

# The East Falls Historical Society

*Presents*

## HOW WILLIAM PENN TURNED A 'HOWLING WILDERNESS' INTO AMERICA'S FASTEST GROWING CITY

**JIM MURPHY**

*Certified Philadelphia tour guide, writer, and lecturer*

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 6:30 PM**

**at the Falls of Schuylkill Library, 3501 Midvale Avenue**

With the William Penn Charter School as a neighbor, and some of us on living on Penn Street, we can still take Penn for granted. Was he not the progressive founder of Pennsylvania, seeking religious tolerance for all, and concerned for fairness to the Lenape Indians? Does he not look benignly down on us from the peak of City Hall? All of this is true, at least in good part, but Penn was also a real estate dealer and trans-oceanic urban planner. Jim Murphy will present his lively overview of one of Penn's singular achievements, and more. Mr. Murphy likes to season his presentations with little-known facts, so be prepared for education and entertainment.



*Young William Penn in armor, before his embrace of Quakerism (Library of Congress)*

The program is free and refreshment will be served. No registration is needed.

The East Falls Historical Society was founded in 2004 to explore and preserve the history of the Falls of Schuylkill and East Falls. *Please become a member!*

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