



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

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## Committee Works To Refurbish Local Playgrounds

When was the last time you or your children utilized the facilities at Starr Garden, 6th and Lombard Streets, or Three Bears Park, 3rd and Delancey Streets? Well, children from Society Hill, Queen Village, Olde City and Washington Square West use these parks every day.

Three parents, with the support of the Society Hill Civic Association, have undertaken a project to rehabilitate these parks. The conditions at the parks have deteriorated to a point where action must be taken to make them safe, pleasant places to play. SHCA board members Nancy Silber, SW quadrant director, Susan Dictor, NW quadrant director, along with Hill-Physick-Keith House board member Nancy Shomer have undertaken the following:

1. The preparation of a statement of history, purpose and suggested improvements.
2. Contacting representatives from the Olde City, Queen Village and Washington Square West civic associations.
3. Contacting various architects for improvement suggestions.
4. Obtaining the original plans for the two parks.

It is hoped that these efforts, once completed, will generate sufficient interest from the city so that monies for the above mentioned rehabilitation will be included in the Recreation Department budget. If these efforts fail, fundraising, private grants, or matching fund donations may be necessary.

This is a tentative list of the improvements

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## SHCA ELECTIONS ON MAY 18TH

The Society Hill Civic Association will elect officers and directors to the 1988-89 board at a general membership meeting on May 18 at 8 p.m. at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Changes in SHCA's by-laws which were passed unanimously at the March 16 membership meeting will affect this year's election in several ways. The dividing line between the two northern quadrants has been moved to the middle of Spruce Street. The eastern and western quadrants are still divided by 4th Street.

This year there will be elected three directors for each quadrant. One of these per quadrant will be designated for a three-year term by the board of directors. At the 1989-90 election another director from each quadrant will be designated as a three-term director. To the board for 1990-

91 and those of subsequent years, one director for each quadrant will be elected to a three year term.

The 1988-89 board will include for the first time designated directors, three individuals named by the owners and/or residents associations of Hopkinson House, Independence Place Towers and Society Hill Towers, each to serve no more than three successive years.

Members in good standing who wish to run for office as president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, or as quadrant director of the 1988-89 board of SHCA are invited to make their interest known to Aaron Jay Beyer, 299-2030.

## SEPTA'S Plan:

### Rerouting Bus #40

The Public Utility Commission has approved SEPTA's proposal to reroute Bus #40 in an effort to avoid some of the weekend traffic tieups on South Street, the street #40 normally travels before it turns north on 2nd and proceeds west on Lombard Street.

The modification approved by the PUC would have #40 coming east on Pine, turning south on 2nd and proceeding west on Lombard on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 5 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. There would be 21 trips on Fridays, 15 on each of the other two days.

Norm Wallin and Gary Haynes represented the SHCA view that the traffic on Pine is already too heavy and the rerouting will only exacerbate this situation. They also pointed out the difficulty vehicles, particularly large vehicles, experience turning from Pine to 2nd due to the narrowing of the street and large amount of activity at Head House and NewMarket. Since SEPTA and the PUC do not share our view, a counterproposal by SHCA was to be discussed and voted upon at their meeting on April 20. The counterproposal under consideration would have #40 proceed east on Pine only as far as 4th Street before turning south and then west on Lombard.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next general membership meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers and directors of the 1988-89 board of SHCA will be held.

At 8 p.m. there will be reports on subjects of neighborhood concern - NewMarket, zoning and South Street.

At 8:30 we will hear from Donna Ann Harris who will explain the purposes of the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation and how it can assist homeowners in Society Hill.

Representatives of the Fairmount Park Commission and the Board of Revision of Taxes have been invited to answer members' questions about street trees and property tax changes.

# A Message From Our President

"Time Flies When You're Having Fun!" It's hard to believe, but Vice President Becky Stoloff and I have been in office almost a year. By way of a "State Of The Community Address" I am pleased to report that our main goal for the first year has been achieved. As discussed in my first message to you, lack of concern and participation by the residents of Society Hill appeared to be the biggest problem. At least in two aspects of this problem we have made great progress. Association membership and attendance at meetings have increased significantly. We hope the trend continues.

In our first year much of our efforts have been focused on organizational matters such as setting up an effective distribution system for the Association's flyers and this newsletter. The Association is hiring a paid administrator/coordinator to spend at least twenty hours a week on Association, Town Watch and newsletter business. The Association should be much more effective on a day-to-day basis with a paid professional maintaining an office with a phone number.

Even though much of our energies focused on organizational matters this year we have made progress on many specific areas of

community concerns. With respect to crime and vandalism, while it is difficult to measure whether incidences are increasing or decreasing, one thing is clear — the city knows of our concerns and is making efforts to address them. Of course, more work needs to be done.

Trash and litter remains a problem. We have gotten the city to place more litter baskets at appropriate places in the community. But we are looking to make more progress in the area of clean streets and

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neighborhood cooperation in placing garbage and trash out securely bagged and on the correct pick-up night. Past Vice President Liz Ostrander and board member Dr. Burt Weiss have helped in this area.

Past President Myrna Fields Baum's efforts to gain certification of our historic survey, after much effort, appears to be making progress. We hope to have certification in the near future.

Vice President Becky Stoloff is monitoring the parking authority activities. The parking sticker program seems to be working well.

Board members Nancy Silber and Susan Dictor have worked to improve the condition of our local parks and playgrounds.

Efforts to locate and report potholes for repair has been undertaken by board member Mort Lieberman. Progress has been made.

As to South Street, there have been many suggestions such as closing the street on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Becky and board member Howard Lander have been working on ways to deal with the burden placed on our community by the visitors to South Street.

The I-95 ramps are coming, but none will be put into operation until all are installed thereby (hopefully) preventing a deluge of traffic on Society Hill streets. Of course, we will monitor this situation and make every effort to remedy any problems. But as we all know, heavy traffic is an on-going problem which requires constant vigilance.

Also requiring constant vigilance is zoning. Board members Bernie Cleff and Lorna Katz Lawson together with past board members Steve Skale and Joyce Cole over last year have worked hard to keep track of new construction and renovations to be sure that the community's interests are protected.

The Association, principally through the efforts of board members Norm Wallin and Elliot Fields, along with past board member Joy Lindy, has been keeping an eye on Penn's Landing and NewMarket so that any development will take into consideration the impact on our community.

Of course, all the foregoing areas will be focused on in the future. In addition, an effort will be made to control the proliferation of newspaper boxes. A "matching funds" program whereby the Association would match funds paid by members for planting and possibly maintenance of trees will be considered at the May 18 membership meeting.

As to meetings, we have gotten very positive feedback. Listing just a few of the topics covered in the past — cable TV, I-95 ramps, educational programs at McCall School, crime prevention and two very successful candidates nights. In addition, the members sponsored a party which had as its guest of honor the first Society Hill community organization president, Maureen Murdoch. It was a huge success. On May 18 at 7:30 p.m. we are going to continue with what we think are stimulating and relevant presentations with a talk about tree planting given by a representative of the Fairmount Park Commission, a report on NewMarket, a presentation by Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation providing tips on restoring your home and coverage of other topics relevant to the community.

I believe real progress can be made in areas which are of concern to the community with just a moderate amount of participation by a *significant* number of our neighbors. I reiterate that the only way we can be sure that Society Hill stays an historic residential community with the quality of life we want for our families and ourselves is through community action. Again, with just moderate participation by individual residents, Society Hill will be preserved and even improved. Join the Association if you haven't already. Be sure to attend the meetings and take on a small community project. The rewards will be great.

— Aaron Beyer

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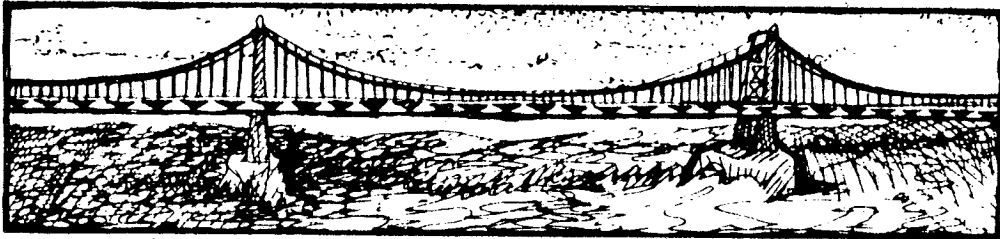
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## McCall Principal Leonard Rovner Sums Up and Looks Forward

The year 1987 was a wonderful year for students at McCall School. Located as we are in the heart of the historic area we had the opportunity to participate in numerous Bi-Centennial activities. Virginia Knauer, Special Adviser to the President of the United States came to Philadelphia with her staff to open National Consumer Week. McCall School students were central to this presentation. We greeted Princess Alexandria when she arrived in Phila. with the Magna Carta and participated in the Bi-Centennial Parade attended by the President. Our students lived and learned history this past year.

Other important things are happening at McCall School. We opened our first all day kindergarten this year and will open a second all day kindergarten in September.

Our modern fully equipped computer room is operational and serves children from kindergarten to grade 8.

We have been selected to participate in a young audience arts workshop bringing five workshop program ranging from opera to theatre to McCall School.

We are proud of our school and look forward to continued success throughout this year.

## Planning Ahead for the Children

Old Pine Community Center will be offering the following programs for children this fall. Applications for September 1988 are now being accepted.

The Afterschool Program is designed for children in first through fourth grades who need a loving, safe, organized, and creative place to be during the time between the end of their school day and the end of their parent's work day. Children are picked up at McCall, Meredith, St. Mary's and St. Peter's Schools; children enrolled in other schools are welcome to attend but must be responsible for their own transportation to the center. The staff consists of trained, experienced elementary school teachers and "specialists" in areas such as art, music, drama, and physical education. The monthly fee includes full-day coverage 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) for most holidays and school vacations as well as coverage on days when there are early dismissals.

The Three Steps Nursery School includes a morning nursery school program for three and four year olds and an afternoon supplementary program for children enrolled in morning nursery programs as well as kindergartens (with children picked up at McCall, Meredith, and St. Peter's Schools). The program is staffed by teachers certified in early childhood education, and the major emphasis is on the development of the maximum potential of each individual child.

A new feature planned for September 1988, is a pre-kindergarten program for children who are five years old between November and March, who have attended a nursery school for at least a year, and who are either too young for the kindergarten of their choice or who would benefit from additional year before entering a kindergarten program. The program will be more academically structured than the nursery school program.

These programs are housed in a modern, well-equipped building which has spaces especially designed for such programs. Parking is available at drop-off and pick-up times.

There is some money available for financial aid to parents who need such programs but cannot otherwise afford them. For further information and application forms, please call the Old Pine Community Center at 627-2493 between the hours of 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Time for Baseball!

A little league baseball team is being organized for children, ages 12 to 14 years old who live in the Society Hill/Queen Village area. Parents willing to assist and supervise the team activity are needed as well as children eligible for the team.

For more information, please call Joel Spivak at 923-7465.

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## Prison Artifacts on View

Buttons of bone, handmade utensils, and forbidden dice are just a few things made by inmates of the Revolutionary Era (1775-1835) Walnut Street Prison located on the east side of Washington Square. They are among the prison workshop artifacts recovered from the site by archeologists and on display at the Athenaeum, 219 S. 6th Street, Monday-Friday, 9-5, through September 1.

## Playgrounds

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recommended:

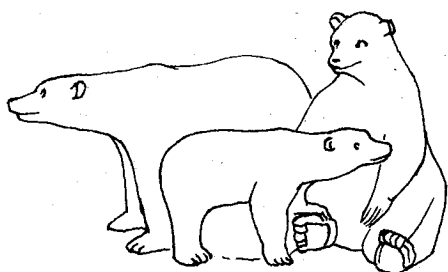
### For Starr Garden

1. Eight new exterior doors - burglar proof, with panic buttons, some with windows.
2. Picnic, tot and play areas refurbished.
3. Playground landscaped.
4. Outdoor lighting in play areas.
5. Outdoor drinking fountains installed (1 on playing field, 1 on basketball court).
6. Permanent players' benches installed on softball field.
7. High fire ceramic kiln installed.
8. Thirteen outdoor wall lights on exterior of building replaced.
9. Refrigerator replaced in kitchen area.
10. New office furniture.
11. Stalls in toilets replaced with metal surrounds.
12. Light fixtures in toilets replaced.
13. Exterior walls of building graffiti-proofed.
14. Interior of toilets graffiti-proofed.
15. Basketball court resurfaced with blacktop.
16. Random blacktop replaced with concrete or turf.

### For Three Bears Park

1. Eight pole lights installed.
2. Benches sanded and varnished or painted.
3. Rubber matting under playground equipment replaced.
4. New sliding board installed - wood and plastic design.
5. Wooden monkey bars installed.
6. New swings installed.
7. More playground equipment installed.
8. Add more trash receptacles.
9. Reset slate.

If any of our readers have suggestions, ideas, comments or would like to serve on the committee, please contact Susan Dictor, 625-9852.



## For Washington Square A SETBACK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

At a hearing before a Senate sub-committee on Public Lands in Washington, D.C. on April 14, representatives of the National Park Service testified that Washington Square was "not of historical significance." The senate committee was considering for the first time whether to vote for inclusion of the square in the Independence National Park complex. The bill which was introduced by Senator John Heinz, is a version of one that has twice passed the House of Representatives. There is no date set for a vote on the measure by the full senate.

## Chronology Published

Society Hill residents are indebted to Independence National Historical Park for an excellent publication: *Washington Square Site Plan Chronology*, covering the period from 1683 to 1962. It is a complete documented history of the square with detailed maps and a bibliography. It was done by Denise Rabzak, who put in a lot of her own time, under the supervision and encouragement of Penny Batcheler, historical architect of the park.

Several entries in the *Chronology* confirm the extensive use of Washington Square as a burial ground, distinguishing it from the other squares in the city. Sally Wister's journal, January 27, 1777: "You can scarce walk a square without seeing the shocking sight of a Cart with five or six coffins in it . . . Large pits are dug in the negroes burying ground [Washington Square],—and forty or fifty [soldiers'] coffins are put in the same hole."

"I have spent an hour this morning," wrote John Adams on April 13, 1777 "in the congregation of the dead." He told of his walk into the 'Potters Field', (a burying place between the new stone prison and the hospital) "and I never in my whole life

was so affected with melancholy. The graves of the soldiers who have been buried in this ground from the hospital and bettering house during the course of last summer, fall and winter, dead of the small pox and camp diseases, are enough to make the heart of stone melt away." Adams went on to say that upwards of two thousand had been buried there—"disease having destroyed ten men for us where the sword of the enemy has killed one!"

Mrs. Martha Keil is now updating the chronology. If you have information on developments in Washington Square from 1962 to date please contact her at 922-5033.

## Landscaping Planned

The newly formed Washington Square Association plans to fund landscaping of key areas of the square this spring using professional contractors. Your membership dues money will help pay for the plantings and the Washington Square Association urges you to become a member by returning the application form below with your dues to Cathy Kavalkovitch.

As a result of negotiations with the Fairmount Park Commission, Rick Supplee, has been employed as a maintenance gardener in the square. Mr. Supplee, described as very friendly, is trying to do a job that normally requires two full-time employees. A Washington Square Association newsnote suggests that encouraging comments by those who use the square are quite appropriate.

All proceeds from the May 1, POH tour of homes and public buildings of Washington Square will be used for the beautification and improvement of the square.

### Washington square Association Membership Application

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for membership during the coming year. (Please make check payable to "Washington Square Association.")

#### Membership Category

Students & Senior Citizens	\$10.00
Individual	15.00
Family	25.00
Benefactor	100.00

Mail application and membership fee to: Cathy Kavalkovich, Hopkinson House, 602 Washington Square South, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

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# All About That Hole In Spruce Street

It happened on Thanksgiving night. For the third time in as many years, the watermain broke at 4th and Spruce Streets, the street was flooded and the faucets went dry. In front of the properties at 325, 327, and 329 Spruce the street, curb and part of the sidewalk caved in. The subsoil had been flushed away. The hole was big enough to hide a horse. Dorothy Parker could have been referring to it when she wrote "there was no there there."

This occurred in the block that had been closed for major repairs most of the summer of 1986. Everyone on that block finally felt secure with the newly constructed roadway. But that job had been done for the Gas Works - apparently nobody suggested the Water Department might want to get into the act and replace their old pipes while the street was open. So the old watermain gave way under the constant pounding of heavy cross-town traffic on Spruce.

After the break and washout, representatives of the Gas Works were in constant

attendance. They put up barriers to keep traffic off the curbside lane, tied a yellow ribbon to the rail at 327, and advised the residents to keep away - to walk on the other side of the street. They checked at least daily to make sure there was no leak from their unsupported gasline.

Enter the Streets Department. When the watermain was patched, they came with loads of gravel to put in the hole to shore up the gas pipes. Then they repaved the traffic lane, leaving the curb and sidewalk as it was. They left a couple of barriers to warn off pedestrians, but traffic was moving again so the Streets Department evidently considered the problem solved.

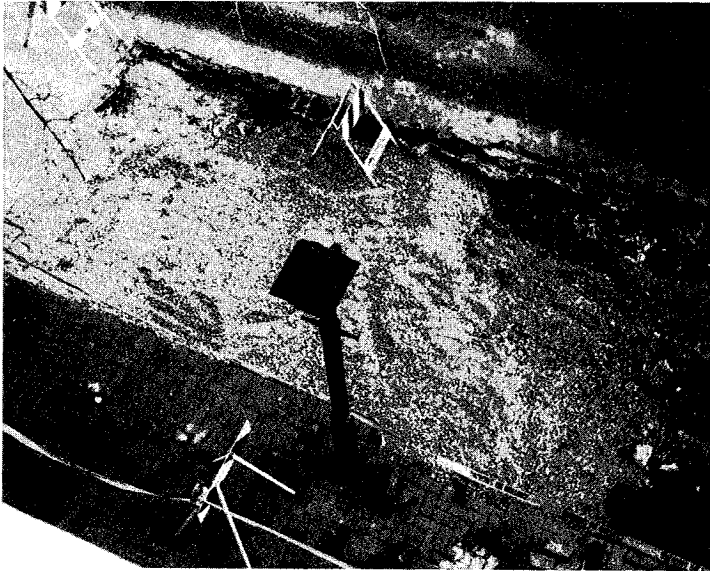
There it remains, a testimony to Philadelphia's slovenly habits. The owner of 327 tried almost everything to get the attention of City Hall, finally got a reply to her return-receipt-requested letter to Mayor Goode. On March 2 the mayor thanked her for calling his attention to the condition. He wrote that he had handed the letter over to Streets Commissioner Harry Perks and

Water Commissioner William Marrasso" ... so they may learn of your comments and appropriately address your concerns relating to this condition. Response will be forthcoming shortly from Streets and Water Departments regarding the implementation of any corrective action."

On March 10 Nancy Schindler, Customer Affairs, Water Department, wrote: "We are in receipt of your letter concerning damage to your brick sidewalk due to a water main break at 4th and Spruce Streets on November 26, 1987. Your sidewalk cannot be replaced until the Highway Division of the Streets Department repairs the street. After the street is repaired please get an estimate from a contractor for the sidewalk replacement and call Mr. James Foley at 686-1608."

There hasn't been any word from the Streets Department or Harry Perks. Maybe he's out fishing with Steve Lopez.

Meantime the hole in the street continues to be an invitation to a real disaster.



(Photos Mae Gloster)



They brought in gravel, poured cement, and spread black-top ... but they don't do curbs and sidewalks.

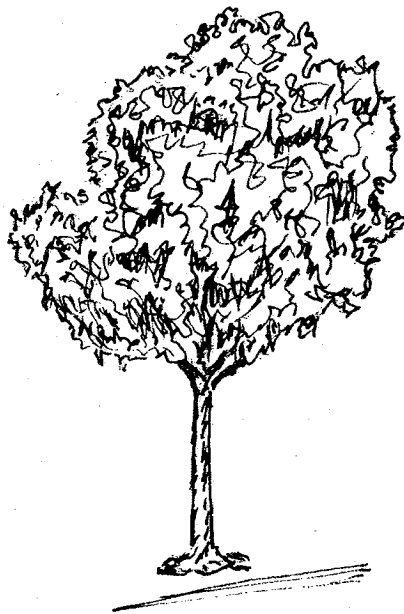


(Photo by Glad Schlossman)

## Pamper Your Tree

Not all of the trees that line our streets came into leaf this spring, so some Society Hill householders will have to begin the painful process of removing and replacing them. Talk to anyone who has experienced the frustration of endlessly waiting for your turn for the services of the removal crew, only to lose it because someone ignored the "Temporary No Parking" sign. Better to take a few precautions to keep your tree alive and thriving. Here are a few tips for you to follow:

- If there has been less than one inch of rain in a week, water the tree every three days, either with a hose or bucket. Use six or eight gallons each time you water.
- Loosen the soil around the bottom of the tree so water and air can get down to the roots. Remove bricks or like material from the base of the tree. Society Hill's sidewalks were purposely left uncemented around trees to allow easy brick removal.
- Remove weeds and trash from the tree pit to allow water to penetrate to roots.
- Clip all branches that sprout from the base and lower trunk of the tree. Suckers deprive the tree of nutrients.
- If your tree is a year old or more and still has staking and rubber hose-covered guy wires around the trunk, remove the guy wires so that the tree can grow in diameter without interference.



- Add a four inch layer of mulch (wood chips, rotted leaves or straw) each spring and fall to protect the soil.

Specific questions you have about your tree can be answered by the Horticultural Hot Line, 922-8043, or Penn State University's Urban Garden Program, 276-5182.

## Free Workshops Offered at the Architectural Salvage Warehouse Store

A warehouse store dealing in affordable reusable building materials and architectural artifacts opened in April at 26th and Girard Streets. It is being run by Philadelphia Architectural Salvage, Ltd., a non-profit organization developed by the Philadelphia Historic Preservation corporation. Stock includes varieties of doors, windows, flooring, electrical fixtures, brackets and numerous other building materials.

PASL expects to offer a series of 16 free home maintenance workshops planned and presented by professionals in all areas of building, restoration, plumbing and electrical work. Workshops will be held at the PASL warehouse store and will be open to all residents of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

At SHCA's May 18 membership meeting Donna Ann Harris of the Phila. Historic Preservation Corporation will be available to answer questions about the workshops and/or the salvage warehouse store. For those unable to attend, information is available from Matt Schultz at 636-0327 or write to PASL at One East Penn Square, 22nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

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Maureen Murdoch, first president of SHARA, is introduced by Charles Peterson to Aaron Beyer, current president of the SHCA.

## Society Hill "Pioneer" Honored

It was a fine turnout on March 23 – co-chairpersons Joy Lindy and Marilyn Appel greeted neighbors at the SHCA membership party and Becky Stoloff graciously collected membership dues. Doug McBrearty, manager of the Sheraton Society Hill, donated the space, the speaker's rostrum, tea sandwiches, sweets and beverages which set the stage for the guest of honor, Maureen Murdoch.

If all of us could only see what she and other "pioneers of 1957" saw – a bustling seven by five block area with a pretzel factory, produce markets, a blacksmith shop, seed packer and the Middleton Tobacco Company – just opposite Powel House.

In April of 1957, the Society Hill Area Residents' Association was formed "to serve as a representative citizens' organization to promote community spirit and community welfare and to channel

common aims into effective action through cooperation among individual citizens and neighborhood organizations upon a non-profit basis." Ms. Murdoch, SHARA's first president, remembered with warmth and humor the block parties, the community gardens, children's Halloween Parades, sessions on "how to" repair and restore held regularly, long before TV's *This Old House* and regaled partygoers with stories of SHARA's confrontations with the "powers that be", a term Ms. Murdoch reserves for City Hall types. A good time was had by all on the 23rd and the biggest laugh followed her story about SHARA's success in reversing the "powers that be" plan to erect the Police Administration building, the design of which was dubbed the concrete brassiere, at Second and Delancey, keeping in mind that the residents were passing up all that extra police protection and the use of the police tennis courts!



(Photo by Paskey, Temple Univ. Urban Archives)

In a photo taken in 1956, Miss Murdoch shows off her unusual "jib window."



(Photos top and bottom, Glad Schlossman)

Neighbors enjoying the party are Joyce Cole, Bernie Cleff and Doug McBrearty. Greeting Maureen are party organizers Marilyn Appel and Joy Lindy with President Beyer looking on.



## Digging Society Hill on Charter Day

Charter Day this year, the 306th anniversary of the signing by William Penn of the charter of The Free Society of Traders in Pennsylvania, was celebrated with a subscription luncheon and seminar at the Sheraton Society Hill on March 25. The Free Society (from which the name "Society Hill" derives) settled on the Delaware River in what became our neighborhood to begin to live up to the goals set for it: to establish trade with anybody and everybody, and to undertake anything from whaling to glass making. In 1682 the Society's first president, Nicholas More, arrived on the ship *Jeffrey*, bringing sixty indentured servants.

Much of the history of the rise and fall and re-rise of Society Hill has been lost, although by luck and stubborn hard work many of the fine houses and substantial landmarks have survived from earlier periods.

In the belief that a better understanding of local history and architecture will be in the long run helpful to the conservation of the area, the Friends of Nicholas More, Charles E. Peterson, Convenor, organized a seminar to recall some chapters from the past. On Charter Day 1988, four Philadelphia archaeologists showed what they had excavated and how the artifacts recovered gave clues to the life of Society Hill's early residents. The sites discussed were: Carpenters' Court, south yard, archaeologist Paul J.F. Shumacher; Man Full of Trouble Tavern, archaeologist Professor John L. Cotter; the Sheraton site on Dock Creek, archaeologist John P. McCarthy; and the shoreline at Callowhill Street, archaeologist Carmen Weber. Dr. David Orr introduced the speakers.

Following the seminars at the Sheraton an enthusiastic audience took to foot to visit two treasures of old Philadelphia, the Man Full of Trouble Tavern and Franklin Court.



(Photos by Catalina Leisenring & Rita Ingersoll)

On the receiving line before the Charter Day luncheon Mrs. Virginia Knauer and Miss Maureen Murdoch reminisce with another early resident of Society Hill, John A. Griswold. (Below, left) Dr. David G. Orr introduced the speakers, and Dr. John Cotter (right) reported on the archaeological finds at the Man-Full-of-Trouble.



(Photo by Jack E. Boucher, HABS)

The Stafford Tavern, right, and Paschall House, left, in 1961 before they were restored and renamed.

## Man-Full-of-Trouble

The two picturesque little buildings called The Man Full of Trouble Tavern at 2nd and Spruce Streets were literally saved from the wrecking ball by Wilhelm and Virginia Knauer through the Knauer Foundation for Historic Preservation, which still maintains the Tavern. Mrs. Knauer restored the houses and furnished them with antiques from her own outstanding collection, including fine pieces of English delftware dating from the time the buildings were erected in 1759. The Man Full of Trouble is open to the public by special arrangement by calling 922-1759.

Many visitors to Society Hill are disappointed at not finding the Tavern open. The Knauers are unhappy with this state of affairs too, but the company of volunteers which acted as guides in 1960 when the Tavern was restored has evaporated. If you would like to help out - even if only for a couple of hours a month - please call Nancy Knauer at her office: 636-4096.

## Got Good Taste?

# BE A RESTAURANT CRITIC

If you have ever wanted to be a restaurant critic, here's your chance. The *Zagat Restaurant Survey* is coming to Philadelphia and it is being co-edited by Society Hill resident Barbara Tiffany who has long enjoyed the abundance of good eateries in the Society Hill area.

The *Zagat Survey* is a guide based on the opinions of a large number of restaurant regulars, foodies and people who simply enjoy eating.

The concept is based on the idea that no one opinion, no matter how expert, can accurately reflect the success or failure of a restaurant to deliver a satisfying experience.

Over 3500 people participated in the most recent *New York Survey*, rating the food, decor, service and cost of each restaurant.

The concept has worked so well that the *Zagat Surveys* are the best-selling restaurant guides for each city in which they've been introduced — Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

If you want your opinion to count, send a stamped, self addressed business-sized envelope to *Zagat Survey*, 323 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 (625-2868). You will receive a questionnaire covering over 300 local restaurants. Indicate

how many questionnaires you would like to receive.

If one of your favorite haunts is not on the questionnaire, there is space for write-ins, as well as space for your comments on each restaurant. It is these personal comments that make the *Zagat Survey* so special.

Anyone who participates in the survey will receive a free copy of the results. The first Philadelphia guide is scheduled for publication before Christmas and will be edited by Polly Hurst and Barbara Tiffany.

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## Fitness Program Offered

Members attending SHCA's May 18th meeting will have an opportunity to learn from health and fitness professionals from the Society Hill Club and Jefferson Fitness about creating a lifetime wellness program. For additional information contact Ann Hesser at the SH Club, 250 S. 5th Street, 627-2646.

## Boy Scouts—Troop 176 At Your Service

The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 176, have been delivering the *Newsletter* as a paid service to the Society Hill Civic Association. The scouts are interested in performing other services, especially those with a civic connotation, as a means of raising funds for their projects. Scoutmaster George McCool at 686-4032 (office phone) would like to hear from you if you have a task in mind for the scouts.

The troop is sponsored by Old Pine and meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard. Members of the troop are Elliot Fertik, David Guinn, Jason Wilinsky, David Lander, Matthew Johnson, Ken Archbald, Josh West, Ben Kutler, Garrett Hauenstein, Demian Paskie, Marshall Downing, Michael Ohliger, Andrew Carobus, Kareem Davis, Gabriel Fanelli, Michael Archbald, Steven Harasckiewicz, David Toman and Dennis Slade. New members and leaders are always welcome.

For any information regarding the troop or boy scouting, please contact Scoutmaster McCool at 686-4032 during business hours.

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## Administrator Hired

The SHCA is pleased to announce that Fluffy Cooper Palmer has joined us as an administrator, the first paid staff member in the association's history. With her assistance, SHCA hopes service will be even more improved. Ms. Palmer may be reached through SHCA's P.O. Box #3, Phila., PA 19105, pending installation of our telephone.

## Summerville Day Camp

Old Pine Community Center offers a program for children who would like to have happy and exciting camping experiences without being transported daily to the country.

The program is a creative, loving, and safe one staffed by people trained in music, art, drama, physical, elementary, and early childhood education. There is a summer reading program, and trips which utilize the rich environment of the city and the freedom of the country open-spaces will be taken.

The camp runs from July 5 until August 26. The regular camp day is from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (\$95 per week) with an option for coverage from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (\$110 per week) for parents who need a longer day. Children who are three years old by July 1 but not older than 5 years may be enrolled from 9 a.m. until noon.

For parents who need such a program but whose financial resources do not allow this, there is some financial aid available.

Please call the Old Pine Community Center at 627-2493 or stop by at 401 Lombard Street for more information and application forms.

## Take A Trip!

Go to Jail! Just for the morning, of course. Alcatraz — the name conjures visions of hardened criminals but you may visit this historic spot with the Friends of Independence National Historical Park and then depart. This plus more nature-oriented portions of our National Park system will be visited on a tour sponsored by the Friends of Independence National Historical Park from June 3-12. The tour begins in San Francisco and the Golden Gate Recreational Area and then travels along the Pacific Coast on a 17 mile drive before heading inland to Sequoia/Kings Canyon and that giant of parks — Yosemite. First class hotels, including the Landmark Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite are featured. The entire tour will have knowledgeable commentary and expert guides. As a bonus, the tour will benefit our own giant of parks — Independence — for there is a donation included as part of the tour cost.

For more information and how to sign up, please call Jo Ann Buller at 625-8585.

# Neighborhood Developments



## Hotel and Garage at NW Corner 4th and Chestnut

The parking lot at 4th and Chestnut has recently become a construction site for a 450 car garage and a 120 room Omni Hotel. The 13-story garage is being developed by Kaiserman Enterprises, owners and developers of The Bourse. It will be connected with The Bourse building by an enclosed bridge. In addition to the parking spaces, the building will contain a 900 seat, five screen cinema which will be leased by Ray Powel and called The Ritz at The Bourse. There will be retail space at ground level. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 1989.

Sharing part of the site will be a 14-

story hotel to be developed by the Kevin F. Donohoe Company, restorers of the Curtis Center. The hotel is to include a restaurant, meeting rooms, a swimming pool and complementary facilities. Architectural drawings of the structure will not be available until later this month, but the description given in the application for Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds stated that the purpose of this project is to provide luxury hotel accommodations near major tourist attractions in a structure designed in a fashion consistent with the historic district surrounding the subject site.

## Abbott's Square

Zoning committee representatives of Society Hill and Queen Village were asked to approve in concept a new plan for the vacant land at the southeast corner of 3rd and Lombard Streets. Developers Miles and Generalis are proposing to purchase the Abbott's Square land to erect 48 townhouses, each with its own parking space. The density and building height would be lower than that for which Abbott's Square had obtained city permission to build.

The committees of both civic organizations agreed to write letters approving the concept of Miles and Generalis, whose agreement to purchase the land is contingent upon obtaining building permits.

When preliminary plans were made available to nearby neighbors, many expressed objections to the handling of traffic, both to and from the 91 parking spaces and to service the development. There were questions as well about cornice heights along Lombard Street. The developers and their architect, Dan Kopple, have been making a real effort to answer

the problems raised. On their part the neighbors have also expressed their general approval of the project.

## Independence Place

The SHCA zoning committee has been asked to consider opposing the erection of two cyclone fences topped with barbed wire which extend well above the wall on the south side of the South Tower of Independence Place. These fences, installed for security purposes, are in full view of Manning Walk residents whose window walls face the south side of the South Tower.

The zoning committee has also been asked to request an assurance from the Redevelopment Authority that security deposits or certificate of completion will not be released to Independence Place developers until the sidewalk in front of the South Tower retail space is bricked and all items have been completed in accordance with the approved drawings.

# What the Parking Authority REALLY Means

One of the Philadelphia Parking Authority's "ticketwriting personnel" recently lectured a Society Hill housewife unloading groceries from her car located directly under a "No Stopping" sign in front of her house. While a lecture is far preferable to a ticket, it left a lot of questions unanswered. Some of them were satisfied by an employee of the Street Department's Traffic Engineering Division in the following exchange:

- Q. What's the difference between "No Stopping" and "No Parking" signs?
- A. "No Stopping" means no stopping, never-ever. "No Parking" means you can stop, but only temporarily. Very short term.
- Q. What governs a street's designation?
- A. Maximum traffic conditions. Even if traffic on a given street is heavy for only one or two hours a day, the sign is in force at all times.
- Q. What if you have heavy luggage or groceries to unload?
- A. Park legally as close as you can then transfer your load to a cart.
- Q. What if someone is too elderly or infirm to manage that?
- A. Tough.
- Q. Can a taxi stop to pick up or discharge a passenger at a "No Stopping" location.

- A. Not legally.
- Q. A lot of drivers pull up on the sidewalk - what about that?
- A. That's against both city and state law. Such a driver could be in very big trouble if the weight of his car should cause the sidewalk to collapse and crush water, gas or electric lines underneath.
- Q. Could City Council have specific locations changed from "No Stopping" to "No Parking"?
- A. They could, but it's unlikely since it was City Council that named Traffic Engineering to make regulations governing traffic and parking and to choose location and type of traffic signs and signals in order to allow traffic to move safely.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority's Loading Enforcement Guidelines advises that passenger vehicles are allowed to stop in areas marked "Loading Zone" (there are a few of these in Society Hill) for 20 minutes if flashers are on, trunk is open, or other signs of activity are observed. If there is no sign of activity, PPT personnel are advised to issue a ticket.

A bulletin issued by the Parking Authority contains a little bit of good news. They want us to know that their ticketwriting personnel are not active on the following holidays:

New Year's Day  
Easter Sunday  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

On holidays characterized by a substantial amount of commercial activity and related traffic, a full complement of enforcement officers will be active. These holidays are: birthdays of Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington, Good Friday, Flag Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day and November Election Day.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority's holiday enforcement policy does not presume any alteration in the Philadelphia Police Department's ticketwriting activity. As existing traffic laws make no distinction between holidays and normal business days, all parking regulations may be subject to enforcement by the Police Department.

Happy Motoring!

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# MAIL BAG

To the Editor:

I empathize with Aaron Beyer's well-stated article "Some of our Neighbors are Missing" (Newsletter - September 1987) wherein he candidly observes the present lack of individual involvement in community concerns. Sadly, we tend to retire from involvement and activism, preferring instead simply to complain, cluck tongues, shake heads and sit on our hands. This is social abdication we cannot afford!

How do you feel about rape? Certainly the city's Board of Assessors will shortly "diddle" us again, as is their annual wont - by increasing the realty tax. To those saying "you can't fight City Hall," - a resounding reply "... the hell you say."

Where to begin? How to begin? Simply stated: Just BEGIN!

There are some solutions. One was put forth in a book entitled *Progress and Poverty* by Henry George, who proposed that property taxes be based more on land value and less on building value. The Land Value Tax (LVT) or Incentive Tax is not fancy theory nor philosopher's fantasy - it is fact - it is reality and being practiced in the more progressive cities of our Commonwealth. On the local level there is Councilman Jim Tayoun. He is very sensitive to the burden of ever-increasing taxation and reduced city services - as well as being well-versed in LVT, having introduced bills in Council for its adoption. At the state level there is Senator Vincent Fumo - equally sensitive to our burden. He too has introduced legislation to help homeowners. Support them. Call them! Write them!

Ask other members of Council to acquaint themselves with LVT. They (and you) can learn all about it from the Incentive Tax League, 616 S. 10th Street, WA3-7793.

Ask of yourself: What purpose is served - what benefit derived in striving for "quality" of neighborhood if, one day, we can no longer afford living in it?

Then just BEGIN!

— Frank Lyon

# DARTS AND LAURELS

**Laurel**—to residents who take time out each spring to brighten the neighborhood with flowers on doors, stoops or around their sidewalk trees.

**Dart**—to the thieves who are prying up and stealing original boot scrapers from our walks.

**Laurel**—to the Greater Media Cable crews who have done a super job of installing TV lines. They have been courteous and careful, a refreshing combination.

**Dart**—to the new management of the Washington Square garage which has put out at least four sidewalk signs touting their specials.

**Laurel**—to the stalwart SHCA clean-up day workers who never tire of trying to make this section of Philadelphia a cleaner, more liveable place.

**Laurel**—to Maureen Murdoch for coming all the way from California to share her memories of life in Society Hill some thirty years ago.

**Laurel**—to party-planner extraordinaire, Charles Peterson, whose celebrations of the birthday of Robert Smith and Society Hill's Charter Day have become yearly events we look forward to.

**Laurel**—to the Society Hill Sheraton and its protean manager, SHCA director Doug McBrearty, who have taught us the real meaning of hospitality.

## HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For the holidays marked with an asterisk, refuse collection will be one day behind schedule for the remainder of the week. If you know that you will be away from home on trash collection day, the most considerate thing to do is to make arrangements to have your trash put out at the proper time rather than putting it out in advance.

Please clip the following schedule and post it for future reference.

HOLIDAY	COLLECTION DAY
Memorial Day, *Monday, May 30	Tuesday, May 31
flag Day, Tuesday, June 14	Tuesday, June 14
Independence Day,* Monday, July 4	Tuesday, July 5
Labor Day,* Monday, September 5	Tuesday, September 6
Columbus Day, Monday, October 10	Monday, October 10
Election Day,* Tuesday, November 8	Wednesday, November 9
Veterans Day,* Friday, November 11	Saturday, November 12
Thanksgiving Day,* Thursday, November 24	Friday, November 25
Christmas Day,* Monday, December 26 (obs. 12/26)	Tuesday, December 27

## JOIN US

Tear off and mail to:

Society Hill Civic Association  
P.O. Box 3  
Philadelphia, PA 19105  
attention: Frank Ongaro, Treasurer

Please enter my (our) membership in the Association.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 person \$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 persons same address \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ I request a waiver of dues.

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