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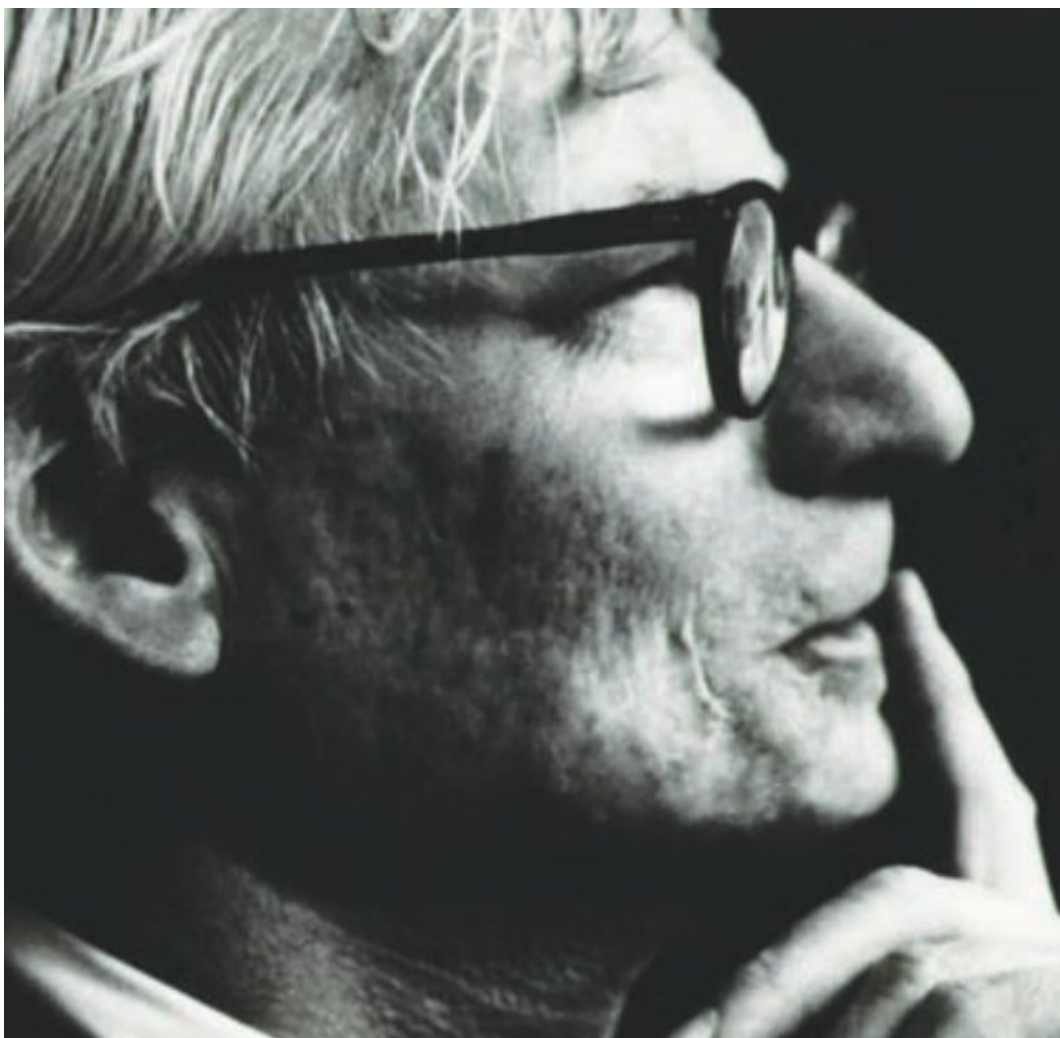


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Night of Lights is back, and brings new stories



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Louis Khan is one of several world-class architects who worked in Chestnut Hill and will be featured in the newest addition to the Chestnut Hill Conservancy's Night of Lights.

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by George McNeely

Depressed that daylight is ending sooner and winter is nigh? Just in time, the Chestnut Hill Conservancy is hosting its annual and beloved Night of Lights festival to brighten Germantown Avenue for a week. This innovative public art streetscape exhibition will be the centerpiece of a weeklong celebration of our thriving main street, its history, and the residents and businesses that make it so famous, both locally and nationally.

The festival week will kick off with the “Flip the Switch” ceremony on Friday, Oct. 6 in the outdoor space next to Foliage Plant Boutique (8139 Germantown Ave. at Hartwell Lane). That evening, buildings along the Avenue will be bright with theatrical lights of all kinds, bringing a festive atmosphere during evening shopping and restaurant hopping.

And the Conservancy will once again be showcasing the history of the Avenue, and presenting slide presentations that focus on local history, people, and architecture in eight storefront windows.

Topics will include how to make your historic house environmentally sustainable, historic postcards of the Wissahickon, George Washington's march through Northwest Philadelphia in 1777 and the unexpected and complicated creation of the many off-avenue parking lots that contribute to our thriving retail hub.

Some of these presentations will feature images from the Conservancy's deep historical archives, which includes more than 50,000 documents of all sorts from the 1680s to today. On opening night, there will be an interpreter present to answer questions about each presentation.

New this year will be a presentation that focuses on the many important architects who lived and worked in Chestnut Hill and surrounding neighborhoods, from Wilson Eyre, George Pearson and George Howe to Midcentury Modern and later architects Oscar Stonorov, Louis Kahn, Robert Venturi, Ehrman Mitchell and Romaldo Giurgola.

These designers, all of whom had an international impact on architectural practice throughout the world, brought their distinctive creativity right here to Chestnut Hill. Explore their local work in the slide presentation during Night of Lights.

The building lights and presentations will be lit each evening throughout the week. The Conservancy will also offer evening walking tours by local historians and experts. Look for all the details in the Conservancy's Night of Lights "Passport."

For more information, please check on www.chconservancy.org

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LOCAL CALENDAR

<p>Fri, Feb 02 @7:00pm Sponsored (</p> <p>Venetian Social Club Dance/Disco</p> <p>Venetian Club Thu, Jan 25 @8:00pm</p> <p>Brett Goldstein: The Second Best Night of Your Life</p> <p>The Met Thu, Jan 25 @10:30am</p> <p>Ambler Arboretum: Storytime for Little Listeners</p> <p>Temple University Thu, Jan 25 @12:00pm</p> <p>New Online Content Posted --COTH Website</p> <p>Center on the Hill</p>	<p>Fri, Feb 02 @7:00pm Sponsored (</p> <p>Venetian Social Club Dance/Disco</p> <p>Venetian Club</p>
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Mt. Airy-based Network for New Music has announced a series of concerts to open the new year.



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SCH gallery exhibition: 'Perspective on the Past' (/stories/sch-gallery-exhibition-perspective-on-the-past,30935)

The exhibit features more than 20 paintings, prints, photographs, mixed media works and sculptures.

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Polish folk dancing delivers friends as well as fun (/stories/polish-folk-dancing-delivers-friends-as-well-as-fun,30934)

The award-winning dance troupe will hold a recruiting event on Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill.



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SPOTLIGHT PA

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Dems report \$5.4B gap for rich and poor schools (/stories/dems-report-54b-gap-for-rich-and-poor-schools,30933)

Pennsylvania will need to spend at least \$5.4 billion to close the gap between rich and poor school districts, according to a report.



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A good project reflects good lives (/stories/a-good-project-reflects-good-lives,30931)

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