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. I did replace the overly sun dial. SHCA rioted unsuccessfully on several occasions to get it. Perpetrators—America 500—to present plans to us and finally to use any other action at Penn’s Landing. We were ignored. I suggest you call any 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 look 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 meeting is 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 notice, 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 Futzer and Barbara Baglio, who were honored at the Town Watch National Night Out for their contributions to community safety. Lynn Abraham, District Attorney and resident, also spoke at the August 4 event at the Society Hill Sherron.

Jean Bedine, when not involved with Project Street Trees, found time to co-chair the Planned Parenthood’s Fourth Annual Fall Dinner. Ellen Goldman, the Politicker prize-winning columnist, will speak at the October 15 dinner at the Society Hill Sherron.

Beverly Shen Sherman has been reelected President of the Philadelphia Condominium Managers Association. Beverly has managed the Society Hill Towers at Second and Locust Streets since 1983.
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?
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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SHCA Calendar
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Mon
Sept 22, 23, 27
Arlene Specter & Lynn Yeakel
Citizen's Jury
PA League of Women Voters

Oct 3, 11 AM to Noon
West Point Band
Frank Johnson's Place
6th & Pine
Noon, Starr Garden
Family Picnic

Wed, Oct 14, 3-15
Private Walking Tour of Independence National Historical Park
Free, register 597-7919

Thu, Oct 15
Planned Parenthood
Dinner
Speaker: Ellen Goodman,
Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist
Society Hill Sheraton
Call 351-5329 for details

Sat, Oct 17, 11-4
St. Peter's School
Renaissance Fair
Head House Square,
2nd & Pine
925-3968

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:
Society Hill Civic Association
P.O. Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105
Attention: Treasurer

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

Name

Address

Zip________________ Phone (day)________________ (eve)

If (We) would be interested in working with the following committees:
☐ Membership
☐ Liquor Control
☐ Neighborhood Maintenance
☐ Town Watch
☐ Recycling
☐ Legislative
☐ Preservation
☐ Other (please specify)

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