



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

313 Pine Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

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PLEASE READ ME !

Some of you may remember me. I have no pretensions - no frills - no exposes to unravel - am not being sued by the Mayor and hardly expect to be picketed by the Building Trades Union. I have but one journalistic goal - To communicate with my neighbors among the membership of the Civic Association about my neighborhood - Society Hill.

## NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

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April 29 Penn Mutual Bldg. 19th Floor Tyson  
6th & Walnut Conference Center

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As an extra added attraction free tickets will be provided all members who would like to visit the Indoor Theatre/ exhibit wing of Penn Mutual's rooftop observation complex filled with 101 different insights into the history, people, cultures and idiosyncracies that have made Philadelphia what it is today. On your own, a visit to this exhibition would cost \$1.40 per person. It will be free for all members of the Civic Association between 7:30 - 8:30 pm this night only. Our business meeting will begin at 8:30 pm. Civic concern can be fun. Try it - You'll like it.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING LIKELY TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON -

- Location of Philadelphia '76 wall murals - portable johns - Benches
  - Zoning committee activities
  - If and where we can locate an office for the Civic Assoc.
  - Plans for round 2 of our bout vs. A & P Expansion
  - Any new business you want to bring up
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## URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE FORMED -

Under the guidance of Bob Steiner and Dick Ostrander this committee will have its organizational meeting May 3. Already we have for our area the 1976 property disposition schedule of the Redevelopment Authority. Our goal is to establish better communications with the authority and establish an early warning capability relating to new development within our urban renewal area.

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## ZONING COMMITTEE ACTIONS -

Appeals have been initiated opposing the waivers granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (a) For the Hall Mercer expansion without adequate parking and (b) For 500 Spruce St. to be a duplex unit with doctor's office (not in residence) in violation of the owner's contract with the Redevelopment Authority. We are still waiting for the Zoning Board's decision with regard to our plea for single family development on the old Rohm and Haas properties on Washington Square. To Bob Shusterman and the Zoning Committee our appreciation for their efforts.

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## HATS OFF TO LINDA BRYANT AND THE "REFLECT ON" SOCIETY HILL SERIES -

To Robert Ennis, Penny Batchelor, Edmund Bacon, Damon Childs and Martha Levy who so graciously gave of their time and intellect to make the series of three lectures and three tours focusing on the architecture and history of Society Hill our deepest thanks. Though attendance fell off precipitously for the last three events, without exception, persons who attended expressed their enthusiasm over each program. Our super coordinator Linda Bryant is enthusiastic to repeat a similar series next fall. Your ideas and support would be most welcome.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY - OUR GOAL IS 1776 MEMBERS -

A dazzling 4 page recruitment flyer created and designed by our own Norman Tissian extolling the virtues of Civic Association membership will hit the street this week. Look for it. Better yet look for a new member. Bring a prospect to our next meeting. We're trying to put some fun back into civic pride. To those who have fallen away from the Civic Association faith - Come on back, all is forgiven. Remember all it takes is \$5.00 for single membership - \$8.00 for two people at the same address. Send to Ruth Dugan, 237 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

We are trying every way possible to improve our communications. In addition to the Resident Newsletter we are taking a column in the new publication Intown East for the next two months. Both will be distributed to members. We would like an expression of your preference. Anyone with a flair for writing and a desire to help please call Ted Robb (Ma7-0329).