

LOWER MOYAMENSING CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Meeting, Wed., 5/5/10, 6:30pm, Fumo Library (recorded by J. Bing)

- Kim Massare starts general meeting

Special guests from Mayor's office of Legislative affairs: Lauren Vidas and Marisa Waxman.

Lauren Vidas: Reports 150 million deficits in Philadelphia. Revenue is down. In order to close the deficit the mayor is proposing two taxation fees. One is the Trash fee and the other is the Soda and Sugar tax. These will help close the revenue gap.

Marisa Waxman: The Mayors Office generated another 9 million so far by collecting taxes that are owed to the city. Tax Amnesty is available for individuals and businesses that owe back taxes to the City of Philadelphia. Tax Amnesty provides a limited-time opportunity to come forward and clear up debts. Please go to www.philataxamnesty.com for more information.

Kim introduces a representative from each of the 6 new LoMo Committee to give a quick overview of their projects & goals:

Environment Committee – Chair: Rachel Reilly - rlipton@phillycityspace.com and Heidi Lengel - heiderlengel@hotmail.com

Rachel Reilly speaks about the Environment Committees role in planting trees, gardening, public art, street cleaning, and beautification throughout the neighborhood. Major projects have included greening at South Philadelphia High School, local parks, and several local gardens.

Education Committee – Chair: Terry Jack - t_a_jack@hotmail.com

Anyone who has an interest in local education and library services for our neighborhood, please join Terry in the Education committee.

Public Safety Committee – Chair: Stephanie Odell - stephodell@gmail.com

Stephanie Odell talks on behalf of Public Safety- Town walks every other Monday at 8pm and meet at 10th & Moyamensing. All are welcome, including pets!

Outreach Committee – Chair: Kim Massare – lomophilly@gmail.com

Will Shuey speaks about an online directory for local businesses, which the committee is organizing. The outreach committee will take a vital role in local businesses.

Planning and Zoning Committee – Chair: Todd Schwartz - toddpschwartz@gmail.com

Jo Noonan speaks on behalf of the committee, which facilitates community input on applications for permits and zoning variances on both commercial and residential properties within our boundaries.

Fundraising Committee – Chair: Colleen McDonough - mcdonoughc@hotmail.com

Jenn Bing speaks on behalf of the committee. Recent successful fundraising event was our Flea Market. The committee is also in the process of finding grants for future funding.

Meeting attendees then break into small groups to talk one-on-one with committee members and find out more ways to get involved in their activities.