



# Radnor-Winston News

January 2018

Radnor-Winston Improvement Association

www.radnorwinston.org

## Pancake Breakfast/Association Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 3 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for breakfast and conversation with neighbors at Govans-Boundary Methodist Church, 5210 York Road (use rear parking lot entrance). The pancakes start at 8:30, and the meeting will begin at 10 am, with childcare and arts and crafts for the kids. Please stay for a new kind of RWIA meeting!



**What would make your life better in Radnor-Winston?** The focus of this year's meeting will be to share and listen to each other in small groups about what could make our lives better here in Radnor-Winston. With a new year and a new board, we want to step back and see what people care about, and if there might be new ways to be an even better community working through our neighborhood association. Come share your thoughts and hear what your neighbors have to say! We'll start out, though, with some regular association actions and updates:

**Board Election:** We will elect the association board. A proposed slate is at right.

**Bylaws changes:** We will vote on some changes to make our association rules simpler and clearer (see reverse).

We'll hear from our new public safety committee, our City Councilman Bill Henry, and representatives from the York Road Partnership and Baltimore Education Coalition (on school funding issues in the 2018 General Assembly).

Bring your dues and an appetite!

### "Dues" are Due—Support Our Association in 2018

We call it "dues" but your contributions are completely voluntary—though vital! Our association runs on the volunteered time of neighbors, with dues that just cover our expenses. The RWIA:

- Is a point of contact with the city, police, neighboring universities/businesses.
- Hosts social events like the annual porch party, spring egg hunt and others.
- Assists neighbors concerned about vacant or deteriorated properties.
- Arranges for dumpsters, and volunteer clean-up days for streets and alleys.
- Works on crime prevention, traffic, street lighting, and the like.

#### Radnor-Winston Improvement Association 2018 Membership Dues

\$10 per household (\$5 for seniors or limited-income) *Additional contributions welcome.*

Bring to the Pancake Breakfast, give to your block captain, or mail in the attached envelope to RWIA, P.O. Box 39262, Baltimore MD 21212. Thank you!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### RWIA Board

RadnorWinstonAssociation@gmail.com

#### Proposed Slate for 2018:

##### President

Dan Pontious, 406 Woodford

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Michael James, 404 Rossiter

##### Treasurer

Jamie St. Onge, 403 Woodford

##### Secretary

Peter Conrad, 5110 Norwood

#### Block captains:

##### Charter Oak/Norwood S.

Damian Matthews, 417 Charter Oak

##### Crowson

Margaret Crowther, 4910 Crowson

##### Norwood N./Woodford

Helen Hardesty, 409 Woodford

##### Radnor

Maureen Sweeney, 330 Radnor

##### Rossiter

Kelly Lloyd, 333 Rossiter

##### Underwood/Whiteford/Notre Dame

Harold Morales, 5109 Underwood

##### Winston

Patrick Warner, 311 Winston

#### How to Connect

**Radnor-Winston listserv:** Email listserv only for our neighborhood. To join, email our administrator Jeff Ellis at somewhereinthecity@gmail.com

**NextDoor.** You can choose to get only Radnor-Winston postings, or also those from nearby neighborhoods, useful for crime info and classifieds. <https://radnorwinstonmd.nextdoor.com>

#### R-W Neighborhood directory.

Updated and issued via email semiannually. Request a copy or send your updated contact info to paul@paultyng.net

#### Helpful Contacts

##### Northern District Police

410-396-2455

##### Loyola University Security

410-617-5911

##### BGE Report Power Outage

1 877-778-2222

##### City Housing Code Information

[www.baltimorehousing.org](http://www.baltimorehousing.org)

##### City Council 4th District

410-396-4830

[bill.henry@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:bill.henry@baltimorecity.gov)

## Treasurer's Report

In 2017, the association spent \$961. Dues and contributions were \$950. The year-end balance is \$2,621; of that, \$687 belongs to the community garden. A full report will be presented at the February meeting.

## Save the Date: Spring Egg Hunt March 11!



Our much-loved spring egg hunt for kids will be held on Saturday, March 17 at 11am, at 5115 Norwood Road. Stay tuned for further information and details.

### Radnor-Winston's Architecture: "A Sense of Time and Place"

"Radnor-Winston is distinctive among the subdivisions of north Baltimore for its consistent architectural character. While several buildings survive to reflect the area's history through the last quarter of the 19th century, the majority of houses in Radnor-Winston are frame bungalows or American Foursquares reflecting the period c. 1910 to 1927, by which date the development of the community was essentially completed. These houses are uniformly set back from the streets on modest-sized lots and retain integrity of design, form, and massing. The district conveys a sense of time and place through its architecture, and the rhythm of its streetscapes, setbacks, and landscaping."

—The Maryland Historical Trust

## Members to Vote on Association Bylaws

At the Feb. 3 Radnor-Winston Improvement Association meeting, members will be asked to approve an updated set of bylaws.

In 2017, the Radnor Winston Board contracted with the Neighborhood Design Center to provide technical assistance in updating our neighborhood improvement association bylaws. In addition to assisting the Board with a new set of organization bylaws we have also drafted a conflict of interest policy which the board intends to adopt at our next board meeting. Our current bylaws needed significant revisions so that our new proposed bylaws represent a complete re-write and not a series of minor edits.

An organization's bylaws should be the principal guide, the primer, or "rule book" by which the organization runs its overall corporate affairs. Questions such as "when and how often does the board meet?," or "how and when do we elect directors?," or "how do we get remove a board member who never comes to meetings?," or "how do we change the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws?," or "who can serve on a committee, and what are the limitations on a committee's power to make decisions that bind the organization?," and many others are questions that should be able to be answered by referring to the bylaws.

In working with the Community Law Center, we've been careful to draft them so that issues such neighborhood policy and committees can be formulated by the board as needed. Our proposed new bylaws address our board structure, terms of board service, officer/board member succession and removal, official meeting requirements, membership provisions, membership voting rights. Of special interest, we provided more details on the duties of the board of directors and officers, while maintaining board positions that are representative of our various neighborhood blocks. We have simplified the meeting requirements and quorums for the board and membership, allowing us to increase meetings in response to need. Finally, the board is empowered to create committees to work on issues that matter most to the neighborhood and not bind us to maintaining committees that may have become obsolete.

The proposed new bylaws have been distributed by neighborhood listservs and are also posted on our [radnorwinston.org](http://radnorwinston.org) website. I welcome any questions you may have prior to our membership meeting.

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### Suggestions for Improvement Association Action

Something I am concerned about in our neighborhood, or that I suggest the association address:

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A social event or other initiative I would like to see happen is:

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