2017 CLASSIC TOWNS TROLLEY TOUR
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

HOSTED BY THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY CONNECTION,
AND HISTORIC GERMANTOWN
DVRPC WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE HOSTS, TOUR GUIDES, SPEAKERS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THE 2017 CLASSIC TOWNSTROLLEY TOUR.

Hosts
Cheltenham Township
Germantown Community Connection (GCC)
Historic Germantown

Partner
American Planning Association, PA Chapter, Southeast (APAPASE)

Tour Guides & Speakers
The Honorable Cindy Bass, City of Philadelphia Council, District 8
Ms. Nina Coffin, Programs and Communications Coordinator, Historic Germantown
Ms. Karen Flick, Assistant Landscape Manager, Awbury Arboretum
Mr. Bryan T. Havir, PP/AICP, Township Manager, Cheltenham Township
Ms. Trapeta B. Mayson, Executive Director, Historic Germantown
Ms. Karen Flick, Assistant Landscape Manager, Awbury Arboretum
Mr. David Rowland, President, Old York Road Historical Society
Ms. Barry Seymour, Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
Ms. Betty Turner, Germantown Community Connection (GCC)

Catering
Cosi Restaurant, Elkins Park, PA
Cricket Catering, Philadelphia, PA

Transportation
Philadelphia Sightseeing Trolley Company, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Professional Credits
The American Planning Association (APA) passed a Certification Maintenance (CM) program to guide continuing education for those that have received American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification. DVRPC is a registered CM provider.

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WELCOME AND GREETINGS!
We are delighted that you have joined us for the fifth annual Classic Towns Trolley Tour! We hope that you will find the tour of Historic Germantown and Cheltenham Township both educational and enjoyable, and make valuable connections with community development colleagues. Today’s tour will highlight two Classic Towns’ unique attributes— their historic destinations as well as their diverse housing stock.

Our tour highlights include:

- An early breakfast with your fellow Classic Towns and other planning and development professionals. The day will begin with a trolley tour through the historic residential neighborhood of Latham Park in Cheltenham Township.
- Afterwards, our tour guide, Mr. David Rowland, will lead us on a private tour of Elstowe Manor, one of seven buildings located on the Elkins Estate.
- The group will continue on the trolley, passing through more historic neighborhoods and commercial districts. Our tour guide will highlight the homes of notable Philadelphians.
- The tour of Cheltenham will finish with a ride through the 45-acre Curtis Arboretum.
- Upon arriving in Germantown, Councilwoman Cindy Bass and Ms. Betty Turner will welcome the group at Awbury Arboretum. Lunch will be served and a tour of the Cope House will be available.
- Following lunch, our tour guide, Ms. Nina Coffin, will lead us on a trolley tour along Germantown Avenue, highlighting historic properties as well as revitalization projects.
- We’ll finish the tour of Germantown with a guided tour through the Johnson House and the Germantown Mennonite Meetinghouse, before heading back to Cheltenham.

Have fun and enjoy the tour!
OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

8:00 AM  Registration and Breakfast

8:45 AM  Cheltenham Township
Trolley Tour of Cheltenham’s Historic and Commercial Districts
  (9:15) Guided Tour of Elstowe Manor (Elkins Estate)
  (11:45) Depart for Historic Germantown

12:00 PM  Historic Germantown
Lunch at Awbury Arboretum
  (12:30) Guided Tour of Cope House, Awbury Arboretum

1:15 PM  Trolley Tour along Germantown Avenue
  (2:15) Guided Tour of Johnson House and Germantown Mennonite Meetinghouse

3:30 PM  Depart for return trip to Cheltenham Township

4:00 PM  Return to Yorktown Plaza, Cheltenham Township

ABOUT OUR TOUR GUIDES

Ms. Nina Coffin
Nina is the Programs and Communications Coordinator for Historic Germantown, the consortium of 16 historic sites in Northwest Philadelphia. She has worked as a volunteer, guide, and staff member of Historic Germantown since 2014. Nina holds a Master’s degree in Public History from La Salle University and a Master’s in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin as well as a BA in Anthropology from Smith College. She grew up in Mt. Airy and attended Germantown Friends School. Prior to Historic Germantown, she worked as a school librarian. Other non-profit interests include Philadelphia parks and library advocacy.

Mr. David B. Rowland
David is Chief Financial Officer with Chelten Hills Savings Bank, a small mutual savings bank located in Abington, Pennsylvania, previously working as a management consultant. Apart from his professional career, David serves on the boards of various non-profit organizations including the Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League of Philadelphia, the Jenkins Town Lyceum, and the Union Library Company of Hatboro. He is most widely known for his involvement with the Old York Road Historical Society, where he has been president of the board since 1996. Under his leadership, the historical society has amassed the largest collection of archival materials related to the communities of eastern Montgomery County, successfully concluded several capital campaigns, relocated its research library and archives to Alverthorpe Manor, and authored six photographic local history books with Arcadia Publishing. David is a 1985 graduate of Bucknell University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Economics, and History. In 1987, he received a Master’s Degree from the University of Pennsylvania’s Fels Center of Government.
Charm and convenience; Cheltenham has it all.

Cheltenham offers charm and convenience for all. As one of Philadelphia's original inner-ring suburbs, Cheltenham is known by residents as a safe and walkable middle-class community. There are numerous neighborhoods to call home, each with their own distinct identity and history.

8:00 AM  Breakfast  
Cosi Restaurant  
50 Yorktown Plaza, Elkins Park, PA

8:15 AM  Welcoming Remarks  
Mr. Barry Seymour, Executive Director, DVRPC  
Mr. Bryan Havir, Manager, Cheltenham Township

8:45 AM  Trolley Tour  
Ride the Trolley through Cheltenham Township  
Led by Mr. David Rowland, Old York Road Historical Society

9:15 AM  Guided Tour of Elstowe Manor (Elkins Estate)  
Led by Mr. David Rowland

10:00 AM  Trolley Tour  
Continue the trolley tour through Cheltenham's Historic and Commercial Districts

11:45 AM  Depart for Historic Germantown
LATHAM PARK
Latham Park sits on 28 acres along Old York Road between Beech and Willow Avenue and extends west to Sycamore Avenue. This exclusive development featured luxury homes for the wealthy. Latham Park was previously the home of Lucretia Coffin Mott, one of America’s greatest abolitionists and an early leader of the women’s suffrage movement. Mott’s home was used as a stop along the Underground Railroad.

LYNNWOOD HALL
This Neoclassical Revival mansion was designed by Horace Trumbauer for Peter A. B. Widener between 1897 and 1900. Considered the largest surviving Gilded Age mansion in the Philadelphia area, it housed one of the most important private art collections of European masterpieces and decorative arts assembled by Peter A. B. Widener, an initial investor in Titanic’s owner, White Star Line, along with J.P. Morgan.

ELKINS ESTATE
This 42-acre estate contains seven buildings. The two most notable are Elstowe Manor and Chelten House, both designed by Horace Trumbauer. Elstowe Manor was built in 1898 and was the summer home of William L. Elkins, a Philadelphia businessman who was integral in the formation of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. Chelten House was the former home of George Elkins, William’s son. For years the estate was owned by the Order of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de Ricci. The estate was purchased by the Land Conservancy of Elkins Park in 2009.

RICHARD WALL HOUSE OR “THE IVY”
The Richard Wall House was built by Richard Wall and dates back to 1682. In 1847, the Richard Wall House became the Bosler home and was renamed “The Ivy.” Cheltenham Township bought the property in 1932. It was the oldest continuously inhabited house in Pennsylvania, up until 1978 when the last inhabitant moved out. “The Ivy” is now maintained as a house museum.

LINDENHURST
Located at the northwest corner of Washington Lane and Township Line Road, Lindenhurst was built and occupied in 1883 by John Wanamaker. An example of Queen Anne architecture, there was an artificial lake on the grounds as well as a large art collection. The original house was destroyed by fire in 1907. Wanamaker’s son, Rodman, supervised the rebuilding of his father’s home. After Wanamaker’s death in 1992, the house sat empty until the land was bought by W. Breyer Jr. in 1929.

WYNCOTE HISTORIC DISTRICT
The Wyncote Historic District is located in the heart of Cheltenham Township along Greenwood Avenue and extending between Washington Lane to the east and Rices Mill Road to the west. The winding, tree-lined roadways and century old homes make it arguably one of the most beautiful residential communities in the area.

CURTIS ARBORETUM
Founded by Mary Louise Curtis Bok in honor of her father, Cyrus Curtis, this 45-acre landscape was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. The arboretum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The arboretum surrounds Curtis Hall, once the ballroom of the Curtis family mansion, which now is operated by the Cheltenham Township Parks and Recreation Department. The arboretum features hills, two ponds, a dog park, a small World War II memorial, and over fifty types of trees.
HISTORIC GERMANTOWN

A diverse and progressive community, Germantown is full of rich history. Germantown grew over time to become the first Victorian-era suburb in the country. Today, the Germantown neighborhood is an example of a truly classic community, blending its history with an ambiance of modern sophistication.

12:00 PM  
**Lunch**  
Awbury Arboretum  
1 Awbury Lane, Philadelphia, PA

**Welcoming Remarks**  
The Honorable Cindy Bass, City of Philadelphia Council, District 8  
Ms. Betty Turner, President, Germantown Community Connection (GCC)

12:30 PM  
**Guided Tour of Cope House, Awbury Arboretum**

1:15 PM  
**Trolley Tour**  
Ride the Trolley along Germantown Avenue  
Led by Ms. Nina Coffin, Programs and Communications Coordinator, Historic Germantown

2:15 PM  
**Guided Tour of Johnson House and Germantown Mennonite Meetinghouse** (Group splits in half)

3:30 PM  
**Depart for Yorktown Plaza, Cheltenham Township**

“A diverse and progressive community with a rich history”
CLIVEDEN OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

Also known as the Benjamin Chew House, Cliveden is a historic mansion in Germantown. Built between 1763 and 1767, the mansion was inhabited from colonial times by seven generations of the Chew family. Cliveden was the site of the deadly Battle of Germantown during the American Revolutionary War.

WYCK HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDEN

Dating back to 1690, Wyck is one of Philadelphia's oldest houses. It is a collection of structures that evolved over the course of the 18th century. Many of the additional features and renovations were to the main house, but other buildings were added including a coach house, smoke house, ice house, and greenhouse. Wyck's historic rose garden is the nation's oldest and features over 70 varieties.

ACES MUSEUM

Incorporated in 2000, the ACES Museum for Black and Minority Veterans of World War II honors all veterans. ACES is a non-profit Veterans Service Organization (VSO) and also houses the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS). The WWII Exhibit is located at the site of Parker Hall, which was a United Service Organization (USO) for African-American soldiers and their families. The name "ACES" is derived from the calling of Blacks’ “Spades” during the 1940s.

VERNON PARK

Vernon Park is located on the west side of Germantown Avenue just north of Chelten Avenue. It contains a variety of buildings and monuments. The park also contains Vernon House, the Wister Mansion. The house was built in 1803 by James Matthews. John Wister purchased it from James Matthews in 1812. His son, John Wister, was a member of Congress and lived in Vernon until his death in 1883. A statue of John Wister stands to the right of the entrance to Vernon House. It was erected by his great-grandson, Jones Wister.

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL (GFS)

Founded in 1845 by Germantown Monthly Meeting, GFS is a coeducational K-12 school under the supervision of Germantown Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It was founded in response to a request by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which valued an equal education for boys and girls until the early 20th century. Germantown Friends was a “select” school, meaning that only the children of Quaker parents were admitted.

GRUMBLETHORPE

Grumblethorpe was the home of the Wister family, more specifically John Wister’s Big House.” Built as a summer residence in 1744, it eventually became the family’s year-round home. Grumblethorpe’s property was primarily a working farm and dominated Philadelphia’s horticultural trends for nearly two centuries (1740-1910).

EBENEZER MAXWELL MANSION

The Mansion is the only authentically-restored Victorian house museum in Philadelphia. Comprised of 17 rooms, Ebenezer Maxwell and his wife, Anna Smith Maxwell, built the mansion in 1859; the Maxwell family only lived in the house for three years. The Mansion has two gardens to represent the two time periods during the Victorian era.
CLASSIC TOWNS of GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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CLASSIC TOWNS OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

Character, culture, and convenience are the characteristics that define a Classic Town. Ranging from colonial settlements to college towns, streetcar suburbs to waterfront communities, Classic Towns are sprinkled throughout the Greater Philadelphia region, providing a quality of life unfound in this age of suburban sprawl.

Created in 2008, the Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia Initiative of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is designed to foster the growth of the region’s timeless communities by promoting each as a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

- Borough of Ambler
- Bordentown City
- Cheltenham Township
- Borough of Collingswood
- Borough of Glassboro
- Borough of Haddon Heights
- Borough of Jenkintown
- Borough of Kennett Square
- Borough of Lansdale
- Borough of Lansdowne
- Borough of Malvern
- Borough of Media
- Borough of Merchantville
- Moorestown Township
- Borough of New Hope
- Borough of Oxford
- Borough of Phoenixville
- Borough of Quakertown
- Boroughs of Soukerton and Telford
- Borough of West Chester
- City of Philadelphia Neighborhoods: Germantown, Manayunk

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is dedicated to uniting the region’s elected officials, planning professionals, and the public with a common vision of making a great region even greater. Shaping the way we live, work, and play, DVRPC builds consensus on improving transportation, promoting smart growth, protecting the environment, and enhancing the economy.

We serve a diverse region of nine counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer in New Jersey. DVRPC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Philadelphia Region — leading the way to a better future.