

Happy 2025 Drexel Park Neighbors!

It's not usually advisable to dwell on the past, but this last centennial year, 2024, for Drexel Park warrants a closer look; after all, our great neighborhood turned 100 years old, and the centennial committee, collaborating with event committees, brought the celebration in a big way throughout the year! The centennial committee aspired to weave elements of our 100th anniversary into our 2024 events and that is exactly what they did! Although there were many memorable celebration moments, four in particular deserve mentioning: 1. The kick off event, the "Sip and Learn", 2. The Era's Tour, 3. The Spring Social "Roaring Twenties Style" and 4. The "Notable Neighbors" recognition. Starting in March with a "Sip and Learn" it was clear we were in for an informative, thoroughly researched year of exciting events. That gathering highlighted the history of Drexel Park through a slide show and featured many original maps and documents about the community.

Our next event highlighting the centennial was the Era's Tour where we featured homes built in the '20s '30s and '40s and matched cocktails and decorations from each decade with the homes for an adult-only social. A good time was had by all attendees!

Our Spring Social with a Great Gatsby Roaring Twenties theme was a memorable one for sure! Neighbors came out dressed in their roaring twenties best outfits and danced the night away surrounded by beautiful decorations and dining on delicious food under a spectacular tent!

Our annual meeting in September showcased fourteen of the Park's many "Notable Neighbors" whose biographies were displayed throughout the auditorium. Gerry Gallagher was one of the notables, as he has earned the title of the neighbor who has resided in Drexel Park the longest at 72 years! Gerry, a vexillologist, was awarded a flag that was flown over the United States Capital on the anniversary of his moving into the neighborhood! Another Notable Neighbor, Dr. Richard (Dick) Baker was on hand with four of his seven children in attendance. Dick was a proud resident in the Park for 63 years. Sadly, he passed shortly after the annual meeting and his Notable Neighbor poster was part of his memorial service.

While 2025 events will look a little different than the centennial ones of last year, the one thing that remains a steady constant is the promise that we will keep community building at the forefront of our events. Bringing neighbors together is what we do best, and it is that intangible that makes living in Drexel Park a unique and desirable experience.

Thank you in advance for your 2025 dues donation to the association. We strive to be good stewards with these funds, building community one event at a time.

In Gratitude,

Angie Baturka,

President Drexel Park Homeowners' Association



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 PROPOSED EVENTS

Lunar New Year, February
Easter Egg Hunt, April
Wine and Spirits Tasting, March 23rd
Spring Yard Sale, April
Plant Swap, May
Spring Social, June
Fourth of July Celebration, July 4th
Fall Yard Sale, September
Annual meeting, September
Fall Festival, October
Drexel Park Book Release, October
Tree Lighting, December
Santa Visit, December

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Your Block Captain is the person who is a direct line for any questions or concerns you may have and is the worker bee who delivers the flyers informing you of upcoming neighborhood events. Below is a list of Block Captain assignments:

Lansdowne Avenue: John Bevilacqua
Argyle Road: Kim Capista
Brookfield Road: Angie Baturka
Windermere Road: Jenn Azzolina
Derwyn Road: John Weil
Eaton Road: Michele Murray
Fairfax Road: Greg Adams
Gainsboro Road: Lisa Ellis
Hampshire Road: Irene Scarano
Irvington Road: John Dolceamore
Kenwood Road: Nichole Shustack
Lombardy Road: Chandra Thorne
Garrett Road: Holton Falk
Hillcrest Road (Argyle to Fairfax): Ron Grace
Hillcrest Road (Fairfax to Lombardy): Kylie Hand

To reach your block captain, go to our website at www.drexelparkpa.com.

Community College info:

Projected number of students for the new center:
Opening For Spring Semester 2026: 800
Fall Semester 2026: 1,200-1,400
For more information:
<https://www.dccc.edu/about/locations/southeast-campus>

REMEMBER, no one
wants to clean up
after YOUR dog



FOR THOSE WHO HAVENT HEARD THE NEWS!

A book about Drexel Parks history will be available this October! When the centennial committee found the cost of self publishing to be cost prohibitive, they reached out to Arcadia Publishing who they are now working with to bring a book to publication for October 2025! WE STILL NEED YOUR DREXEL PARK PHOTOS FOR THIS BOOK! drexelpark100years@gmail.com

Reminder:

Drexel Park Homeowners Association is a Social organization!

Have ideas for an event?
Want to start a club?
Want to organize a volunteer group?
Contact us!

www.drexelparkpa.com

Having trouble with your neighbor?
Garbage didn't get picked up?
School Kids walking through your flowers?

Contact: Brian Andruszko- bandruszkocouncil@gmail.com
Mayor's request line- 610-734-7625
Non-Emergency Police Line- 610-734-7693
Township Events-
www.upperdarby.org/calendar
Waste Collection:
www.upperdarby.org/trash

THE SURVEY SAYS:

2024 was an exciting year for our neighborhood as we celebrated our centennial year in style. In an effort to continue to bring you community-minded, meaningful events and to continue to bring value to our friends and neighbors, please take a moment and complete this survey for us. We want to hear from you on how you feel about our events as well receive any new ideas about activities we might want to consider incorporating into the 2025 schedule. If you can complete your response promptly that would be appreciated so that we can take feedback into account for planning this year's events. Thank you in advance, this should only take you a few minutes to complete and your feedback is so important to us!



2024 RECAP

**LUNAR NEW
YEAR**



SIP AND LEARN



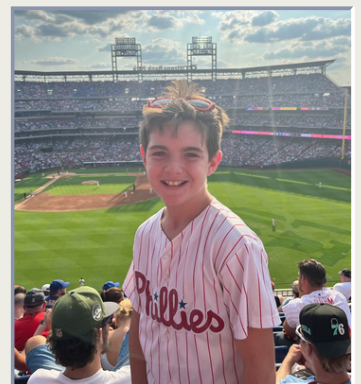
PLANT SWAP



EASTER EGG HUNT



PHILLIES GAME



ERA'S TOUR



GREAT GATSBY SOCIAL



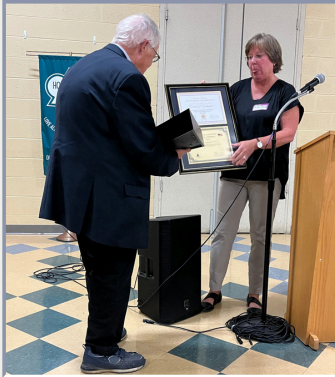
For more photos go to www.drexelparkpa.com

2024 RECAP

4TH OF JULY



ANNUAL MEETING



FALL FESTIVAL



SANTA VISIT



HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR



TREE LIGHTING



2025 Membership Campaign

We love meeting all of our neighbors whether at an organized event or on an impromptu stroll through Drexel Park. Your dues donation supports most of the events in the neighborhood and we hope you find value in our gatherings. Your financial gift allows us to continue with our community-building events and even add new events to our calendar.

Thank you for your support of DPHA 2025!

DREXEL PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION—2025 DUES

Please mail your check along with this form to:

P.O. Box 63, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Or

Pay via PayPal on our website: www.DrexelParkPa.com
(click “participate”)

please comment on PayPal with your name and address

Enclosed is my check for: (minimum \$35) payable to DPHA

_____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

_____ I am interested in volunteering to help with future
DPHA events.

Thank you to our wonderful neighbors who make Drexel
Park such a special place to call home!

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