



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The first membership meeting of SHCA's 1984-85 year will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets at 8:00 p.m. Results of the I-95 access study will be presented by Jack Smythe, head of The Delta Group. This will be the first chance we have to

learn the number and location of I-95 ramps being recommended for our part of Philadelphia.

We will also have an opportunity to view the proposed plan changes for the Society Hill Sheraton Hotel. Don't miss this important meeting.

I-95 ACCESS STUDY NEARS COMPLETION

Solutions to the problems of access to I-95 from Center City Philadelphia are expected to be offered at the September 19th membership meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association. Jack Smythe, head of The Delta Group, a consulting firm employed to make an access study, will speak on the findings of his Group during its two-year survey. The Group's report is intended to be used in preparation of an Environmental Impact Study, required by law before any construction can be undertaken by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

According to the wording in the famous Consent Decree of December 1975 between I-95 bordering neighborhoods and Federal, Commonwealth and City government bodies involved in highway construction, "... future addition or deletion of any exit or entrance ramps to I-95 from the Benjamin Franklin and Walt Whitman Bridges in the City of Philadelphia shall be considered a major Federal action which may significantly affect the human environment and that such a proposed action shall not be implemented without full compliance with the NEPA, 42 USC 4321 and Chapter 1 of Title 23 CFR Part 771—Environmental Impact Statements and Part 790—Public Hearing and Location/Design Approval and whatever further laws, regulations and guidelines may be applicable thereto at that time."

The City and PennDOT, by employing The Delta Group to make its long and painstaking study, have given a strong indication that they do want to build additional ramps. It will still take some time to ready the Environmental Impact Study for filing, after which public hearings will have to be held. While the Consent Decree guarantees I-95 bordering neighborhoods some say in the placement of new exits or entrances to the highway unless strong united opposition is voiced at the public hearings on access ramps being proposed. PennDOT will probably be allowed to go ahead with their construction.

Come to the September 19th meeting to find out what The Delta Group is recommending and how it will affect Society Hill.

AT LAST— Hope For Historic Philadelphia Buildings

The new Preservation Ordinance, Bill #235, was finally introduced in City Council and will be considered by the Rules Committee when it returns from summer recess. Public hearings will follow, giving you the opportunity to express your ideas, suggestions, and support for this most important document.

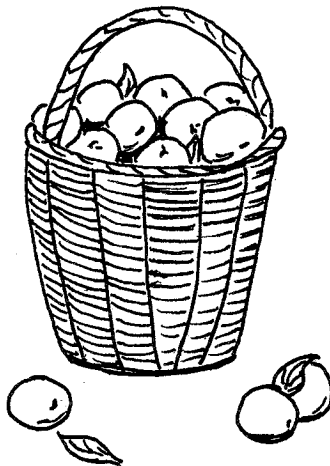
Why is it important? Presently any owner who wishes to tear down a historic building, for any reason at all or for no reason, can do it simply by waiting out the 6-month demolition delay which the Historical Commission is empowered to impose. The McCrea houses, 108-110 Sansom Street, are a wonderful (or horrible) example of needless destruction using the neglect and delay tactic.

The reason Philadelphia's current Preservation Ordinance is so weak is that it was one of the first in the country. At that time there was some question whether any government agency could regulate privately-owned property. Since then, however, court decisions and an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution have recognized the public's right to its own history, making our Ordinance out-of-date.

The proposed new Ordinance is based primarily upon the code for Washington, D.C. It is a vast improvement over the old one for at least three reasons: 1) An owner wishing to demolish will have to prove hardship; and 2) The Historical Commission will have the power to forbid demolition of very important buildings (such as the Lits assemblage) altogether, and 3) Owners will be required to maintain such buildings.

The historic character of Philadelphia

will continue to erode if strong measures are not soon taken. A new Preservation Ordinance will do much to save the architectural richness of our city for our future enjoyment. For further information, contact Eleanor Gesensway, 925-6795 or Ellen Miller, 922-1273. Copies of the bill are available at Room 402, City Hall.



Rouse-Sheraton Hotel Plans Revisited

Revised plans for the Rouse-Sheraton Hotel to be built at Dock, Walnut, and Front Streets will be presented to the SHCA membership at the September 19th meeting. The original plans were approved by the Association at its January 12, 1983 meeting, when they were chosen over those of two other developers.

Rouse & Associates will require a vari-

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Rouse-Sheraton

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ance allowing additional height to accommodate an elevator penthouse. Other revisions to the plan which are expected to have greater impact on the surroundings, unfortunately, do not require a zoning variance or neighborhood approval. An important change is access to the 260-car underground garage. The original plans called for one entrance/exit from Front Street and another from the off-street entrance facing Dock Street. The new scheme affords only one drive on the southern side of the hotel at Dock Street, where traffic is already very congested.

Another change is proposed for the northwest corner of the hotel—a sidewalk cafe to be situated along Walnut Street—a feature many feel is far better suited to the broad boulevards of Paris than to the cramped streets of old Philadelphia.

The developer expects to begin construction in early 1985; work is now underway on the archaeological survey of the property.

In Your Spare Time — Build a Boat

You could be ready to launch your own do-it-yourself boat next spring if you sign up now for boatbuilding classes at the Philadelphia Maritime Museum's Workshop on the Water at Penn's Landing. The three-day classes, limited to nine persons (no age or sex restrictions), will be held over ten weekends from September 9th through December 14th. The fee for the course is \$85 for Museum members, \$95 for non-members. Call Roger Allen at 925-7589 to reserve a place. And good sailing!

A Report from Our New President . . .

The new administration will follow the traditions of prior administrations of service to residents of our community. Accompanied by the vice president, Liz Ostrander, I visited Congressman Foglietta, Councilman Beloff and Gregory Naylor, executive director, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. On our visits, Liz Ostrander and I found our representatives interested in Society Hill problems.

Through Mr. Naylor, a walking tour of Society Hill by Mayor Goode was arranged. Accompanied by Donna Willmann, our corresponding secretary, the Mayor viewed the condition of the I-95 lid park and its neighboring fountain. He also saw the weeds that cover the former "Tun Tavern" site and the "mountain" left by the excavation for Abbots Square. Unfortunately, the streets were lacking their customary horse manure coating and odor of urine during the Mayor's tour, although he was advised that manure and urine were normally present. The Mayor appeared to be impressed with the large number of outside visitors break dancing on the I-95 lid park and the graffiti there. It is hoped that with his intervention and interest, these conditions will not only be ameliorated, but permanently solved. We are grateful to Mayor Goode and Mr. Naylor for their attention to Society Hill.

As a special project, the Society Hill Civic Association is endeavoring to become a part of the regular Public Utility Commission proceedings concerning the licensing and maintenance of licenses of the horse carts. It is hoped that the PUC will give notice to the Society Hill Civic Association of all proceedings on these matters and allow us to participate to secure proper maintenance of our streets. We believe that cleaning of manure and urine from the horses should be a joint responsibility of all license holders, since it is difficult to attribute responsibility to an individual licensee's horse.

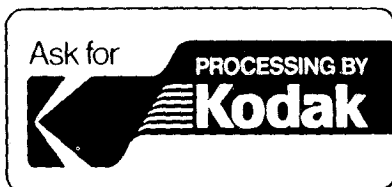
The coming year will probably bring the appearance of the awaited Environmental Impact Study concerning the I-95 ramps. We anticipate holding a widely publicized general meeting on this subject.

On behalf of the Board, I want to encourage all of you to attend this meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 1984 and make your position, with respect to the ramps, known to your Association. The Association's position must be the consensus of the residents. We shall take advantage of every opportunity we can to ask you your opinion, but we must leave the responsibility for articulating your opinion to you. Please contact your block captain, your quadrant leader, or any of the officers and make your opinion known. Our names and addresses are published in this edition of the Newsletter.

Finally this Association can only be receptive to those members who take the time and trouble to do more than just pay their dues. Your dues are devoted to secretarial and clerical expenses such as the printing, not salaries. As we volunteer to perform leadership roles, you must help us perform our jobs responsibly and receptively. To do this, we solicit your comments, preferably in writing, as to what we should be doing to maintain this as the extraordinarily pleasant neighborhood it is. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Myrna Field Baum

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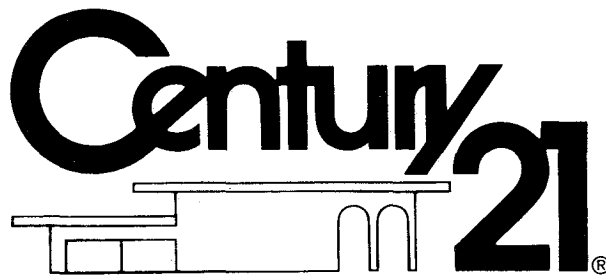
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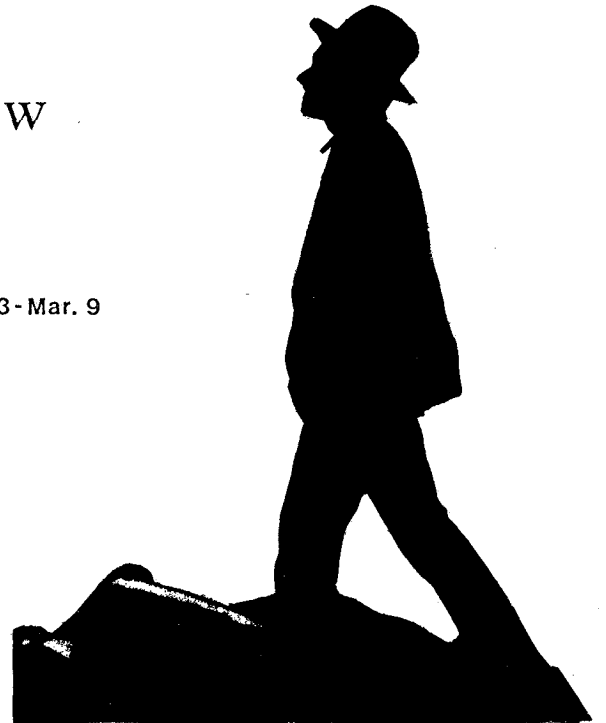
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President:

Myrna Field Baum is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law school. She has served as President of the Mid Atlantic Legal Foundation, district counsel for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, director of the Mayor's office of consumer services, and was an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia. She has served as secretary for the Friends of Rittenhouse Square and was a member of the SHCA board in 1980. She is committed to maintaining the beauty and integrity of Society Hill.

Vice-President:

Elizabeth H. Ostrander is a free-lance grants consultant, a member of the Old Pine Presbyterian Church, founder and board member, Philadelphia Committee for the Homeless, on the board of the Phila. Center for Older People, the Hall-Mercer MH/MR Community Mental Health Center, and the Delaware Valley Wheelchair Athletics Assn. She is also Chairman of Saturday for Seniors and a member of the Tolchester Sailing Association. She has lived in Society Hill for 12 years and served on the SHCA Board from 1979-82.

Treasurer:

Rosalie Thompson is corporate planner for Blue Cross of Greater Philadelphia and holds a MBA degree in Organizational Management from Temple. This is Rosalie's third term on the SHCA board and second year as treasurer. She is chairperson of the Membership Committee and the A-4 lot Sheraton Hotel committee.

Corresponding Secretary:

Donna Willmann lives on So. 2nd Street with her two children and husband, Michael. She chaired the SHCA New Neighbors Fair Committee in 1981-82, and has been active in the Parents' Associations of St. Peter's School and Old Pine Community Center. She is marketing manager of VU/TEXT, Information services, Inc.

QUADRANT DIRECTORS:

Northwest:

Diane Shecter is a psychotherapist and works half time as clinical liaison at C.A.T.C.H. Community Mental Health Center. She is married to Howard, a lawyer, for 18 years and has a 16 year old son Jon and 11 year old daughter Jane. She is in her third term as quadrant representative and has super successfully organized the annual SHCA membership party for two years.

Cathy Lipkin is a four year resident of Society Hill. She has a degree in accounting and does financial planning and pension administration. She is a co-founder of Town Watch. Among her neighborhood concerns are improved I-95 access and Independence Place development.

Northeast:

Constantine Stephano has resided in Society Hill since 1970. He holds an MBA from Wharton, is a marketing consultant, is married and has one son. He has previously served on SHCA's Zoning Committee, and sees a critical need to reactivate volunteerism within the membership in areas vital to the organizations's service to the community.

Rebecca Stoloff has been a Center City resident for 20 years, and has lived in Society Hill for the past ten. She was recently employed as Director of Administration for Taylor Lock Company (Philadelphia hardware manufacturer). In addition to serving on the 1982-83 SHCA board, she has served on the Brandeis University Philadelphia Alumni Board and its admissions council.

Stuart Miller joins the board as quadrant representative. He is an attorney at law firm of Rawle and Henderson 211 S. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA. 19107, and a Democratic committeeman, 5th. Ward. He is Vice President of the Columbia University Club of Philadelphia.

Marc Daniels, M.D., is a one year resident of Society Hill. He practices ophthalmology in Northeast Philadelphia and Hahnemann hospital.

Southwest:

Steve Skale is serving his first term as quadrant representative. He is a partner at Cavaliere and Skale, P.C. attorney at law, 2418 S. Broad Street, Phila., Pa., 19145. He is the current president of the South Philadelphia Businessmen's Association on the board of directors at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel and vice president of its mens' club.

Robert Breading is a partner in the firm of H2L2 Architects/Planners. He has been a resident of Society Hill since 1962. This year marks Bob's second time around as a three-term quadrant representative.

Southeast:

Rodney E. Montgomery is resident manager of IBM Corporation, 1500 Market Street. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a graduate of Creighton University and Wharton Graduate School. He is married to Helen Montgomery and has three children.

Joy C. Lindy is director of public relations at Dayton, Kahn, Heppe, Hancock, & Co. She has lived on Delancey Street since 1975. Joy has graced the SHCA board on and off for 7 years. She began the drive for resident permit parking and was a founder of Town Watch. Her wish is that all residents should sample a year of the perils and pleasures of the SHCA board.

Joyce Cole SE area director has a degree in marketing with a concentration in retail management from Michigan State University. She also has an MBA from the University of Connecticut. Joyce has resided on Delancey Street for two and half years and is an active advocate of community participation in keeping the neighborhood well maintained and safe. She is committed to establishing good community and business relationships in our neighborhood, making sure the businesses in the neighborhood represent the needs and interests of the Society Hill residents.

F. Bartlett Moore was raised in the midwest, is now rooted in Philadelphia as general manager of the historic Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. He has committed his time to the promotion of tourism, the construction of a new convention center, and to a cleaner, more beautiful city.

Continuing Director:

Stephen W. Miller is a partner in the law firm of Clark, Ladner, Fortenbaugh & Young. He has served two years as president of SHCA; in 1981-82 he was quadrant director for the NE. He was the president of the Society Hill Towers Owners Association from April 1980 to April 1982.

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Keep Society Hill Green — Replace a Tree

The chances of having Society Hill's dead street trees replaced by the city are zero. The Fairmount Park Commission, which has jurisdiction over curbside trees, has advised the SHCA that it has planting requests dating back to 1982 and too small a budget to replace trees. The city is losing and unable to replace approximately 2,000 trees a year. The Commission has agreed to assist a neighborhood effort by sending a representative to inspect sites to determine if they can be planted and by recommending thirty species of trees that have proved capable of surviving city life.

SHCA is initiating a planting program and contacting Commission-approved contractors to obtain the best price for tree removal and replacement. If the tree at your curb needs replacing and you'd like to join our greening effort, send your name and address to: SHCA Planting Program, Box 3, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105. We are approaching the best time of the year for tree planting, so don't delay!

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Town Watch Hopes to Wipe Out "Burn Out"

As president of Town Watch, Marilyn Appel sees the effects of a "burn-out" among local town watchers which has disarmed the effectiveness of the group. Enthusiasm ran high in the early days when Tom Gould organized his neighbors and had them on the streets every night to monitor suspicious activities. Now it can take hours to get enough volunteers to walk the streets any given week!

Marilyn Appel and her husband have lived at 414 Spruce St. since 1967 and she has been active in Town Watch for three years. Her professional commitments as assistant dean for Medical College of Pennsylvania mean busy days and a good deal of traveling so that her leadership of Town Watch represents a strong feeling about the need for such an organization. This feeling was augmented by several hair-raising incidents she witnessed, including several attempted robberies, one of the Appel home, and the sight of a fugitive flushed from the deck of the Appel residence by police with drawn guns.

The *Resident Newsletter* has actively publicized all Town Watch events beginning with the lucrative and memorable restaurant party which provided funds to replace the free walkie-talkies that were a gift of the City (they were, in turn, given to

Penn's Landing neighbors) with ones whose stronger signal was able to reach the base station. Other events and the sale of sweat shirts and the tee shirts provide maintenance service for the walkie-talkies which can cost \$250. a shot for repairs. Through the cooperation of Hobie Ca-wood of the National Park Service, the new base station is at the 3rd and Chestnut St. National Park Service office. The hot line number, open 24 hours a day, is 629-1323.

There should be no confusion as far as support of the SHCA and contributions to Town Watch. All contributions and special events sponsored by Town Watch are clearly designated as Town Watch benefits, according to Appel. There was some waste, she said, before this savvy president instructed town watchers to ask for donations of food, paper goods and prizes for special events instead of paying for the items, outright. Some folks seem to be concerned about the continuous round of fund-raising, but all monies are directed toward specific goals. As an example of this, Appel said, the June 24th raffle raised over \$3,000. This money has been earmarked for the professional production of a slide show about Town Watch that can be shown in different locations. Town Watch is looking for local professional talent, incidentally, for this production.

The main effort of Town Watch is to find a centrally located space, a walk-in office, where neighbors will feel free to stop by and report incidents or discuss their con-

cerns about neighborhood safety problems. All town watchers who patrol during the evening hours travel in pairs and the cardinal rule is never to get involved in any suspicious incident, aside from reporting it. To this point, Town Watch is in the process of establishing an open meeting which will be held on the first Monday of each month At Old Pine Community Center between 8 and 10 p.m., beginning October 1. The sessions will be called "Town Watch Listens" and they will be separate and distinct from Town Watch business meetings. Another goal of Town Watch is to have its own newsletter which would be published several times a year and include a record of incidents reported in the neighborhood, useful tips on crime prevention and an appeal that says it all—Town Watch is sorely in need of volunteers that made it successful, initially—the enthusiastic and concerned neighbor who feels the need for such an organization and is willing to serve on the board or watch out for his own neighborhood during the evening hours.

Society Hill Town Watch thanks the following contributors to their June 24th fund raiser: The Rusty Scupper, Dicken's Inn, Kanpai, Lautrec, La Truffe, Monte Carlo Living Room, Bridget Foy's, Dockside, Wildflowers, Alouette, The Middle East, La Famiglia, City Bites, Bookbinder's, Ritz 3, and Society Hill Video.

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SHCA Gives Year-End Awards

At the general meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association on May 16, 1984, recognition was given by the outgoing Board of Directors to those residents who have made significant contributions to our neighborhood. The individuals were presented with a token of appreciation from the Association. The tokens were in interesting and varied wrapping paper, however, Walt Disney's "Goofy" seemed to be the big crowd-pleaser. Stephen W. Miller, president of the Association for the past two years, was presented with a set of Colonial candlesticks. Other residents recognized received a copy of *Birch's Views of Philadelphia*. They included Becky Stoloff, Donna Willmann, and Diane Shecter for recruiting Block Captains in their quadrants for the newly instituted Block Captain System; and

Ronald Abrams for recruiting the people who recruited the Block Captains. Others recognized included Sonia Vent, who proved to be the most industrious Block Captain; Tony Schneider, whose persistence was responsible for Society Hill being the first community implementing a successful Resident Parking System; Ruth Dugan for reporting and organizing of the Association Newsletter; Laurette Scherneck for soliciting advertising for the Association Newsletter, Connie Stephano, for implementing a structured Association Zoning Committee; Arthur Smith for coordinating Clean Up Day activities; Rosalie Thompson for efforts to bolster the Association membership; Robert Breeding for reviewing numerous architectural drawings for design and zoning purposes; and Mary Ellen Evans for her dedication as the Association secretary for the last five years.

COMMUNITY CENTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Old Pine Community Center has programs for the young and very young to fill the needs of neighborhood parents. Programs held in the Center's modern, well-equipped building at 401 Lombard Street are:

Afterschool Program for kindergarten through 4th grade pupils, also covers most holidays, school vacations, and early dismissal days. Children are picked up at McCall, Meredith, St. Mary's, and St. Peter's Schools; those enrolled in other schools are welcomed, but must supply their own transportation.

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Library with books available for loan for children aged 2 to 14, and a small reference collection. Open Wednesday between 2 and 5 p.m., year round.

Some financial aid is available for parents who need such programs but are unable to afford them. For further information and application forms, please call 627-2493 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Come On Board

The Society Hill Civic Association is conducting an ongoing membership campaign. If your Block Captain has not contacted you, please clip and send the membership application form on page 9 of this issue of the Newsletter. We need you.

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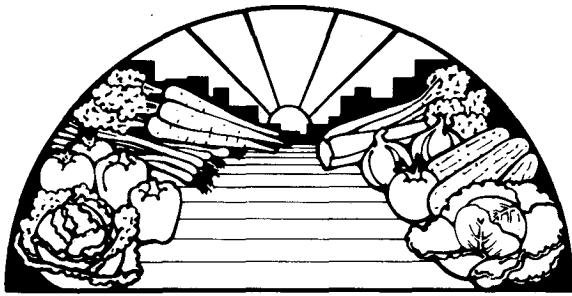


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR MAKES A SPLASH

In the last issue, a resident expressed her frustration about the inoperable fountain at 2nd and Lombard Streets. Within two days after its publication the fountain was working—a sight not witnessed in many, many years!

Your opinions do count! Let us hear them and share your frustrations as well as your successes via *The Resident Newsletter*. It is a powerful vehicle of communication for residents.

A quarter of a century ago, the Society Hill Playhouse opened its doors at 507 South 8th Street to begin a tradition of developing local talent and pleasing theatre-goers. More than Philadelphia's oldest professionally-operated theatre and only public theatre, the Playhouse has also pioneered in community service. It has developed a Writer's Project enabling new playwrights to hear their work read by professionals. It has brought theatre on a flat-bed truck to Philadelphia's streets where it has played to more than 80,000 people over three summers. It has taken theatre to senior citizens in nursing homes

and senior facilities as well as to groups in other institutions. It sponsors youth-oriented programs and a Theatre Discovery Project to underwrite admissions for playgoers who otherwise could not attend performances.

The Society Hill Playhouse's silver season will open on October 24th with *Ulysses in Nighttown* by James Joyce, continue with *The Blacks* by Jean Genet, go on to Bertolt Brecht's *The Good Woman of Setzuan*, and then to the musical version of *archy and mehitabel*. Information and subscriptions to the Playhouse's 25th season are available by calling 923-0210.

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ABBOTTS SQUARE Moves On To Phase Two

The talk of the neighborhood for the past seven months has been Abbotts Square—some people complained of the dirt, the noise, the heavy equipment, the traffic jams, and the trailers occupying parking spaces for an entire block between 2nd and 3rd Streets on Lombard—while others recognized that with every transition comes inconvenience, adjustments, annoyances and change.

No matter which side you supported, Abbotts Square's 50 million dollar residential and commercial project Phase One is the new kid on the block bringing with it eight levels of 162 residential condominium units, between 13-15 business establishments and some 375 parking spaces.

According to Burt Berstein, Abbotts' Sales Manager and "neighborhood liaison," Phase One is very close to completion, and the first residents will be moving in before the first of the new year. There will be 161 condominiums, which range from \$93,500 for a one bedroom to \$287,000 for a three bedroom unit with roof deck and terrace; 46% of all units have been sold. The "L" shaped development will include a parking lot with entrances at 2nd and Lombard Streets, as well as 3rd and South Streets. Some 375 cars will be accommodated in the underground and

covered lots, and monthly parking will be available starting the beginning of September.

Between 13 and 15 business establishments facing 2nd Street will be included, and according to Berstein, 80% of the available commercial space has already been rented, and occupancy is scheduled around New Year's. Except for Flanigan's, a disco/restaurant establishment, Berstein said he is not privileged to reveal the names of the other tenants. He would say, however, that some of the new businesses include a dry cleaner, a shoe repair shop, a medical center facility, and a food market. The food market is scheduled to have a prime meats department, fresh fruits, and vegetables, and a deli section. Berstein said that Flanigan's will not have any outdoor music hook-ups.

A recent newspaper story listed additional tenants as Garcia's of Scottsdale, a Mexican restaurant; Hillary's ice cream store, and Liberty Travel. It also stated that negotiations are being discussed with a Japanese restaurant and a New York-based gourmet delicatessen.

Abbotts has had little difficulty getting merchants into its \$20 a square foot space because of its prime location, according to Berstein, but he added that Abbotts' officials have selected stores that will most conveniently service the neighborhood, as well as their own tenants.

Berstein noted that currently he is not

receiving any negative neighborhood complaints, and that generally, the residents have been very understanding of the scope of the construction taking place. He said that the gigantic crane caused the most complaints and added that it will not return during Phase Two since all the major construction work was completed for both projects at the same time the crane was available. All the digging has been done, and the footings and foundation for Phase Two have already been laid. The ground still must be scraped in preparation for Phase Two but all the work will be on the inside of the project. The trailers will remain on Lombard Street until the end of Phase Two to accommodate the engineers and others who work from there.

Phase Two will consist of four buildings resembling townhouses clustered around a landscaped courtyard. Cosmetically, said Berstein, "they should blend into the neighborhood" because of their bricked, three-level exterior; they will face Lombard and Third Streets and consist of 108 condominium units. Although all units are being sold as condos, several have been bought as rental investments; however rentals will be the responsibility of the individual owners.

So, the good news about Abbotts Square is that Phase One is finally reaching its completion, and the bad news is that its not over yet—Phase Two will begin shortly thereafter!



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Kicking Off Community Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 28, the crowd of residents armed with brooms, a few inquisitive tourists armed with cameras, and a band of Cub Scouts and Brownies armed with boundless energy gathered at the Head House to celebrate the Fifth Annual Society Hill Vernal Pretty-Up and Great Historical Balloon Race.

After opening remarks by SHCA President Steve Miller, Mayor Wilson Goode presented prizes to the winners of the Third Annual Poster Contest. Entries came from McCall and from St. Mary's schools. All were so good that selecting winners was a hard chore.

President Miller then presented the SHCA New Broom Award to Managing Director Leo Brooks, and the SHCA Golden Scoop Award to Mayor Goode. The Mayor, who won the first New Broom five years ago when he was Managing Director, spoke of the importance of such neighborhood events and commended the Civic Association for its sponsorship of the annual event. He said that clean city streets—so essential to the economic growth of the community—could only come about with the cooperation of all the people.

SHCA thanks the Clean-Up Chairman Arthur K. Smith and his committee: Donna Willmann, Steve Miller and Liz Ostrander. SHCA also thanks Manny Brown of the 6th and Federal Thriftway, Bob Bethell of Super Fresh for their generous donation. Special thanks go to Ed Braun of Central Penn Bank for his continued sponsorship of the poster contest. Finally, SHCA thanks Clayton Carter, Jr. and his assistant, Thelma Anderson, for their help. And Managing Director Leo Brooks and the several department heads who took time from their busy schedules to attend. In particular, SHCA thanks Mayor Goode for his unfailing support—he has come to all five Clean-Up Days—and pledges its support of his efforts to rid this City of its burden of dirt.

Don't wait 'til next year. Clean Up Now!

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Laurel—to those residents who scoop after their dogs.

Dart—to those residents who do not scoop after their dogs.

Laurel—to Ginny and Bart Moore for spearheading the effort to add trees to the 100 block of Delancey Street.

Dart—to the insensitive people who are dumping their trash in the parking lot at Super Fresh under the cover of night's darkness. Are you the same perpetrators who expect our children to play in your trash in Three Bears Park?

Laurel—to Francesco Ayalya, of 6th and Lombard, for making a clean sweep a few times a week. Glad to have you as a neighbor.

Dart—to the neighbor who hangs her laundry out all day every day giving anything but an elegant view from neighboring patios and living rooms.

Laurel—to the Pei House people on Third Street who have maintained their balconies with lovely flowers all spring and summer. THANK YOU!

Dart—to NewMarket officials for allowing the bricks in their sidewalks to loosen and deteriorate to their current state on Lombard Street.

Laurel—to the animal lover who befriended a stray dog and assumed financial responsibility in arranging for its new home as a guide for the handicapped.

Laurel—to the two sixth district patrolmen who rescued a neighbor from muggers. They caught their men despite the fact that one patrolman had his glasses broken and the other spent the night in Pennsylvania Hospital.

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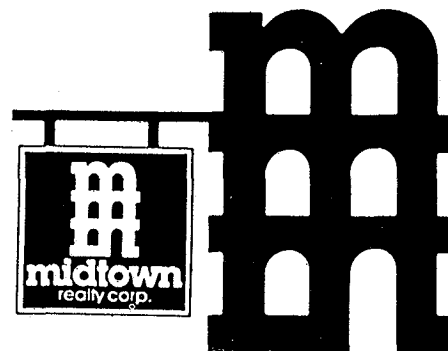
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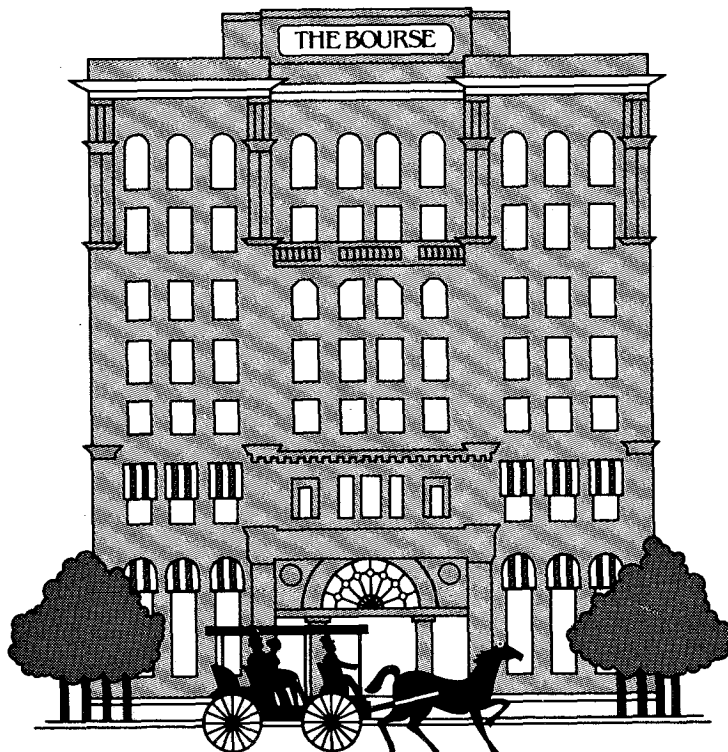
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