



THE RESIDENT

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A Step Towards Solution: PARKING FORUM NOVEMBER 15

Can anything be done about the growing parking problem in Society Hill? This vital question will be explored at the Civic Association Parking Forum on November 15 at 8:30 P.M. in the new auditorium at McCall School, 7th and Delancey Streets. The Forum will bring residents and public officials together to consider the present and future needs for parking in the Society Hill area.



Mr. William Glockner, and his Parking Committee, is conducting a survey of all area residents to determine present car density. Results will be used to estimate the number of cars in the area when all new construction is completed.

"Society Hill is headed for a major parking problem unless space is set aside *now* for additional off-street parking," reports Glockner. "We don't expect to solve the problem on the 15th. But we do expect to make headway in getting the City and the Redevelopment Authority to recognize the problem. We are anxious to work with them to find a solution. A large turnout of residents would help get our point across. The meeting is open to all—not just members of the Civic Association."

Representatives of City Council, Parking Authority, Redevelopment Authority, City Planning Commission, Public Property Department, Zoning Board, Streets Department, Police Department, Old Philadelphia Development Corporation and private developers who have an interest in the area have been invited.

You'll have a chance to be heard on the parking problem November 15. Be sure to attend! And bring your neighbors!



BLOCK BY BLOCK

Join us for a block by block tour of our fast-changing neighborhood . . . this issue in our car, surveying parking problems street by street. Do you know something that we don't? Is there a problem in your block? Probably! And that's why we are having a Forum. A good place for you to come discuss it.

PINE STREET

100 Block — empty spaces are easy to find in the evening when construction workers leave . . . only two residences to be accommodated now.

200 Block — fortunate to have a big, empty lot where more cars appear daily as the Head House apartments are occupied and the Shops increase trade. Construction will start soon on the houses planned for the lot.

300 Block — often a scramble, but usually space is available. Two precious parking places have been sacrificed to the new greenway.

400 Block — unbelievable but true . . . plans for five new houses without provision for off-street parking almost slipped through.

500 Block — aided by Addison Court which has its own off-street parking.

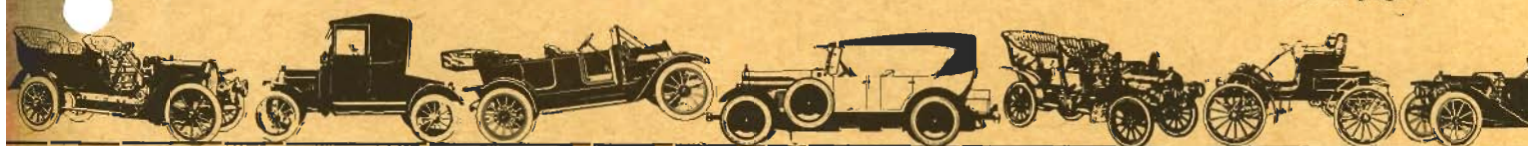
600 and 700 Blocks — often double parked by non-resident use of Boslover Hall.

DELANCEY STREET

100 Block — SHCA has endorsed the Mariner Theater . . . if parking for its patrons is provided. The developers report they are assured permanent parking in Penn's Landing . . . across 10 lanes of Expressway. In the meantime, they are actively trying to obtain an adequate temporary parking site.

200 Block — illegal parking made the street almost impassable . . . even for emergencies. Residents requested in a letter that police en-

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Representing the Association this year, I've begun to appreciate how many opportunities we, in Society Hill, have to contribute to the welfare of our community and our city.

In Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Washington, D.C. and indeed throughout the world the rebirth of Society Hill is recognized and applauded. We, who live here, share in the credit and the responsibilities that go with this recognition.

We are looked upon as a leadership group. We are asked our opinions on redevelopment. We are asked to support civic and cultural programs of our own.

I believe we should grasp this unique opportunity and exercise it to the extent of our abilities.

We must take the initiative in informing the City, State and National representatives of our thinking in all matters relating to urban living . . . not only those affecting our local community.

We must develop programs and policies that anticipate developments affecting our interests.

We must have representation on working and advisory committees dealing with city and community programs. We must develop closer ties to our immediate neighbors so that there is mutual understanding of our goals and our willingness to assist in joint programs.

In short, we must earn leadership by serving as leaders.

FRANKLIN S. ROBERTS

Attention House Restorers

Are you looking for paving bricks, mantels, marble steps, or anything else that might be found in an old Philadelphia house? If so, please describe the item you want on a post card, with your name and address, and mail it to the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation at 211 S. Broad Street. If the item is available in a house that's scheduled to be torn down, OPDC will let you know. Write today because first choice will be given to the card with the earliest postmark. Be specific: "anything that's old" won't get a response. This plan is open to residents who own historic houses.



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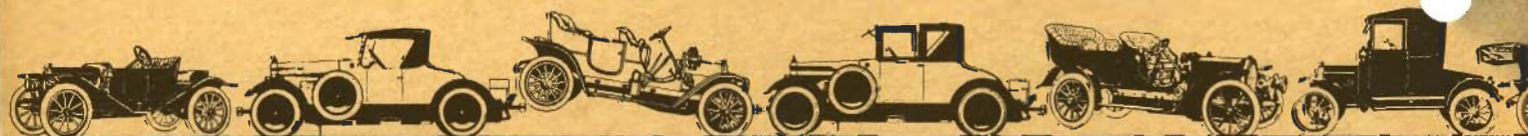
Membership in the Society Hill Civic Association is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who resides in the area bounded by the middle lines of Front, Walnut, Eighth and Lombard Streets. Annual dues are \$2.00 per person or \$3.00 for a husband and wife. If you would like to join, please send your name, address and phone number to Mrs. Stanhope Browne, 210 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106



THE TRADING POST

This column is for residents of the area who have pertinent historical artifacts and memorabilia to swap or sell. All information should be directed to *The Resident*, 519 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

Never Used! Hand Made! Ecru lace tablecloth measures 81 x 95. Price \$100. For further information and inspection call KI 6-4730. M. K.



BLOCK BY BLOCK Continued

force the posted parking regulations. They did. Upset offenders staged a counter attack, but the "law will out!" (Thankfully!)

300 Block — two parking spaces were forfeited to the greenway. Parking is heavy despite the north side being relatively free of residences; it suffers the overflow from other non-parking zones.

500 Block — parking is permitted on only one side.

SPRUCE STREET

100 Block — the supposedly yet unplanned block on the south side to Delancey (Alcoa has the option) seems a natural for a parking facility (remember the Theater).

200 Block — many north side residences have provision for off-street parking.

300 Block — transient parking and double parking, loading and unloading, stopping and standing . . . all related to hospital activity. Plans for when the hospital leaves are in the "get approval before anybody knows about it" stage.

400 Block — energetic, concerned residents conducted a telephone campaign and hired legal counsel to defeat a Zoning Variance which would have permitted a multiple-residential construction at the corner of Fifth Street without provision for off-street parking.

500 Block — still metered but due to be changed. Temporary public and private parking lots are on the north side.

600 Block — many houses have provision for off-street parking.

700 Block — often congested because of the hospital, nurses residence and the hotel (which is scheduled to go) . . . partially alleviated by the new Pennsylvania Hospital Garage.

LOCUST STREET

200 Block — Society Hill Towers Garage announced it can no longer provide parking space for non-occupants. Some 60 cars belonging to area residents have been added to the streets.

400 Block — parking is not permitted.

500 Block — the parking lot now operating will be closed when construction for the scheduled apartment towers begins. The new buildings will have parking facilities; transients using the facilities currently will be directed elsewhere in the meantime. (Where is elsewhere?)

HOPKINSON HOUSE

No parking is permitted on the Washington Square side . . . but it's usually packed and often ticketed.

Garage — nearing full capacity, accommodates a goodly number of daily commuters . . . in a waiting line at its Sixth Street entrance.

DOCK STREET

Very wide, fortunately, because it accommodates Towers' cars and really accommodates transients, who park here and on Front Street free for days!

SECOND STREET

300 Block — filled, often on both sides, with overflow from the Towers and Mews residents who probably have reason not to use their off-street facility.

400 Block — Head House shops are drawing more and more visiting motorists.

THIRD STREET

200 Block — parking is permitted on the East side keeping Powell House and the other historic houses on the west side free for photographers. Residents of the Pei houses on the east side have off-street parking, but were forced into marking and numbering spaces.

300 Block — residents, whose properties border the Metropolitan Hospital parking lot, have endeavored to meet the future problem with a constructive solution. They have applied to be named redevelopers, with the intention of providing a parking facility for adjacent properties.

FOURTH STREET

200 Block — Bingham Court, designed by Pei, is progressing rapidly. Formerly, this site was a large parking lot accommodating transients, residents, and the church.



300 Block — former site of the B & M Garage . . . the empty lot a monument to fast action by Redevelopment because they had a "hot prospect." Towers Garage received the cars without notice to their owners, the streets have now received the cars, with notice.

FIFTH STREET

200 Block — no parking permitted . . . a main artery to the Bridge. Its present parking lots are temporary until construction begins on various projects.

300 Block — planned Shopping Center hopefully will provide for off-street delivery and its own parking.

G. M.



McCall Community Center

The recently expanded and renovated McCall School at 7th and Delancey is being used after school hours for recreation and education programs aimed at adults and young people. In addition to the well-attended Thursday evening adult education courses, the Board of Education and the Department of Recreation now offer the following programs:



Young People's Afternoon Program

(all start at 4:00 P.M.)

- Mondays* — Creative Drama — 8 to 12 years of age
Mondays — Ballet Class — 12 to 14 years of age
Tuesdays — Puppetry — 8 to 12 years of age
Tuesdays — Indian Lore and Crafts — 9 to 14 years of age (Boys Only)
Wednesdays — Arts and Crafts — 8 to 12 years of age
Wednesdays — Arts and Crafts — 12 to 14 years of age
Thursdays — Puppetry — 12 to 14 years of age
Fridays — Formal Drama — 12 to 14 years of age
Fridays — Ballet — 7 to 11 years of age

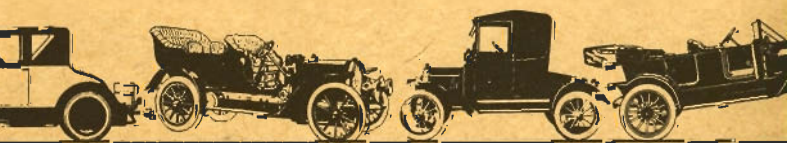


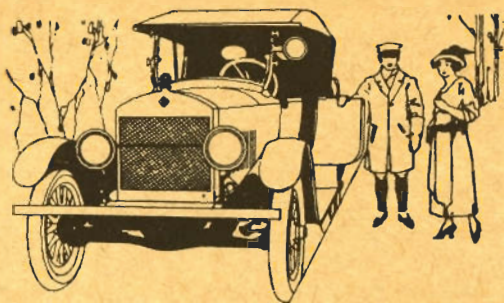
Adult Evening Program

(all start at 7:00 P.M.)

- Mondays* — Oil Painting
Tuesdays — Three Dimensional Art
Tuesdays — Mexican Folk Dancing
Wednesdays — Colonial Rug Weaving
Fridays — Ballet Class

Although classes started October 24, anyone interested can still join by showing up at the next scheduled session. There is a nominal registration fee of 50¢ for children up to 15 and \$1.00 for everyone over 15. This one fee covers as many courses as the individual wants to take. The classes will run through April 1, 1967. This is something we've all been looking for. Let's guarantee its success and continuation by having a large turn-out.





THE PARKING PROBLEM: A WOMAN'S VIEW

Many of us are beginning to feel the "parking pinch." Foreign or domestic, small or large, cars can be cumbersome and annoying and expensive, too. But they *are* necessary. What can we do about them?

Few older houses had garages. Authorities are permitting new developments without parking facilities. Many other developments have already been built with fewer than one space per unit. Tourists and office workers compound the parking problem.

The demise of the centrally located Banker's and Merchant's garage on Fourth Street is still mourned by many. This building started as a livery stable some 100 years ago. More recently it housed many neighborhood cars until, without notice, they were moved to the Towers garage. No long term leases were available. But it was a safe place to keep one's car. Now the Towers has been forced to evict "non-resident" vehicles, putting more than 60 cars back on already overcrowded streets.

Think of how difficult parking will be when all the houses on your street are occupied. Frightening, isn't it?

Pity the poor woman who must give up her parking space when she drives her children to school, or dashes out for some early morning shopping. When she returns, all nearby spaces have been taken by commuters, and they won't be vacated until four o'clock or later. As a result, we've all become experts at the sneaky game of parking. In an emergency, it's almost easier to walk to Pennsylvania Hospital than to walk even further to find the car.

What can we do about it? Perhaps a commercial builder could erect a garage. But there's little income from residential parking. Perhaps a car rental agency could build a large garage and allot us a portion of it. Private neighborhood development of empty lots, on a cooperative basis would be closer to reality. Private development won't radically alleviate the parking problem, but it's a start. So is the Parking Forum on November 15.

N. Z.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS



"Colonial Christmas Arrangements" will be the topic of Mrs. Samuel Crothers' lecture on Tuesday, November 29, at the Old Pine Street Church at 412 Pine Street. Mrs. Crothers studied flower arranging while she lived in Williamsburg, Virginia, and is now a member of the Providence Garden Club of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. The one o'clock lecture will be followed by a tea. The cost of admission is \$1.50. J. P.

at the Towers

The Society Hill Towers has a block of tickets for all Eagles home games. Bus leaves from the fountain at noon. Tickets are \$6.00 each at the Towers' office, and are available to area residents after the demand from the Towers has been satisfied. Upcoming games are: Steelers, Dec. 4 and Browns, Dec. 11. Five members of the Eagles team — Hawkins, Beisler, Van Dyke, Recher and Shann — live in the Towers, but they take an earlier bus.

The new shopping center is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year. Leases have been signed for a grocery store, barber shop, beauty parlor, laundry and dry cleaning store, and a travel agency. Under discussion are a drug store, coffee shop, interior decorator and State liquor store.

In the Penthouse: Monday, November 21, at 8:30 P.M. — Talk by Katherine Biddle and E. Florens Rivinus, co-authors of "Lights Along the Delaware."

Thursday, December 8 — Henry Gardiner of the Philadelphia Museum of Art will present an art program. Mr. Gardiner will judge an art contest if there is sufficient interest for a contest in the area.



REDEVELOPMENT vs. ZONING

The builder of a new single family home is caught between the Redevelopment Authority and the Zoning Board on the question of off-street parking. The Redevelopment Authority won't permit off-street parking on single lots because 1) Society Hill didn't have curb breaks for garages in the old days, and 2) every curb break removes at least one parking space from the street. The Zoning Board points to a city-wide ordinance that requires adequate off-street parking for all new construction. As a result, the home builder must apply for a variance. Since

these take time, the home builder should apply for his variance several months before he plans to start construction.



THE LINE IS DRAWN

In light of the growing parking problems in Society Hill, the Board of Directors of the Civic Association has resolved that they will not endorse any new development of more than one house which does not provide off-street parking as required by existing zoning regulations. This position has been conveyed to the Redevelopment Authority, Planning Commission, Zoning Board, and Old Philadelphia Development Corporation.

The first application of this resolution came when two variances were requested for nine new houses at 5th and Pine and 5th and Spruce Streets without any off-street parking. At the zoning hearing, the Board of Directors and several individuals from the immediate vicinity of the proposed developments requested that the variances not be granted. About 35 members of the Civic Association attended the hearing to lend support to the Board's position. The variances were subsequently turned down.

It is unfortunate that the Civic Association, which is anxious to have Society Hill "finished," must take a position which delays the construction of new houses. But it would be irresponsible to let a bad parking situation become worse. This emphasizes the need for action on the parking problem now.

*Dear Miss Mary -
Let us hear your
comments good or bad!
Love
Dorothy*