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HISTORIC BIRCHRUNVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOLDS EVENT, ANNOUNCES DONATION

*Winter Celebration Event Brings Neighbors Together
Announces Donation to West Vincent Township Committee for Historic District Signs*

BIRCHRUNVILLE, West Vincent Township, January 13, 2014— The recently formed Historic Birchrunville Neighborhood Association (HBNA) held its first event, *A Winter Celebration in Birchrunville* on January 12th. The well attended Sunday afternoon event was held at the Birchrunville Store Café, located in the heart of the National Historic District of Birchrunville, Pennsylvania.

HBNA vice president Thomaseth Dulchinos noted that “fundraising is a secondary goal, the main purpose of this event is to celebrate the village and its friends and neighbors.” She indicated that the *Winter Celebration* is the first of several events that will be held this year.

The Association is seeking to raise funds to cover expenses incurred while opposing a commercial development that was proposed for the historic Birchrunville Schoolhouse property. In October, after the HBNA prepared an extensive legal case, the development plan was withdrawn and West Vincent Township announced a purchase of a portion of the property for use as a passive park.

Following the *Winter Celebration* event, the HBNA announced a special donation to the West Vincent Township Historic Resources Committee. The Association worked with Harriet Stone, chairman of the Committee to facilitate the donation to the township which will fund the purchase of marker signs for the Birchrunville Historic District. Dulchinos noted that “the donation was restricted and could not be used for legal fees, so we wanted to make sure it was directed in a way that would raise awareness of the historic village.” The signs will be located along several key roads that lead into the historic village.

The Historic Birchrunville Neighborhood Association was formed in August 2013 with the stated mission “to actively protect, maintain, and enhance the quality of life of residents in and around the National Historic District of Birchrunville Pennsylvania, being mindful at all times of the unique flavor of Birchrunville and its historical heritage.”

To learn more about the HBNA, see: www.historicbirchrunville.org