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## Wine & Cheese Party



What a great turnout at the 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Party on October 3rd! The party was held in the Reef community room and provided a chance for homeowners to mingle and to meet representatives from all the Boards and Committees here at Waterfront Square. A big thank you to Stephanie Gross and the Communication Committee for putting together such a successful event!



## News from the Grounds Committee

Have you missed the chance to enjoy some home grilling? Burgers, chicken, veggies? Well, dust off your grill accessories and aprons! We're happy to announce that there will be a grill available for community use for the last three weekends of October. The grill will be on the grass in front of the Lighthouse from 11:00 am until 9:30 pm. A sign up sheet and instructions/clean-up rules can be found in the Lighthouse lobby.



In other news, after interviewing three highly recommended landscape architecture firms, the Grounds Committee recommended Roof Meadow to the Master Board to develop a concept plan for the green roof. They are local and have extensive experience specializing in green roof design and engineering. The Master Board approved the committee's recommendation and the contract has been signed.

Take a look at their website ([www.roofmeadow.com](http://www.roofmeadow.com)) for a sample of their many projects and design concepts that can help us achieve our goals. We are excited to be working with them!

## Book Club

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict will be the book discussed by the WFS Book Club on **October 22** at 7 PM in the Peninsula Community Room. Membership is open to all residents of the three buildings. All meeting dates and book titles are posted in building elevators and lobbies.



## From the Source: Stories of the Delaware River

“Flowing for 330 miles from the Catskills to Cape May, and right past our homes, the Delaware is a founding river, the reason why Philadelphia exists. Its watershed is vast, 13,539 square miles of smaller rivers and tributaries, some long paved over. It is a source of income, drinking water, and recreation for tens of millions of people – but hasn't always been a source of pride.”

Starting last July, Inquirer journalists launched a year long series that reports on the river and watershed, the challenges it faces, and how it defines our history and the way we live today. Follow along at this link: <https://www.inquirer.com/science/inq/delaware-river-watershed-pennsylvania-new-jersey-20190710.html>

*Excerpt from Philadelphia Inquirer*

## A Banner Year for Flora and Fauna!

Amazing actually! Wildlife and wildflowers at WFS have been abundant this spring and summer. Although there is major construction nearby, the land in and around our condos has been settled for twelve years, enough time for the flora and fauna to reestablish itself on the edges of the property.

The most important sighting was an eagle circling the river near the deck. He was out there fishing several days in mid-August.

In the spring there were warblers on the south side of the property and nesting in the tall grasses on the spit of land next to us. Cormorants, ducks, a green heron, Canadian geese, gulls, and one odd looking white goose with a tuft on his head hang around Sugar House and our river edge. No one is able to identify the short-necked, white goose - maybe



*Cormorant*

because he is such a fast swimmer. Swallows, our

highly efficient insect control team, are skimming the river at dusk every evening. On a sad note, two beautiful flickers hit the swimming pool glass on their way further north in May.

Most of us are acquainted with the industrious and efficient resident beavers, who are always in search of a tree to update their den.

Lately, they have been fraternizing with the Canadian geese next to the waters edge.

On to everyone's favorite....the reptiles. In early August a painted turtle was found on the south side of the Reef digging a hole in the grass. This was a female preparing to deposit her eggs. Worried a dog might hassle her, she was moved to the shore near the storm sewer outlet. Many painted turtles sit on the logs in the storm sewer outlets when it is sunny. You may want to join a watchful group that gathers on the sidewalk in late afternoon.

A five foot black snake was spotted on the drive one morning this summer. Although non-poisonous, they are great at rodent control. Pretty shy, they will retreat when approached. Cold-blooded, they, like the turtles, hibernate in the winter.



*Yellow Flag Iris*

Lastly, many of you saw the beautiful yellow irises on the rocks near The Peninsula this spring. Gardeners would say, “they have found a very happy home because they proliferate each spring.” These along with the abundance of Queen Anne's Lace, Mullein, and Loosestrife, which is currently flowering, along with the birds, reptiles, and small mammals made for a rich eco-system across our beautiful vistas. Enjoy our growing and diverse population.

*Article Contributed by Joan Becker*

## Annual Winter Holiday Party for the Waterfront Square Community

The Social Committee is pleased to invite you to our Winter Holiday Party on

**Friday,  
December 6**  
from 6-9 PM



in the Reef lobby. There will be food, drinks, music, and fun! Catering is by Campo's Deli. Whoever wishes to donate can bring an unwrapped toy for the Northern Liberties Operation Santa Mission and the Toys for Tots Foundation.

### Pie Sale



Buy MANNA'S delicious pies for delivery at Waterfront Square! Place your orders by

**November 16.** To purchase one of their delicious pies, please go to [mannapies.org](http://mannapies.org) and make your selections. In the "Pie Seller Area," scroll down and type in "Waterfront Square Team". Click continue, then enter your contact and payment information. Your pie will be delivered frozen the **Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day** to the Peninsula front desk concierge. Pie sales raise funds for MANNA's nutrition programs.

***This is the eleventh year that WFS residents have supported this very worthy campaign! Thank you from your Waterfront Square Team!***

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## It's Time to Say Goodbye to the Summer



There's beauty to be found in every season, but the summer is our most active time here at Waterfront Square. Sun bathing and yoga on the pool deck, the splashing of our entryway water features, a walk to admire the flowers, the sight and sound of numerous firework displays.....we're looking forward to doing it all against next year!

## Energy Star Certified, Again

Did you know that Waterfront Square is rated among the most energy efficient high-rise buildings in Philadelphia? In 2018 WFS achieved its highest Energy Star score in four years of reporting – 91.

This great accomplishment is due to our commitment to being efficient consumers of water, electric, and gas. In recent years, the Associations have replaced the majority of light bulbs with LED's. High efficiency condensing boilers were installed at the Reef. Variable frequency drives (VFD's) were installed on the water pumps at Regatta and Peninsula. VFD's operate the water pumps at a fraction of the speed when demand is low, such as overnight.

What does it mean for a building to be Energy Star certified? A software package known as Portfolio Manager scores a property on its energy consumption in relation to occupancy. The minimum qualifying score for certification is 75 and the maximum score is 100. To certify a property with a qualifying score, an engineer must complete a site inspection and review the data.

Why does WFS participate in this program? Per city ordinance, buildings over 50,000 square feet are required to calculate and report their score to the city each year. Energy Star data is publicly accessible as a way of holding owners and managers of real estate accountable. Let's keep the positive trend going!

*Article Contributed by Ryan Zeichner*

## There's an App for That!



Staying fit may be hard work, but staying on top of the fitness schedule at the Lighthouse doesn't have to be! Download the TF Living app and register for group classes, personal training, even a massage. And remember, as a resident your first personal training session is free!

## Renovations at the Reef

We are pleased to announce the near completion of the lobby makeover and community room renovation at the Reef. The Reef lobby was originally designed to help sell the 179 units in the Reef and was in desperate need of a redo. Now that the Reef has been sold out for years, it was time to make it our own. Gone is the large diorama that featured a fully built out Waterfront Square, including marina, and the staging furniture that was not built for commercial use. We designed the lobby to have furniture that can stand up to commercial traffic without making it sterile - after all it is our home!



We wanted to tackle the community room at the same time.

We wanted a light, bright, and airy space that was also multi-functional. The community room is used for everything from meetings, to additional office space, to hosting Super Bowl parties. With that in mind, we again chose furniture that is of commercial grade. The wall paper below the chair rail was specifically chosen to stand up to scuffs, scrapes, and the inevitable wear and tear when so many people use one space. Furthermore, instead of one large conference table, we opted for two tables that can be put together or spaced apart when multiple people want to use the space. Lastly, we installed additional electrical outlets, some with USB charging ports, to meet today's tech needs. What's next? We still need to install a second TV and hang up artwork. We welcome your suggestions for appropriate artwork in both the lobby and community room or any suggestions on what else you would like to see in your community room.



Article contributed by Antoinette Langeveld

## Archaeology Near Waterfront



This past summer, Waterfront Square was a neighbor to an active archaeological dig at 300 N. Christopher Columbus Boulevard. What is quite possibly the last open area of Philadelphia's colonial period waterfront, the dig on this site is an amazing window into the maritime history of our beloved Philadelphia.

The site is on the former West Shipyard, founded in 1676 and acquired by the Durst Organization from the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation. Durst has hired AECOM Engineering's archaeological team to record and/or preserve the history and artifacts found during the dig and the construction on the site.

The archaeologists held two information sessions open to the public on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 and will deliver results of the digs in October 2019.

If you're interested in our maritime history and want to learn more, reach out to John Connors at [www.penntreatymuseum.com](http://www.penntreatymuseum.com). You can also read more from Harry Kyriakodis, author of *Philadelphia's Lost Waterfront* (2011) and *Northern Liberties: The Story of a Philadelphia River Ward* (2012).

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