SWEEPING PROPOSALS

Cleaning and maintaining the streetscape in Philadelphia is difficult and increasing challenges facing citizens, government, business and neighborhood leaders. Alexander Hoskins, commissioner of the Department of Streets, is proposing to institute an innovative new citywide program that may provide solutions, in spite of the city's current budget crunch. This new proposal, patterned along a similar sanitation program in New York City, is to be called SWEEP (Streets and Walkways Environmental Enforcement Program). The program, which is still in its planning phase, entails an expensive educational effort backed by enforcement reforms.

Like other major cities, Philadelphia's police have traditionally been responsible for enforcement of sanitation laws. But the police and courts are strained by dwindling resources. Since sanitation enforcement is by necessity a low priority, the number of violations cited is low, and lack of compliance with sanitation laws is often the outcome SWEEP intends to shift from police to courts to the courts' responsibility for non-criminal aspects of sanitation enforcement by creating a "ticketing" force and an administrative review process. It is hoped that this reallocation of responsibilities will allow the police and courts to focus on more serious offenses, such as illegal dumping.

Commissioner Hoskins assures us that SWEEP's creative approach will pay for itself with revenues obtained from the ticketing fines (continued on page 11)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All SHCA board and general meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. The next general meeting on March 25 will begin with refreshments at 7:30 pm, provided by The Gallery at Abbot's Square. The agenda will include reports from the JCA and the Jefferson Hospital incinerator, the New-

Jefferson Incinerator:

A BURNING ISSUE

Jefferson Hospital's proposed on-site incinerator is a very real threat, requiring the same seriousness of purpose that our community gave to recent problems, such as the Sports Bar, Brookin, heavy metal, and chlorine emissions in the air from such an incinerator (located at 10th and Sansom Streets) will be invisible but deadly. Over time these emissions can result in our community becoming a victim in a learned article on high cancer rates in a localized area.

At a general membership meeting of the SHCA last fall, the hospital's representatives made a pledge that if the community were opposed to the incinerator, the project would be withdrawn. We, therefore, anticipated good faith from the hospital in responding to our concerns. Following the hospital's presentation, a SHCA committee was formed, headed by Dr. Bernard Harrel, who is a professor at Drexel University and an expert in solid waste disposal technology. As a community resident, he alerted us to the problems posed by such an incinerator, and after a review of the matter, the board voted to oppose the hospital's project.

Our initial approach had been to deal with Jefferson in a low-key manner, and to that end, SHCA President Mélita Beyer wrote a letter to the Executive Vice President of Jefferson University Hospital informing him of our community's decision. Dr. Hamel then held a meeting with hospital representatives, headed by Martha Anderson, Jefferson's environmental specialist. Dr. Hamel expressed to the hospital group our community's rationale for opposing the project, citing technical arguments.

However, in an interview with Jonathan Shnitz of the Center City Star, published February 2, Ms. Anderson asserted that no community opposition existed. Ms. Anderson's statement was made in spite of both Aaron Beyer's official letter to the hospital and Bernie Hamel's meeting, where he left no doubt as to community opposition. In the published interview, Ms. Anderson clearly chose to ignore our technical objections and indicated that they expect to be awarded a permit from Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Resources (DER). According to the newspaper article, the hospital also intends a very aggressive construction schedule, citing August as a possible starting date. It appears clear, from this point on, that Jefferson is acting in a manner that is not consistent with its commitment to community involvement.

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OPEN MEETING FOR ALL PHILADELPHIA CITIZENS

Mayor Goode has scheduled a "Town Meeting" for Saturday, March 18, from 10 am to noon, at Jefferson Almney Hall, 1020 Locust Street. All citizens are invited to attend.

SHCA has invited Mayor Goode to the general meeting on May 17. He has not responded to our invitation.
manner that will require from us more attentive and active opposition. SHCA's opposition to this environmental threat is built on the technical argument of the heterogeneity of the waste stream to the hospital incinerator. According to Dr. Hamel, who made these points at his meeting with the Jefferson group, the waste stream will include such diverse items as surgical and emergency room waste, (which can be 50 percent plastic, principally polyvinyl chloride), household-type garbage waste, and laboratory waste. The high plastics content in hospital waste can be a potent source of dioxin production in the incineration process. In fact, municipal trash, which is only one to two percent plastic, can give rise to significant dioxin production, while hospital waste can be expected to average 10 to 20 percent or more in its plastics content. Dioxin is probably one of the most potent known carcinogens, and even minute amounts can be extremely dangerous. It is particularly frightening as an emission, since no state-of-the-art technology is available to the hospital for continuous dioxin stack measurement. This heterogeneity of the waste stream makes permitting from the DER vary problematic, because when testing, dioxin samples are usually taken over a fairly short time interval — and the permit might be given for a waste stream that produces only small amounts of dioxin. Over a period of a day or week, the waste stream content will vary so greatly as to negate the validity of any limited time period dioxin testing. Given the present impossibility of continuous dioxin monitoring, we have an untenable situation. SHCA is embarking on a strong response to this threat, and we ask our neighbors to recognize that we face a very serious public health crisis if we allow the hospital to proceed.

NEWS AT PRESS DATE

On February 8 the Welcome featured an article on the subject. Evelyn Hess spoke to Bernie Hamel, who provided her with both technical and pertinent information regarding this association's contact with Jefferson. Ms. Hess spoke to Martha Anderson, and the paper reported the following: "As far as Anderson says she knew, the Society Hill Civic Association members had voiced concerns, but the group was not actually against the incinerator." This is false, since Society Hill, as represented by our civic association, has gone on record to oppose the incinerator. Anderson and other Jefferson administrators are fully aware of this. (The December issue of The Resident News-letter featured the board's opposition on the front page.) In addition, Anderson said that although it is true that hospital waste is about 30 to 40 percent plastic and a large portion polyvinyl chloride, Jefferson plans to put their incinerator "only about 26 percent hospital-type waste," carefully monitoring their trash. Dr. Hamel's response is: "What's going to monitor those trash bags and keep full and accurate records of what is being burned? It's not practical, and there's too much room for human error!"
POH TOUR TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

All roads will lead to Society Hill on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, May 7, when the 11th annual PHILADELPHIA OPEN HOUSE - House and Garden Tours will spotlight this area. Society Hill homeowners have been welcoming visitors into their homes during Philadelphia Open House, coordinated by Friends of Independence National Historical Park, since the first year when there were only nine tours in the Center City area, and now, with 35 tours. Philadelphia Open House greets visitors in 28 different neighborhoods and from Pennsylvania to Chester County.

The Society Hill House and Garden Tour are among the most popular on the POH schedule. There is a warm and wonderful sense of "neighborhood" as visitors from all over the United States and many foreign countries wander along the cobblestoned streets and charming walkways into homes on the tour identified by the red and white POH flags in doorways.

ZONING MATTERS

The following zoning items are currently before the Zoning Committee:

1. Claude DelBottom's project on 4th Street between Willings Alley and Walnut Streets: A proposal to convert the existing commercial building to approximately 23 rental units. It appears that a zoning variance is not required, but the committee is meeting with the developers and neighbors to have design and construction questions answered.

2. The fence on the south side of Independence Place and at the Society Hill Club appears to exceed the maximum allowable height, with barbed wire at the top. The committee is making efforts to schedule a meeting with neighbors and representatives from Independence Place and the Society Hill Club. The committee intends to discuss alternatives that comply with the law but which will still offer Independence Place and the club the kind of security they desire.

3. The 304-06 S. American Street property proposes to erect a one-story addition to the rear of the single-family residence. This property is on the February agenda of the Zoning Committee, and a presentation by contractors will be given to neighbors to determine if there are any objections. The committee will then vote to decide on whether or not to object to this proposed addition.

PHILADELPHIA OPEN HOUSE ... The 11th annual House and Garden Tour runs from April 28 through May 14. It has expanded from nine tours in the city to 35 tours in 28 different neighborhoods. Refreshments on Saturday, April 29, will be at the magnificently restored 18th century home of Samuel Powel, mayor of Philadelphia just before and immediately after the Revolution. Pictured above is a view from the Powel House garden looking east.

SOUTH STREET TASK FORCE ON THE MOVE

The South Street Task Force, the cooperative organization so vital to the well-being of our community, is alive and well and continues to meet monthly.

The following committees have been established: By Laws, Planning and Coordination, Beautification, Security and Code Enforcement, Transportation, and Large Population Events.

Each committee will review, enforce and recommend courses of action on matters within its jurisdiction. Under consideration are: surveys of the South Street area by Drexel University students, redesign of street barricades and remote parking with shuttle bus transportation.

Membership on these committees is not restricted to Task Force members, and anyone who would either like to serve on a committee or would like to have input should contact Becky Stoloff (627-4910).

An area-wide Clean-Up day has been scheduled by the Task Force for April 15. The appearance of our neighborhoods is important to those who live here and to the image our visitors take away with them. Full details of Clean-Up Day will be disclosed at the March general membership meeting of the SHCA.

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OUR MAILBAG...

To the Editors:

As a follow-up to the last Civic Activita-
tion letter, I would like to clarify
some of the remarks I made concerning
neighborhood support of local businesses.
We get letters like the one from the
Mall of America, which says: 'If you don't
support what we have, we may well get
something worse.' I did not mean that we
should support places which we don't like—
but if we initially did like them, why not try
some constructive criticism directly to the
owners or managers? Whenever I have done
this, the reaction has been very positive.

Of course, this won't always work, but
this is our community, and, for one, want to
keep it as good as it can possibly be. That's
why I've been involved in SHA for as long as
I've lived here. It's called "enlightened
self-interest."

It's always been very easy to criticize
from the sidelines—but unless you really try
to change what you don't like, you have no
cause to complain when things happen that
make you unhappy or angry. This goes for
participation in civic activities, as well as
supporting local businesses. If you don't like
what SHA is doing, come join us to make
tings better. If you don't like what a local
businessman is selling, tell him before you
take your business elsewhere.

I think we have the best neighborhood
in the city, and I think that is why we should all
work to keep it that way.

Joy C. Lindy

To the Editors:

During the first week of November of 1988, the
courtyard house at 609-07 Lombard
Street was torn down brick-by-brick.
The house was one of those which stood in the
courtyard behind 609-09 Lombard Street.
The Historical Commission estimated that it
was built before 1850. It was one of the few
remaining examples in Society Hill of the
courtyard houses of its kind. Nineteenth
century maps show the house and its court
immediately adjacent on the south of the
James Forten Public School, said to be the
first black public school in the country,
which stood across 6th Street from the
Mother Bethel AME Church.
The area around 6th and Lombard was a
hub of the free black community in
Philadelphia before the Civil War. At that
time, Addison Street was known as
"Minister" street, and there was a black Bapti-
rist church in the middle of its 600 block.
Together with its twin and the rows of houses
at 611-619 Lombard Street, 693-695
Lombard was one of the few old churches remain-
ing in the 600 block between Lombard and
Addison Streets. However modest it may
have appeared in later years, the house was
surely at the center of a lot of history, and its
loss is a loss to us all.

In recent times, the house and
courtyard had been restored by the Octavia
Hill Association as part of the neighborhood
redevelopment during the 1960's and
1970's. Since it was in Society Hill and
within a National Historic District, it
should have been protected for posterity.
Unfortunately, it had been known only as one of
the buildings on larger properties and had
apparently never been recorded as a
separate structure for preservation. Except
for photographs in the 611 Lombard file at the
Historical Commission which show the
house as it stood in 1959 before restoration,
no one seems to have been aware that it still
existed ... except those of us who cared
about it as a part of the integrity of its
courtyard and the neighborhood.

In the autumn of 1988, a developer
began a project called "600 Addison" and
scheduled the house for demolition. It now
appears that no one who sponsored or
approved the demoliton project had any idea
that might have indicated historical
significance. After the demolition permit
work began in October and the overnight
became apparent, the developer did not re-
spond to a neighborhood petition and clips
from Councilman James Tayoun, from the
Historical Commission, and from the
Preservation Coalition. The house is now
gone, leaving only its twain as a reminder of
an ill-advised architectural amputation.

During the ten days between the time I
learned of the demolition plan and the time
that demolition began, I tried very hard to
find a way that the house could be saved. I
failed, and for that I apologize to everyone
who cares about heritage preservation.
I wish to thank the people who tried to
help and to express my disappointment with
the others. I would have thought that in this
enlightened age we would be more respect-
ful of heritage, especially in Society Hill and
around the Mother Bethel site. The architec-
ture of any respectful new development
could have been greatly enhanced by using
the unique old courtyard with its houses and
trees intact to complement new structures.
As it is, I think we have been poor stewards
of the heritage around us and suffered an
unnecessary loss. I can only hope that this
report will serve to strengthen our resolve
to preserve and protect the historical en-
vironment of greater Philadelphia.

D.H. McNeil

MUSEUM AMBASSADORS

VOLUNTEERS are needed at Atwater Kent Museum, the history museum of Phila-
delphia. The Education Department of the museum is seeking VOLUNTEERS to welcome visitors and to present them with a short orientation talk, as well as answer any questions they might have regarding museum exhibits and Local attractions.
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The Friends of Robert Smith celebrated the 266th birthday of the renowned colonial architect on January 14. The celebrants convened at Carpenters’ Hall for toasts and lunched at the First Bank where the Philadelphia Scottish Choir (above) led by Tom Polon, entertained. The party then moved to the Visitors’ Center where harpist Mary Tooke (top above) played and sang folk songs of Bonnie Scotland. Beatrice B. Garvan, curator of American art, Philadelphia Museum of Art, gave an illustrated lecture, “Scotland on the Schuylkill: Captain John Macpherson’s Mount Pleasant.” Finally, at St. Paul’s churchyard, a wreath was laid on the grave of Captain Macpherson, a contemporary of Robert Smith.

Good Music, Good Friends, Good Food

BISTRO ROMANO — (From left) Norm and Kitty Wallin, Jane and Tom Boyd, Aaron Beyer, SHCA president and Babette Josephs, democratic state representative, district 182 at the annual SHCA Membership Party which was sponsored by the restaurant located at 120 Lombard Street. Michael Romano Granada, owner of the Bistro Romano, was a most generous host providing a variety of good food (outstanding tempura) and an open bar for all SHCA members in good standing. Thanks to Mr. Granada for his generosity and fine performance.

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Cable television finally made it to Society Hill. For most residents, the advent of Greater Media Cable has brought a clear, bright TV picture of many and varied channels, provided by friendly, courteous installers. Now that the brick walls are back in place and the cement has dried, a few blips have been reported.

Some residents report that the sight of black cable climbing the front of brick facades, built in the 18th Century, is offensive to them and contrary to the original limitations set forth for this area in the 1950’s. A survey of involved homes has been prepared by SHCA, and they will be meeting with the Historical Commission to explore alternative methods for solving this problem.

Tom McMonagle, installation manager for Greater Media Cable, reported that customers wanting TV cable in second and third floor front areas produced installation problems. Putting cable up the front wall was an alternative to the much more costly method of pulling the wire through floors and walls. Decisions must be made by the owners. For rental properties, agreements signed by the owner were obtained. Where a tenant purported to be the owner, and the actual owner later objected, all installation wiring was removed.

When questioned about the possibility that other small, out-of-the-way areas in Society Hill might have been overlooked, Mr. McMonagle, as well as Mr. Kelly, overall construction manager, were very positive that all who wished to have cable service here would have it before they completed wiring the neighborhood. After that, Greater Media Cable will retain their own service group for maintenance and removal service.

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HPK HOUSE
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The dates are:
Friday, April 28 __________ 9 - 6 pm
Saturday, April 29 __________ 10 - 6 pm
Sunday, April 30 __________ 10 - 6 pm

The sale will be held, rain or shine, in the garden at the rear of the house at 321 S. 4th Street. All proceeds from the sale will benefit this historic house.
GRAND FEDERAL EDIFICE RIDES AGAIN!

Through the efforts of some Philadelphia area residents including Society Hill's own Peggy Duckett and Richard Herskowitz, a remarkable and historic float represented Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania segment of 1989's American Presidential Bicentennial Inaugural Parade.

Peggy Duckett encouraged Inaugural Chairman Peggy Korth to issue an invitation for the inclusion of the Grand Federal Edifice, a 36 foot high, 17 foot wide structure symbolizing the union of states under the "New Roof" of the Constitution. Thirteen Corinthian columns representing the original states stand tall and equal under the Constitution. The done with 13 stars representing the Constitution is surrounded by a temple of the immigrants and crowned by the figure of Plenty holding a cornucopia in guarantee of the abundance and prosperity possible under the new Constitution.

The Grand Federal Edifice, was originally designed by proto-architect master builder William Williams of the venerable Carpenters' Company of Philadelphia (the oldest craft guild in America — founded in 1724). The structure has had reincarnations in 1867 and 1987 to honor the Constitution so its inclusion in this year's Bicentennial Inauguration was most appropriate, as well as dramatic and a bit hectic!

Peggy Duckett received the invitation to participate in this year’s Parade just one month before it happened and, fortunately, on the same day the Carpenter's Company had its meeting. The Carpenter's Company and the Architectural Woodwork Institute, Delaware Valley Chapter, had coordinated the work of 11 different companies to rebuild the $100,000 structure privately for the Constitution Day parade in 1987 and now they assumed the task of repairing, transporting, reassessing, and disassembling, including rebuilding the float bed since the original no longer existed. Society Hill architect, Richard Herskowitz, president of the Alexander Woodworking Company, masterminded the reassembly which was accomplished in two days on site in front of the Air and Space Museum.

The only unplanned happening was the emergency reshoeing of a 1,000 pound Percheron horse, one of eight pulling the float, who had stepped on his own shoe five minutes before the Grand Federal Edifice began emerging into Pennsylvania Avenue!
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Of course, if your walk to work, dinner or brunch takes you past Rease Street (Yes, that little alley behind the stores between Cypress and Delancy is a dedicated street), any aftergowr of neighborly feeling is quickly dispelled. Rubbish and garbage is spilling from dumpsters. Trash is strewn all over the street and sidewalks. Back doors of kitchens are left standing open, rock music blaring from inside. Cars and trucks of every size and description are parked on every inch of the street. Concerning this fact, there is a “no parking” street. Delivery trucks to all three premises come and go all day, lining up in Cypress Street, backing traffic and blocking some residents from access into or out of their garages and parking spaces.

These shopkeepers have turned that area of our neighborhood into a health and safety hazard, and the worst kind of urban eyesore. Any friendly neighborhood feelings emanating from proprietors to customers is now understood as simply “PIT” or maybe “BS,” masking their indifference to the fact that they work where we live.

There are other “neighborhood” delis. There are other laundry and dry cleaning establishments. There are always restaurants. Neighbors support neighbors, but our 5th Street merchants just don’t act neighborly. They seemed like such nice people.

Sweeping (continued from page 1)

The program will call for:

• a no-pollution sanitation education/enforcement unit within the Streets Department
• an administrative hearing process which would adjudicate sanitation violations without clogging the courts.

Sweep will require the support of all communities in a give-and-take relationship. So we must continue to do our part by cooperating with trash collection services in the following specific ways:

• The city will clean the street from curb to curb, but it is our responsibility to keep the sidewalk free of litter in front of our homes and businesses. (Philadelphia Code 10-703)

• Never use public litter baskets for household or business trash. It’s unfair to pedestrians, it overloads the baskets, and it’s against the law! (Philadelphia Code 10-703)

• Set out trash on the day of collection, between 4 and 6 pm. The less time out on the streets, the less chance it will be disturbed by weather, animals or trash snoppers.

• When trash is positioned in sealed containers or plastic bags. Paper bags break and open boxes are open invitations to trash pickers.

May we suggest that you take this opportunity to enlist the support of your immediate neighbors in this clean-up effort? We know that some people feel frustrated when they cannot get out their trash at the correct times because they are working or traveling. So, rather than put out your trash prematurely when you know you will be away, do call upon friends and close-by neighbors. If we expect clean streets and a beautiful environment, we will have to support each other. With neighbors helping neighbors, every block can take pride in its appearance.

A reminder: We are as close to city services as our telephones. For easy reference, you may want to save the following numbers:

SANITATION AND INFORMATION SERVICES 881-5500
TRASH COLLECTION/BLUE ITEMS 881-5500
ENFORCEMENT OF LITTER AND DUMPING LAWS 881-3800
ILLEGAL DUMPING CLEAN UP 881-5500
POOL HOUSE AND STREET REPAIR 881-5500
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- Good Friday, Friday, March 24 ………… Friday, March 24 Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 ………… Tuesday, May 26
- Friday, June 14 ………… Wednesday, June 14 Independence Day, Monday, July 4 ………… Tuesday, July 5 Labor Day, Monday, September 4 ………… Tuesday, September 5 Columbus Day, Monday, October 9 ………… Monday, October 9

You may wish to see the FESTIVAL OF ARTS SCHEDULE:

- Thursday, November 23 ………… Friday, November 24 Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 ………… Tuesday, December 26

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RECYCLING OPTIONS

Queen Village has established a recycling program which Society Hill residents may participate in. Items to be recycled are:

- Newspapers, tied in bundles or put in paper shopping bags.
- Glass bottles and jars, separated by color in paper bags (plastic bags only if it rains).
- Cardboard boxes flattened and tied or boxed.

You can set out the above items on the 2nd or 4th Saturday of any month, between 9 and 10am. There will always be a truck by the following corner after 10 am:

- Bainbridge and Front St., East Side
- Bainbridge and 3rd St., at Fountain
- Lombard and Front St., East Side
- Lombard and 5th St., SE Corner
- Monroe near 5th St., (Meredith School Yard)
- Fitzwater and 4th St., East of SE Corner

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NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE: SHOWING OUR COLORS

An ambitious and significant new city-sponsored neighborhood program is being planned in conjunction with Flag Day, June 14, 1989. Designed to renew the spirit of pride in our neighborhoods by uniting people in a common goal, the plan is to fly American flags on every city block on clean, litter-free streets!

The Flag Day '89 Committee, a coalition of the City administration and volunteer business, community, civic, veteran and professional groups, is launching this project. Prior to Flag Day, it is hoped that each block will be cleaned and spruced up by its residents and that every street in Philadelphia will proudly fly the American Flag by June 14.

The flags will be donated to every block through the fundraising efforts of the Flag Day '89 Committee. Eighty percent of the funds will come from corporations and foundations, while donations from private citizens will bring in 20 percent of the total cost. The "Adopt-a-Block" program concerns this aspect of the campaign. A $25 donation will entitle donors to sponsor a particular block.

(Some neighbors can pool together to Adopt-a-Block. One $25 donation will contribute approximately to the cost of four flags.)

Managing Director of the City, James White, asks that volunteers step forward as "Keepers of the Flags" for every block in the city. Their role will be to make sure that the flags are properly displayed on every block's telephone or light poles. Each "Keeper of the Flags" will help organize neighbors to join the clean-up campaign on his or her block. A one-day conference for all "Keepers of the Flags" will provide support services, and all flag volunteers will be formally recognized for their efforts. It is hoped, then, that every "Keeper of the Flags" will be responsible for maintaining the flags and insuring that they are flown on other appropriate occasions.

It is hoped that Society Hill residents will participate in "Operation Neighborhood Pride" through coordination with SHCA.

Look for more details in the next Newsletter.

SOCIETY HILL IN THE DARK

A survey of Society Hill street lamps undertaken by the Neighborhood Maintenance Committee lists fifty-dozen damaged Franklin lamps in our community. The committee recommends that eight of the lamps be replaced. The others have broken or missing pleated glass shades that look terrible, but would be easy to fix given the right materials. The lamps with bent heads don't look so bad, but because of the design of the lamps, they will soon turn up with heads broken off if not repaired.

Streets Department service people have been seen proceeding throughout the neighborhood recently, but the work being done appeared simply to be replacing dead bulbs and dusting the shades. Streets Commissioner Alexander L. Hopkins told the press that there are 3,000 lights out in Philadelphia with the number increasing by about 100 a month.

Rather than accept this dismal situation, SHCA President Aaron Beyer alerted City Council through Councilman James J. Fyson and submitted a list prepared by the Neighborhood Maintenance Committee detailing each damaged lamp, with a map showing locations. The City has allocated funds for street light repairs—so we remain optimistic and intend to see that these important lamps be rehabilitated in the not-too-distant future.

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CULTURAL ALLIANCE IS OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

Society Hill welcomes an important cultural addition to our community. The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance has moved its headquarters to 320 Walnut Street. GPACA, as it is commonly known by its 300 nonprofit member institutions, has long been an advocate and connecting link for most museums, theaters, dance and music groups throughout the Delaware Valley. Community organizations that have long been GPACA members include The American Philosophical Society, The Athenaeum, the Alxeter Kent Museum, Friends of Independence National Historical Park, the Maritime Museum and the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks. Carol Cohen, executive director suggests that GPACA's central clearinghouse on cultural activities could become an important amenity for community residents.

1/3 Price Tickets

GPACA sponsors The TIXSTOP, a ticket-selling station offering half-price "Day of Show" tickets for a variety of theatrical and musical events, ranging from the Philadelphia Orchestras to small productions, such as plays at the Walnut Street Theatre, Annenberg Center and Society Hill Playhouse, as well as half-price tickets for recent shows at the Shubert Theater and exciting performances at the Painted Bride. In addition, TIXSTOP offers a Musical Pass, which entitles the bearer to visit any and all of 19 museums during a 48-hour period. TIXSTOP also serves as a central station selling reduced and full-price advance tickets for many performing arts events, galleries, exhibits, lectures and readings throughout the area.

To find out what cultural events are available in the greater Philadelphia area on any given day, call the Information Hotline: 564-4444. For information on the availability of half-price tickets on any given day, call The Ticket Hotline: 564-4414. TIXSTOP is located at the Philadelphia Visitors Center, 16th and JFK Boulevard. Days and hours are: Tuesday through Thursday, 11:30 am through 3:30 pm; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 am through 5 pm.

Job Bank

One of GPACA's most noteworthy services, which could be of interest to job seekers in our community, is the Employment Information Center. The Job Bank is a central resource located within GPACA's offices, on the fifth floor at 320 Walnut Street, and is open to the public weekdays from 11 am to 5 pm. Job listings are also published in GPACA's monthly newsletter, "Short Subjects." If you are an employer and have a job listing you'd like to include, send your ad to Short Subjects, GPACA, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Or, for more information, call 440-8100.

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SHCA is entirely a volunteer organization, comprised of Society Hill residents and businesses, whose members have one common interest — a heartfelt desire to maintain the high quality of life we have established here. The Association represents families, individuals, professionals, as well as business and corporate sponsors who live and work within our boundaries (between Front and South Streets and Walnut and Lombard Streets). It is incumbent upon all who have an interest in preserving this unique neighborhood to join our mission, so that every voice can be heard in a consensus of opinion.

Because Society Hill is also a tourist magnet, designated as America's birthplace, its very attractions can often create new challenges. Over the years SHCA's active involvement has contributed significantly to the amelioration we now take for granted. For example, as a solution to the shortage of street parking, we secured the first Resident Permit Parking program in the City. Whether concerning historic facades or monitoring ramp studies for I-95, our SO WHY JOIN SHCA?

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pro-active, rather than simply re-active responses to challenges means that we continue to engage in innovative planning and problem-solving. Current projects include planning for public transportation to the Penn's Landing area, long-range environmental planning with the South Street Task Force; and a close-working relationship with contiguous neighborhood groups with whom we share common goals and with whom, together, we have increased political clout.

As an advocacy group, we make our special problems always visible to City officials, community leaders, elected or appointed, whose responsibilities impact on our historic community. SHCA's officers testify in City Council and meet frequently with national and city representatives. Issues of concern include zoning variances, liquor licenses, and any other changes, for better or worse. The quarterly Resident Newsletter, distributed free throughout the neighborhood, is our major vehicle by which we impart relevant and lively information. SHCA has general meetings four times a year, where members have an opportunity to voice and vote their opinions and annually elect its board of directors and officers. Elections are in May for the new board (1989-90 season), and candidates willing to serve are currently being sought. If you think you would be interested in knowing what is entailed, please call Fluffy Palmer, SHCA administrator at 928-1313. She can give you an idea of what is involved or refer you to active members who can give you more information.

We hope we can convince you to become a part of this organization. Come to our next general meeting. It is the forum to make your opinions count. By adding your strength and talents, we can only become better. (Board meetings are always open, as well.)

The staff of this Newsletter would like to know what's on your mind, but we don't get enough mail! So do write us with your concerns. (Mail to: SHCA NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105.)

If you have allowed your SHCA membership to lapse, please consider rejoining. Or if you want to know the current status of your membership, feel free to call Fluffy Palmer, at 928-1313. She'll be happy to answer any of your questions.

DARTS AND LAURELS

Laurel—to Bistro Romano for hosting a Membership Open House. The SHCA reception held on Thursday, January 26 was a success, with wonderful "freebie" food and drinks. This new restaurant, located on Lombard Street between 2nd and Front Streets, deserves our patronage.

Dart—to those residents who fail to neatly tie or tape together bundles of newspapers and who use open shopping bags for miscellaneous trash, often too small to adequately accommodate the quantity of trash.

Laurel—to the Sauls, owners of the home at the corner of 7th and Spruce Streets, who have to keep on replacing pieces of the small statue near their front door garden area, because the statue is frequently vandalized.

Likewise—to Clark DeLeon, an official "blue ribbon neighbor," who tried to pick up and return trash to some sloppy Society Hill visitors.

Dart—to the young toughs who sent DeLeon to the Emergency Ward for his trouble.

Laurel—to all Society Hill merchants who keep their sidewalks free of litter. These businesses are our partners in the effort to keep our neighborhood beautiful. We should support them, as they support us.

Laurel—to the local resident, at the Blumenthal's meeting on Abbotts Square retail space, who volunteered his solution to South Street's heavy weekend traffic: He often travels to the suburbs for a quiet dinner away and returns home after 11 pm in time to find a parking space.

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