

Forest Hills Centennial Symposium: 100 Years Ago, and 100 Years Ahead



On October 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Forest Hills Borough Building there will be a Symposium reflecting the past and sharing vision for the future. The Symposium will feature a Keynote Address from Charles McCollester, labor historian and long-time worker at Westinghouse Air Brakes. He will talk about the impact of Westinghouse on Forest Hills and the entire legacy of innovation that characterized that period. A panel of presenters will talk about the founding of Radio and KDKA, the Atom Smasher, the 100 -year old buildings, and Forest Hills' Tree City heritage.

After a short break, a second panel will look forward with perspectives on the new Forest Hills Comprehensive Plan presented by different citizens who participated in its development. The closing vision for the future will be presented by Senator Jay Costa.

Following the Symposium, the new Time Capsule will be dedicated and sealed by Mayor Frank Porco. That evening, the traditional Hayride festivities will follow at the Westinghouse Lodge. All events are free and open to the public.

On October 12, Mayor Porco will seal a new 50-year Time Capsule as part of our Centennial Celebration. What marks this time for you? What would you want people to know about this time and place fifty years from now in 2069?

Some suggestions:

- A picture of your family in front of your house
- Concert or performance tickets or program
- Menu from a favorite restaurant
- Items from your job or school (business card, samples, ads)
- Popular toy or doll or game
- Letter to your child to be opened in 50 years
- Your family tree
- Tape or CD of favorite radio or television program
- Pictures from your vacation adventure, with labels, or as narrated video
- Pictures of your favorite place in Forest Hills
- A “Neighbors” picture and message to the future residents of your street
- Household items you use every day

If you would like to place a message, a typical or significant item, or a memento of 2019 into the new Time Capsule, please plan to bring your contribution to the Forest Hills Borough Building no later than 3 p.m. on or before October 10. The new capsule, donated by Patrick T. Lanigan Funeral Home, will be sealed at the close of the Centennial Symposium in the Forest

Hills Borough Building at 5 p.m. on October 12. I hope you will share this historic opportunity as part of your own legacy. If you have any questions, please call Patty DeMarco at 412-351-7330 x243.