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Elections Again – Elections are coming up again. As a result of recent bylaw changes, we have moved the election cycle. Nominations will be at the October meeting, elections in November. Nominating committee picks will be announced at the October meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor. Only members paid in full by the October meeting can be nominated.

Email – You can now receive our newsletters in pdf format via email. If you would like to be on the email list, please contact us at mail@manayunkcouncil.org.

ZONING

4553-4555 High Street - The developer will attend the October 1 meeting to present plans. He is planning three homes. The proposed lot sizes are smaller than required by R10A zoning and will require a variance. The homes may require a height variance for access to a roof-top deck. The homes will be similar to the two recently built adjacent homes (same developer).

Venice Island – The developer for the proposed Venice One development has succeeded in modifying the floodway boundaries on Venice Island. The island, below the Leverington Ave. Bridge, is no longer in the floodway. This includes the Venice One project and the Waterford Apartments (aka Cotton Street Landing).

The recently formed Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) (<http://www.drbc.net>) regulations forbid residential development in the floodway. As a result, both these projects were unable to proceed. Due to the re-mapping, at a public hearing Wednesday 9/26, the commission formally approved these projects. MNC testified against Venice One, outlining the substantial flood safety issues with the projects. We applaud the commissioner from New Jersey, who abstained from the vote due to “the problems” with the project.

The floodway re-mapping removes a barrier to Venice One but does not guarantee it's ultimate approval. Our appeal against Venice One is still progressing. The city has missed two deadlines to

file their “Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law”. The hearings were scheduled for December but may be delayed waiting for the City.

Sheldon Crossing – Final letters by the developer and Ridge Park Civic were due Sept 9. We are waiting for a decision.

4137-4141 Main/Sapphire Grill – Sapphire Grill is seeking to build a three story addition in place of their back patio. The addition will substantially increase the existing bar/restaurant space. We are in a preliminary phase but the initial sense is that this is an expansion of a bar and overcrowds the site.

Red Bull Soap Box Derby – By all accounts, the event, between the fences was exciting and well organized, even in the rain. Outside the fences it was a dismal failure. Despite a claim that there would be no open containers, public drinking and drunkenness was pervasive and unregulated. Property destruction, rude behavior, and trash exceeded even our jaded expectations. This was a clear message, like we needed one, that the City was pathetically and totally unwilling and unable to maintain order. Never Again. Any more ideas for fun in Manayunk? Don't even ask!

Rec Center Closing – We'll meet at the Rec. Center October 1, but may have to find a new location for November.

PARKing Day, 2008 – On September 9, the parking space in front of Ingredient on Main Street became a Park for a day. We didn't even have to feed the meter! Andropogon Associates, landscape architects, set up in front of Winnie's LeBus. There were over 25 Park's throughout the city.

Shawmont Pump House – The Shawmont pump house (bottom of Shawmont Street and the bike path) is due to be demolished (It may have already happened). Some elements will be left including a wall, the front steps, and parts of the old garden.

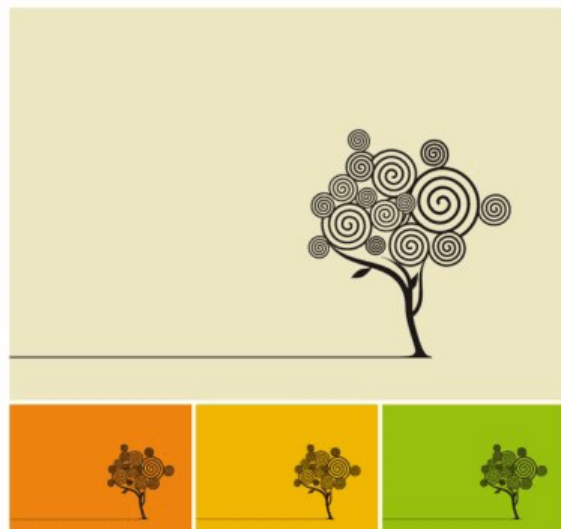
New MDC Executive Director – Loree Jones, managing director under Mayor Street has been hired as MDC's new executive director.

Fishing in the Canal

MNC is working on an 8 minute video about the canal. The majority of the video will be shot on October 25, with a rain date of November 8.

We're looking for people to talk to that fish in the canal. Has the fishing changed over the years? What kind of fish do they catch? Why do they enjoy fishing in the canal? What are the problems?

We'd also love to hear from folks that grew up in the area and have interesting stories about the canal. If you can provide us with information or contacts, please email us at mail@manayuncouncil.org or call Jane at 215-482-5528.



TRUNKS FOR THE 'YUNK 2nd Annual Tree Planting Party

WHAT: Hang out & help out as we get together for food, fun and the environment, as we plant native trees along the Towpath.

Afterward join us at the Manayunk Brewery for free food and drink specials to celebrate!

WHERE: Meet at Canal View Park (at the intersection of Main Street and Conarroe Street)

WHEN: Saturday, October 25, 9:30am-12:00pm

FAVORS: Exclusive new Schuylkill River t-shirts & access to Brewery party for free food and drink specials

RSVP: fmc@manayunkcanal.org or 215-508-4343

For more information please visit www.manayunkcanal.org.

Made possible through a partnership of Friends of the Manayunk Canal, Manayunk Brewery, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia Water Department & the Schuylkill Project.

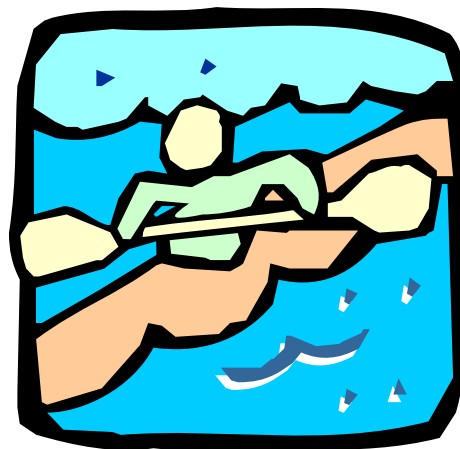
Hidden River Tours Last Tour of the Season

Join Hidden River Outfitters for the last guided kayak tour of the season. Tours along the Schuylkill River in Manayunk leave from and return to the Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant at 4120 Main Street. Begin the tour with paddling instruction then head out to explore this hidden stretch of water, an interesting juxtaposition of urban and natural environments. Finish off your adventure with a delicious meal at the Brewery. Cost is \$50/person which includes equipment rental, instruction, tour and meal. Limited space with registration on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Gwen Cohen, The Schuylkill Project, to reserve your space (215) 482-9565, ext. 204, or gcohen@manayunk.org

Saturday, October 4

Tours start at 10am and 1pm.



The Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 and announced the following obituaries: Bob Sugarman, Andy Rosini, and Judith Eden.

Zoning

Bourbon Blue Deck - Is scheduled for zoning in November. They have a deed restriction with Canal House, which they were unable to renegotiate. They also had a problem and were leaking raw sewage to the canal.

227 Krams - Zoning Board reduced the proposal from 33 units to 24 units with no other specific restrictions. Updated plans have not been filed yet.

4328 Dexter - Front parking and setbacks were illegal yet it received L&I approval. It went to zoning where L&I withdrew its support. It is now going back to zoning and we are still opposed.

Sheldon Crossing - Ridge Park opposed as they did not have time to adequately review plans. The Zoning Board gave them two weeks to review the plans. These are to be LEED certified green houses with and adequate parking thanks to the developer's cooperation with MNC.

Venice One Appeal - Our appeal is awaiting a date. We expect it will be sometime in November.

Sapphire Grill - They want to expand the restaurant into the back patio and add two apartments above. They presented plans to our zoning committee but are not yet scheduled for zoning.

Labov's - The city was kicked off the case due to a failure to submit paperwork in time. We are continuing to fight the development of this property

Main Street Munchies - received their license to sell take out liquor despite the fact Main Street overlay prevents these kinds of sales.

Quality of Life Committee - Will meet next week to discuss direction for the upcoming year.. We hope to meet with Curtis Jones Jr. and Bill Green to follow up on their visit here last spring.

Red Bull - Event is this Saturday September 6 .Hay

bales will line the course. Clean up should be complete by Sunday. The event will occur rain or shine. Red Bull is donating \$4,000 to MNC. We plan to use the funds for additional late night police patrols.

Officer Kline also spoke about the Soap Box Derby. He provided a phone number for people to call with questions. He is under the impression that if the weather turns bad, the event will be cancelled. He is expecting a peaceful day. He said there will be plenty of police on sight and participants cannot consume alcohol.

Office of Emergency Management will have a meeting at Philadelphia University. The meeting will be at 7:00 on September 29 to discuss evacuation in case of emergency.

PARKing Day, Friday September 19. MNC will have a space in front of the Manayunk Design Group. Participants get to make their own theme. Expect some interesting displays through out the city.

MNC was approved for another Precious Places video. This one, on the Manayunk Canal, will be shot October 25.

New Business

A neighbor reported a house on Roxborough Ave as vacant with weeds are growing amok. It was suggested she call Josh Cohen at the Councilman's office.

A motion was made to reach out to other civics to coordinate an effort to get local universities to house more students on campus. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously

The zoning board denied an application, on Apple Street, for a boarding house.

Mad River is confirmed as coming into the old Grape Street Music site.

The Venice Rec Center is scheduled to be torn down next month. Stay tuned for where our meetings will occur.

The meeting adjourned 8:45.

MANAYUNK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

___ \$5 Student/Senior	___ \$15 Household	___ \$100 Patron
___ \$10 Individual	___ \$50 Business or Supporter	\$_____ Other
Name:		Phone:
Address:		Email:
City, State, Zip:		Date:
Signature:		

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Events

- October 1** - MNC meeting, 7:30 pm
- October 4** - Kayak Tours on the Schuylkill River. (See page 2)
- October 25** - Trunks for the Yunks (page 2)
- October 25** - Precious Places video shoot along the canal.
- November 5** - MNC meeting, 7:30 pm

MNC BOARD

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Next Meeting:
Wednesday, October 1
 7:30 PM
 Venice Island Rec Center

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