



November 2015
Three Historic Events



Fall Festival: Craft Fair and the Unveiling of the *Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad* Installation and a new Public Art Installation

Sunday, November 15, 2015
@ 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Cynwyd Station Park

We have a lot to celebrate: this year we got electricity in the park, got a park sign (yes, Cynwyd Station Park was the only park in the Township park system that didn't even have a sign), and this day, we will be celebrating and

unveiling a second public art installation (which is a surprise!!)

Also, we will be the unveiling our *Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad* historic interpretive installation. Stop by to see this and be sure to speak with John Hepp and Leon Levine, our railroad experts, who will answer any question that you might have about this ancient railroad (1835-1857). This was a volunteer project with support from the local community. Here are the folks to thank for their contribution to the project.

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Julie & John Hepp IV
Sybil & Leon Levine
Dorothy & James Oswald
Gregory Prichard
The Vass Family, in Memory of Keith Vass
Frank Weer
West Laurel Hill Cemetery



We will have a craft fair, Jasafar Blues Band providing us with live tunes, and JPM Catering cooking us up some fresh local savory treats. Great chance to get some early holiday shopping done!

Bala Cynwyd in 1915: A Visual History Tour

Monday, November 23, 2015
@ 7:30pm
Bala Cynwyd Library
131 Old Lancaster Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA

While much has changed since 1915, here is one place that has changed a lot. What was this glorious mansion? What took its place?



In recognition of the library's centennial, Gerald Francis and Leon Levine will present, a virtual history tour of our Bala Cynwyd in 1915. The community developed around the transportation hubs of the Bala Train Station and the Cynwyd Train Station. The inter-active lecture will show more than 70 images, revealing what this community looked like at this time in its development. Some of the landscape has changed, but some areas have remained the same. Take a tour back in time.



Railroads Come to Lower Merion

Monday, November 30, 2015
@ 7:30pm
Bala Cynwyd Library
131 Old Lancaster Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA

This picture (circa 1950) displays a major junction of the Reading and Pennsylvania Railroads. Much has changed since then. Can you guess where the passenger special was going? What happened in October 2015 on the bridge, which is close to 100 years old.

This picture (circa 1950) displays a major junction of the Reading and Pennsylvania

Leon Levine, an environmental planner and geographer, will present an overview of how railroads have shaped the environment of Lower Merion Township, with plenty of pictures and maps. Hear about how the rails became streets and trails; the real meaning of 'Main Line'; how we got all those Welsh station names; and whether there was a "right" side of the tracks.

We Greatly Accept Donations

Our library holdings continue to grow thanks to the generosity of the community. The following individuals have recently made a donation to the Society to help enlarge our Special Library Collection of books, manuscripts, photographs and maps. Donating your historic materials will help ensure its preservation for the next generation:

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