

No Summer Lull for Casino Re-siting Activists

BY BERNICE T. HAMEL & ROSANNE LOESCH

As we enter the summer season, rest assured that members of SHCA's Casino Committee remain active and vigilant in their mission to shepherd our community out of the dark valley of having two casinos — Foxwoods and Sugar-House — located on the waterfront. Heartening legislative, legal, political and administrative news keeps hope alive that our densely populated, historic neighborhood will be saved from mega-size slots parlors with their accompanying traffic jams and jumbo-sized garages.

Since our previous update in the May/June issue of *The Reporter*, we have learned of a historic lawsuit filed in federal court by the League of Women Voters — the respected and nonpartisan organization — against former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ralph J. Cappy, alleging that he upheld Pennsylvania's slots/gambling law (Act 71) in exchange for the legislature's approval of a pay raise for judges. Chief Justice

Cappy has denied the allegation and called it "preposterous!" If the allegation is proved in court, it could explain why the string of nine Pennsylvania Supreme Court decisions has upheld every aspect of the slots' law — even usurping Philadelphia's zoning authority and the city's right to place a referendum on its May 2007 ballot allowing citizens to vote on the appropriate re-siting of casinos. We will follow this litigation and keep you in the loop.

On the legislative front, our two State Representatives, Mike O'Brien and Bill Keller, as well as State Senator Vince Fumo, announced — on April 30th — that they planned to introduce companion bills in both the House and Senate that would relocate these two casinos. The legislation would establish a "collaborative, inclusive process aimed at finding new locations for the city's gambling casinos." This would involve state

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Wondering About All of the Street Work?

BY MARTHA LEVINE, SAFE AND SOUND COMMITTEE

Early in May, the No Parking signs went up on streets like Pine and Spruce, and within 24 hours, if your car wasn't moved, it was towed to a spot several blocks away. Neighbors were confused, with no clue as to what was happening. Asking on-site contractors just led to a variety of different and conflicting answers. Clouds of dust rivaling a sandstorm in the Sahara were flying everywhere. No one seemed to know what the purpose of this street work was. The only good thing about it was that workers moved pretty quickly from one block to the next.

Since SHCA had never been notified about any impending street work, we decided to check it out. A telephone call to the Streets Department led us to Ernie Cotilus, the department's project manager, who invited a few of us to a meeting of key people. At that time, we finally found out the nitty-gritty.

The Center City SE Quadrant Improvement Project, which was initiated in 1995, has plans to make improvements within the area from Walnut to South Street, and from Front to Broad Street. You may have noticed South Street getting a total makeover: new sidewalks, street lights, re-surfacing of streets, new trees, new traffic signals.

Society Hill will get the following:

New traffic signals: All intersections will get new traffic signals, which will be interconnected by a fiber-optic cable system. The system involves a computer encased in a control box, one at each intersection. These brown boxes are 48" H x 30" D x 30" L, and will be affixed to the ground. The purpose is to monitor and control the flow of traffic by adjusting signals to relieve congestion. It is supposedly safer and more user-friendly for repairs. If there is a

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RICHARD DE WYNGAERT

The opposite is beneficial; from things that differ comes the fairest attunement; all things are born through strife

—Heraclitus

This has been a very full year. We have, in numerous ways and on many fronts, explored myriad facets of Society Hill life. We have exchanged opinions about how, going forward, we might best position our neighborhood to prosper while still providing the standard of community that brought us to Society Hill in the first place. It is clear that most of us want to ensure a healthy future without sacrificing the other qualities which we value and to which we are accustomed.

When I became president of the Civic Association last May, I was aware of significant issues facing Society Hill. I knew that there were a number of different positions regarding these issues. However, I did not fully anticipate the degree of debate that has characterized the past year. I think we have all grown because of our impassioned exchanges.

Summer comes at a good time. To varying degrees, many of us modify our schedules for the summer. We engage in activities that replenish our spirits. We try to spend time with friends and family. What was urgent may now be considered merely critical. If possible, we take a healthy and much-needed break from our "real life" routine. I particularly like the summer, because I slow down and take a closer look at the solidity of my opinions. I try to distance myself from what I believe. What are my beliefs and opinions, and why do they exist?

For me, this time of year is an opportunity for deeper reflection.

This past year's manifest divisions surrounding development issues was difficult for me personally and, I believe, others in the community.

It is time to take a break and appreciate that Society Hill is peopled by a vocal citizenry of diverse opinions. We do not all believe the same things. This is good.

We live in a wonderful community! Let's embrace the broad spectrum of opinions that provides Society Hill dimension.

We will continue to work on issues that shape Society Hill: beautification, development, crime, property taxes, and the casinos continue to require a close watch. Over the summer, think about ways that you would like to see Society Hill improve, and how you might participate: effect the change you desire.

A broad base is our greatest asset.

Have a great summer.



Richard de Wyngaert, President

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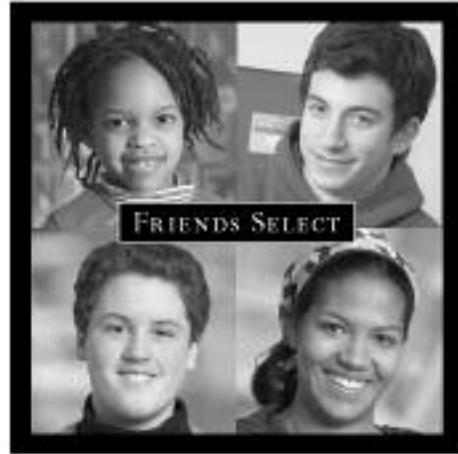
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The Head House Conservancy — in partnership with the Society Hill Civic Association, Queen Village Neighbors Association, and the South Street HeadHouse District — are planning a major *fund-raising* event to help cover the cost of repairs and improvements at Head House Square.

As you probably know, the colonnaded market shed at Head House Square has the distinction of being America's only surviving Colonial-era marketplace. Attached to this outdoor market shed — called "the Shambles" — is our nation's oldest volunteer firehouse, built in 1805. This city-owned structure was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1966. But neglect and abuse caused its deterioration, and by the late 1980s the Secretary of the Interior identified it as a "threatened and endangered landmark."

In 1990 a group of concerned citizens from Society Hill and Queen Village organized to raise funds and repair the structure. The non-profit Head House Conservancy raised more than \$200,000 — from friends and neighbors — and fully restored the building, both inside and out. Today the 203-year-old firehouse serves as headquarters for the South Street HeadHouse District, which manages the property. And once again, the 262-year-old Shambles serves the community as a Farmers' Market — adding new life to our streetscape while also recalling the landmark's unique history.

Like any structure, however, Head House Square requires maintenance and improvements. A series of repairs and upgrades are currently needed. Our coalition of concerned neighbors and businesses is "cooking up" a wonderful social event to help raise funds that will contribute to preserving this historic treasure. Here's what you can do:

First, please attend our Soiree at the Shambles on Wednesday night, September 10th. This will be one weekday night when you won't have to cook or cleanup — because several of our area's most popular restaurants will be offering their "signature" dishes. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with neighbors as well as enjoy good food. Festive music will be provided by a Settlement Music School band.

Are you wondering how much this worthy community social will cost you? Not-to-worry! All contributions to the Head House Conservancy are tax-deductible, since it is a 501 [C] 3 tax-exempt organization. So please consider any of these sponsorship roles:

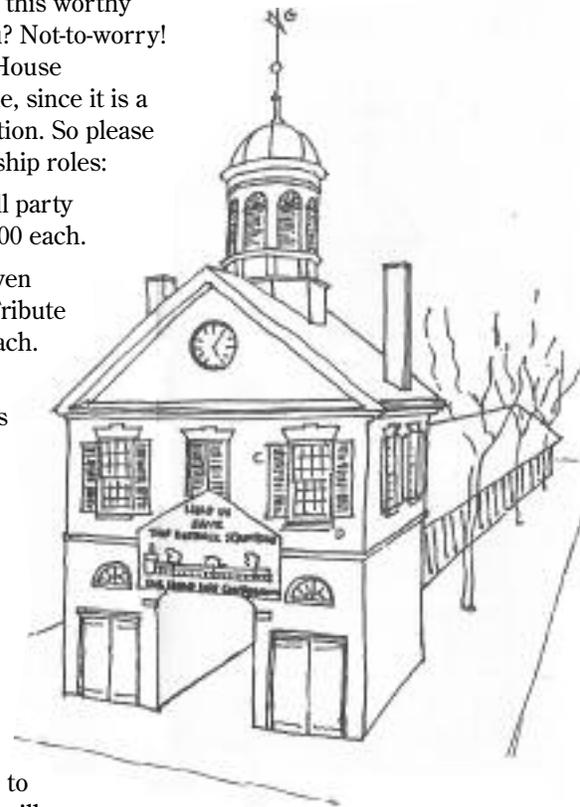
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If you are already a member of the Society Hill Civic Association, you will receive an invitation to the Soiree in the mail. However, if you are not a member, please let us know and we'll add your name to the mailing list — so you, too, will receive an invitation. Simply call Matt DeJulio at 215-629-1288 or email mattdejulio@aol.com.

In addition, will you consider placing an ad in our "Soiree Tribute Book" to help underwrite the event? Or perhaps you can sponsor a page of "old" photos pertaining to this unique historic site in our neighborhood. If you have any pictures that feature Head House in some way, we hope you'll be willing to share them — so let us know.

Needless to say, our Soiree Committee welcomes any and all assistance to get this show on the road! To volunteer, please contact either Tania Rorke at 215-370-6485 or trorke@aol.com; Bernice Hamel at 215-925-4363 or bernicehamel@comcast.net; or Dave Hammond at 215-413-3713 or daveatsshhd@aol.com.

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No Summer Lull for Casino Re-siting Activists

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and city officials, casino operators, community representatives and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) — in an effort to identify alternative casino locations, and according to a strict timetable.

We're pleased to report that in mid-May, legislation was introduced in the State House of Representatives — House Bill #2562. And as this newsletter goes to press, on June 10, Senate Bill #1487 was introduced with the unanimous co-sponsorship of all seven Senators in the Philadelphia delegation. According to Senator Fumo, "It is an effort to resolve a stalemate...but it must be done in a manner that respects the needs and concerns of the city and community, not in a way that tramples their rights." He committed himself to working in Harrisburg with Governor Ed Rendell and the General Assembly to identify financial resources to offset the cost of relocating the casinos.

State Representative Mike O'Brien has also taken a strong stance supporting this objective. He stated: "We are trying to end the standoff that has created anxiety in communities.... It is fair to neither casino investors nor city residents to allow this to drag on. We are prepared to continue this fight for years, if need be, to protect our constituents, but I think this represents our best chance to end the fight."

A major justification for finding alternate locations for these casinos is a growing consensus that the waterfront should be developed for heritage tourism. In fact, we've recently learned that heritage tourism generates more income than other types. If we were to create a heritage tourism plan along the waterfront, we would

be capitalizing on the economic engine from which the city already benefits as home to "America's most historic square mile."

For example: Did you know that the proposed site for the SugarHouse casino was a Revolutionary-era British fort dating from the 1700's? It was part of a comprehensive defense system consisting of ten forts manned by British loyalists fighting against Washington's army. Even more surprising is last fall's remarkable historical find by archaeological consultants who discovered 200 prehistoric relics dating from the late archaic period: 1500 to 8,000 B.C. Indeed, a lecture held at the University of Pennsylvania on this exciting find took place early last month.

Historically Foxwoods is also most significant, as it was the site of America's very first naval port. The Navy Yard — located from Federal Street to Wharton and from Front Street to the Delaware River — is only one-half block from the proposed site for Foxwoods. Warships for the American Revolution were launched into the river from the Navy Yard, where the ships were built — just below Old Swedes Church. Although no archeological investigations have yet occurred at the site, who knows what more could be uncovered along our nation's most historic waterfront area — so close to our thriving residential community!

Our ongoing movement to preserve Society Hill and neighboring residential communities so close to America's historic waterfront welcomes your participation. If interested in receiving occasional updates and/or joining our efforts, please inform SHCA's Casino Committee Chairperson, Rosanne Loesch, by sending her an email at loesch10@aol.com.

There is a growing consensus that the waterfront should be developed for heritage tourism.

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Please get to know your Block Coordinator. They can be helpful in directing you correctly when a problem or concern arises. They can also speak on behalf of many

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Wondering About All of the Street Work?

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malfunctioning light, the controls will send a signal to the Streets Department. To have such a system, streets had to be trenched in order to install the fiber-optic cable. The next step is to "saw cut" the sidewalks and to install the new poles and signals. Sidewalk repair will be done following the removal of the old poles and installation of the new 20-foot (C-post) poles holding the new improved traffic signals.

Street resurfacing: Some streets (not all) will be resurfaced, and all handicap ramps will be replaced. This is a federal mandate—apparently our existing ramps do not meet ADA standards. This will mean the loss of bricks at corner intersections, which will solve some of the problems of crumbling bricks at the corners, where no homeowner takes responsibility.

Cobra Lights: To add more light to roadways, some intersections will get additional lighting in the form of a 30-foot cobra light (called "D" poles). We have just learned that no new 30-foot cobra lights will be installed in Society Hill, only replacements for the ones on 5th Street.

Security cameras: This is for vehicular detection, to see where there is congestion. Targeted for Walnut and South Street only.

During a meeting at 4th and Spruce Streets with Traffic Construction Engineer Steve Lorenz, we were told that the work will start soon and continue through spring 2009. Looks like we won't have much peace and quiet, but we will have the latest technology in traffic signals.

For the latest info visit our website at societyhillcivic.org, and be sure to sign up to receive emails.

CONDOMINIUM REPRESENTATIVES

a continuation of Board of Director Profiles from the May/June issue of the *Reporter*

Hopkinson House Lisa Schwab

A native Philadelphian, Lisa moved to Center City to attend Hahnemann University's Group Process and Group Psychotherapy Graduate program. She has also been a member of the Board of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association. Having worked at the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging and the University of Pennsylvania, Lisa currently works in the scientific division of Thomson Reuters, where she's managed various accounts to provide scientific research solutions. She loves the history of our city, the arts, (especially music), as well as nature, and is grateful for her Hopkinson House view, where she looks out over Washington Square, Independence Hall, the river, and even Camden.

Independence Place Jerry Yablin

A lifelong Philadelphia resident, Jerry was born and raised in Philadelphia, and raised his family here. He spent time with a major pharmaceutical company in the U.S., Philippines and Canada. He started his own consulting company — Rx-OTC Consultants in the late 1980's, working with domestic and international companies. He moved to Center City in 2002 and continues his consulting, as well as the practice of pharmacy on a part-time basis. Along with Dot, his wife, they are happy to call Society Hill their home and enjoy the proximity of so many wonderful cultural and entertainment activities.

Society Hill Towers Ellen Ravin

A resident of Society Hill Towers since 1972, Ellen is actively involved in the Towers' Community Political Action Committee. This non-partisan group — the nation's only condominium PAC — works to maintain relationships with local government officials to insure that the PAC's voice is heard. Ellen was an administrator at Temple University for more than twenty years and now works for a consulting firm that serves clients in the nonprofit sector. She looks forward to representing Society Hill Towers with SHCA and fostering communication and interaction between the two organizations.

Penn's Landing Condos Michael R. Rochester

Michael has been a human resources professional for over 40 years. With a B.S. from RPI and a Master's in Labor Relations from Cornell, Michael spent most of his career working with companies in need of labor specialists, such as Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Coleco Industries and Matchbox Toys. Now semi-retired, Michael is a consultant for the Stephen F. Kempf Company in Conshohocken and other clients. He and his wife, Carole Le Faivre-Rochester, have lived at Penn's Landing Square since 2001. Both have been active in SHCA activities, particularly the anti-casino effort and the Dilworth House campaign. Mike is the father of three and grandfather of Leora, in Jerusalem.

St. James Court Stacey Ackerman

Stacey has lived in Society Hill since 1986 and resides at this 44-unit condominium. She is originally from Long Island and moved to Philadelphia to finish her training in ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania's Scheie Eye Institute. Loving the city, she decided to remain here and enter private practice. In addition to being very career-oriented, she is an avid golfer and tennis player. She has belonged to the Germantown Cricket Club for more than twenty years, and she is very excited about becoming involved in issues affecting our lovely neighborhood.

The St. James Norman Lieberman

Norm, a retired teacher and athletic coach for the Philadelphia school system, has lived in our area for more than thirty years. He continues to officiate at track, swimming, and cross-country events, and is Chief Coordinator for officials at the Penn Relays. A national licensed race car driver with the Sports Car Club of America, Norm is the first director on SHCA's board selected to represent the recently built and occupied hi-rise building — the St. James — located at the corner of 8th and Walnut Streets. He and his wife, Sylvia, have been married for 37 years, and together they have a very strong interest in maintaining — and when possible, improving — the quality of life enjoyed by Society Hill residents.

DO YOU WELCOME EXERCISE?

The Walkie-Talkies are still at it,
and we welcome *you!*

We remind Society Hillers that the Walkie-Talkies — an informal group of ladies who walk throughout the neighborhood on Tuesday and Thursday mornings — will continue throughout the summer. This year-round activity accommodates those of us who enjoy a bit of easy-going exercise.

If you're one who would like to give this non-strenuous healthy, socially enjoyable exercise a try, just show up at Three Bears Park on any Tuesday or Thursday morning — no later than 8:15 a.m. — unless it's extraordinarily hot or raining. It's free and you get to meet some great neighbors during these one-hour sessions. See you there?





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DIVINE INTERVENTION?

2008 Open House & Garden Tour a Success

Despite a dreaded prediction of heavy rain and thunderstorms, Society Hill Open House and Garden Tour drew a surprisingly hefty crowd of approximately 275 visitors on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Our success was clearly attributable to the change in the weather conditions. Was it poor weather prediction or divine intervention clearing away the ominous gray clouds and allowing the sun to shine?

As a result of a surprisingly strong turnout, a check for \$7,708 was presented to the SHCA by The Friends of Independence National Historical Park (FINHP). This amount reflects their new policy allowing each participating civic association to receive 90% of the proceeds, rather than the traditional two-thirds of past years. The remaining 10% goes to our co-sponsor, FINHP.

The Society Hill tours are the only annual event that directly benefits our association, and its income has been the third largest source of revenue over the years. This revenue has been used for neighborhood improvement projects benefiting all of us. On the tour were nine private homes, one large private garden, the Physick House, and Old Pine Street Church.

Tour coordinators Linda Skale and Martha Levine would like to take the opportunity to

thank the following for helping make this year's tour a successful event:

Thanks to all who opened doors, allowing tour-goers to see the lovely homes. We know that the preparation for this event is extremely labor-intensive. Your generosity of spirit helps support our neighborhood association.

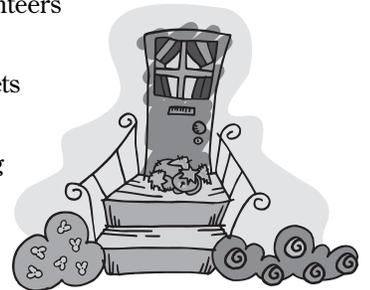
Thanks to those who volunteered to host houses, spending two hours each of their time for a worthy cause. Everyone who volunteers says it is a great way to spend two hours — greeting people in wonderful settings. Volunteers also receive free tickets for the tour.

We thank Zeke's Deli for providing tasty sweets for our refreshment table (at cost prices).

We also thank Old Pine Church for allowing us to establish our headquarters there each year, and to the Physick House for opening its doors to our participants.

Good News! Our spies report overhearing some tour-goers say that this was the best tour in years. As a result, five Society Hill neighbors have already offered their homes for next year's tour. This is a first! Or is it divine intervention?

For information, contact Martha Levine, marthalev@msn.com, 215-629-0727.



Don't Be Left In the Dark

If you are a renter and your landlord is not providing adequate security, please let him know that city ordinance requires the following minimum lighting standards:

PM-407.4.1. Outdoor lighting fixture. Every owner or operator of every multiple-family dwelling shall provide an outside light over each street entrance from the street and in a prominent place in each side yard and rear yard sufficient to illuminate and maintain in service 16 square feet (1.49 square meters) of ground area to the intensity of 3 foot candles (33 lux). The light shall be turned on automatically at sunset and shall remain on until sunrise the following morning.

Cynthia MacLeod Named New INHP Superintendent

Cynthia MacLeod has been named Superintendent of Independence National Historical Park, succeeding Dennis Reidenbach, who was promoted in September 2007 to Northwest Regional Director of the NPS. Her duties include Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, as well as about two dozen other locations such as Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Museum at 3rd and Pine Street.

MacLeod most recently served as Superintendent of the Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic site in Richmond, Virginia. While there she expanded resource preservation and interpretation and was also heavily involved in the rehabilitation of historic buildings. Cynthia, a graduate of Duke University, has a Master's in architectural history from the University of Virginia.

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Penn's Village Is Already Helping Neighbors!

On Sunday, June 1, Penn's Village began offering services to the Old City, Queen Village, and Society Hill communities. The goal of this nonprofit corporation is to provide support and services to its members so they will live happy, healthy and meaningful lives in their own homes.

Penn's Village, a "volunteer first" organization, is providing services using talented and carefully screened volunteers. More than 25 volunteers have already registered to provide services on request to the many Charter, household and individual members who have signed up. Services can also be provided by vetted vendors at specially negotiated rates.

During its first month in operation, members enjoyed the show "The Color Purple" at the Academy of Music and a private tour and picnic lunch at Bartram's Garden. Services provided over the first month included grocery shopping trips, daily and weekly check-ins, companion visits and transportation to doctors' appointments.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or a member, or learning more about Penn's Village and what it has to offer, please contact Tania Rorke at 215.925.7333 or info@pennsvillage.org. Also check out our website at Pennsvillage.org. The heart of Penn's Village is a neighbor to neighbor endeavor, so we appreciate your interest.

Summer in Society Hill is Discovery Time



We, the people of Society Hill live in a unique urban environment that offers not only visual harmony and beauty but a diverse community of neighbors involved in the daily comings and goings of modern life. Once in a while we may stop and marvel at the wide range of cultural institutions and historic sites within our midst. So it is with great pleasure that we enclose within this newsletter the most up-to-date version of **BEYOND THE BELL** — a brochure which describes more than 35 institutions within walking distance of our homes or places of work.

This colorful brochure and useful map is published by Philadelphia's Historic Neighborhood Consortium, designed by *The Reporter's* designer, Judy Lamirand, and co-edited by neighbors Bernice Hamel and Del Connor. Whether your

personal interest is history, art, architecture or simply an afternoon of educational fun, this brochure is a valuable resource to keep for all seasons. We encourage you to share it with your guests — because, honestly, when was the last time you visited Independence Hall or the National Constitution Center? When was the last time you toured Powel House and Physick House — the two wonderful house museums in our neighborhood?

We all do love the summer. It's a time for travel and leisure. It's a time to read the book that's been waiting on a shelf for months, or to connect with friends and family members, and a time to explore the world. For many of us, particularly for our children, summer offers the gift of non-scheduled time — a time to play. So go play with them at the Fireman's Hall Museum or the Betsy Ross House. Be inspired at the American Philosophical Society or at a nearby historic house of worship. After all, Philadelphia's tradition of diversity and freedom is epitomized, alive and flourishing, right here in our own little corner of the world!

If your "Beyond the Bell" insert is missing, please contact Matt DeJulio — mattdejulio@aol.com — so he can mail you a brochure. Copies are available free to SHCA members. For non-members, a fee of \$3 each is requested to cover postage and handling.

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Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 42,803	32.1%

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Identifying new folks in the neighborhood can be a challenge, especially those in the condominiums. So if you are a new homeowner and have not been contacted, please get in touch with us for an appointment to receive a Welcome Basket. We would love to hear from you and have an opportunity to welcome you to our great neighborhood. This concept is so successful that several of our neighbor communities are planning to launch their own welcome basket program based on our model.

SHCA is grateful to several new business contributors: **Sonam**, 223 South Street, a BYOB with an international menu; and **Zot**, 122 Lombard Street, an upscale Belgian pub with an extensive beer selection. We include **Caribou Café** and **Bistro Romano**, which were inadvertently omitted from the last issue. As always, we hope you will help us say "thank you" to all contributors by patronizing their businesses. (See list on page 23.)

For information or to receive a Welcome Basket, contact Chair, Martha Levine, at 215-629-0727 or marthalev@msn.com.

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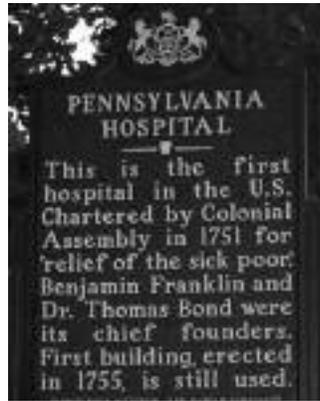
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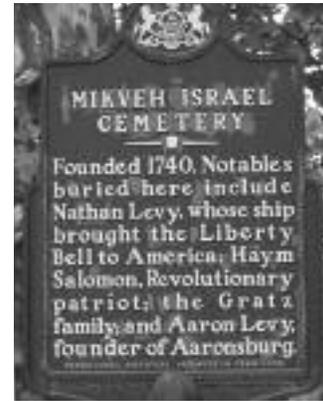
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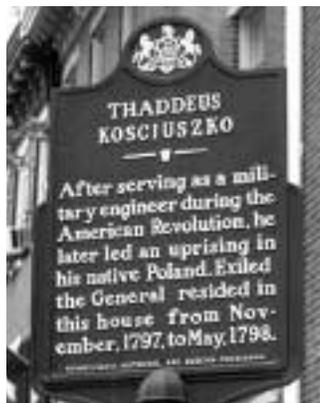
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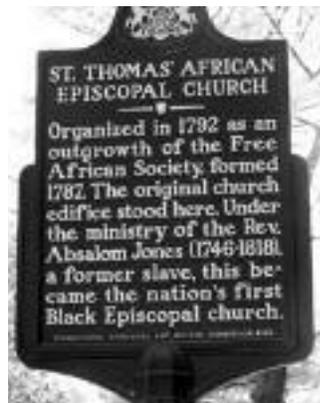
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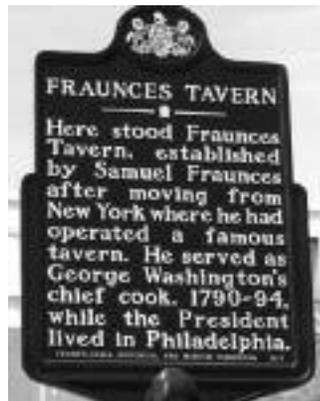
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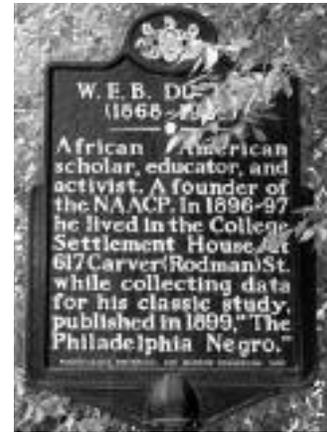
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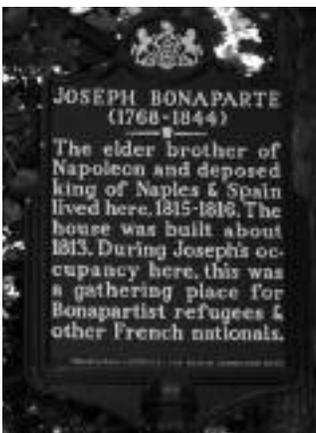
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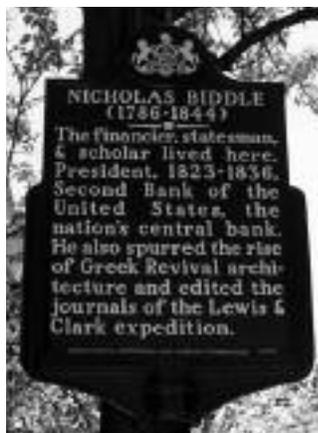
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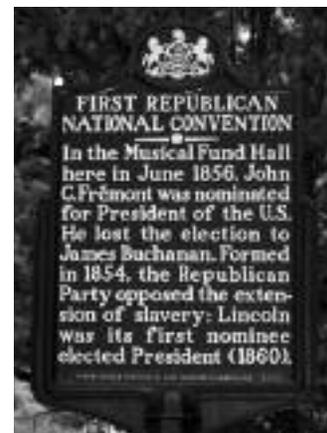
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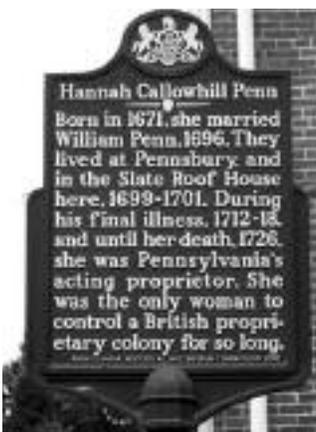
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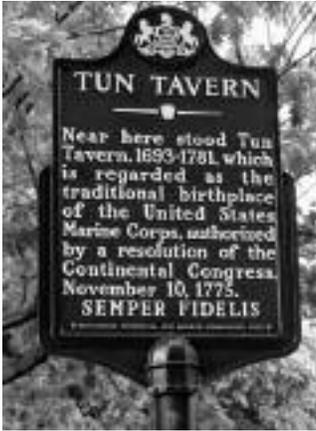


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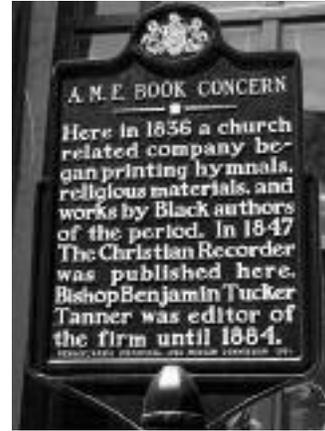
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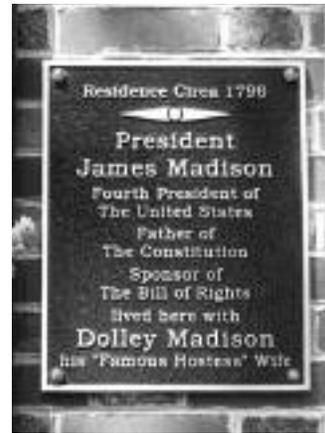
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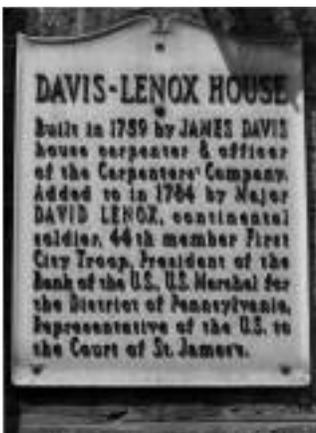
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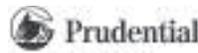
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Air Conditioning

If you have central air conditioning, every household should have a qualified HVAC contractor check out the system so that it is clean and works efficiently. It is an added cost but will save money in the long run.

Security System

Unless you have a few Pit Bulls at your home, a security system is a "best bet" to keep intruders out. Security systems are definitely a deterrent to intruders who look for easy uncomplicated entry into a home. Remember to arm the system when you go to sleep and when away from the house.

Sidewalks

We have an epidemic of uneven sidewalks here in Society Hill, and it is up to all homeowners to fix their own. More of us will be walking outdoors in the warmer weather, so there is a greater chance of trip and fall incidences. Check your sidewalk and have a brick expert make the necessary repairs to avoid liability for any injuries incurred.

Outdoor Lighting

Make sure you have a front door light that works — preferably on a timer or sensor so that it turns on after dark and off during the day time. Warm weather tends to generate an increase in crime, and it has been proven that good lighting deters crime. Keep lights on from dusk to dawn! Use the highest wattage bulb that your fixture will allow — at least 60 watts. Since most break-ins occur from back entrances, be sure to install and use a back door light. In addition, a great device to ward off intruders is a motion detector which blasts 100 watts of light if anyone appears behind your house.



Exterior House Painting

If your shutters and trim are peeling or cracking, this is the time to hire a professional painter. Exposed wood will deteriorate and look unsightly if left unpainted and will cost more to repair later.

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is a great resource if you are looking to do any work on your home. And it is **free to all SHCA members!**

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Summer Events of Interest

ALL EVENTS ARE CLOSE TO SOCIETY HILL

Center City District

Lunchtime Concert Series

presented by TD Banknorth

Wednesday, July 9

60s Rock

Mellon Independence Center
701 Market
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
FREE

Wednesday, August 6

Gil Brewster Band

(Classic Rock)

The Curtis Center,
6th and Walnut
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
FREE

Every Wednesday,

Discounted drink prices and half-price appetizers

5 - 7 p.m.

At the following nearby restaurants:

Joe Pesce, 1113 Walnut
La Scala's, 615 Chestnut
Marathon Grill, 929 Walnut
Morarity's, 1116 Walnut
Ristorante LaBuca, 711 Locust
The Irish Pub, 1123 Walnut

For more information about these and other events, visit www.CenterCityPhila.org

Summer Clay Camps

Let your kids have good clean fun getting messy with clay this summer. The Clay Studio is offering a variety of summer clay camps available for kids from age six and up.

Weeklong camps meet for 3 hours, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, or 1 - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$145 members of Clay Studio; \$155 for non-member. For additional info call Wendy at 215-925-3453 x 14 or email wendy@theclaystudio.org

Events at Penn's Landing

Saturday - Sunday July 5-6

Taste of Philadelphia

Sample your favorite restaurants' food and enjoy outdoor entertainment
11 a.m - 7 p.m.
FREE

Saturday - Sunday July 5-6

Super Scooper All-You-Can-Eat

Ice Cream Festival

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Saturday - Sunday July 12-13

Hispanic Festival

12 noon - 8 p.m.
FREE

Sunday, July 20

Southeastern Cherokee Celebration

12 noon - 6 p.m.
FREE

Saturday - Sunday July 26-27

FAM JAMS

The "I Can't Believe It's Free" Concert Weekend for kids of all ages
FREE

Saturday, Aug 2

ACANA African Festival

12 noon - 8 p.m.
FREE

Saturday, August 10

Festival of India

12 noon - 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 17

Carribean Festival

12 noon - 8 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday August 23-24

Unity Weekend

12 noon - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 30

Radio 104.5 Concert

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Kahn Park Concerts

11th and Pine

Wednesday, July 16

The Fabulous Shpielkehs

A multigenerational Klezmer band
Rain date, July 17
7:30 p.m.
FREE

Wednesday, August 13

Zydeco-A-Go-Go

Louisiana dance music with Creole and Cajun influences.
7:30 p.m.
Rain date: Thursday, August 14
FREE

National Constitution Center

6th and Arch

Wednesday, July 16

The Legacy of 1808: Slavery and the Literary Imagination

Part of a series of public conversations examining slavery through fiction and scholarship, with two prominent authors. Admission FREE, reservations required. 215-409-6700

Atwater Kent Museum

15 S. 7th Street

Ongoing Exhibit

Experience Philadelphia

Anchored by the world's largest map of the City, the gallery highlights the impact of geographic environment, immigration, economic development and decisions of city government on the historical development of Philadelphia.

Ongoing Exhibit

How Philly Works: Streets as Barometers of Urban Life

Program every Friday

Quest for Freedom

2 p.m. , Call 215-685-4830 for more info

HISTORICAL MARKERS QUIZ ANSWERS

Here are the locations and dedication dates of each of the markers. How well did you do? Those who answered more than 80% correctly are true Society Hill fans.

- 1 212 S. 4th Street, d. unknown
- 2 800 block of Pine Street, d. 1954
- 3 800 block of Spruce Street, d. 1957
- 4 NW corner of 3rd & Pine, d. 1967
- 5 5th Street, South of St. James Place, d.1984
- 6 336 Lombard Street, d. 1990
- 7 6th & Lombard Streets, d. 1991

- 8 166 S. 2nd Street, d. 1991
- 9 SE Corner of S. 3rd & Thomas Paine Place, d. 1992
- 10 6th and Lombard Streets, d. 1992
- 11 536 Pine Street, d. 1992
- 12 6th & Rodman Streets, d. 1995
- 13 260 S. 9th Street, d. 2000
- 14 715 Spruce Street, d. 2000
- 15 808 Locust Street, d. 2000
- 16 2nd Street near Walnut, d. 2000
- 17 240 S. 4th Street, d. 2000
- 18 NW corner of 5th & St. James Street, d. 2004

- 19 Front Street, between Walnut & Chestnut, d. 2005
- 20 SE corner of 6th & Lombard Streets, d. 2005
- 21 631 Pine Street, d. 1991
- 22 6th Street, near Walnut, d. 1992

Other markers of interest:

- 23 129 Spruce Street
- 24 429 Spruce Street
- 25 217 Spruce Street
- 26 S. 4th Street near Locust Street
- 27 707 Pine Street

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INTERIOR DESIGN: PLAYING PERCEPTUAL TRICKS

Smaller Is Bigger

BY JOSEPH G. BRINN

Japanese bonsai trees are cultivated miniature versions of tall, mature tree species. By virtue of their fine detail and vital character, they pull us into their sphere of influence. A bonsai placed in a room plays a perceptual trick, reversing our sense of scale such that the room seems bigger by comparison.

Scale is an all-important yet elusive element of architectural design. Spend a day in the thrilling canyons of Manhattan, return to the intimate row-house-lined streets of Philadelphia, and gauge your own reactions. These two experiences could hardly be more different. The question is: What kind of scaled environment does your own home afford you?

Generally, for interiors, there is a sort of unconscious counter-response at play. If a space is very large, one looks for an area of refuge or relief. If a space is very small, one looks for an "escape" or perceptual increase in scale.

Perhaps your home has less pronounced spatial contrasts.

- Consider changing the rhythm of ceiling heights. Compression and release of space would be more dynamic.
- Open a new view — a glimpse from one room to the next.
- Concealed lighting will provide a mysterious source of glowing light without the revelation of scale from visible light fixtures.
- Look at an existing space differently — convert a walk-in storage closet into a master bathroom or home spa.
- Install a new venting picture window to merge the interior with garden exterior for a sense of greater expanse.

Smaller is bigger — without huge effort or expense. Bonsai Architecture? Maybe that's the ticket to gracious urban living.



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Society Hill Residential Sales Report

Overview
From January 1, -May 31, 2008, home values in Society Hill, 19106 continue to increase and this neighborhood remains one of the most stable in Philadelphia. For houses during the first 6 months of '08 the average sales price increased over 35%, from '07, but the days on the market more than doubled. There were also 3 fewer sales. For condos, the average priced increased 4%, but the days on the market doubled and there was almost 25% fewer sales.

Town Houses
In 2008 11 HOUSES sold. The lowest priced was \$652,200 and the highest priced was \$2,750,000. this was for a renovated, 9000 square foot estate on 3rd street. The average price was \$1,184,000 and was on the market for 155 days (traditionally it is considered a sellers market when homes are on the for over 90 days). The average seller receive 85% of their listed price. During the first half of 2007 14 houses were sold ranging in price from \$410,000-\$1,537,500. The average days on the market was 76. The average price was much less at \$775,386.

Condos
17 CONDOS were sold in 2008. The lowest price was 270,000 and the highest price was \$2,375,000 for a palatial condo on Washington Square. The average price was \$520,000. The average condo was on the market for only 62 days and was sold at 93% of list. During the first half of 2007, 23 condos were sold from \$265,000-\$1,700,000. The average days on the market was 123. The average price was \$504,000.



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"I've seen the comps. I know what others have recently paid. I just want to price it high anyway. I'm in no rush. Maybe we will break a record with an out-of-town buyer. Plus you're hanging your sign, you're getting exposure, what do you care? What can it hurt???"
Antonio: It can hurt you! It will stay on the market forever, which will make buyers suspect. Everyone looks at comps and there are a wealth of homes for sale. Or you may become desperate and take a low-low-ball price. Look at your neighbors who priced too high....

Address	Original Price	Sold Price	Difference	Days on Market
3xx S. Phillip	\$2,750,000	\$1,140,000	\$1,610,000	877
3xx S. 4th	\$2,350,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,150,000	786
4xx Spruce	\$3,795,000	\$1,925,000	\$1,870,000	622
3xx Spruce	\$1,850,000	\$1,105,450	\$744,550	404
3xx S. 3rd	\$3,500,000	\$2,550,000	\$950,000	213

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SHCA Membership Reaches 1,019

As of early June, a total of 1,019 members belong to SHCA — 896 renewals and 123 new members. We are still waiting to hear from 111 members whose memberships have lapsed.

Remember that this year it is easier than ever to renew. You can either mail us a check, send us your credit card number, or visit our website and pay by PayPal.

Last year we ended up with 1,062 members, so if all 2007 members whom we have not heard from send in their renewal, we will end up with well past last year's total.

Most of SHCA's budget is provided through membership dues, so please send in your renewal today, or please join if you are not a current member. Extra contributions are always welcome and may be earmarked for your preferred activities. Remember, you can now renew by going to our website and using PAY PAL, or by filling out the application on this page with VISA or MasterCard information or enclosing a check.

Franklin Lights Update

You must be wondering: "When will the Franklin Light poles be painted?" Please be patient, as we have had a delay.

As reported in the last issue, we were gearing up for a May/June painting of half of the neighborhood's lights. Unfortunately, there has been so much unanticipated street work — the trenching of Society Hill, with the accompanying trucks, noise and dust flying everywhere — that the painting must be postponed until October, because wet paint and flying dust do not mix well.

We apologize to those who are awaiting the last phase of the Franklin Light project so that our lights will be truly beautiful. For those of you who had asked for commemorative plaques, rest assured that the plaques will be erected as soon as the painting is completed and dry.

For comments or questions, contact Franklin Lights Chair, Martha Levine, 215-629-0727 or marthalev@msn.com.

SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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The following topics are of special interest to me. I welcome receipt of email updates on these topics.

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Return completed application to:
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NOTEWORTHY NEIGHBORS

BY DAVID WOODS

Bridget Foy



The eponymous neighbor and her namesake restaurant.

Rhode Island, where she earned a degree in hospitality management — as the school's slogan is: "a culinary education without compromise." But even before that, Bridget had worked in the kitchens of 'her' restaurant from the age of seven ... and subsequently as a server and bartender.

After graduating from college, she studied in Belgium for a summer, and then worked for restaurant groups in Manhattan. Nowadays, she returns to New York once a month to check out that city's restaurant scene. Restaurant

Bridget Foy's durability, she believes, is its capacity for continuous change.

And how does the real Bridget Foy escape that other Millennial feature — the 24/7 lifestyle? Not too easily, it seems. "I'd like to run the restaurant and then start another," she says. True, she likes to travel, and enjoys 60's soul music and reggae with boyfriend, Paul, who is also a restaurant manager. In her free time Bridget works out regularly, and she is learning how to box. And as you might imagine, her taste in food is eclectic. But she's certainly not equivocal about her favorite drink — champagne!

Maybe Bridget, as you'll readily see from the photograph, is not only truly feminine and becoming, but also remembers Lord Byron's famous quote: "A woman should never be seen eating or drinking, unless it be lobster salad and champagne — the only true feminine and becoming viands."

What you may not discern from her photo is the charm and eloquence of this personable (and — yes — eponymous) Millennial when being interviewed by a pre-Boomer for his "Noteworthy" column.

This column, now approaching some 50 Noteworthy Neighbor interviews, has featured pre-Boomers (those born before 1946); Boomers (1946 to 1964); and Generation Xers (1965 to 1976). Now it's time to single out one of the 75 million so-called Millennials — youngsters born between 1977 and 1998.

One such is the eponymous Bridget Foy. And even though the popular local restaurant of that name isn't specifically situated in Society Hill — a criterion for being featured in "Noteworthy Neighbors" — Bridget is a Hiller, since she lives at 2nd and Delancey Streets.

This 25-year-old happens to fit many of the "noteworthy" characteristics of Millennials: self-inventive, individualistic, willing to rewrite the rules, capable of multitasking. The latter is surely true of her work at the restaurant her father, John, opened in 1978 ... and which was named for her when she was four. There, she serves as bookkeeper, payroll manager and hostess. She also oversees the kitchens and menu choices. "Unlike in the corporate world," Bridget says, "I have to fill many roles; no two days are alike." Multitasking!

But she came well prepared. John and her artist mother, Bernadette, sent her off to the renowned Johnson and Wales University in Providence,

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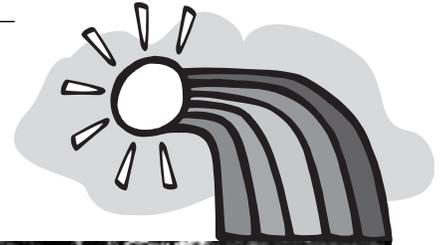
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Neighborhood Party Draws a Large Crowd and Ends with a Rainbow!

BY NANCY FRENZE



More than sixty neighbors attended a social gathering sponsored by Washington Square East Condominium Two on May 22nd. Families of the 500 block of Spruce Street and Manning Walk enjoyed delicious food, fine wine and animated conversation. (Incidentally, the north side of the 500 block of Spruce Street is experiencing a baby boom — with three newborns, another due in July, and three little ones under the age of two.)

Party plans were coordinated by Sharon Haynie, Ruth Treatment, Garrett and Judy Smith, Rosa Lazinger, Hans and Cherry Bombeck, and myself. Sara Garonzik and James Di Fonzo and Cynthia and Marcelo Parravicini provided tables for food and drink.

One busy resident commented that after living here for six years he was meeting his neighbors for the first time. A guest who knows a good time when she sees one observed the party from her apartment at Independence Place and came down to join us.

The party that began with a sun shower ended with a beautiful rainbow!



Partygoers gather on the steps at Manning Walk.

photo by Stanley Frenze

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