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# OVERBROOK FARMS CLUB

## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors,

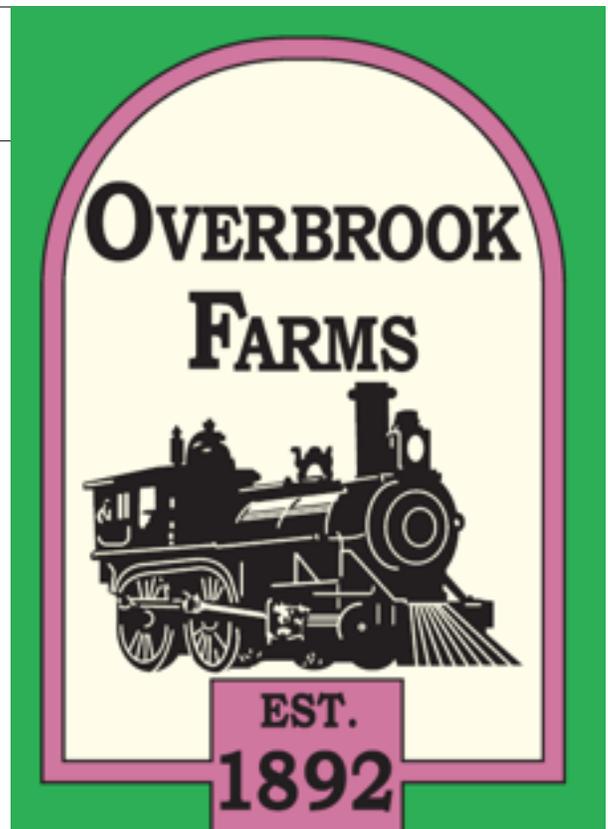
I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a lovely fall. We have much going on as always in our neighborhood including our recent fall meeting, during which we heard updates from City Avenue Services on the traffic upgrades to City Avenue, a presentation from the Barnes Foundation on the happenings at the Barnes Arboretum as well as an update from representatives from Saint Joseph's University. If you have not had a chance to visit the gardens at the Barnes, I would highly recommend it. The rare paintings are no longer located in Merion, but the rare plants and trees remain! Also, please come out and welcome Santa when he arrives at 11:00 on Saturday December 3rd, via Engine 54, our brave Philadelphia firefighters. It is always a great time to catch up with neighbors and meet new ones. We have several new neighbors who have moved in over the summer and fall and this is a great time to welcome them to our special community.

The OFC Board has several new members as well, and several new committees. If you have interest in focusing on revitalizing our commercial corridor, correcting traffic issues, revamping the neighborhood website or other interests you would like to see addressed please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to any of our dedicated OFC board members.

Happy Fall!

Warm Regards,

Stephanie Kindt, President



### Upcoming Events

- Santa in the Park  
December 3  
11:00 am

# TREASURER’S REPORT

## Treasurer’s report - Dues

Our Club operates predominantly from the Fall through the Spring. Historically, however, we have collected dues on a calendar year basis. As such there has been confusion by many regarding dues payments made at the Fall and Spring meetings as to which calendar year was being paid. To eliminate the confusion and in an effort to make our financial records agree with Club operations, the Board of Directors voted in September to change our fiscal year to July 1 to June 30. This schedule also agrees with Board member and officer election term schedules per the Bylaws.

Dues are \$35 for a household and all dues are due now and will apply to the 2016-2017 year. You can send a check made out and addressed to the Overbrook Farms Club, 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151. In the alternative, please visit our website to make an electronic payment. Go to [www.overbrookfarmsclub.org](http://www.overbrookfarmsclub.org) and click on the blue rectangular button on the right side of the screen to pay your member dues.

Ted Greenberg, Treasurer

# FARMERS MARKET

The Market, located in the parking lot of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church at the intersection of City and Lancaster Avenues, is winding down the 2016 season. Look for it Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from now until the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

## 2017 House Tour & Tea Plans Get Underway

The date is set for Sunday May 7, 1-5 pm for the 2017 Overbrook Farms House Tour & Tea, and the committee has kicked off planning efforts. The tour draws more than 100 attendees each year to our neighborhood and also garners additional publicity through news articles and profiles on the homes. It is also a fundraiser for the neighborhood. There are a number of residents who were introduced to our neighborhood by attending the tour and who thereafter decided to make it their home.

Homeowners - if you are interested in joining the tour by showing

# Overbrook Farms Club Premier Community Service Award

Awarded to Noble Brigham, OFC Archivist extraordinaire

During our September board meeting, the OFC Board voted unanimously to create the first ever OFC Community Service award. The board would like to thank Nobel Brigham for his community service this summer as he volunteered his time every Friday to organize and scan our archival documents dating back to 1886. The process was tedious, and not exactly exiting for a teenage boy! In appreciation of his efforts and for his passion for the historical documents associated with our community, the OFC is pleased to bestow this first-ever award. Thanks Noble!

your home, please email Paige MacFarlan. It can be a perennial tour favorite, a work in progress, a renovation showcase, a first floor or the whole thing. Please email [paige.macfarlan@gmail.com](mailto:paige.macfarlan@gmail.com).

Volunteers - There is always room for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping out on the committee, email [ofdocent@gmail.com](mailto:ofdocent@gmail.com). Throughout the year, we need help with marketing, sending emails, recruiting docent volunteers, tea preparation, homeowner coordination and house descriptions and much more. The committee meets once per week and has a lot of fun!

## OVERBOOK FARMS NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS!

Great news about our neighborhood and neighbors! It's all too often that we focus on news about the latest criminal activities, and don't pay the same amount of attention to the great news about the people and organizations in our neighborhood. A number of articles featuring Overbrook Farms neighbors have been reported lately in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Here are some highlights. You can read the full articles by searching on [philly.com](http://philly.com). The October Sunday Real Estate Section featured the home renovation of the Nicholson family with a full page article and photos. Also in October, the Style & Soul section had a large feature on new wedding chapels becoming popular and included several photos of Stacey Thomas' Philadelphia Wedding Chapel. And, in September, there was a detailed story on the expansion plans of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Local resident David R. Brigham is PAFA president and CEO is featured in several photos. - *Christine Ottow*

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# ***NARBERTH COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS:***

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## ***TOMMY***

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### **AT THE OVERBOOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Narberth Community Theatre is back in action with a late autumn production of The Who's "Tommy," Pete Townsend's tale of a boy's journey that takes him from pain to triumph. This powerful tale of an unlikely pinball superstar in post-World War II England will have you dancing for joy with The Who's classic "Pinball Wizard," "Sensation" and more! Runs through November 19. Buy tickets at [www.narberthcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.narberthcommunitytheatre.org).

And stay tuned as the early 2017 season brings "Once Upon a Mattress" and "Don't Dress for Dinner" to the OPC stage!

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## OF BANNER CAMPAIGN

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Many kind neighbors have noticed that the Overbook Farms signs and banners commemorating our historic neighborhood need some tender loving care! The OFC Board is researching the cost of replacement and repair of these important community signs. Once we have a sense of the cost, we will report to the community as to next steps. We are considering a "Sponsor A Banner" campaign that will allow neighbors to pledge funds to the care of the banners and signs. Please stay tuned here, on Facebook and on the listserv, where we will provide periodic updates. Thank you!

SEE YOU AT SANTA IN THE PARK ON DECEMBER 3, SANTA!!!

