



# THE RESIDENT

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## **International Planners To Be Guests of Society Hill Residents In Gala Evening Tuesday, July 2**



More than 1000 of the world's outstanding urban planners and housing authorities will tour the Society Hill area and enjoy open house hospitality, a Delancey Street Block Party, dinner in Head House Square and a "light show" at the Towers as one of the features of their 29th World Congress to be held in Philadelphia from June 30th through July 6th.

The first world congress of the International Federation for Housing and Planning to be held in the United States since 1925, the conference will honor Philadelphia's leadership in urban renewal and city planning. Theme of the conference is "Building The Good City" and the opening session will be addressed by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Robert Weaver.

Social activities will include an old-fashioned American picnic on the Art Museum Terrace, an evening in Penn Center climaxed by the Festival Of Fountains and attendance at Independence Day ceremonies at Independence Hall. But the big event will be Society Hill Night on Tuesday, July 2nd.

The evening's activities will begin with a tour of the Independence Hall area and receptions hosted by area companies and businessmen. The delegates will dine in Head House Square and prior and following dinner will be the guests of the residents of the 200 block of Delancey Street. The block will be closed to traffic and parking for the evening and residents will open their homes to small groups of delegates. Refreshments will be served and residents will do their best to make their guests feel a part of the community.

Active on the committee preparing the Society Hill Night program are Mrs. George Culler, Bill and Jane Eiman, Urban Moss, Mrs. Henry Watts and Society Hiller-in-exile Ted Newbold.



## **Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey to Deliver Independence Day Address Thursday, July 4th 11 am at Independence Hall**



## **Efforts Continue To Bring Branch Library To Society Hill**

The establishment in Society Hill of a permanent branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia has long been an objective of the Civic Association. With a growing population and many school-age children we are redoubling our efforts to speed the day when we can all "hit the books" again at a neighborhood library.

These hopes were given a substantial boost when Mr. Emerson Greenaway, Director of the Free Library, came to McCall School to address our May general meeting. Mr. Greenaway announced that the trustees of the Library have voted to establish a branch in Society Hill as soon as funds and land can be made available. No site has been selected to date but Mr. Greenaway believes, and many of our members agree, that the library should be in the center of the neighborhood and preferably near the McCall School.

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A large audience applauded Mr. Greenaway's address and at the conclusion of his remarks a motion was unanimously adopted that the Association desires the establishment of a library branch and that appropriate action be taken to facilitate a positive response from the City.

William Elkins urges all residents who have contact with members of the Planning Commission, City Council and other branches of City Government to contact him at home (WA 2-3539) at the office (594-8066).

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## The President's Message

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After the last membership meeting, I walked down to the Delaware River and asked the waves to part. Lo and behold, they didn't. I returned home secure in the knowledge that you had only elected me president of the Society Hill Civic Association. Much as I would like to be able to wave a magic wand and solve the parking, recreation, zoning, crime, and other questions in the area, I must admit that you are as likely to come up with a solution as I am. And together, with your active participation in our Association and its working committees, we are much more likely to make progress.

Wars are won by little battles. The sign at the Haverford laundry was changed after a nearby resident decided to marshal public opinion. The long standing fight against Boslover Hall has been waged primarily by affected neighbors. The Arts Committee last year organized and raised funds for the outdoor concerts themselves. In these three cases, individuals did what they thought needed to be done and then came to the Civic Association for additional support.

We can coordinate, communicate and officiate, but we can't replace the initiative of individual members. We depend on you to keep the area beautiful, to greet new residents, to suggest new programs, to keep alert to changes. We want to know what you think is right and wrong. But before you call, gather whatever facts and opinions you can, and consider what you would do if you were in these shoes. I guarantee a sympathetic hearing to all problems.

David Stevens  
President

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## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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Development of Starr Garden at 6th & Lombard is a capital budget item for 1968. There is a sum of \$140,000 appropriated and an architect has been selected. The COUNCIL will follow this development closely and will have a voice in the plans. For this summer, the Department of Recreation has promised to put in a limited program with supervision. This will consist primarily of baseball, field sports and playground equipment. We will inform the membership when the program gets underway. We anticipate full development of Starr Garden by 1969.

Starting May 27, the Department of Recreation placed a man in Delancey Street Park from 4:30-8:30 P.M. When the school year is over he will be on duty from noon until 8 or 9 P.M. Please introduce yourself to him. He will do his best to serve you and you can be of help to him by supporting his efforts. If you have any complaints please direct them to Jerry Smith (MA 7-0769) who will take them up with the supervisor. A special event will be a concert in the Park.

It is most important for our membership to actively and vocally support activities planned for our area by the Department of Recreation. In the past there had been some doubt that enough interest existed to warrant the funds necessary to develop Starr Garden. This has been answered in part by the considerable response to the Department's winter program at McCall School and by our initiative in joining with our neighbors to form the East Lombard Street Recreation Council. Commissioner Crawford is now fully aware of our needs and interests and he is most anxious to cooperate. We hope to have him as a guest at one of our early fall general meetings.

In February of this year a joint action committee for recreation was formed to serve the area from Broad Street east to the Delaware River and from Walnut Street south through the Hawthorne Development. Known as the EAST LOMBARD STREET RECREATION COUNCIL the committee is composed of representatives of ten civic associations, community groups and churches. Jerry Smith of Society Hill is co-chairman with Reverend W. G. Williams of the Waters Memorial AMC Church.

Segar Playground at 11th & Lombard Streets boasts an active program under the direction of Mr. John Scott. Segar will have a summer day camp in August and outdoor activities throughout the vacation period including a band concert. The future development of Segar remains in question awaiting the construction of an underground parking garage.

## Street Theatre Program Created by Society Hill Residents



Theatre of, by, and for the city's people will be brought to the streets of Philadelphia this summer on the back of a stake body truck. The Society Hill Playhouse, established and operated by Jay and Deen Kogan of Society Hill, will introduce this street theatre with the cooperation of the Commonwealth of Penna. Council on the Arts and the City of Philadelphia.

Thirty-six (36) early evening performances will be given by the traveling troupe for the Society Hill Playhouse. "The Fantasticks" will be presented on July 31 at Rittenhouse Square, on August 5 at Schwartz Playground, 10th & Jefferson and August 7 at 4th and Washington, Sacks Playground.

The street theatre will be part of "Action Summer 68", the City of Philadelphia's new and innovative summer program.

The programming will be geared to adults, utilizing and reflecting the relevancy of the contemporary scene. A pilot workshop experiment also makes this street theatre concept unique.

Just as the streets begin to cool with the coming evening, a converted truck will roll up to a frequented street corner, and an actor will attract passer-bys to pause for a moment and see live theatre . . . not relating to Shakespeare but to current day.

There'll be no chairs or tickets to intimidate the unwary. It will be street corner theatre in its purest form, going back to the Commedia del Arte.

The purpose is not to pose social argument but to present the excitement of theatre.

The project is divided into two phases.

In June the call will go out to local recreation centers, and the community at large, asking for persons interested in writing for or participating in the street theatre project to come forward and share in the adventure.

The presentation will not be fixed but will be a living and changing thing—altered to meet the tastes of the audience for which it has been put together.

The Playhouse feels that a basic kind of drama exists on the city streets and wants to bring it to the stage. Director Deen Kogan is convinced that in the city there is a drama form . . . akin to jazz that was conceived, nurtured and born on the streets of New Orleans where the people used sound to express feelings too deep and too painful to come to life any other way.

The workshop will meet twice a week with professionals working with the volunteers to make drama out of their own lives. The site of the workshop will be in North Philadelphia.

By July, the fruits of this part of the project will have been fashioned into a series of scenes—lasting about 45 minutes—and the truck will go out into the streets of Philadelphia.

## Second Annual Summer Concert Series



Following the enthusiastic reception to its initial series last summer, the Art Committee has planned a second series of three, free, outdoor concerts to be held in the attractive open spaces adjacent to the Society Hill Towers. The concerts will be given at 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday July 9th, July 23rd and August 6th.

The first concert will be given by the *Bay Festival Brass Quintet*. Joseph Koplin, a resident of the Society Hill area, is a member of this group. The second concert will be given by the *Satori Woodwind Quintet*. Both ensembles will present a varied program of classical and contemporary music. The third concert will feature the *Munier Madeline Orchestra*.

We hope to see all of our neighbors and their guests in attendance. If you don't like to sit on the grass, bring a cushion or something to protect you from the evening dew. Your financial assistance would be most welcome and will help insure the continuation of these concerts another year. Kindly make your check payable to the Society Hill Civic Association and mail to Mr. Joseph Praissman, Chairman, Art Committee, 238 South 3rd St., Phila., Pa. 19106.

Yes, I would like to support Society Hill's Art Programs!

I enclose \$.....

Name .....

Address .....

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## BRICK-A-BRACKA

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The RESIDENT salutes STANHOPE BROWNE on his appointment to the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation. At last OPDC has a tiger in its tank.

A mint julep to PHILIP PRICE the new President of the Southern Division of the Health & Welfare Council.

Every businessman needs a good lawyer and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce got the best in its new President, JOHN BRACKEN.

Good show to artist SAMUEL MAITIN off for London with his newly awarded and richly deserved Guggenheim Fellowship.

A large loveseat to CARL MASSARA the new Chairman of Temple University's Department of Architecture.

Back-to-school for MRS. WALTER BOWKER, new President of the McCall School's Home and School Association.

Watch him run—RICHARD BLOCK carrying the Republican colors in the race for U.S. House of Representatives.

FLASH—Franklin lights are being installed all along Spruce Street and the 700 block of Lombard. A bigger FLASH when they go on.

WELCOME to RONALD DONATUCCI our new playground supervisor at the Delancey Street Park. Ronald will be on duty from Noon-8 p.m. as soon as school is over.

Is there a doctor in the house? There will be in Biddle House in the 700 block of Spruce when DR. ROBERT GILL of Pennsylvania Hospital finishes restoration.

"Within 30 days" (or by the time this reaches print) our productive resident-builder JACK FELDMAN will begin construction of his new town houses in the 200 block of Locust Street.

Yum yum the new A&P Market on 5th street is under construction and completion is expected by fall.

Flicker forecast—CARL MASSARA announces he will restore the Mariner Church at Front & Delancey. There will be a first run film house and a fine restaurant with a view of the river. If there are no unforeseen delays work will begin in November.

Permanent vacation for the Philadelphia Museum Art School Dormitory at the corner of 7th & Cypress. It will be vacated in June and demolished soon after (you know . . . that's what they always tell us and that's what we always hopefully print). The area will be added to the McCall School playground space (and that's worth waiting for). Quick-thinking new neighbors, the ERFLE family, suggested a plan that will keep the residents of Delancey Mews at home over the Fourth of July. There will be a cooperative Mews Clambake in the courtyard. Always said it pays to live near the water.

Bang! Bang! Bang! New construction at 7th & Pine is five single family dwellings on Addison Street and two on Pine.

Tune up! The Recreation Department will present a String Ensemble in the Delancey Street Park one fine summer night.

By Gar what a Bazaar! The Home and School Association at McCall conducted a Bazaar, May 10th. Big success with a profit of \$800.

The money will be used for supplies and equipment for the school.

Not bad for their first try!

More McCall Activity! The students and teachers presented a Science Fair and Art Exhibit for their parents on May 28th.

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## "History of The Films" Festival Begins at TLA July 1



In conjunction with the Band Box Theatre, Theatre of the Living Arts at 334 South Street will present a 12 week "History of the Films" Festival, July 1 through September 22. The theatres' audiences will choose the films from early silents through today's underground productions.

Of particular interest this summer is a program which the theatre is doing under the aegis of the Philadelphia Anti-Poverty Action Commission utilizing pre-teen and teenage children from all over the city. The program runs from July 1 through the end of August. Under TLA's guidance these children will create a play and/or playlets about their lives which will then be formalized into a tour production which will travel to all the Community Action Council areas in Philadelphia. This is an important pilot project which, it is hoped, will go into full time activity under the aegis of the Southwark Theatre School—the professional theatre training arm of the Theatre of the Living Arts.

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## Highlights of Freedom Week June 27-July 4, 1968

. . . a week of exciting events in tribute to the nation's historic beginnings at Philadelphia.

### **June 27.. Liberty Bell Pilgrimage 12 Noon, Independence Hall**

A corps of colonial costumed Miss Liberty Belles escorts visitors to touch the Liberty Bell in inspiring ceremonies. Individuals receive personally inscribed certificates showing participation in this national pilgrimage. Free.

### **June 28.. Naturalization Ceremonies 10 a.m., Congress Hall**

Rare opportunity to observe the "making of a new citizen" in moving ceremonies held in unique surroundings where the nation's first presidents took office. Free.

### **June 29.. Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and Drill Team 11:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., Independence Square**

Nationally renowned 3rd Infantry Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps in colonial uniform highlight an exciting, colorful show of pageantry. Free.

### **June 30.. "Little Liberty Belle" Read-In 2:30 p.m., Independence Square**

Colonial costumed Miss Liberty Belle entertains the nation's young with the reading of "Little Liberty Belle." Children invited to bring crayons and color booklets based on characters of story. Free.

### **July 1.. Washington Square Ceremonies 12 Noon., Washington Square**

First Philadelphia appearance of children's colonial uniformed Mt. Vernon Guard Fife and Drum Corps in colorful, moving ceremonies at tribute to Unknown Soldier of Revolutionary War. Free.

### **July 1.. Festival of Fountains 8 p.m., Parkway at Logan Circle**

Parade Marshal Miss Liberty Belle leads a parade of floats, famous Mummies String Bands, fantastic dancing waters, flags, bands, radio and TV celebrities and even an ice skating exhibition, climaxed by festive fireworks. Free Admission, Reserved seats \$1 at Tourist Center, 1525 Kennedy Blvd. and 121 City Hall.

### **July 2.. Salute to 150th Anniversary of Philadelphia Public Schools 12 Noon, Independence Square**

Ceremonies highlighted by Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Wilbur Cohen with pre-view performance of Japanese tour by famed Frankford High School Chorus. Free.

### **July 3.. Selection of National Yankee Doodle Dandy 10 a.m., Old City Hall**

Teenagers born on July 4 from 13 original states compete for National Yankee Doodle Dandy title and opportunity to present views on "What My American Freedoms Mean to Me" on Independence Day. Free.

### **July 4.. Independence Day Celebration 11 a.m., Independence Hall**

Vice President Hubert Humphrey gives keynote address. Mayor James H. J. Tate heads roster of other distinguished participants in field of government and entertainment in highlighting this program which also features Miss Liberty Belle, boy and girl scouts in stirring pageant of flags and Yankee Doodle Dandies. Free.

## 1968 Membership Committee

For information regarding membership please contact the chairman or your block representative listed below.

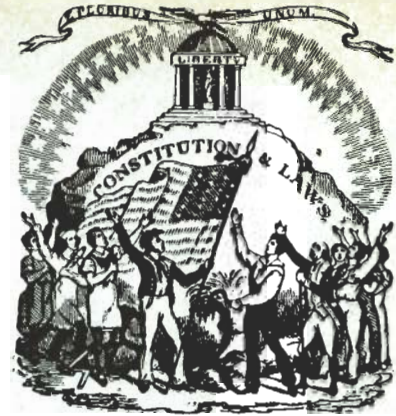
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## New Editor "RESIDENT"

Starting with the Fall issue, Anne R. Leitch of 238A Delancey Street will serve as editor of *The Resident*. Anne is already at work on story assignments and would appreciate hearing from writers, photographers and artists as well as any members who have suggestions for stories. Anne is Manager, Public Relations of Kalish, Spiro, Walpert & Ringold, Inc., and can be reached during the day at WA 3-5400.



## American Bar Association Events in Society Hill, August 2-7, 1968

*Fri. Aug. 2, 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.*

*VIP House tour*

*Mon. Aug. 5, 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.*

*House and garden tour*

*Tues. Aug. 6, 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.*

*House and garden tour*

*Wed. Aug. 7, 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.*

*House and garden tour*

*Walking tour with urban renewal emphasis*

*conducted by Edmund Baron*

*2:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

*Walking tour conducted by*

*Society Hill residents*

*All days public houses open for "do-it-yourself"*

*walking tour Powel House Physick House*

*Man Full of Trouble etc.*