



Young Involved Philadelphia

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-SOCIAL-

We're Fresh and Local

What: Buy Fresh Buy Local Kick-Off

When: This Sunday, July 15th from 2:00pm - 6:30pm

Location: Yards Brewing Company

[Click here](#) for directions. Enter through courtyard on Martha Street.

Come join YIP members and other "fresh and local" Philadelphians at Yards Brewery this Sunday, where the 5th Annual Buy Fresh Buy Local Kick Off will lead a week of celebration for locally-grown food available in Philadelphia.

YIP has arranged a DISCOUNT ticket price of \$15/person, but hurry-- the event is close to selling out! E-mail your name to kcroner@gmail.com by 12:00pm on Friday, July 13th. Payment at Yards on Sunday can be made by cash or check (make checks out to "White Dog Community Enterprises). Be sure to bring some extra dough to take advantage of some of the local goods for sale!

For four hours on a summer Sunday afternoon, you'll enjoy all the local foods you can eat, including pastured organic beef Philly cheese steaks with local onions, peppers, mushrooms and the finest local cheese (sorry, no whiz). There will also be a seitan "steak" and all-veggie option for herbivores. Your ticket also includes all of the Yards Ale you care to imbibe and live, local bluegrass music!

Social Committee Meeting

Want to learn more about your city and have some fun while you're at it?
Help plan our next Social Event!

When: Monday, July 16, 7:00PM

Where: Brew Ha Ha, 12th Street between Locust & Walnut

-ADVOCACY-

Surprises in Harrisburg

TRANSIT: Looks like SEPTA has not only scraped by again, but the Governor has found a longer term solution to the agency's annual budget woes. The fare increases on July 9th and the elimination of transfers will not be revoked, but the fall rate hikes and service cuts have most likely been averted *and* \$150 million is headed our way.

Could this be a new day for SEPTA? YIP is anxious to see what steps the agency will

take to expand and modernize the system. Our friends at Pennsylvania Transit Coalition remind us that SEPTA's 15-seat board still does not represent its ridership and that the new fare structure, especially the elimination of transfers, will be hard on thousands of riders.

Contact YIPAdvocacy@gmail.com if you'd like to meet with transit advocates to discuss the future of our transit system.

SMOKING BAN: In the past two weeks Philadelphia's workplace smoking ban had a close call in Harrisburg. This week, other Pennsylvania counties are still facing a state-wide ban that would preempt more protective local smoke-free ordinances. [Click here](#) to learn more.

-CIVIC EDUCATION-

Show Us How It's Done

Civic Education Committee Meeting

When: Thursday July 19th 6:30pm

Where: TBar, corner of 12th & Sansom Streets

RSVP to YIPCivicEd@gmail.com

What do you love about Philadelphia? Or hate about Philly, but love about another city? Join us for the next Civic Education Committee meeting to discuss potential civic education forum topics for July and August. Educate fellow young Philadelphians about what makes Philly great or what Philly could do so much better.

Public Transit

Have SEPTA's funding woes finally found a permanent resolution? Now what?

Marketing Philadelphia

Is there an aspect of Philadelphia we could better market to tourists?

Young People

What steps have Philadelphia and other cities taken to attract young residents?

Recycling

Expanding recycling is a no-brainer, so what do we do to make it happen?

Bicycle Cities

What are our neighbors doing to make their cities bicycle-friendly?

Pete Dexter's Paper Trails

Reading Group Book by Pete Dexter

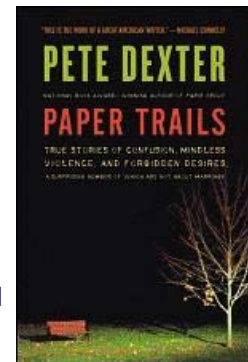
Monday, July 30th, 6:15-8:00PM

Brew HaHa! 212 S. 12th Street

(Between Walnut and Locust)

RSVP to YIPReading@gmail.com

Pete Dexter is a legend among Philadelphia journalists; not only for his Daily News column, but also for the stories that were told about him. This is the man who is reported to have gotten into a bar fight with gang members, nailed his doors shut during a house party so that the fun would last forever, and (tragically) has been severely beaten by readers angered by a column.



Join us to discuss Pete Dexter's Paper Trails: True Stories of Confusion, Mindless Violence, and Forbidden Desires, a Surprising Number of Which Are Not About Marriage, a collection of beautiful, haunting newspaper stories from the 1970s and 1980s about the darker and weirder sides of city life. Publishers Weekly says, "With authority and a strange grace, Dexter has crafted a powerful portrait of the underbelly of the American Dream."

Curl up on the couch with an iced latte and discuss this page-turner with us at an open, airy independent coffee shop in Center City. Joseph Fox Booksellers, 1724 Sansom Street, will be offering a 10% discount to YIP members on Paper Trails. Discussion will focus on articles that were published in Philadelphia newspapers.

-YIP RECOMMENDS-

Aaron Couch

Check out YIP Boardmember, Aaron Couch, in [this edition](#) of "Voices of Philadelphians" where he discusses Next Great City and how it helps fulfill William Penn's vision for a "greene country towne."

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