



August 4, 2017

Dear My Way Member:

It is with some sadness that I inform you that July 28th, 2017 was Joseph A. Lukach's last day as CEO of Ralston Center.

During his five years with us, Joe advanced Ralston Center in multiple ways. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was to usher in the Ralston Age-Friendly West Philadelphia initiative, a partnership of 50 organizations making West Philadelphia a more livable community. He also oversaw the growth of Ralston My Way, which provides services that enable 2,000 older Northwest Philadelphians to live at home. Finally, Joe raised the visibility of Ralston Center and established connections that will serve us well in the future. I am deeply grateful for his dedicated service and wish him well.

As we search for Joe's successor, I will oversee Ralston Center, assisted by a transition team of board members who have expertise in relevant operational areas.

Ralston My Way members will experience no change in services during the leadership transition. That continuity is due in large part to our experienced staff, who demonstrate their commitment to Ralston's mission daily.



If you have any questions, please contact Eric Wilden, Ralston My Way's Executive Director, at [ewilden@ralstonmyway.org](mailto:ewilden@ralstonmyway.org) or by phone at 215-525-5470 or Jean Papaj, Ralston's Director of Communications and Marketing at [jpapaj@ralstoncenter.org](mailto:jpapaj@ralstoncenter.org) or 215-386-2984.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neville E. Strumpf".

Neville Strumpf, Ph.D., FAAN  
President, Ralston Center Board of Managers

## Philadelphia Water Department offers new program for low-income and senior customers

The city of Philadelphia's new Tiered Assistance Program (TAP) helps to reduce the monthly water bills for seniors and low-income customers. TAP also serves customers who are experiencing special financial hardships, including job loss, serious illness or the death of a primary household wage-earner. Once enrolled in TAP, customers will receive a consistent monthly bill that is based on income. Customers do not have to be behind on their bill to qualify, and any past-due amounts are suspended while enrolled in the program. Applications may be made

online, in person or by mail.

A single application form screens customers for several assistance programs and discounts.

For more information, visit: <https://beta.phila.gov/services/water-gas-utilities/water-bill-customer-assistance/>

## Community Events

### Moonlight Movies in Mt. Airy

Moonlight Movies is back for another summer at Pleasant Playground and Trolley Car Diner. And this year, the theme is Movies With A Message. This year's selection of movies, selected by you the public, draw on themes of diversity, inclusiveness, and the understanding of different cultures-in other words, movies that fit the ethos of Mt. Airy.



On Fridays, come to Pleasant Playground at 6:30 for story time for kids and dinner and snacks from gourmet food trucks. We'll also have a children's book swap, as well as a place to donate art supplies for the Mt. Airy Schools Coalition. On Saturdays, come to Trolley Car early for dinner - you can get it to go and enjoy it picnic style during the movie! The ice cream shoppe will stay open for the movies, too. All movies begin 15 minutes after sunset.

Here's this summer's lineup for the month of August:

#### **FRIDAYS AT PLEASANT PLAYGROUND** (6757 Chew Avenue)

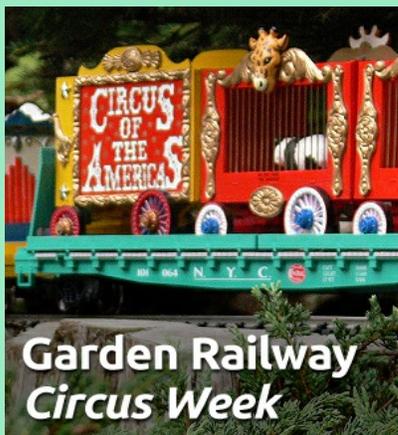
**August 11:** Finding Dory (2016)

#### **SATURDAYS AT TROLLEY CAR DINER** (7619 Germantown Avenue)

**August 12:** Akeelah and the Bee (2006)

For more information, and a list of movies go to <http://mtairyusa.org/moonlight-movies/>

### Circus Week Garden Rail at Morris Arboretum



Come see the Big Top and the circus trains, learn the history of the circus and watch for a few surprises.

#### **When:**

Saturday, August 26 through

Monday, September 4

#### **Location:**

Morris Arboretum, 100 E. Northwestern Ave.

For more information, visit: [www.morrisarboretum.org](http://www.morrisarboretum.org)

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