



# SOCIETY HILL REPORTER

Newsletter of the Society Hill Civic Association  
 Issued July 2, 1997

## Roll Over, Ben Franklin

We Sing the Body Electronic! SHCA Goes On-Line

<http://www.wnwr.com/shca>

Less than 900 days shy of the new millennium, SHCA joins the computer age with its own Web page on the Internet.

Reacting to the fact that the *Reporter's* publishing schedule (six issues a year with three "dead" weeks for production and distribution) prevented timely dissemination of information, the editors put out a plea in the last issue for help to go on-line. Joel Eichen, dentist, 7th Street neighbor, and Web page creator, responded. If you spill coffee on this issue, you can finish reading the article on your screen by visiting the *Reporter* at <http://www.wnwr.com/shca>.

The *Reporter* is there; an on-line, expanded and up-to-date calendar; Committee Reports; Zoning Meeting Notices; and a Call for Volunteers will be running by September. Members of SHCA will get e-mail notices of topics of interest. Details on how to register for e-mail updates will come out in the September issue and be on the Web page, of course. It's summer time, the surf's up, catch our Web site! ■

## Who Won?

The SHCA May 21 elections resulted in the following nominees being unanimously installed:

President:	<b>Mel Buckman</b>
Vice Presidents:	<b>Bernice Hamel Howard Lander Mary Sturdivant</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Perry Whyte</b>
Secretary:	<b>Janet Cooke</b>

### Directors and Term Expirations:

Northeast Quadrant	<b>Norman Tissian</b>	2000
Northwest Quadrant	<b>Jane Stevenson Anna Marie Marshall</b>	2000 1999
Southeast Quadrant	<b>Deborah Robinson Barbara Gelman</b>	2000 1998
Southwest Quadrant	<b>Richard Bost</b>	2000

## Crime Downshifts

### Auto Thefts Still Drive Numbers Up

Captain Patricia Fox of the Sixth Police District reports no homicides and rapes for 1997. Eight robberies and one aggravated assault remain the same number from 1996 and 1997. Thefts from auto, retail thefts and other thefts are down, but burglaries grew from six to eight.

Auto thefts remain a problem. Sixty-three cars have been stolen in the first six months of this year compared to forty for the same time period last year. The Captain felt less wary out-of-town drivers attracted by the number of restaurants in the area were targeted by thieves. Safest place in Society Hill remains between 5th and 8th Streets.

Community residents have asked the Captain to target speeders and stop sign ignorers at selected corners such as 7th and Washington Square, Second and Pine, and Front and Spruce. Patrolmen will be assigned to ticket at those trouble spots on a rotating basis.

The police department is seeking secured storage areas and methods to transport confiscated cars before they can begin to impound cars driven by uninsured motorists on the spot.

If a neighbor sees suspicious activity or feels endangered, they are urged to call 911. Response time in the evening is one minute and forty-five seconds. Because of heavy congested traffic during the day, longer delays sometime occur. ■

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**Farm Journal Building Sold Again!  
Pennsylvania Hospital is New Buyer**

Ron Kaplan, developer, and partners have sold the Farm Journal Building at 230-234 West Washington Square to Pennsylvania Hospital. Kaplan's reputation for low income housing projects and refusal to provide on-site parking for his proposed small "luxury" apartments had alarmed neighbors. After many community meetings, SHCA zoning committee meetings, calls to Licenses and Inspections and stop orders, the neighbors had engaged legal counsel to oppose a zoning variance petition to permit new residential space without on-site parking and seek other legal measures to prevent the project as proposed.

In the meantime, Pennsylvania Hospital estimated it needed 50,000 square feet of additional office space in the neighborhood. According to John R. Ball, M.D., J.D., president of Pennsylvania Hospital, "The Hospital is excited about the purchase of the Farm Journal Building, which will house our new orthopedic service, known as the Penn Musculoskeletal Institute. This new program consists of approximately twenty physicians who will provide the entire range of orthopedic services, joint reconstruction and replacement, sports medicine, foot and ankle surgery, orthopedic oncology, and diagnosis and treatment of congenital disorders of the back and spine. The Institute will be the hub of orthopedic activity for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, with which Pennsylvania Hospital is merging." They will be starting renovations on the building immediately to establish state-of-the-art physician offices, rehabilitation services, and diagnostic facilities to serve orthopedic patients. Pennsylvania Hospital enjoys a reputation for maintaining their facilities well. ■

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Columbia Savings Bank of Ohio has assumed title for the defunct Society Hill Club at 230-250 South Fifth Street from the estate of Richard Dowling and engaged Grubb Ellis, commercial real estate brokers, to sell the property.

On June 9, Judge Mary Collins presided at a hearing attended by Fox Rothschild lawyers representing the bank; a lawyer for an unidentified buyer; representatives for St. James Realty, operators of the garage partially underneath the club's leaky swimming pool; Penn Mutual, leaseholders of the garage; and interested neighbors. Issues of delinquent real estate taxes, liability, maintenance, etc. should be resolved by the next scheduled hearing, July 11.

The building was vacated in 1991, becoming both a public nuisance attracting vagrant and deranged individuals and an eyesore. The potential buyer and plans are unknown at this time. ■

**Focus on  
Barbara  
Bagileo:  
SHCA New  
Administrator**

In June, the SHCA welcomed Barbara Bagileo as the association's new administrator. Perhaps *welcome* is not the best word since Barbara is not new to the neighborhood or to SHCA. While a native of San Francisco, Barbara has lived in Society Hill for fourteen years. Currently, she serves on the SHCA Board of Directors as the representative of the Penn's Landing Condominium Association and an activist for Town Watch. Barbara chose to live in Society Hill because of its "old world charm," the feeling of the country in the city and the warmth of the people.

Barbara brings with her a track record of accomplishments. An employee of Bell Atlantic for almost thirty years, Barbara held many management positions in the areas of commercial engineering and central office support. She also participated in international team projects in The Netherlands and Italy.

While currently in a career transition, Barbara has several small businesses including festival face painting for children, creation and production of artistic party favors, and catering for small events, dinners, and meetings. In fact, meetings at her home have been well attended and the attendees well fed. While she is looking for a more international focus, SHCA will benefit from her expertise. The transition from Judy Friedman should be completed by the end of the summer.



In this part-time position, Barbara will support the work of the officers, board, and active committee members of SHCA. Her responsibilities include maintaining the database of members, facilitating communication among board members and with the general membership, handling correspondence, responding to and directing inquiries, setting up for meetings, and lots and lots of details. When she isn't busy with all of that, Barbara enjoys gardening, traveling, ballroom dancing and entertaining. Pictured here with her dog, she can be seen most often walking her pet around the neighborhood. ■

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**Trash Rules — A Reminder:**

- Put out trash after 4:00 PM and before 7:00 PM on MONDAY NIGHT ONLY.
- All trash is put in cans or bags, no more than ten to a household.
- Cardboard boxes are no longer considered suitable trash receptacles. Using cardboard boxes can result in a \$25 citation. Two board members reported receiving such "tickets."
- Flatten and tie all cardboard boxes.
- Center City is the only area where recyclables are collected on trash night. Zip Code 19106 is Blue and 19147 is Green. Blue will be picked up July 7, 21, August 4, 18, September 1. Green is the alternate week. Questions can be answered at 685-RECYCLE or 685-7329.
- If an item is big like an appliance, call 686-5560. They will dispatch a special truck on a date they will assign to you. All these rules are on page 57 of your telephone book. ■

## Letters to the Editor

An editorial board has been put in place with this issue and will be formalizing policies over the next few months. The first policy decided upon was not to publish any letters sent to this paper without a name, address and telephone number to verify the identity of the writer. Address all correspondence to Society Hill Reporter Editor, Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105 or e-mail to

**hamelbt@aol.com**

or fax to

**629-1288.**

So "Mr. Thomas Paine," if you would like to resubmit that copy of a fourteen-year old lament that Society Hill is heading toward ruin and perdition, please do so with your real name, address, and phone number.

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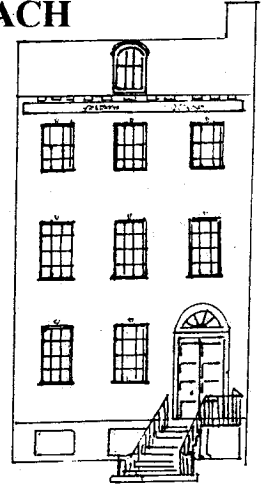
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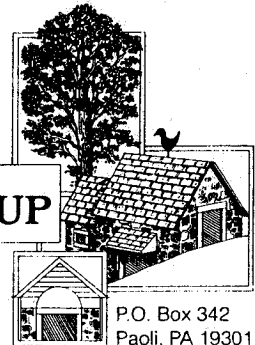
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### Get Out and Paint the Lamp Red!

If anyone wants to paint their Franklin Lamp but can't make the SHCA Paint-In on Saturday, July 19, this information is for you. The original lamps were installed in 1965. The paint was manufactured by Samuel Cabot Stains of Newburyport, MA, and comes in acrylic and oil base. The color is Barn Red #85 solid. It is sold by Beatty Lumber and Millwork at 1835 State Road in Upper Darby (610-789-5036) or Conroy's Paint and Hardware at 126 N. Wayne Avenue, in Wayne (610-688-7070). The paint has been reformulated to eliminate the lead.

In the meantime, the Streets Department has provided these alternatives:

Sherwin Williams City Red, 6 ounces Red Oxide #844, 50/30 P H Blue #844 or

M-A-B's City Red, Rustlastic Accent Base #074191 (formula for gallon: B-2Y28, F-2Y12, M-6Y24).

DO NOT USE ANY OTHER COLORS or you will be visited by a pack of vigilantes wildly wielding paintbrushes. Consider carefully how you would look in tar and feathers. This is not a threat, it is a warning done out of concern for you. This is not a neighborhood that takes its lamps lightly.

### Sidewalk Sweep Stakes Survives Summer

The Tuesday morning Sidewalk Sweeping program contracted to the Center City District will continue throughout the summer. The program was funded by a grant and membership dues from January until May of this year. Since the needed two hundred new members were not recruited, the program would have ended in June except for the creativity and energy of David Stevens, chair of the Sidewalk Sweep Stakes committee. David offered to match up to \$2,400 from the Society Hill Fund and encouraged neighbors to make donations to the Fund for the program.

The following neighbors responded as of June 12:

David & Suzanne Auten  
Charles & Lucy Bangert  
Donald & Fahnya Bean  
Garrett Brown & Ellen Shire  
Melvin Buckman  
Arthur Kaplan  
Ellen Miller  
George & Anne Nofer  
Duane Perry  
Edward & Deborah Robinson  
David & Dorothy Stevens  
Rebecca Stoloff  
Mark & Kate Wilcox  
Alfred & Judith Zernik.

Thank you for your generosity and concern! If a reader wishes to join this group and keep the sidewalk sweeping project going, please send your contribution to the Society Hill Fund, c/o David Stevens, 116 Delancey Street, Philadelphia PA 19106. Contributions are tax deductible.

### Tree Tenders Tips

Jean Bodine reports that the Tree Tenders gathered at her home on May 12 to celebrate the planting of the 107th street tree. She also voiced her opposition to a proposal in City Council to have the Fairmount Park Commission assume responsibility for caring for all the street trees. Bill Mifflin of the FPC told Council bluntly there was no money, estimated at \$2 to \$5 million dollars, in the budget to do that kind of maintenance. It would be an unfunded mandate, exactly what the mayor had criticized the federal government for doing to cities.

The Tree Tenders report that the biggest problem for street trees remains the fact that the trees have grown and now are too big for the size of the original pits. A pit should be twelve to sixteen square feet, depending on the size of the trunk. Many times after widening a pit by removing the bricks, the Tree Tenders have found old concrete pavement underneath. While it still helps to remove the bricks because more water can be absorbed in the inch or

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## Committee Updates

### Entertainment Complex Proposed for Penn's Landing

Lorna Lawson attended the first meeting Councilman Frank DiCicco held on June 2 to disseminate information about the proposed entertainment project at Penn's Landing. All five riverfront communities were represented. Lorna and Mark Keener represented SHCA. The councilman feels the private \$100 million dollar project will add another tourist destination and prolong stays in Philadelphia. Gray Smith demurred, claiming it would cost the public \$55 million to build a garage and other amenities.

Herman Renfro, Senior Vice President for developer Simon Bartolo, stated they would be studying who used the Landing now in developing their concept because it is to be a "people" place. Part of its appeal lies in its openness to the city and the waterfront so activity can surround the entire perimeter. This company developed the Forum, the Source on Long Island, and Coconut Walk in Coral Gables. The main entertainment features include IMAX style theatres, children's discovery places of shops and museums, and a festival setting or atmosphere. They hope to draw 2.5 to 3 million people, with regional people coming in several times a year. The South Street Head House District president feared its self-contained nature would attract and keep their patrons away and asked the developer to consider ways to promote linkages to

South Street.

The area is zoned C-4, basically unrestricted. When asked, the developers claimed no interest in constructing a high-rise. Nor were they depending on traffic from the proposed hotel at the Landing. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 6:00 PM, depending on the developer's ability to articulate concepts more particular to this site.

### Cafe at the HeadHouse Shambles

Negotiations are still going on and not all the stipulations required by the Board to approve the project have been met. It looks doubtful that it will open this year. Michael DePaolo, who claims to have financial backing for his hotel and two possible operators, says he will now oppose the cafe so close to his entrance and blocking traffic on Second Street.

### South St. HeadHouse District Renewal & Overlay Test

Robin Schatz, chief of staff for Councilman DiCicco, said the issue of renewing the South Street HeadHouse District would be postponed to the fall because of the Council's recess. Neighbors are trying to close down the fortune telling operation on 7th Street. This will be the first test for the overlay program designed to limit such activities.

### Library Committee

Melvin Buckman and Liza Seltzer have joined an alliance of adjacent neighborhoods to bring a branch library to the area. The newly formed group has inspected the new Ogontz branch, the first one opened in seventeen years.

### 217 Delancey Street - The Barclay House

The Historical Commission approved the new owner's changes to the property, which include demolition of a non-historic garage on Philip Street and widening the new doors from 21 to 23 feet. The new structure will be set from the street in line with the adjacent homes. Neighbors and the Historic Commission's Architectural Committee met at the site on June 10, agreed on brick and mortar choices for the new garage and addition to the house facing Delancey Street. This house addition will replace the much photographed and admired Japanese stone garden.

Little could be done to save the landmark garden because Society Hill is not designated as a city-certified historic district, as is Rittenhouse/Fitler Square District. Bernice Hamel, co-chair of the SHCA's Historic Preservation Committee with Becky Stoloff, claims this loss has provided the urgency to get the certification process completed. She reports Dick Tyler, of the Historical Commission, is working on hiring qualified staff so the painstaking

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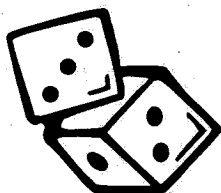
work can begin. Volunteers from the neighborhood will also be needed to help.

See page 18 for photos related to this story.

### Nuisance Bars

Ed Robinson will draft letters asking TGIF and Fat Tuesday to comply with their agreements with the community in their operations. TGIF has expanded its outdoor seating and Fat Tuesday is in violation of noise and off-premise alcohol consumption covenants. ■

*"Vigilance and Maintenance are on-going processes and should not be undertaken by the flighty or weak of will." —Anonymous*



### Riverboat Gambling: Don't Bet on It

Larry Meehan, SHCA liaison to the Neighborhood Consortium which was created as a watchdog group for the riverboat gambling issue, reports the following results of last issue's survey:

#### Responses: 78

Would you support a proposal for riverboat gambling in the City of Philadelphia?

- Yes - 10%
- No - 88%
- No opinion - 2%

Would you support a proposal for video poker in any establishment with a liquor license in Philadelphia?

- Yes - 12%
- No - 84%
- No opinion - 4%

Would you support a proposal for slot machines at racetracks?

- Yes - 36%
- No - 62%
- No opinion - 2%

Would you support any gambling expansion if the revenues from gambling were earmarked for schools, community development, or other social programs?

- Yes - 19%
- No - 77%
- No opinion - 4% ■

## Membership Peaked; Matthew Piqued!

1997 was the first year SHCA ever established a membership goal — 800 households. That was done to fund the Sidewalk Sweep Stakes program. Dues were also raised to support that program. Membership stands at 618. This is the highest it has been EVER and significantly more than the 498 in 1995, according to Matthew DeJulio, who co-chaired the membership committee with Miffy Coonley at the time. This year, another 115 new members joined. But 160 households did not renew their memberships. If they had, that would put the goal attained at 97%, not 77%.

This year's membership chairs, Matthew DeJulio and Mary Sturdivant, want to hear from the 160 households who did not renew. What is your reason? Is there something wrong? Please drop a line to them at Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105. If you would like to join, fill out the form below. Since the year is half over, dues are now only \$20.

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US Mailboxes and storage boxes	US Post Office	895-8610
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Non-Bell Pay Phones	Central Atlantic Pay Phone Assn.	423-5102
SEPTA property	SEPTA	580-7334
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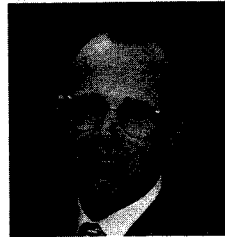
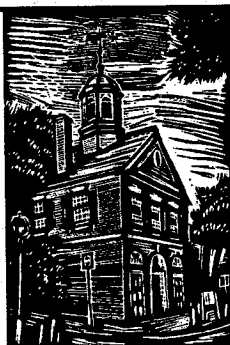
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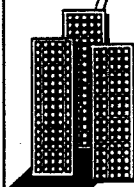
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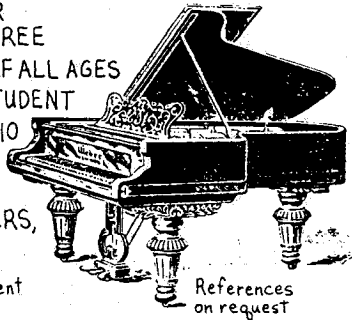
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## Tuesday, July 1, 7-9 PM

Summer Mummer's Parade, Market Street  
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## Thursday, July 3

### Two Cities, Two States: Penn's Landing

8 PM: Concert: Marilyn McCoo  
9 PM: Fireworks

## Friday, July 4, Independence Hall

9:30 - 11 AM, Liberty Medal: Ted Turner  
11:30 - 3:00 PM, Ben Franklin's Greatest Hits  
Let Freedom Ring  
Noon-5 PM, Penn's Landing  
Delaware River Days  
7:30 PM: Kid Creole & the Coconuts Concert  
Penn's Landing  
9:15 PM: Lighted Boat Parade on the Delaware

## Sunday, July 6

Noon-5 PM: Delaware River Days  
Penn's Landing

### Rest UP because...

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Saturday & Sunday, July 12 & 13  
Prepare Accordingly!

## July 16-25

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## Saturday, July 19

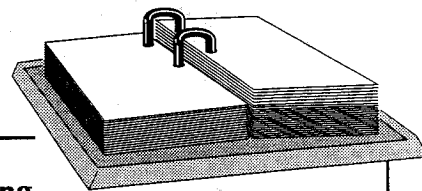
Franklin Lamp Paint-In  
Neighbors get together to paint out graffiti  
SHCA provides paint, bring your own brush  
To help out, call 629-1288

## Tuesdays, July 15 & 22, 7 - 9 PM

Town Watch Training  
Both Sessions Mandatory  
Society Hill Towers Conference Room  
(Next to Cleaners & Towers Office)  
RSVP by July 10 to 592-8746

## Tuesday, August 5

National Night Out  
(To Promote Community Safety)  
Time & Place To Be Announced

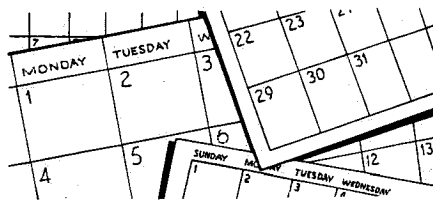


### Next Meeting, SHCA Board of Directors:

Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 PM  
Old Pine Community Center

### Next SHCA General Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, October 15  
7:30 PM Mixer  
8:00 PM Program  
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### Every Tuesday, Midday to Sellout

Farmers' Market Is Back!  
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### Every Sunday, 1-3 PM

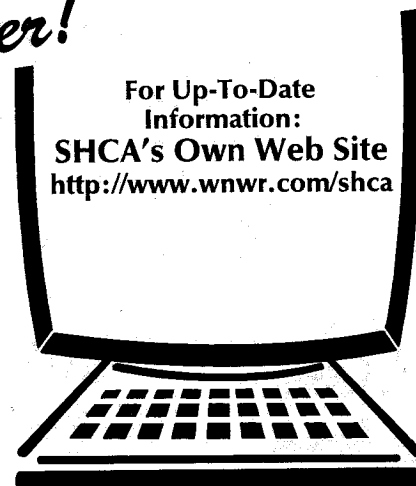
Kids Craft Time  
HeadHouse Shambles

### Looking Ahead: Saturday, October 4

Three Bears Park Festival  
Details in September issue

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(Midtown has participated in the sale this year of each-either Listed, Sold, or Listed and Sold)

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| 500 Addison Court    | Independence Pl #2402 | Hopkinson House, #115 | 413 Spruce Street, #6 |
| 307 S. 3rd Street    | Independence Pl #2502 | Soc Hill Towers, #10C | 627 Spruce Street     |
| 504 Addison Court    | Independence Pl #304F | 441 Gaskill Street    | 614 Spruce Street     |
| 512 Addison Street   | 109 B Lombard Street  | 226 Locust Street     | 267 St. Joseph's Way  |
| 518 Delancey Street  | 502 Addison Court     | 234 Locust Street     | 236 S. 3rd Street     |
| 644 Pine Street      | 500 Pine Street       | 102 Lombard Street    | 439 Gaskill Street    |
| 247 St. Joseph's Way | 523 Delancey Street   | 237 Pine Street       | 501 S. Hancock Court  |
| 255 St. Joseph's Way | 507 Delancey Street   | 502 Pine Street       | Soc Hill Towers #18H  |
| 269 St. Joseph's Way | 525 1/2 Spruce Street | 521 A Randolph Ct     | 130 Spruce            |
| 281 Locust Street    | Pier 3                | 518 S. Pine Ct        | 513 Spruce Street     |
| 261 Locust Street    | 510 Delancey Street   | Soc Hill Towers #6A   | 239 Spruce Street     |
| 273 S. 4th Street    | 512 Delancey Street   | Soc Hill Towers #12E  | 311 Spruce Street     |
| 319 S. 6th Street    | 12.5 W. 1st Street    | 210 S. 3rd Street     | 1 Willings Alley      |
| 16 St. James Court   | 245 Delancey Street   | 515 Spruce Street     | 330 S. 3rd Street     |
|                      | 222 Delancey Street   | 308 Spruce Street     | Soc Hill Towers, #20G |
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## President's Corner



*Ave* and farewell, and *ave* again. Many thanks for all the help and support from departing SHCA board members, treasurer Martha Moore, vice

president Lorna Katz Lawson, directors Drew Stephan, Matt DeJulio, Joy Lindy and Joel Chernock. It was with regret I accepted the resignations of Milton Marks, who moved, and Scott Denman, who had personal commitments. Scott's departure opened a position in the Northwest quadrant, which Matt DeJulio has filled, having recently moved into that area. So *ave* again.

*Ave* to new board members, Mary Sturdivant as vice president, treasurer Perry Whyte, directors Anna Marie Marshall, Norman Tissian, Richard Bost (who has been co-chairing the Zoning and Development Committee), Deborah Robinson, Barbara Gelman and Jane Stevenson. Welcome back to returning vice presidents Bernice Hamel and Howard Lander, and secretary Janet Cooke. Returning directors include Nancy Hallman, Fran Kirschner, William Sells and Liza Seltzer and returning high rise representatives George Compton, Helen-Ann Comstock, Bruce Thompson and Barbara Bagileo. Barbara will also act as new administrator, replacing Judy Friedman who has resigned after three years of service. Eddie Robinson has reconsidered his resignation and will continue as chair of the Liquor Control Committee except in matters dealing with the proposed cafe for the HeadHouse Shambles.

It takes all these names and more to keep your Civic Association healthy, active and effective. I solicit help from anyone who wants to take an active role in the maintenance and improvement of our community. Don't be bashful, volunteer!

— Mel Buckman

### Editor's Note:

There is a vacant director's position in the southwest quadrant. A volunteer is needed to chair the legislative committee. Join Mel in the Franklin Lamp Paint-In, Joan Less's committee for Homelessness or Liza Seltzer's newly formed group to get a library branch in the area. A liaison is

needed for the two parks, Three Bears and Starr Garden. Help Bill Hawkins get more humane treatment for the carriage horses. The Tree Tenders go out on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. Historic Preservation is gearing up to get designation. Town Watch needs patrollers. Look on the web page for other opportunities.

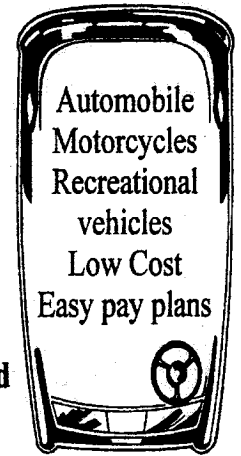
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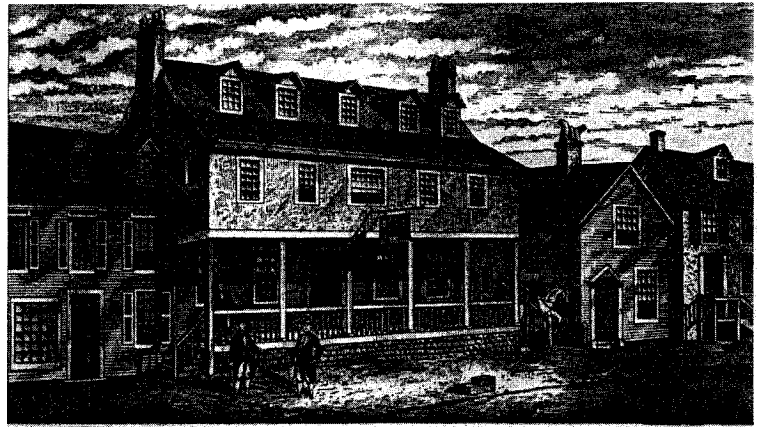
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## What the Marines Really Need Are a Few Good Fund Raisers

Occasionally, some former Marines come to clean up the debris and litter abandoned spaces attract like magnets. But most of the time the proposed site for a reconstructed Tun Tavern stands derelict. Apparently the Marines are too few and not nearly proud enough to get the project to restore their "birthplace" going.

## Past & Future



The old Tun Tavern, Philadelphia.  
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*The original site of Tun Tavern is under the supports for the I-95 exit ramp to Vine Street. The original building was erected in 1685 and provided the "spirits" for the creation of the Freemasons and the U. S. Marines.*

## Present Imperfect



*The proposed site is on the north side of Spruce Street between Front Street and the 38th Parallel Place (alias Mattis Street, alias Dock Street).*

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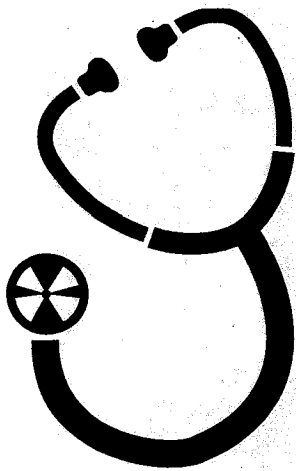
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## Dr. Ball's Rx: Bones, Babies and Brains!



Speaking before the general membership meeting on May 21, John R. Ball, M.D., J.D., President of Pennsylvania Hospital, assured the community that the nation's first hospital will remain a viable and visible entity despite its recent merger with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Because of the increasing power of medical insurance providers to set reimbursements — sometimes lower than costs — and a 30% surplus of needed facilities, small private hospitals must merge to compete or be forced out. A merger with HUP made more sense than one with Jefferson after study because Pennsylvania Hospital would add from South Philadelphia to Penn's client base, where HUP does not have a strong penetration. In addition, the HUP system is prepared for the managed care market and the U of P Medical School is among the best.

Pennsylvania Hospital will remain an independent subsidiary of the University System funded by a separate Foundation handling their endowment. The Foundation will provide seed money for small projects and oversee the health needs of the underserved community. Signage will continue to advertise Pennsylvania Hospital and bear its logo. All the changes should be in

place by September.

Dr. Ball reiterated the advantages to the community:

1. Focus on caring for community needs
2. Efficiencies and effectiveness of services by concentrating on doing a few things (bones, babies and brains) extremely well
3. Best utilization of intellectual capital by keeping its clinical research and education practices at highest levels of performance.

In the question and answer session that followed, Dr. Ball agreed to consider interim plans to clean up the 7th and Pine Street lot. It had been housing equipment used in the multi-million dollar restoration of the garage, which is now completed. He acknowledged it was unsightly.

The biggest laugh came from his uncensored response to the question, "What does it mean for you to have the Rothman Institute leave?" "It means I'll have an orthopedic department I can work with!" Baby, no brainer to figure a bone has been picked there. Penn's orthopedic department will move to this neighborhood and expand.

(See the related story about the Farm Journal Building, page 2.) ■

### Wine & Cheese Success

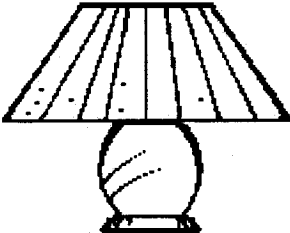
People had to be turned away at the door at the popular wine and cheese tasting at the Pasta Blitz on April 29.

Liza Seltzer, one of the organizers, felt it indicated that members would like to see the SHCA provide more social functions. The event, while not a fundraiser, did net \$400 for SHCA programs like Project Street Trees.

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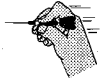
## Historic Preservation Report: 217 Delancey Street



*This garage, a mid-60s construction on the east side of Philip Street, will be demolished for a new one-story, two-car garage which will be flush with the neighbors' homes. A herringbone pattern is expected to minimize visually the wider doors of the new garage.*



*Dr. Richard ("Dick") Tyler, Officer of the Philadelphia Historical Commission, conducts a curbside meeting of the Commission's Architectural Committee to determine preferred choice of new brick for the house addition which will replace the soon-to-be demolished Japanese Stone Garden on Delancey Street. Neighbors and the new owner of the "Barclay House" attended this meeting and voiced their opinions.*



**Got a neighbor deserving of some recognition or an affront to civility you just must air? Send us your darts and laurels.**

**Tree Tender Laurels to Martha Moore and Adrianna Von Peine.** Martha could not fit a tree on her narrow Addison Street sidewalk, so she donated one to the Salvation Army. Adrianna has donated over six trees to various street locations in the neighborhood.

**Doggie Diamond Darts to those peripatetic puppy walkers** who do not pick up the poop and a dagger to the boor who prophesied to a new neighbor busy planting pansies in the tree pit, "Don't bother, my dog will kill them." Gentle perpetrator, that is why your dog is on a leash — so you can yank the canine away from places where it is not supposed to piss or poop. Or is the dog not on a leash as required by law?

**Hosts with the Most Laurels to the Society Hill Towers,** who invited all the neighbors to a concert beside their lovely pool on June 25. Thank you!

**Belgian Blockhead Darts to some misguided municipal workers** who keep filling in our precious historical cobblestoned streets with asphalt after repairs. Call the administrator with your address if this has happened on your street, and we will make sure you are on the list to be fixed when the contractor is hired. Ann Z: don't call, you are first on the list!

**The Super Petunia Laurel to Cherry Bombeck,** who not only made the seventy flowering hanging baskets the Physick House sold for the Franklin Lamps, but made a replacement for the Autens (the only one reported stolen) in time for the wedding. Oh, husband Hans deserves one too for hanging all those baskets — now that's a supportive spouse! And supportive laurels to Eric

Michaelson and Bill Toner for helping to hang baskets.

**Poisoned Darts to the thief** who stole the Autens' petunia basket, the hooligan who held up Matt DeJulio at gunpoint, and the suspicious character who unsuccessfully stalked an American Street neighbor. Be careful out there and if anything seems strange or suspicious, call 911 immediately.

**Supremo Laureate to Michael Ayjian,** who in his spare time (he has his own business and his wife gave birth in June to their second child) has solicited businesses for two more months of funds for the sidewalk sweeping program. Congratulations, and more congratulations. ■



### Tree Tender Tips *Continued*

less or topsoil, the best thing involves breaking up the concrete for the tree to get the full benefits of rain and watering. A tree requires at least ten to twelve gallons of water a week in addition to rainfall in the summer months. Plastic milk containers make adequate watering cans.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society suggests twisting off the suckers that shoot out from the trunks and root base of the trees. They need to be removed because they sap energy away from the main tree. Cutting them only makes them redouble their growth spurts. Do the twist.

Cherry Bombeck reminds everyone not to pile trash for collection in the pits. The weight compacts the soil, creating another hardship for the tree's survival. Finally, please do not allow pets to urinate in the pits. The trees cannot handle the acid. ■

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