



Establishment Debate: Rules of Civic Engagement

Sunday November 7, 2010

5:30pm until 8:00pm

Mayerson JCC, 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236

FREE, but reservations required: phenpatriot@yahoo.com or 513:868-8764

Establishment Debate: Rules of Civic Engagement is presented by Roselawn Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, in conjunction with Amberley Village and the Village of Golf Manor, Mayerson JCC, and The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives. This program is made possible, in part, by the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Coffee Reception provided by The Coffee Emporium.

Background: In 2009, the Roselawn Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (ROCURC) spearheaded an effort to strengthen a sense of shared stakeholdership among Roselawn, Amberley Village, and Golf Manor. The three municipalities sought and acquired a Liberty Tree Memorial for each neighborhood. A Liberty Tree Memorial is more than a ceremonial tree. It is a tribute to the legacy of civic engagement embodied in the symbolism of the Liberty Tree in Boston Common. In acquiring the three Liberty Tree Memorials, we created a lasting, discrete reminder that collaborative effort can advance our community preservation and development goals, and that those objectives cross municipal boundaries.

We wish to strengthen our collaborative relationship and expand the network of shared stakeholders within these three communities and beyond. This year, with the support of the Ohio Humanities Council, and others, we are crafting an event that will mark the one-year anniversary of the Liberty Tree Memorials.

The extensive writings and arguments of Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, both members of the Virginia House of Burgesses, formed the legacy that changed the rules of civic engagement from the founding of our nation to the present, Separation of Church and State.

Thomas Jefferson (Bill Barker of Colonial Williamsburg) and Patrick Henry (Tony Steer) will take the stage to present their arguments defining the roles of religion and government in civic society. Our Scholars' Panel will comment on the relevance of Church-State separation in our time, both nationally and internationally. We plan to collect audience questions for the scholars during a short break between the theater piece and the panel discussion. Afterwards, as a nod to the historic role that coffee houses played, and continue to play, as venues for social exchange, Coffee Emporium will provide refreshments.

5:30pm **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Supporters**
5:35pm **Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry**
6:35pm **intermission to collect audience questions for the Scholars' Panel**
6:40pm **Introduction of Scholars' Panel**
7:15pm **Coffee Reception**
8:00pm **End of Event**

Dr. Habtu Ghebre-Ab, Professor, Humanities, University of Cincinnati
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