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**Civility on Agenda of Finneytown Civic Association May 18 Meeting**

The public is invited to the regular meeting of the Finneytown Civic Association, Sunday, May 18 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Senior/Community Center, 9158 Winton Rd.

The Finneytown Civic Association, whose goal is to keep Finneytown a great place to live, will present the program/workshop on civility. The goal is to determine whether people think civility in Finneytown could be improved, and to see if there is interest in launching a community project on civility.

Finneytown is facing many tough issues: High taxes, school funding, foreclosures, and orange barrels on Winton Road! The negative campaign season is adding to the stress level. Politeness, good manners, and making connections to the community are the glue for creating the social network that promotes happy, healthy lives, according to BecauseItMatters (<http://BecauseItMatters.net>), which was the inspiration for the Finneytown presentation.

What is civility?

“Consider the following two scenarios,” said FCA President Joe Gorman. “In one case, a younger man accidentally bumps into an older man in a crowded store. The older man says angrily, ‘Why don’t you watch where you’re going?’ Both feel angry and disrespected.

“In the second case,” he continues, “the younger man has a chance to say, ‘Oh, I’m sorry – I didn’t mean to run into you.’ The older man then responds, ‘That’s okay, no harm done.’ Both leave with a pleasant, civil exchange behind them, and good feelings about each other.”

People who feel good extend those good feelings to others. Then those good feelings are passed along, and ultimately the quality of life is improved. For information about the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Finneytown Civic Association, please visit our web site at [www.fcaontheweb.org](http://www.fcaontheweb.org) or call Joe at 325-5202.

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