



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## **THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER**

313 Pine Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

### GET OUT YOUR APPOINTMENT BOOK

and mark this one down. A big general membership meeting on Thursday, February 24, with lots to discuss. Its going to be prompt - at 8 P.M. - at Old Pine Church. We hope to have lawyer, John Hunt and the President of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition in attendance to brief the membership on the status of unfulfilled commitments to the neighborhood relating to Interstate 95. The remainder of the agenda will include an update on the brazen attempt by Mr. Peruto to stuff two liquor licenses into the Washington West Building at Eighth and Locust - a plea to resurrect the Parking Committee (a sequel to the soap opera which attempts to answer the question if a three car family can find happiness in Society Hill without selling two or adopting sticker parking or both). Come and get tuned in and turned on.

### WASHINGTON SQUARE JUNGLE GYM JUMBLE

The City Fathers may have "solved" our difficulties as to the new location for the Jungle Gym in Washington Square. The Fairmount Park Commission has advised us that the gym will be moved out of the neighborhood to a housing project on Passyunk Avenue. As Proposed at our last membership meeting our President has written to Fairmount Park Commissioner, Robert McConnell requesting that at least part of the equipment be re-located to McCall School playground, the S.H.C.A.'s suggested site.

### CRAFTS, SCHMAFTS SURVEY

As promised, Barbara Leff has conducted a poll to get a sense of the neighborhood concerning the Head House Crafts Fair and the problems connected with it. The majority of those surveyed were in favor of having the fair continued at its Head House location.

The results also confirmed that opposition to the fair decreases in direct proportion to the distance between it and one's home. The strongest negative sentiments were expressed by those residents east of third and south of Spruce where more than one-half of those polled voiced their disapproval.

Our Treasurer, Ruth Dugan (Wa2-3195) has been appointed by the Board to head up a negotiating team of resident members most affected to meet with Craft Fair officials and bring back to the membership a proposal for resolving the outstanding issues. With Newmarket already having barred its lessees from any further sidewalk food vending we may already be in for some nasal relief next summer.

### ELECTIONS ARE COMING - COME RUN COME ALL

May 18, The Society Hill Civic Association will hold its annual election. At Stake will be the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 12 District Directors apportioned as follows:

Southwest Quadrant	4
Southeast Quadrant	3
Northeast Quadrant	3
Northwest Quadrant	2

Members to fill positions as District Directors may be nominated by petition signed by at least ten members from within their respective Districts. In addition, a Nominating Committee comprised of at least one Board Member from each district has been appointed by the Board of Directors to nominate candidates for each of the four officer positions and to fill in nominees for District Director where sufficient petitions are not filed in a particular district.

Anyone so disposed is urged to run for office. This association which now number 1,013 members can only survive and thrive with neighbors who care enough to give of their time and effort. Any and all questions about board membership and how easy it is to run for office can be answered by this year's Nominating Committee

John Smith - Chairman	
Mary Jane McEntee	Bob Gill
Jan Stephano	Helene Greenberg
Tillie Speck	Malcolm Strikler
Dan Whelan	Roger Lewis

### A CULTURAL FIRST FOR SOCIETY HILL

Pennsylvania Pro Musica, in collaboration with the PPM Chorale, will perform G.F. Handel's Israel In Egypt, beginning with the little-known first part of the oratorio: Lamentation Of The Israelites On The Death Of Joseph, never before performed in Phila. On Sunday, February 20, 1977 at 2:30 P.M. at Old Pine Street Church. Dr. Zimmerman will present a brief introductory lecture at 2:25 P.M. Tickets are \$4.75 each at the door with students and senior citizens being charged \$2.50 each. We have made special arrangements with Pro Musica so that if you phone 727-5819 or write to Dr. Zimmerman at 4816 Beaumont Avenue, Phila., PA 19143 and mention that you are a member of the Society Hill Civic Association the ticket will be \$4.25 each - but only in advance - they will be \$4.75 at the door so don't put it off - don't miss this great performance in your own back yard.

## RESIDENT REPORTS

- To those conscientious members who have been sending their renewal dues for 1977-78 please wait until you receive your dues notice. March and April will be dedicated to membership renewal and we hope everyone will rejoin at that time.
  
- To those members who were appalled by the amount of snow and ice left on our neighborhood sidewalks we are reproducing below the city ordinance relating to snow removal. We'll wager there are a good many neighborhood kids with shovels for hire to assist those who are not the shovelers they used to be. An ounce of prevention may be worth the \$10 a day or imprisonment not exceeding 15 days cure imposed by the city ordinance.

### **§10-719. Snow Removal from Sidewalks.\***

(1) The owner, agent and tenants of any building or premises shall clear a path of not less than 30 inches in width on all sidewalks abutting the building or premises within 6 hours after the snow has ceased to fall. The path shall be thoroughly cleared of snow and ice. Where the width of any pavement measured from the property line to the curb is less than 3 feet, the path cleared may be only 12 inches in width. When the building in question is a multi-family dwelling the owner or his agent shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements of this section.

(2) Snow or ice removed from sidewalks, driveways, or other areas shall not be placed or piled in the street.

- To those members who may have wanted to communicate with public and semi public officials providing neighborhood services we hope our neighborhood survival kit will help.
  
- Anyone interested in planting a garden plot on a cleared lot in the area may receive free seed from the Redevelopment Authority. Applications can be picked up at our February 24 meeting or by calling Ted Robb (Ma7-0329).
  
- Congratulations to Mr. Jerome Kurtz neighbor and S.H.C.A. member on his selection by President Carter to be the next commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD SURVIVAL KIT

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KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Philadelphia Managing Director's Office	Mu6-3481
Redevelopment Authority Society Hill Project Manager	854-6689
City Planning Commission Representative for our area	Mu6-7079
Penn's Landing Corporation	665-0707
Pennsylvania Hospital - Administration	829-3251
Hall Mercer Hospital Community Consultation	829-5290
Police - Chief of Inspectors	Mu6-3341
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Mu6-7878
Water Department - Water Emergencies	Mu6-3900
Licences & Inspection Department Vandalized or dangerous vacant buildings - Weeds - Code Violations	Mu6-2463
Broken Street or Alley Lights	Mu6-7526
Street Repairs Pot holes, broken curbs, etc.	Mu6-5507
Health Department - Rat Patrol	Mu6-5152
Trash Removal	Mu6-1776 ext.- 84401