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Partner with Police SafeCam Program

BY MARTHA LEVINE



If you have a security camera in the front or rear of your home, consider affiliating with the Philly Police SafeCam Program, a crime prevention and investigative tool that has been shown to be effective in creating a partnership between the police and the community.

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Call of Duty

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Martha Levine is a vice president of SHCA.

Philly's Financial Future

Mark your calendar for November 17, 7:30 p.m. when the Society Hill Civic Association (SHCA) hosts its General Membership Meeting via Zoom.



Rebecca Rhynhart

Philadelphia City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart will discuss how she views the best ways to use funds from the American Rescue Plan, as well as the future financial prospects for our city.

Login information for the meeting will be sent out to SHCA's blast email subscribers. If you are not already on our weekly email list, please go to our website www.societyhillcivic.org, and sign up at the bottom of the first page.

Wednesday,
November

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Society Hill Civic Association Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021

**7:30 p.m. General Membership Meeting
via Zoom**

Speaker: City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart

**Topic: American Rescue Plan Funds,
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Society Hill neighbors celebrate the season.

Photo by Bonnie Halda

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Submissions

If you have news that would be of interest to Society Hillers, email Sandra Rothman at sandra.rothman@aol.com. Materials must be submitted in writing and include the name of a contact person. Edited submissions will be considered for publication if space permits. Letters to the Editor must be signed, with contact information.

SHCA Mission Statement

The aims and purposes of SHCA are: to promote the improvement of the Society Hill area of Philadelphia, including its cultural, educational and civic activities, and the preservation and restoration of its historic buildings; to represent the residents of Society Hill in matters affecting the City of Philadelphia generally and Society Hill in particular; and to interpret the value and significance of Society Hill to the public.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY LARRY SPECTOR

Quality-of-Life Issues

Here are some issues that affect Society Hill, some directly, some indirectly.

Noise

Perhaps abating somewhat, but certainly still a problem. Speaking at our September community meeting, Councilman Mark Squilla explained that the city's Law Department is reviewing the possible use of a network of devices that would measure decibel levels and photograph license plates of vehicles so they could be ticketed for exceeding noise levels per city ordinances, none of which are currently enforced.

Funding has not been authorized for city charter-required quality-of-life officials to be on the street to enforce noise and other quality-of-life ordinances.

No word from the city on the pilot project to close Spruce Street to traffic turning off of Columbus Boulevard. This is very disappointing.

Streateries

City Council is considering legislation to either temporarily or permanently extend the life of *all* permitted outdoor dining structures, or to extend only on a *case-by-case* basis through individual applicants requesting permission from the Department of Licenses and Inspections. Some favor a wholesale extension because it helps restaurants survive continued pandemic-related losses and eliminates more parking spaces, thereby advancing city policy to discourage the use of cars that create the traffic clogging the streets. Others wonder why any business deserves such a special allocation of public property, not to mention city streets that get too narrow to accommodate buses and therefore require relocating bus stops blocks away from their passengers.

Board Vacancies

We have three vacancies to fill on the SHCA Board of Directors. We need two new members for three-year terms as quadrant directors (Northeast and Southwest), and a third to serve a one-year term as a director at large. Those who think that SHCA is run by the same people year after year have nothing to complain about if they can serve but won't. Last spring, we welcomed eight new members to the board.

Grants

SHCA, as in some past years, will be making grants consistent with its mission. We could decide that some funds be allocated to projects or causes in Philadelphia that are outside the immediate boundaries of Society Hill. Visit the SHCA website to read my President's Message in the March/April 2021 *Reporter* discussing whether such donations are consistent with our mission. If you have thoughts on the matter, please let us know.

Crime and Gun Violence

Police recognize the intolerable delay in answering emergency 911 calls, even before there is further delay in the arrival of help on the scene. Staffing is short, calls take longer due to a mental health script that is part of the conversation and the number of calls is increasing. Five classes of new operators will have been trained by the end of 2021 to supply at least 100 more that are needed.

You may become better informed, as I was in finding my way to the city's website for its Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives: <https://www.phila.gov/2021-09-29-meet-the-grantees-from-the-4th-round-of-targeted-community-investment-grants/>. There you will find information about its Office of Violence Prevention and the fourth distribution of money to grassroots community groups "that offer needed prevention services and support in communities impacted by gun violence." Forty-one such groups shared a total of \$900,000. Each is listed by the name of the individual recipient, its organizational affiliation and a description of its "initiative." I urge that you read the descriptions that fall into one of four categories relating to health, safety in the neighborhood, education and mentorship or job training and skill building.

These are all worthy initiatives that should have a positive effect in the long run. But why can't the city take another initiative to stop the deterioration of the quality of life in our neighborhoods?

Please attend our November 17 community meeting to listen to City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart speak about the current and future financial condition of our city.



Larry Spector is an attorney handling business disputes and related litigation. He has lived in Society Hill since 1976, married and raised two daughters here with his wife, Ann.

*Wishing
you warm
and delicious
holidays!*



Painting by Michael Neff

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

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Fix Your Bricks

Brick sidewalks in Society Hill and downtown Philly are being renovated to provide a smooth, safe walking surface for pedestrians. We have experience and have repaired many sidewalks and patios in the city. The upheaval caused by tree roots can often be carefully corrected without removing or killing trees. Call McFarland to inquire about fixing your bricks.



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STEPPING BACK IN TIME

BY LYNN MILLER

For Octavius V. Catto, Black Lives Mattered

The death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer last year brought demands for greater social justice for Black and Brown people on a scale we haven't seen since the 1960s. In Philadelphia, protest marches swirled about the monument on City Hall's south apron to a man, Octavius V. Catto, who would have been at the forefront of such demonstrations were he alive today. Catto connects across a century-and-a-half to the ongoing fight for the full and equal treatment of all citizens in America.

Catto was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1839 and brought to Philadelphia as a child when his parents moved here. The 15-year-old Octavius became a student at the Quaker-run Institute for Colored Youth. Four years later, he graduated as class valedictorian. He then spent a year studying Latin and Greek in Washington, D.C., before returning to Philadelphia in 1859 for a position — at the ripe old age of 20 — at his old alma mater as a teacher of English literature, higher mathematics and classical languages.

Then came the Civil War. Following Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Catto helped found the Pennsylvania Equal Rights League in 1864. He worked with Frederick Douglass to recruit Black troops for the Union Army. Eventually, 8,612 troops were raised from Pennsylvania, the most from any northern region. Catto himself served in the National Guard as a major in the Union Army, although neither he nor the troops he'd helped raise saw action, thanks to unwillingness on the part of White officers to accept their help.

Still, that wartime effort allowed Catto and his associates to develop alliances with sympathetic Whites. Once the North's victory was secure, Congress enacted the Reconstruction Amendments to the Constitution. The 13th Amendment abolished slavery, the 14th granted citizenship to everyone born or naturalized in the United States and the 15th guaranteed voting rights to all free men. (Women would wait until 1920 to secure that right.) Catto took the lead in pushing the adoption of the last of these, which finally was accomplished in 1870.

By that date, Catto was perhaps the most prominent leader of Philadelphia's African Americans, the largest such community in the nation. He had already led the long struggle to desegregate Philadelphia's streetcars. He insisted on principled behavior by Black people as a way of demonstrating why they deserved equal rights.

The first Election Day in Philadelphia in which African Americans had the right to vote was October 10, 1871. Catto had been tireless to help thousands of his newly enfranchised neighbors register so that they might exercise that right. These efforts unleashed a backlash among, especially, working-class Irish immigrants who viewed their own legitimacy as threatened by the newly attained freedoms of the Black population. On Election Day, White ruffians roamed the streets, intent on intimidating Black men from going to the polls. The police, tacitly supported by local Democratic leaders, made little effort to control them. That evening, Catto left a polling place, heading home. When he passed several armed White men, words were exchanged and one of the men shot him in the chest. He died as he staggered toward his own front door. He was 32 years old.

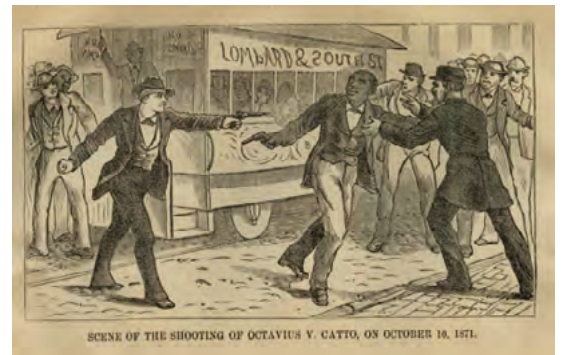
Catto's funeral, paid for by the city, became a national event. Grieving Philadelphians lined Broad Street as his cortege passed with full military honors. More than 5,000 mourners attended the service. His assassin, a Democratic operative named Frank Kelly, was quickly spirited out of Philadelphia and soon fled to Chicago. Six years later, Kelly was at last extradited to Philadelphia to face justice. But at the end of a ten-day trial, an all-White jury acquitted him.

Fast forward 140 years to September 26, 2017. On that date, Philadelphia's monument to Octavius Catto was unveiled outside City Hall. It reminds us that America's quest for social justice and racial equality advances still in fits and starts. That is why it is touching, sad, ironic, a little chilling even, that the issues confronted by the great Philadelphia martyr, Octavius V. Catto, nearly a century before Martin Luther King, Jr. was martyred in the same cause, should still resound loudly with so many of us today.

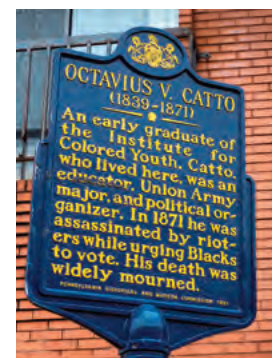
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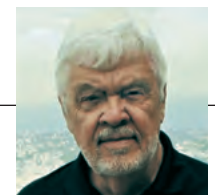
Octavius V. Catto



Scene of the shooting on October 10, 1871



Historical marker at 8th & South Street honoring Catto



TREE TENDER COMMITTEE REPORT

BY CLAUDIA CARABELLI

Get That Sucker Under Control



Have you ever noticed those cute little branches that grow from the sides or bottoms of trees? I used to think they were cute too, until I learned more about them. In tree lingo they're called "suckers." Just like you don't want to be a sucker, you also don't want to have suckers!

What are they?

Suckers are usually an effort by the tree to grow more branches, especially if it's under stress. Less commonly, with some of the fruiting trees, the suckers may look very different from the main tree. This is usually because your common fruit tree is a combination of two species. The less dominant one, which was grafted onto the larger one, is making its best effort to survive. You'll want to remove these suckers, and do so early, because they sap energy away from higher, more desirable branches.

How do I remove them?

It's easy. On the smaller trees, suckers usually

grow on the sides of the trunk. If you catch them in the spring, when they're still tiny, a firm twist and pull will be enough to detach them. Larger suckers, often seen at the base of the tree, can be removed with sharp, clean pruning shears. Cut as close to the trunk as you can. Leave the "collar" where it meets the trunk intact. This will promote better healing. If your shears won't do the trick, a small saw may work.

Can I control them?

Your best bet is to keep your tree healthy. Do what you can to avoid drought, overwatering, disease and pests. While over-pruning can exacerbate the problem, regular appropriate pruning will help prevent suckers. They tend to grow back, so it often becomes a matter of regular removal while they're still small.

If you have tree suckers and are hesitant to handle them on your own, please contact the Tree Tenders via mattdejulio@aol.com. One of us will be happy to come by to lop them off.



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'FIX THE BRIX'

BY MARTHA LEVINE

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

When a person in a wheelchair gets stuck in the sidewalk, it's time to do something about that sidewalk. See photo. In early October, this elderly neighbor was being pushed by his daughter to get his flu shot at the CVS on 5th Street. The wheelchair got stuck in the cracks of the broken sidewalk and luckily they got assistance from a Good Samaritan neighbor.

This occurred in front of a property on Spruce Street. The owner of a multi-unit building had been asked numerous times to fix their unacceptable and dangerous sidewalk. The brick sidewalk had three broken areas, a sure site for an accident. Action was promised, but not taken.

Next step, I contacted our Councilman, Mark Squilla. Mark arranged to have the city's inspectors look at the sidewalk and, hopefully, issue a citation. It remained to be seen which would happen first, the citation or the repair.

Good news: Before receiving a citation, and with the help of Councilman Squilla and the Streets Department, the building owner finally had substantial repairs made to the troublesome sidewalk, making it much safer. Hopefully, the repairs will be completed soon.



Wheelchair stuck in sidewalk.

We homeowners should be aware that we are liable for accidents that occur on our property. Our property extends from the house to the curb, including sidewalks and trees. If something on your property causes harm to anyone, you can be sued. It's time to take it seriously.

To assist in sidewalk improvements in our neighborhood, SHCA has a program called "Fix the Brix" that offers a generous reimbursement to homeowners who level their sidewalks. We will repay you for 40 percent of your bill, up to \$400 for

current SHCA members and up to \$300 for nonmembers. See below the easy steps to follow to receive a check. Be a good neighbor and save someone from a bad trip and fall.

Steps to take:

- 1 Take a photo of your problem sidewalk area and email it to me at marthalev6@gmail.com.
- 2 Hire a mason to do the work. Get a few estimates. We have a suggested list if needed.
- 3 After the work is finished, make sure it is completed to your satisfaction before paying the bill.
- 4 Mail the original paid invoice to us, but make a copy for yourself. If possible, include a copy of your cancelled check. Mail to SHCA, P.O. Box 63503, Philadelphia, PA 19147.
- 5 Receive a check within a few weeks.

Thanks to all of you who have repaired your sidewalks.

It is your gift to the neighborhood!

Martha Levine is a vice president of SHCA.



SHCA LIST OF CONTRACTORS: A PERK OF MEMBERSHIP



One perk of SHCA membership is getting the List of Contractors. This 14-page list has been compiled over years with enthusiastic recommendations from

our neighbors. It is a great starting place, if you are looking for a contractor to do work in your home. On the list are contractors under categories such

as general contractors, painters, electricians, plumbers, masons, HVAC and so much more. We even have a section of other services, including

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BY CLAUDIA CARABELLI

Welcoming Afghans to Our City of Brotherly Love

After 20 long years, the U.S. war in Afghanistan has come to an end. Whatever one thinks about the conflict or our exit from it, one certainty remains: thousands of Afghan refugees are fleeing their homeland and heading to the United States. Many of these people assisted U.S. forces by acting as guides or interpreters. Some were U.S. collaborators who worked for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or the media. Their lives, and those of their families, are at risk with the country now under Taliban control. It's difficult to imagine just how terrifying it must be to make such a harrowing journey, leaving behind everything you know, to restart your life in another country. New customs, unfamiliar language, no home of your own, few belongings and no livelihood. Fortunately, there has generally been strong bipartisan support for assisting these folks.

So, what is the process? First, these individuals and families must make their way out of Afghanistan. As of this writing, approximately 37,000 refugees have arrived in the U.S. and been transported to 46 different states, with the majority ending up in California or Texas. For those who land in Philadelphia — and that's been 8,500 plus so far — they go through a standard routine. Everyone is tested for COVID-19 and offered the vaccine. They provide officials with basic identifying information. At that point, anyone who is a U.S. citizen or holds a Green Card is free to go. Everyone else is transported to one of our military bases for further processing. They can then apply for one of three visas. A Special Immigrant (SI) visa applies to those who worked directly with the U.S. government. A Priority 2 visa is for anyone who worked with U.S. forces or their partners, but doesn't qualify for the SI visa. Most of the rest can apply for "Humanitarian Parole." The timeline for processing these is uncertain.

Those who qualify for the Special Immigrant visa then head to one of the agencies in our area for assistance. The timeline from their entry to the base to their arrival at one of these organizations is typically 15 to 30 days. The two main organizations in Philadelphia at the forefront of refugee resettlement are the **Nationalities Service Center (NSC)** at 1216 Arch Street and **HIAS Pennsylvania** at 600 Chestnut Street. They've both had to crank up their operations into overdrive to deal with this latest refugee crisis. NSC has operated since

1921, offering comprehensive services for immigrants and refugees. Its goal is to "welcome people, put them on a path to self-sufficiency and help them acquire permanent housing." HIAS, founded in 1882 originally to assist Jewish immigrants, now offers support to low-income immigrants of all nationalities. It works towards their "equitable inclusion in American society." The U.S. government provides a \$1,200 stipend and allows 90 days for these individuals to acquire housing and a job that can sustain it. No small feat for even a U.S. citizen.

What can you do to help? Both organizations are overwhelmed and under-resourced right now, so monetary donations are the most helpful. Log onto either site to contribute, www.nscphila.org or www.hias.org.

There are untold opportunities to use our many and varied skills. Our own editor, Sandy Rothman, is getting involved with NSC to teach English as a Second Language. Let's do what we can to help our Afghan brothers and sisters make their way in their new country.

Claudia Carabelli is a Southwest Quadrant Director for SHCA.

Editor's update: I started teaching eight Afghan mothers in September as part of NSC's new initiative called the Family Literacy Program. It's been a wonderful experience!



NSC volunteers Abby, Debbie and Ana worked tirelessly to sort donated items.



If you'd like to take a hands-on approach to volunteering, here are some opportunities offered through both NSC and HIAS Pennsylvania. You can contact them directly to get involved.

- **Volunteer to meet refugees at the airport** and help them get to their new home.
- **Help set up housing for new refugees** by cleaning and setting up the home. If you're a landlord and can offer suitable housing, let them know.
- **Make or donate meals, especially Afghan food.** The familiar can be very comforting.
- **Help resettle refugees via HIAS & their partnership with Airbnb's Open Homes Initiative.**
- **Realtors and landlords** who can offer housing for six months should contact HIAS.
- **If you speak Dari or Pashto**, you can sign up with the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to be an interpreter.
- **To donate goods and services**, go to NSC and HIAS websites for complete listings of appropriate items.

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BY AL CAVALARI

Travels of the Washington Grays Monument

Of the very few Washington Square postcards I have ever seen, most have been modern, close-up views of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The view shown here, while not a great image, is fun because it shows us our square when it honored the Washington Grays, before the fountain was installed.

The Grays, named for the colors of their uniforms, were formed by War of 1812 veterans on April 19, 1822. (You might recall that April 19 is the date “the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world” at Concord’s North Bridge in 1775.) They also saw action in the 1844 Nativist riots. Philadelphia was becoming industrialized and attracting immigrants, largely Irish and Catholic, seeking opportunity. Tension created due to religious and economic differences was fueled by a false rumor that Catholics were removing bibles from public schools. There were more than 20 deaths and hundreds of injuries. Two Catholic churches, dozens of homes and other buildings were burned. The Grays were among the troops called in to restore order.

On February 22, 1861, Abraham Lincoln visited Independence Hall on his way to assume the office of President of the United States. There he raised a 34-star flag and made a speech saying that if the Union could not be saved upon the principle of liberty described in the Declaration of Independence, then “I would rather be assassinated on this spot than surrender it.” The Grays were there to fire the salute. You can visit that exact place, where today a bronze plaque marks the spot on the pavement.

When Fort Sumter was fired on to begin the Civil War, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers. The Grays immediately assembled two companies. On May 8, 1861, they formed up on the west side of Washington Square and marched off to the railroad depot and would serve at Gettysburg, among other places.

In 1871, a member of the Grays put up \$2,000 toward the cost of “erecting a granite monument, in a proper place, to the memory of the gallant comrades who fell in the war for the Union.” The monument began as the simple granite block and plaque, which was unveiled on April 19, 1872, at Broad Street and Girard Avenue. In 1893, to make way for trolley tracks, it was moved to Washington Square. The addition of a statue by Canadian John Albert Wilson followed in 1907.

Wilson is known for creating public artworks throughout North America, particularly Civil War statues. He was hired in 1913 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to sculpt “Silent Sam,” a Confederate soldier erected at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to commemorate the students and faculty who served in the Civil War. Sam was torn down by protestors in 2018.

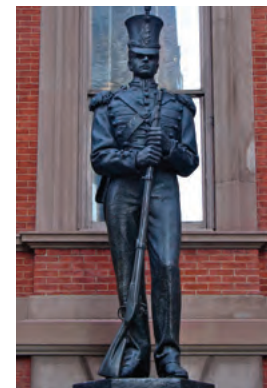
In 1954, the National Park Service determined that Washington Square was to be redesigned to focus on the American War for Independence and include the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier. The Grays monument was moved to Lemon Hill in Fairmount Park, where vandals spray-painted it and broke off parts. After decades of neglect, a suggestion was made to the Union League, formed during the Civil War to help Lincoln save the Union, that it become the statue’s new home. Private money was raised to restore and move the monument. It was rededicated at its new site on Flag Day in 1991.

James Mundy, Union League Historian who provided documents for this article, states “It is entirely appropriate and fitting that the Washington Grays Artillery Corps bronze sculpture found a resting place at the Union League, which was one of the most instrumental citizen-led patriotic organizations that helped save the Union during the Civil War.”

In 1878, the Grays were combined with other units into the newly created Pennsylvania National Guard and ceased to exist as an independent military organization. You can visit the statue and a companion monument called The Gray Reserves, 1st Regiment Infantry National Guard of Philadelphia, also known as the Spirit of ’61, outside the Union League at 140 South Broad Street near Walnut.



Postcard showing the Washington Grays monument in Washington Square



Washington Grays Artillery Corps sculpture now at the Union League



Also there, The Gray Reserves, Spirit of '61



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WASHINGTON SQUARE COMMITTEE REPORT

BY PENNY PLEASANCE

Autumn in the Square

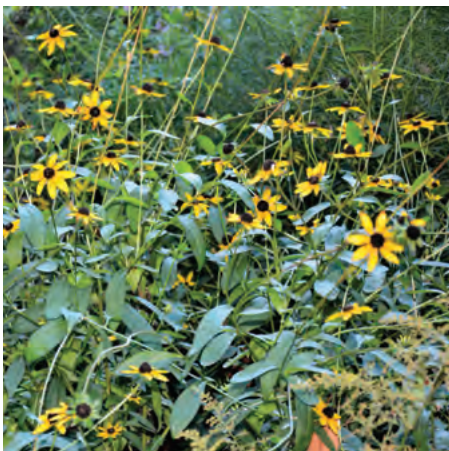
Among the many pleasures of gardening with native plants is that as the seasons change, so do the gardens. While gardens filled with annuals remain static throughout the growing season, a native plant garden offers something new every few months. Even though it is now fall, there is still plenty to delight the eye in Washington Square.

Late season blooms provide important nectar to beneficial insects like bees, as well as colorful flower displays for visitors. Among these later season blooms are plants like the deep pink obedient plant (*Phystostegia virginiana* 'Vivid'),



Phystostegia virginiana "Vivid"

found in the bed at the corner of 6th Street and South Washington Square, as well as the bed along Walnut and 7th Streets. These beauties seem to be a magnet for bees. Also in bloom are black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *fulgida*),



Rudbeckia fulgida var. fulgida

which have a long bloom period and will take us all the way until frost. These flowers look especially great next to the sun-loving varieties of bright blue aster we have planted in the sunnier beds. Visitors and bees may also enjoy the blue wood asters that have been planted in the shadier parts of the park, along with several varieties of goldenrod for both sun and shade.

It's worth pausing here for a moment to note that goldenrod has developed a bad reputation for being a nuisance, but there are many varieties of native goldenrod that are well behaved and provide both an important late season nectar source, as well as seed for birds over the winter. The invasive goldenrod is Canadian goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), and it is likely what you see crowding roadside banks and open fields. We, on the other hand, have planted beneficial goldenrod like blue-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*) that thrives in shade, as well as a spectacular specimen planting of a sun-loving goldenrod called "Fireworks." This plant (*Solidago rugosa*) is located at the north entrance of West Washington Square.



Solidago rugosa "Fireworks"

Its fireworks-like display of golden yellow arches is a true showstopper.

Visitors may have noticed that we have left many patches of summer blooming black-eyed Susans standing, as well as coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*) whose blooms are now spent. It is not

because we are lazy, we are intentionally leaving seed heads as food for the birds. Goldfinches in particular feed on these seeds and, indeed, a few goldfinches have been spotted enjoying what we have grown for them. That said, once the birds have finished off the seeds, or the stalks begin to tip over, we will be out to cut them back to the ground and wait for them to emerge again in the spring.

There is so much to enjoy in native plant gardens as the seasons wax and wane. In addition to the blooms, the fall foliage and red berries of the winterberry hollies (*Ilex verticillata*)



Ilex verticillata

at the entrances along West Washington Square offer even more to enjoy. But don't wait too long to search them out; the birds seem to devour the berries almost as soon as they ripen.

I encourage visitors to take a moment to walk up to the edges of some of the beds to observe the comings and goings of the birds and bees as they flit among the blooms and seed heads during these final weeks of the growing season. A few quiet moments in the golden light of autumn contemplating nature will surely chase away the COVID-19 blues!



Penny Pleasance is one of the Potting Shed Cabinet's leaders and a plant specialist.

RESTAURANTS NAVIGATING THE PANDEMIC

BY CLAUDIA CARABELLI

The Amalfi Coast Comes to Society Hill



Antipasto Italiano



Octopus



Filet Mignon



Vitello D'oro



Paccheri Bolognese

After a good, long run of over 40 years, **Ristorante La Buca** closed its doors for the final time earlier this summer. Luckily for us, 711 Locust Street didn't stay vacant for long. A fresh young crew, no relation to the previous establishment, moved in to open their first restaurant, **Buca D'oro Ristorante**, on September 9. If you've ever been inside the building, you'll remember that the dining area is below street level. The word "buca" literally means basement, so it's totally appropriate to remain in the new name. A long staircase graces the entryway, but there is also a conveniently located elevator.

The bar area remains at the main entrance, although they're still awaiting the liquor license transfer. Until that happens, hopefully in a few months, you're welcome to bring in your own wine. Once up and running, they promise an updated bar menu to go along with it. The interior has been modernized with brighter lighting, new flooring, tables and very comfortable chairs with my favorite: square backs so your purse doesn't slide to the floor. The iconic wall murals remain, although they did repaint other areas to give it a fresh new look. There are four dining rooms that can seat up to 120 people, even with the tables safely distanced for COVID-19 compliance. Certain areas can accommodate private parties, with room dividers available for extra privacy. Masks are worn by all staff and required for guests when not seated at their table. Dining is mostly inside, although they've just acquired permits for seven to eight outdoor tables.

The three co-managers, **Tea Maliqi**, **Denis Gjana** and **Orgest Gjata**, work along with Chef **Jose Peralta** to create what they describe as fresh, high-quality authentic Italian food from the Amalfi Coast region. Our neighborhood already boasts the Positano Coast. Now, we can add the entire Amalfi coast to our local culinary adventures.

The staff comes with lots of combined experience, having worked for many years in all aspects of the restaurant industry in locales like Italy, New York and New Jersey. They describe this effort as one that includes all the positive aspects of what they've learned along the way. Chef Jose started out at the age of 17 making salads in a country club kitchen. He worked his way up through the ranks, eventually rising to head chef at Arugula Ristorante at Cold Point Village in Plymouth Meeting. All four of them seem very excited about their new venture and are hopeful that

they can become a neighborhood staple that fosters friendly, personal relationships with its customers.

The staff stressed that this will be top-notch quality food. No soggy pre-cooked vegetables or food dried out under heat lamps. Everything is acquired through local purveyors, and each dish is prepared to order, seven days a week, for both lunch and dinner.

Some of the specialties are whole Bronzino, grilled calamari, octopus and assorted pasta dishes. Some of the pastas are made in-house and are noted as such on the menu. They also feature panini, pizza, flatbreads and salad. Dinner includes main courses of chicken, veal and seafood. In addition to the regular menu, there are specials every day. Another highlight, should you still have room for dessert, is their homemade tiramisu. As Chef Jose noted, "All are made with love."

In recognition of the limited time that working customers may have for lunch, a 40-minute in-and-out meal is offered to those in a hurry. Guests, of course, may linger if they like. Take-out is also available. In appreciation of our city's hardworking hospital personnel, a 10 percent discount is offered to healthcare workers. The holidays will bring some special menus, all of which will be a la carte, so one won't be locked into a pricey prix fixe menu.

Make reservations by phone at 215-928-0556 or online at www.bucadororistorante.com or www.opentable.com. Walk-ins are also encouraged. Let's give these newcomers a nice warm welcome to the neighborhood!

Claudia Carabelli is a Southwest Quadrant Director for SHCA.

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SOUTH STREET HEADHOUSE DISTRICT

BY KERI WHITE

Shop Local

As the “shop local” movement has gained momentum, the businesses in the South Street Headhouse District have embraced it fully. Executive Director Mike Harris comments, “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to highlight some of our local business owners by putting a face behind the name. These are the folks who work day in and day out to provide unique and independently-owned shops, services, amenities and restaurants that enhance the fabric of our community.”



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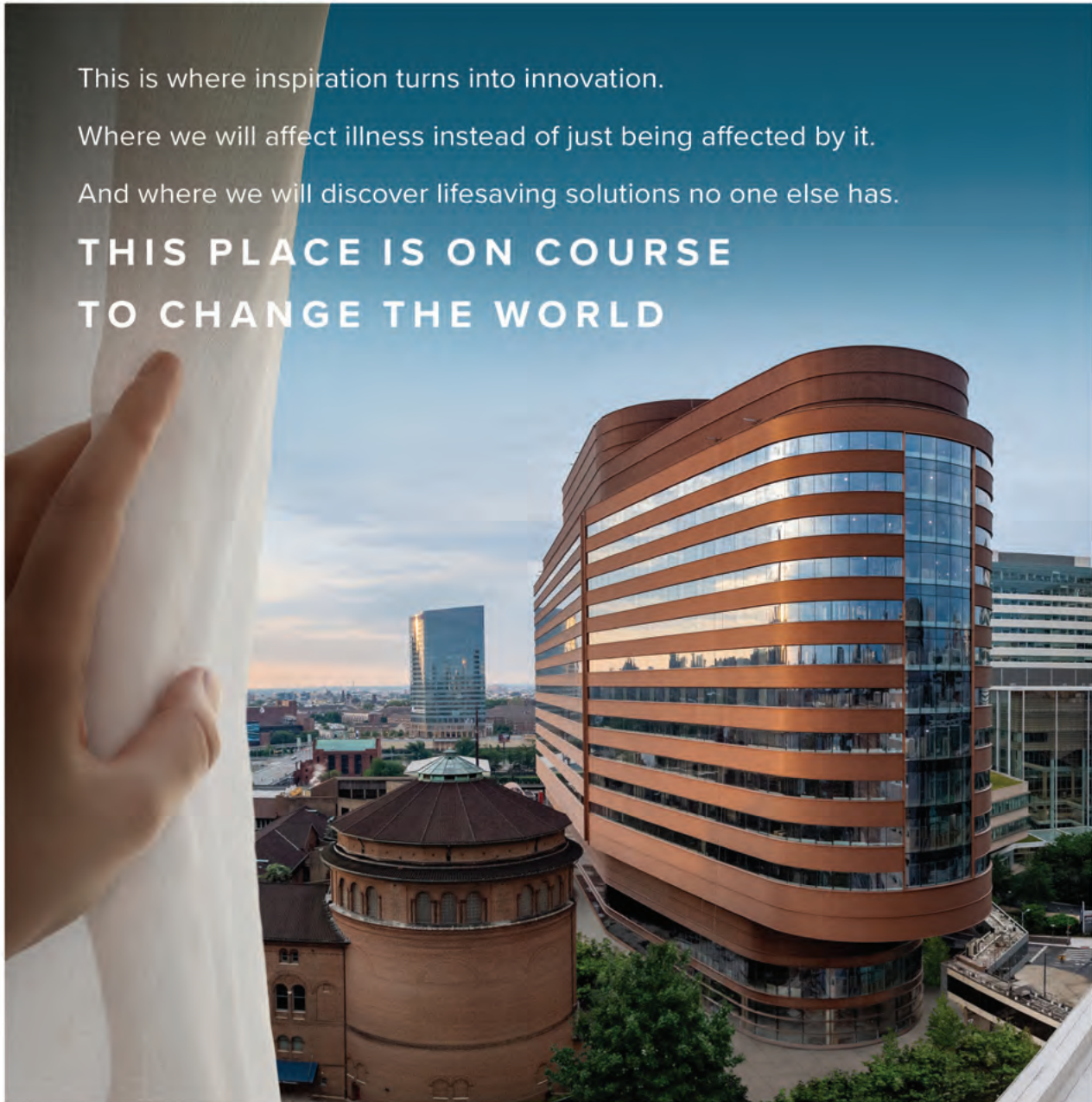
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URBAN EDEN

BY MARY STURDIVANT

Raking, Pruning and Mum's the Word!

“Winter is coming,” the characters from *Game of Thrones* ominously intone. For gardeners, these closing months of autumn mean getting the beds ready for winter and raking. Lots and lots of raking.

Who are the gardeners I am addressing in this debut column of Urban Eden? Well, it is not our neighbors like Dennis McGlade, former professional landscaper, or Penny Pleasance, a garden guru from Mt. Cuba, or Joan Wells, who tends most of the public gardens in the area, including the 18th Century Garden on Walnut Street and the Rose Garden. No, this is for you if, like me, you have an abundance of enthusiasm and curiosity about the natural world around us and want to dig in.

Raking

Most of us with homes on our tree-lined streets are used to cleaning up leaf debris with a broom. But, for the garden, you will need a rake. Yes, leaves will naturally compost, but not the way you need them to do so. Instead, when wet, they will adhere to each other and form a thin layer, almost like glassine paper. This glassine effect makes wet leaves as dangerous as ice on sidewalks. In the spring, it will be harder to push through to plant bulbs and harder for the tender shoots to push up. Hiring someone with a noisy, air-polluting leaf blower? Puhleeze! Rake and bag, maybe let the kids have a jump or two in the pile if they help with bagging.

SHCA's Fall Clean-Up Day offers a convenient chance to put your bagged leaves at designated intersections. If you don't want those lawn bags in your back

yard or lack the skills for turning them into scarecrows, you can drive them out to the Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center, at 3850 Ford Road. It's open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. As a bonus, you can take up to 30 gallons of **free** organic materials. Additional leaf compost, mulch, wood chips and more are available for purchase.

Pruning

November also means pruning, sometimes severe pruning. It's the time to cut those glorious mophead hydrangeas back from over six feet to six or eight stalks about three feet high. Call your crafter friends and let them know an abundance of hydrangea flower heads will be available. My friend buys the cheapest hair spray at the Dollar Store to spray lightly and preserve them. Sprayed gold or silver, à la Martha Stewart, they make wonderful door wreaths.

Cut back all the dead flowering stalks on hostas, heuchera, asters and astilbe. Birds and butterflies have eaten all the seeds, so the echinacea (coneflowers) look spent and need to be cut back to about two inches above ground. Those stalks will remind you where they are in the spring.

There are two camps on pruning hosta. One says, “Leave it alone. It will just die back.” Another says, “Cut it back to almost the ground. It will be easier to rake, and you can still see where it will come back.” Pick your team and root for it.

Mum's the Word

Now for some fun. Chrysanthemums, or mums, are synonyms for autumn. Like a lot of our families, they immigrated from northeastern Europe and East Asia. Maybe a distant great-great someone carried the seeds. Looking for a pop of color? Deep wine-colored burgundies or bright taxi-cab yellows. Shape? Tiny, tight buttons to lavish flower heads. Mums in all their variety fill garden centers and outdoor trays at the grocery and hardware stores. Plant these now and enjoy them, but don't expect them to reappear next year. We are growing zone 7b, and unless they have all summer to settle in, they usually don't survive our winters. They seldom appear at markets until fall, so order online this spring for next year. The early bloomers start in mid to late July. The chromatic profusion can continue until Thanksgiving. See if your green thumb dominates and your guests return as residents. But, if they don't, remember, it's not you. It's our winters.

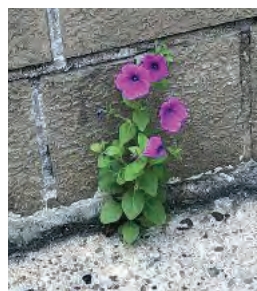
We celebrate a lot of different things in Philadelphia, but we've never had a tradition of a Chrysanthemum Festival. Festivals were gaining a foothold on the West Coast, but that was curtailed by the Japanese internments during World War II. I propose a real Chrysanthemum Festival with a Society Hill accent. This would include pageants, as well as front stoop and window box competitions. Include the best block tree pit or Franklin Light display. Don't forget crafts, like pine cone feeders for the kids, and, somehow, we must include the dogs!

Planning and dreaming. That is what winter is about for gardeners.

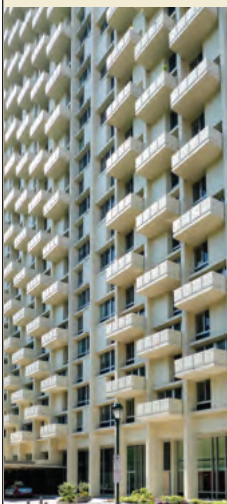
To introduce this new column, neighbor **Mary Sturdivant** offers the following: “For fifteen years on Pine Street, I had only two stone containers outside and a narrow strip along the concrete path to the trash bins in the back to indulge my passion of gardening. However, in

the 90s, Jean Bodine organized the neighbors to combat damage she noticed due to weather and other insults that decimated the street tree canopy. I then joined the Tree Tenders and was trained by Mindy Maslin at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The Physick House garden and the spring plant sale brought lots of hands-on experience. For the last three years, Sherley Young and Penny Pleasance have been patiently tutoring me and my two co-mentees on native, non-invasive perennial plants for plot #5 in Washington Square.



Gardeners bring hope and learn patience in this process. The city itself offers unique challenges. **That's the appeal of this plucky petunia. When you find yourself between a brick wall and a cement slab, just do your bloomin' best.**”



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BY MARTHA LEVINE

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY MATT DEJULIO

New Memberships Highest Since 2018

In calendar year 2021, SHCA recorded a membership total of 1,162, surpassing last year's total of 1,143 by 2 percent. This was thanks to a more than 100 percent increase in the number of new members, the most since 160 new members signed up in 2018.

We are disappointed that 105 members from last year did not renew. If you are among them, you still have a chance to sign up again, before the official 2022 membership drive commences in early November, via email notification.

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Matt DeJulio is a retired publishing executive. He has served SHCA as its administrator since 2001.

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ON OUR SHELF

BY RICHARD DE WYNGAERT

Holiday Gift Picks



Books are gifts that keep giving, page after page, character after character, scene after scene. Readers get transported to new places and learn new things with each read. Plus, there's always the possibility of a sequel!

Fiction***Bewilderment*
by Richard Powers**

The astrobiologist Theo Byrne searches for life throughout the cosmos while single-handedly raising his unusual nine-year-old, Robin, following the death of his wife. Robin is a warm, kind boy who spends hours painting elaborate pictures of endangered animals. He's also about to be expelled from third grade for smashing his friend in the face. As his son grows more troubled, Theo hopes to keep him off psychoactive drugs. He learns of an experimental neuro-feedback treatment to bolster Robin's emotional control, one that involves training the boy on the recorded patterns of his mother's brain.

***Still Life*
by Sarah Winman**

A captivating, bighearted, richly tapestried story of people brought together by love, war, art, flood and the ghost of E. M. Forster. With beautiful prose, extraordinary tenderness and bursts of humor and light, *Still Life* is a sweeping portrait of unforgettable individuals who come together to make a family, and a deeply drawn celebration of beauty and love in all its forms.

***The Love Songs of W.E. B. Du Bois*
by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers**

The great scholar W. E. B. Du Bois once wrote about the problem of race in America and what he called "double consciousness," a sensitivity that every African American possesses in order to survive. Since childhood, Ailey Pearl Garfield has understood Du Bois' words all too well. Bearing the names of two formidable Black Americans — the revered choreographer Alvin Ailey and her great-grandmother Pearl, the descendant of enslaved Georgians and tenant farmers — Ailey carries Du Bois' problem on her shoulders. In order to come to terms with her own identity, Ailey embarks on a journey through her family's past, uncovering the shocking tales of generations of ancestors — Indigenous, Black, and White — in the deep South.

Nonfiction***The Baseball 100* by Joe Posnanski**

Longer than *Moby-Dick* and nearly as ambitious, *The Baseball 100* is a one-of-a-kind work by award-winning sportswriter and lifelong student of the game Joe Posnanski that tells the story of the sport through the remarkable lives of its 100 greatest players. Baseball's legends come alive in these pages, which are not merely rankings but vibrant profiles of the game's all-time greats. Posnanski dives into the biographies of iconic Hall of Famers, unfairly forgotten All-Stars, talents of today and more.

***Gastro Obscura: A Food Adventurer's Guide*
by Cecily Wong**

It's truly a feast of wonder. Created by the ever-curious minds behind *Atlas Obscura*, this breathtaking guide transforms our sense of what people around the world eat and drink. Covering all seven continents, *Gastro Obscura* serves up a loaded plate of incredible ingredients, food adventures and edible wonders. Ready for a beer made from fog in Chile? Sardinia's "Threads of God" pasta? Egypt's 2,000-year-old egg ovens? But far more than a menu of curious minds, delicacies and unexpected dishes, *Gastro Obscura* reveals food's central place in our lives as well as our bellies.

***A Hunter-Gatherer's Guide to the 21st Century*
by Heather Heying, Bret Weinstein**

A bold, provocative history of our species finds the roots of civilization's success and failure in our evolutionary biology. We're living through the most prosperous age in all human history, yet people are more listless, divided and miserable than ever. Wealth and comfort are unparalleled, and yet our political landscape grows ever more toxic, and rates of suicide, loneliness, and chronic illness continue to skyrocket. For evolutionary biologists Heying and Weinstein, the cause of our woes is clear: The modern world is out of sync with our ancient brains and bodies. They cut through the politically fraught discourse surrounding issues like sex, gender, diet, parenting, sleep, education and more to outline a provocative, science-based worldview that will empower you to live a better, wiser life.

Memoir***There is Nothing for You Here*
by Fiona Hill**

A celebrated foreign policy expert and key Trump impeachment witness reveals how declining opportunity has set America on the grim path of modern Russia. Hill draws on her personal journey out of poverty, as well as her unique perspectives as a historian and policy maker, to show how we can return hope to our forgotten places. In this powerful, deeply personal account, she shares what she has learned and shows why expanding opportunity is the only long-term hope for our democracy.

***Taste: My Life Through Food*
by Stanley Tucci**

From award-winning actor and food-obsessive Stanley Tucci comes an intimate and charming memoir of life in and out of the kitchen. Stanley Tucci grew up in an Italian-American family that spent every night around the kitchen table. He shared the magic of those meals with us in *The Tucci Cookbook* and *The Tucci Table*, and now he takes us beyond the savory recipes and into the compelling stories behind them.

***No Cure for Being Human*
by Kate Bowler**

Kate Bowler believed that life was a series of unlimited choices, until she discovered, at age 35, that her body was wracked with cancer. In *No Cure for Being Human*, she searches for a way forward as she mines the wisdom and absurdity of today's "best life now" advice industry, which insists on exhausting positivity and on trying to convince us that we can out-eat, out-learn and out-perform our humanness. We are, she finds, as fragile as the day we were born.

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NEWS TO KNOW

To Be or Not To Be

Be a Good Citizen

Beginning November 1, SHCA reduces clean up services paid to Center City District to once a week. As we go to press, we realize that we may not be able to count on the city to provide pick up service for a fall clean up day. So, we ask all neighbors to help keep our sidewalks safe and clean. Before and/or after trash days, please sweep leaves and pick up litter on your sidewalks. If you need bags for leaf disposal, email info@societyhillcivic.org.

Be a Blood Donor

The Society Hill Towers' Activities Committee, Penn's Village and SHCA are co-sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on November 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Towers' community room located at 285 Saint James Place.

All participants are required to follow COVID-19 guidelines, including wearing masks and social distancing. The event is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Society Hill Towers.

Be a Reading Buddy

Help instill the love of books in a young child. Consider joining Nebinger Elementary School's Reading Buddy Program.

Adult volunteers willing to commit one hour per week, in-person or virtual, during the 2021-22 school year are being sought. No educational experience is necessary. "Buddy" with a second grade student and spend time with them each week reading, playing word games, working on vocabulary and having lots of fun together. Philadelphia School District clearances are required. Both men and women are encouraged to volunteer for to the program.



Many children in our city were already behind in their reading skills. Now 18 months of a pandemic and remote programming has resulted in students falling behind even more. Here's a great way to help those kids make up some ground.

For more information, contact Claudia Carabelli at ccarabelli@comcast.net.

WASHINGTON SQUARE AFFAIR UPDATE

BY JOAN ROLLINS TROPP AND FRED MANFRED

Fingers Crossed

Optimism has inspired the Washington Square Affair Committee to begin planning an event for 2022! This event, a function of SHCA, is a highly anticipated community celebration of the park we all hold dear. The pandemic has caused people to rethink everything, as public safety is prioritized. While no less fabulous, we anticipate that both the Patron Party and tented Affair will be reformatted.

Your continued and generous support has allowed us to make remarkable progress in Washington Square. The evolving planting beds are a showcase of native plants featuring their diverse colors and

textures. The park is now formally recognized as a historic international arboretum. All the trees have been labeled, and this past spring we held our first public Arbor Day celebration. Trees have been trimmed and the turf has been strengthened to withstand the rigors of daily - public use. In addition, our work included repairs to the fountain, guardhouses and irrigation system.

We will keep you updated on our progress, and we thank you in advance for your patience. We look forward to celebrating the Washington Square Affair with you in 2022.





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