

TVNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Residents in attendance: 920 N. Madison, 1012 Trenton, 702 W. 10th Street, 712 W. 11th Street, 715 W. 10th Street, 800 W. 10th Street, 1003 Trenton, 1012 Monroe, 902 N Adams Street, 1000 Monroe, 1014 Trenton and Sacred Heart Village.

- **Tree Trimming**

- Tim Crow apologized for the parking issues on Monday and Tuesday due to tree trimming. He did not expect the city to respond so quickly, notice was supposed to have been given further in advance; however that was not the case. Residents should be happy they were trimmed for free and now the street lights can be seen more clearly. If any residents have tickets from August 24 or 25, Tim Crow says to give them to him and he will take it up with the city.
- The tree trimming vendor left business cards and pamphlets at the meeting in case any residents would like more information on proper pruning techniques or need tree service in the future. Those items are attached to this document for reference.

- **Community Grant: Dennis Sheer, Interfaith Community Housing**

- Dennis came to the TVNA meeting to discuss the Wachovia Foundation planning grant that his company has received to do community planning based in the targeted areas of West Center City, Trinity Vicinity and Quaker Hill.
- The grant calls for development in the areas of public safety, small business development, affordable housing, economic development, etc.
- He is forming an outreach committee which will be tasked with gaining 300 resident surveys and focus groups to engage the stakeholders in the community. He has asked the TVNA to help in this effort.
- After the research and outreach is completed, a plan will be drafted and sent to the city of Wilmington for approval with a budget for implementation. Potentially, there is about \$750,000 available for this project.
- Dennis encourages all members of the neighborhood who are interested in helping out to attend their first outreach committee meeting.
 - **Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 17 @ The Dickerson Education Center
 - 718 N. Monroe Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
 - 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - E-mail dsheer@ichde.org or call (302) 652-3991 for more information.

- **Safety Update: Lt. Dietz**

- One trend that has been ongoing is a string of burglaries ongoing from July 29 through August 13. There were seven reported burglaries during this time, some were unsecured doors and others were secured doors. The locations named were 8th & Adams (inside of an apt) and Windsor Street. Lt. Dietz encourages residents to make sure they are aware of their surroundings and be conscious of those on the streets.
- There has also been an increase in pan-handlers, make sure that you call the officers on duty or report it the non-emergency number: **(302) 654-5151**. The officers are able to ban certain “regulars” from specific streets. For instance, residents are all aware of

the “Stop the Violence” man who is constantly seen on 4th and Jackson. He has been banned and officers ask residents to call if they see anyone begging for money.

- Tim Crow has requested the information for a neighborhood watch program and will update residents when he receives all of the information, hopefully by next meeting.
- Lt. Dietz also shared information about a new way of documenting nuisance crimes. Effective September 1, 2009, the City of Wilmington's public nuisance properties program takes effect. Legislation passed by City Council on July 9, 2009 establishes a point system to provide for a better accounting of nuisance calls. The new standard offers a fair and equitable system for dealing with properties that denigrate city neighborhoods. For more information, visit:
<http://76.12.60.78/nuisanceproperties/index.htm>
- **Vote: Parking Issues**
 - Tim Crow initiated a discussion about painting the corners of the streets yellow for safety in case large vehicles such as fire trucks need to clear the narrow streets.
 - Residents also mentioned that many of the people parking after 6:00 p.m. in Trinity Vicinity do not have parking permits or are not from Delaware. The officers encouraged residents to call the non-emergency number to report cars with no permits at **(302) 654-5151**.
 - Tim Crow proposed a vote to initiate research to see if painting the corners will help deter cars from parking on the corners blocking sidewalks. 5 voted yes, 3 voted no to go forth with pursuing research and identification of potential corners to be painted. Tom Brady will help in this effort.
- **Neighborhood Contact List**
 - Please send the following information to TVNA Secretary at events@trinityvicinity.org
 - Name
 - Address
 - E-mail address and phone
 - Car make, model and year
 - TVNA is trying to assemble an up-to-date list of residents for safe keeping in the case of emergencies.
 - One resident mentioned that Quaker Hill has an online Google group which is very active and serves as a way for residents to exchange information outside of monthly meetings.
 - TVNA's website also has similar capabilities on our message boards which can be seen here: <http://trinityvicinity.org/messageboard.html>, TVNA encourages residents to sign up and post information there if issues arise.
- **Neighborhood BBQ to Celebrate the Garden Contest Entrants**
 - Save the Date: Saturday, September 12 – 5:00 p.m.
 - This is the day that the results from the City Garden Contest will be announced. We are planning a BBQ and would like to have another neighborhood get-together to celebrate the end of summer.
 - All residents are encouraged to attend, TVNA will purchase the food, and it will be B.Y.O.B. & B.Y.O.D. – Bring your own beverages, and bring your own dessert!

- Contact events@trinityvicinity.org for more information on this event or to help out. Look for a separate e-mail invitation coming in the next few weeks.
- **New Business**
 - One resident asked if the meetings will now be held at ING Direct or if they will remain at Sacred Heart. Some say the TVNA meetings had more in attendance with free coffee provided by ING. Tim Crow responded that we are planning on moving our TVNA checking account there and then bringing it up with them.
 - A resident at 1012 Monroe was refused a handicapped spot from the city to be placed in front of her house. This issue will be taken up with Tim Crow.
 - A resident suggested getting community issues on the local channel 22 to announce our meetings and events. This suggestion will be researched further.
 - A house located at 707 W. 10th Street is for sale – e-mail Christian Zwickert at czwickert@cbpref.com or call (302) 547-5228. Visit the listing online at: <http://postlets.com/res/2517614>

Next Meeting: September 29, 7:00 p.m.



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Dear Tim,

Earlier this year, Interfaith Community Housing was glad to learn that we had won a Wachovia Regional Foundation grant to develop a comprehensive, community-based plan for West Center City Wilmington. We feel this is an exciting new initiative for our community.

We have begun plans to form an "Outreach Committee," and want to invite you to join this group to ensure that we know what you and your neighbors want to see improve in the neighborhood where we live and work. On the Committee, you will help us reach out and communicate with other residents in our community, in the form of confidential surveys, small focus groups, and larger community meetings. You will help us develop ideas in the specific areas of health and social services, economic development, public safety, affordable housing, and neighborhood building/organizing, as well as others that may develop and you find important to include.

The final Plan will include strategies to raise funds and other resources to actually implement priorities in the plan including, if successful, an additional grant from Wachovia to help leverage other private and public resources. With our public and private partners, including local corporations and foundations, the faith community, and government, Interfaith Community Housing is committed to raise additional funds to make the Plan work.

Caren and I will be glad to discuss this invitation with you on an individual basis, and answer any questions you may have about our Wachovia planning project. The organizational meeting of the Outreach Committee will be at 5:00 p.m.,  Thursday, September 17th, at the Dickerson Education Center, 718 N. Monroe Street. We look forward to hearing that you will be there to share your ideas for improving our neighborhood. Also if you have names of people we should extend an invitation to, please feel free to forward us their name, address, and phone number or e-mail address.

We look forward to working with you,

Caren Turner
Community Building and
Organizing Coordinator

Dennis Sheer
Resource Development Manager



WACHOVIA
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At A Glance

About the Foundation

The Wachovia Regional Foundation was established in 1998 to improve the quality of life for children and families in low-income communities located in New Jersey, Delaware, and eastern Pennsylvania. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$47 million in grants to more than 135 organizations.

The Foundation supports the creation and implementation of comprehensive, resident-driven neighborhood plans in urban, suburban, or rural communities. Through this approach, the Foundation emphasizes neighborhood-based, or place-based, projects, fulfilling an unmet need in the region.

Grant Programs

The Foundation offers two types of grants – Neighborhood Planning Grants and Neighborhood Implementation Grants. The Neighborhood Planning Grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and disbursed over 12 to 18 months, are designed to help low-income communities create comprehensive, resident-driven neighborhood plans.

The Neighborhood Implementation Grants, ranging from \$100,000 to \$750,000 and disbursed over three to five years, help nonprofit organizations implement programs outlined in their Neighborhood Implementation plan. A Neighborhood Implementation Grant recipient must have a strategic and comprehensive, resident-driven neighborhood plan to be eligible to apply for the Neighborhood Implementation Grant.

The Neighborhood Planning Grants are awarded once a year to a limited number of selected neighborhood planning projects across the region, and the Neighborhood Implementation Grants are awarded twice a year through a two-stage process. Projects for both types of grants must address *all* of the following issues:

- ◆ Children and Families
- ◆ Affordable Housing and Counseling
- ◆ Neighborhood Building
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Employment and Training
- ◆ Business Development
- ◆ Transportation

The Foundation seeks to support organizations that have strong leadership, capable of developing effective projects that will have a lasting impact in their neighborhoods. In addition, the programs should link neighborhoods with strategic partners, such as other nonprofits, schools, local institutions, and government agencies, and include a method to evaluate and measure the outcomes of the efforts. This approach helps the success and sustainability of the project.

Our Geographic Reach

The counties we serve include:

- ◆ **New Jersey:** Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren
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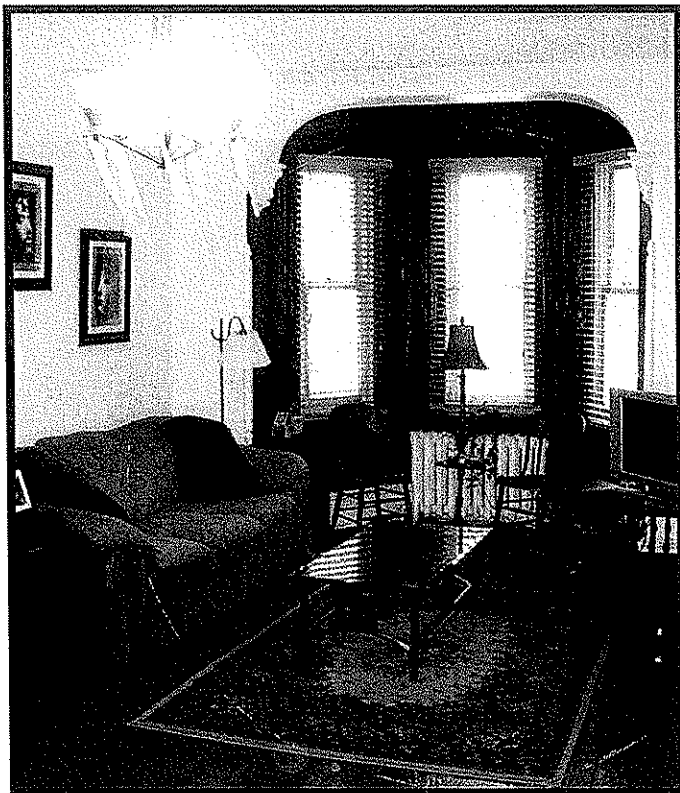
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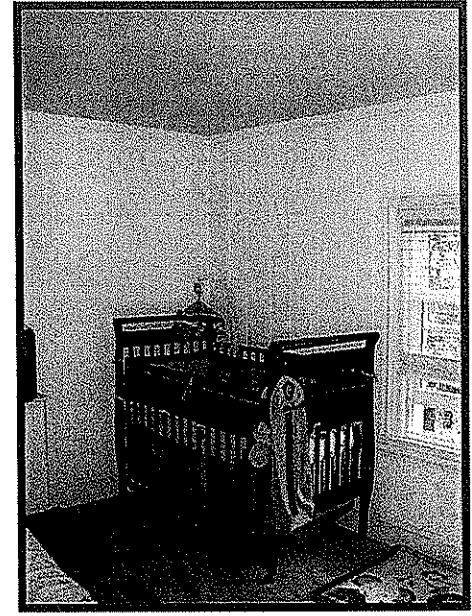
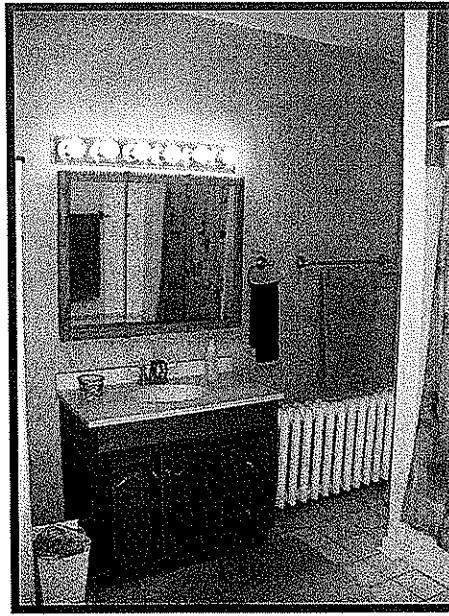
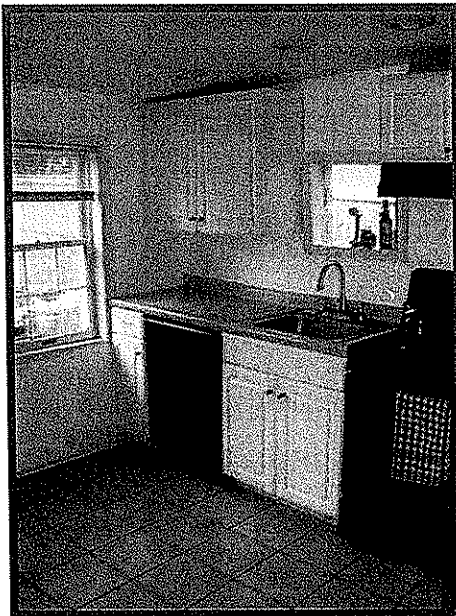
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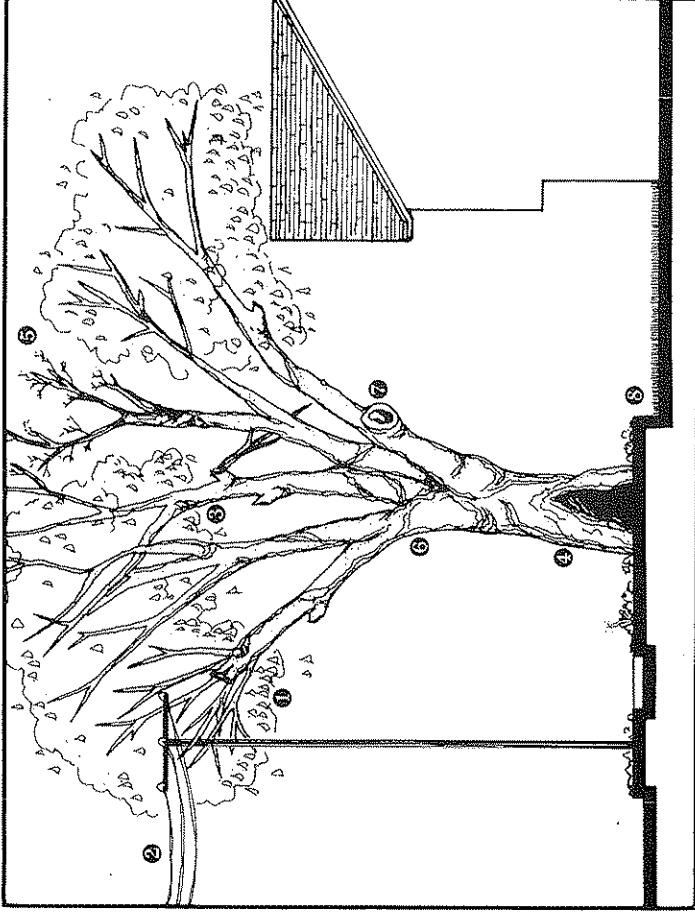
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Tree Hazard Checklist

Consider these questions:

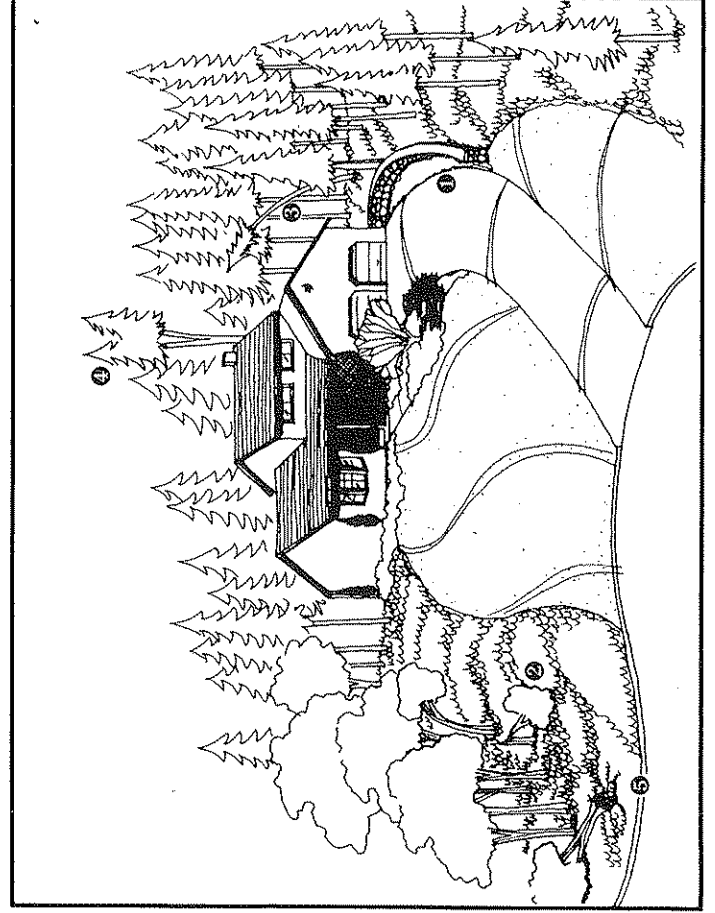
- Are there large dead branches in the tree?
- Are there detached branches hanging in the tree?
- Does the tree have cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches?
- Are mushrooms present at the base of the tree?
- Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- Have any branches fallen from the tree?
- Have adjacent trees fallen over or died?
- Has the trunk developed a strong lean?
- Do many of the major branches arise from one point on the trunk?
- Have the roots been broken off, injured, or damaged by lowering the soil level, installing pavement, repairing sidewalks, or digging trenches?
- Has the site recently been changed by construction, raising the soil level, or installing lawns?
- Have the leaves prematurely developed an unusual color or size?
- Have trees in adjacent wooded areas been removed?
- Has the tree been topped or otherwise heavily pruned?



Defects in Urban Trees

The following are defects or signs of possible defects in urban trees (see figure):

1. regrowth from topping, line clearance, or other pruning
2. electrical line adjacent to tree
3. broken or partially attached branch
4. open cavity in trunk or branch
5. dead or dying branches
6. branches arising from a single point on the trunk
7. decay and rot present in old wounds
8. recent change in grade or soil level, or other construction



Defects in Rural Trees

The following are defects or signs of possible defects in rural trees (see figure):

1. recent site construction, grading and tree removal, clearing of forests and development
2. previous tree failures in the local area
3. tree leaning near a target
4. forked trunk; branches and stems equal in size
5. wet areas with shallow soil

Managing Tree Hazards

An arborist can help you manage the trees on your property and can provide treatments that may help make your tree safer, reducing the risk associated with hazardous trees. An arborist familiar with hazard tree evaluation may suggest one or more of the following:

- **Remove the target.** While a home or a nearby power line cannot be moved, it is possible to move picnic tables, cars, landscape features, or other possible targets to prevent them from being hit by a falling tree.
- **Prune the tree.** Remove the defective branches of the tree. Because inappropriate pruning may weaken a tree, pruning work is best done by an ISA Certified Arborist.
- **Cable and brace the tree.** Provide physical support for weak branches and stems to increase their strength and stability.
- **Provide routine care.** Mature trees need routine care in the form of water, fertilizer (in some cases), mulch, and pruning as dictated by the season and their structure.
- **Remove the tree.** Some hazardous trees are best removed. If possible, plant a new tree in an appropriate place as a replacement.

Recognizing and reducing tree hazards not only increases the safety of your property and that of your neighbors but also improves the tree's health and may increase its longevity!

Ensuring Quality Care for Your Tree

Trees are assets to your home and community and deserve the best possible care. If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in the tree hazard checklist or see any of the defects contained in the illustrations, your tree should be examined by an ISA Certified Arborist.

For a list of ISA Certified Arborists in your area, please visit www.treesaregood.com. If your tree is located near a power line, contact your local electrical utility.

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Recognizing Tree Hazards



Trees provide significant benefits to our homes and cities, but when trees fall and injure people or damage property, they are liabilities. Taking care of tree hazards makes your property safer and prolongs the life of the tree.

Trees are an important part of our world. They offer a wide range of benefits to the environment and provide tremendous beauty.

However, trees may be dangerous. Trees or parts of trees may fall and cause injury to people or damage to property. We call trees in such situations hazardous, to signify the risk involved with their presence. While every tree has the potential to fall, only a small number actually hit something or someone.

It is an owner's responsibility to provide for the safety of trees on his or her property. This brochure provides some tips for identifying the common defects associated with tree hazards. However, evaluating the seriousness of these defects is best done by a professional arborist. Regular tree care will help identify hazardous trees and the risk they present. Once the hazard is recognized, steps may be taken to reduce the likelihood of the tree falling and injuring someone.

Hazardous Trees and Utility Lines

Trees that fall into utility lines have additional serious consequences. Not only can they injure people or property near the line, but hitting a line may cause power outages, surges, fires, and other damage. Downed lines still conducting electricity are especially dangerous. A tree with a potential to fall into a utility line is a very serious situation.

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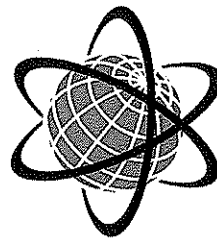


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