NOTES from SHCA President
by Dick Ostrander

priong seems to be a reality. With it comes the realization that winter did a lot of crop damage; our ivy roundcover seems to have succumbed, and there's plenty of shrub damage evident. I’m sure you’ve observed rows of similar problems—which leads me to Cleanup Day on May 7th. Before that, let’s try to scrape the winter scars and some spring color—red! Contact co-chairs Mary Sturdivant or Howard Lander if you can help with planning or working on May 7th.

Green is the dominant spring color. There’s great news about the Tree Project and the re-greening of Society Hill. Project Chair Jean Bodine reports that more than 20 trees have been planted since our tree survey... most of them inspired by the Tree Project. She also reports that between 20 and 30 more plantings will be done in the next 90 days. If you haven’t already done so, you still have time to get together with your neighbors and decide how to join forces and $88 to get the benefit of the SHCA $100 subsidy for each tree planted. One of our neighbors who doesn’t even have a tree or tree pit has donated the money for a tree! The Board will be meeting Wednesday, April 20 with a full slate of committee reports. We have a zoning problem at 423 Pine Street where a roof deck was installed with apparent disregard for neighbors’ concerns. We’ll get updates on the Head House farmer’s market plans and the Franklin lamps start. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the 4th & Lombard Old Pine Community Center... and it’s not too late to send your 1994 membership using the form you’ll spot elsewhere in this edition, Clad!

CLEANUP DAY
MAY 7th

Clean Up
Starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, volunteers from Independence National Park, Pennsylvania Hospital, Jefferson, Center City District, and the condominiums will start to clean the parking sides of the streets. Neighbors are asked to:

- Sweep their sidewalks (and those of their neighbors who do or do not) and clear the trash, trash to the corner.
- Wash down steps and windows.
- Polish brass.
- Plant tree pits, window boxes, and planters.
- Hang May Baskets.

Packing
Signs will be posted the day before instructing neighbors when to begin moving their cars to the opposite side. On Saturday afternoon, move the cars back at the posted times if you are going to be away, leave your keys with a neighbor or friend to move your car for you. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED. To be successful, everyone must cooperate. One parked car causes almost two house fronts not to get cleaned because the equipment cannot move in closely enough.

Rain Date
Sunday, May 8.

Picnic
Details will be on the flyer distributed to every household.

Philadelphia Open House
Visitors will be coming into the area for the Open House Tour of eight private residences as well as the museums and historic buildings. The tour is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. Cost per ticket is $22. Call for tickets at 926-1198 or at headquarters at 3rd & Pine in the museum.

Blue Ribbon Neighbors
The Clean Up Day Committee would like residents to nominate a deserving neighbor for a Blue Ribbon award. Anyone who takes the extra step to remove trash, litter, graffiti, and leaves—not to mention snow and ice—who makes the place safer and friendlier, and does an exemplary job in maintaining their home’s facade, can be nominated by calling 926-1288 or writing to Box 3, Philadelphia 19105 and leaving the name and address.

NO FARMERS MARKET AT HEAD HOUSE

A farmer’s and craft market to be held at the Head House Shambles, as proposed by the South Street/Headhouse District, has been tabled for this coming summer season.

A presentation of how the market would be conducted was made by the South Street/Headhouse District, as proposed by the South Street/Headhouse District, and has been tabled for this coming summer season. On the assumption that the District’s operation of the market would be sensitive to neighbors’ concerns.

While many neighbors say they welcome the potential of having a lively atmosphere at the Shambles offering farm-fresh foods, some have voiced strong opposition. The residents of Blackwell Court and other nearby neighbors of Pine Street have expressed fear that such a market would attract vermin, and they, therefore, oppose the market. In addition, the owners of the Chef’s Market are opposed. They have expressed reservations about sanitation and traffic, a straw vote produced only one opposing voice, on the assumption that the District’s operation of the market would be sensitive to neighbors’ concerns.

At the present time, this summer’s plans for the Shambles at Head House are still on hold. There may or may not be a crafts fair held there on weekends, and it may or may not be conducted by the Crafts Association, the group who has conducted events there for the past 20 seasons.

Useage guidelines for the

House Conservancy, encourages activities that complement area businesses and residences so to provide revenue to help maintain the historic property by collecting user fees. Perhaps by the spring of 1995 a viable use for the Shambles will be developed by the Head House District that will be agreeable to neighbors and local businesses, and will help support their mission of providing additional safety and sanitation services to the area while also contributing to the preservation of this National Historic Landmark.
REPLACE SOCIETY HILL'S FRANKLIN LAMPS?
Fix 'em, Don't change 'em!

The modern version of Benjamin Franklin's original design for street lights was installed throughout Society Hill at the time of its urban redevelopment thirty years ago. These lamps, approximately 460 of them, are unique to Society Hill and Washington Square Park. Many are now in need of repairs.

At SHCA's general meeting on March 16 at the Sherron Society Hill, about sixty people heard a presentation made by Joseph Doyle, lighting engineer for the city's Streets Department, proposing the possibility of replacing the street lights of Society Hill with other lights that are safer and less expensive to maintain. Mr. Doyle brought with him sample stock lamps manufactured to appear "historic" although they are very poor imitations of Society Hill's existing lamps. For example, they lack the signature greenish design that connects the lamps to their posts. As described by Mr. Doyle, the problems with the current Franklin Lamps are as follows: their design is too costly to manufacture and maintain, the city has no available inventory, the cast iron lamps are not grounded and could be a hazard; many are broken, the lights are not "bright" enough, etc. The group's response to Mr. Doyle's proposal was universal opposition to any alteration in the design or general appearance of the lamps, but support of an appropriate change in materials for safety purposes. For example, constructing the lamp posts of fiberglass could eliminate many of the problems. After all, Franklin's original posts were constructed of wood—and adapting the posts to longer-lasting and sturdier cast iron was a sensible modification.

It was suggested by several speakers at the meeting that coping with any of the above-mentioned problems can be solved, but not by the Streets Department alone! Most significantly, it was suggested that the lighting of Society Hill not be dependent on expediency and expense-related concerns, which, understandably is what the Streets Department may be focused on. Rather a comprehensive solution to the problem of bringing the lamps up-to-date and functioning with safety should involve the city's Planning Commission, Art Commission, City Council, and, of course, the Historical Commission. Needs to say, the Civic Association expects to take a leadership role in the entire process, as well.

SHCA's Historic Preservation Committee believes it would be a serious blow to the neighborhood if there is a change in the lamps basic design. Also, the quality or amount of light these lamps generate is desirable because it complements the historic ambiance of the streetscape. Brighter light is not necessarily better light!

Society Hill is more than just a wonderful residential neighborhood. It happens to be a historic location, and with the Mayor's new organization—Historic Philadelphia Inc.—our neighborhood will increasingly become a more popular destination for visitors from all over the country and around the world. Visitors want to see "the real thing" not a quasi, Disneyland facsimile. Society Hill has it, and we should not squander it. Accordingly, all appropriate city agencies will be necessary in order to save the Franklin Lamps as we know and love them.

With time changes always do occur. Indeed, the first public lights in Philadelphia, installed about 1750, were glass globes, probably imported from London. In his Autobiography, Benjamin Franklin criticized these draftless, smoky and fragile lamps, "It therefore suggested governing them of four flat panes, with a long funnel above to draw up the smoke and crevices admitting air below..."

Franklin's modifications were adopted, and his improved lamps burned sperm oil. The short cross bars at the top of the posts were installed for the lamplighter's ladder to lean against. Although now lit by electricity instead of sperm oil, Franklin's design was reinstated thirty years ago by the planners and designers of modern Society Hill. These lamps are designated "the single-most identifying and ubiquitous landmark on the streetscape of our district. They unify the community and are intrinsic in the design of SHCA's logo. Retaining their hallmark appearance throughout the community should be our highest preservation objective.

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SHCA Calendar

Wednesday, April 20
(TOMORROW)
SHCA Board Meeting
Old Pine Community Center
4th & Lombard Streets
7:30 PM

April 29, 3-6
April 30, 10-3
May 1, 11-6

Physick House Garden Plant Sale
321 S. 4th Street

May 4 Wednesday
7:00-9:00 PM

Town Watch

Summer & Safety
Old Pine Community Center
4th & Lombard Streets

Saturday, May 7
8-noon

Cleanup Day

Picnic

Philadelphia Open House Tour
1-5, $22
Call 928-1188

PLANT SALE

Each spring for more than 25 years city gardeners have selected and purchased the best in annuals and perennial
ants, herbs, flowering plants, hanging baskets and decorative
ets from the Physick House Plant Sale. This sale has
become an enormously well attended community event for
urban dwellers seeking bursts of color for small spaces and
dark corners, sun-loving annuals for the gardeners fortu-
nate enough to need them and good buys on all selections.
In addition to the regular offerings, the 1994 Plant Sale
will feature May Baskets, Birdhouses, and Gardening Tools.
All proceeds benefit maintenance and restoration of the
historic Physick House.
The dates are:
Friday, April 29, 3:00PM to 6:00PM
Saturday, April 30, 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Sunday, May 1, 11:00AM to 5:00PM

The sale will be held rain or shine at the garden at the rear of
the Physick House at 321 South 4th Street.

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NOTES from SHCA President
by Dick Ostrander

...could spend a little time dis-
sewing the weather, but I suspect
I've had more than enough of that.
Besides, I'm an optimist. I believe
that by the time you read this that
white mess will be
...Two subjects really are on
my mind. Recycling and our 16th
General Member-

Recycling at curbside:
...comes our way very soon!
In the next two
weeks if you live in house-
s...with fewer than six units you'll receive your 13
downtown recycling bucket.
...we north of Pine start using it
on Monday March 21st and from
it to Bainbridge you start on
Monday March 28th and every
week from those start dates,
...with the usual one day delay on
 estará holidays. Place the bucket
where your usual trash is picked
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...used aluminum beverage cans,
...rinsed glass bottles and jars and
newspapers bundled with string
or placed in a PAPER bag to be
put out for recycling. NO PLASTIC EVER!!! Recycling
questions will be answered at
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The program is manda-
tory, and you can be fined up to
$200 per occurrence for not com-
plying.
The Starr Garden recycling site
is officially closed and the shed
will disappear as soon as possible.
The igloos are gone. PLEASE DO
NOT take anything to Starr Gar-

descreta.

SOCIETY HILL REPORTER
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Have you ever spotted the spire of St.
Peter's Church standing out on the
city skyline and been mesmerized by its
proportions? Did you know that the
clerestory above the old grave markers, many of them
severely damaged by vandals, in
March of 1992. It has also
...needed the help of graduate students from the
University of Pennsylvania Historic
Preservation Department in cleaning
and doing basic repairs to some of the
stones, and in studying the landscape of the yard and making recommenda-
tions for its future use. And Old City
resident, Fred Willek, comes almost
every day to keep the yard in trim;
as an easy task for anyone, much less
an octogenarian, given the constant
dependants of ivy and the litter left
by thoughtless visitors, human and
animal.

PRESERVATION AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

An Endangered Species?
FRANKLIN LAMPS

Below: GE's product has no curlicues or gooseneck, but costs only $250.

At this moment, there is no proposal to re-
place the lamps. Certainly, no budget has been
submitted or approved for such a project. But
the Streets Department would like to explore
the possibilities. They will present alternat-
es at the SHCA General Membership meet-
ing on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at
the Society Hill Recreation, One Dock Street.

Editor's Note: The Franklin Lamp was
controversial when installed in 1960 as part of
the Philadelphia Redevelop-
ment Authority's Plan for the
area. In the past 30 years, it has
become a symbol for the area,
even incorporated in the
SHCA logo. They were not in-
stalled on 5th or 6th Streets
which were state roads. They are
now long-deserted state roads,
and should have compatible
lighting with the rest of the
southern neighborhood.

The number of luminous (amount of light con-
) is also an issue. Some neighbors would like
brighter lighting to deter criminal activity.
Others feel the low luminous are more in keep-
with the historical nature of the area.

Please come to the meeting with an open
mind, ideas, and a will to create a solution...
that will benefit everyone.
PROJECT STREET TREES PLANTS

- Legislative Initiative Grant was secured through Sennesa.
- Vincent A. Purn's office for the past 21 years.
- The problem stems from the two-year-old city ordinance that requires property owners to plant trees, even if only by the street.
- The city property owners are responsible and can be contacted.
- A special negotiated price of $300 for a 2-3 foot tall Evergreen is available.
- A $200 subsidy is provided by the SHCA toward the purchase of the trees.

As outlined in a letter sent to each property owner, the program highlights include:
- A special negotiated price of $300 for a 2-3 foot tall Evergreen is available.
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Crime: Concern, Caution, Not Alarm

by Mel Backman

The pattern of crime in Society Hill has remained rather consistent in recent months. Reports for the months from October 1985 to January 1986 show that the overwhelming number of offenses in the neighborhood continue to be burglaries, thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of motor vehicles.

Several account for at least 10 percent of all criminal activity in the area. Alarm systems, theft from the "cliff" and a crime, empty car interior are major contributors.

A best preventative is for residents to notify the police of any crimes they observe. A best preventative is for residents to notify the police of any crimes they observe. A best preventative is for residents to notify the police of any crimes they observe.

The late evening and early morning hours are the times to be most cautious. If you are on the street during those times, be wary. Travel with a companion or in a group. Look ahead and around for suspicious activity and persons. Carry a personal alarm device, and keep it ready for immediate use.

But residents should not overreact, either. Twenty-three incidents in more than 200 days is not a high rate. And for two-thirds of the days, the rate is even lower. Only six of the two-thirds of the days, the rate is even lower. Only six of the two-thirds of the days, the rate is even lower.

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We urge ALL members to join us on February 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. There is quite a lot of information to share. Historic Preservation is very active, and some zoning matters have been resolved. Project Street Trees needs help as we must use the $5,000 for planting before the end of June. Several riverfront community associations (and others) share the concerns we expressed to the Mayor in our January 10th letter about riverfront development. We need your input as we proceed to work against catch-as-catch-can development and for a comprehensive plan!

Mark your calendars for the MEMBERS ONLY reception scheduled this month at Hurricane Alley. Get your check in the mail if you’ve overlooked joining for 1994. Take heart neighbors, the days are getting longer and next month we’ll be looking ahead to spring stuff.

-Dick Ostrander

SOCIETY HILL REPORTER

The palatial Nelson Rockefeller estate in Tarrytown—Lyndhurst—will open to the public May 4, 1994. Be among the first to see this newest attraction of the National Trust for Historic Preservation on Friday May 6. The lush landscaping and grounds are a gardener’s delight and an artist’s inspiration. The world-class artwork is worth a trip in itself. First we visit one of America’s finest Gothic Revival mansions, Lyndhurst, also overlooking the Hudson River. This unique home was designed by A.J. Davis in 1836. The interior contains early Victorian decorative elements. This jewel is placed in the outstanding landscape of A.J. Downing. After the earthly glories of the daytime, heavenly visions in the tiny Union Church, decorated by Matissie and Chagall, will bring it all into focus.

8 a.m. departure from the Visitor Center 3rd and Chestnut Streets. 7:30 p.m. return to 3rd and Chestnut.
Cost: $140.00 per person. This includes transportation, admission, lunch, box dinner and a $40.00 contribution to the PHS.

Send your check to Jo Ann Buller. Please make the check payable to Bright and Cook Travel, 323 Chestnut St., Suite 1101, Philadelphia, PA 19106. No confirmations will be sent but if you have questions please call Jo Ann at 213-925-8850.

OTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES--apparently too costly. Third Stree was resurfaced to alleviate congestion, but to little or no avail. Fifth Street has been reconstructed—not just resurfaced—so should be able to absorb the heat from heavy vehicles.

No one can analyze this decision, its best feature is that the change claims to have inconvenienced the least amount of people. But if Society Hill were an historic district, other alternatives like jitneys could be pursued. New Orleans has banned all buses in its historic district. The challenge, becomes to provide public transportation that is even more accessible and as inexpensive as what is provided today. Many people live in this area for the convenience, not the historic charm. Other value the charm and historic integrity above convenience. Both need to be accommodated.

Society Hill Civic Association

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now retired Preservation Architect of Independence National Historic Park, are working hard to guarantee the historical accuracy of the document.

Will SHCA Ever Become an Historic District?
The question of when Society Hill can become a designated historic district has been waiting the state's Supreme Court to overturn its decision that such acts represent an unlawful "taking of property" for five years. Now with that out of the way, the Philadelphia Advocacy Subcommittee of the Historic Preservation Committee is banding with others to pressure the Historic Preservation Commission to consider all the petitions together instead of sequentially.

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Old Pine Community Center last weekend was the scene of the 9th annual craft show, "Made By Hand..."

Photo by Nancy Hallman

SCHCA Calendar
(clip & save)
Wednesday, February 16
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Old Pine Community Center
4th flr Lombard St
SCHCA Members Only - Cocktail Party

Tuesday, February 22
3:30 to 7:30 PM
328 South Street

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Notes from SHCA President

Happy New Year! All the neighbors who decorated their homes with wreaths and lights, thank you. The 500 block of Cypress looked especially festive with green garlands gracing the Franklin lamps, topped with big, bright red ribbons.

The most obvious note is that this is a special edition of the Society Hill Reporter. We hope to return to normal communication in the East Philadelphia Sun on February 1.

The Wednesday, January 19 meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association will be hosted by Pennsylvania Hospital at 7:30 p.m. in the Preston Auditorium... use the 8th Street entrance just South of Spruce. Hospital President Cliff Eldridge will welcome us; and his staff will have cookies, cakes and hot and cold beverages ready outside the auditorium as we gather starting at 7 p.m. Congressman Tom Foglietta plans to be with us for a short report and a Q & A session.

Project Street Trees has received the legislative initiative grant through the Office of Senator Vincent Fumo. The goal is to get 50 new or replacement trees in the ground this spring. The grant is for planting only. Stump removal is the responsibility of the owner, but with the SHCA $100 subsidy for the tree, we hope to have 100% participation. Most of the dead trees have been removed.

Recycling at Starr Garden has stopped. Some neighbors disregarded the Holiday closing of the site and dumped TRASH in addition to the recyclables. The site was closed as there were to be no Holiday collections per the posted sign. We will now remove the shed at the first good weather break. Thanks to all “green” neighbors who have cooperated over the years!

Membership renewal letters have been delivered. A MEMBERS ONLY party in February is the first special perk of the year. Information about it and the other Member services—including special discounts at selected area restaurants—will be included with your 1994 Membership Card and Calendar in your confirmation letter. JOIN NOW! Hope to meet you on the 19th—next Wednesday—at the Pennsylvania Hospital meeting.

Ciao!
—Dick Ostrander

Congressman Thomas Foglietta speaks

Wednesday, January 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Preston Auditorium
Pennsylvania Hospital
8th & Spruce Streets

Are you curious about the status of the Marine’s Tun Tavern, or the conditions under which the National Park Service may take over Washington Square? Questions and Answers will follow the congressman’s presentation.

SOCIETY HILL REPORTER

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1994 Membership Drive Accelerates

Renewal notices to current SHCA members have been mailed. If you would like to join and have not gotten a form, use the one in this Reporter or call 629-1288 (the SHCA office phone).

What did the SHCA do in 1993? Project Street Trees encouraged neighbors to replant 12 trees; eight more are promised. Their goal is 50 this year with help from a Legislative Initiative Grant. Approximately 90 trees were lost over the previous 20 years.

Fall and Spring Clean Up Days will continue. This has involved over 20 government agencies with tremendous support from very special neighbors like the National Park Service and Pennsylvania Hospital, who fielded close to 100 volunteers and lots of equipment. Citizens Alliance for Cleaner Neighborhoods provide special street sweepers and Bobcats as well as drivers, and Waste Management of North America provide the dumpster to facilitate cleaning. The committee will continue to work on alternative side parking for the event. Dates in '94 are May 7 and November 19.

Monthly (almost) publication of the Society Hill Reporter in the East Philadelphia Sun informs neighbors of events and issues in the community.

Historic Preservation provided current residents with information about the original owners, architects, and construction dates of their homes. This year, they plan to establish a walking tour. But their most important goal is to get this neighborhood designated as an historic district, which will preserve the integrity and charm of the area.

Fundraisers like Forever Plaid enabled the Board to donate the last $1,000 needed by the Head House Conservancy to pay the contractors for the restoration of the Head House and Shambles.

Watchdog groups with their dedicated chairs oversee Zoning and Liquor License requests.

Town Watch works with the police and provides educational meetings for neighbors on safety, security devices, etc.

Four general and eight monthly forums for concerns were voiced. One example was the resolution of the highly controversial and divisive installation of new playground equipment at Three Bears Park.

'94 is going to pose many challenges to the community. We need you, and together we can get many positive things done for Society Hill.

Renew or Join Now!

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PROJECT STREET TREES
The captains and 30 members of the Street Trees committee will be contacting all owners who have diseased or dead trees personally to encourage them to replant. The legislative initiative grant (aka WAM) has been received, and SHCA is subsidizing the last $100 of the cost of the tree.

Call the SHCA office at 629-1288 or chairman Jean Bodine to participate in the program. The arborist will contact you after this to set up an appointment to discuss the kind of tree you should plant given your block, space, pit size, etc. He can also estimate the cost of any stump removal.

Homeowners should be aware to water their trees, especially in the hot months. Enlarge pits so no stones or bricks impinge on the trunk. Advisors are available on pruning and care.

While last weekend’s ice storm created spectacular effects of nature, it also damaged many of the trees. This will mean more work in the spring.

CABARET THEATRE DARK FOR DARK MONTHS
Forever Plaid, the opening show for the New Cabaret Theatre at NewMarket, closed before Christmas. This delightful musical provided funds for several SHCA projects through a benefit performance.

A show is scheduled to reopen in March. Check in the Sun for information on the progress. The neighbors are very concerned that the area succeed with the kind of productions that will enhance the community and bring in visitors who will appreciate and respect the efforts of the residents to create a lovely community.

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT—WHERE’S THE PLAN?
The SHCA Board has asked president Dick Ostrander to send a letter to both Mayor Edward Rendell and the Delaware River Port Authority to present a plan for the development of the waterfront to the SHCA membership. As a concerned neighbor of the waterfront, the SHCA would like to evaluate and respond to the development projects. The group cannot respond to rumors, i.e. riverboat gambling.

Philadelphia and Society Hill have always benefited from vision and planning. There was William Penn’s original inspiration for “a greene countrie towne.” Later, Richardson Dilworth and the Redevelopment Authority salvaged and restored the area with some visionary and dedicated neighbors. History and Pragmatism are knocking on our leaders’ doors again. What’s the plan?

The Society Hill Civic Association
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- Renewal
- Household $25
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