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Special Edition 2008 Residents' Resource Guide

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Dear Residents and Businesses in Society Hill:

Welcome to the first ever published edition of a Residents' Resource Guide. This guide contains a wealth of information about how to deal with problems and concerns as they arise in our neighborhood. Rather than publish a regular edition of the *Reporter* for January, the Society Hill Civic Association (SHCA) board felt our residents would like a handy reference guide to keep all year long. Most of the information contained is on our new and improved website — societyhillcivic.org — but we realize that not all of our residents have ready access to a computer, and for those who do, it may not always be convenient to go to the site for a quick bit of information. If you have not visited our new website, please do so at your earliest convenience. You will realize how easy it is to contact a committee chair, pay your membership by PayPal, or learn some interesting new information about our special corner of the City.

Extra copies of this issue are available FREE to SHCA members. \$5 each for all others. See membership application on page 41.

January SHCA Meeting

The SHCA January General Membership Meeting will take place on January 16, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Society Hill Synagogue, on the 400 block of Spruce Street. The meeting will focus on two important issues: SHCA's proposed by-law and articles of incorporation changes and the Stammers Square development project. All SHCA members are encouraged to attend. There will be several guest speakers on hand to address these timely topics:

Matt White, SHCA Board Director, Chair of the SHCA By-Law Committee and Member of the SHCA Legal Committee will discuss the proposed by-law and articles of incorporation amendments. Following his presentation, members of the Association will be asked to vote to approve the proposed changes. The SHCA by-laws require that amendments be approved by the full membership, not just the Board of Directors. These amendments were drafted and vetted by an SHCA committee, then approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting on December 10, 2007. For a summary of the amendments, see page 26.

Bridgeman Developers will present plans for the proposed hotel/condominium/spa at Stammers Square. This will be another opportunity for the community at large to view the project. Paul Levy, President and CEO of the Center City District and a Society Hill resident, will present his personal views on Stammers Square and its effect on the neighborhood. Councilman Frank DiCicco will also attend to share his perspective. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the development and to hear the opinions of community leaders. All residents are urged to attend.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Society Hill Civic Association Meetings
Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Society Hill Synagogue
418 Spruce Street

6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
All SHCA members are welcome.

7:00 p.m. Two Presentations: Proposed Amendments to By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation; and Stammer Square/New Market Development

YEAR-END UPDATE: DECEMBER 10, 2008

Our Fight To Re-Site Casinos

BERNICE HAMEL & ROSANNE LOESCH
SHCA BOARD DIRECTORS

It has been one year since the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board awarded provisional licenses to the Foxwoods and SugarHouse casino operators to build their respective gaming parlors on the Delaware waterfront. As of this date neither casino has begun construction.

Our neighborhood coalition of 26 civic associations together with many elected officials, including First District Councilman Frank DiCicco, have worked to convince our state government that these chosen locations would be destructive to densely populated, thriving residential communities. Our “fight to re-site” gained momentum as the result of the conclusions reached by the citizen-driven planning process led by the University of Pennsylvania’s PennPraxis design group. The Central Delaware Advisory Group determined that the best waterfront development would include extending Center City’s historic street grid to the water — bringing a mix of residential, commercial and public spaces for residents and tourists to enjoy. These casinos, each with 5,000 slot machines and big-box parking garages accommodating more than 4,000 cars, are antithetical to the plan envisioned by the PennPraxis process, which involved the input of thousands of Philadelphia citizens.

In recognition of the huge negative impact of two casinos within hundreds of feet of some of the most historic communities in the nation, Mayor Elect Michael Nutter supports us in advocating for the passage of Pennsylvania House Bill #1477. This bill would mandate a 1,500 foot buffer zone between any casino and any home, school, house of worship or park. In addition, *The Philadelphia Inquirer’s* Editorial Board has thrown its full support behind our “fight to re-site” in a December 2, 2007 editorial stating that “Gambling is a business where the pros are supposed to know how to cut their losses.... Maybe it’s time, then, for

casino owners to take a look at the cards they are holding.” The editorial supports the creation of a committee to explore alternative sites. Due to the hard work and tireless engagement of various neighborhood groups and coalitions, re-siting these casinos is now supported by most publicly elected officials who hail from Philadelphia. We do not yet have Governor Rendell’s support.

Meanwhile, on November 2, 2007 the Society Hill Civic Association, together with three other civic groups, filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the December 20, 2006 decision by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Although you may have heard the disturbing news that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has usurped Philadelphia’s legal power to determine local land-use by approving zoning for SugarHouse Casino — thereby bypassing City Council and may do the same on a pending request by Foxwoods — we believe that casinos at these sites are far from a *fait accompli* given the continued and overwhelming community opposition. We remain steadfast in the belief that we citizens and residents of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have the right to determine what is appropriate development in our respective communities.

For the latest information on our “fight to re-site,” please visit our website and send your email address to SHCA’s Administrator, Matt DeJulio, to receive periodic updates.

An editorial note: Bernice Hamel, who has been the backbone of the *Reporter* for many years, has decided to step back from supervising all six issues per year. Some new editors will be supervising future issues, and we will provide that information in later issues. In the meantime, the entire SHCA Board is eternally grateful for her extraordinary spirit of volunteerism during the past 20 years. The growth of our membership is directly attributable to her ability to communicate so well through the *Reporter*.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RICHARD DE WYNGAERT

Resolve to Help Your Community

"True life is lived when tiny changes occur"

—Leo Tolstoy

As we begin the New Year, the notion of resolutions looms large. Some time this month, most of us will examine the various aspects of our lives and, with varying degrees of commitment and seriousness, promise to make some improvements: losing the holiday girth, reading Shakespeare, exercising with a modicum of regularity, writing prompt and thoughtful thank you notes (or, for others, simply writing them), reducing one's exposure to the virulent reply-all virus, staying organized, and more efficient time-management are all worthy and admirable resolutions for individuals.

As president of SHCA, there are a few New Year's Resolutions heard considerably less often which I would urge all of us to consider.

- Support Mayor Nutter. Even if your political affiliations lie elsewhere, he undeniably offers a vision of change, for transparency, and for improvement in Philadelphia. A new day? Perhaps. A fresh opportunity? No question about it. Let's suspend our cynicism and resignation to corruption and contribute to a healthier Philadelphia. Without involved citizens willing to envision a positive future, Philadelphia doesn't stand a chance.

- Volunteer. Society Hill is incredibly fortunate to have so many residents who work so tirelessly to make this a great place to live. But this needs constant tending. New ideas and fresh troops are necessary. There are a plethora of opportunities to volunteer in our community in ways that are aligned with your interests. Within Society Hill and the immediate surrounding area there are at least seven schools that would love some help. There are numerous gardens, green spaces, and historic buildings that exist in our community that are in constant need of TLC. Town Watch, Anti-Graffiti Committee and SHCA as a whole welcome new people to help keep our community safe, clean and running smoothly. Visit the SHCA website (societyhillcivic.org) for more ideas on how you can get involved. Volunteerism is inarguably one of the pillars of a vital community.

- Support local businesses and markets. They make our community unique and enhance the caliber of our daily experience. This relationship is truly symbiotic: they cannot exist with-

out our support, and our community is considerably less without them.

- Keep our neighborhood clean. What we look like says a lot about who we are and what we value. (See page 11 for tips and guidelines on the new Single Stream Recycling Program.)
- Ask an uninvolved friend or neighbor to follow your lead.

These are just a few ideas. I am quite certain each of you has your own punch list. The most important thing is to decide that you want to give back. Once you've made this decision, finding an area that interests you is fairly easy. Why not give it a try?

I would like to thank all of you who have recently joined or renewed your SHCA membership. If you have not yet joined, please consider doing so. We need you. Together, we can keep Society Hill strong and our community vital.



Richard de Wyngaert, President

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"mike is the plant wizard!" - *caryl, society hill*



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"mike's 'green thumb' and vision have transformed my back yard into a garden oasis!" - *bernise, society hill*



organically inspired urban design



"i came home the afternoon of the day mike started working in my garden, stepped out into the transformed space, and said, 'this is it. you've brought my dream to life.'" - *cindy, center city*



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Action Phone Numbers

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(for general information)

Sixth District Bike Patrol
215-787-7864

South Street Police Mini-Station
215-922-6706
(for quality of life issues)

Police Information Center
215-386-2100

City of Philadelphia Mayor's Action Center (information and complaints)
215-686-3000

City Services

Abandoned Vehicles 215-683-2277

Animal Control

Animal Nuisance & Control 215-685-9054
Animal Cruelty 215-426-6300
Dead Animals 215-686-5560
Rat Control 215-685-9701

Insect Control 215-685-9027

Dog Licensing 215-685-LOST

Asbestos Complaints 215-685-7576

City Government

City Hall 215-686-1776
Philadelphia Revenue Department
www.phila.gov/revenue

Fairmount Park Commission 215-685-1835
(Trees)

Fire Hydrant Leaks 215-685-6300

Graffiti Removal/ Anti-Graffiti Hotline 215-685-9556

Health and Human Services

Health Commissioner 215-686-5000

Dept. of Human Services 215-686-6100

Mobile Mental Health Team 215-695-6440

Women Organized Against Rape 215-922-3434

Senior Citizen Help Line 215-765-9040

Homeless Issues 215-232-1984

Truancy Hotline 215-462-7693

Tobacco Sales to Minors 800-99-SMOKE

Youth & Gangs 215-685-9521

Drug Addiction Hotline 888-545-6200

Drugs Hotline 215-685-1145

South Narcotics Field Unit 215-685-4141

Poison Control Emergency 215-386-2100

Food Poisoning 215-685-7494

Health Department www.phila.gov/health

Historical Commission 215-686-7660
www.phila.gov/historical/

Homeless Intervention

In the neighborhood:
Mike Whaley at Hall Mercer 215-829-3540

Outside the neighborhood:
Project Home 215-232-1984

Police Department Homeless Issues and Investigations 215-686-3095

Housing Complaints

Abandoned/Dangerous Buildings 215-686-2463

Public Housing Complaints 215-684-4001

Independence Branch Library 215-597-8974

Independence National Historical Park
(Washington Square) 215-597-8974

Lighting/Traffic Lights

Alley Lights 215-686-5516

Street Lights 215-686-5610 or 215-686-5560

Noise & Air Complaints 215-685-7580

Parking Authority Enforcement

9-5 p.m. 215-683-9600

Evenings and Weekends 215-683-9773

Parking Permit (Resident) 215-683-9730
215-973-9732

Handicapped Parking Signs 215-683-9741

Parking Authority www.philapark.org

Permits

Home Improvement Permits 215-686-2467

Temporary Construction Dumpster Permit
215-686-5500

Temp. No Parking Sign Requests 215-686-5525

Driveway Paint Permit 215-686-5560

Loading Zone Sign Permit 215-683-9742

Block Party Permits 215-686-3488

Fire Hydrant Sprinklers Permits 215-686-1391

Parade Permits 215-686-2489

Fairmount Park Picnic/Event Permits 215-685-0060

Licenses and Inspections www.phila.gov/li

Department of Recreation (District 10)
www.phila.gov/recreation/districts/district10.html

Sanitation Enforcement 215-685-4275

Snow

Un-shoveled Sidewalks 215-686-5560

Street Snow Plowing 215-686-5560

Snow Emergency Towing 215-686-SNOW

Street Repair and Potholes 215-686-5560

Streets Department www.phila.gov/streets

Trash/Litter/Recycling

Trash Collection 215-686-5560

Bulk Trash Pick-Up 215-685-4290

Emergency Trash Removal 215-685-4290

Tire Trash/Disposal 215-686-5189

Trash in Parks 215-685-0116

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off 215-686-5560

Sanitation Code Warnings 215-685-5618

Trash Dumped in Lots 215-686-2144

Illegal Dumping 215-686-5560

Overflowing Dumpster/Trash Can 215-686-3082

Dumpster Complaints 215-685-4275

Food Disposal Violations 215-823-7495

Recycling Office Hotline 215-685-7329

Recycling Bins 215-685-RECYCLE

Environmental Response Unit
www.ppdonline.org/rpts/rpts_sanitation.php

Utilities

Electrical Emergencies 215-841-4141

Gas Emergencies 215-235-1212

Water & Sewer Emergencies 215-592-6300

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Neighborhoods Online

www.phillyneighborhoods.com

A useful resource for neighborhood information on schools, real estate, elected officials and more.

Neighborhood Information System

NeighborhoodBase

cml.upenn.edu/nbase/

NeighborhoodBase is a publicly-accessible, web-based, geographic data application developed by the University of Pennsylvania's Cartographic Modeling Lab. Its powerful features allow you to search over 200 different data elements of the city's neighborhoods, all the way down to the block level. Search through census data, housing data, demographic data, and create maps and charts — all online.

Philadelphia City Planning Commission

www.philaplanning.org

The City Planning Commission is responsible for guiding the orderly growth and development of the City of Philadelphia. Their site contains development reports, city statistics, maps, and other publications.

Philadelphia Architects & Buildings

www.philadelphiabuildings.org

This site serves as a reference to determine if your home is on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The Philadelphia Architects and Buildings database provides authoritative information on three centuries of Philadelphia buildings and their designers.

Valuable Resources for Center City Residents

Center City Schools

www.centercityschools.com

Thanks to Center City District (CCD), parents who face the daunting task of determining where their children will attend school have a comprehensive website to help them. Produced and maintained by CCD, centercityschools.com provides access to information on all public, private, parochial, and charter schools in Greater Center City. It provides maps, enrollment procedures, profiles, demographic data, test scores, and links to schools' websites.

The site clearly fills a need. Most parents seek to research school options online, but many schools did not have a web presence before CCD stepped in. Working with the School District of Philadelphia, as well as individual schools, CCD launched centercityschools.com in the fall of 2004. It currently averages 14,900 page hits per month, indicating a profound interest in its content.

In addition to the schools website, CCD operates centercityphila.org, which is a veritable portal to all things Philadelphia — cultural events, civic resources, transit, dining out, real estate trends, and much more.



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Center City Single Stream Recycling Program Launched

Society Hill is now a part of the Single Stream Recycling Project! This new program boasts two major improvements — all recyclables can be deposited into one container, and the list of recyclable products has expanded.

According to Scott McGrath, Acting Recycling Coordinator for the City of Philadelphia, “We are very excited about expanding Single Stream Recycling into Center City. Over the last year, we have piloted this program in other areas of the Philadelphia. In these neighborhoods, we have seen a 30-60% increase in recycling tonnage, which is of great benefit to the environment. It reduces disposal costs, uses of energy materials, landfills, greenhouse gas, and people love the convenience.”

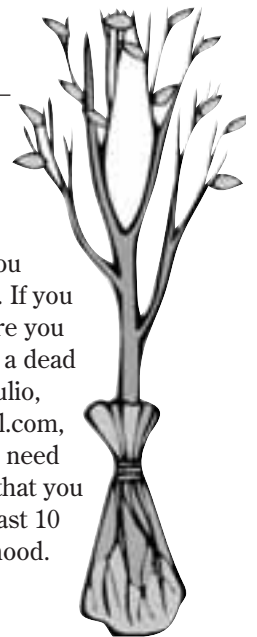
Guidelines for the new recycling procedures are as follows:

- Aluminum cans, glass bottles, paper, corrugated cardboard and plastics labeled #1 and #2 are eligible for recycling.
- Recyclables can be placed in a single container — they do not require sorting.
- Recycling bins should be 20 gallons or less.
- There is no limit on the number of bins per household.

Questions? Call the Recycling Hotline at 215-685-7329.

Take Advantage of Tree Subsidy

SHCA still offers a subsidy of \$150 if you plant a new tree. Spring is not far away. If you have a spot in front of your house where you would like to see a new tree planted or a dead tree replaced, please contact Matt DeJulio, SHCA administrator at mattdejulio@aol.com, or Karen Skafte at 215-925-2656. All we need is a copy of a paid invoice as evidence that you purchased a new tree. Every year at least 10 new trees are planted in our neighborhood.





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Society Hill Civic Association's ALL VOLUNTEER committees regularly undertake community initiatives, remaining vigilant about matters that impact all residents in America's most historic square mile. Residents are encouraged to join the SHCA and participate in various committee activities. To become a member of any committee, please email the respective chairs.

Below is a list of current committees and their chairs:

Clean-Up Day Committee

A solid core of dedicated citizens get out their brooms and trash bags twice a year to clean our streets. We are always seeking volunteers.

Chair: Wally Wing
wally.wing1@verizon.net

Foglietta Plaza Committee

Development of this final major undeveloped plot of land in the neighborhood has led to a planning study from the Olin Partnership.

Chair: Malcolm Lazin 215-732-7375
mlazin@equalityforum.com

Franklin Lights Committee

Sufficient funds to refurbish all Franklin Lights were raised by this committee as of March 2007. The balance of funds available will be used to add some additional lights and paint the posts.

Chair: Martha Levine 215-629-0727
marthalev@msn.com

Gaming/Casino Committee

To deal with the advent of casino gambling affecting our quality of life issues, this committee seeks to advocate on our behalf with governmental officials.

Chairs: Ray Swerdlow
ray@thesixpackstore.com
Rosanne Loesch
loesch10@aol.com

Liquor Control Committee

This committee works with residents and the Liquor Control Board to insure laws are enforced.

Chair: Gavin Lentz 215-735-3900
glentz@bochettoandlentz.com

Man Full of Trouble Tavern Committee

This committee is dedicated to preserving this most historic structure, first opened in 1759, and now owned and operated by the University of Pennsylvania.

Chair: Jim Moss 215-790-1200
jmoss@astorweiss.com

McCall School Committee

In 2003 SHCA decided to develop stronger ties with our only neighborhood public school in order to support the quality of education afforded parents with young children in the community.

Chair: Keri White 215-592-9633
kerimwhite@comcast.net

Membership Committee

This committee seeks to increase membership, both residential and business, with emphasis on greater participation by condo residents. Membership income provides the primary source of income for most activities.

Chair: Tania Rorke 215-925-4544
trorke@aol.com

Police Advisory Council

Maintains a close liaison with local law enforcement.

Chair: Marilyn Appel
harmara@verizon.net

Safe and Sound Society Hill

This committee deals with crime, pedestrian safety, and quality-of-life issues. It determines what criminal activity exists by documenting all incidents as reported by residents. It educates residents on the importance of correctly reporting crime to police, and communicates our needs to the 6th Police District. The committee helps sponsor Town Watch, where residents organize to walk the streets at night to ensure that crimes are warded off, and if they occur, they are reported immediately.

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SHCA Committees

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Sidewalk Cleaning/Graffiti Control Committee

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Chairs: Dave Stevens (sidewalks) 215-923-1349
dottdav@aol.com

Wally Wing (graffiti control)
215-592-9951
wally.wing1@verizon.net

Social Events Committee

As a member of SHCA you are invited to all social events — the ideal way to meet neighbors, make new friends and keep informed about common interests.

Chair: Marilyn Appel
harmara@verizon.net

Society Hill Reporter Committee

We cover news about our community in six bi-monthly issues distributed to over 5,000 residents in nearly 4,000 households. Advertising accepted, with a 10% discount provided to members. Editors: Bernice Hamel, Carole LeFaivre Rochester, Sandi Rothman, Ruth Sachs and Lenore Hardy.

Chair: Matt DeJulio 215-629-1288
mattdejulio@aol.com

South Street Headhouse Development Committee

In light of the numerous changes that are taking place in the South Street Headhouse area, which directly impact our neighborhood, this committee is charged with representing our views.

Finance Committee

Chair: Kevin Miller
kevin.miller@rcmt.com

Trees/Tree Tending Committee

Residents are encouraged to replace damaged trees and plant new trees to maintain the original “Greene Country Towne” look of William Penn’s first city in Pennsylvania. A \$150 subsidy is provided out of association treasury. Members also tend to flowers around trees and in baskets hanging from the historic Franklin light posts.

Chairs: Karen Skafte 215-925-2656
Cherry Bombeck 215-627-1356
Laura Lane DeVoe 215-925-8486

Washington Square Committee

Transfer of this most historic public park from the Philadelphia Fairmount Park Commission to the National Park Service, with the necessary improvements mandated, has been an important part of the SHCA agenda for the past few years. Today the committee has periodic meetings with the National Park Service to see that additional attention is paid to beautification through the planting of flowers and new shrubbery. Attention to the fountain and the eternal flame are also key issues.

Chair: Sissie Lipton 215-925-2112
momlipton@aol.com

Welcome Basket Committee

This committee provides a friendly “Welcome Mat”— a large basket of cheer, filled with fresh foods, information, and gift certificates contributed by local businesses — for new home owners.

Chair: Martha Levine 215-629-0727
marthalev@msn.com

Zoning and Historic Preservation

This committee monitors residential and commercial applications for zoning variances and reports to the Board on issues that affect the integrity of our neighborhood. See page 23.

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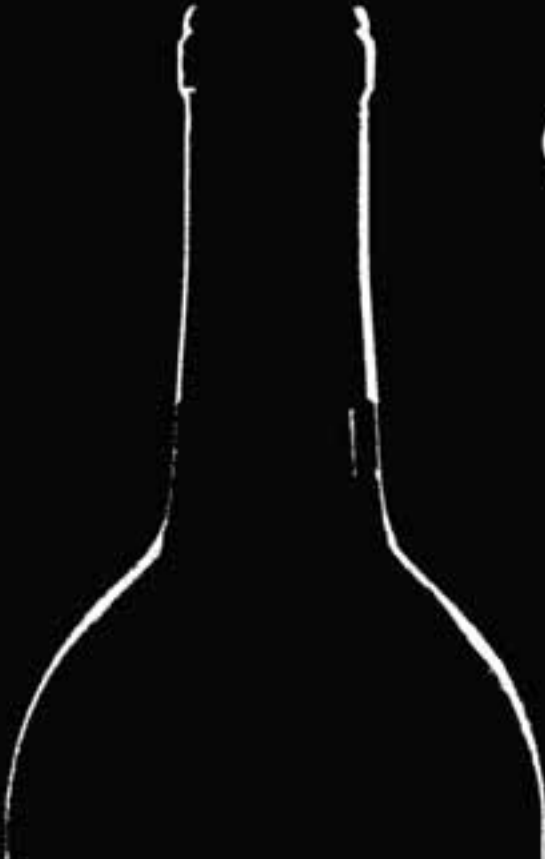
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2008 Meetings Schedule

Board Meetings are held at a variety of venues. Visit our website or email Mattdejulio@aol.com for details.

General Membership Meeting venues also vary, usually at Old Pine Church, Society Hill Synagogue, Pennsylvania Hospital, or St. Peters Church. Announcements of speakers are made in the *Society Hill Reporter* two weeks prior to meeting. Please call 215-629-1288 to confirm speaker(s) and venue.

All Board meetings are open to non-voting general membership.

	Board of Directors	General Membership
January 16	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
February 20	7 p.m.	
March 19	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
April 16	7 p.m.	
May 14	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
June 18	7 p.m.	
July 16	7 p.m.	
September 17	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
October 15	7 p.m.	
November 19	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
December 17	5 p.m.	

Mark your calendar!



Zoning and Historical Preservation

Committee Meetings are held at the Hopkinson House Solarium at 7 p.m. 10 days prior to the SHCA Board meetings, unless otherwise indicated. See page 23 for guidelines on working with the Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee.

January 7	July 7
February 11	September 8
March 10	October 6
April 7	November 10
May 5	December 8
June 9	

Benjamin Franklin's Annual Birthday Tribute

Franklin's Legacy: Celebrating Women in Science

Thursday, January 17, 2008
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Franklin's birthday is honored each year with a themed program related to different facets of his many lifelong interests.

The day includes a seminar, public procession and ceremony at Franklin's grave followed by a luncheon with guest speakers and honorees.

9:00 -10:45 a.m.

Seminar at Franklin Hall
 427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

Susan Branson, Ph.D., will give an historical perspective on women scientists.

Virginia Lee, Ph.D., will discuss her work on neurodegenerative disorders. Free event.

For luncheon reservations, call 856-429-8331.

For more information, visit www.ushistory.org/celebration.

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Procession, wreath laying and tributes at Franklin's Grave.

The parade departs from American Philosophical Society Library, 105 S. 5th Street and proceeds to Benjamin Franklin's grave in Christ Church Burial Ground on Arch Street between 4th & 5th.

Participants include representatives of Franklin related organizations. Free event.

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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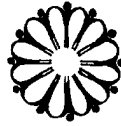
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If someone were to fall as a result of sidewalk bricks that are uneven, it is the homeowner who will be liable for that person's injuries. The same holds true of a dead tree whose branches or limbs might fall off and hit a passerby. Therefore, for the safety of others and to protect ourselves from liability, we should assess our property and make sure these things do not occur. Also, many of Society Hill's older trees need pruning (it's done on the lower branches) to avoid blocking light on our sidewalks, both day and night.

Don't know where to start? SHCA can help by providing to you the Society Hill List of Contractors, a neighbor-recommended 12-page list of contractors under such categories as general contracting, painting, plumbing, sidewalk repair, tree care, electrical, etc. The list is free, on request, to all SHCA current members and will be mailed directly to you upon request. For your convenience, we are providing a segment of our list on Sidewalk Repair below:

Society Hill List of Sidewalk Repair Contractors to Your Rescue

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Tom Natalini	610-449-2147
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Champ Construction	215-720-4619

For further information or to request the complete contractors list, contact Martha Levine 215-629-0727, marthalev@msn.com

Franklin Light Update

The painting of all 500 Franklin Light poles will begin in early spring 2008, which is much later than expected. We thank you for your patience and hope it will be well worth the wait.

To report a Franklin Light that is malfunctioning (blinking or out completely), please call 215-686-5610 for 24-hour service. You must give the exact address and location and describe the problem — say that the light is completely out or is blinking (cycling) off and on.

Commemorative plaques with your desired wording, for those who contributed at the \$1,500 level and have requested them, will be affixed after the painting is completed.

Important Tip: Let's all pitch in to keep our neighborhood bright and safe! Don't forget to turn on your front door lights to help keep a consistent flow of light on each block where there may be dark spots. In winter months, it is dark as early as 4:30 p.m.

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Zoning And Historic Preservation Guidelines

One of SHCA's Zoning and Historic Preservation (ZHP) Committee's primary goals is to encourage and assist homeowners in becoming happy neighbors. The high standards we maintain for historic preservation are vital to keeping the integrity of our historic district, but need not cause undue stress on the part of new homeowners, if they work with us.

Here are a few basics about homeownership in Society Hill

As an Historic District in the city, any architectural change to a building, no matter its age, must be approved by the Historical Commission. A few examples are: an addition, replacement of windows or doors, a roof deck or any other permanent change. These need to be reviewed and must comply with the Preservation Ordinance and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. Not as onerous a process as it sounds; many local architects and our committee are very familiar with the provisions. Generally, remodeling interiors does not trigger the ordinance but only the building code.

We also have a Zoning Code, whose various provisions have helped to produce the wonderful neighborhood we enjoy. If you plan to remodel a house, you will need to comply with a set of standards. Basically, the code requires a certain minimum amount (30%) of open area (a back yard), certain restrictions on height, and the location of amenities such as decks or parking. There are other parts of the law, but 90% of the cases deal with these basic few.

The ZHP Committee, one of the larger and more active in the association, is composed of volunteers of many professions and backgrounds. It reviews and supports our neighbors in quality development before both the Historic Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment during its monthly meetings.

If you need to schedule a meeting, or for further information, contact Steven A. Weixler at stevenweixler@verizon.com or 215-592-9570.



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BY STEVEN A. WEIXLER, ZHP COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Society Hill Civic Association has been busy with several important projects since my report in the last issue of the *Reporter*. Here's a brief update on several of the projects we've been following:

Dilworth House

As I mentioned in our last issue, the Philadelphia Historical Commission recently considered developer John Turchi's proposal to demolish parts of the Dilworth House on Washington Square and to build a 200-foot-tall condominium high-rise on the site. At its December meeting, the Commission voted to allow the project to proceed. The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, the SHCA and nearby neighbors continue to assert that this approval is contrary to the Preservation Ordinance and have filed an appeal of the decision.

Stamper Square/NewMarket

(Front to 2nd St. between Pine and Lombard Sts.) Bridgeman Partners is continuing its dialogue with our neighborhood on a proposal to build a luxury hotel and condominium on this long-vacant site. The Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee has held several meetings with the neighbors, the developers and their architects and consultants in an effort to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of this proposal to our neighborhood. A particular concern is the effect on the Head House Square area and its immediate neighbors, as well as the

quality of life in Society Hill. As one might expect with a project of this complexity, there are many factors to consider, including the Committee's concern that the required zoning variance would exceed the current zoning by a considerable margin. As our president, Richard de Wyngaert has announced, we will hear a presentation on the subject at our next General Membership Meeting on January 16, when our community will have the chance to review the proposal.

Riverfront Civic Vision

As your representative to the year long process of developing a new vision for Philadelphia's Delaware riverfront, I thank all of you who were able to attend our presentation at the Convention Center on November 14th. I believe we all became aware of the enormous possibilities our long-neglected riverfront presents. A new coalition of civic associations has formed to advocate for the long-term implementation of this plan. The William Penn Foundation has generously agreed to help fund this effort, and PennPraxis, the consulting arm of the University of Pennsylvania School of Design, has agreed to provide technical support. We are in the organizational process and will be active in coalition to engage the more than forty separate agencies, legislative bodies, commissions and the development community in advocacy for this well-conceived and practical plan.

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Society Hill Civic Association Summary of Proposed By-Law Changes

These By-Law Changes will need to be approved by a 2/3 majority of the general membership at our January 16, 2008 meeting.

The SHCA Board has formed a committee to amend some of the current by-laws. This was proposed to reflect the growth and progress of the Association as well as to encourage participation by Board Members, to make SHCA initiatives more transparent and reflective of the Board and the community's goals, and to maximize effectiveness. On Monday, December 10, 2007, the Board of Directors met and approved the following recommended changes to the by-laws. These will need to be approved by a 2/3 majority of the general membership at our January 16, 2008 meeting. If you have questions about the amendments, contact Matt White, Chair, By-Law Committee, at 215-977-2269 or mwhite@wolfblock.com.

1. Jurisdiction. The Society Hill Civic Association shall be primarily concerned with the area contained within the midlines of 8th, Lombard, Front, and Walnut Streets, as augmented by the boundaries established by the Society Hill Historic District, and as expanded on the eastern boundary to the Delaware River between Lombard and Walnut Streets. For areas along our boundary that are of interest to other civic associations, the Association will endeavor to work cooperatively with such associations regarding membership and on issues of mutual interest.

2. Board Participation. Board members are expected to support the Association and to devote substantial time to the Association's activities.

3. Committees. Current Standing Committees include Nominating and Elections Committee (which will continue to operate as provided in the specific provisions of these By-Laws), Zoning and Historic Preservation, Finance, Legal, Safe and Sound, and Membership. The Board may vote to add or remove a committee as a "Standing Committee" by two thirds of Board Members present. Committees, task forces, and other groups or individuals performing Association functions but not within the definition of "Standing Committee" need not function precisely in accordance with this section, with the exception of the provision set forth in section (e) (authority) below:

(a) Chairperson. The President shall recommend a regular member to chair each Standing Committee, subject to approval of the Board. If the Board does not approve the nominee, then

the President shall nominate another Chairperson until Board approval is granted. Any vacancies shall be filled in the same manner. The Chairperson of a Standing Committee shall serve a one year term through the end of the Fiscal year (i.e. through May 31), but shall continue to serve until reappointed or until a successor has been confirmed. A Chairperson may serve consecutive terms without limitation.

(b) Committee Members. Membership on each Standing Committee shall be determined in accordance with guidelines prepared by each committee and approved by the Board.

(c) Quorum. Committee action shall require a quorum of one-half of its members.

(d) Meetings. Meetings of Committees are open to all Association members and to any other invitees, at the Chair's discretion. To the extent practicable, notice of a meeting should be given to all interested participants and should be posted on the Association's website. The Chair of the Committee should permit reasonable participation or comments by any Association member, whether or not a member of the Committee. The Chair of a Committee shall have the discretion to maintain orderly proceedings and to run portions of any meeting in "executive session," limiting attendance to Committee members and Directors and invitees, at the Chair's prerogative.

(e) Authority. All committees, task forces, programs, or individuals may take actions consistent with the power expressly delegated to them by the Board. Committees, task forces, programs or individuals otherwise may not take direct actions on behalf of the Association with respect: 1) to matters that would foreseeably be of significant interest to the Association or 2) to matters that would foreseeably require the expenditure of Association funds in excess of \$1,000. In such circumstances, there must be a recommendation to the Board, and the Board may approve or reject or take such other action as it deems appropriate. The Board retains its right to review any decision or action taken by a committee, task force, program or individual.

4. Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless directors, officers, and members from all good faith actions taken on behalf of the Association, except for gross negligence or willful misconduct.

5. Board Meetings.

(a) Extraordinary Emergency Meetings.

For Extraordinary Emergencies, meetings may be called on less than 48 hours notice, by agreement of one-half of all directors, as confirmed by email or other writing.

(b) Proxy Voting. A Director may give his or her proxy to another Director to vote at any Meeting. The permission authorizing a proxy shall be delivered by email or other means to the President and to the Secretary of the Association, and the vote cast by the proxy holder shall be consistent with the scope of the proxy granted.

(c) Telephonic Participation. Board Directors may be permitted to participate by telephone or by other means where they can hear the proceedings and be heard by the rest of the meeting. There is no requirement for the Association to provide for telephonic or other electronic communications devices at any meeting. A Director who is able to participate by telephone or other means shall be entitled to vote on matters as if he or she were present at the meeting.

6. Vice Presidents. There shall be at least one Vice President, but not more than five. By March 1 of any year, the Board shall determine the number of Vice Presidents required for the next year, beginning June 1. If the Board does not make such a determination, then it will be presumed that the number of Vice Presidents shall remain the same as in the current year. If the President is unable to perform any required duty, then the President shall choose a Vice President to function in his or her stead. If the President has not made such a selection, and there is more than one Vice President, then the Board shall choose which Vice President shall preside as President until the President makes such choice.

7. Treasurer. The Treasurer should have a background in finance or accounting.

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We are happy to welcome the following new contributors:

Headhouse Books, 619 S. 2nd Street, an independent, locally owned bookstore is dedicated to serving our communities by providing personal customer service and a broad spectrum of hand selected books. **Ansill Food & Wine**, 627 S. 3rd Street, a new neighborhood eatery, with full bar, offers a wide variety of European small plates to encourage sampling. **Piffaro**, The Renaissance Band, performs 15th-17th century European music with venues at local churches in center city and nearby areas. **707 Restaurant & Bar**, 707 Chestnut St., opened in 2007 and specializes in moderately priced American comfort food in an upscale atmosphere. **Joe Pesce Restaurant & Bar**, 1113 Walnut St., recently opened and located across from the

Forrest Theater on Walnut St., is a moderately priced Italian restaurant with a focus on seafood. **1812 Productions**, Philadelphia's all comedy theater, is dedicated to entertaining, educating, and exploring a variety of issues through comedy and performs at several local theaters. **Judy Moon & Associates**, Massage Therapy, located at the Hopkinson House, is a certified massage therapist whose philosophy is "creating harmony in body & mind." **Lush**, 1428 Walnut St. specializes in hand-made bath & beauty products made with fresh organic fruit and vegetable oils. **Simplified Living**, offers a personal service by helping to organize your fiscal & paperwork needs. **Caribou Cafe**, 1126 Walnut Street, an established authentic Paris bistro with an extensive wine list, is a popular pre-theater destination. Patrons are treated to jazz on weekends. Welcome back to the **Prince Music Theater**, 1412 Chestnut St. just off Avenue of the Arts, which showcases famous-name musical performers and well-known musicals.

For more information, please contact Martha Levine, coordinator of the program, at 215-629-0727, marthalev@msn.com.

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306 Delancey	227 Pine	275 So. 3rd	200 Spruce	614 Spruce
322 Delancey	231 Pine	307 So. 3rd	202 Spruce	617 Spruce
334 Delancey	239 Pine	323 So. 3rd	204 Spruce	618 Spruce
509 Delancey	255 Pine	325 So. 3rd	206 Spruce	620 Spruce
510 Delancey	307 Pine	328 So. 3rd	208 Spruce	622 Spruce
511 Delancey	309 Pine	330 So. 3rd	209 Spruce	626 Spruce
512 Delancey	311 Pine	334 So. 3rd	211 Spruce	628 Spruce
517 Delancey	323 Pine	401 So. 3rd	213 Spruce	632 Spruce
519 Delancey	333 Pine	403 So. 3rd	214 Spruce	638 Spruce
520 Delancey	424 Pine	411 So. 3rd	215 Spruce	701 Spruce
521 Delancey	428 Pine	508 So. 3rd	228 Spruce	703 Spruce
523 Delancey	432 Pine	510 So. 3rd	230 Spruce	709 Spruce
524 Delancey	503 Pine	228 So. 4th	231 Spruce	715 Spruce
525 Delancey	517 Pine	241 So. 4th	232 Spruce	725 Spruce
532 Delancey	520 Pine	245 So. 4th	234 Spruce	731 Spruce
533 Delancey	526 Pine	250 So. 4th	238 Spruce	733 Spruce
535 Delancey	527 Pine	258 So. 4th	240 Spruce	228 Stamper
536 Delancey	529 Pine	310 So. 4th	306 Spruce	232 Stamper
539 Delancey	539 Pine	320 So. 4th	309 Spruce	236 Stamper
306 Gaskill	602 Pine	339 So. 4th	313 Spruce	238 Stamper
313 Gaskill	606 Pine	279 So. 5th	315 Spruce	226 W. Washington Sq.
322 Gaskill	610 Pine	319 So. 6th	323 Spruce	
407 Gaskill	627 Pine	321 So. 6th	340 Spruce	
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You have two options:

1. Talk to him — strategically. Let him know that you are grateful that he is so vigilant about the neighborhood. (Even if this is patently untrue, it starts the dialog positively.) Say, “We know you do this to be a good neighbor, so we wanted to share a list of our cars and tag numbers so you don’t inadvertently get us ticketed. We know you would never do that to us intentionally, and that you are focused on contractors and other people who abuse their unloading time.” Give him a list of residents’ cars and license plates so he can avoid reporting all of you. A small token of your “appreciation” for his “watchfulness” —like some cookies — can also help.

2. Go over his head. Contact PPA and/or the local police station and discuss the situation. Ascertain the guidelines for loading and unloading for residents. Share with them the aforementioned list. Cookies can’t hurt here, either.

DEAR SOCIAL GRACES:

I was in my Society Hill garden late one autumn afternoon enjoying a glass of wine with 3 friends when our bliss was interrupted by a neighbor shouting at us through his window: “Will you shut up! I am trying to rest. I had surgery! You are so rude and inconsiderate!” [Expletives deleted to maintain PG rating]. We hardly constituted a fraternity kegger, yet we were treated as if we had produced a sonic boom. How would you handle this?

THE GRACES SAY:

This really chips our manicures. A Grace would never intentionally encroach on another’s repose, and there is a nice way to point out that someone is unwittingly disturbing you.

The person who really needs our advice is the Voice, but since you’re the one who asked, we recommend the “kill ’em with kindness” strategy. Respond thus: “So sorry to disturb. Can I bring you some soup?” Faced with this, most people back down — or give a cursory thank you but still insist (albeit less offensively) that you take it inside. However, we cannot guarantee that he won’t tell you where to put the soup — and without getting too anatomical, may not involve tupperware or his kitchen.




LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Skale family, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the numerous individuals in our Society Hill neighborhood who sent notes, cards and other expressions of concern and sympathy during the time of Steve’s illness and death. We were, and continue to be, overwhelmed by the generous acts of support displayed by so many of our neighbors. Joseph, Jonathan and I feel blessed to belong to this wonderful community, and take comfort in knowing the exceptional impact Steve’s wisdom, grace and involvement had on so many.

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Penn's Village is a new neighborhood non-profit corporation that will give residents of Society Hill, Queen Village and Old City both the practical means and the confidence to live their lives to the fullest in their own homes. Penn's Village will begin accepting members and providing an initial set of services early in the new year.

Penn's Village will build a network of support through volunteer services and specially negotiated fees from preferred vendors. They will assist members with transportation, home maintenance, errands, meals and many other necessities. In addition, Penn's Village will offer social events, seminars, volunteer opportunities, telephone "check-ins" and peace of mind to members and their families.

Charter memberships are available at an introductory rate of \$2,000 per household or \$1,300 per individual for two years. A tax-deductible

donation is included in those rates. This will cover liaison and advocate services as well as services provided by volunteers.

For more information on Penn's Village, to volunteer or to join their email or mail list, contact Tania Rorke at 215-370-6485 or info@pennsvillage.org.

Members of the Penn's Village Board and Steering Committee have contributed funding, time and expertise to program, and they are currently seeking further support to cover start-up costs. Penn's Village is in the process of procuring 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. In the meantime, tax deductible donations may be made to Penn's Village payable to The Society Hill Fund/Penn's Village, P.O. Box 63871, Philadelphia, PA 19147.




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For more information, please contact Marcy Leader at St. Peter's School at 215-925-3963.

2008 Old House Fair

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia is gearing up for the 2008 Old House Fair and they need your assistance in promoting this great event. The 2008 Old House Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, March 22, 2008** at the Germantown Friends School.

The 2008 Fair will be expanded to two buildings and will feature 75 vendors specializing in services and products for owners of older and historic homes, numerous demonstrations and presentations by preservation and restoration specialists throughout the day, the Restore Media Resource Center and the presentation of the 2008 Awards of Recognition to honor the preservation work of homeowners. For more details about preservation, restoration and the 2008 Old House Fair, visit our website www.preservationalliance.com.



Friends of the Historic Collections of Pennsylvania Hospital Reception

This reception will be held **Wednesday, January 16, 2008** at 5 p.m. in Pennsylvania Hospital's Historic Library. Kristen Graham, Producer/Educational Channel Manager at Philly.com and author of the upcoming *History of the Pennsylvania Hospital*, will discuss the process of writing the book and uncovering little gems during her research. RSVP to Tiffany Andrews 215-829-3075.



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The Society Hill Civic Association – a group of dedicated volunteers – works hard to make sure the quality of life is maintained and enhanced for ALL Society Hill residents – whether they live in the townhouses or in the high rises around Washington Square.

Have you noticed the recent increase in flowers and elegant foliage at each

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Yet year after year, participation in SHCA by residents from IP, HH, and the St. James, continues to lag. While well over 60% of all townhouse residents belong to SHCA, here are the latest percentages for the high rises:

- Independence Place Tower Two— 77 paid members—34.5%**
- Independence Place Tower One—62 paid members—23.5%**
- Hopkinson House— 54 paid members— 10.1%**
- The St. James— 11 paid members— 0.5%**

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1995	479
1996	555
1997	700
1998	728
1999	884
2000	850
2001	817
2002	952
2003	979
2004	1,004
2005	1,031
2006	1,066

The adjacent table shows our consistent growth over the past 13 years. SHCA membership stood at only 479 in 1995. Society Hill became an officially protected historic district in 1999, and that year membership jumped from 728 to 884.

If you have not yet returned your membership form with a payment check or credit charge authorization, please do so today so that SHCA will save on future postage costs. If you have misplaced your form, you can easily go to our web site,

societyhillcivic.org and pay by PAYPAL.

Membership cards, along with thank you notes, will go out by the end of December. Be on the lookout for them in the mail since the reverse side lists the dates of all major 2008 Board and General Membership meetings. Due to the overwhelming initial response, expect up to a 6-week delay from the time you have sent in your check.

SHCA is more active than ever in trying to preserve the quality of life we have come to expect in our neighborhood, and funds are needed to keep all of our programs going. For example, in late 2007 we had to scale back our \$300 tree subsidy to the original subsidy of \$150 because of lack of funds. We cannot continue to fund major plantings and other improvements in Washington Square unless our membership in the surrounding high rises, which is now far below average, improves.

If you are a new resident or an old resident who has not supported us for a year or more, kindly fill out the application form attached and drop it in the mail to us today. Together we can work for a better quality of life for all. Call 215-629-1288 or email mattdejulio@aol.com if you have any questions.

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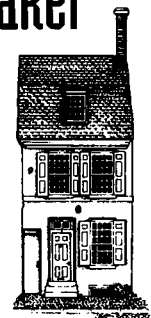


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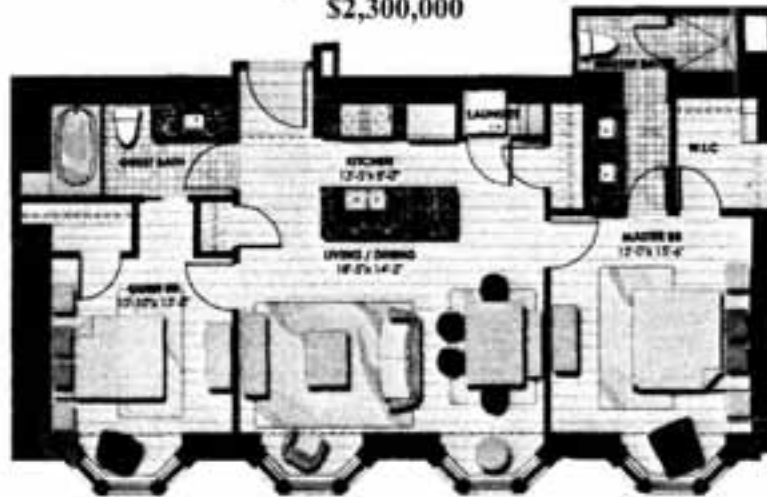
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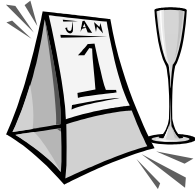
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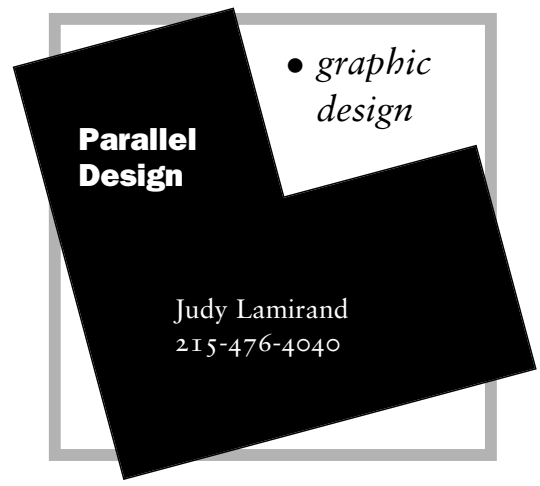


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