

Phoenixville Candlelight Holiday Tour



Saturday, December 1, 2018 3:00-7:00 pm

*Our house had a heart, and a soul ... we were
in its confidence, and lived in its grace.*

Mark Twain

*If you are comfortable in your home, everyone else will be too.
That sense of authenticity is what gives a home its soul.*

Courtney Daniels Haden

All Proceeds Benefit
**Ann's Heart Code Blue Shelter
Firebird Theatre
Schuylkill River Heritage Center
The Phoenixville Area Senior Center**

Happy Holidays to Everyone from the Tour Committee!

2018 Candlelight Holiday Tour

*If you are interested in helping out with the tour,
call us at **610-933-9181**.*

The 2018 Phoenixville Candlelight Holiday Tour Committee wishes to thank the following individuals and businesses who have contributed so much to make this tour the success that it is. Without their help, this would not have been possible.

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Candlelight Holiday Tour

1. Grace Crossing Church and Annex
2. Peter Urscheler, 235 Bridge Street
3. 3 Mill Street
4. Artifaqt, 15 Main Street
5. 335 Church Street
6. Senior Center, 153 Church Street
7. 323 Gay Street
8. 319 Second Avenue
9. 302 Main Street
10. 328 Fourth Ave
11. 401 South Street

Anns Heart Code Blue will be open from 3-5 in order for visitors to come and see the progress there, below Sacred Heart Church across from the Senior Center in Phoenixville.

Note: All information regarding the properties, while deemed to be accurate, is not guaranteed. The Tour directors, homeowners, business proprietors or caretakers of any property on the tour are not liable for losses, damages or injuries to any tour participant, who upon accepting this brochure, agrees to this waiver.

Beneficiaries

ANN'S HEART & THE CODE BLUE OVERNIGHT EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER

The Code Blue Overnight Emergency Warming Center, located in the social hall below Sacred Heart Church across from the Senior Center in Phoenixville, provides a cold weather, overnight center for men, women and families. According to Chester County regulations, Code Blue is when temperatures dip to 35 degrees or below (considering wind chill factor). This is when the risk of hypothermia, frost bite, or other cold-related injuries could occur if outside for prolonged periods of time.

Ann's Heart believes that whether it is 35 or 38 degrees, it is too cold to sleep outside at night during the winter months. This is why the Code Blue Overnight Emergency Warming Center is open from mid-November to mid-April (depending on the weather for any given year) from 8PM to 8AM, seven days a week, with one paid staff member and up to two volunteers per shift each night. However, during a severe weather event the center may remain open throughout the day to ensure that guests have a safe and warm place to shelter from the storm. The center can accommodate up to 16 guests each night and all guests are welcome as long as they agree to act in a manner that allows us to fulfill our mission of providing a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Learn more. Get involved.
www.AnnsHeart.org/CodeBlue

FIREBIRD THEATRE

Firebird Theatre is a local non-profit 501(c)3 community theatre for children, celebrating our eighth anniversary in Phoenixville. We are dedicated to young performers, beginning in kindergarten through their college years. Founded in 2010, our organization's mission is to provide a low-cost, high quality opportunity for children, teens and young adults to participate in theatre arts and to foster a love for the arts in the local community.

Firebird Theatre is a place for kids and teens who love performing to feel like part of a family. We strive to include every performer who wants to be a part of the show. We offer full and partial scholarships for families who are experiencing financial hardship. No child or teen has ever been turned away from a camp or show cast because of their inability to pay. Your generous purchase of a House Tour ticket helps us keep that promise every year!

Throughout the year, Firebird Theatre offers a wide variety of theatre arts programming, which culminates in our summer main stage, full length Broadway musical, complete with a live orchestra. We also provide a series of KIDS and Junior musical theater workshop camps in which our staff will teach elementary and teen casts all aspects of theatre and culminate in a Broadway Junior or KIDS performance. During the school year, Firebird offers a Saturday morning theater workshop series, weekday Acting classes and our Annual Holiday show.

Our highly popular Summer Internship Program provides high school and college students studying the arts, education and business with real-life experience by becoming a part of the production team, working under the supervision of theatre professionals and community leaders.

Our goal is to engage, enrich and equip our youth with all of the skills necessary for staging a theatrical performance: acting, singing, dancing, stage management, building sets, making props and costumes, running

Firebird Theatre cont'd

lighting and sound equipment, advertising and promotions, team building and community outreach.

Thanks to an ongoing partnership with the Phoenixville Area School District, Methacton School District and The Association for the Colonial Theatre, our children have been able to perform many classics for our community, including: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Addams Family, Annie, Hello Dolly, Lion King, Guys and Dolls, Mulan, Hairspray, Mary Poppins, Shrek the Musical, The Wizard of Oz, Bye-Bye, Birdie, It's A Wonderful Life, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, 101 Dalmatians, A Christmas Carol, The Importance of Being Earnest, Elf the Musical, Peter Pan, Winnie the Pooh, Magic Treehouse Pirates Past Noon, Alice in Wonderland, Seussical, Sleeping Beauty, Jungle Book, The Music Man, Xanadu, Curtains and Singin' in the Rain.

Community theatre is a great venue to learn how to stand up in front of a group, make eye contact and speak out! Theatre offers many intangible benefits: it teaches self-confidence, public speaking, the value of commitment and dedication, and the opportunity to practice working in groups. In today's world, where our youth are growing more and more accustomed to communicating by cell phone, Facebook, Twitter and texting, it is essential that they master face-to-face communications and public speaking. Today's community minded youths are tomorrow's leaders. Please visit our website at www.firebirdtheatre.net for more information.essential that they master face-to-face communications and public speaking. Today's community minded youths are tomorrow's leaders. Please visit our website at www.firebirdtheatre.net for more information.

SCHUYLKILL RIVER HERITAGE CENTER

The Phoenix Iron Company Foundry, built in 1882, is home to the Schuylkill River Heritage Center. The Schuylkill River Heritage Center is an historic gateway to northern Chester County that provides information about places of interest to visit throughout the county. It also highlights the Schuylkill River's resources from Pottsville to Philadelphia.

Historic artifacts and large murals showcase the industrial legacy of the Schuylkill River and the former Phoenix Iron and Steel Company. Constantly running videos give visitors a comprehensive overview of the region's resources and its history.



The Sounds of the Holiday Season



are provided by:

Nadine Hoepfl

Nadine Hoepfl has studied violin under Mr. DePaul of the Pittsburgh Symphony & Mrs. Dietric of the Carnegie Civic Orchestra. In her youth her grandfather, the Very Reverend John Zitinsky also inspired her through the purchase of a 100 year old violin from Germany which her mother also used. Under the encouragement of her father she learned skilled bowing and positional phrasing techniques with her gift of precise pitch. Under the direction of Thomas Snyder and Joseph Lewis her singing & violin coaching has inspired her to bring praise & celebration of music to St. John's Church and the rebuilding of the Phoenixville Community!

Paul Wentworth

Guitarist and singer/songwriter is well known throughout our area. He has given concerts at the Phoenixville Library on a regular basis, as well as entertaining with his Paul Wentworth Band at the Firebird Festival and National Night Out. We are delighted to have him entertain you this year at the Senior Center.

PHOENIXVILLE SENIOR CENTER

The Phoenixville Area Senior Center was founded in 1978. The First Presbyterian Church on Main Street rented space to the senior center for its program for 10 years. There it offered a daily luncheon and a few programs for adults over the age of 60. Space was limited and as membership grew, it became necessary to search for a larger facility.

In May of 1986 an opportunity arose to purchase and renovate the Sacred Heart Social Center, a historic building ideal for a senior center. The building was conveniently located near the downtown business district and nearby residential area. Major renovations were needed both to the outside and the inside of the building. After the first phase of the renovations was completed, community volunteers helped to move the center from the First Presbyterian Church to our new building on Church Street. An Open House was held on October 30, 1988, to celebrate the opening of the new center and to allow everyone in the community to visit.

With the new facility, the center was able to increase its programming for seniors. Today, the center welcomes a culturally diverse group of people who spend time at the center involved in a variety of activities. The center now offers exercise classes, art classes, computer classes, a Tech support group, and Wii bowling. Our trip program is very popular for those who like to travel. Breakfast is offered three days a week and lunch is available five days a week. Seniors also enjoy a variety of social events and celebrations

The Phoenixville Area Senior Center continues its tradition to serve, support and enhance the lives of all senior citizens, by providing programs and activities designed to promote active, independent, healthy lifestyles.



1

GraceCrossing Church and Parsonage 248 Church Street

This congregation has a rich heritage of ministry in Phoenixville for more than 185 years. A small group of Phoenixville Baptists organized the church in 1830, 19 years before the Borough of Phoenixville was organized. The current structure was built in 1910 of Pennsylvania marble in English Gothic design. The construction cost was \$3500. Focal points of the sanctuary are the beautiful stained glass windows. Several windows are inscribed with the names of the church forefathers. In 2011 the congregation changed its name from “The Baptist Church of Phoenixville” to “GraceCrossing Community Church.”

GraceCrossing Parsonage

The GraceCrossing Annex and horse sheds (no longer on the property) were built in 1875. Several pastors' families lived in the parsonage until the 1960's. At that time the first floor became the church office and pastor's office. Over the years the second floor has been used for several purposes, including the Phoenixville Area Community Services office, youth pastor's office, small group meeting rooms, food pantry, and church staff housing. Today, this impressive Victorian continues to be used for the church office and pastor's office. In addition, our current pastor and his wife use the kitchen, dining room, and second floor as their home. The McDowalls invite you to see their home here as they serve their congregation and Phoenixville. Please follow the luminaria and enter from the front door to view the original wood staircase in the hallway.



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



2

Peter Urscheler 235 Bridge St

Back by popular demand, this magnificent example of in-town living is the home of Phoenixville's beloved Mayor Peter Urscheler. Among his many talents, Peter currently hosts a television show on Voxipop titled "The Mayor's Kitchen". Be sure to go to the outdoor patio (elevator is available to the upper level) to enjoy the unparalleled 360 degree view of Downtown Phoenixville.



3

3 Mill Street

Originally known as “Nailers Row”, homes on Mill Street were built in 1847. Built by Phoenix Iron works to house their employees, the architectural style can best be described as Pre-Victorian, Pennsylvania Vernacular. The interior of this charming row home is typical of the period: pie-winder stairs, flared and rounded window surrounds to admit maximum daylight, and exterior walls made of local field stone clad in stucco. All three floors will be open to visitors. Visitors will need to enter via Taylor Alley at the rear of the property and come through the garden gate into the kitchen door. Now that Phoenixville has become a destination, this house is available for rent through AirBnB.com. Most of the paintings in the house were done by the owner, Peter Segal, who has also painted the Dancers mural on the back of the Colonial Theatre, visible from the garden, the Kite Mural on the side of the Iron Hill building, and the Phoenix mural on the side of the Phoenix Village Apartments. Mill Street is to Phoenixville what Elfreth’s Alley is to Philadelphia.



4

Artifaqt 15 Main Street

Built in 1930, this cornerstone structure once served as Phoenixville's original post office, a cigar shoppe, and yes, a speakeasy! Furnishings for Disney have been made here for several years. Now also the home of Artifaqt Market, the new market features unique, hand made serving and cooking pieces. Tapas tastings occur here frequently.



5

335 Church Street

Originally constructed in 1890, this home is now an artist's haven with the studio on the third floor. Fully restored inside with original brick walls, the property has a splendid view of downtown from the rear. The ideal close-to-downtown lifestyle combining the old with the new.



6

Senior Center 153 Church Street

Dating back to 1875 this historic treasure was once the social hall of Sacred Heart Church. Full details can be found in the Senior Center Beneficiary description.

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7

323 Gay Street

Patrons on last year's tour will remember the home on High Street that was open for viewing. It was the home of the current residents of this handsome Victorian built in 1880 as they were selling their smaller home on Phoenixville's North side in order to purchase this one! They are anxious to show you the impressive original woodwork, tile work, built-ins and share their plans with you as they begin renovations. The hope is that you will be inspired to do the same one day.



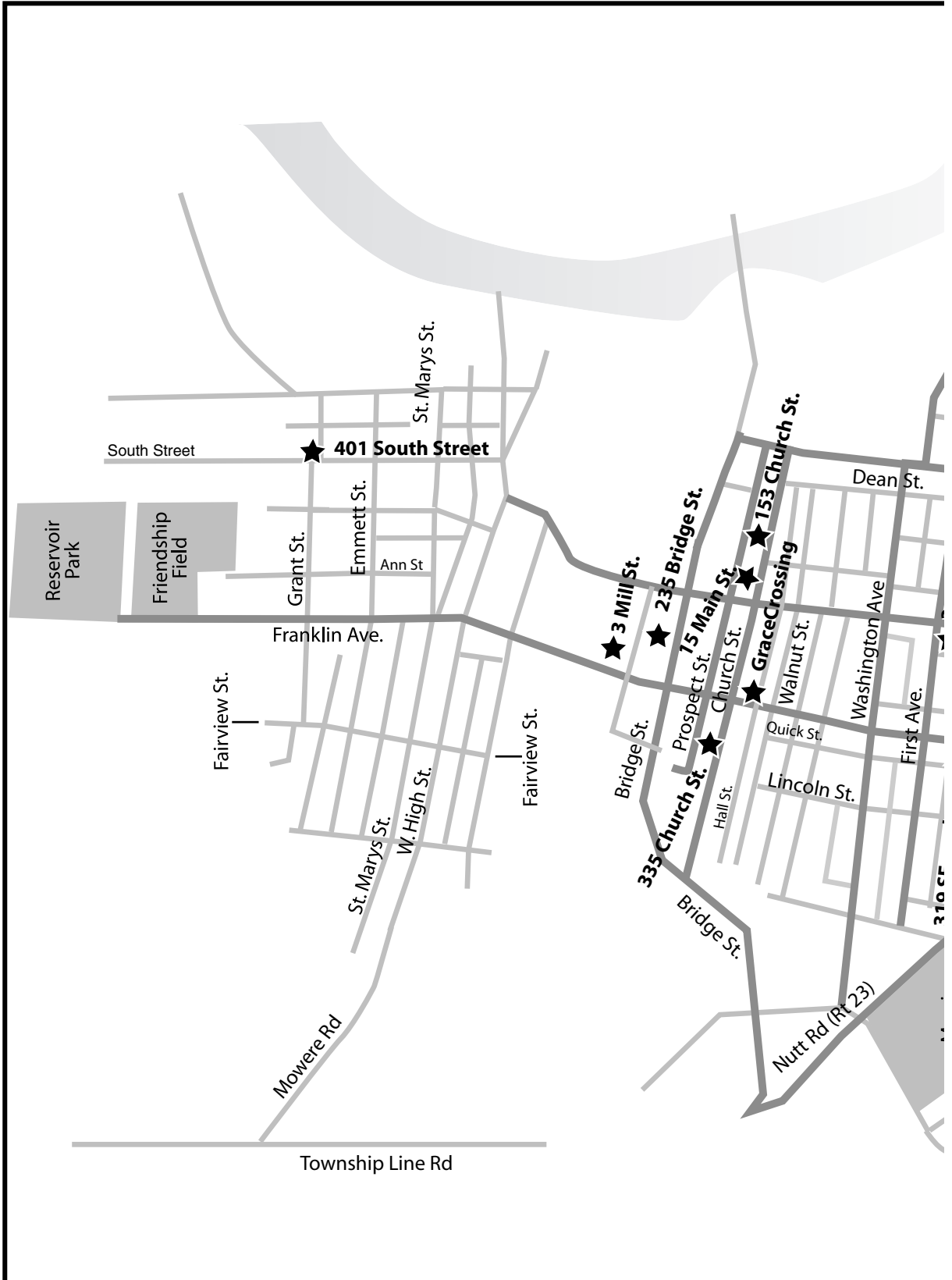
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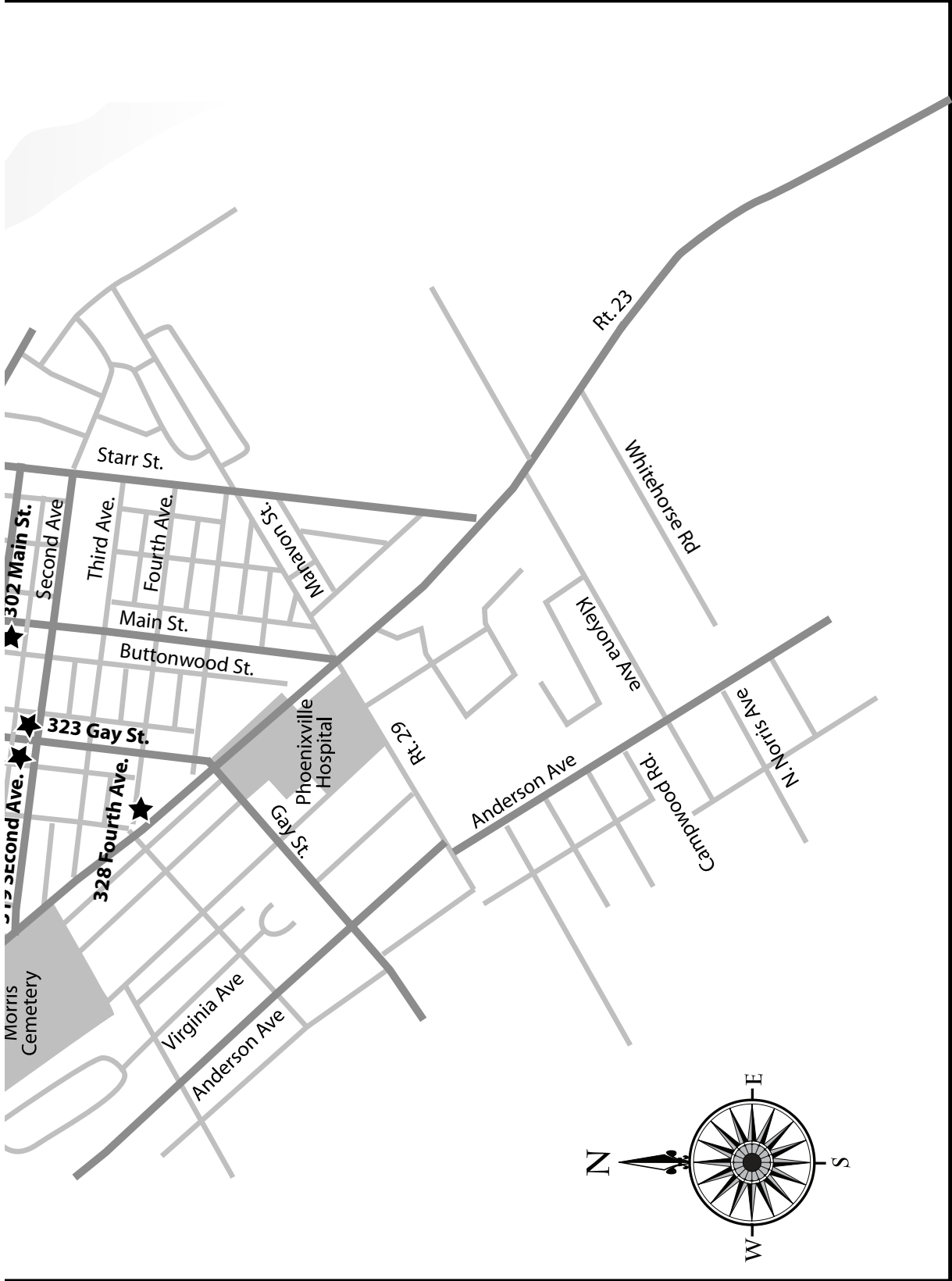
Built circa 1900, when local area stone was in abundance, this Victorian twin and its counterparts were dominant structures in early Phoenixville. Ironically, this is the original home of Dan Phillips, Tour Co-Chair, where he grew up!



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302 Main Street

Dating back to 1855, this Victorian Gothic is being lovingly restored one room at a time and the owners invite you to not only see their work to date, but hear their future plans. There are exposed original brick walls in two of the rooms. Both the first and second floors will be on display. Visitors may also access the back yard if they would like. The original builder and first owner built many of the other homes in Phoenixville.



10

328 Fourth Avenue

This large, inviting home built in 1906 provides room for a growing family. Enjoy seeing original woodwork throughout, tin ceilings, crystal chandeliers (two of which are original) a Butler's pantry, stained glass, and even a door tram bearing the inscription "Patented 1890"). An added attraction is the large enclosed front porch reminiscent of a bygone era.



11

401 South Street

You have always told us that the blank canvas of a home recently renovated is a tour favorite, and this one is sure to please. Let your imagination flourish as you envision your own touch here.

A Message from Jan and Dan



There is a quote on the wall at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center that as far as I am concerned says is all: “At Phoenix it’s the people who make the difference”. How very true. How true of Phoenixville itself. What a tribute to our rich cultural heritage and diversity. One day a few years ago Lauren Carnevale and I were chatting, as friends and neighbors do, saying “Why do we get on a plane and go anywhere any more when all we’ve ever wanted is right here at home?!” I know this is true for me. It is hugely gratifying to see that now Phoenixville and our surrounding area HAS become a destination. Yes, there is something special about this place and the people who live, work and play here.

When I was thinking of a theme for this year’s tour not only did I pick out the quote on the Heritage Center wall, but also thought of titling this tour “You Can Do This!” You see, this year’s tour has a large number of homes that have been intentionally purchased by young, growing families with the purpose of honoring our in-town heritage architecturally and culturally as well as future renovation and growth. The cool part this year will be their willingness to share the “before and after” and their plans for the future so you will be inspired to do the same.

No matter what plans we make year after year, it is our Higher Power who ultimately directs this event. This year it morphed into a walking tour and there’s more parking. Not to be punny, we’re going to “run with it”! We know how much all of you love strolling from house to house savoring the experience along the way.

In short, this year is no different ... it has worked out beyond our wildest dreams. Danny, thank you for being the yang to my yin and Jackie, for your incredible cool under pressure ... you both are awesome inside and out in everything you do. One of the big reasons I look forward to this each year is our time together, even though it’s always crunch time.

And again, while we are in the midst of this tour we want you to know we already have six commitments for next year. The beat definitely does go on

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Thank you, beloved beneficiaries. We do it all for you and it simply doesn’t get any better than this!



Love,
Jan and Dan



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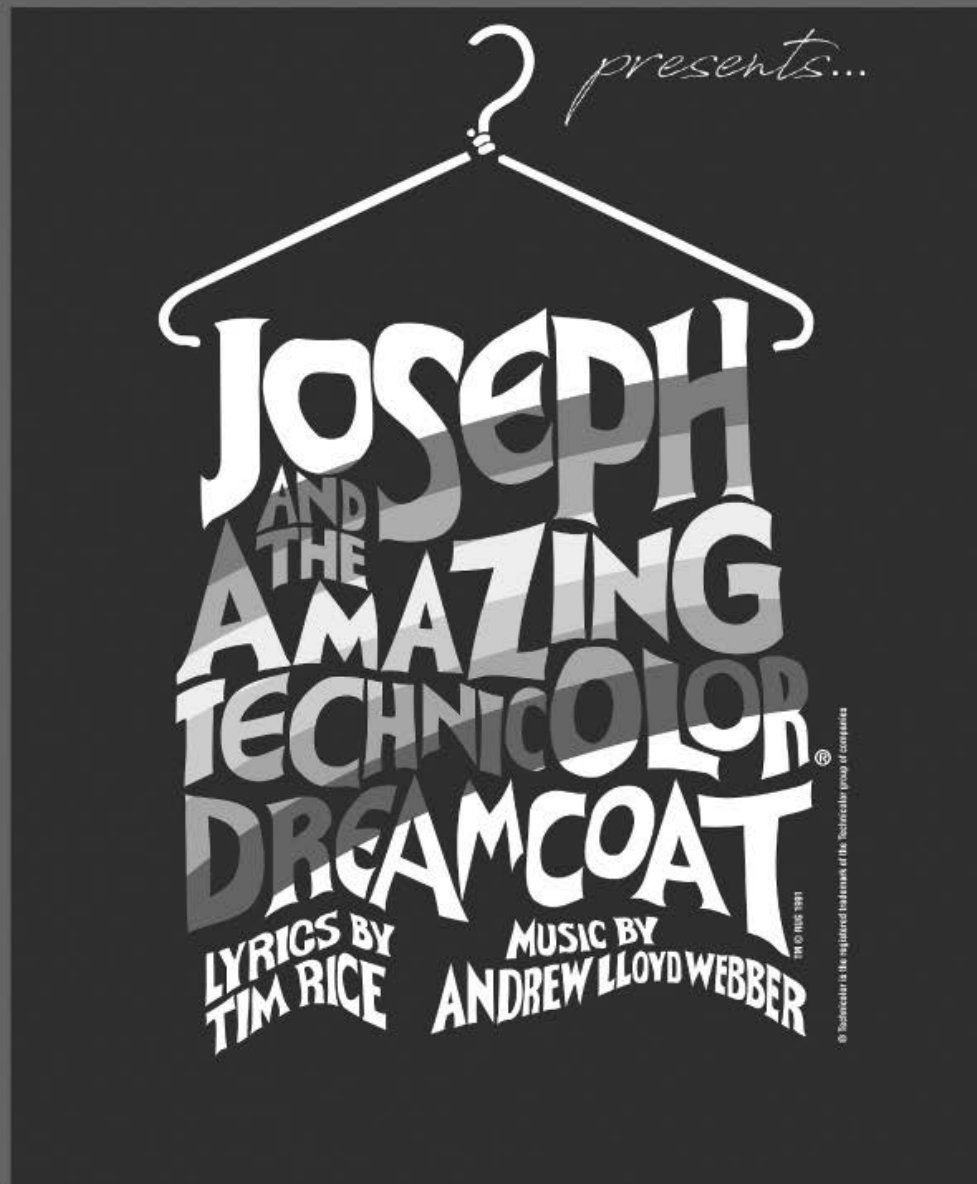
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The Hound of the Baskervilles (1939) | Jan 6 @ 1:30

Barry Lyndon | Jan 13 @ 1:30

Orlando | Jan 20 @ 1:30

Some Like It Hot | Jan 27 @ 1:30

CONCERTS & SPECIAL EVENTS



Point Entertainment Presents

Ronnie Spector & The Ronettes | Dec 13 @ 8:00

Loudon Wainwright III & Susan Werner | Feb 2 @ 8:00

Delbert McClinton | Mar 22 @ 8:00

Two Funny Philly Guys | Mar 23 @ 8:00

Roger McGuinn | Apr 25 @ 8:00

YOUNG AUDIENCES



Home Alone | Dec 8 @ 1:30

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A Christmas Story | Dec 22 @ 1:30

Young Sherlock Holmes | Jan 5 @ 1:30

Wonder | Jan 12 @ 11:00* & 1:30

*Sensory Friendly Screening Organized by Phoenixville Jaycees & Phoenixville Kiwanis to benefit the All-Abilities Playground project.

FRIGHT NIGHT & CULT CINEMA



The Changeling (1980) | Dec 7 @ 9:45

Shogun Assassin | Dec 21 @ 9:45

Mandy | Jan 4 @ 9:45

Hot Fuzz | Jan 18 @ 9:45

A Nightmare on Elm Street 3 | Feb 1 @ 9:45

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- Showcase our historic structures, including homes, houses of worship, adaptive reuse and businesses
- Raise funds to donate to local designated organizations
- Encourage purchase and renovation of homes here in the Borough
- Unite the business and the homeowner community, promoting local businesses, especially downtown
- Enhance Phoenixville's image as a wonderful place to live, work and play

The tour committee, on an annual basis, considers community organizations that help improve the quality of life in Phoenixville. Applications are accepted from April to June. If you would like your organization / cause to be considered, kindly contact us at: phxcandletour@gmail.com. All decisions are made by the committee.

Thank You for Participating



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