

Guide to the Peters Association of Concerned Townspeople scrapbook, 1971-1984

Summary Information

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Title:	Peters Association of Concerned Townspeople scrapbook
Inclusive Dates:	1971-1984
Bulk Dates:	1972-1976
Author:	Carolyn Friedrich, revised by Nancy Martin
Repository:	Peters Township Public Library 616 East McMurray Road McMurray, PA 15317
Creator:	Peters Association of Concerned Townspeople
Extent:	1 box (1 scrapbook)
Language of materials:	All materials are in English.
Abstract:	Scrapbook created by members of the Peters Association of Concerned Townspeople, a civic organization active from 1971-1984. The association focused on monitoring local governing bodies, providing citizens with a means to voice concerns, and engaging Peters Township residents in political discourse on relevant local issues. The scrapbook consists primarily of newspaper clippings on topics such as planning, zoning, and municipal services within Peters Township.

Biography/History

The Peters Association of Concerned Townspeople was formed in 1971 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan, civic association. The organization's goals were to report on the activities of local governing bodies in Peters Township, to investigate and report on issues of local interest, and to investigate and endorse candidates running for offices in the Township based on their qualifications and platform. The association also sought to provide a forum for citizens to raise issues and to promote progressive legislation and proper administration of Peters Township affairs.

The organization was active throughout the 1970s but faced declining membership in the early 1980s as members either relocated or were elected to public office. Unable to carry out its primary objectives with so few members, the association dissolved in 1984.

Scope and Content Note

The Peters Association of Concerned Townspeople scrapbook consists primarily of newspaper clippings dating from 1972 through 1976. Topics covered in these clippings include, but are not limited to, sewer line expansion, waste collection, zoning ordinances, traffic congestion, and construction.

The scrapbook also contains membership lists, meeting minutes and agendas, information on the Peters Township Board of Supervisors, and clippings from the Peters Township Chamber of Commerce newsletter. The scrapbook also contains a 1984 letter addressed to Pier Lee, Peters Township Library's head librarian, describing the Association's objectives and decline and its decision to donate its remaining funds to the library "for the purchase of books in the field of Political Science with an accent on the role of the citizen in a democratic society".

The scrapbook's pages, onto which the Association adhered newspaper articles relevant to its interests, are issues of *The Advertiser* and *The Washington Star* newspapers from 1976 that were bound together.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

None.

Acquisition Information:

Gift of Jay and Dolores Jarrell, former members of the Association, on May 11, 2021.

Accruals note:

No further accruals are expected.

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