



SOCIETY HILL REPORTER

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NOTES from SHCA President

Happy Fall!

Several items seem noteworthy as we start a new season. First, let me thank all of those who called to tell me what they think of the new phallic symbol at Penn's Landing. Yes, you are right to agree. It is ugly and I did replace the lovely sun dial. SHCA tried unsuccessfully on several occasions to get the perpetrators—America 500—to present plans to us and finally to use any other location at Penn's Landing. We were ignored. I suggest you call Gary Howard, Executive Director of America 500, at 985-3998 to voice your opinions. Or write her



at 121 South Broad Street, 19107.

As for things that will improve the looks of the neighborhood, our Project Street Trees gets underway this week as the captains of the census teams met on Wednesday, September 9 to get their assignments. I have a personal reason now for being interested, as our six year old Bradford pear blew apart in the violent wind and rain storms of August 26 and 27. The tree in the central island of Addison Court was also badly damaged. But in a few weeks, our census should be complete and we'll be on our way to a significant community improvement.

A planning meeting for our October 3rd Family Picnic at Starr Garden is scheduled for Monday, September 14 at the Old Pine Community Center at 7:30 PM. Sally

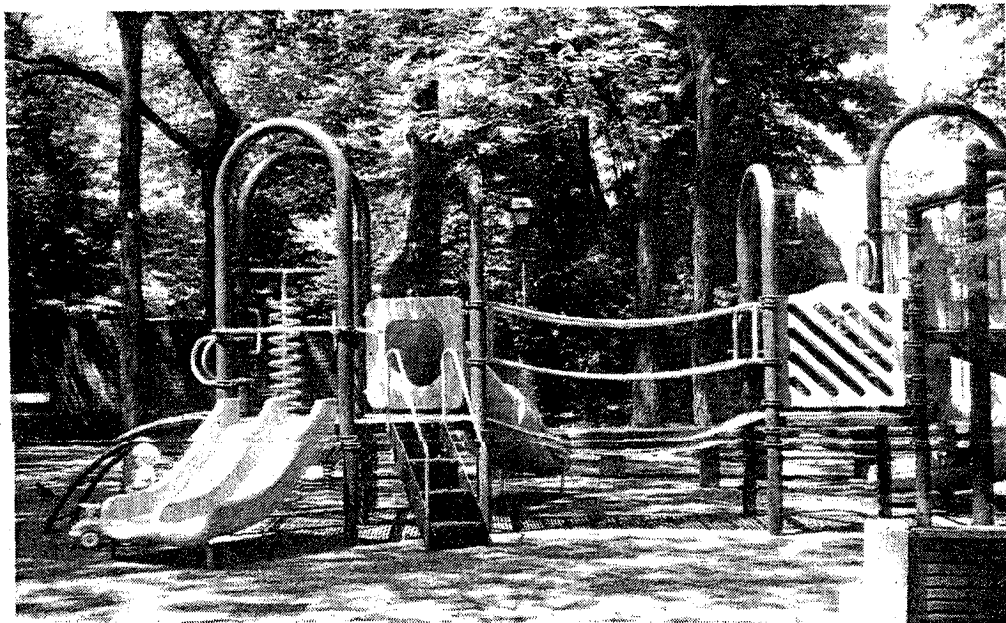
Smith, Linda Skale and others will welcome your attendance too as they organize this fun event. SHCA will provide hot dogs and sodas. Volunteers are needed to help with other refreshments, games, prizes, etc.

Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 PM at the Old Pine Community Center, the general SHCA meeting will convene to discuss several important issues:

- 1) A Proposal to fence in Society Hill Towers
- 2) Rail traffic on Delaware Avenue
- 3) Route 42 Bus Stop at Mattis and Spruce Streets
- 4) South Street Trial regulations
- 5) South Street/Head-House District

The Board meets at 6:30 PM preceding the general meeting. These notes turned into a calendar of events, but I guess that's how you get back into the swing of things after the summer hiatus.

—Dick Ostrander



Bears Redux

On August 5, the Philadelphia Art Commission heard from the Department of Recreation, the Friends of Three Bears Park, and the Special Friends of Delancey Street Park (the vociferous opposition). The commission found: "The consensus opinion was that, although all parties acted in good faith, there was a clear misunderstanding regarding the changes at the Park. The recommendation of the commission is that all parties continue to meet together in the hope that a consensus can be reached. If there are changes that are agreed upon, the proposal should return to the Art Commission for review. "The Commission requested that in the future, the Recreation Department provide public no-

tice, displayed on site, for any proposed changes to recreation facilities. All changes should be reviewed by the Art Commission." The Special Friends met with chief engineer of the Recreation Department on August 13 to request the following:

- 1) Complete removal and replacement with similar equipment more compatible in color and scale with the park.
- 2) Replacement of several elements in more subdued colors and with less plastic. Removal of the arches.
- 3) Paint the orange and tan, and remove the arches.

The talks will continue.

NEWSMAKING NEIGHBORS

Kudos to Palmer Futcher and Barbara Bagileo, who were honored at the Town Watch National Night Out for their contributions to community safety. Lynne Abraham, District Attorney and resident, also spoke at the August 4 event at the Society Hill Sheraton.

Jean Bodine, when not involved with Project Street Trees, found time to co-chair the Planned Par-

enthood's Fourth Annual Fall Dinner. Ellen Goodman, the Pulitzer prize-winning columnist, will speak at the October 15 dinner at the Society Hill Sheraton.

Beverly Shien Sherman has been reelected President of the Philadelphia Condominium Managers' Association. Beverly has managed the Society Hill Towers at Second and Locust Streets since 1985.



Jean Bodine

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Trash and Strikes

If municipal workers strike, one of the greatest hazards and inconveniences to residents will be the suspension of garbage and trash collections. Watch the news for instructions on special dump sites if the strike lasts longer than one week. Try to minimize your accumulation of trash. Keep dry and easily held debris from wet and smelly stuff. **DO NOT USE THE CORNER BASKETS—THEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Starr Garden Recycling site will be closed for the duration of any strike starting with day one.

For families with young students, the Old Pine Community Center will be offering full day coverage including breakfast and lunch for a limited number of students. Please call 627-2493 for information about availability in age brackets, hours, etc.

A TOUR JUST FOR YOU

How did the Liberty Bell crack? Who said, "...nothing is certain but death and taxes."? Which U.S. presidents were inaugurated here? These and any other questions you can pose will be answered by guides with the Friends of Independence National Historical Park on Wednesday, October 14 at 3:15

PM. This walking tour of America's most historic square mile has been designed especially for neighbors. A reception will follow, hosted by Jefferson Bank at its Fifth and Chestnut Street branch. The tour is free. However, please register by calling 597-7919. If you cannot attend, call and special arrangements may be made.

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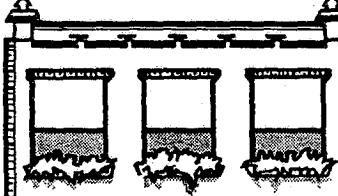
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SHCA Calendar

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<p>Monday September 14, 7:30 Oct. 3 Family Picnic Planning Meeting Old Pine Community Center</p> <p>Wednesday Sept. 16 SHCA Board Meeting, 6:30 General Membership 7:30 Old Pine Community Center</p> <p>Thursday Sept. 17, 7:30 Town Watch Planning Meeting Old Pine Community Center</p> <p>Sept 19 & 20 11 AM to 4 PM Philadelphia Old Home Fair 103rd Engineer's Armory 33rd St. at Market</p>	<p>Sept 22, 23,27 Arlen Specter & Lynn Yeakel Citizen's Jury PA League of Women Voters</p> <p>Oct 3, 11 AM to Noon West Point Band Frank Johnson's Place 6th & Pine Noon, Starr Garden Family Picnic</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct 14, 3:15 Private Walking Tour of Independence National Historical Park Free, register 597-7919</p> <p>Thursday, Oct 15 Planned Parenthood Dinner Speaker: Ellen Goodman, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Society Hill Sheraton Call 351-5529 for details</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 17, 11-4 St. Peter's School Renaissance Fair Head House Square, 2nd & Pine 925-3968</p>
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THE SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

If you didn't receive a 1992 membership renewal letter ...it means, naturally, that you were not a SHCA member last year
WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US THIS YEAR!

Your membership and your voice will make a difference in our neighborhood.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Household \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate \$50
	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor \$100

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporter/Sun newspaper
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

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