

SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

Box 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105

DECEMBER 1987

Crime in the Area

Daily, we hear tales of muggings, break-ins, auto theft and worse from our neighbors. At the November SHCA Board meeting, Sergeant Robert Orr and Officer Robert Hall appeared to take questions.

Steven Wright, historic site manager at Hill-Physick-Keith House, and others, described their difficulties in getting the police to respond, in a reasonable length of time, to their 911 calls for help. In Mr. Wright's case, many serious incidents involving damage to the HPK house and grounds and to Three Bears park never received a response. Police representatives explained that the system which is under assessment, involves 911 calls coming into a computer which determines priority and relays the order of response to the dispatcher.

SHCA President Aaron Beyer has written a letter to Sergeant Robert McCarthy requesting that his South Street police detail be extended five blocks into the Society Hill neighborhood over the winter months. President Beyer also plans to write to Captain Thomas Cooney of the 6th District police relaying neighborhood qualms and frustration with the 911 dispatching system.

Meanwhile, two special officers recently assigned to the 6th District are formally introduced as follows:

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

Robert Hall #9526 of the 6th District is a 17 year veteran, and was assigned as the CPO on July 1, 1987. Officer Hall reviews crimes that are reported to the 6th District and targets in on specific crime patterns that are developing in the 6th District and targets in on specific crime patterns that are developing in the 6th District. Also, he does burglary surveys, and communicates with the CPOs of the 3rd, 4th, 9th, and 26th Districts. This is to determine if certain
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SHCA BOARD COMMITTEES' REPORT

Your Board of Directors has been addressing the issues that are of immediate concern to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The Board operates under a committee system, and help in any area is always appreciated.

CRIME AND VANDALISM COMMITTEE:

has met with representatives of the Police Commissioner and Captain Cooney of the 6th District to address increased crime and vandalism. As a result of our meeting there has been an increase in the number of foot patrols on South Street and the surrounding area particularly on weekends. We will continue to lobby for more police and for legislation to extend the current South Street drinking ban to cover our entire area.

TRASH AND LITTER COMMITTEE:

has been in continual contact with the city for assistance in keeping our neighborhood clean. Since our contact, 21 new trash baskets have been added - and we are now in the process of identifying the areas where additional ones should be placed. An additional weekend pickup shift has been added and we now have seven day street cleaning. Somewhat hampering our efforts with the City in the cleanup process is our own neighborhood abuse of the trash receptacles. Trash cans are for litter only and should not be used as depositories for neighborhood weekly trash.

ZONING COMMITTEE:

has been working particularly hard with the residents in the area of a proposed parking garage for the SE corner of 3rd and Walnut. Opposition to this garage has been expressed by the nearby residents, the Society Hill Towers Association and the Salvation Army Day Care Center and the Zoning Committee has represented neighborhood interests before the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board. We will continue to monitor all zoning issues, but we depend on the watchful eyes of all residents to call issues to our attention.

SPECIAL EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE:

worked closely with the city and the special event people in the planning of Constitution Day (Sept. 17) and the Subaru Bike Race (Oct. 18). We were able to have significant input in the planning of both these activities so that the impact on our neighborhood could be reduced. In both instances the events were most successful and set a tone of a cooperative working relationship with the planners.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

has undertaken a new membership drive, shifting the membership year from May to May to a revolving one depending upon ones date of membership. This can be done because our membership list is being computerized. If you did not receive one of the door to door solicitations, you will find a membership form in this newsletter.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next general membership meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, at Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard. There will be refreshments served at 7:30 p.m. followed by committee reports on the issues addressed by Rebecca Stoloff in this Newsletter and a report by the president.

Sheila Walton, 6th District police community relations officer will give a crime prevention presentation; Barbara Kaplan, Philadelphia Planning Commission chairperson will outline the commission's overall plans for Center City and Society Hill. Also, our new representative to City Council has been invited to speak at this meeting.

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Completion of Independence Place Project . . . Soon!

According to Jane T. Quigley, RDA project manager for Independence Place, the large piece of Fine Arts that will be centered in front of the two condominium towers was on its way here from the artist's studio in Florida on November 9, and the installation should take three weeks.

After these final items are installed, the remaining site work will be completed, including the sidewalk on 6th Street in front of the South Tower retail space which is to be brick running south up to the garage ramp.

Ms. Quigley has assured us that the RDA will not release any security deposits or issue a Certificate of Completion until all items have been completed in accordance with approved drawings.

COMMITTEES' REPORT

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These are only a few of the areas in which we are working; others include - park cleanup and maintenance, newspaper box proliferation, 1-95 and Penn's Landing development, vendor patrol - and any others that you think we should be addressing. Please let us hear from you.

- Rebecca Stoloff, V.P. SHCA

Chamber Ensemble Presents Philadelphia Premier of Contemporary French Work

The Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble, Society Hill's only resident chamber music group, will present the second pair of concerts of the season at the Athenaeum on Washington Square on Friday, January 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 10 at 3 p.m.

Featured on the program will be Mozart's classic Horn Quintet for horn and string quartet; Paul Hindemith's Quartet for piano, violin, cello, and clarinet; and Alex Tansman's Three Pieces for string quartet, clarinet and harp (new version). This will be the first Philadelphia performance of the work by Tansman, a contemporary French composer.

Performing will be Luis Biava and Davyd Booth, violins; Christian Euler, viola; William Stokking, cello; Donald Montanaro, clarinet; Kiyoko Takeuti, piano; Margarita Montanaro, Harp; and Nolan Miller, horn. All are members of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

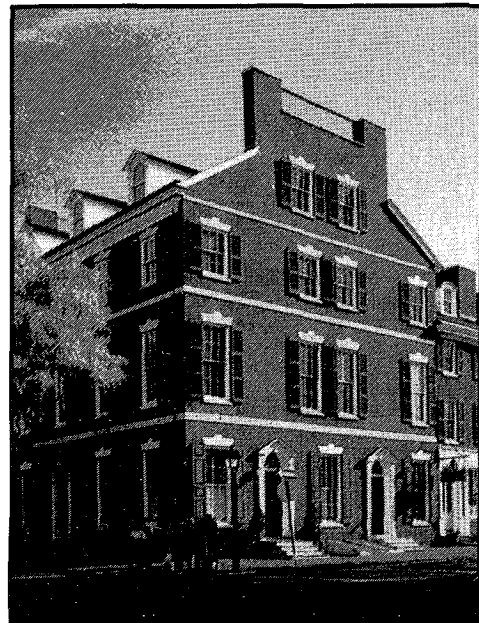
Both performances will be followed by a reception with lavish refreshments for musicians and audience. Tickets for both performances are available for \$20 and can be reserved by calling Cynthia Eiseman at 923-5492 evenings. Reduced rate parking is also available upon request.



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The Bourse. Choral Concerts. Daily concerts featuring community and school choirs. Call 625-9393 for schedule.

December 11 - 29

Old First Reformed Church. Live animal creche. Nativity scene with real animals on the corner of 4th and Race Streets.

December 12 & 13

Powel House. Holiday decorations will be completed and ready for viewing.

The Bourse. Live reindeer.

10 a.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* Lessons and carols, with the Gallery Festival Choir and soloists. All are welcome.

4:30 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Advent Vespers.

11:30 - 2:30 p.m. *Society Hill Synagogue.* Hannukah Party with catered brunch. Storytime and latkas. In person, Sparkle The Clown.

December 14

2:30 p.m. *Old Christ Church.* Pennsylvania Pro Musica performs Handel's *Messiah*.

December 16

1:30 p.m. *St. Peter's School.* Lower School Christmas celebration of carols and poetry. Alumni Theater.

7:30 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. Meet at the parsonage, 151 North 4th Street.

December 17

11 a.m. *St. Peter's School.* Nurseries and kindergarten: "Around the Tree", in St. Peter's School.

8 p.m. *St. Peter's Church.* Christmas Play.

December 18

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Holiday festival. Gift tables.

7:30 p.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* *The Nativity*, a liturgical dance with carols. Dancers from Temple University assisted by children in the neighborhood.

December 19

12:45 p.m. *The Bourse.* Singing City, performing the *Messiah* and other holiday favorites.

1 - 4 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Children's Workshop. Christmas song, stories, and crafts. Also, feed the animals at the creche.

December 20

The Bourse. Last Sunday before Christmas celebration. Including: informal modeling, Antiphonal Brass concert, Mendelssohn Club performance and Piano Music.

10 a.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* White Gift Service with Children's pageant.

11 a.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Festive Christmas service.

5 p.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* Jazz Vespers. Special holiday music in jazz idiom.

6:30 p.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* Community Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. Gather at Old Pine Community Center. Refreshments at 7:30. All ages are welcome.

4:30 - 5 p.m. *St. Peter's Church.* Organ recital. Candlelight Christmas lessons and carols service. Christmas party to follow service at Old Pine Community Center. All are welcome.

December 21 - 31 (weekdays)

The Bourse. Piano concerts. Call 625-9393 for more information.

December 24

4:30 p.m. *St. Peter's Church.* Children's Nativity service. Music by Ralph Pitman.

5: p.m. *Christ Church.* Family service.

6:30 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Outdoors at the creche, 4th and Race Streets.

7:30 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Traditional candlelight service.

7:30 p.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* Christmas Eve Service. Children, candlelight, special music, harp and voices. Come be what you wish in the Nativity Story. White gift service.

7:30 p.m. *Old St. Joseph's Church.* Christmas Carols followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m.

10:30 p.m. *Christ Church.* Festival music for choir, organ, brass and timpani. John Binsfield, organist-choirmaster. (Open to the public.) Christ Church choir. Rittenhouse Brass.

10:30 p.m. *St. Peter's Church.* Music for strings.

11 p.m. *St. Peter's Church.* Festival Eucharist with the choir of men and boys featuring Haydn Mass with strings.

11 p.m. *Christ Church.* Holy Communion.

12 Midnight. *Old St. Mary's Church.* Christmas mass.

December 25

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *Old St. Joseph's Church.* Christmas day masses.

9 a.m. *Old St. Mary's Church.* Christmas day mass.

10 a.m. *Christ Church.* Christmas Service. Carols and Communion.

10 a.m. *St. Peter's Church.* Liturgy for Christmas day with music.

10 a.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Liturgy and meal for homeless men.

10:30 a.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* A.A. Holiday Meeting.

12 Noon *Old Pine Street Church.* Saturday for seniors I, II, III and Coffee Cup. Christmas dinner at Old Pine Community Center.

December 27

10:30 a.m. *Old Pine Street Church.* Special New Year's service.

December 31

7:30 p.m. *Old St. Joseph's Church.* New Year's Day vigil mass.

9:15 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church* (rehearsal) Sing-in for the New Year.

10:30 p.m. *Old First Reformed Church.* Handel's *Messiah* with Pro Musica. Tickets, \$8. Buffet supper in the Bourse at midnight. Tickets @\$35. For reservations, call 922-4566.

8:30 - 1 a.m. *The Friends of Independence National Historical Park* New Year's Eve Party at the U.S. Mint on 5th Street. Black Tie dinner dance with food by Frog/Commissary and music by David Ellis. Cost \$100 per person. For information and reservations call 597-7919.

January 1

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *Old St. Joseph's Church.* New Year's Day masses.

9 - 10:30 a.m. *Old St. Mary's Church.* New Year's Day masses.

January 6

7:30 p.m. *St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Cathedral.* Christmas Eve Service sung by Russian Acappella choir.

January 7

10 a.m. *St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Cathedral.* 705 N. 5th Street. Christmas liturgy.

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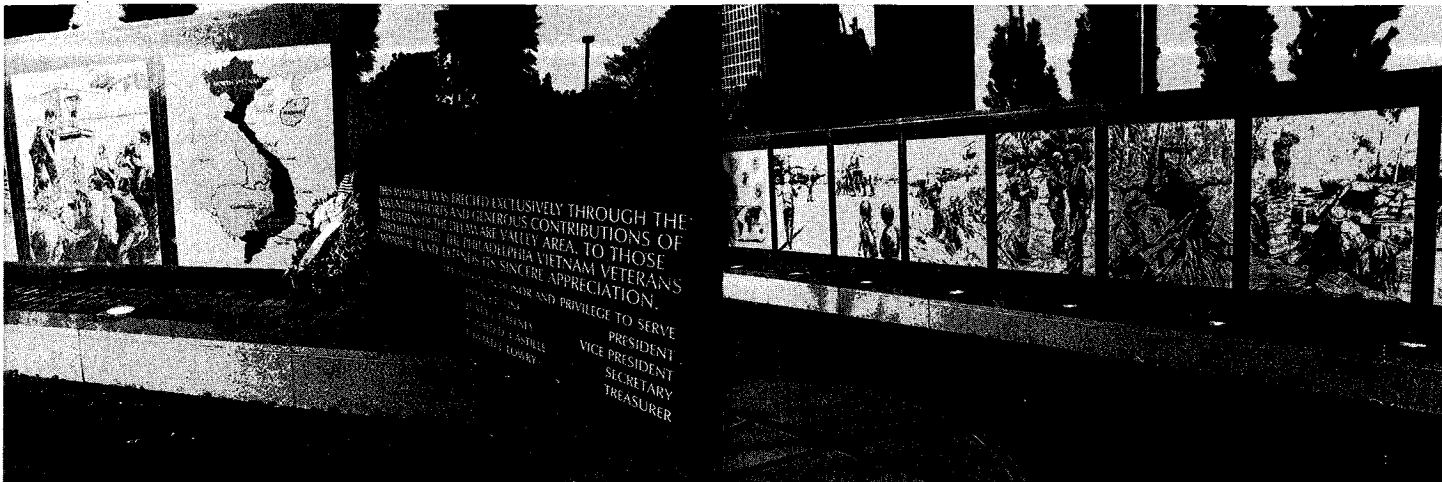
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Vietnam Memorial

There are some new visitors to our neighborhood these days. They're different from the ones we're accustomed to seeing. They don't pause to admire our buildings or stop a local to ask the way to South Street. They come in family groups. There are retired couples. There are men who have reached forty the hard way. Some of them carry a few flowers. All seem to have a serious sense of purpose and pride.

They are headed for the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Front and Spruce Streets on the cover of I-95. The Memorial was unveiled on October 26 at an emotional ceremony that left few dry eyes in the crowd. With its roster of Philadelphia's 630 war dead carved in a curving gray granite wall, it is the result of more than three years' work by the city's Vietnam veterans who raised the money for it by selling caps and tee shirts, holding parties and coin tosses. They not only paid for the monument - on dedication day they turned over \$100,000 to the Fairmount Park Commission to assure constant maintenance.

Next time you go out for a walk make a point of seeing it. You might not be impressed by the design, but it will make you think. 630 names make a very long list.

(Photos by Nancy Frenze)



A GOODE RESPONSE

Under each issue, a contact person is listed. If further information is required, please feel free to contact:

Mary Ellen Balchunis
Mayor's Office
204 City Hall
686-7508

Following are the Goode Administration's responses to the August 3, 1987, letter from the Society Hill Civic Association regarding their "suggested solutions" to specific issues:

I. TRASH

SUGGESTION:

Trash Cans: place additional cans in specific areas not directly in front of private residences - for example:

- 195 Cover over Spruce and Dock Streets
- 2nd & Pine (NW) and Head House area
- 3rd & Lombard (SE, NW)
- 4th & Lombard (NE, NW)

We would be glad to work with you in identifying locations.

RESPONSE:

Twenty-one (21) new baskets were placed from Walnut to Lombard and Front to 6th.

SUGGESTION:

Trash Can Pickup: There must be frequent and regular emptying of trash cans, especially on weekends. Noon time on Saturday and Sunday is too late; there is by that time the next day crowd.

RESPONSE:

In addition to the 6-2 shift, a new shift was added that now picks up from 2-10.

SUGGESTION:

Trash Can Design: Explore the use of a different style can, such as the Cigna cans in Center City, which would not accommodate residential trash.

RESPONSE:

Sanitation would be pleased to discuss new feasible designs with residents.

SUGGESTION:

Street Cleaning: Street sweepers blitz the area Monday mornings, giving attention also to sidewalks.

RESPONSE:

From South to Arch and Front to 19th, there is now day cleaning seven (7) days, and night cleaning from Wednesday to Sunday, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

SUGGESTION:

I-95 Cover Coordination: Apparently has 195 Cover area is cleaned by different people than Front Street. If these areas are not cleaned first. Also, rats have again returned to the cover area.

Collection of Trash Bags: Street cleaner and vendor bags are placed on the street for pickup (especially on I-95 Cover) and often sit for days awaiting pickup. Frequently these bags are opened by trash pickers and the trash returns to the streets. Many of these bags contain garbage and will attract rats. Pickup of the bags should be coordinated with the cleaning.

RESPONSE:

Cleaners pick up all bagged trash, but vendors are responsible for their own trash.

CONTACT:

Acting Deputy Commissioner Trottie
Streets Department
900 Municipal Services Building
686-5470

SUGGESTION:

Three Bears Park (300 Block Delancey): The trash cans in the park are not emptied often enough. They are usually overflowing. Since this park is the primary play area for neighborhood youngsters and for the Salvation Army Day Care Center, it should be kept clean.

RESPONSE:

The Maintenance Superintendent will be sent out no later than October 2, 1987 to inspect and clean up.

CONTACT:

Pat Lamb
Assistant Maintenance Director
Recreation Department
1450 Municipal Services Building
686-3625

II. VANDALISM

SUGGESTION:

Police Patrols: We need foot police patrols, especially on weekends. The police presence on South Street is extensive; it should be spread into the surrounding areas.

RESPONSE:

There has been an increase of the foot police patrols on South Street, Lombard, and Bainbridge, and from South Street to Chestnut Streets and from 12th to the River. In addition to the regular police presence on South Street, an extra thirty (30) officers are placed there and in surrounding areas on weekends this includes foot patrol, emergency, traffic, and juvenile aide division.

SUGGESTION:

Police Drinking Ban: The public drinking ban must be extended. By prohibiting drinking on South Street only, the drinkers have found alternative locations, some of them in Society Hill. The ban should extend as far north as Walnut Street.

RESPONSE:

To extend the ban, would require Councilmanic action.

CONTACT:

Lt. Harris
Police Administration Building
8th and Race Streets
592-5876

III. TRAFFIC

SUGGESTION:

Traffic police: Control at key corners (2nd and Spruce; 2nd, 3rd, 4th & Pine, etc.) during summer weekends. During special times (i.e., July 4, Memorial Day, September 17) control at every corner is necessary.

RESPONSE:

See II. Police Patrols. When there are events at Penn's Landing and other areas nearby, police are on every corner from 12th to Front; and they are on foot patrol, mounted, juvenile, and plain clothes.

CONTACT:

Lt. Harris
Police Administration Building
8th and Race Streets
592-5876

SUGGESTION:

Review Street Direction: Review of possible direction on Front and Dock Streets to reduce I-95 traffic.

RESPONSE:

Councilmanic action is necessary to change the direction of Streets. The current direction is a compromise of area neighborhoods, therefore, Streets Department wants to proceed cautiously. However they are willing to discuss changes.

CONTACT:

John Heany
Deputy Commissioner
Streets Department
880 Municipal Services Building
686-5521

IV. VENDORS

SUGGESTION:

Weekend Enforcement: Weekend enforcement is necessary and it would also be helpful to have a hotline phone number if vendors appear in prohibited areas as they did on Memorial Day weekend.

RESPONSE:

Sidewalk sales in the City of Philadelphia are governed by Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code. The Council of the City of Philadelphia has the authority to ordain certain streets to be prohibited for use by vendors and sidewalk sales.

The Council of the City of Philadelphia periodically publishes an ordinance with an appropriate Bill number entitled "Prohibited Conduct", which states, in essence, "no vendor shall: Exhibit, display, offer for sale or sell any goods, wares, or merchandise, or place or allow any stand to remain on the sidewalks of the following streets:"

No Vendors Here

- American Street, both sides, between Pine and South Streets;
- American Street, both sides, between South and Bainbridge Streets;
- Arch Street, both sides, between Front Street and Schuylkill River;
- Chestnut Street, both sides, between Front and 3rd Streets;
- Leithgow Street, both sides, between Lombard and Bainbridge Streets;
- Lombard Street, between Front and 3rd Streets;
- Market Street, between Front Street and Schuylkill River;
- East Passyunk, both sides, between Tasker and McKean Streets;
- Passyunk Avenue, both sides, between South and Bainbridge Streets;
- Pine Street, between Front and 3rd Streets;
- Randolph Street, both sides, between Lombard and Bainbridge Streets;
- Walnut Street, between Front Street and Schuylkill River;
- Front Street, between Spruce and South Streets;
- 2nd Street, between Market and Walnut Streets;
- 2nd Street, both sides, building line to curb line from Lombard to South Streets;
- 2nd Street, between Spruce and South Streets;
- South 3rd Street, east side, from Lombard to South Street;
- 3rd Street, both sides, between South and Bainbridge Street;
- 4th Street, both sides, between Lombard and Bainbridge Streets;
- 4th Street, both sides, between Market and Chestnut Streets;
- 5th Street, both sides, between Lombard & Bainbridge Streets;
- 6th Street, both sides, between Lombard and Bainbridge Streets;
- East side of 10th Street, Locust to Walnut; West side of 9th Street, Locust to Walnut; Locust Street, between 9th and 10th Street;
- East and West side of 11th Street, between Chestnut and Walnut Streets;

CONTACT:

**Commissioner Henry Herling
Department of Licenses and
Inspections
720, Municipal Services Building
686-2400**

V. NEWSPAPER BOXES

SUGGESTION:

Review Permits: The news box permits need to be revised and those without permits removed.

Legislation: If necessary, pursue legislation which would restrict the number permitted on any street corner.

RESPONSE:

Section 9-205(2)(b) exempts newspaper boxes from the city's sidewalk sales ordinance. No other provisions exist within the Philadelphia Code dealing with control of newspaper boxes as we have repeatedly been advised by the Law Department that such regulation of these boxes would be in conflict with the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

If it is determined that legislative action be considered to regulate newspaper boxes, that the Law Department be requested to review this matter and issue a legal opinion as to whether regulation of newspaper boxes would, in fact, be an infringement of the U.S. Constitution.

CONTACT:

**Commissioner Henry Herling
Department of Licenses and
Inspections**

VI. HORSE CARRIAGES

SUGGESTION:

Permit Review: We need to review the number of carriages permitted, and the routes and stops which they are allowed.

RESPONSE:

A review of the legislation indicates that there are three Sections of the Philadelphia Code which currently deal with horse-drawn carriages. These are Section 9-402 Animal-Drawn Vehicles; Section 10-102(3) Horse-Drawn Carriages; and Section 10-108 Rental and Carriage Horses. These various Sections of the Code provide for the terms and conditions under which horse-drawn carriages may be utilized in the City of Philadelphia nor any provisions to specify routes or stops for such vehicles.

Section 10-108, which was adopted in June of 1986, specifies conditions for the treatment of horses so that they are not abused when utilized for horse-drawn carriages. Provisions of Section 10-108 are enforced by the Philadelphia Health department concerning any abuse to the animals. The Department of Licenses and Inspections is limited to issuing licenses and inspecting the conditions of the carriages to insure that the vehicles are in safe condition and equipped with proper braking devices and springs.

RESPONSE:

Provisions of Section 10-102 require that owners of horse-drawn carriages operating in the area bounded by Washington Avenue, Spring Garden Street, Delaware Avenue, and Broad Street shall be required to attach a containment device to the rear of each and every horse. The enforcement of the provisions of this Code Section is primarily the responsibility of the Philadelphia Police Department. However, other departments including Health, Streets, and Licenses and Inspection are authorized to enforce this ordinance. It is recommended that if the Society Hill residents believe further controls of horse-drawn carriages are necessary, that legislation be introduced which would provide for such additional provisions as numbers of licenses to be issued and streets and stops where horse-drawn carriages are permitted.

CONTACT:

**Commissioner Henry Herling
Department of Licenses and
Inspections**

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

SUGGESTION:

Sidewalk Repair: Bricks are missing in many locations often causing dangerous walking conditions. We would be glad to work with you in identifying these locations.

RESPONSE:

The maintenance and repair of foot ways are the responsibility of adjacent property owners. If more specific areas of concern can be identified, inspection and service of appropriate notices will be served.

CONTACT:

**Mr. Larry Moy
Chief Engineer
Highway Division
686-5508**

SUGGESTION:

Tree Service: Much of Society Hill's charm comes from its trees and many are dying. We are sympathetic to the budget problems and many neighbors are willing to, privately help our trees. We would, however, greatly benefit from some problem analysis and perhaps assistance with discounted services.

RESPONSE:

Fairmount Park Commission Pete Hoskins has offered to meet the groups with his staff to give their help in setting up an assistance program. The group should feel free to contact Hoskins directly.

CONTACT:

**Commissioner Pete Hoskins
Fairmount Park Commission
Memorial Hall
686-0113**

SUGGESTION:

Rooming Houses: A number of single family dwellings have been rented out as student minidorms. This not only erodes the residential quality of the neighborhood, but causes other problems such as sewer drain overflow. We need assistance in enforcing these zoning violations.

RESPONSE:

The Department of Licenses and Inspections does not programatically inspect single-family dwellings, however, where there is evidence that a property is being used in violation of the Philadelphia Code, you should place a call to our Services and Operations Unit at 686-2463. The appropriate inspection personnel will be sent to the premises in question and if a violation exists, compliance orders will be written against the owner.

CONTACT:

**Commissioner Henry Herling
Department of Licenses and
Inspections
720, Municipal Services Building
686-2400**

SUGGESTION:

Starr Gardens (6th & Lombard): While not in Society Hill, this playground is the nearest one for our children. It greatly needs attention.

RESPONSE:

The Superintendent of maintenance will be sent no later than October 2, 1987 to inspect and clean up Starr Gardens.

CONTACT:

**Patrick Lamb
Assistant Maintenance Director
Recreation Department
686-3625**

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Up close the grass is patchy, the pavements are cracked, beer bottles and cans are part of litter a few feet from the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier. The square, one of five laid down by William Penn's place for a "Greene Country Towne" is under the management of the Fairmount Park Commission. The commission's budget barely provides for the basic maintenance of the square and does nothing to enhance it as an historic landmark.

A seemingly natural solution, considering its proximity to Independence Hall, and that it is in this square that more than two thousand men who died in the Revolutionary War are buried, would be to have the National Park Service work with the Park Service work with the Fairmount Park Commission to provide historical information and include it in their guided tours. In addition the Park Service could assist the city with proper maintenance and security.

(Photos by Glad Schlossman)



Legislation to this effect has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representative Thomas M. Foglietta, and in the U.S. Senate by senator John Heinz. Under this legislation Washington square would continue to be owned by the city, as is Independence Hall. Fairmount Park Commission would retain custodial responsibility but could expect advisory landscapers and the help of historians from the National Park Service.

Representative Foglietta, who previously introduced similar bills that failed to be voted, pointed out that the current bills do not seek any federal funding at this time. For this reason they should have a better chance of passing both Houses of Congress. The bill in the House of Representatives HR3145, and the Senate bill S1513 deserve the support of all who care about the future of Washington Square. Write to your representative and urge passage of this legislation.*

The Philadelphia Inquirer in an editorial on August 13 endorsed these proposals as a valuable first step, but urged full responsibility for the National Park Service as soon as feasible.

The proposals are supported by the local community associations and particularly by the good gardeners of Hopkinson House, who under the leadership of the director of their ownership association, Charles Dickerson-Marks, pulled weeds, gathered trash and planted flowers in the square, this spring.

Washington Square is certainly part of the history of Philadelphia and of the War for Independence and deserves the attention of the nation through the National Park Service. As Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger told the on-lookers at a ceremony in the Square on September 17, Constitution Day, "It is as hallowed a ground to this nation as Arlington" (National Cemetery).

* Thomas M. Foglietta, 10402 Federal Building 600 Arch St., 19106, or House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

John Heinz, 9456 Federal Building, 600 Arch St. 19106, or United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



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June 2, 1987

Honorable Donald Hodel
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Interior Building
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sir:

I have enclosed an editorial that I wrote to the Philadelphia Inquirer on September 4, 1986 that subsequently was reproduced in the Society Hill Civic Association, Resident Newsletter concerning the condition of Washington Square in Philadelphia.

As I am sure you know, Washington Square is one of the squares designed into Philadelphia by William Penn to provide its citizens a place of peacefulness and relaxation within the boundaries of that historic city.

Washington Square, though, has a significance beyond being one of the city's squares. Within sight of Independence Hall, it is the resting place of two thousand of Washington's troops that gave their lives to insure that we would have and retain our liberties.

Washington Square, unlike Independence Mall just across the street, is not part of the National Park System and its upkeep is left to the underfunded Fairmount Park Commission that struggles to maintain the park by voluntary donations from area businesses, the city and through appeals to anyone who will listen to the plight of the park's condition.

I appeal to you, sir, to reserve a spot in your busy schedule to inquire about the status of Washington Square, to travel to Philadelphia to see for yourself the desperate and sad-denning condition of the square that is in fact a cemetery for up to seven thousand of our forefathers.

The history and the magnitude of what is in that one square block rivals that of any four acre plot in our nation and I believe we owe it to those poor souls that lie there to honor them by including that small, seemingly minor, part of our country into the National Park System or minimally to provide grants or matching funds to the Fairmount Park Commission to help maintain that specific square.

I understand that you must work under some tight budget constraints and that funding for the park system is filled with tough decisions, however, as a nation how can we look to the future if we lose sight of our past?

We spend billions and billions of dollars on a multitude of supposedly important Federal programs. How can we as a nation not afford to appropriate just a small fraction of our money to fix up this historic and hallowed ground.

Mr. Secretary, let me give you just one example of the burden the Park Commission bears. They cannot afford \$10,000 to improve the lighting system. I am sure the Federal Government spends \$10,000 in a nano-second.

Please help me, as a citizen of this great nation, and those that work daily in Philadelphia to maintain Washington Square. We all need your personal involvement during this two hundredth anniversary year of our Constitution to begin the process of including Washington Square into the National Park System.

Thank you for your concern and I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

John C. Dayton
Kingsport, Tennessee

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Enclosure

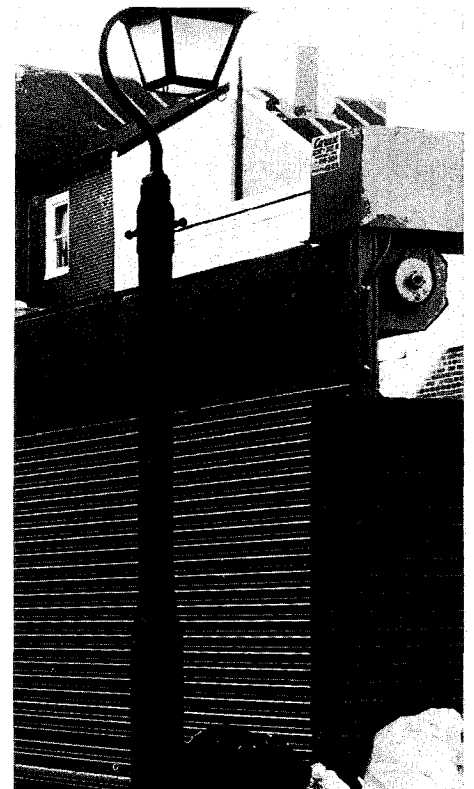
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Honorable James Quillen
Post Office Building
Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

Honorable James Sasser
298 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Editor's Note: Mr. Dayton's eloquent letter appeared in the December '86 edition of our Newsletter under the head, **Disgrace in Washington Square: View from Tennessee and Commentary.**

Grotesquerie



THIS MECHANICAL MONSTER on Stamper Street is not one of the neighborhood's favorite things. (Photo by Nancy Frenze)



(photo courtesy of Mellon Independence Center)

LEFT - *Bach Festival brought the curious into Mellon Independence Center last month. The Old Lit Brothers store is looking good!*

CRIME . . . (continued from page 1)

crime patterns with the same method of operation are being reported in these districts. Officer Hall has been very instrumental in the apprehension of individuals, who were committing burglaries and robberies in the 6th District.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE OFFICER

Helen Yaworski #5350 a six year veteran of the 6th District was also assigned as the VAO on July 1, 1987. Officer Yaworski assists victims of robberies, simple assaults, and aggravated assaults. She provides them with information in reference to receiving food, shelter, and medical care. Also, she assists these victims via Victim Compensation to be compensated for monies that have been stolen from them during the commission of a crime. This position requires an individual that is sensitive, caring, and understanding to those persons who have met with unfortunate circumstances such as mentioned above.

Community Relations Officer,

Sheila Walton #4157 a six year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department was assigned to the 6th District as PCRO in February, 1987. During this time she has given many Crime Prevention Presentations to the Business and Civic Communities, organized several town watch groups, and attended many schools for deliverance of the *Officer Friendly* and *Dangerous Stranger* programs. In addition, Officer Walton is the advisor of the Law Enforcement Explorers' Post #889 in Central Division. — 30 —

In addition to the new positions that were developed, the 6th District was also fortunate enough to have a sub-station facility donated to them. The sub-station, which is the third of its kind in the city of Philadelphia was donated through the generosity of Mr. Michael Guzzardi of Chancellor Associates and who is also the proprietor of the 12th Street Gym. The sub-station is located at 202 S. 12th Street. It is a community based facility which is opened from Tuesday to Saturday 9 - 9. It is staffed by two police officers. They are Steven Trombetta #7324 and Dennis Foglia, who work inside the station for four hours, and walk a foot beat for four hours. Their beat covers from 8th to Broad Sts. -Market to Lombard. In addition, the station is staffed by civilian volunteers, who answer the phones and take minor police reports. The sub-station provides all police services other than housing prisoners.

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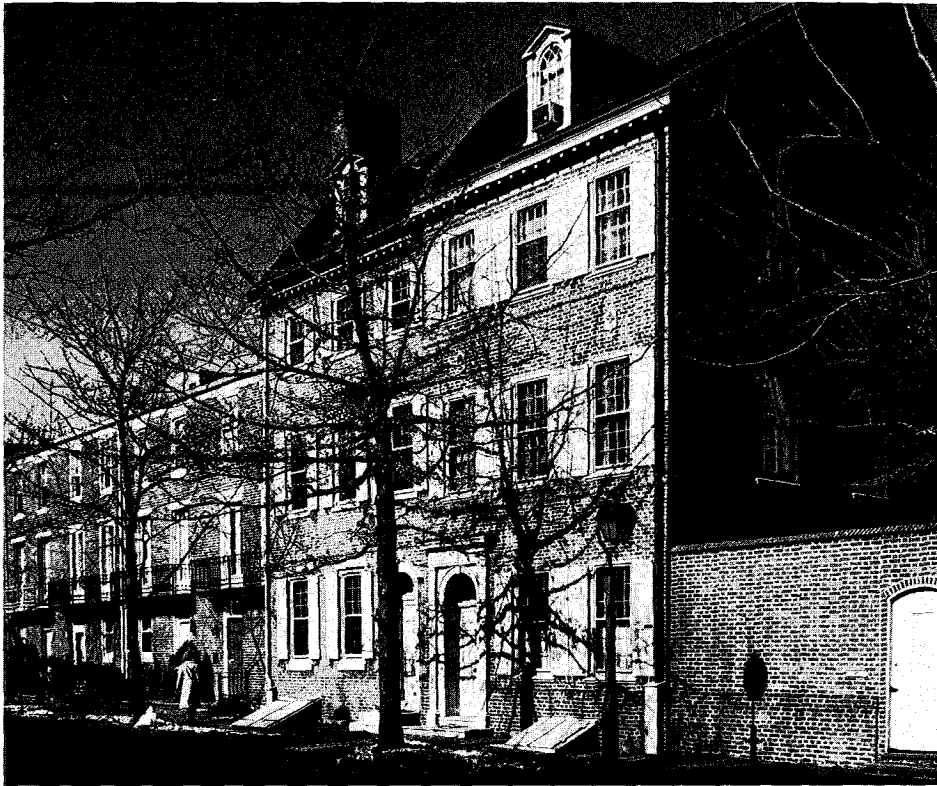
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Historical Survey Photo-Portraits



LOOK FOR BERNIE CLEFF, our resident photographer who is taking pictures of the last 43 homes to compile a full pictorial catalogue for Society Hill's architectural survey. To date, Bernie has taken over 1,900 exposures and has edited and printed more than 1,500 photographs of Society Hill structures. The upper photo on this page is of 229 Spruce Street and the lower is of 500 Delancey Street. If you have not yet ordered your copy of the Bernie Cleff photo-portrait of your home, there is still time to do so. Send your \$20 check to "Society Hill Fund," c/o Roland C. Davies, 32 Strawberry St., Philadelphia, PA 19106. Proceeds go to off-set the historic survey cost and may be tax deductible. ask your accountant.

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American Jewish History Crafts Show Opens at 'Contemporary Artifacts' Museum

The National Museum of American Jewish History's seventh annual crafts exhibition and sale offers a sampling of current work on Jewish themes by artists from throughout the United States. Entitled *Contemporary Artifacts* as a reminder that the craft pieces of today are the artifacts of tomorrow, the show continues through December 31.

The exhibition, presented under the aegis of the Museum Shop at 55 N. 5th Street is curated by Beverly Haas and Elaine Silverman.

Hanukkah lamps, Torah pointers, breastplates and wedding canopies are included and are available for purchase at the conclusion of the show. Prices range from \$70 to \$6,000.

David Aronson, Marcy Berkowitz, Bernard Bernstein, Joan and Martin Farren, Hana Geber, Peter Handler, Stanley Lechtzin, Leon J. Lugassy, Barbara M. Meise, Linda Ominsky, Stewart Paul, Barbara W. Stanger, Sheila Weinberg and Henryk Winograd are among the 52 artists represented in the show. They work in a variety of media, from precious metals to ceramic, wood, fiber, acrylic, paper and mixed media.

Museum hours are Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, call 923-3811.

HISTORIC CERTIFICATION: END IN SIGHT

At the September 29 Society Hill Civic Association meeting, Mayor W. Wilson Goode vowed to look into the delay problems thwarting our local historic designation. He assigned Deputy Field Director Michael Foglietta to the task. Positive action has resulted.

Foglietta reports he is currently awaiting written confirmation from the Philadelphia Historical Commission attesting to Commission statements about a set schedule for Society Hill's local certification hearing. According to Foglietta, residents can expect to receive the preliminary 60 day notice shortly after the New Year so that the certification hearing will take place in late March or early April.

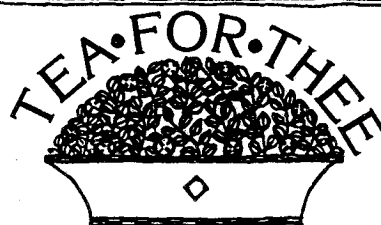
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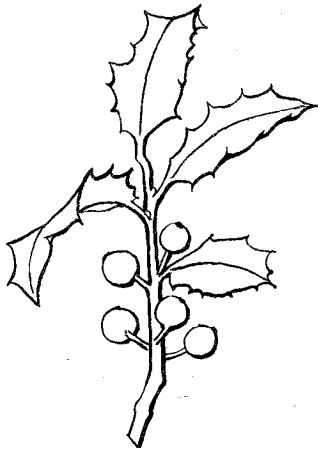


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DARTS AND LAURELS

Laurel—to one of Philadelphia's quaint institutions, The Fountain Society, who maintain those special watering spots. It's a charming sight to see the horse drawn carriages at the fountain in Washington Square Park while the horses enjoy a well deserved drink.

Laurel—the lovely flower-like lamps have been repaired and replaced to enhance the Rohm and Haas Building at the corner of Washington Square and Locust Street.

Dart—to all of those people who leave their trash bags along the side of Washington Square Park on Monday mornings.

Laurel—to the good citizens who worked at the polls during this mayoral election and for all of those who came out to vote on November 2.

Laurel—to Old Pine Street Church for the work they have done so far in restoring the church in honor of their 250 year celebration.

Dart—to the "Night Walkers" who take their dogs strolling when it's late and dark, and fail to pick up after them. We know who you are . . .

Dart—to the burglar who's pressing his luck! He's burglarized many homes on the 700 block of Spruce Street, yet he remains elusive to the police dept. The neighbors are up in arms, and they have "spotters posted". Now, it's only a matter of time.

Laurel—to those parents and friends who wisely escorted the young people trick and treating this Halloween. It was a good time for all . . .

Laurel—to Roland Davies for diligent organization and dissemination of funds concerning the Society Hill historic survey and for acting as a clearing office so that private residents can obtain copies of the professional survey pictures of their homes.

Laurel—to Dr. Roger Moss of the Athenaeum for preserving photo negatives generated through the historic survey project.

Laurel—to Michael Foglietta for intervening in our behalf to effect action from the Philadelphia Historical Commission on our application for local historic district designation.

Dart—to the latest proliferating fad - parking of cars on the sidewalk - more convenient for the driver, to be sure!

Dart—to the able bodied who park in the one parking space marked for disabled drivers in the SuperFresh parking lot on 5th Street.

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Society Hill Civic Association Board and General Meeting Schedule for 1987-1988

All meetings will be held at Old Pine Community Center.

Wednesday - December 9, 1987

- Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Membership Refreshments - 7:30 p.m.
- General Membership - 8 p.m.

Wednesday - January 20, 1988

- Board Meeting - 8 p.m.

Wednesday - February 17, 1988

- Board Meeting - 8 p.m.

Wednesday - March 16, 1988

- Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Membership Refreshments - 7:30 p.m.
- General Membership - 8 p.m.

Wednesday - April 20, 1988

- Board Meeting - 8 p.m.

Wednesday - May 18, 1988

- Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Membership Refreshments - 7:30 p.m.
- General Membership (Board Elections) - 8 p.m.

The Society Hill Civic Association is *you*. It is your active voice on all the issues which impact on the quality of life in Society Hill and its effectiveness depends on your support. Your association not only needs your dues but also your attendance at general membership meetings and your time and energy to help work on the issues which concern all of us.

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