

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE SHCA OFFICERS AND BOARD



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS, MEMBERSHIP MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

A general membership meeting of the SHCA will be held on Wednesday, December 10th beginning at 8 p.m. at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. The guest speaker will be Leon Rovner, the principal of McCall School.

Agenda items will include development of the "Bookbinders parking lot" at Front and Dock Streets, resident sticker parking, a proposal for the use of the NewMarket "shambles", low income housing, trash, an auto restricted zone study, the new Pooper Scooper law, as well as whatever is on your mind.

Board and general membership meeting dates for the remainder of the SHCA year follow:

December 10th	-Board	April 15th	-Board
January 14th	-Board	May 6th*	-Board and General Mem-
February 11th	-Board		bership (candidates)
March 11th*	-Board and General	May 20th*	-General Membership
	Membership		(voting)

*Board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and general membership meetings are at 8 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS AGENDA

- December 3
5:30 p.m. -First Bank of the U.S. (Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut). Music for Tenor with Guitar and Harpsicord. No tickets at the door. Contact The Friends of Independence National Historical Park, 313 Walnut Street for more information.
- December 7
5-7 p.m. -Society Hill Synagogue. Hanukkah Party. Call 922-6590 for more info.
- December 13
9:30 a.m.
on ... -Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Young Peoples' Department. Christmas Bazaar.
- December 14
6 p.m. -Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Annual Candlelight service.
6 p.m. -Community Christmas caroling. Meet at Old Pine or Old St. Joseph's. Bring a flashlight and cookies to share. Hot chocolate afterwards at Old Pine Community Center.
- December 17
4:45 p.m. to
5:30 p.m. -Washington Square Park. Tree lighting and caroling.
- December 18
11 a.m. -St. Peter's School nurseries and kindergarten Christmas party: "Around the Tree."
8 p.m. -St. Peter's Church. St. Peter's School Christmas play: "The Secret Flower."
- December 19
10:30 a.m. -Community Center. St. Peter's Lower School Christmas celebration of carols and poetry.
- December 20
8 p.m. -Xmas concert. The Mendelsohn Singers. Will include Britlen's Ceremony of Carols at Old Pine. Tickets at door or in advance by calling WA5-8051.
- December 21
3 p.m. -Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Creseeda Seals, Soloist, in concert.
2 p.m. -Old St. Joseph's Church. Advent/Christmas Choir Service of readings and carols.
- December 24
7 p.m. -St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Christmas Eve Mass.

December 24

- 7:30 p.m. -Old St. Joseph's Church. Christmas carols.
8 p.m. -Old St. Joseph's Church. Christmas Eve mass with choir.
- 7:30 p.m. -Christmas Eve service at Old Pine. All welcome. Carol singing. Children come ready to be a character in a yule story. Bring non-perishable food gift wrapped in white.
- 8 p.m. -Holy Trinity Church. Christmas vigil mass.
- 10:30 p.m. -Christ Church. Christmas Eve service. Curtis Brass Ensemble performing Bach's Contato #63. Stirring candlelight service.
- 10:30 p.m. -St. Peter's Church. Music by choir - men and boys.
11 p.m. -St. Peter's Church. Midnight service.
- 11:30 p.m. -Old St. Mary's Church. Christmas carols.
Midnight -Old St. Mary's Church. Mass

December 25

- 6, 7:30,
9, 10, 11 a.m.
12:15 and
5:30 p.m. -Old St. Joseph's Church. Christmas Day masses.
10:30 a.m.
and noon -Old St. Mary's Church. Christmas Day masses.
9 a.m. -St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Christmas Day mass.
10 a.m. -St. Peter's Church. Christmas Day Eucharist.

December 31

- 10 p.m. -Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Watch Night and Love Feast.

DECK THE HALLS

In celebration of the holiday season, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society announces the opening of an exhibit at its headquarters, 325 Walnut St., on December 8th. The display is entitled "Eighteenth Century Ideas for Christmas, 1980" and will run until noon, December 24th. Visitors may view the exhibit on weekdays from 9 to 5 and on Saturday and Sunday, December 20th and 21st from 11 to 4.

The Society also notes its annual stroll to observe Christmas decorations in Society Hill and prepares maps for suggested routes. Please call 625-8250 for further information.

TRIPLE PLAY

Four concerts will be presented in the Historic Library of the Pine Building of Pennsylvania Hospital at Eighth and Spruce by the Bainbridge String Trio, Daniel Rouslin, violin; Mary Alice Rouslin, viola; and Lori Barnet, cello. The concerts will go to the support of the Hospital library. For more information, call 829-3998 for ticket information.

OPERATION ROOTS

You may have seen recently some boys with chisels, trowels and hammers in hand removing bricks and stones from the base of trees. They're not playing -- they are Boy Scouts preserving our trees. It seems that brick-bound trees (they're the ones with bricks up to the trunk of the tree) can not get water so our scouts have undertaken this project to help them survive. Good show, kids.

ZONING UPDATE

607-613 Pine thru to Panama: Zoning variance for a high front wall with an entry area behind was not opposed by immediate neighbors. SHCA approved; ZBA approved.
273 South Fourth: Zoning variance needed for service quarters over a 2-car garage joined by an alley, with two family dwelling on Spruce, because required open space (70%) would be reduced. SHCA not opposed; ZBA approved.

GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS

The Brownie unit of the Girl Scouts is full, but you can add your Jennifer's name to the waiting list by calling Ellen Mattes at LO 4-4657. If you are interested in becoming a co-leader or leader, also contact Ellen.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD -- THE MONTANAROS

As if it were not enough that they are friendly neighbors and talented musicians who play in the Philadelphia Orchestra, they are also founding members of a Society Hill institution.

The Montanaros would want me to state this more accurately. A few years ago Donald, assistant first clarinet and E-flat clarinet (a solo instrument), and Margarita Csonka, second harp, joined by a group of fellow Orchestra members and other musicians, played a highly successful benefit concert for St. Peter's School. Pleased by the enthusiastic response, it occurred to Donald, along with bassoonist Peter Schoenbach, that a series of chamber concerts played in the neighborhood might be fun both for the musicians and for the local residents.

And so with the help of Michael Floyd, Connie Kessler and John Smith, the Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble was born. Donald became its director. The group now playing its fourth season is composed mainly of Philadelphia Orchestra members. It gives three concerts a year in the library of the beautiful Athenaeum on Washington Square.

As a subscriber, I can attest personally to the delights of music well-played and carefully programmed in the ambience of the Athenaeum -- all within walking distance from home. I am told there is a waiting list for subscriptions. The Ensemble is anxious to keep the audience small and to encourage the neighborliness during post-concert refreshments.

On a recent afternoon the Montanaros - between practicing (a never-ending process) and departure for Wilmington to play a concert - talked with me.

Donald and Margarita graduated from Curtis Institute, but did not know each other there. He was appointed to the Orchestra in 1957 and Margarita in 1963 - they were married two years later. The Montanaros live on Pine St. with their two young sons, Alexander and Gregory. When Donald said of his children, "Yes, they are very gifted (they study the piano), but they don't practice," it warmed my heart. How well I remember those days in my own family.

Philadelphia Orchestra members are required to provide eight "services" a week. That might mean three rehearsals and five concerts, or four of each, every week. This does not take into account the extra time it takes to travel out of town. The Orchestra plays a series in New York, Washington and Wilmington - and often goes on extended tours to Europe, to Japan and Korea and even to China. And let's not forget the summer concerts at Mann Center and Saratoga.

The Montanaros spend hours practicing and they also teach. Donald is on the faculties of Curtis and the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts and Margarita teaches at Temple and also at PCPA. Rehearsing and preparing for the Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble is another time-consuming activity.

I asked them when there was time for the children and "just plain fun."

The harp, Margarita explained, is not always included in programs, which excuses her from some of the rehearsals and some concerts. This gives her more time at home with the children and for household chores. Moreover, she said, Alexander and Gregory were included in most of their outside activities. The children always tour with them - except to China, where they were not permitted.

"We spend all of our vacations together. The four of us travel in Austria and Italy in the summer," she said.

Margarita was born in Cuba of Austrian parents. Her mother, Greta Csonka, was an opera singer who took Margarita with her back and forth across the Atlantic for her appearances in Europe and in America. Mrs. Csonka lives near the Montanaros.

Before our afternoon's talk ended, I asked this question of my neighbors: "I know that even the most gifted, professional musicians cannot play at top performance all the time. What determines their performance?"

Donald thought for a moment and said: "Overall musicians - like athletes - have a peak time in their careers. That's a period when you are doing your absolutely best playing - and, as with athletes, age can become a factor. In the normal course of events, most of us have some days when we are more efficient than others. However, when you play music, which requires such precision, you have to play at top level all the time."

Margarita had this to say: "In an orchestra, if you have a very inspiring conductor, you play at a peak."

Her husband took exception to this. He would not want to put himself into such a position, he said. "I prefer to be self-generating. I don't like to have my playing determined by others."

I asked them if they would like to comment on their new conductor, Riccardo Muti. They would, but first they wanted to make it very clear that they believed Eugene Ormandy had maintained a very high standard of excellence during his years with the Orchestra. Margarita then added: "Muti is a fantastic musician - an enormous talent. The Orchestra is responding with great excitement. The Orchestra sounds different."

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(If you have any suggestions of interesting neighbors you'd like to write or read about, drop a note to the editors.)

SAVE A LIFE WITH CPR

Pennsylvania Hospital along with 17 other area hospitals is offering free C.P.R. (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) classes. Each year more than 650,000 people die suddenly. With your knowledge of C.P.R., a simple first aid procedure, you may save the life of a victim of cardiac arrest. The four-hour American Heart Association "Heartsaver" course is a four hour basic course consisting of lecture, demonstration, and practice of the technique of one-person C.P.R. Participants who successfully complete the course will be given certification card.

If you would like more information, contact Shirley Detwiler, Department of Education, Pennsylvania Hospital, 8th & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, 829-3487.

AT LEAST IT'S NOT THE BELLEVUE

In mid-November eight hotel developers for the Bookies parking lot site at 2nd and Walnut submitted plans to the City Planning Commission with bids ranging from the \$1.2 million to \$8 million (this developer needs a height variance). Narrowing down the field will be the first of two-stage procedure. Although no timetable has been set, the selection of a developer will be made by a committee headed by City Rep. Dick Doran, Walter D'Alessio (executive vice president of PIDC, the marketing agent), Joe Egan (Dept. of Commerce), Craig Schelter, (deputy director of City Planning), Ralph Trichron, (rep of Old City Business Men's Assoc.) and Mike Willmann, (SHCA prexy).

Here is a quick rundown of the developers and their plans: The Hyatt Group -- a luxury hotel; Radisson Hotel Corp. -- 300 rooms with 300 parking spaces underground; Ralph Heller -- 300 bed/breakfast inn with cafes, conference rooms, consulate headquarters and 250 underground parking spaces; A-4 Development Corp. -- 390 rooms with a health club (parking not mentioned); Penn's Landing Inn Assn. -- 200 suites, pool and parking; Stouffer Corp. -- 300 rooms, restaurant, health club and 230 parking spaces; Greenwood and Cadillac-Fairview Corp. -- lower level commercial, offices, hotel and some residential units; Wolffington Corp. -- plan A has 130 guest suites, 112 condo units, 260 parking spaces, restaurant and commercial use; plan B requires a height variance (which is in opposition to the Urban Renewal Plan), 260 rooms, 310 parking spaces and 112 condo units.

The SHCA and neighbors had vigorously pushed for a residential development of the site and were backed in this desire by the Rizzo administration. Dick Doran and the Green people wanted to see a hotel and when Ritz owner Ray Posel went to court and won a plea for hotel development, the Green team enthusiastically lined up the above contingent. Well, there goes the neighborhood once again.

WE'LL TRADE YOU THE WELCOMAT FOR THE NEW PLAYBOY

The Welcomat is creating a new component of the paper called the "Tradin' Corner". Individuals, small business people or retailers who would usually advertise the sale of an item or service can now trade an item for a service or vice versa. The service can also be used as a network builder for people who want to trade ideas and interests with the community. Call Susan Smith at LO 3-7400 for details and assistance.

WE'LL SELL YOU THE SHIRT OFF OUR BACK

The SHCA Fund Raising Committee is planning to design and sell Society Hill Civic Association T-shirts. It is also planning to institute an aggressive membership recruitment campaign as well as a separate fund raising campaign from those in the neighborhood who are not and do not intend to be members. The Committee is headed by Aaron Jay Beyer and Bill Filmyer.

HELP WANTED

An immediate opening exists for a part-time secretary to work in Pennsylvania Hospital Auxiliary office for approximately 20 hours per week. Hours are flexible. Excellent typing skills, knowledge of office procedures, and previous experience are required. For information call: Betty Hindorff, Pennsylvania Hospital (829-3341)

PARTY OF THE YEAR

Get out your party clothes. The SHCA is hosting a bash on Sunday, January 25th at 4 p.m. in the Pavilion (formerly the Glass Palace) at NewMarket. The purpose of the party is to provide a good time for all and to expand the membership of the SHCA. All members are encouraged to bring a neighbor or a friend who may be interested in joining SHCA. New residents and non-members are invited to attend whether or not they are accompanied by a member.

The SHCA, in conjunction with NewMarket, through the efforts of Joan Simon of Domskey Simon Advertising Agency, Inc., will provide good fellowship, live music, wine and cheese in the Pavilion. The party committee includes Lu Bangert, Carol Berger, Nancy Frenze and Edna Wenk. Any member who wishes to volunteer some time to help with pre-party publicity, please call Nancy Frenze, 923-5459.

CHILDREN'S HOURS

Story time for kids from five to nine has started at Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard, on Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. Ina Courtney, a qualified children's librarian and story teller will tell and read stories to children and lead discussions afterwards. She will be assisted by "Momo Goose" of Summercity fame. The library is also open on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 for the borrowing of books.

The next ten week series of children's gymnastics classes at Old Pine will start mid-January. Registration begins the week of January 5th. Please call the Center (627-2493) for more information.

CLASS ACTION

The staff of the Old Pine Community Center is in the process of planning for winter and spring. At the present time classes are being considered in the following areas: music and movement (pre-school), beginning tennis (children and adults), soccer (2nd to 4th grades), Aikido (children and teens), and dance exercise for adults who need a slower version of the current popular exercise technique. If you are interested in any of the above or in any other type of class or program, please call the Center (627-2493). Classes will only happen if there is enough expressed interest.

ACTION IN THE AFTERNOON (OR MORNING)

Call For Action, a national, consumer-oriented information and referral service, staffed entirely by volunteers, is affiliated with KYW-NEWSRADIO, Fifth and Market. If you can spare a minimum of four hours, one day a week, Call For Action needs you to refer callers to the agency or organization that can best solve the caller's problems, keep records, call back clients to find out results and play an ombudsman role as needed. To volunteer, call Fani Daitz weekdays, between 11 and 1 p.m., 925-1060.

HOW TO PRACTICE MEDICINE WITHOUT A STETHOSCOPE

Pennsylvania Hospital Department of Education is seeking one or more members of Society Hill Civic Association for its Community Health Education Advisory Committee (CHEAC). CHEAC meets for a dinner meeting the last Monday or Tuesday of each month, 6-8 p.m., to plan pertinent health education programs for the Pennsylvania Hospital community. Current plans include a program on Aging, Stress, a summer health promotion program for kids, Medical Emergencies, Handicapped/Disabled, and a brand new Medical Explorer Post at the hospital. Please contact Gerri George, RN, Department of Education, Pennsylvania Hospital, 829-3252 for more information or to volunteer.

AND IT'S RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

Many of our readers have often walked past Old St. Paul's Church on Third Street below Walnut, but how many of you know that this historic old building is the headquarters of the Center for Human Services, a division of Episcopal Community Services?

Episcopal Community Services (ECS for short) is the nonprofit social service agency of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and a longtime resident of Society Hill. It began as the Philadelphia City Mission in 1870, and, in 1877, opened a small hospital for tuberculosis victims at 411 Spruce Street. The first of its kind in the state, this little hospital was the great-granddaddy of what is now All Saints' Hospital, a medical rehabilitation facility in Chestnut Hill. It is still operated by ECS, as is Springfield Retirement Residence, its next door

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neighbor.

Since shortly after the turn of the century, ECS has been based at Old St. Paul's, with executive offices at the old Bishop Stevens House across the street (232 S. Third).

Society Hill residents may wish to take advantage of some of the many services offered by ECS's Center for Human Services. There is a comprehensive individual and family counseling program, staffed by experienced professionals. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, investigate the agency's foster care program. If you have a few spare hours a week to give to others, look into the volunteer program that provides readers and visitors to the blind. ECS volunteers also visit the homebound, the hospitalized and people in prison.

The agency's counseling services are provided on a sliding scale fee basis. For more information, stop in the next time you're walking by, or call WA 5-8110.

GOD BLESS US EVERYONE

Christmas is not just Xmas without the right accoutrements. In this case they're Nancy Frenze's plum pudding, Jane Einman's Christmas cookies and Peggy Davies' sugar cookies. Caution the recipes that follow may be hazardous to your waistline.

Christmas Recipes

Christmas Pudding

1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup sugar
3 eggs, separated
1/4 pound suet, finely ground*
1/2 cup molasses
2-1/2 cups sifted, all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups prunes, chopped*
1 cup seedless raisins
1 cup whole cranberry sauce

1. Cream together butter or margarine and sugar. Add egg yolk and beat well. Add suet and molasses. *
2. Sift together the flour, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to the creamed mixture. Mix well.*
3. Add prunes, raisins and cranberry sauce.
4. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into the fruit mixture. Turn the pudding into a greased two-quart mold, cover with lid or foil and stand on a rack in an inch of water in a pot with a tight cover. Steam four hours, adding more boiling water as necessary. (A pressure cooker will cut the steaming time to one hour).
5. When cooled, soak cheesecloth in cognac and wrap the pudding. Serve warm with hard sauce. Yield: 12-15 servings.

Hard Sauce

1 cup sweet butter, softened 1/4 cup brandy, cognac, rum or sherry
1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar Nutmeg

Cream the butter and sugar well. Add liquor a few drops at a time and beat until fluffy. Add nutmeg to taste and chill.* Yield: 2 cups.
A food processor is ideal for steps marked with an asterisk.

Einman's Dutch Butter Slices (borrowed from Life mag. 100 yrs. ago): 1 cup butter; 1 cup sugar; 1 egg yolk; 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon; 1-1/2 cup coarsely chopped filberts or hazelnuts (without shells, of course); 1 teaspoon lemon extract or grated lemon rind (rind preferred); 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 2-1/2 cups sifted flour. Cream butter and sugar; add egg yolk and blend. Stir in nuts, poppy seeds, spices, lemon and salt; gradually add flour to make a firm but manageable dough (it will be a 1/2 bit crumbly); divide into four parts and shape into long rounds or squares about one inch in diameter and wrap in wax paper or plastic wrap - chill at least four hours. To bake: preheat oven to 325; with a sharp knife cut dough into 1/4 inch slices and bake on ungreased cookie sheet for about twelve minutes or until edges begin to brown. This will make 10 dozen bite sized cookies. Jane's Della Robbia Wreath: (this is more a serving suggestion than a recipe); it is appropriate at the holiday season and is particularly good with ham and all kinds of fowl. On a round silver tray, arrange a thick wreath of dark curly endive. Into it tuck all kinds of well drained spiced fruits, olives and pickles. (Jane uses spiced apricots, peaches, crabapples, watermelon, pickle, stuffed and ripe olives and gerkins). For an extra touch add frosted green grapes. Cut a bunch of green grapes into small clusters of 3-5 grapes. Dip each cluster into slightly beaten egg white and then

into granulated sugar. Shake off excess sugar and place grapes on waxed paper so that the clusters do not touch. Refrigerate over night. Do not cover because they should dry and become sparkly.

Peggy Davies' sugar cookies: cream together 1/2 lb. butter or margarine; 2 cups sugar; add and beat 3 eggs and the juice and rind of 1/2 lemon; mix together and then add 4 cups flour; 1 teaspoon baking powder; 2-1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Refrigerate for at least one hour. Pinch off a little at a time. Roll out to 1/8 thick on a well-floured surface (use a floured rolling pin-cover for ease in handling.) Stamp out cookies with cutters and bake in 375 oven for 6 minutes.

JANET LEWIS

Janet Hallard Lewis, a resident of Society Hill since 1958, died on October 24th at Pennsylvania Hospital after a short illness. She had been a strong and spirited advocate of William Penn's vision of a "Greene Countrie Towne."

Janet was the first president of the Associated Home Owners of Washington Square East which in 1961 prevailed upon City Council to approve the Redevelopment Plan for Unit #2, the heart of what is now Society Hill. With the Home Owners Janet fought to have I-95 depressed and covered as it passed through Philadelphia's historic district, to preserve 167 historic houses on Front Street endangered by a proposed crosstown interchange, to retain our brick sidewalks and to install architecturally compatible street lights. When the Home Owners and the Society Hill Area Residents Association merged in 1963 to become the Society Hill Civic Association, Janet joined the new organization and served on its board and many committees. She was also a founder and the secretary until her death of the Neighborhood Coalition for Preservation, an organization that successfully fought against I-95 ramps into bordering residential communities and for a guarantee that sound barriers would be built before the expressway was fully opened to traffic. Janet was a leading member of the Save Spruce Street Committee, and as both chairman and a member of SHCA's Zoning Committee she fought doggedly against the over-commercialization and indiscriminate issuance of zoning variances that she believed would lead to high density and a distortion of the original redevelopment plan.

Until her retirement in 1977, Janet was the chief booker and office manager at United Artists Film Distribution Company. She returned to the film industry the following year as a booker with Filmways. She was a member of the Motion Picture Pioneers and the Motion Picture Association. She held memberships in the National Trust, the Society for Preservation of Landmarks and the Philadelphia Maritime Museum.

A self-proclaimed "old house nut," Janet and her late husband Charles painstakingly restored two of the area's oldest buildings dating from 1743. In one of the first rehabilitations in Society Hill, they combined the two small houses at 220-222 Spruce Street into one gemlike structure with notably fine original panelling and random width floors. Her home and its surroundings were the central interest in Janet's life. She delighted in entertaining there, often at large gatherings promoting neighborhood causes.

Her loss to us cannot be measured.

DARTS & LAURELS

Dart -Let's hear it for those wonderful residents who share their household refuse and trash with their neighbors by dumping it in and around the litter receptacles on the SE and SW corners of Fourth Street. Yuuck! Don't dump on Philadelphia! Stash your trash until Wednesday.

Laurel -Thanks to the South Street Business Men's Association their directors and their president, Harry Stein, for a fine South Street anniversary celebration.

Dart -To Max Weiner for not taking down his Consumer Party campaign posters.

Laurel -To Dave Griffiths, scoutmaster of Troop 176 for his excellent leadership (1979-1980). Dave is leaving the neighborhood. He'll be replaced by Charlie Jackson who hails from the Smokies, is a Tennessean and came East with the National Park Service.

Dart -To the very unfinished house on the southwest corner of 6th and Spruce. They have been the "before" of before and after long enough.

Laurel -To the Central Penn Bank at 2nd and Pine for installing trees on the perimeter pursuant to the SHCA request to do so. Actually, they look more like buggy whips than trees, but give them 20 years and they'll be fine.

Dart -To Duke's Pub for proposing mule-drawn trips through our streets. We have enough asses in the neighborhood as it is.

ANSWER THIS QUESTION AND WIN A FREE TRIP TO SECAUCUS

Question - What three issues should be given priority by the Society Hill Civic Association Board, in your opinion?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Mail answers to P.O. Box 3, Phila., Pa. 19105

HOW TO JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Tear off and mail to Society Hill Civic Association, P.O. Box 3, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105, attention: Robert S. Thanhauser, Jr., Treasurer,

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Add \$1. per member for your numbered SHCA parking sticker; include a self-addressed stamped envelope; \$5. more for each additional sticker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Read All About It!

Goals accomplished by the Communications Committee include the addition of a corresponding secretary to the SHCA Board and the allocation of \$1800 per year in special funding for the publication of six issues of the Newsletter annually. Future goals include expanding the Newsletter and encouraging intercommunication between the SHCA and other civic groups that share the same interests.

Mondo Condo; Independence Place

The second meeting of the Independence Place Committee included Michael Willmann, SHCA; Nancy Frenze, Washington Square East Condominium #2; Joel Weisbein of the Independence Place developers; Charles Quinter, Independence Place; Steven Steelman, Shoemaker Corporation; and Edward Edelstein. The meeting took place on November 7th. A variety of items concerned with the conditions on the developer that were the subject of a restrictive covenant prepared by attorneys Edward Edelstein and Carl Zucker were discussed. These included: 1) The tie-in of the TV antenna from the South Tower to the condominiums. This operation will be monitored by Charles Quinter. 2) The timetable under which the items in the conditions will be accomplished with particular emphasis on the repair of Manning Walk. Joel Weisbein is monitoring these items. He reported that the original landscape plan for Locust Walk had been rejected and a new landscaper will be hired for the study, and that the landscaping of Locust Walk will probably be done after the completion of the North Tower. He added that part of Locust Walk belonging to the developer will be used as a drive-through for the delivery of supplies, but will not be used for parking. 3) A clarification of the ownership of Washington Sq. Garage was requested. It turns out that it is owned by Greenwood Management, subject to the leasehold interest of Penn Mutual and Empire Associates. The garage has hired a security guard and studies of the fire alarm system, the safety of garage gas tanks, and air handling system are being done. A traffic study of Independence Place impact is being prepared by Penonia Associates. 4) Ed Edelstein reported that the agreements between the neighbors and developer will be completed by the end of November. 5) A report on the 1% for Art allocation for the different components of the project will be discussed shortly.

Traffic And Parking Update

East Philadelphia Traffic and Parking Coalition Report: The coalition of neighborhood groups and businessmen's associations from Pennsport to Society Hill has developed a multi-point program to attempt to deal with traffic and parking problems which plague the East Philadelphia area. Chaired by SHCA President Michael Willmann, the Coalition has adopted the name ACEPT (Action Coalition for East Philadelphia Traffic). The Coalition's proposals include a resident sticker parking program, the garage/restaurant trolley shuttle, cab stands at Second and Lombard and 5th and South, new parking facilities such as the I-95 lot, better signage for traffic flow and access to parking facilities, and increased police enforcement of existing regulations.

The shuttle trolley is operational, the I-95 lot is close to being open, additional garage and parking locations are being studied and increased police enforcement has been promised by the commanding officer of the Traffic Division, Inspector Edward Lawless.

The cab stand requests are pending with the Streets Department, new signage has been installed and the Mayor's Deputy for Transportation David Williamson has promised his support in securing the implementation of a resident sticker parking program for the communities in the Coalition.

The Coalition is composed of SHCA, QVNA, Pennsport Civic Association, QVBA, the South Street Businessmen's Association, NewMarket management and the NewMarket Merchants Association. (See survey that follows at end of Newsletter).

THE SWINDLE SHEET

SHCA Treasurer's Report - October 27, 1980

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance as of May 13, 1980	\$ 1,392.54	\$ 2,386.59	\$ 3,779.13
<u>Income:</u>			
Dues	1,594.00		
Parking Stickers	32.00		
Contributions	100.00		
Interest Posted as of 9/30/80		57.76	
Totals	3,118.54	2,444.35	5,562.89
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
Bank Charges (Stop Payment)	12.00		
P.O. Box Rental & Postage	33.65		
<u>Printing Fees:</u>			
Replica Printing (Newsletter, Political Forum, Meeting Notices)	303.98		
Princeton Press (Quadrant Meeting)	11.00		
Kelshawn Printing (Newsletter)	228.10		
Adrians Mailers (SHCA Listings)	206.51		
Community Graphics	27.00		
	776.59		
<u>Legal Fees:</u>			
Drinker Biddle & Reath (filing fee)	40.00		
Olan B. Lowrey	398.97		
	438.97		
<u>Clerical Services</u>			
J.M. Willmann (Re: typing fees)	111.00		
<u>Supplies</u>			
Jersey Business Inc.	25.00		
Goodrich & Co. (Re: Helen Rodgers)	56.14		
Reimbursements (various)	10.78		
	91.92		
<u>Subscriptions</u>			
Delaware Valley Housing Assn.	30.00		
<u>Photographs</u>			
Linda Palmer	30.00		
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	(\$ 1,524.13)		
<u>Transfer funds checking to savings</u>	(1,564.54)	1,564.54	
<u>Account Balances as of October 27, 1980</u>	\$ 29.87	\$ 4,008.89	\$ 4,038.76

HATS OFF TO...

Neighbors Ruth Dugan, Bob Wallace, Fran Israel, Nancy Frenze and Mike Willmann for copy in this issue. Your editors Alan Halpern, Peg Robb and Jan Stephano wish everyone a happy holiday and a new year filled with parking spots.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO MIKE WILLMANN, P.O. BOX 3, PHILA., PA. 19105

1. On what block do you reside (e.g. 600 block of Pine Street)?

Type of Dwelling Rent ___ Hi Rise ___ Single Family ___
 Own ___ Walk Up ___

2. How many vehicles are based at your residence? _____
 IF YOU HAVE NO VEHICLES, GO TO QUESTION 6.

3. On a typical weekday, where are these vehicles during the daytime?
 (check as many as are applicable)

	Vehicle		
	#1	#2	#3
-At work outside the neighborhood	—	—	—
-On street in the neighborhood	—	—	—
-In a private garage, court or driveway in the area	—	—	—
-In commercial parking lot or garage in the area	—	—	—
-Other (Please specify) _____	—	—	—

4. On a typical weekday, where are these same vehicles in the evening and at night? (Check as many as are applicable).

	Vehicle		
	#1	#2	#3
-At work outside the neighborhood	—	—	—
-On street in the neighborhood	—	—	—
-In a private garage, court or driveway in the area	—	—	—
-In commercial parking lot or garage in the area	—	—	—
-Other (Please specify) _____	—	—	—

5. How far do you generally park from your residence?
- a) During the day? Within a block
 Within 3 blocks
 More than 3 blocks away
- b) During the evening? Within a block
 Within 3 blocks
 More than 3 blocks away
- c) During the late night? Within a block
 Within 3 blocks
 More than 3 blocks away
6. Do you feel there are any parking problems near your residence? _____
 (Yes or no) If yes, please answer all applicable questions.
- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| -Do you feel you have to walk too far from home to your usual parking location(s)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -Do you have non-resident visitors who have to walk too far from your home to their cars? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -Do you feel that these long walking distances are due to: | | |
| -Inadequate off-street parking at your residence? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -On-street parking prohibitions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -Parking by non-residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -Do you consider such walking distances to constitute a personal hazard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -Is police enforcement of present parking regulations strict enough? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| -Is police enforcement too strict? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 7a. Would you generally favor a neighborhood program wherein legal on-street parking longer than a specified period (e.g. two hours) requires a special permit sticker available at a realistic cost only to residents and their visitors? _____ (Yes or no)
- 7b. How might the parking and travel habits of your household change if such a permit program were shown to be beneficial and were adopted. Please check any applicable statements.
- Probably not at all
- We might drive to work more often because there should be less of a problem finding parking spaces near our home in the evening.
- We would stop parking in less convenient on-street spaces, and instead try to park on the street in front of our home.
- We would stop parking in off-street lots or garages and instead try to park on the street in front of our home.
- We might buy another or a first car because of the greater convenience of residential parking under a permit program.
- Other _____
8. Is there a loading problem near your home? _____ (Yes or no) If yes, please answer all applicable questions.
- I would like a loading zone in the middle of the block
- I would like a loading zone at each block end
9. Would you be in favor of developing parking garages in the area and paying for a monthly space comparable to prevailing rates in the area? _____ (Yes or no)
10. Please suggest any other programs or any other comments related to the neighborhood parking situation. _____
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BE PART OF THE NEW LOOK

The Newsletter staff is interested in including a sketch, illustration, design, etc. in each issue of the publication. If you are an artist or art student and would like to submit art work for the Newsletter, please contact Jan Stephano (WA3-4921) or Nancy Frenze (923-5459)

Interested in placing an ad in the Newsletter ?

For more information write: SHCA Box 3 Phila., Pa. 19105