

Paul Levy
Executive Director,
Center City District

Paul Levy to Speak at May Membership Meeting

Paul R. Levy, Executive Director of the Center City District since January 1991, will speak at the May 15 General Membership Meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association (SHCA). The meeting will be held at the Society Hill Synagogue, 418 Spruce Street. Please join us at 7 p.m. to “meet and greet” your neighbors; the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Levy will look back at Center City 20 years ago, assess its current situation and share what is envisioned for the future. Recently the District added a community court dedicated to quality-of-life offenses. This court, which opened in March, serves Center City, University City and sections of North and South Philadelphia. The District is also presenting a series of guided architectural tours of the city, which will continue through November. The tours will take place not only in Philadelphia, but also in

outlying areas, such as Media and Haddonfield, which are home to interesting and historical examples of 19th-century architecture.

Levy is graduate of Lafayette College with a doctorate in history from Columbia University. In addition to his present duties with the Center City District, Levy teaches in the Urban Studies and City Planning Departments at Penn.

SHCA ELECTIONS

Once again, it's time to elect SHCA officers and quadrant directors. The Association's annual elections will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at the General Membership Meeting.

Slate of Candidates


Officers	Quadrant Directors
to be elected to one-year terms	to be elected to one, two, or three-year terms ending:
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Serving unexpired terms are Ann Verber and Colleen Farrell (NE); Kelly Nelson (SE); Mark Keener and Gene Gualtieri (SW).

WED.	MARK YOUR CALENDAR
May 15	Society Hill Civic Association Meetings Wednesday, May 15, 2002
Board Meeting	General Membership Meeting
6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Your Neighbors
Society Hill Synagogue Social Room 418 Spruce Street	7:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Program
<i>All Society Hill Civic Association members are welcome to attend.</i>	Society Hill Synagogue Main Room 418 Spruce Street
	Agenda Topics
	· Election of Officers
	· Paul Levy, Exec. Director, Center City District
	<i>All Society Hill residents are invited to attend.</i>

**Get Ready for our
“Spring Fling” Social
on Wednesday, May 29!**
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Oops!

Commerce Director of the City of Philadelphia James Cuorato's title was stated incorrectly in a photo caption in the March-April *Reporter*. We regret the error and apologize to Mr. Cuorato.

We also extend apologies to Senator Vincent Fumo and his staff for neglecting to acknowledge the assistance they gave to our community in strategizing to prevent a Mardi Gras disaster such as we experienced in 2001.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Year of Worthy Accomplishments

I hope you can join us for our annual meeting on May 15. I want to take this opportunity to do a year-end report. I am proud of what your Association has accomplished.

Office Administration: Through a search chaired by Society Hill Civic Association Vice President Liza Seltzer, we engaged Matt DeJulio as our executive director. We reassessed our office technology and made an investment to upgrade our capabilities. Bottom line is that Matt is doing a superb job for our committees and membership. We are well served and never better organized.

Web Site: The Board approved my proposal to create a website by retaining a professional web consultant. I hope you have visited www.societyhillcivic.com. It is a great resource for useful information about our organization, neighborhood and public sector.

Foglietta Plaza Charrette: We retained Olin Partnership to work with a six-person SHCA committee to examine the options for turning Foglietta Plaza into a community amenity. I thank the committee and David Rubin of Olin, along with State Senator Vincent Fumo, Councilman Frank DiCicco, City Commerce Director James Cuorato, State Representative Marie Lederer and Penns Landing Corporation for their efforts in obtaining funding at my request for the initial phase of this undertaking. We are now working to find money to construct the project. If those funds are obtained, the specifications will be reviewed by the committee, our board and the community prior to obtaining building permits or soliciting construction bids. Thanks to committee members Keith and Jim Straw, Bruce LeBuhn, Mark Keener and Bonnie Halda. I am pleased that Bob Butera and Craig Lewis are ably assisting us with our development efforts.

Bylaws: I thank Jim Moss and his committee for undertaking the tedious but important task of reviewing and updating SHCA's bylaws. It is the document that sets forth the guidelines by which our organization operates.

Washington Square: More than 12 years have elapsed since the Fairmount Park Commission and the National Park Service (NPS) signed an agreement for NPS to take over Washington Square. We have gotten all parties, including community activists, to focus on completing

necessary work for Washington Square to become part of Independence National Historical Park. We are carefully monitoring the process to insure the acquisition of the Square by the NPS on Veterans Day 2002.

Zoning and Historic Preservation: Special thanks to Chairperson Paul Boni and his very active committee to insure that community standards are maintained. The committee, at my request, has taken on overseeing the plans of the University of Pennsylvania, the owner of the Man Full of Trouble Tavern, in its renovation of and future plans for this exceptional historic building at 2nd and Spruce Streets.

Financial: The association has tightened its financial reporting with the Board undergoing a formal budget process. Thanks to Treasurer Frank Hoban and Matt DeJulio.

Reporter: We are pleased by the positive response to the new format of the *Reporter*. We look forward to the unique news it presents about our community. Special thanks to co-editors Liza Seltzer and Bernice Hamel and to Matt DeJulio, business manager. We are grateful for the contribution of several new members on the *Reporter* staff including Jean Bryan, Vicki Chatley, Carol LeFaivre-Rochester and Sandy Rothman.

Block Coordinators: Starting in the fall of 2001 under the supervision of Chairperson Martha Levine, we now have coordinators in almost all blocks. This allows us to receive valuable feedback from residents and provides us with a neighborly face to communicate our messages. Our gratitude to Martha and each coordinator.

Our Committees: I am pleased with the new and seasoned leaders who serve us so well. Bernice Hamel, as our liaison to the South Street Headhouse District, deserves special appreciation for all the efforts which resulted in a more sane Mardi Gras and a community better prepared for this event. Dave Stevens, our Clean Streets Czar, does a superb job administering the weekly sidewalk cleaning and graffiti removal. Martha Levine chairs the Open House tour, which is our biggest fundraiser. Debbie Robinson interfaces with our local police district. Kelly Nelson, as Chair of our Membership Committee, has set a record with more than 850 paid members. Michele Plachter arranges our successful semi-annual



Malcolm Lazin
President

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social events. Thanks to Cherry Bombeck and Laura DeVoe for being our tree tenders and to Frank Hoban for heading up our street cleaning.

If you have not joined the Society Hill Civic Association, we hope you recognize its value and will become a member. Dues account for about 65% of our revenues. We could not clean sidewalks weekly, remove graffiti, administer our operations, publish the *Reporter*, and all that is referenced above without that support. Please encourage your neighbors and neighborhood businesses to join.

I am pleased to deliver this report. It is a great compliment to so many who truly care and commit their time and talent to America's first neighborhood.

— *Malcolm Lazin, President*

Baby Boom!

Flowers are blooming and babies are booming in Society Hill! Congratulations to Michele and Ed Plachter on the birth of a baby boy on February 20. Chad Allen weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces. We understand Cole Edward loves his role as a big brother — for now! Michele, a Southwest Quadrant Director, serves as chairman of the Civic Association's Social and Entertainment Activities Committee and still found time to arrange our Spring Fling Social.



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The Philadelphia White House Debate

Is the site once inhabited by Presidents Washington and Adams, now slated for construction of the new Liberty Bell Center, being adequately recognized?

The groundswell of media coverage of the debate over moving the Liberty Bell to its new quarters on the corner of 6th and Market Streets reminds us of the unevenness of historic preservation in Philadelphia. At the center of the debate is the question of how to remember appropriately that this corner once housed the Philadelphia "White House" for both George Washington and John Adams. When the site was cleared in 1951 after the house had evolved into a series of shops, little thought was given to the locale's significance, until Edward Lawler wrote an article on it in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Lawler and others have sparked a two-pronged controversy.

First, there is the house itself. To understand its importance, here are some first-hand comments from Washington and Abigail Adams — quoted by Harold Donaldson Eberlein in "190, High Street" (in *Historic Philadelphia*, published by the American Philosophical Society in 1953). Washington, in a September 9, 1790 letter to his private secretary Tobias Lear, called this house "the best single house in the City." And then he detailed all of the improvements that would have to be made (and were) to make it habitable for his family and servants. And Abigail Adams wrote to her sister, "...I feel more at home here than I should any where else in the city..."

Second, this Philadelphia White House contained a section for housing Washington's slaves. According to Fritz Hirshfeld in *George Washington and Slavery* (University of Missouri Press, 1997), five domestic blacks were brought from Mt. Vernon — much to the horror of the very active abolitionist movement led by Pennsylvania Quakers. Hirshfeld also documents Washington's attitude towards slavery: "...there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do, to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it..."

Preliminary work on the site uncovered a pit used to store ice for the President's House and also an unidentified hole that could have been a well or privy and a source of artifacts and information about daily life in the early years of our country. The National Park Service has no plans for archeological exploration of the site. It was asked to consider changing the site for the new Liberty Bell Pavilion two years ago, when the ice pit was first uncovered by archeologists. The Park Service, however, remained inflexible and determined it would make no changes to its master plan. Therefore, the new home for the Bell will be built above the site of the Philadelphia "White House," which will be indicated simply by a historical marker. We wonder how burying our newly discovered past will be viewed by tomorrow's historians.

The Philadelphia "White House" is significant and worthy of more than a marker noting its location. For historians, preservationists, and those documenting the history of slavery north of the Mason-Dixon Line, an effort should be made to adequately acknowledge its importance.



When Philadelphia was capital of the U.S., first George Washington and then John Adams occupied this house at 190 High (Market) Street.

Detail of a watercolor by W.L. Breton, courtesy The Athenæum of Philadelphia

Are You Ready for a Spring Fling?

Dust off your sling-backs, dig out your dockers and prepare to leap into spring at Society Hill Civic Association's first annual "Spring Fling" Social on Wednesday evening, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. Members can meet and mingle over complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine at the establishment of our host, DiPalma's Ristorante & Bar, located at 114 Market Street between Letitia and Front. A cash bar will also be available. As an added attraction, the restaurant will offer \$25 gift certificates to those who sign up for its mailing list.

While space is limited, we hope to accommodate everyone. Approximately 200 members came to the immensely successful December social at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. So book early — **reservations are requested by May 20** — by contacting Matt DeJulio at 215-629-1288 or mattdejulio@aol.com. Don't miss what promises to be another great SHCA event!



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The New Market Site at Front Street

At a closed meeting on April 8, 2002 held in the newly owned pub/restaurant — now called Dark Horse but formerly the Dickens Inn — concerned property owners learned about the current status and potential development of New Market, the major property at Front Street between Pine and Lombard. As many Hillers know, New Market was once a major tourist site that enjoyed a “heyday” in the 1970’s and 80’s, serving our community with several boutiques, restaurants and even a small fruit and vegetable market. But a number of factors caused its continuous downward spiral, and the historical site dating back to Colonial times eventually became an eyesore.

Imagine the anticipation when word spread of a new development with Philadelphia’s own Will Smith, the actor of “Ali” fame, as an investor. The plan involved a stylish, small hotel, the W Hotel, and included high-end condo apartments on the building’s upper levels. Residents then learned that Stephen Starr, the local fine-dining guru, had signed on to open a restaurant in the hotel. Neighbors whose property abuts or is near the site became involved. They wanted to make certain they understood the plans and approved of them. Out of their concern was born the New Market Neighborhood Association. All seemed to be on track. The blighted buildings were removed. And that has been the current state of the property. What you see is what we’ve got: a giant hole-in-the-ground, waiting to be developed.

The recent meeting at Dark Horse was conducted by Portman Associates, a development firm from Atlanta, Georgia, with its chief business architect for the project, Roger Zampell. Harry Smith, Will Smith’s brother and business manager, also spoke to the group. The gentlemen told of considering other uses for the land, but came back to their original conclusion that a hotel/condo project was right for this particular spot. In short, the current plan for New Market is generally the same that was proposed a couple of years ago. However, several factors contributed to the project’s slowdown, including an excess of unused hotel rooms. While the tourism problems in Philadelphia were not as serious as in other locales, financiers for the Front Street property were worried and opted to drop out. Starwood, the well-known hotel chain (which owns all Sheraton hotels, including the Society Hill Sheraton) held the contract for the proposed



Jean Bryan

What will rise from the ashes of this currently vacant site?

new W Hotel planned for the site, but then Starwood’s contract ran out. Finally, the 9/11 events slowed the already-suffering tourism industry even more and the project was simply put on hold.

Zampell and Smith reported they are encouraged with the economy, which seems to be rebounding — and tourism with it — and that hotel trends are improving. The rate for a hotel room is still down, but they are getting ready to move ahead as soon as these figures improve. The meeting’s participants were assured that new financing is now being actively sought and hopefully will be in place by the end of this year. By next summer, 2003, the project should finally be underway. Starwood is now rethinking its position and may even decide to get involved again. Certainly all of us, particularly those who live near this property, will be delighted when the project begins in earnest.

Will the hole-in-the-ground become a “W” Hotel?

Penn’s Landing Update

As the *Reporter* prepares for press, there is no new activity (or additional reliable news) on the Penn’s Landing project — the one we’ve been hearing about for so long — at Columbus Boulevard north of the Hyatt Hotel. Last December the project’s developer, Simon, who is nationally renowned for developing shopping centers, announced the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) had become an equity partner in the project and construction would begin in late August 2002. A related project, the construction of a tram by the DRPA connecting the Philadelphia and Camden waterfronts, has progressed as the stanchion on the Pennsylvania side has already been completed.

Foglietta Plaza Plans Call for Two Parks in One

As reported in the last newsletter, the charrette for Foglietta Plaza was presented by Olin Partnership at the January 16 General Membership Meeting and then presented to local officials and neighboring businesses on February 19. The Society Hill Civic Association Board has received inquiries from members unable to attend the January meeting asking for more information.

The conceptual plan involves a makeover of the entire square block, incorporating the new Korean War Memorial (a separate project over which the Civic Association has no control) and ridding the site of the unattractive closed bathroom structure and the poorly designed cul-de-sac bench formation. The latter, in particular, has attracted undesirable behavior and accumulated trash. This conceptual plan received an endorsement from nearby neighbors, businesses and local officials, after approval by both the SHCA Board and general membership in January.

Front Street, from Dock to Spruce, will be restored as a pedestrian walkway so the park will appear to be divided into two sections. The western half will be focused toward Society Hill and will feature a neighborhood park with trees and benches in an open setting. The portion over I-95 will be oriented toward the riverfront. In this section, trees, large sculptures and a water display will create an inviting image for those entering the neighborhood from Columbus Boulevard.

The charrette also calls for a unique water display that will provide a photo-op tourist attraction. Wet Design, a firm known for its spectacular computer-generated water displays across the U.S. — including places such as Disney World, will develop this attraction. When the fountain is not in use, the ground will be totally flat, allowing for outdoor theatrical performances. Exact details regarding the trees, benches and sculptures to be incorporated in the final design are not yet available.

Korean War Memorial Dedication Scheduled

Local and national dignitaries will gather on June 22 at Foglietta Plaza for the dedication ceremony of a memorial honoring all Philadelphia-area veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. The monument, 11 years in the making, pays special tribute to the 600 local servicemen and women who were killed when the United States joined with the United Nations on June 25, 1950 to take a stand against what was deemed a threat to democratic nations worldwide.

This dignified monument, made of Impala Black African granite, was designed by Frank

Vitetta, AIA. It's built on the site of a previous fountain in the park honoring Ambassador Thomas Foglietta who, among his many accomplishments, promoted democracy and human rights in Korea.

Several years ago, in anticipation of this tribute, the portion of Dock Street bordering the west side of the plaza was renamed "38th Parallel Place," denoting the latitudinal line crossed by North Korean troops invading South Korea in an all-out surprise attack which ultimately led to the war. The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m.

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Improvements Continue at Washington Square

Crosswalk markings are painted... but what is the fate of the trees?

Success! As a result of the efforts of Councilman Frank DiCicco, his staff and the Society Hill Civic Association, crosswalk markings have been painted on the streets surrounding Washington Square, particularly on the south side at 6th Street and Independence Place. While this provides safer conditions for pedestrians entering or leaving the park, we believe



Newly painted crosswalk should improve pedestrian safety at 6th Street and Independence Place.

a better solution is a traffic signal, or at least a stop sign, to control vehicles on 6th Street. Efforts will continue to secure appropriate signage and traffic control for this intersection.

At the March General Membership Meeting the civic association learned funds have been secured to complete the work that must be in place before the Fairmount Park Commission turns over Washington Square to the National Park Service. The Commission plans to remove 50 trees, many of which have been identified as unhealthy. It was reported over 100 mature trees will remain and that planting of 85 new trees along the street and walkways will take place. Shrubs will be placed at the entrances. Neighbors attending the meeting expressed concern that trees slated for removal are very large old trees that cannot adequately be replaced by much younger, smaller trees and expressed a desire to retain all healthy trees. The Square serves the neighborhood as an oasis in an urban landscape.



Seriously ill trees will be replaced by new ones in the last phase of Washington Square repair.

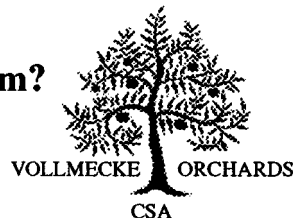
Ongoing Problems at York Row

Peter Shaw and Alan Casnoff of P&A Associates, developers of the hi-rise complex at Washington Square on the south side of Walnut between 7th and 8th Streets, have failed to take necessary steps to preserve the architectural features of three Federal-era row buildings on Walnut Street, which are an integral part of the overall project. Recently, it was discovered the contractors planned to discard original shutters, doors and windows and replace them with "in kind" materials. Prompt action on the part of the Zoning & Historical Preservation Committee resulted in an agreement with the developers to remove, store and then reinstall these

irreplaceable items. Our committee continues to monitor the situation and will take action, if necessary, with the city's Historical Commission and L&I. We thank committee member Lorna Katz Lawson, AIA, whose vigilance alerted us to these violations. Since the cooperation of all residents is welcome, please report any perceived violation at the development site to committee chairman Paul Boni at 215-989-0034 or paulboni@bonilaw.com, or SHCA administrator Matt DeJulio at 215-629-1288 or matthew.dejulio@gte.net. York Row's priceless historical features should not be lost due to carelessness.

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Old St. Joseph's Undergoes Major Restoration

Few residents of Society Hill are aware that we are home to the national shrine honoring religious freedom, as designated by an Act of Congress in 1959. The shrine is embodied in Old St. Joseph's Church — a small, classically simple church on Willings Alley between 3rd and 4th Streets, just south of Walnut. This structure is currently undergoing a massive, costly restoration, during which time parishioners are holding services at Holy Trinity Church at 6th and Spruce Streets.

Fr. Joseph Greaton, a Jesuit from the colonial province of Maryland, spearheaded the founding of Old St. Joseph's parish, and in 1733 established a small church on the site of the current structure. The present building, dating from 1838, now stands virtually as originally constructed. Soon after its founding, the celebration of a Catholic mass in the Protestant king's English colonies created a public furor. The governor of Pennsylvania, Patrick Gordon, did not wish to refer the matter to his English superiors in London, so William Penn's 1701 *Charter of Privileges* was affirmed, granting religious liberty to all residents of Pennsylvania. Services at Old Saint Joseph's continued and religious freedom became a reality.

Since it was founded, the church has provided solace and sanctuary to those marginalized and in need. The Jesuits have continuously staffed the parish, ministering to orphans, the plague-ridden and the poor. Arcadian exiles, West Indian refugees and European settlers, new to America, found a safe haven here. To this day, Old St. Joseph's is well known for its ministries to needy children in North Philadelphia, the homeless in Center City and those who face non-acceptance in other parishes due to marital status or sexual orientation.

Throughout its long and rich history in the city of Philadelphia, Old St. Joseph's has witnessed and survived wars, riots and revolutions, both civil and religious. Now the building itself is in a battle to survive the deterioration caused by nearly 200 years of protecting parishioners from the elements. Last fall, the church was closed when it was discovered that the heavy wooden timbers supporting the roof were severely rotted and the roof was in danger of collapsing. New steel trusses have been installed and the foundation has been shored up to support the new weight. But additional restoration work must be done to return the church structure to satisfactory condition.

A capital campaign is currently underway to fund these necessary renovations. To date almost \$600,000 has been raised or pledged, but this does not cover even the initial costs of \$2-2.5 million. Future "wish list" improvements could push the grand total to over \$11 million. Old Saint Joseph's has begun the process for consideration as a National Historic Landmark — a designation currently applying locally only to St. Peter's and Old Christ Churches. Community activists and preservation specialists plan to pursue major grants once such a designation has been secured. Additional community support from both Catholics and non-Catholics would be greatly appreciated, and letters of support are welcome.

Contributions should be made payable to Old St. Joseph's Capital Campaign and sent c/o Society Hill Civic Association, P.O. 63503, Philadelphia, PA 19147. For additional information about the capital campaign, please contact Eric German at 215-923-1733. For information about the church's history, please contact Bobbye Burke at 215-665-0660.



Old St. Joseph's, designated "The National Shrine of Religious Liberty" in 1959, is now closed for major restoration.



An ecumenical gathering of community activists listens to a presentation about the preservation of Old St. Joseph's Church at SHCA administrator Matt DeJulio's home. From left to right: SHCA members Jim Kelleher, Ruth McKeivitt, Margaret Dickerson, Rick Morris, Penny Batcheler, Bernice Hamel, plus guests Helen Tonetti (mother of Charles Tonetti, Historical Architect for INHP, attending but not shown), and Frank Matero, Professor of Historical Architecture, University of Pennsylvania. Making the presentation, but not pictured, were Fr. Leo Murray, of Old Saint Joseph's, Bobbye Burke, church historian and archivist, and SHCA member Louise Cruz-Vizcaino.



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Staffing Reduced at Police Mini-Station

Community leaders were recently informed that the command function at the South Street Mini-station (located within the Fresh Fields complex) has been transferred to the Third District Headquarters, due to the expiration of a federal block grant to Philadelphia for police overtime — which had essentially paid the salary of one police captain. The effect on the South Street corridor is primarily a reduction in staff for the late night/early-morning shift, where there will be just one officer inside the station and four Third District officers deployed but not assigned specifically to South Street. These officers will be servicing the entire Third District from police cars, rather than walking the South Street beat; and, therefore, they can easily be diverted to other neighborhoods.

Although there will be additional officers assigned to the Third District when the new

class of recruits graduates from the Police Academy in July, they will be rotated throughout the entire district and not given special training to learn about the unique needs of South Street and its nearby neighborhoods. These changes negate the efforts of our united communities, which worked together with the South Street Headhouse District to bring experienced police officers to the corridor by helping to fund a well-functioning Mini-station to protect our areas. There is concern these changes could undermine the safety of our homes and businesses.

After considerable discussion among civic association leaders and district directors, a decision was made to lobby together to get the police department to reverse its decision and return the staffing level to that which existed at the Mini-station prior to these recent changes. We'll keep you apprised.

Reporter Staff Continues to Grow

The *Reporter* has been privileged in its history to tap many talented volunteers who are committed to keeping our community well informed and setting high standards for our civic association's newsletter. The most recent folks to jump on board both live at Penn's Landing Square.

Born and reared in Houston, **Jean Bryan** was surprised in 1988 to find herself living on the East Coast. Career-driven moves for Jean's husband, Nick, landed them first in Baltimore, then in Washington D.C., and finally, in 2000, in Philadelphia.Center City, with its rich history and cultural depth, enticed both Bryans, and they happily chose to settle in Society Hill. Jean, a middle school English teacher, continued to substitute teach in each of her adopted homes. In Washington she became a licensed tour guide, enjoying the interaction with tourists and also natives exploring their own city. Travel and reading inspire her, but she is never happier than when cooking for

friends and family. Jean loves her Society Hill neighborhood and looks forward to living in Philadelphia for many years.

Carole Le Faivre-Rochester, a native Baltimorean, has worked in the Philadelphia area for more than 30 years. She retired last June after almost 24 years as editor of publications at the American Philosophical Society, where she now holds the title of Editor Emeritus. She has set up a home office where she continues editing and book production management. Carole calls herself a "late bloomer." In 1994 she married for the first time and became a stepmom to her husband's three grown children, Ben, Marne and Andy. Carole spends her leisure time reading (history and British mysteries are her favorites); volunteering for the Society Hill Synagogue where the Rochesters are members; enjoying her cats, Sophie and Zoe; and doing research for a long-delayed book.

National Park Sites Need Volunteers



The Deshler-Morris House (pictured above), the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, and Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church are just a few of more than two dozen local historic sites with exciting volunteer opportunities.

A wide range of help is being sought — tour guides, gardeners, office workers and receptionists, researchers, architectural technicians, archivists, computer assistants and alarm technicians. The Park

Service even hopes to find volunteer seamstresses who will research and duplicate 18th and 19th-century household linen-making techniques! There are also special projects like fence painting and leaf removal that can be arranged for groups. If any of these responsibilities appeal to you and you can commit to volunteering at least eight hours a month, contact the INHP Volunteer Coordinator at (215) 597-1293 or visit www.nps.gov/inde for more information.

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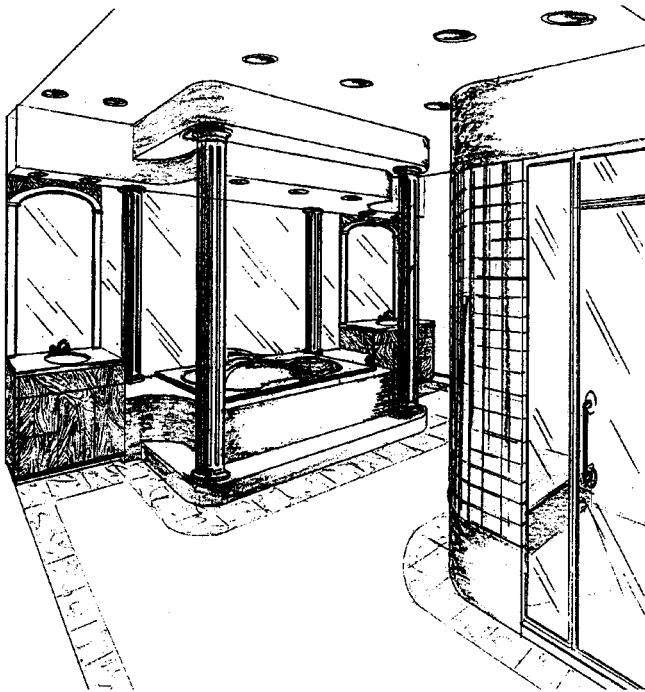
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Man Full of Trouble Tops Busy Agenda

The University of Pennsylvania has been the owner of this unique but vacant historical property located on the 100 block of Spruce Street since acquiring the Man Full of Trouble Tavern as a gift from the Knauer Foundation about a decade ago. At the Civic Association's General Membership Meeting held at Pennsylvania Hospital on March 20, a Penn representative reported to neighbors that the University will soon embark on an exterior repair project involving replacement of the shingle roof, repair of spalling bricks on the building's west and east walls and some additional exterior repairs. Many people attended this meeting because of their curiosity about this building. Several residents voiced concern about Penn's proposal to replace the roof's current wood shingles with composite or simulated shingles.

The The Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee (ZHP) then contacted Penn, strongly urging its team to present their proposed project directly to the committee, as all other Society Hill property owners are asked to do when proposing facade changes. The committee also reiterated its concern about the replacement with composite shingles rather than historically accurate wood shingles on this premier, high-profile building. At press time, Penn had not yet responded to the ZHP Committee's invitation, but the Committee will continue to interact with Penn to learn how it intends to ultimately renovate the building's interior, as well as how it will determine its eventual use. We will keep you advised as we continue to seek Penn's definitive, long-term plans for this historical site.



Penn presents plans to embark on an exterior repair project; ZHP responds.

Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee in Action

Lippincott Building, East Washington Square: On March 18, the Athenaeum of Philadelphia graciously hosted a special ZHP meeting focused on this significant property. Many neighbors attended the meeting, anxiously listening to the developer's plans (which generally met with full community support) to convert the former publishing house into upscale residential condominium homes. Nearby neighbors, however, expressed concern that construction activities might inconvenience them. To address these short-term concerns, the ZHP Committee formed a special Lippincott "task force" of nearby residents from St. James Court and ZHP committee members to deal with such construction details and inconveniences. The task force will work with the developer to help manage these details.

319-21 South 3rd Street: The owner of the property proposed renovations at the March 26 hearing of the Historical Commission's Architectural Review Committee (ARC). These renovations include raising the rear elevation of the house and adding a door on its north side. The ARC recommended a denial of this proposal, in part because the owner did not present adequate plans describing the rear of the property or how such changes would appear to neighbors in the rear. ZHP Committee members were in attendance at the ARC hearing and pointed out that the owner had not yet come before the committee with these plans.

323 Cypress Street: The owner of this dwelling proposed a set of renovations at ARC's March 26 hearing. (He is also the owner of 319-21 South 3rd Street, described above.) Proposed changes for this house include adding another story that would face Three Bears Park. ARC recommended a denial of the proposal, in part because the additional story would be completely out of scale with the existing small structure. ZHP Committee representatives were in attendance at the ARC hearing and pointed out that the owner had not yet brought his plans before the committee.

223 Delancey Street: The owner of this home gave a presentation to the ZHP Committee and several invited neighbors at its March 18 meeting. The owner received favorable feedback and the committee wrote to ARC expressing support for the project. The owner formally presented to the ARC on March 26, with ZHP members voicing support, and ARC recommended approval of the project.

The Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee continues to urge all Society Hill property owners to contact it regarding any facade changes prior to either seeking approvals for proposed alterations from the Philadelphia Historical Commission or variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Owners can contact it by first calling the SHCA's telephone number: 215-629-1288.



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Residents Unite to Improve the Neighborhood

The Block Coordinator Program continues to see tangible results with coordinators initiating their own projects with great success:

Elizabeth Armour, 200 block of Delancey Street, organized the pruning of 15 large trees and had uneven brick sidewalks leveled. The west side of 300 South 3rd Street was also done. Every property owner with a tree signed on.

Tania Rorke, 300 block of Delancey Street, is spearheading an effort to prune trees and repair sidewalks — including Three Bears Park.

Helen Niedermayer, 700 block of Spruce Street, has organized the neighbors to prune, with great teamwork and participation, all trees on the north side of the street.

Hans Bombeck and his wife, Cherry, 500 block of Spruce Street, continue to do what they have done for years by sweeping gutters, picking up trash, trimming suckers at the base of trees and enlarging the pits to keep them healthy and hanging baskets of flowers.

Adrianna Von Pein, 400 block of Pine, has for a long time painted Franklin lamps and cared for the public walkways from St. Peter's to Super Fresh — adding plants and professional help at her own expense. She chases vagrants, removes graffiti, picks up trash and, if that is not enough, opens her house and garden to tours given by the Friends of Independence National Historical Park.

Norma Van Dyke, 100 block of Lombard, asked Jean Bodine, of Project Street Trees, for advice on perking up the trees on her block. She and neighbor Nancy Shore enlarged the pits and watered frequently. Now the trees are doing great.

We appreciate this leadership which has resulted in a safer, more attractive neighborhood for all. Contact Block Coordinator Chair Martha Levine, 215-629-0727 or marthalev@aol.com or Administrator Matt DeJulio, 215-629-1288 or mattdejulio@aol.com with your ideas and projects.



Neighbors on this block joined together to contract for tree pruning.

Sidewalk Problems Plague Society Hill

A few years ago the City of Philadelphia installed curb cuts at all intersections for wheelchair accessibility. Unfortunately, the brick work at many sidewalks is now broken and dangerous. The assistance of the Block Coordinators has been enlisted to identify and document all instances of deterioration. The list will then be forwarded to the city for action and repair. This situation emphasizes the need for proper workmanship when making repairs or renovations that affect the sidewalks.

A neighbor reports that last December it was necessary for Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) to remove sidewalk bricks during the installation of a new gas line on 4th Street. PGW removed the bricks, carefully stored them and then perfectly replaced them. This is the standard we expect to be applied at all times.

But it isn't always met. The same neighbor relates a very different scenario involving the moving of a fire hydrant on the corner of 4th and Spruce Streets. The Philadelphia Water

Department left the bricks on the sidewalk for a long time — a dangerous situation. Apparently some of them disappeared; the bricks that were replaced do not match those existing in the sidewalk, which creates an esthetically unpleasing result.

If you notice a problem on your block, consult with your Block Coordinator who can assist in notifying the proper authorities to remedy the situation. Keeping our neighborhood safe and attractive requires constant vigilance!

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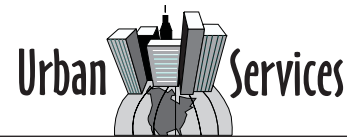


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Entertainment, including a lively fashion show, will be dedicated to America's heroes and heroines. In addition to surprise Philly sports celebrities who have agreed to strut about in daring attire, one fearless model for the fun (and FUNky!) fashion show will be Society Hill Civic Association President Malcolm Lazin. Professional impersonators will be in charge of the evening's antics (emceed by "Joan Rivers" and "Austin Powers") and also featuring "Marilyn Monroe" and, of course, "Uncle Sam!"

We are putting together our own Society Hill table — or tables — in support of this anniversary celebration benefiting the South Street Headhouse District and all of South Street's neighboring communities, including our own. A portion of the ticket price will be allocated to a "Win-Win, 50-50 Raffle." The lucky winning ticket holder and SSHD will share equally in the raffle's total proceeds.

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If you are heading for the shore this summer, the St. Peter's School Book Fair offers a great assortment of books for leisurely beach reading. The "bookstore" — with carefully chosen selections for both children and adults — will be located in the school's Alumni Theater at 3rd and Lombard Streets beginning Monday, May 13 and continuing through Friday, May 17, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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The public is invited to participate in a free Street Faire, sponsored by the magazine *Early American Life*, on Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2. Food vendors will sell

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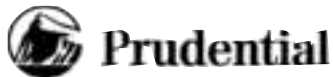
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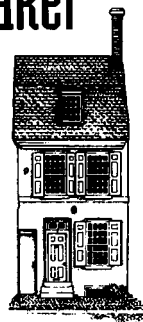


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First and foremost, do not let your pets run loose. When you walk your dog, keep a "pooper scooper" handy and use it.

Trash may not be placed at the curb until 4 p.m. on Mondays, our collection day for refuse and recyclable material. Household trash does not go into the corner receptacles. The city removes receptacles where this is a problem.

Newspapers, mail, cereal type boxes (without wax paper), catalogs, telephone books, office paper, magazines, etc. should either be placed in paper bags, taped, or tied with string. They should not be put in the blue recycle containers.

Glass containers and metal food and beverage cans should be rinsed out and placed in the blue recycle container without their lids.

Aerosol cans should be emptied and placed in the blue recycle container without their lids. Blue recycle containers are available at 7th and Pattison Streets.

Paint cans should be air-dried and placed curbside with their lids removed.

The City of Philadelphia does not recycle plastics, but local grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling.

Special arrangements must be made with the Philadelphia Streets Department, 215-686-5560, for pickup of bulk items such as refrigerators. Be prepared for a long wait before the call is answered. It may also be necessary to phone several times before the item is removed.

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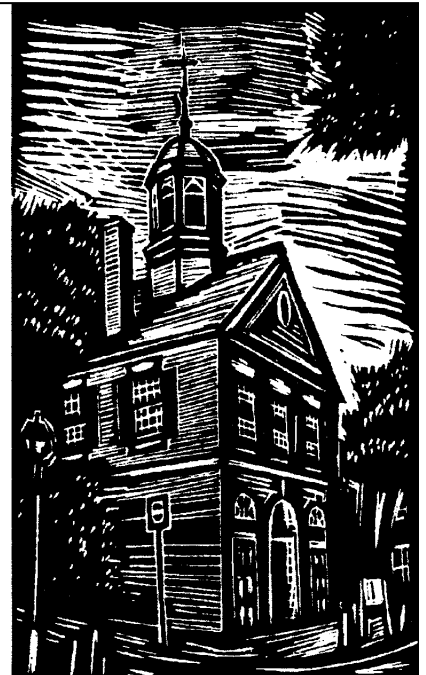
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Robert and Mary Reinecke – A Perfect Match

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What do you call a guy who transmuted from watchmaker and jeweler to optometrist and then to professor of ophthalmology; who's a glee club singer, fly fisherman, and carpenter; who makes his own shirts; and who maintains memberships in a Masonic lodge, a local church, and three or four clubs?

Well, one appellation might be Renaissance man; another might be just plain busy. But let's call him Dr. Bob Reinecke.

Why, one might ask, would the always dapper Dr. Bob make his own shirts — and not buy them in, say, Jermyn Street, London's famed street of shirt makers including Prince Charles's favorite, Turnbull and Asser. The answer is that, as a child, he contracted polio and learned to sew as a form of occupational therapy. He's been doing it ever since.

Wills Eye Hospital recruited Dr. Reinecke as ophthalmologist-in-chief in 1981 after he had served at Massachusetts Eye Infirmary and Albany Medical College. He specializes in pediatric eye care, with a special interest in children with nystagmus.

Bob, his wife Mary and their dog Heidi live in an attractive house on 2nd Street between Pine and Spruce. The couple met when Bob was studying chemistry at the University of Kansas in preparation for his move from optometry to ophthalmology. Mary had set him up on a few blind dates, until — entirely appropriate for a would-be specialist in matters ocular — he opened his own eyes to the

fact that she was the one he really wanted to date. The two were married in 1952 and will celebrate their golden anniversary on October 5 this year. They have one daughter, Karen, who works with a veterinarian in New Jersey.

Bob and Mary's meeting was both dramatic and romantic: He invited her out — as was customary in those more formal and courtly days — by letter. Unfortunately, the mailbox into which he'd entrusted this invitation was set on fire. But the charred notepaper, with just enough of the message remaining, reached Mary — and she accepted his offer. The rest, as they say, is history.

Before their marriage, Mary was a serious candidate for the CIA — but decided on a less covert career, working variously as an executive secretary, as a volunteer for Big Sisters, at Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church and as a counselor for young mothers and their children. The couple love Society Hill for its convenience and safety, and, says Mary, “the people here are wonderful.”

When not working, reading at home or running in the neighborhood, the Reineckes repair to their second home at Lake Placid, NY. They also like to travel, and did a four-month stint working in Saudi Arabia, as well as visits to India and Europe. When I met with them, they were planning an upcoming trip to London — Jermyn Street presumably not included!

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Community Calendar

Thursday – Saturday, May 9 – 11

St. Peter's School Plant Sale
(See page 21)

Monday – Friday, May 13 – 17

St. Peter's School Book Fair
(See page 21)

Wednesday, May 15

Society Hill Civic Association
Board Meeting – 6 p.m.
General Membership Meeting – 7 p.m.
Society Hill Synagogue
418 Spruce Street
(See page 1)

Monday, May 20

South Street Headhouse District
Paint the Town Red White & Blue
10th Anniversary Celebration
(See page 21)

Saturday, May 25

Head House Craft & Fine Arts Fair
Opening Day

Wednesday, May 29

SHCA "Spring Fling" Social
6 – 8 p.m.
DiPalma's, 114 Market Street
(See page 5)

Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 2

Elfreth's Alley Tricentennial Celebration
(See page 23)

Sunday, June 2

Society Hill Garden Tour
1 – 5 p.m.
(See page 21)

Friday, June 7

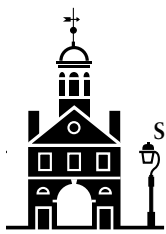
Independence Branch Library
6 p.m.
Reception for David Leavitt, author of *Florence, a Delicate Case*
(See page 20)

Wednesday, June 19

Society Hill Civic Association
Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
Keating Rm, Hyatt Regency Hotel
201 South Columbus Boulevard
All Society Hill Civic Association members are invited to attend.

Saturday, June 22

Dedication of Korean War Memorial
(See page 8)



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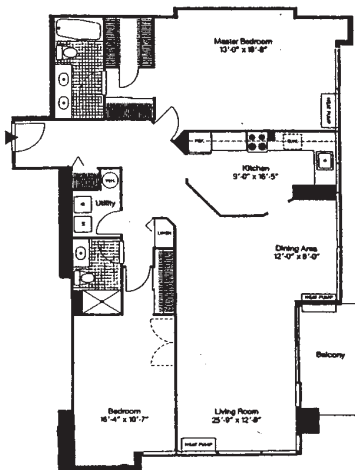
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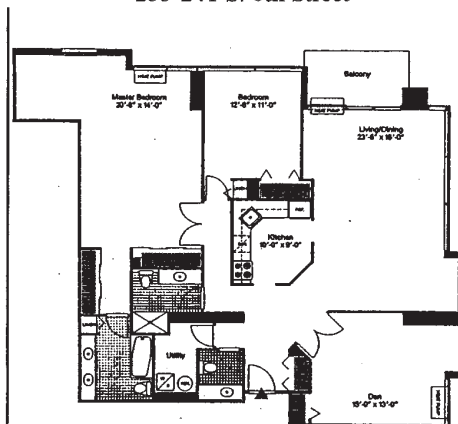
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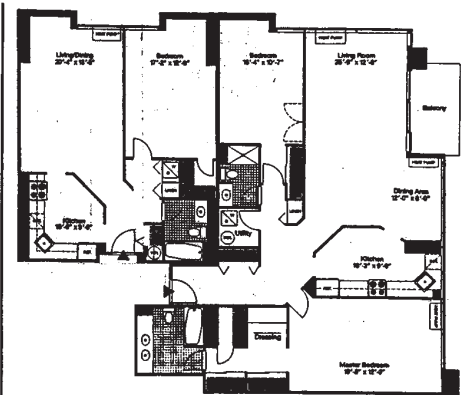
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