PAYOFF IN EARLY 1994

Project Street Trees... PLANTS!

Over a year of start and stop planning and an area tree survey led by project chair Jean Bodine seems sure to pay off in early 1994. Final papers were delivered recently promising several thousand dollars to start the planting effort. The Committee will be announcing the several ways in which financial support will be offered soon. Watch the SUN or call Jean for more information. Special THANKS go to a number of neighbors who heard of the Tree Project and went ahead on their own to plant new trees. Continued tree planting and maintenance is essential to the ambiance of our neighborhood. The urban environment is very hard on trees. The city's budget crisis makes it unlikely that major funding will soon be available from that source. SHCA has a dedicated fund for the Tree Project... the money won't be used for any other purpose. You can make a special gift if you like. Tree project teams will also be asking neighbors to get together and cooperatively fund tree replacement where a property owner can't or won't do so. There will be exciting developments in 1994 as we start RE-GREENING the area!

Here's a recap:
- 50 letters sent to owners of property with dead or diseased trees or empty pits or stumps.
- 12 trees have been replaced by owners.
- 11 owners have pledged to replace trees in the Spring replanting.

Teams have been formed to contact owners personally to encourage participation.

Forever Plaid

The Saturday, November 6th fun-raiser for the Society Hill Civic Association, a special performance of the musical "Forever Plaid" at Newman's New Cabaret. The area, raised $1,400 for Project Street Trees, the restoration of the neighborhhood's Franklin street lam and for the Head House Company. A wonderful time was had by the 150 neighbors and frrier attended in plain of course, attended. Of particular note was the "wonderful" hors d'oeuvres supplied by the Chef's Market. Photos from the event are on next page. (And elsewhere...)
North House Clock
Continued from front page

Because the interior had to be made ready for the District's use, the North House Conservancy went on a financial "limb" hoping that contributions would equal expenses. This didn't happen, and now the Conservancy must raise at least an additional $10,000 in order to finish paying the contractors for the work completed.

The Conservancy is entirely volunteer run, with no paid staff, and most of every dollar raised has been spent directly on the structure. A restoration project of this magnitude would normally cost about $300,000, but with many donations of materials and professional labor, the Conservancy has kept the cost of the entire job down to the range of $160,000. (A breakdown of funds received thus far: 60% from grants, 22% from neighbors and friends, the rest from fund-raising events and sales.)

A neglected part of our community has been faithfully restored and made useful again. The preservation of this "National Historic Landmark" will enhance the value of all area properties, and the presence of the South Street/Headhouse District will revitalize our streets, bringing benefits to the neighborhood, as well as to the entire city.

We hope you will respond generously to this appeal. Please mail your tax-deductible donations, before year's end, to: The Head House Conservancy at 302 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to call at 923-3285.

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Christmas For Children at Old Pine Church

Christmas Eve is children's time at Old Pine. It's the time when children of all ages are invited to take part in the Nativity story by coming dressed as their favorite characters in the Biblical accounts.

Every year, children from Old City, Queen Village, Society Hill and even further come costumed as shepherds, angels, wise men—even sheep!—and come forward as the ancient story is read.

This year Old Pine will host a workshop so children—ages 2-6—can make the crowns, wings, and halos they wear on Christmas Eve.

Time for the workshop is 10:30-12:00 noon on Sunday, December 19th at the church. Materials and adult supervision will be provided. There is no charge.

Then all children and their families are invited to come to the children's service, Friday, December 24th, at 7:30 pm at the church. All are welcome to share Old Pine's candle lit beauty and rediscover through the eyes of a child the mystery, joy, and wonder that is Christmas.

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Entertainment

Friday, December 10
Noon to 9 PM
Saturday, December 11
9 AM to 7 PM
Sunday, December 12
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St. Peter’s School Holiday
Market
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Third & Lombard Streets

Wednesday, December 15
7:30 PM
Old Pine Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, December 19
10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
Free Workshop for
Children 2 to 6 years old
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Pages
Old Pine Street Presbyterian
Church
412 Pine Street
Friday, December 24
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mas
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Happy Holidays!
Peace and Joy for 1999!

SHCA Membership Note

Chair: Milly Coonen
and Judy Friedman will be
your renewal letters this
month. All SHCA
members have been
invited to a dinner at
the Marriott, December
13th. Details will be
sent in the next week.

The only exceptions
will be new members who
are not yet paying through
the Society.

There are new and special bene-
fits for 1994 including a MEM-
BERS ONLY reception in February
and discounts at a number of area
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information will be in the renewal
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NOTES from SHCA President

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Seems like I talk a lot about the seasons in this space. Probably because I like the changes and we're on the cusp of another. My wife, Liz, won't let me kill the hardy Impatians in our May basket on the front door, but quite soon I'll join the many whose already hung dried flowers and other arrangements on their doors. I hope many of you are planning bright holiday decorations to get us through the dark months ahead—November, December, and January.

The aftermath of the Eliza Webb maritime building's demolition seems to be renewed concern about our historic heritage. A broad spectrum of persons knowledgeable and interested in the economic as well as cultural importance of preservation are working to prevent any further destruction of these irreplaceable resources. I will keep you posted about an agenda that preservationists, property owners, and the city can hopefully adopt. There may be a conference on these issues in the near future.

Speaking of losses, I have to accept the resignation of Fluffy Palmer as the SHCA administrator. But along with the rest of the Board, I wish her well as her career in public arts flourishes and demands more of her time and thank her for her five and a half years of service to us.

I hope to see many of you Saturday, November 6 at the Nueva Cabaret theatre at NewMarket for the cocktail party at 6:30 and performance of Forever Plaid at 8:00.

Despite the weather, we had almost 100 neighbors and volunteers out for the Clean-Up Day! Good job!

Finally, the next Board meeting, which is open, is 7:30 PM at the Old Pine Community Center. I've been told the Three Bears Park Reclamation Committee has reached an amicable consensus and will present a report. We are all anxious to put this painful and divisive experience behind us while taking heed of the lessons learned.

Ciao! —Dick Ostrander

SWEEPING IN THE RAIN
Clean-Up Day a Big Success

Neither rain nor cold could keep Society Hill neighbors and volunteers from their appointed rounds to clean up on Saturday, December 30. Nearly fifty volunteers, from Pennsylvania Hospital led by President Cliff Eldredge, and his wife swept and raked and from 6th Street to 12th Street from Locust to Lombard, more than a dozen volunteers from the Independence National Historic Park Service came from 4th to 6th Streets. With their crisp green uniforms and power equipment, they attacked leaves and trash like Marines taking a beach. Mercer's Hall residence fielded a team of 17 workers. They were joined by neighbors in every block who raked and bagged. Peg Davies even got help from two of the street people, Joe and Bob, who are regulars on a bench near her home, for several hours of picking up, raking, and bagging.

Hardy workers enjoyed pizza and sandwiches under the refurbished Head House Shambles. Once again, Pizzeria Uno and TGI Friday's provided the lunch and Jack Downey sent over his Irish Whiskey cake for dessert.

Thanks go to Frank DiCicco, and to the chairman of the street sweeper from the Citizens Alliance for Cleaner Neighborhoods, Janet Samuels, the principal of the McCall School, who graciously allowed Waste Management to put their donated dumpster on the school's parking lot. Roger Tenant from Philadelphia More Beautiful provided brooms, bags, and signs for alternate parking. Captain Joseph O'Donnell of the Sixth Police District personally ordered his officers to keep the area clean, and got extra signs when there were not enough about parking.

In addition, these businesses paid for the street banners to publicize the event: First, CoreStates, then J-Brite Cleaners, Abbotts Square, DNC Bank, Washington Square Paint and Hardware, and the real estate companies, Jackson Cross, Harold S. Levin, Plumer-Levit, Midtown, and Washington Square.

Some logistics still need work, like the parking ticketing. Any suggestions are welcome before it is time to do this again May 7. Co-chairs Howard Lander, Milly Cooley, and Mary Sturdivant would also publicly like to thank their dedicated committee members, Marion and Joe McKone, Ruth and John McKevitt, Jim Covello, president Dick Ostrander, vice-president Larry Meahan, and Nancy Hallman who distributed flyers, put up the parking signs, and took them all down promptly. For all those neighbors who helped—good job, the place looks great. This is the best neighborhood to live in—all of Philadelphia. Just ask Joe or Bob.

Joe McKone, above, sets the standard for attire. Independence National Historical Park, below, provided professional muscle.
ZONING COMMITTEE
6XX Addison Street

The last major undeveloped site in Society Hill (the former Octavia Hill property) is again being proposed for development. On October 5th a meeting was held with the SHCA Zoning Committee and the developer's proposals. A follow-up meeting with the developer was held on Wednesday, October 20 with the Board of SHCA.

The new developers are MSR Associates, an entity composed of Marvin Levin, real estate investor, Stephen Mark Goldiner and Richard Kline of GGK & Associates, architects, Mr. Goldiner and Mr. Kline were the architects for the failed developer of the site, J.J. Lynch in 1988.

The new plan, in contrast to the previous one, provides for several luxury townhouses (instead of six), each provided with a two-car garage and several decks facing the Lombard Street houses. By utilizing the existing lot, the developer's plan was to be landscaped for the Lombard Street houses without the developer's design for the existing houses—approximately $2,000,000,000. The exeter design will be predominantly brick masonry.

Although this new development is for an opportunity for the community to be finally rid of an eyesore that has frustrated immediate neighbors for years, at the October 5th meeting several neighbors expressed concern that the project might again become abandoned in a way that immediately is due to lack of financing, as in the case of the failed Lynch project. Another major issue of concern has to do with the scheduling of the entire project and the maintenance of street access for neighborhood during the construction period. Secondary concerns involve the aesthetics of the facades and the sidewalks. Issues of privacy via views the rear decks, and the number of off-street parking spaces available.

At the second meeting on October 20th, the developers presented the actual site plans that will be used in their zoning application process. (Zoning variances will be required.) Sensitive to the needs of the neighbors, the developers assured the community of the following:

- Construction of the project would commence in Spring 94, and will be continuous until all of the exteriors shells are completed. The initial models will start at the west end of the site.
- Any damage to the street, walkways or landscaping on Addison Street will be fully restored when construction is completed.
- The existing Hawthorne trees will be protected and saved. Any that must be removed, to accommodate design elements, will be replaced with similar caliper trees as soon as the exterior

construction is completed.

- The architects promise to instruct all contractors to make deliveries in minute size vehicles. Overnight or permanent blockage of access to the street and/or adjacent parking areas will be avoided to minimize nuisance to the neighbors.
- The architects assure the community that they will keep close in contact with the SHCA and neighbors and will keep the SHCA apprised of applications, hearing dates, and referrals—project proceeds for planning to construction phase.

According to Mr. Goldiner, there is no construction financing in place at this time—because until zoning variances have been approved by the City, there is no point in going through the process of applying for financing. However, Bank of Old York Road has indicated its willingness to provide financing for project if necessary.
Safety and Security

Safety and security always concern urban dwellers, even in a lovely residential area like Society Hill. This is a community of proactive doers. So when it seemed daytime break-ins and attempted break-ins from rooftops had increased, the Redknabbeys decided to do something about it and called their neighbors on the block together for a meeting. Everyone has been cautioned to be more alert, exchanged phone numbers to contact each other immediately, and have plans to increase lighting in the garage and alley areas.

Meanwhile, Mel Buckman and his Town Watch committee have organized a special program about safety and security for Monday, November 15 at 7:30 PM at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. John Lynn will demonstrate Quorum Personal Attack Defense products. Vincent Develvalero of Vector Security will present home security systems. Kate Calvano from Women Organized Against Rape offers practical advice on crimes against women. Officer Mike Fusco from the 6th Police District has a VCR tape on street smarts. The prepared portions of the meeting will last about an hour with time left for questions.

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MAILBOX
Society Hill Towers Fence

Letter to the Editor
Ms. Bernice Hamel
Society Hill Reporter

Oct. 23, 1992
Dear Ms. Hamel:

RE: Corrections to Article on Towers Fence in September 29 issue

First: Mr. Siegel indicated that he spoke for himself, not for the Society Hill Towers Owners' Association (SIHTOA) and its Council. As a matter of fact, at a July meeting attended by the majority of Council members, it was agreed not to continue revising efforts required for the proposed fence.

Second: Jeremy Siegel is vice-president, not president of SIHTOA.

Third: The concept for the fence as presently proposed was not the concept of an outside security consultant. The security consultant described a barricade which would entirely encircle the Towers on all sides. Although I will not address the merits of such a plan, from a security point-of-view, it is conceptually incompatible with Mr. Siegel's proposal. On the other hand, from a common sense point-of-view, the notion of one-half fence is incongruous with security.

Fourth: The article presents the general impression that most Towers residents and the Council wish to segregate themselves from the community. This is not the case. Many of us thrive on the stimulation of city living, and are very involved with neighborhood activities.

Security is legitimate concern in contemporary urban life. Unfortunately, undue concern can cause inordinate fears and a sense of insecurity. Yet, we are not absolute of fear by handguns or fences, but by confidence.

In conclusion, it seems to me that the ideal of openness expressed by Stanhope Browne at the recent Civic Association meeting is both pragmatic and praiseworthy.

Very truly yours,

Roger Thanhauser
SIHTOA Council Member

Editor's Note: For those who did not read last month's article about the proposed fence, the following summary should put Mr. Thanhauser's letter in perspective.

Mr. Jeremy Siegel made a presentation to the SIHTOA General Membership Meeting on September 16 regarding a proposal to install a seven-foot high, metal fence around the northern end of the Towers. Mr. Siegel claimed that his presentation to SIHTOA was essentially a courtesy to the community, as well as a precursor to filing for a variance with the City's Zoning Board. At that meeting, Mr. Siegel sought SIHTOA support for this proposal—or he hoped that, at worst, the association would not oppose the concept.

Mr. Stanhope Browne, a neighbor and Chairman of the Penn's Landing Corporation, responded in length to the fence proposal, and his comments echoed the thoughts of many members at the meeting. He urged that the principle of openness and a "greenway," park-like system be maintained in modern Society Hill. Mr. Browne argued that the proposed fence would begin an inevitable decline of Society Hill as we know and love it, because the fence would create an "enclave mentality" and advertise to the world that crime has taken over our community.

After discussion, SIHTOA voted to "vigorously oppose" the fence, while encouraging the establishment of a joint SIHTA and Towers committee to find ways of coping with the Towers' perceived security problems.

When an update on the fence proposal was requested at last week's October 21 SIHTA Board Meeting, the group was informed by Beverly Sherman, the Towers' Board representative, that there was "no current news" to report on the matter. The Society Hill Reporter will report developments when and as they occur.

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"BEAU GEST" AT SOCIETY HILL PLAYHOUSE

Do you like to accomplish two things at one time? If you've anything like the Hill, you probably do. That's why we recommend that you join us on Thurs.-day night, November 5th. We've planned a dinner and theater party for the benefit of our very own civic association in our own corner of the world, and we've negotiated a special, package rate so that everybody can afford an evening of entertainment while also helping support SHCA. I hope you will go. We want to tempt you. Beau Jest," currently playing to sold-out crowds in New York City, is now playing at the Society Hill Playhouse. The play, which first opened in Chicago in 1989 and recently in New York last year, has been heralded as "funny, charming and clever." Written by James Sherman, the play is a warm, human comedy that exposes today's often-complex relationships.

Last month "Beau Jest" arrived in Philadelphia. The play is being produced by special arrangement with Society Hill Playhouse, a non-profit public theater, located at 507 S. 8th Street. "Beau Jest" is a modern romantic comedy that centers on the relationships of Sarah Goldman, a single young woman. Sarah has been dating a WASP-lish boy friend, with whom she1friends, but she longs for a more heartfelt disapproved. To or not?" When her parents ask to meet this beau, Sarah hires a professional escort to portray a flesh-and-blood version of "Dr. David Steinberg." And that's just the beginning..

Well, that's the beginning of the plot, but not the beginning of our evening out on the town. Our evening begins at 6:30 for dinner at Masserratt's, located on South Street, around the corner from the theater. Dinner choices include either seafood, chicken or vegetarian entrees, with salad and complimentary wine.

We've arranged the benefit party to be people-friendly. The total cost for both dinner and theater is $35. You can't beat that! Although, if you cannot join us for dinner, tickets for the play only are $20 each—our special group rate.

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SUN Distribution

The Society Hill Reporter is your civic association's primary venue for communication. The amount of volunteer time it takes to write and produce this monthly paper is considerable, but we consider having a direct line to you essential. That's why we do it.

One of the major frustrations of this effort, however, has been its unreliable method of door-to-door distribution. It's an old problem that plagued us when producing the Society Hill Resident Newsletter four times a year. And it plagues us still—because many SHCA members tell us that they seldom, if ever, receive the issues.

One of the solutions we considered back then and again today is the possibility of mailing every issue to all SHCA members. To do this would be costly—our main reason for not proceeding with the idea. On the other hand, if we do not reach out to all members and find that we talk only to ourselves, we are defeating the sole purpose of the effort.

So we'd like to consider experimenting with the mailing for future issues. In order to pay for the cost of mailing the issues, however, we might have to increase yearly SHCA membership dues from $25 per household to $30.

What do you think? Would you be willing to pay an increase of $5 each year for SHCA membership in order to receive regularly and reliably your Society Hill Reporter? Please let us know, because we cannot second-guess you. So leave a message on the office machine with your opinion (629-1288). We'll keep count of years and nays, but because we'd love to see you, we'd prefer that you come to our next meeting (Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm) and tell us personally what you think of this idea—or any other hot topic on our agenda.

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1. **Sort Your Waste:** Make sure all the waste is correctly sorted. Separate recyclable materials from non-recyclable materials.

2. **Bag Your Waste:** Use clear plastic bags to separate recyclable materials from non-recyclable materials. This makes it easier to sort the waste later.

3. **Label Your Waste:** Make sure all the waste is correctly labeled. This makes it easier to identify which materials are recyclable.

Remember, the goal of recycling is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. By following these tips, you can help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and help keep the site clean.
NOTES from SHCA President

nn is here. The temperatures are falling, but the number of activities in our neighborhood has been rising. It's been a very active season, and this issue of the Hill Reporter will give you an idea of what's been happening and what's about to happen via its various activities. Mean-while, our Civic Association's been busy, and here are some reports and updates:

The Historic Preservation Committee, chaired by Becky Fisher, will hold a meeting at the Scarsdale Library on Thursday, October 19th, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will focus on the restoration of the Scarsdale Firehouse, which is located at 377 Main Street. The meeting will include a discussion of the history of the building and the implications for its preservation.

The South Orange Civic Association (SOCA) will host a meeting on Wednesday, October 25th, at 7:30 pm, at the South Orange Community Center. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of South Orange and the role of the Civic Association in the community. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

The Scarsdale Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 5th, at 2:00 pm, at the Scarsdale Public Library. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of the society and its role in preserving the history of Scarsdale.

The Scarsdale Civic Association (SCA) will hold its annual meeting on Monday, November 6th, at 7:30 pm, at the Scarsdale Recreation Center. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of the SCA and its role in preserving the history of Scarsdale.

The Scarsdale School District will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00 pm, at the Scarsdale High School. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of the school district and its role in preserving the history of Scarsdale.

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The Scarsdale Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 pm, at the Scarsdale Public Library. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of the society and its role in preserving the history of Scarsdale.

The Scarsdale Civic Association (SCA) will hold its annual meeting on Monday, December 4th, at 7:30 pm, at the Scarsdale Recreation Center. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of the SCA and its role in preserving the history of Scarsdale.

The Scarsdale School District will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:00 pm, at the Scarsdale High School. The meeting will feature a presentation on the history of the school district and its role in preserving the history of Scarsdale.

Although Becky will be unable to attend the meeting, she will continue through a transition stage for the next few months, and I will be talking with the chairman and the board of the committee on what the next steps should be.

Each subcommittee will meet and report back at the next full meeting of the committee, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th at 7:30 pm, Please call the Executive Office at 829-1288 for the exact location of the meeting, and to be held at the residence of a committee member.

The Executive Committee needs committed people who are willing to contribute time and energy to working on issues that are important to the community. If you are interested in being a part of the process, please contact the Executive Office at 829-1288.
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that it was first marked as a keystone of historic preservation in this community. President of the Head House Conservancy, Bernice Hamel, thanked the mayor for insisting a "can-do" attitude among our deputies that cut through much bureaucratic red tape. Then Bernice, the mayor, and Becky Stoloff, vice-president of the Conservancy, cut the red ribbon.

This event could never have been celebrated if neighbors had not banded together in 1980 and formed the Head House Conservancy to save the building... (continues)

The Franklin Lamps need to be re-wired and new circuits installed. For a solution needs to be implemented for this rare historical clock to keep accurate time into the future. But that Monday afternoon last month the weary rested temporalists as they sipped refreshing drinks fed by The Artful Dodger. They congratulated each other while sipping along with the Hardy Aloes Stein Band to "I'm looking over a four leaf clover . . ."

...if you would like to join these heroes, please contact the Head House Conservancy at 925-3285. Donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to 302 S. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

SHCA Calendar

circle & save

S A T U R D A Y, O C T . 9
PARK FALL FESTIVAL
(October 9th 11 am to 5 pm) Activities for children under 6 years old
302 S. 2nd Street
5 p.m.

S A T U R D A Y, O C T . 16
H A R V E S T F E S T I V A L
S. PETER'S CHURCH
(3rd & Lombard Sts)
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

F U N D A F I L M I N I BAR
At Head House Shambles
(2nd & Race, Pine & Lombard)
12:30 pm to 2 pm

W E D N E S D A Y, O C T . 20
SHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
At Old Pine Community Center
(3rd & Lombard Sts) 7:30 pm

O C T O B E R 3 0
C L A S S I C M O V I E NIGHT
FRIENDS OF THE WATERSHED
Children's Games & Craft Activities
Bake Sale & Other Goodies
noon to 4 pm

S A T U R D A Y, N O V . 9 T H
"FOREVER FLAMING"
NEW CARNIVAL THEATRE
(NEWMARKET) at 2nd & Pine!
$5.00 per ticket, proceeds benefit (1) Project Green View
(2) Franklin Lamps Restoration
(3) Head House Maintenance
6:30 pm Cocktails
8:00 pm Show begins

T U E S D A Y , N O V . 9 T H
SHCA Committee Mtg.
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5:45 pm
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Bells to Herald Restored Head House!

On MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1993 from 12:30-1:30 pm, America's oldest fire house, attached to one of our country's first public markets known as the Shambles, will be officially "rededicated" in celebration of its recently completed restoration. The bells will once again ring, but not in a fire.

As you've probably noticed, this 220-year-old National Historical Landmark had deteriorated considerably since its earlier restoration in 1963. At that time the structure was saved from demolition by enlightened city officials, and in 1966 it was designated a National Historical Landmark. On September 20th, 1963 the late Mayor James Tate officiated at a formal ceremony celebrating its preservation. It was the pride of the period, heralding the revitalization of the entire historic area.

That was then. Fast-forward to 1993, 25 years later, when a group of residents and local businesses noticed that these cherished structures were once again in critical need of repairs. These citizens rolled up their sleeves and organized a grass-roots "from line force" of all those who value their American heritage. Thus the Head House Conservancy launched its campaign. In 1993, the Secretary of the Interior identified Head House and the Shambles as a "threatened and endangered landmark".

After four years of ongoing volunteer effort, the Conservancy's accomplishments include:
- Finishing a new roof under which a "time capsule" of messages and greetings tells a story of how a community working and playing together at the turn of the 21st century saved a beautiful 18th century building for their children's children;
- Freeing an historical monument of environmental hazards (e.g. lead paint and pigeon guano);
- Rebuilding and restoring the cupola;
- Painting inside and out;
- Reglazing the weathervane and golden ball beneath it;
- Installing new electrical, plumbing and all mechanical systems, which includes a new heating and air conditioning system;
- Renovating—extensively—the interior of the Head House, preparing a permanent home for the South Street/Head House District offices;
- Restoring, lovingly, the clock to its original mechanical and aesthetic perfection so that soon, in time for the celebrations, it will once again tell the correct time.

Head House is central to a unique community located within America's most historic square mile. Its architectural simplicity and elegance enriches everyone, resident and visitor alike. As you walk by or through the Shambles, en route to work or play, you connect to America's historical and cultural roots. As the bells ring out on Monday, September 20th, (12:30—1:30 pm) Mayor Edward Rendell will lead the "rededication" ceremony to thank special individuals who helped make the improvements possible, all of which were accomplished at absolutely no cost to the city.

Please join the Head House Conservancy and South Street/Head House District for this free community event.

Complimentary refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, from 5-8 pm at Head House A Toast Celebrating the Restoration of Historic Head House • Old Second Street Market will hit low on Sunday evening, September 26th. Come celebrate at "Gala Toast." This is a time to enjoy the ambiance of the restored buildings and to partake of the wonderful selection of food and drinks from the Best of South Street, a精致 menu. With music and entertainment, it's a great way to meet people and visit old and new friends.

Please send in your reservation, as soon as possible, with a check for $50 per person (deductible) to the Conservancy, 302 S. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. At the gala benefit, the "name tag will be waiting for you the registration/admission fees! A warm welcome awaits all, citizens for this giant block party which hopefully, should give the revenue to finish paying off bills.

If you have not received an invitation or for more information about either event, please call Head House Conservancy at 328-1265 and leave your name, dress and phone number. Yours will be answered promptly.

Head House Square remains the people's care and trust, "... historic treasure, loved by Philadelphians and visited by people from all over the world, will soon be removed from the list of "threatened and endangered landmarks and once again be worthy of its historic designation. Look up the reglided weather vane. It glints in the sun, a golden symbol of what spirited neighbors can when they set their minds to a task at hand."

—Bernice Hamil

NOTES

from SHCA President

time to shift gears into the Back-to-School, Vacation’s Over, Business-as-Usual mode as Labor Day 1993 is already history! Summer vs. was indeed a HOT time!

It seems like things start with a rush too, as the late date for Labor Day will make September speed along. Here are a few of the SHCA events look forward to:

We'll have a General Membership Meeting [tonight]—at a special time and in a special place. We'll see at the Society Hill Firehouse, 307 S. 8th Street. Receptions, of the play, all are invited.

We'll meet the new Principal of Call School, Janet Samuels, and Karen Butler, head of the mayor's Action Council for Visitors, will update us on a new plan for an Old Philadelphia Marketing District. We will have the anticipated report from the Three Bears Park Resolution Committee.

There will also be reports about an October 30th Fall Clean-up Day, as well as a November 6th Cabaret Theater: Party at NewMarket. SHCA past-president, Aaron Boyers, has asked for time to make comments about the Route 47 bus.

All of the above, plus a chance for any neighbor to express his or her concerns and we'll have to really shake it to adjourn by 9:30pm—but we'll surely try.

Please check your mailbox. You may have already received a letter (or watch for one from a Street Trees committee member about a specific tree to fill in your tree list or replace a diseased or dying tree. Replanting is scheduled for this fall. No question, trees improve property values and help make our neighborhood a gracious place to live.

See you at the Society Hill Playhouse [tonight] at 7 pm. And we hope you'll make every effort to attend the Head House "rededication" ceremony on Monday, September 20th, as well as the gala toast on Sunday evening, the 26th. There's no football game that night, so really, there's no excuse not to be there—unless you'll be out-of-town or home with the flu! CIAO!

—Dick Ostrander

Left, the Society Hill Playhouse, located in historic Garrick Hall, 507 South 8th Street since 1960. See article on the next page for a brief history of this long-running regional theatre, with "Nunsense" beginning its 8th
SoCity Hill Playhouse

...and Jay Kogan, long-time Society Hill residents, wrote a Philadelphia's highly reputed restaurant review...the Kogans were consulting to the cultural scene of the city. In 1960...they established the Society Hill Playhouse on 8th Street. While there has been much newspaper about the recent renaissance of jazz clubs, no one has been making eloquent about the revitalization of theater in this district.

When the Kogans started, they were offering an alternative to the Shubert (now the Merriam), the Locust (now Dilallo Centro restaurant), and the Forrest. Were they needed? The year after the Kogans opened, the city-owned but now defunct Playhouse in the Park banned Brecht's Three Penny Opera. However, thanks to the Society Hill Playhouse, Philadelphians were able to see and hear this operatic delight.

Not only were productions like Genet's "The Blacks" premiered, but talent was nurtured. For example, Wynn Thomas, Spike Lee's artistic director, got gainful employment and experience as production manager in the 70's. Today, the Playhouse competes with the well-subsidized Walnut Street Theatre and its Studio, the Annenberg Center and its theater festivals, the Drama Guild, the soon-to-be-much-larger "C" Wilma theatre, the Artrix, the Delancey Street Plays and Play, The Moir entertain the theatre internat asil, the Paint by Bride, The Blacks, and probably another all-doll theatrical venues. So much creativity. So much energy! Such a wonderful outlet for wannabes.

Nonsence, which is in its 8th year, is Philadelphia's longest running musical. It is now performing on weekends only in the smaller Cabaret Theatre of the Society Hill Playhouse. Have you seen the show yet? Well, if it has lasted eight seasons, it's probably time to take a look. See you at the theatre next weekend?

FORMER TOY MUSEUM
Mansion For Sale

The historic house of Captain James Abercornbe, formerly the Perelman Toy Museum, at 206-270 South 2nd Street is still for sale. A showcase for antique toys, the Abercornbe Mansion was originally constructed in 1759. The building has four and a half stories and 6,400 square feet. It received certification from the Philadelphia Historic Commission on April 30, 1937.

Captain Abercornbe, a native of Dundee, Scotland, settled in Philadelphia in 1753 and in 1758 purchased the site of his house for $283. An officer in the Royal Navy, the captain was lost at sea in 1760, but the property remained in the ownership of Abercornbe until 1781.

Some of its owners include Blair McClennachan, a native of Ireland, who settled in Philadelphia before the Revolution and who was one of the founders of the First City Troop; General Walter Stewart, who acquired the property in 1782 when he married McClennachan's daughter; and William Cramp, a prominent merchant, who owned the house in 1796. The Abercornbe Mansion is the tallest and one of the largest of its kind in Society Hill. A two bedroom/two bath, four floor caretaker's apartment commands a magnificent view of the Delaware River. The property is handicap-accessible with an elevator.

Only the building's facade is historic, but its uniqueness lies in its 55-foot width and 140-foot depth—containing three floors of completely open space which will provide a new owner with the ability to create a beautiful environment for personal or professional use. The building has formal gardens and parking on the side.

Call Jackson-Cross's Residential Division, 561-8900, for more information. This property needs loving care and could be a "showplace" with the right owner.

SHCA Calendar

Tuesday, September 14
7:30—9:30 pm
SHCA General Membership Meeting
Society Hill Playhouse
505 S 8th Street
Monday, September 30
12:30—1:30 pm
Re-Dedication Ceremony
Head House & Shambles
2nd & Pine Streets
Free Admission
Complimentary Refreshments
Sunday, September 26
5—8 pm
Gala Toast & Benefit
Head House & Shambles
2nd & Pine Streets
$50 per person
Call 925-3280
Tuesday, September 28
7:30 pm
SHCA Committee Meeting
"Historic Preservation: Strategy Session"
Call 925-3003 for details
Friday, October 22
7:00 pm
Seventeenth Musical of Francis Johnson (1792-1844)
& Period Castilian Party
Academy of Music
Call 893-1999
Saturday, October 30
Society Hill Clean-Up Day!
Trash & Treasure Sale
at Shambles
9 am—4:30 pm
Saturday, November 6
Theater & Cocktails Party
"Forever Plain"
Newmarket Cafes/ Theater
Details to follow
NOTES from SHCA President

Mid-summer means heavy duty vacation time for the next four or five weeks. Hope you enjoy yours. Here are a few words about a variety of SHCA matters.

We’re in the process of surveying potential business membership in SHCA. Quadrant directors Connie Stephano, Howard Lander, Liz Engelmann and Gail Watson (for husband Richard) will be reporting on their areas to co-chairs Milky Conley and Judy Friedman. You can help by contacting one of them with potential members. We’ll be reporting on new business members next month.

SHCA with the cooperation of the neighboring associations in the business community has closed down the sale of pornographic videos at 614 South Street. Good news on the LCB front as Newmarket neighbors and the Association reached a mutually acceptable resolution on the license for the new Great Theater scheduled to get underway in September. The several Associations and the Old Pine Community Center reached agreement on the extension of license at Lickety Split. SHCA is always working on QUALITY OF LIFE issues for the entire community.

A fall CLEANUP DAY is being planned by Mary Sturdevant and Howard Lander. The date will be mid-October, and the event will be combined with the Family Picnic from past years. Call Mary or Howard to volunteer and help develop this into a BIG SUCCESS as the May 1st event!

Thanks to all whose spring plantings are making the area so colorful now! Next month we’ll have fall planting plans for you from the Tree Project which has received an anonymous gift to help get started.

The next general membership meeting will be TUESDAY September 14th at the Society Hill Playhouse. (The date is to avoid conflict with Rosh Hashana.) Representative Tom Foglietta has been invited, and we’re hoping for a confirmation. Ciao!

—Dick Ostrander

SCAM ALERT

A very articulate and well mannered con artist is working in the neighborhood. With a pictured badge and clipboard, he is requesting money for a homeless project sponsored by the historic Mother Bethel Church and 6th & Lombard. When the pastor was contacted, he confirmed that the Church is not now nor has he been planning to solicit door to door for any of their projects.

Please call 911 immediately if you are approached by this person. If you ever have doubts about the legitimacy of a request, call the institution immediately—since alert neighbors did in this case.

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KIDNEY FOUNDATION

A. Louis Denton, Esq. (left), of Society Hill, has been elected Treasurer, Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation of the Delaware Valley. Also, named Chairman of the Board was Edward T. Borer (2nd from right), and named Secretary was Gene Pressner. The new officers posed with Prudence Vrijiani, Executive Director.

TELL US: DO YOU USE “SIX-PACK” PARK?

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee has asked the Society Hill Civic Association to support their request that Fairmount Park Commission remove the playground equipment at the site next to the Memorial. The equipment is old, in need of repair or replacement, and does not appear to be used during the day by the toddlers it was intended to serve. However, it attracts teenagers at night. The committee feels it is the magnet for the vandals who have damaged the grounds at the memorial, which is maintained by funds and personnel from the committee.

If you use the park or know of someone who does, please call the SHCA at 620-1288. Otherwise, the SHCA board is predisposed to support the request to landscape the area to remove this nuisance attraction.

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SHCA Calendar

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Tuesday, July 27
7:30 p.m., Indepere New Year’s Eve Mall
Admission Free

Tuesday, August 3
National Night Out
Town Watch

Town Hall Meeting
6:30 p.m., Independence Mall for walk to meeting.
7 p.m., Society Hill Sheraton
Speaker: Bob Butera, Pennsylvania Convention Center

Wednesday, August 18
7:30 p.m., Old Pine Community Center
SHCA Board Meeting
OPEN to Public

Tuesday, September 14th
7:30 p.m., Society Hill Playhouse
504 S. 8th Street
SHCA General Membership Meeting

Monday, September 19
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Rededication of Headhouse
2nd & Pine Streets
Sunday, September 26
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Headhouse Gala Thank You Party
Headhouse, 2nd & Pine
5:00, RSVP 925-0463
NOTES from SHCA President

I write these notes (Tuesday evening, June 1st), I’ve just come Washington Square where I am saying goodbye to a very old friend. A 200-year-old white "tree" went down in last night’s rain. It was the largest in the northeast corner of the park, and there are a few of that age and re left. This makes me think about our community’s tree project. Two hundred years ago, someone may be taking its wood for planting trees. "Project Street Trees" gets underway next week, as we plan what to do prior to the time it is ready to plant in the fall...we’ll probably mix tree pits and mulch.

Speaking of trees may be a silly segue (I hope!) to the Three Bearsark controversy. We look forward to finding an acceptable compromise in this difficult situation by choosing a six-person committee to recommend action. Our Civic Association has chosen John Lawrence and Florrie Lloyd as its two representatives, the Friends of Three Bears have selected Jo Butler and Harvey Schwartz, and the Concerned Neighbors have named Jack Peter Hynes and Laura Lewis. To start the process, ASAP, the committee will be chaired by Gail Haupfauer, SHCA’s chairperson for Parks & Playgrounds. Hopefully, the committee will have the assistance of a Crisis Intervention Leader from the TeamFocus program of IBM.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

SHCA will soon be undertaking a Business Membership campaign. Each month we’ll acknowledge and thank some of our businesses and other special contributors, starting with some current supporters. Our thanks to: Anywhere Travel; The Bourse; Hopkins, House, Ownes; Artful Dodger; Independence Place Owners Association.

BOARD MEETING CHANGED

Please note that SHCA’s June Board Meeting will not be held on the usual third Wednesday of the month. Instead, the Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17th (7:30 pm at the Old Pine Community Center at 4th & Lombard Streets). The agenda includes a presentation by Cliff Jeffries of the Vietnam Memorial Association about the problems posed by "Six Pack Park" just south of the Memorial.

Also, we’ll introduce SHCA’s acting Vice-President, Larry Mehan, and NW Quadrant Director, Ann Marie Borghese, who will both serve on the Board subject to official vote at our next General Membership Meeting in September. Join us for an update on many community activities.

WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW

Three Bears Park

Since last year neighbors and frequent users of the Delancey Street Park (A.K.A. "Three Bears") have been in dispute about the park’s many changes. A new phase in this ongoing saga is about to happen. The Society Hill Civic Association will be working on behalf of all interested parties to help find a way to resolve the conflict to the satisfaction of neighbors, Friends, and the community at large. But before we report the newest "news," a summary may be necessary for those not tuned in for the past year.

Park’s History & Summary of Conflict

The Delancey Street Park was conceived by City Planners as an urban sanctuary. It was the near terminus of the "Greenway" system, designed as a transition from the public buildings of Independence Hall to the historic private residences of Society Hill. The park included a "tot lot" for young children that consisted of three swings, one open metal slide and a jungle gym—standard playground equipment of the period.

Since its creation, about thirty years ago, each generation of parents and nearby neighbors assumed the responsibility of watching and maintaining the park. Eventually, however, the equipment became obsolete and not up to the safety standards of contemporary playground equipment. Three years ago a group of frequent users organized as "The Friends of Three Bears," naming themselves after the park’s emblem—the stone statue that functions as both a charming visual entry point of the park and a climbing apparatus for youngsters.

The Friends lobbied the City’s Recreation Department requesting new play equipment; and they also raised funds for tree trimming and cleaning services. Unfortunately, however, there was a lack of communication between the Friends and the park’s nearby residents—not did the group seek the active participation of the Society Hill Civic Association, which is the "official" voice for the community. Then one year ago, with no consultation with the neighborhood about scale or design, the Department of Recreation installed new equipment, utilizing about three times the space occupied by the old equipment. Here is what is there now: two swings; two open slides; one covered slide; one spiral slide; one climbing corkscrew; two short climbers—onearched, one flat; one fireman’s pole; one play steering wheel; one plastic gate panel; one plastic tic-tac-toe unit; two plastic rocking animals; and a hexagonal play area connected by a swinging bridge to another play level.

These days the park has become primarily a playground. The tranquil fountain was shut off and replaced by plantings. The result of all these changes is that there is less diverse use of the park (i.e. sitting on benches to read or relax). Nor are there any sanitary facilities, and this is now becoming a new problem with the park’s increased use—as is the increased use of vehicles by families outside the immediate area, which is creating a parking problem on the street.

SHCA’s Involvement

At the last SHCA Meeting in May, a method of finding a resolution to this dispute was voted upon which will eventually determine a course of action. This motion was proposed to the Association by the Concerned Neighbors of Delancey Street Park, and it reads as follows:

"Prior to taking any official position on issues affecting our community, the SHCA has always been influenced by the needs and concerns of immediate neighbors. These concerns include such current issues as the NewMarket details."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: Three Bears Park

Dear Sirs,

As homeowners for whom Three Bears Park is almost literally "part of our back yard," we totally endorse and approve the playground equipment now part of Three Bears Park. For us, Three Bears Park is a unique feature of Society Hill where children can happily play and parents congregate. Attractive and safe playground equipment is integral to the function of the Park, and we were most happy when the new playground equipment replaced outdated, unattractive and deteriorating equipment.

With respect to the issue of the aesthetics of the current playground equipment, it is our belief that the existing equipment and the cheerfulness of its colors add to the effective utilization of the Park by the children and their families. We do not believe that the equipment creates an eyesore or otherwise affects the ambiance or attractiveness of the area immediately surrounding Three Bears Park. If anything, the existence of such playground equipment within a small park in Society Hill really makes the statement that Society Hill is a real neighborhood where children have the opportunity to play, and for us the presence of children happily playing in Three Bears Park is a very positive statement about the type of community in which we reside. We would be most upset if this aspect of our community were diminished or if the challenge to the playground equipment were really a challenge to an environment where children and their families can happily come together.

Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Braemer & Amy L. Finkel
BLUE RIBBON NEIGHBORS

Thirty-three neighbors earned Blue Ribbons for Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 1. The write-in and phone-ins named these people for their caring, getting things done, taking charge, maintaining their own homes and extending that care to the entire block. Blue Ribbon Neighbors are:

Jean Bodine
Mel Buckman
John Donahue
Valle Flores
Sid & Anita Hack
Nancy Hallman
Bernice Hamel
L.J. & Bill Hedges
Lorna Katz Lawson
Faith Leimer
Locks Gallery
Anna Marie Marshall
Marion & Joe McKone
Don McNeil
Dick & Liz Ostrander
Gloria Ouimet
Lisa Roberts
St. Mary's Convent
George Scarpulla
Novis Smith
Joan & Bernard Spain
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Dale & Lee Truscott
A.J. Von Petz
Richard Woodside
Anne Zielinski
11 Delaney Street
241 Pine Street
310 S. 4th Street
316 S. 3rd Street
437 Spruce Street

Editor's Suggestion: To those who wrote about a neighbor "who lives at..." but whose name they did not know, go over and introduce yourself. You have at least one thing in common, you value maintaining and enhancing our community.

THREE BEARS PARK

CONTINUED

development, as well as the location of a bus stop, the opening of a ballroom, fence enclosures, or the building of a parking lot. Unfortunately, the playground equipment now erected in Three Bears Park did not receive the same careful consideration prior to its installation last May.

"Neighbors of Three Bears Park hereby move that the issue of the equipment now reviewed with all parties being heard, especially those neighbors most directly impacted by the changes.

"We request that a committee be named consisting of two people representing immediate, concerned neighbors, two members from SHCA Historic Preservation Committee, and two members of the Friends of Three Bears Park.

"This committee will recommend action—whether it be minor modifications or replacement with equivalent caliber equipment compatible with our unique neighborhood. Results of the committee to be reported to the SHCA by September 1974, so that any recommended changes can be made when the park is less used during the winter months."

The committee representatives for the "Concerned Neighbors" will be John Lawson and Flory Lloyd. SHCA representatives for the "Friends of 3 Bears" will be Jo Butler and Harvey Schwartz. The committee will be working throughout the summer so that their recommendations can be made by the September deadline.

MOMENT OF HISTORY

St. Peter's Church

On Sunday, June 13th, St. Peter Episcopal Church, at the corner 3rd and Pine Streets, will have very unusual celebration to recite a moment of history! At the 11 a.m. service, the congregation will use the Morning Prayer taken from the first American Episcopal Prayer Book, issued in 1789. The service will also feature musical selections from the period, sung by the Choir of Men and Boys.

Following the service of worship, stone conservator Joel Seedgrass will make a presentation on recent restoration work done in the historic graveyard that was vandalized last year, as neighbors will recall. After this presentation, the 150-year-old bells will ring, refreshments will be served and tours of the church and graveyard will be offered.

"Charles Willson Peale" will, on hand to greet visitors, and public is warmly encouraged to join the Parish for this recollection of history.

SHCA Calendar

(clip & save)

* Note date change
Tuesday, June 8
MEETING RE
PROJECT STREET TREES
Call SHCA 629-1288
for your place.

Sunday, June 12
STARR GARDEN
FIDS LEA MARKET
600 Lombard St.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(Registration required)

Sunday, June 13
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
HISTORICAL PRAYER AND SERVICE
3rd and Pine Sts.
11 a.m.

* Thursday, June 17
SHCA BOARD MEETING
Old Pine Comm. Center
4th & Lombard Sts. 7:30 p.m.
All members welcome!

Mon-Fri: June 21-25
ATHENAEUM BOOK SALE
310 Walnut St.
(Penn Mutual Bldg.)
9 a.m. - 5 pm daily
TOWN WATCH

Safety Tips

The biggest reported crime in this area is damage to and theft of cars. Here are some tips reprinted with permission from the Keystone Insurance Company:

• Avoid parking in secluded, poorly lighted areas, especially at night.
• Keep doors locked and windows rolled up while driving and even when stopped in traffic.
• When approaching a red light, leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you to pull away from a pedestrian or suspicious person.
• Don't walk your car alone at night. If someone is loitering there, run off. If they remain, call the police.
• Be careful after a minor rear end accident. If you do not feel comfortable leaving your car, motion to the driver to follow you to the nearest police station, hospital, or fire station.
• Buy a car phone. You will have the added security of being able to phone the police or road service, or simply get directions and avoid a potentially dangerous situation.
• When returning home, be aware of professionals and other vehicles.
• Separate your car and house keys. If a burglar gains access to your home, they can use your car keys to gain access to your car as well.
• Do not leave your vehicle registration, driver's license or other documents with your name and address in or on your car.
• Don't split up keys with planning tools, handbags, or other valuables in the trunk when you park. Keep and lock them up before you arrive at a public parking space.
• Don't leave anything in your car to tempt a thief. They do not know that 'be empty or just trash.
• Use the Club or other anti-theft device.
• Don't leave parking receipts in your car.
• Display Project S.A.V.E. stickers, which are available from your local police station.
• Report all crimes to the police, even if you do not intend to file an insurance claim. This is the only way the police can know what crimes are being committed at what times.

LAWRENCE COURT

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Once again this spring Lawrence Walkway was covered in a spectacular pink canopy of blossoms. Everyone enjoys this area between 4th and 5th Streets, Pine and Spruce Streets. Nearby neighbors employ Horticultural Services, Inc. to maintain the plantings. The daily cleanup they do themselves.

Joe McKone, Sonja Vent, and Linda Harris are co-chairing the activities this year. Anyone interested in this ongoing beautification project can help by making a check payable to: Lawrence Court Neighbors - Walkway Project. Put it in the mailbox or mail it to 322 South Lawrence Court.

MAY BASKET

WINNERS

Congratulations to these seven winners for their wonderful door displays on Clean Up Day: Dramatic—301 S. 3rd Street Traditional—519 Pine Street Pretty—114 Delancey Street Colorful—244 Delancey Street Humorous—207 Delancey St. Funniest—274 S. 3rd Street Twenty-five additional blue ribbons were awarded by the panel of judges for neighbors who certainly deserved recognition for their efforts.

ATHENAEUM

DOCUMENTS

HISTORIC AMERICA

A special exhibit at The Athenaeum of Washington Square—opening June 7 and continuing through October 22—will be celebrating ten years of the Charles E. Peterson Prize. The Charles E. Peterson Prize is an annual award for the best sets of architectural measured drawings of an historic building produced by students and given to the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). The prize honors our long-time Society Hill neighbor Charles E. Peterson, FAIA, founder of the HABS program. (The program is intended to increase awareness of historic buildings throughout the United States, and all the drawings are deposited in the HABS collection at the Library of Congress.)

The Athenaeum is located one block south of Independence Hall on Washington Square. Visiting hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm, and admission is free.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Please note that the Athenaeum's Annual Book Sale will be held June 21–25, Monday through Friday. Current and out-of-print books and magazines will be sold. The proceeds will be held at the Penn Mutual Building, 510 Walnut Street. Hours from 9 am to 5 pm. No charge for admission.

Head House Restoration

In order that the lead-based paint in the Shambles can be removed (at a cost that the Head House Conservancy can afford) an enormous amount of behind-the-scenes activity has been going on. One thorny problem, for example, has been to locate a contractor that carries a particular, very costly, insurance policy to cover potential materials disposal. The City will not provide the appropriate license agreements for the Conservancy to do the work without this policy. Endless numbers of meetings, phone calls, faxes — the Conservancy has been working on this for months! And while the City's unique demands often complicate any job, it should be noted that there is full support by the Mayor for the restoration project. In fact, Deputy Mayor Herb Vederman, and his deputies, are working with the Conservancy to help locate a contractor to do the lead removal and paint work.

Hot-off-the-press: A contractor has been found and work should begin within two weeks!

Also beginning soon is a complete interior restoration of the Head House, to be paid for by the Conservancy, so that the South Street District can establish its offices inside the building. Expectation is that this District will be able to move in just in time for the Head House Rededication Ceremony—scheduled on September 20th, exactly thirty years to the day when "Head House and the Old Second Street Colonial Market" was originally restored and presented to the City by Mayor James H. Tate.

The Conservancy's paint removal and work will not interfere with the Crafts Fair summer programs, beginning June 12 every weekend and concluding throughout the summer to Labor Day. This Fair is a program established by the Head House Crafts Association, an independent organization, that has been providing crafts shows at Head House since 1968. Fine arts and crafts workshops for children are scheduled for every Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 pm, but it is recommended that these workshops be held outside the Shambles area until the lead-based paint has been removed.

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