



# Young Involved Philadelphia

## April Newsletter

### CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

#### Urban Design Forum

##### *What's next for our skyline?*

With a host of major development projects in the works -- including new condos, hotels, and one of the world's largest towers -- planning, development, zoning, and civic design have been hot issues in Philadelphia news. However, there has been much debate over how to improve the quality of the city's planning, development and design. What are the issues facing our neighborhoods and the city, at-large? How do we compare to other major U.S. cities? How can we put Philadelphia on the right track to become a growing, competitive metropolis that values planning, design, and the quality of our built environment?

Confirmed speakers for the evening's forum are:

- Judy Applebaum, President - Washington Square West Civic Association
- Bart Blatstein, President - Tower Investments, Inc.
- Alan Greenberger, AIA, Principal - MGA PARTNERS, Vice Chair of the City Planning Commission, and outgoing Chairman of Design Advocacy Group
- Farah Jimenez, Executive Director - Mt. Airy USA
- Harris Steinberg, AIA - President of Penn Praxis
- Moderated by Gregory Heller, Planning & Design Analyst with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and long-time Young Involved Philadelphian

WHEN: Wednesday April 30th 6:30pm

WHERE: Conference Room of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission,  
190 N. Independence Mall West - southwest corner of 6th and Race streets

WHO: Free and open to the public, [YIPCivicEd@gmail.com](mailto:YIPCivicEd@gmail.com) to learn more

#### 5-Year Plan Priorities Survey

##### *Nutter's Priorities and You--The Results Are In!*

Of Nutter's top six priorities in his Five-Year Plan, Young Involved Philadelphians said that their three priorities are:

- 1) Jobs and Economic Development - 64.9%
- 2) Healthy and Sustainable Communities - 56.8%

- 3) Education - 54.1%
- 4) Public Safety - 43.2%
- 5) Customer Service and High Performing Government - 37.8%
- 6) Ethics - 8.1% (Hmm)

The Civic Education Committee is planning its spring and summer forum series based on these results. Join them tonight to bring your expertise to the table.

#### **Next Civic Education Committee Meeting**

WHEN: Wednesday April 16th 6:00PM

WHERE: Barrister's, 1823 Sansom Street

WHAT: Plan the first forum on the 5-Year Plan and watch the debate afterwards

RSVP: YIPCivicEd@gmail.com

### **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

#### **Sustainable Transportation Fair and Forum**

*The next Urban Sustainability Forum is right up our alley.*

FAIR: Thursday April 17th, 10:00AM to 4:00PM at [30th Street Station's](#) west-end canopy (outside on the 30th Street side)

- Check out SEPTA's bus of the future
- Imagine yourself owning one of the new generation of hybrid cars
- Finally learn how to put your bike on a bus rack
- Meet PhillyCarShare's Green Men
- Signup for this year's Bike Freedom Valley

FORUM: Thursday April 17th, 6:00PM to 8:30PM at [The Academy of Natural Sciences](#)

RSVP to [rwall@ansp.org](mailto:rwall@ansp.org)

- Sam Schwartz - Transportation Consultant, former NYC Transportation Commissioner, media personality ("Gridlock Sam")
- Steve Weber - Assistant Commissioner, NYC Dept of Transportation
- Walter Hook - Executive Director, ITDP - global transportation expert

Visit [www.sustainablephiladelphia.org](http://www.sustainablephiladelphia.org) to learn more.

#### **[Young] Leadership Philadelphia**

*Round 2: Leadership Philadelphia seeks young leaders for Connectors Project*

"We are doing research to identify trusted young leaders in the city (those between their early 20's and early 40's in age). The leaders we identify will come from different sectors and different parts of the region, but they will share a commitment to the common good, the ability to get things done, and the respect and trust of their friends and colleagues."

Civic associations, "young friends" groups, nonprofits, political campaigns, schools-- everywhere you look, this city is brimming with young people pushing their cause and improving life in Philadelphia. Don't let that young leader you respect be missed. [Click here](#) to participate in the survey.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### **MEMBERSHIP PARTY**

*Pay your dues and get your fun on.*

WHEN: Wednesday May 7th 5:30PM to 8:00PM

WHERE: LOIE, 128 S. 19th St

WHY: \$20.00 supports YIP programs

Stay tuned for more details.

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