



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

Box 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105

May, 1987

## I-95 — The Penultimate Chapter?

Saying that he hoped it would mark the "Beginning of the End" to the I-95 ramp problem, State Senator Vincent Fumo at a press conference on March 27th released a list of demands he had submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation, PennDOT and the City of Philadelphia. The list was a compilation of views expressed by civic groups from communities impacted by I-95 in a reply to a February solicitation by Senator Fumo.

The demands of most concern to Society Hill are those dealing with the use of our streets for through truck traffic, and the security, maintenance and uses to be made of the I-95 cover and adjacent land. The Fumo document asks for guarantees that there be a fully-funded organization, the Philadelphia Land Management Organization (Philmo), to decide land-and-cover questions. The Philmo board should consist of three members selected by established community groups from areas adjacent to

the right-of-way, and three members appointed by the city administration and PennDOT. A chairperson would be selected by the six. Details of Philmo's organization and support are to be included in the final EIS, since as an organizational measure to reduce the impact of I-95, it is as important as other physical mitigation measures covered in the EIS.

The use of parcels 25F-25H (Chestnut to Pine-Front to Delaware Avenue) for single story buildings devoted to retail and/or entertainment activities would totally destroy the innate strength of this historic neighborhood, the Fumo document states. It points out that a portion of the area is designated as the site of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which should be a place of solitude and dignity, to which such commercial use would not conform.

Senator Fumo said he would continue to block the \$2 million in state funds earmarked for ramps until the City and PennDOT paid attention to neighborhood concerns.

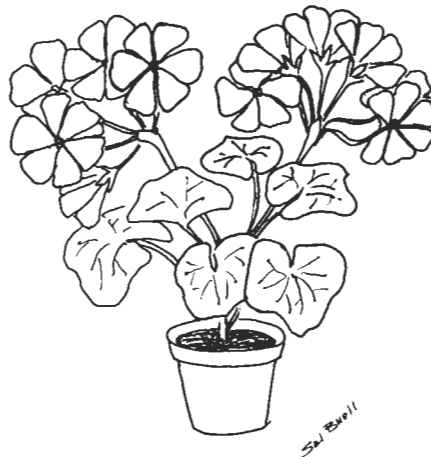
## Trash-To-Steam Defined At Membership Meeting

On March 17th, part of the SHCA general membership meeting was devoted to a presentation of the city's trash management plan, better known as trash-to-steam, a pet project of Mayor Goode's. The speaker was Bruce Gledhill, a sanitation engineer in the city Streets Department for the last 16 years. A resource recovery plant at the naval shipyard would enable Philadelphia to overcome its trash disposal problems by burning about three-quarters of the 3200 tons of waste the city collects daily, according to Mr. Gledhill. The air would be cleaner than it is now, Mr. Gledhill said — not a very reassuring statement from the representative of a major city that has completely ignored the Environment Protection Agency's ozone level guidelines. The most strident objections to the plan and pro-recycling comments were made by members of the audience unfamiliar to SHCA regulars — at least two from other neighborhoods.

### The New York Solution

On March 30th, a headline in the New York Times read: L.I. (Long Island)

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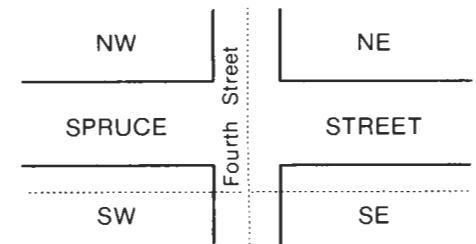
## ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

SHCA's 1987-'88 Officers and Board of Directors will be elected at the general membership meeting at 8 p.m. on May 20th, Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. Members in good standing (dues-payers for 1986-'87) are eligible to vote.

Members who wish to be placed on the ballot may do so by submitting a petition to one of the members of the nominating committee by May 6th. Nominating committee members are Myrna Field Baum, Liz Ostrander and Stephen Skale. Petitions can be mailed to:

Myrna Field Baum  
2 Blackwell Place  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Petitions for listing as a candidate for officer may contain signatures of 10 members from any or all quadrants. Petitions for quadrant directors must have 10 signatures from the candidate's quadrant only.



The diagram above indicates that Society Hill's eastern and western quadrants are divided by 4th Street and shows the location of the northern and southern quadrants. Please note that residences on the south side of Spruce are included in the northwest and northeast quadrants, respectively. Quadrant directors will be designated as representatives for the NW, NE, SW or SE, according to their address and the boundaries of the diagram.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th at 8 p.m., Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect the 1987-'88 SHCA Board of Directors. All members in good standing are eligible

to vote. Other items on the agenda include a presentation by trash-to-steam opponents and updates on I-95, Penn's Landing and NewMarket. Ben DeRoy who has been most active in the reorganization of the Washington Square Association to maintain Washington Square park will also speak at the meeting.

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## Our President Sums Up It's Only Good-Bbye and Thank You!

It has been three very short years since I assumed the presidency of the Society Hill Civic Association. Beside the occasional thrill of accomplishment, the real pleasure experienced from serving as SHCA president was the friendships developed, friendships that might not have grown otherwise.

What have we done since May of 1984? Well, a lot or a little depending on what you thought our mission was and how much you contributed to getting it done.

I thought it was important to clean up Society Hill. Therefore, together with Liz Ostrander, an invaluable asset to any organization as well as my very dear friend, we devoted our efforts to revitalizing CLEAN UP DAY. If you were present on April 25th, you judged our success.

I thought horse manure was destroying the neighborhood. Together with Steve Skale, Stu Miller (now a Californian) and Fred Ottaviano — we sued, we petitioned our Councilman and City Council — and we got diapered horses. Special thanks in this project to Hobie Cawood and Bob Byrne of Independence National Historical Park as well as the twenty-five or more of you who came to court prepared to testify for cleaner streets.

I thought cleaning up the I-95 lid was not only needed to beautify the neighborhood but would also retard crime. It looks better, it still has no lights, and it does have more frequent police patrolling. But, that job isn't done.

I thought that a more active presence before the Zoning Board was essential. Thanks to Connie Stephano and Becky Stoloff — we got it! Tell us of your opinion on these matters at least 24 hours before the scheduled hearing and we normally can so advise the Board. In addition, we have developed a fairly accurate system of polling the neighborhood with a minimal organization.

I thought Block Captains were worthwhile. You didn't because after the able Donna Willmann retired — no one came forward to serve and the system no longer exists.

I thought a telephone was essential. We had an answering system, but no one used it. It has been disconnected and the newsletter and the post office box remain the primary method for communicating with us.

I thought raising the dues was needed to fund more communication with the neighbors. You did too and so, for the first time, we have assets substantial enough to make a donation to maintain our clubhouse, the Old Pine Community Center and to complete our inventory for the nomination as a local historic district.

Finally, I thought and you agreed that it was essential to have Society Hill

become a local historical district under the Philadelphia ordinance. We are in the process of completing this project, to which we owe special thanks to Joyce Cole, for her efforts to keep it going.

There are other people and projects with or on which I have worked in the past three years — thank you to all of you who serve without pay, with little free time (we all work) and frequently without even a public acknowledgment.

I've enjoyed working with and for you and I'm not finished yet.

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## ECS OPENS ITS DOORS

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) is reaching out and throwing a party. One of the oldest social service organizations in the city, ECS is celebrating its expanding ministry to the poor and its return to the newly renovated, historic headquarters, Old Saint Paul's, 225 South 3rd Street, on Sunday afternoon, May 17th, with a Homecoming Celebration. The Celebration begins with an interdenominational service at 3 p.m. at Christ Church, Second Street above Market, led by the Rt. Rev. Allen L. Bartlett, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia developer Willard G. Rouse, III, will be guest speaker and Sweet Honey in the Rock, a gospel group from Washington, D.C., will shake the rafters of the old colonial church. Following the service a parade of banners, bagpipes and clowns will march down 3rd Street at 4 p.m. to Old Saint Paul's where Mayor Goode will welcome the revelers with an official opening of Old Saint Paul's doors.

The festivities continue until 6 p.m. with Sweet Honey and a New Orleans jazz band, a rock and roll band and a Salsa band performing on a stage erected in front of Old Saint Paul's. Meanwhile, mimes, acrobats and unicyclists will perform. Kids games will be played and refreshments will be provided throughout the afternoon. Tours of the newly renovated 226-year-old church building will be conducted from 4 to 6 p.m. so that our neighbors and friends can see just what all the excitement is about.

Those wishing to attend the service at Christ Church should contact Martha McDonald (351-1400), for free admission tickets. All neighbors and Society Hill residents are encouraged to join in the celebration to see some old friends, hear some good music and learn more about their neighborhood social agency.

ECS is the human services arm of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. It is among the five largest comprehensive social service agencies in the Delaware valley and has the longest record of continuous service.

## A Test For the Preservation Ordinance

By the time you read this the fate of the historic loft building at 149 South Hancock Street may already have been decided. Councilman John Street, a member of the Historical Commission, may have succeeded in cornering some Redevelopment Authority funds for the purchase and restoration of the structure. The owner, Albert Taxin of Old Original Bookbinder's Restaurant, who seeks to tear down the building for a 6-car parking lot, may or may not have satisfied the three standards required by the Preservation Ordinance before demolition can be approved: that the building is unsalable, and that ownership of the property poses a financial hardship, and that no practical use for the building can be found. Mr. Taxin has in recent presentations before the Historical Commission addressed only the second point, financial hardship, which in his case was self-imposed by an unrealistically high purchase price. And finally, the Historical Commission, at its meeting in late April, may have decided to uphold the letter and spirit of the Preservation Ordinance by forbidding demolition on the grounds that the three above requirements were not met; or it may have chosen a more free-wheeling interpretation of the law — one which might lead to serious repercussions for preservation in Society Hill and indeed throughout Philadelphia.

The pre-Civil War loft at 149 South Hancock is not in itself a historically "significant" building, in the sense that it might be had George Washington slept there, or a famous architect designed it, or it occupied a prominent and imposing place in the city's fabric. It is simply a small, charming, structurally sound commercial property with a substantially complete original facade.

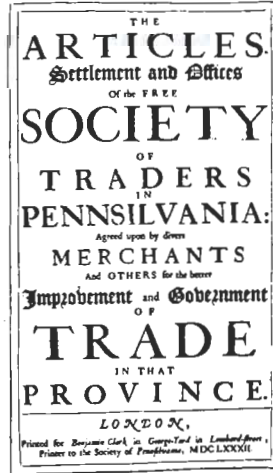
But consider the larger picture. It is located in a cluster of 18th and 19th century buildings of at least equal merit (those at Front and Walnut), along an ancient alleyway which marks one of the lot boundaries on William Penn's survey. The loss of 149 would represent a weakening of this assemblage, and might, incidentally, set a precedent for the destruction of all of it.

To expand further, what might this example mean for Society Hill and the rest of Philadelphia? Would owners be permitted to pull down buildings, even important ones, simply because they paid too much for the properties to guarantee themselves a reasonable rate of return on their investments? Or, on the other hand, would these buildings be allowed more intensive use than the zoning codes would ordinarily permit because they would otherwise be unprofitable, unsalable and unusable in their present form? Long ago Society Hill went downhill for these very reasons. It could do so again if we are not extremely careful.

## Free Society Charter Document Available

Society Hill history buffs will want to obtain a copy of "The Articles of the Free Society of Traders in Pennsylvania," published originally in London in 1682, and reissued on its 305th anniversary. The rare original document, which was the charter of the corporation formed in London to establish a capital settlement on the Delaware River and to develop the wild lands beyond, is in the possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

The handsome facsimile was made



possible through a grant from the Philadelphia Contributionship, and the efforts and initiative of Joseph C. Bright Jr., Esq., a past president of the SHCA, and Charles E. Peterson, secretary pro-tem of the Friends of Nicholas More. Dr. Nicholas More was the president of the Free Society and a good and loyal friend of William Penn.

Mr. Peterson promises to have copies of the "Articles" available for purchase at the May 20th meeting of the SHCA. They will be sold for a modest \$2.50 each (\$3.04 mail order). Proceeds will be used to further research into the life of the elusive Dr. More, founder of Society Hill.

## Unwarranted Parking Tickets Review

Gloria Steacker, public affairs department representative of the Philadelphia Parking Authority, advised members of the Washington Square West Civic Association that if anyone ever receives a parking ticket which he or she thinks is unwarranted, the person to call is Mrs. Barnett (what a job!) at 561-3636 and she can initiate an investigation.

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We were sick of looking at the dumpster near the southwest corner of 5th and Spruce Streets so we called Kasper Company whose name and phone number is on the dumpster which is taking up two neighborhood parking spaces (because nobody wants to park too close to it) and is filled to overflowing with household trash on top of whatever else was in it, originally.

We called at least four times and were finally told by Dave Schwartz at Kasper Company that the reason it had not been removed in the last couple of months was that the customer who ordered it had not paid them for it. It was their policy, he explained, to leave the full dumpster there until the customer paid! The customer was Joe Lynn who lives at 6726 Castor Avenue and he contracted for the dumpster because he was doing some work in a house near where it was standing.

We tried to explain to Mr. Schwartz that Joe Lynn was *his* customer after he told us to call him and get him to pay up, and he didn't need to punish the neighborhood and create a health hazard because he had a deadbeat for a customer; he could move the dumpster and take Mr. Lynn to small claims court.

We weren't getting anywhere with Mr. Schwartz so we called the city information number thinking about going through a whole rigamarole of phone calls to the wrong offices again. We were given the number of the Mayor's Action Center, 686-

3000, after we explained that the problem involved parking *and* trash – and got some good advice. "Let them make the calls, they know exactly who to call and how to get it taken care of the fastest way," said a soothing voice.

We called 686-3000 (write it down!) and spoke to Miss Griffin who assured us that the dumpster would be gone by the following Friday which was Good Friday, April 17th.

We all know that the proof is in the pudding and we go to press before Good Friday – so you'll have to watch the southwest corner of 5th and Spruce Streets to see if the Mayor's Action Center knows its job!

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## Temporary Parking Permits Available

A solution to the problem for Society Hill houseguests in finding a convenient (legal) parking place in the neighborhood may be to take advantage of the Philadelphia Parking Authority's temporary parking permit. These are available at the Authority's office at 344 North Broad Street. Applicants need to bring \$5, proof of residency within the Parking District (in Society Hill we're District #5), and the guest's name, address and license plate number. The permit is good for 15 days from the date of issue. Call 977-7200 if you need more information.

## SHCA Clean-Up Day

The Eighth Annual Society Hill Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, April 25th. This year's theme was "We the People Clean Up". As in the past, kids and clowns paraded through the streets handing out cleaning supplies and looking for "Treasure Trash" to be redeemed for cash later in the day. This year, the parade was led by a contingent of Mummers whose sounds and strutting rocked the neighborhood.

The parade of picker-uppers ended at Meridian Bank's parking lot at 2nd and Pine Streets. Mayor Goode was waiting to present the poster prizes to the winners from McCall and St. Mary's schools. Plaques were given to super street sweepers Gary Agular, Charles Diggs, and Santa L. Conix for making our streets cleaner and safer. Police Commissioner Kevin Tucker was awarded the SHCA New Broom trophy and Society Hill's own Reverend Bill Pindar was given the prestigious SHCA Golden Scoop. Use it in good health, Bill.

Special lifetime Blue Ribbon Neighbor Awards were given to Bob Bethell of the 10th Street Superfresh and Manny Brown of Thriftway at 6th and Federal Streets. These gentlemen have been good friends to SHCA and have supported the Clean-Up Day from the beginning. Blue Ribbon Neighbors plaques were also awarded to Ed Devlin of the 5th Street Superfresh and Ann Mooney of Meridian Bank for their continuing support. Thanks to all of you.

After the awards and prizes, a feast of macaroni salad and hot dogs was served. The food was courtesy of the two Superfresh stores and of Thriftway. The prize money was donated by the Meridian Bank for the seventh year in a row.

A tip of the SHCA hat to all who planned the Clean-Up Day and to all who participated in the event. We had a great time working together to beautify our neighborhood. Now let's keep it that way.

## Clean-Up Day Nominees

Laurels to these Blue Ribbon Neighbors:

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Dick and Liz Ostrander  
408 S. 6th Street  
Lee and Dale Truscott  
8 Blackwell Place  
Bob Caplan  
517A S. Randolph Court  
Sonya Vent  
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## Trash-to-Steam

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**blows Up Idle Trash Plant; Plans Incinerator.** The article under this head said that after seven years as a silent rusting monument to failed technology, a trash-to-steam plant was dynamited into tons of rubble in just seven seconds. The plant built in 1979 at the cost of \$140 million was in operation for only 12 months because tests showed that the stacks were emitting traces of dioxin, a highly toxic carcinogen. Incidentally, the entire state of New York, including New York City has set a goal of 50 percent recycling of trash by 1990.

### Recycling in Philadelphia

In Philadelphia, Maurice Simpson, the recycling co-ordinator hired by the city two years ago, reportedly just got his own phone last month which makes some Philadelphians question the administration's motives in the recycling aspect of Philadelphia's Integrated Solid Waste Management Program. This plan describes neighborhood drop-off stations set up to accept recyclable materials, a city-wide network of "buy-back" facilities, at which people can sell recyclables, and material recovery facilities to separate, process and containerize materials for delivery. Philadelphia's recycling goal for 1990 is a mere 15 percent, not even close to New York State's 50 percent goal by the same year.

### Outdated Technology Element

In a recent article by Noel Weyrich in the weekly, *City Paper*, on trash-to-steam,

reference is made to Marc Breslow of City Council's technical staff. Mr. Breslow discovered that the ash from trash-to-steam plants which will reduce Philadelphia's dumping by two-thirds, supposedly, may soon be reclassified by state and federal governments as hazardous waste. If this legislation comes about the cost of dumping the ash would double or triple - creating yet another city boondoggle.

### Backwards Approach

Janet Filante, recycling program director at the Clean Air Council and a trash-to-steam opponent says that those who set low percentages for recycling are always trash-to-steam advocates because, according to Ms. Filante, without all that paper and plastic there would not be enough waste to justify the expense of a trash-to-steam plant. Ms. Filante says, "They have everything backwards. They should plan waste reduction and recycling first, and then develop a means of disposal for what remains."

### Neighborhood Approaches

The Fairmount Parents, Business and Neighbors Association tried recycling and in 10 weeks 15 tons or one-third of the neighborhood trash was diverted. Without cooperation from the city, the cost of the truck became prohibitive and the plan had to be discontinued, temporarily. Fairmount residents were able and willing to separate their trash, according to Noel Weyrich, who lives in the area, with a minimum of publicity or pressure. He rented and drove the truck that carried the recyclable trash to a depot.

This is the bottom line. If a plan was developed and coordinated by the city, would you and your neighbors be willing to sort your paper from your plastic from your cans and bottles? How far are you willing to go to improve the quality of the air you breathe and lessen the impact of the huge amount of waste Americans are notorious for creating?

## A Bill in City Council

City Councilman David Cohen, an implacable foe of trash-to-steam, has sponsored a recycling bill that would require residents to separate paper, plastics, glass, metal, food and yard wastes. It would create a task force to determine how to implement recycling and call for the recycling of 25 percent of the city's waste within two years and 50 percent within four years of passage. A hearing on the bill took place on April 20th, the first reading in council was scheduled for April 30th. Keep tuned.

## Trash-To Steam Opponents To speak at May Meeting

At the last general membership meeting, SHCA members requested that speakers representing opposition to the city's trash-to-steam project be given a hearing at the May 20th meeting.

Joseph Cascerceri who has spent 16 years in community service and lives in South Philadelphia will be one of the speakers and Ruth McGlone, advocacy director from the Clean Air Council will be the other speaker.

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# Recycling — Does It Work, Can It Work?

## Examples Nearby

Many Philadelphia neighborhoods have instituted recycling programs to cut down on the amount of solid waste the city must dispose of, one way or another, and to recover the value of the materials that would otherwise be lost. Our neighbors in Old City and Queen Village have held recycling days twice a month for almost two years.

The experiences of Old City's recycling leaders and volunteers have been entirely positive. All involved say they enjoy meeting the people who bring their bottles, cans and newspapers as well as other volunteers in the program. They finish their two-hour chores feeling they've done something worthwhile.

Recycling in Old City — the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month — begins with delivery by the National Temple Recycling Company of the skids, boxes and barrels that will be used for the collections. These will be set up at the Seamen's Church Institute parking lot at 3rd and Arch Streets in time for 10 a.m. opening. Two or three volunteers will help contributors empty cars or carts and sort the material. At closing time (2 p.m.) National Temple returns to pick up everything. No heavy lifting is required of the volunteers. Collections in Old City amount to approximately \$50 each recycling day — proceeds that are used to buy and plant trees to beautify the community.

## A Neighborhood Poll

The results of a random, and not very scientific, poll of local residents on who would or would not, willingly, separate their trash for re-cycling revealed that they are mostly civic-minded homeowners. Nine out of ten claimed, with varying degrees of eagerness, that they would indeed separate their trash into paper, cans and glass.

Several pointed out that not having a car to remove trash to a central location, their efforts would depend upon a pick-up system. One suggestion was the use of specific-color trash bags to differentiate the types of trash for easier handling. Two respondents were indignant about the trash problems that absentee landlords of some apartments continue to permit and the fact that Philadelphia trash ordinances are ignored.

In answer to our question one local resident launched into what seemed to be a favorite lecture. "You get the kind of government you deserve" was the opening line and on it went as to why this city was up to its neck in trash. There was a review of the past local political history and a promise that, considering the taxes paid, no one in that household would separate any trash. Any attempt to explain who actually would be helped by such efforts was cut off. One out of ten is not all that bad.

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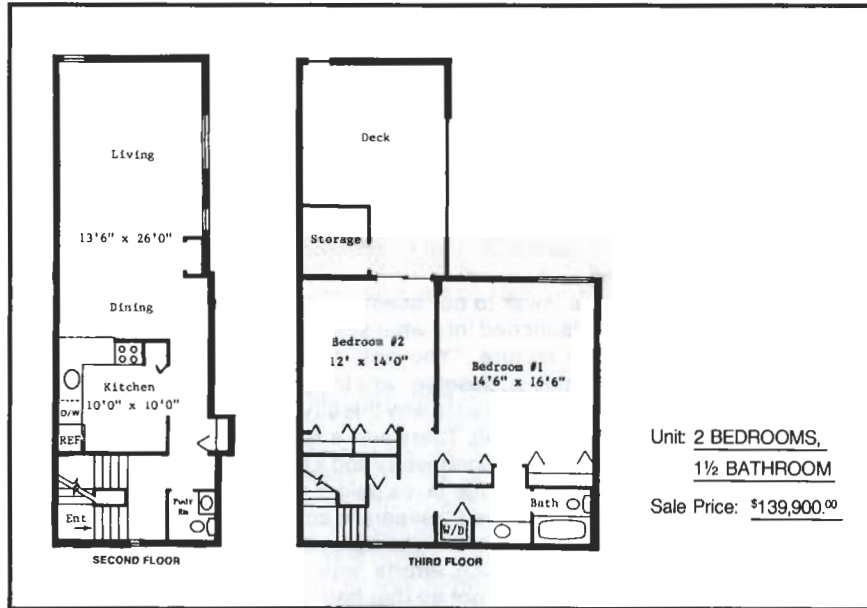
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# Summer in the City

Who would change the sound of air conditioners roaring for the pound of the surf, or the soporific exhaust of city traffic

for the clarity of country air? Well, for all our readers who desert us on Memorial Day, here's a taste of summer in the city.



Where flowers bloom on lacy iron balconies,

*(Photos by Nancy Frenze)*



Where kids play in fountains,



Where crews dig on Spruce Street,



Where corn grows high on 3rd Street,



And dig again,



and again, and again.

# CRIME REPORT

The tire slashing incidents that Town Watch reported in the winter issue of *The Lampost* continue in Society Hill. The slashings occur sporadically and as multiple incidents. Area residents are urged to report these and other crimes to the police department so they can find and stop the culprits.

There have been several incidents of muggings by young boys who approach and attack other young people. There was a report of an 18 year old boy who was standing and talking with two girls at 6th and Locust Streets. He was approached by a person about the same age who asked him where the stadium was. Before he could answer, he was punched in the mouth and the assailant fled.

A conversation with Sheila Walton, Community Relations officer at 6th Police District, revealed that the police with the help of Town Watch walkers had been successful in apprehending a daytime burglar they believe is responsible for many of the daylight burglaries in Society Hill.

Also, Ms. Walton explained how the new emergency system 911 works and how important it is for those people with health problems or those who have difficulty speaking when reporting a crime or accident. The caller's location is determined through a computer system. It is through this system that the 18 year old male was picked up when he made a call to the department threatening President Reagan during his visit to Congress Hall recently. The young man was located through the new system and apprehended by police and the secret service.

Auto break-ins are of epidemic proportions and the police department has increased their force of plainclothesmen in an effort to combat these and other crimes.

## WANTED



Have you seen this man? The Philadelphia police are looking for him in connection with approximately 50 center city daylight hour burglaries. He is Hispanic, about 25, 5'8", 180 lbs., has brown eyes and black hair. He often wears a studded black leather jacket and showy jewelry, including a large silver ring with a green center. He gets into buildings with entrance guard systems (phone at entrance) and methodically cleans out the apartments.

If you recognize the man in this police sketch and have information about him, contact Detective Fischer at 686-3092, 3094. If you see him, call the police immediately.

## FIGHT CRIME

Emergency ..... 911  
 Other crimes ..... MU6-3060  
 Society Hill Town Watch community line  
 ..... 625-WALK

## South Street Corridor Problems

A presentation of the problems that cruising on South Street and the influx of large numbers of young people from other neighborhoods cause residents of the adjoining neighborhoods was made by Bruce Bortner at the March 17th SHCA general membership meeting.

All adjoining neighborhood associations agree that the pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the street and in the immediate neighborhood is a serious problem, but they do not agree on the solution, if there is a viable solution.

By the end of April, the South Street Neighbors Association expects to present a report of all the perceivable problems to the mayor, winners of the primaries, City Council, the district attorney, all federal, state and city officials they can reach and the media. They will ask for help but will not use the closing of South Street to traffic during certain hours as the solution to this problem, as their initial plan suggested.

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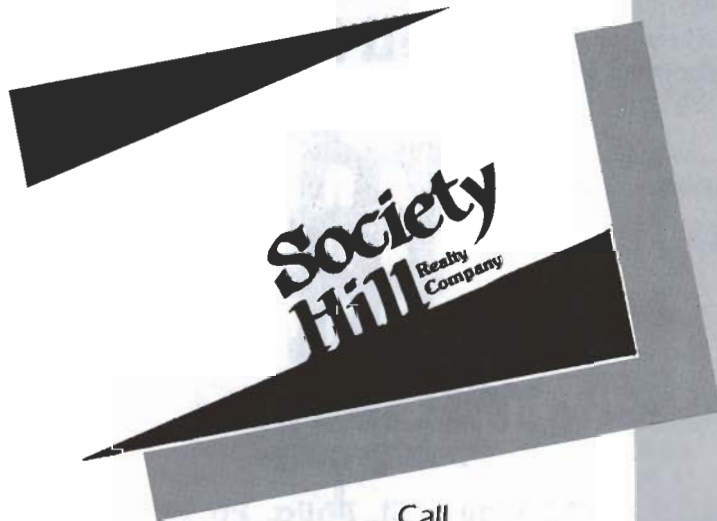
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## Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble To Perform Competition-Winning Work

The Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble will give the premiere performances of the winning composition of the 1986 McCollin Competition on Friday, May 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 10 at 3 p.m. in the Athenaeum, 219 South 6th Street. Tickets are \$20.

The competition, sponsored by the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia, was won by Anne LeBaron's *Noh Reflections* for violin, viola, and cello. Her composition is based on music of the traditional Japanese *noh* theatre. Ms. LeBaron, who has won many other awards for her music including a Presser Foundation Award, a Fulbright Scholarship, an NEA Composer grant, and BMI and ASCAP awards, is a classically trained harpist who most recently taught at Columbia University. Her award consists of \$5000 and these premiere performances by the Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble.

Ms. LeBaron's work was chosen from 150 submissions by the Musical Fund Society's panel of judges: Vincent Persichetti, world-renowned composer; Richard Wernick, consultant to Maestro Muti on contemporary music; Barbara Kolb, New York composer; and Gunther Schuller, former president, New England Conservatory of Music. The society, founded in 1820, is the oldest American musical organization in continuous existence.

The Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble is composed of Philadelphia's finest musicians including many members of The Philadelphia Orchestra: Luis Biava, first violin; Julia de Pasquale, second violin; Joseph

de Pasquale, viola; William Stokking, cello; Deborah Carter, flute; Richard Woodhams, oboe; Donald Montanaro, clarinet; Bernard Garfield, bassoon; Nolan Miller, horn; Kiyoko Takeuti, piano; and Margarita Csonka Montanaro, harp. Guest artists for this concert are The Philadelphia Orchestra's Philip Kates, violin; Renard Edwards, viola; and Lloyd Smith, cello.

In addition to Anne LeBaron's *Noh Reflections*, the program for these concerts will include Debussy's Sonata No. 2, for flute, harp and viola; and Beethoven's Quintet in E-flat Major, Opus 16, for piano, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn.

Since its founding in 1976, the ensemble has performed a Friday evening three-concert series each year before an audience of 200 in the intimate Victorian reading room of Washington Square's Athenaeum. To accommodate an increased demand, the ensemble recently added a Sunday afternoon three-concert series. Each performance is followed by a reception with lavish refreshments for musicians and audience.

These two concerts in May are the last in this season's series. Subscriptions for next season are available for \$50 (or \$20 at the door for individual concerts) from The Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble, PO Box 785, William Penn Annex, Philadelphia, PA 19105. Reduced-rate parking is also available. For additional information, call Dr. Cynthia Eiseman, president of the ensemble, at 923-5492, evenings.

## Spring Garden Tips For ShadyCity Gardens...

- Q. Will any vegetables tolerate shade?
- A. Most vegetables require 6 to 8 hours of sun per day, but leafy crops such as lettuce and other salad greens will grow in partial shade with 2 to 3 hours of sun per day. Also try endive, spinach, Swiss chard, parsley, tarragon, catnip and mints.
- Q. Why tulip and daffodil bulbs bloomed beautifully the first year, but the second year only foliage appeared?
- A. After the bloom fades, it takes another 3 to 5 weeks for bulb foliage to die back—even longer for daffodils. During this maturing period, the bulb is making food and producing a flower bud for next season. Removing the foliage too soon after flowering will have a detrimental effect on next year's bloom. After tulips and daffodils have finished blooming, remove faded flower heads. And if you have naturalized daffodils in your lawn, be sure not to mow the clumps of foliage until the leaves die down naturally.

- Q. When is a good time to repot indoor foliage plants? How?
- A. Spring is a good time to do this job. Check the bottoms of the pots to see if any roots are showing. If so, you know that most of the soil within the pot is full of roots. For best growth, the plant should be moved to a pot one size larger than the one it's presently growing in. Spread out some newspapers over a large work surface. Knock the root ball out of the pot, place it in the larger pot to which you've added drainage material, then sift a loose potting soil around the root ball. Tamp or firm with your finger tips as you fill the pot. Don't cover the root ball any deeper than it was previously. Water well. Place plants in a low-light area for a few days, then return to their normal windows. Wait several weeks before applying any houseplant food.

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# Progress on Washington Square

A Washington Square Association reorganization meeting took place on March 11th at which time the following officers were elected: Barton Lippincott (of J.B. Lippincott Co.), president, Anthony Degutis (of W.B. Saunders Co.), vice-president, Leonard Schlanger (PSFS), treasurer, Dolores Smith (of Farm Journal), secretary.

Subsequently, a meeting was held on April 3, attended by Messrs. Pete Hoskins and Bill Mifflin of the Fairmount Park Commission, to discuss three specific agenda items concerning the square:

1. The Continental Bank proposal to restore the area around the monument of the Unknown Soldier. This proposal is being presented to the Fairmount Park Commission Landscape Committee at their next meeting on April 8.
2. A commemorative memorial pageant in support of festivities in connection with the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The pageant, sponsored by Boeing Vertol Company, is scheduled for July 2.
3. Consideration of the development of a master plan for the development of the square.

Also, in addition to funding on a



(Photo by Gladys Schlossmann)

higher level, plans to commence with fund raising in the residential community are being considered on the following basis: senior citizens and students, \$10., individual, \$15., family, \$25.

News of projects planned for the park will appear in subsequent Newsletters.

March 23, 1987

Malcolm L. Lazin, Esq.  
1800 Penn Mutual Tower  
Philadelphia, Penna. 19106

Re: Washington Square

Dear Mr. Lazin

I was delighted to learn that another effort is being made to have Washington Square included within the boundaries of Independent National Historical Park.

The Society Hill Civic Association has long been in favor of its inclusion in the federal historical park system and is most willing to cooperate with your group to accomplish this goal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you.

With best personal regards.

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Myrna P. Field,  
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## A Wine & Cheese at the Library

The Friends of the Free Library and the Free Library of Philadelphia would like to increase Society Hill residents' knowledge of the variety of resources available at their public library. To that end, the Friends will sponsor a reception for members of SHCA from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27 in the Rare Book Department of the Central Library on Logan Square. Marie Korey, director of the Rare Book department and Geraldine Duclow, curator of the Theater Collection, will describe these collections to SHCA members followed by a wine and cheese reception.

The Board of SHCA enthusiastically endorses this plan and encourages all to attend. The 32 bus and the 33 bus stop right at the Library and there is also plenty of easy parking near the Library.

## Society Hill Civic Association Treasurer's Report

April 4, 1987

Checking — \$860.49

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**Staff for this issue**—Charles Bangert, Sally Buell, Ruth Dugan, Nancy Frenze, Ad Kelly, Liz Ostrander, Renee Saul and Betty Steele.

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# DARTS AND LAURELS

**Laurel**—to the high school senior who put to use his five years of Kung Fu training when he was attacked by three guys near 3rd and South Streets. He protected himself and nabbed the three bullies. He pressed charges and a court hearing is pending.

**Dart**—to the people who are always *fixing* our streets. We would appreciate a period of calm when someday they will be fixed.

**Laurel**—to the anti-graffiti network team who painted the Vietnam Wall at Front and Delancey and sandblasted the fountain in the park at Front and Spruce Streets.

**Dart**—to the person who marked up the wall again soon after the anti-graffiti team painted it.

**Dart**—to the manager of Octavia Hill homes on the 600 block of Lombard Street who is unsuccessful in gaining the support of the tenants in keeping up their end of the block.

**Dart**—to those tenants of Octavia Hill who pile trash on the sidewalk on Sunday when the pick-up is on Wednesday.

**Laurel**—to area residents who take in free neighborhood publications to read and enjoy before they add to our already critical trash problem.

**Dart**—to the council person and various district supervisors who have ignored the numerous pleas to have Starr Garden and playground fixed.

**Laurel**—To Matthew Schernecké who "went to the top" and presented a letter to Mayor Goode at the Society Hill Civic Association meeting, and to his Cub Scout Pack 176 who continue to use the Starr Garden facility for five weekly den meetings, putting up with the leaking roof that recently deposited more than an inch of rainwater inside the building.

**Laurel**—To Laurette Schernecké and Dick Ostrander who don't wait for annual clean-up. They can be seen on any ordinary day sweeping both sides of their street.

**Laurel**—to residents of the 500 block of Delancey Street who conscientiously wrap and tie their trash in neat bundles to make pick-up easier for city workers.

**Dart**—to the people responsible for breaking the window, *ONE MORE TIME*, of the State Store on 5th Street below Spruce.

**Dart**—to the Streets Department who have ignored the plea for a NO TURN ON RED sign at 7th and Spruce. Barbara, the traffic guard at that corner, attributes the many accidents there to drivers on Spruce Street who make turns onto 7th before their light turns green.

**Dart**—to the truck company who delivered a large order of Tomlinson Company furniture off 6th Street and left all the cardboard boxes on the sidewalk until the next trash pickup — almost a week later.

**Laurel**—to those thoughtful neighbors who offer their off-street parking spaces to neighbors when they are on vacation.

**Dart**—to vandals who get their kicks from twisting the hood ornaments off neighborhood cars.

**Laurel**—to Mrs. J.T. Bearwood who has volunteered to identify three complete sets of photos of Society Hill homes taken by Bernie Cleff for the Historical Survey.

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