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Friday, March 8, 2024

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Conservancy benefit for 'Save the Train'

Posted Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:00 am

The Chestnut Hill Conservancy will host a virtual lecture supporting the Save the Train campaign on Tuesday, March 12, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM with Ted Xaras. Proceeds will aid the campaign, exploring the architectural history and legacy of the Chestnut Hill East and West rail lines.

The "Northwest Philadelphia: Connected by Railways," lecture will delve into the history, architecture, and impact of the rail lines in the Chestnut Hill, Mt. Airy, and Germantown neighborhoods.

“These railways are more than just modes of transportation; they are functional connections to our past, linking generations and neighborhoods while shaping the very fabric of our communities,” said Lori Salganicoff, executive director of the Chestnut Hill

Conservancy. “Had the railroad lines never been established, our neighborhoods would be very different. Our neighborhoods and city will be poorer in every way if they are abandoned.”

To kick off the program, Bob Previdi of Chestnut Hill, who has a background in transit and transport policy, will discuss the Save the Train organization and underscore the importance of revitalizing train ridership in our community. This effort is integral to securing increased SEPTA funding for the future of our transit system.

The program’s main presenter, renowned artist and railroad historian Ted Xaras, will lead the lecture, drawing on his deep passion for locomotives. Attendees will explore the distinct architectural styles of the Reading Railroad (Chestnut Hill East) and Pennsylvania Railroad (Chestnut Hill West) stations, crafted by architects such as Frank Furness and W. Bleddyn Powel. The impact of these architectural treasures on local communities will be examined, highlighting their role in shaping neighborhood identity.

Join the Chestnut Hill Conservancy in celebrating these architectural treasures and their timeless legacy. For registration and further details, visit chconservancy.org/discovering-chestnut-hill.

Conservancy member admission is \$15, non-members pay \$25.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

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THE LATEST

Sydney Alan Bayersdorfer (/stories/sydney-alan-bayersdorfer,31389)



Sydney Alan Bayersdorfer of Wyndmoor, PA: February 14, 2024. Beloved Husband of Cyane Gresham; brother of Mitch (Judith Don) Bayersdorfer; uncle of Rachel Bayersdorfer; also survived by many loving ...

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Oscars to highlight area stars (/stories/oscars-to-highlight-area-stars,31388)

Actress Da’Vine Joy Randolph, who grew up in Germantown and Mt. Airy, may just complete a sweep of supporting actress honors on Sunday.

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The Crossing to perform ‘You Are Who I Love’ (/stories/the-crossing-to-perform-you-are-who-i-love,31387)

Donald Nally will lead The Crossing in a performance of Harold Meltzer’s “You Are Who I Love,” set to Aracelis Girmay’s poetry, on Sunday, March 17.

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A night of chilling ghost stories in ‘The Weir’ (/stories/a-night-of-chilling-ghost-stories-in-the-weir,31386)

As a boy, playwright Conor McPherson would leave Dublin to holiday in rural Gaelic Ireland. He spent time with his grandfather, who told him ghost stories.

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ghost-stories-in-the-weir,31386)



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