NOTES from the President

A new year, so we'll start with a good news on the volunteer front. To promote the recycling effort, Starr Garden, former SHCA president, Ted Bobb, will set up a block of 400 South Street, have ten helping sort and stack after 9 am, with two workers. Job takes about an hour. With the time drops of 3 minutes or so, once two more helpers are still needed so that a rotating schedule can be worked out.

Mary Stursdvant, northwest quadrant director from Independence Place, has come forward to issue on this and future issues of the Reporter/Sun and Marian Darlington, a resident of Hopkins


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SHCA Membership Campaign Begins

As this issue of the Society Hill Reporter/Sun goes to press, membership renewal letters for the Society Hill Civic Association (SHCA) are being prepared for mailing.

The directors voted to change SHCA membership back to a "calendar year" beginning January 1, 1992. Now all memberships will expire December 31st of any year, with renewals commencing in January. Membership in SHCA has a major purpose: To preserve the best of Society Hill and the quality of life we have established here. Membership perks include several Special Events throughout the year, but the most significant "perk" should be simply knowing that you're an important part of this vital, ever-growing community organization.

This year's upcoming Special Events begins with a MEMBERS ONLY RECEPTION at Cafe Nola. Owners of Cafe Nola, Bill Curry and Judy De Vitaciri, are hosting this "Meet and Greet Your Neighbors" reception on February 25, from 5:30-7:30 pm at the South Street restaurant.

Other Special Events being scheduled include a theater party, to be held sometime later in the year at the new United Artists facility on Delaware Avenue. Also, a bigger and better 2nd Annual Family Picnic is being planned for Starr Garden next fall. We'll keep you posted.

SHCA functions with a quadrant system of representation for the board of directors, assuring that directors are aware of each block's problems and concerns. To further enhance communications, at our neighborhood, a "block captain" system is being designed—to become effective as soon as possible. (Please call the office [629-1288].)

And if you would be willing to become your block's captain.)

Become an active community member. Join (or rejoin) the Society Hill Civic Association when you receive your renewal letter. Or, you can use the tear-out application printed in this issue.

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OUTREACH District Attorney to Visit

Since last July the District Attorney's office—under the direction of long-time Society Hill neighbor, Lynne Abraham—has been conducting a "community outreach project" whereby assistant DAs visit different neighborhoods to hear problems first-hand from residents.

Society Hill will be the site of this outreach program on Saturday, February 15th at the Old Pine Community Center, at 4th and Lombard Streets. If you are concerned about an issue you believe should come to the attention of the DAs, plan to bring this to the first Society Hill DA outreach meeting. Look for a reminder and more information about this meeting in the February issue of the Reporter/Sun.

AT STARR GARDEN
Kid's Computer Classes

Starting this month, Starr Garden's assistant director, Alan Greenberg, will be teaching children ages 7 to 10 how to use the computer. Among the topics covered in the sessions will be word processing, graphics, and games. Each participating child will attend at least three one-hour sessions on Saturdays and Wednesdays, from 4 to 5 pm; Saturday lessons may be arranged. The materials fee is exceedingly modest: For children of Starr Garden members, $3 per child; for non-members the cost per child is $5. Call Starr Garden at 592-3661 and ask for Alan. Registration is as simple as that.

Other programs include:
A Valentine cookie baking workshop for children ages 4-12 has been scheduled for Saturday, February 8 from 1:30-4 pm. The cost will be $2 for Friends of Starr Garden children and $3 for non-members. Materials are supplied.
Save-A-Penny, Save-A-Tree Campaign: Many area stores are allowing Friends of Starr Garden to lease collection cans on their countertops for the park's beautification program. All monies received will be spent towards the purchase of new trees for the playground. These collection cans can and do accept denominations greater than pennies—so please be generous.

A sample of Society Hill holiday splendor!
SHCA Achievements of 1991

We've had a very busy year, and we're proud of what we've accomplished in 1991. Here is a brief review of some of our activities, not necessarily in order of importance:

- Neighborhood Recycling Program established at Starr Garden. This was no easy feat, and few more volunteers would help enormously by taking the pressure off our tireless regulars.
- The Society Hill Reporters inaugurated in the August issue of the East Philadelphia Sun. A news venue for the community that keeps us in touch with each other and with other nearby neighborhoods.
- New committees established to focus areas of concern:
  - Legislative Committee—initiates legislation on behalf of Society Hill
  - Liquor Control Board Committee—monitors and lobbies for control and regulation of liquor licenses in the area

HOW TO RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees make great mulch. Here are two easy ways you can have your tree mulched:

1. Use it to help keep Lawrence Court and Walkway green. Bring the tree to the intersection of the Walkway and Lawrence Street the week of January 3rd. Simply stack it next to the garage behind 417 Pine Street. The mulcher will do the rest.
2. The other recycling opportunity is offered by the Philadelphia Zoo, which will accept your tree at the 35th Street parking lot; the weekend of January 12th. Your tree's mulch will be used on the Zoo grounds. As an extra incentive to recycle at the Zoo, the first 500 tree donors will get a free tree service and will be offered a $1 discount coupon off the Zoo's admission.

SHCA Sponsors Variety of Community Meetings and Events:

- Candidates' Night for City Council and Mayor's election
- Annual Fall Picnic at Starr Garden
- SHCA supports goals and programs of local businesses:
  - Development and use of NewMarket as the potential new home of the Philadelphia Drama Guild
  - Meetings with SuperFresh and State Board to curtail panhandling and sales of liquor to street people
  - Participates in Sponsoring Several Nonprofit Groups, including:
    - "Green City Philadelphia," an urban environmental platform for the communities to ensure a healthful and rational quality of life
    - Head House Conservancy—America's oldest fireplace & market
  - Friends of Starr Garden—America's first playground

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- Nursery School incl. Toddler
- Library Program
- Summer City Day Camp
- Gymnastics (Saturday)
- Pre-Teen Program

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- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Volleyball
- Saturday for Seniors
- Jeu Jeu
- Weight Watchers
- Community Meetings

For more information about Center programs, ways to schedule events for your own functions, or how to get involved in current activities, call or visit
OLD PINE COMMUNITY CENTER
401 Lombard Street
627-5435

CALENDAR

(CLIP & SAVE)

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & SAFETY NIGHT
Tuesday, January 14
Society Hill Towers
Community Room, West Tower, 6th Fl.
Hosted by: Town Watch

SHCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, January 22
Pennsylvania Hospital Preston Hall, 8th & Spruce St.
Board Meeting—6:30 pm
Reception/Refinement at Name Tag Contest—7:30 pm
General Meeting—8 pm
Hosted by: Mr. Clifford Eldridge, president of hospital

DAV COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT
Saturday, February 15
Old Pine Community Center

4th & Lombard Sts., 11am—2pm

*SHCA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 19
Old Pine Community Center
7:30 pm

*MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS—MEMBERS ONLY
Reception
Tuesday, February 25
Café Noia 328 South Street
9:30—7:30 PM
Hosted by: Bill Curry & Judy De Vincenzo, proprietors

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, March 18
Old Pine Community Center
Board Meeting—6:30 pm
Reception/Refinement—7:30 pm
General Meeting—8 pm
HOST: Martha B. Alkowsk, superintendent Independence Park

*Note: All Board meetings are open to all members. Bring your comments and concerns.

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TOWN WATCH ALERT

Nearly everyone has a soft spot for someone in distress. We hope you will be alert to the different kinds of “sympathy scams” operating in our neighborhood, including garden variety door-to-door solicitations, such as “Can I use your phone? I just need to wash my windows.”

Then there’s the fake colostomy man who pulls up his shirt to show his apparent colostomy. There is no colostomy, although he does wear the appliance! Reminders: NEVER LET AN UNKNOWN PERSON INTO YOUR HOME OR ANY PRETENSE REPORT ANY SCAMS TO THE POLICE AND TO TOWN WATCH.

Our number is easy to remember: 625-WALK

Please join us for an informative program on Tuesday, January 14th for Community Awareness & Safety Night at Society Hill Towers West, at 7:30 PM. A vigilant neighborhood is a safer neighborhood.

"ATTENTION NEIGHBORS"

The McCall School 6th and Delaware Streets is now taking applications for full-day Kindergarten for the 1992-1993 school year.

Phone Leonard Rovner, Principal, for more information 351-7350

THE SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WE’RE NOT A CLUB BUT WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US...because caring for our neighborhood is the same as caring for ourselves. Your support will make a difference.

Tear off and mail to:
Society Hill Civic Association
P.O. Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105
Attention: Treasurer

☐ New Member ☐ Household $25
☐ Membership Renewal ☐ Business/Corporate $50
☐ Corporate Sponsor $100

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Address __________________________

Zip ______ Phone (day) _________ Phone (eve) _______

I/We would be interested in working with the following committees:

☐ Membership ☐ Liquor Control
☐ Neighborhood Maintenance ☐ Town Watch
☐ Recycling ☐ Reporter/Sun newspaper
☐ Zoning ☐ Legislative
☐ Preservation ☐ Parks/Playground

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