 19th at 7:30pm** at the *Belmont Hills Fire House* located at 4 South Washington Avenue in Belmont Hills. Sponsored by *The Lower Merion Historical Society*.

There will be an encore showing on **Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00pm** at *Journey's Way* at 403 Rector Street in Roxborough. Sponsored by *The Roxborough Manayunk Wissahickon Historical Society*.



The Lower Merion Society for the Detection and Prosecution of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Horses (Established 1818) is having its 199th

Annual Banquet



In June 2016, *The Lower Merion Historical Society* merged with *The Lower Merion Horse Company* and we are happy to promote this annual event. Today's mission is to preserve and uphold the traditions, values and heritage of the *Lower Merion Horse Company* with humor and grace. To create awareness in the community of the historical roots and missions of this organization and preserve its memory and goodwill. This organization brings neighborhoods together throughout Lower Merion and Narberth for vibrant social, learning, and historical engagement.

SAVE THE DATE. Our history dinner will be **Saturday, November 4th** from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at [The Levering Mill Tribute House](#) (the former Woman's Club of Bala Cynwyd) located at 382 Bala Avenue in Bala Cynwyd.

Enjoy a good dinner, drinks and interesting speakers. It is open to the general public, so plan on attending and bring your friends. This truly a special occasion and an opportunity to learn more about this special group. Be part of Lower Merion's history. **Details to follow!**



The 2017 Preservation WatchList (21st Annual)



The Historical Society wants to recognize the efforts of the [Lower Merion Conservancy](#) to preserve and to protect our built environment.

The Preservation *WatchList* is an important advocacy tool used by the Lower Merion Conservancy to assist the community in preserving the built environment of Lower Merion and Narberth. While the list helps prioritize Conservancy efforts, it also calls attention to larger issues such as neighborhood quality of life, improvements needed in existing public policy, and the problem of demolition by neglect. The ultimate goal is to generate awareness that promotes positive action.

The *WatchList* was coordinated by Kathleen Abplanalp, Preservation Director at the Conservancy. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, a group of architects, realtors, preservationists, and historians, helped craft this list and included: Kathleen Abplanalp

(Chair), Suzanna Barucco, Christian Busch, Jeff Groff, Gerry Fisher, Jerry Francis, Philip Franks, Lonnie Hovey, Scott Kalner, Jeff Levine, Maurine McGeehan, Dennis Montagna, Karen Nagel, Bob Weisbord, and Jean Wolf.

Here is the 2017 Preservation *WatchList*:

Institutional Properties

- * St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood
- * Barnes Foundation in Merion
- * Clairmont Farm/Morris Clothier Estate (The Foundation for Islamic Education) in Villanova

Commercial Properties

- * Bala Theatre (The Egyptian) in Bala Cynwyd
- * Ardmore Theatre in Ardmore
- * WCAU Television Studio Building in Bala Cynwyd

Residential Properties

- * 205 Llanfair Road in Ardmore
- * Barker Mill in Gladwyne
- * Mill Creek Tenement House Ruins in Gladwyne

[For details on each property, click here.](#)

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The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

