

**Lower Moyamensing Civic Association General Meeting**  
**Wed., 9/2/2009, 6:30pm, Fumo Library**

**MINUTES**

Introductions by Kim Massare.

**Census Presentation**

**Arnold Barr** gave a presentation regarding the **Census Bureau** and its Partnership Program. He provide some LoMo specific statistics and encouraged all of us to spread the word about participating in the census so that we are accounted for when politicians are lawmakers are reviewing data and making decision regarding funding and programs. For more info on the 2010 census, including census jobs, visit: <http://www.census.gov/>

**Water Department Green City Clean Water Program**

**Joanne Dahme** from the **Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)** made a presentation regarding the Green City Clean Water Program which is a 20-year program to reduce the combined sewer overflows into our rivers. In addition to upgrading infrastructure the PWD will spend \$1 Billion dollars over the next 20-years retrofitting one-third of the City's impervious surfaces. Example retrofits include trees with infiltration trenches and vegetated bump-outs with curb openings. One of the goals of the program is to capture the first inch of every storm. The first retrofits will be in public places because they typically have more ground to work with and will not require approvals from property owners. All retrofits will be maintained by the PWD because they are considered infrastructure. These technologies have been used in other cities. The goal of the program is to "green" 200 blocks per year The PWD will be working with LoMo to identify potential sites to be designed in the near future – If you have any ideas for potential blocks of other locations in the neighborhood that you'd like to add to the list for consideration, please let us know!

To alleviate basement flooding there are traditional large stormwater infrastructure projects in the design phase. During the interim the PWD offers backwater valves through its basement protection program. Please call **215-685-6300** or visit [www.phila.gov/water](http://www.phila.gov/water). Even if you don't have a current flooding problem but live in a flood-prone zipcode (19145, 19146, 19147, 19148) your home is eligible.

**Local Business Presentations**

- **Michael Romeo** of **Jubilee Catering** at 10<sup>th</sup> & Wolf Streets is now offering individual and family style meals. Michael generously brought a lovely fruit tray to share with meeting attendees. Editor's Note: Since our last meeting, Jubilee Catering is unfortunately no longer open for business.
- **Damien Collelo** of **Hot Hands** at Broad & Shunk came to speak about his new business. Hot Hands offers massages, facials, waxing, and more. For more info, visit <http://www.hothandsphilly.com/> or call **215-467-9666**. New visitors can receive 40% off the cost of a 50 minute massage. Ask for more details.

**Townatch**

**Stephanie O'Dell** provided a **Town Watch** update. There is a petition for increased police presence in our neighborhood being circulated by resident Mike D'Imperio. You can sign the paper version at any of our events, or sign the online petition on our website:[www.lomophilly.org](http://www.lomophilly.org). Click on "Neighborhood Safety" at the top of the page, then follow the link at the top of that page.

**Clean/Green**

Rachel Lipton provided a Beautification update.

- **Fall 2009 Tree Planting**-We will know in a few weeks how many trees have been approved. The planting is scheduled to take place the weekend of November 21-22 and we are currently recruiting volunteers. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.
- **Spring 2010 Tree Planting**-We have submitted applications for approximately 60 trees. (Southern has applied for ten street trees). We will find out in the next few months which properties were selected.
- **South Philly Green**- We are working with our other local civics to combine manpower and other resources for cleaning and greening efforts. This new organization is called South Philly Green and is open to anyone in the neighborhood who is interested in helping out with these types of projects.
- Heidi Lengel recommends a **homemade mixture for keeping bugs off of plants** that maybe can work to keep animals from using tree pits as toilets: Fill a spray bottle with water and add red pepper flakes, garlic, and dish soap. Spray as needed on plants until bugs disappear. Avoid using on edible plants.
- The next cleanup will be coordinated with EPX along Snyder Ave. on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Plus we will address some tree care projects at Southern. Post-meeting: **Due to inclement weather this cleanup has been moved to October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### Education

Epiphany Ecology Club update by Hugh Quigley. There will be a planning meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> and a kickoff presentation by Phoebe Coles of Keep Philadelphia Beautiful at the School at 9am on September 21<sup>st</sup> for a new after-school club for school children in grades 5-8. The club aims to teach kids valuable lessons about our urban environment and ways that we can all help to improve where we live. LoMo members are invited to take part in this club, which will meet 2 Tuesdays each month from 2:45-4 pm at Epiphany School. Please contact us for more details.

### Fundraising

We are planning a flea market fundraiser for next Spring. The next meeting is Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at Sara Merriman's home 2139 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St. We are looking for people to help with various tasks involved in organizing and promoting the flea market. Please contact us to get involved.

### Transportation

Wednesday, September 9, 7 PM. BICYCLE AMBASSADOR WORKSHOP: Basics of Bike Commuting/Urban Riding. On the South Philadelphia High School steps (Broad & Jackson Sts.).

**The next LoMo General Meeting will be on Wed., 10/7/09 at 6:30pm at the Fumo Library. We will be joined by Capt. Mike Goodwin of local Engine 49 who will share some important fire safety tips.**