



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THE RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

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THE LAST MEETING IN A NUTSHELL IF THAT'S THE RIGHT METAPHOR

Just in case you missed the general membership meeting on September 17th, 1980, here's a quick capsule. The membership unanimously passed a resolution opposing the completion of access and egress ramps to I-95 at Fitzwater and Bainbridge. The City had originally included them in its initial bid proposals to develop the Bookbinder parking lot site at Dock and Front Streets.

In reference to outside requests for the use of the SHCA membership list, the SHCA members voted unanimously that the list be used for SHCA business only.

City Managing Director W. Wilson Goode then addressed the meeting by fielding questions from members. Litter was a major concern. So were tax assessments, public housing and zoning. Other issues covered at the meeting are summarized below.

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SHCA will sponsor a Political Forum at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15th at the Old Pine Community Center, Fourth and Lombard Streets. Candidates for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative, Attorney General, State Representative and State Senator have been invited to speak and answer questions.

Residents of Society Hill and surrounding neighborhoods are invited to attend and discuss with the candidates their positions on major issues. You can ask Ozzie and Raymond about those envelopes!

UPDATE: TRAFFIC AND PARKING COALITION

The Traffic and Parking Coalition, headed by SHCA President Mike Willmann, has been meeting every two weeks to deal with problems of traffic congestion and illegal parking -- an everyday occurrence in this area and greatly accelerated on weekends.

The Coalition, of which SHCA is a member, also includes the Queen Village Neighbors Association, the Queen Village Businessmen's Association, the South Street Businessmen's Association, NewMarket Management, the NewMarket Merchants Association and the Pennsport Civic Association.

According to Willmann, SHCA has endorsed all of the Coalition's traffic and parking proposals, which include: A resident sticker parking plan, cab stands at 2nd and Lombard and 4th and Gaskill Sts., a shuttle trolley now in operation from the Sansom St. parking garage to area restaurants, bus route changes, a new parking garage to be built by the city on Leithgow St. behind Philadeli, South St. near 4th and additional traffic and parking signs.

The Coalition is the first such group to include both business people and residents working together to ease a situation that has become increasingly worse. On Friday, October 3rd, members met with Inspector Edward Lawless, Commanding Officer of the Police Department's Traffic Division. Lawless said that an effort will be made to assign police, as available, to the area on weekends, as well as two traffic jeeps in the evenings to enforce no parking regulations.

Responding to members' concerns about city plans for I-95 ramps, Conrad Weiler, President of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, early foe of I-95 relayed information about the city's informal stand this past spring. They included the following: No ramps may be constructed without completion of an Access Needs study; a proposal for another northbound ramp exiting I-95 at Queen St., where a stub now exists. Construction would necessitate removal of a sound barrier, already in place; and a proposal for a Moore St. onramp, southbound, with access only from Delaware Ave.

Weiler noted that the city does not seem to be pushing an early proposal for an exit fly-over ramp emerging at Delancey St., lifting up on the west side southbound from I-95 and crossing over, emptying into Delaware Ave. It would involve removal of the sound barrier and retaining wall.

Specific plans for resident sticker parking will soon be presented to our District Councilman.

STOP BY ON OCTOBER 22ND

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd at 8 p.m. at the Old Pine Community Center, Fourth and Lombard Streets. All meetings of the Board are open.

PARTY OF THE YEAR

Preliminary arrangements for a SHCA membership party were negotiated last summer with Joan Simon of Domsy Simon Advertising, the agency for NewMarket. The party will be in a large private room in the NewMarket complex with wine and cheese donated by NewMarket restaurants and, possibly, a jazz combo. Members of the party committee, including Lu Bangert, Carol Berger, Nancy Frenze, Carole Saft, Joan Simon and Edna Wenk, met on October 9th to organize the event. Target date is January. Purpose is to increase membership and - have a ball!

WONDER WOMAN

The wheels turn slowly but officially we can include Janet Andereck as corresponding secretary, a new position created by the SHCA. At this writing Janet is recuperating, at home, from pneumonia. We wish her a speedy recovery.

When she is able, Janet's main task will be to keep the Newsletter coming to the homes of SHCA members. Janet will also correspond with other civic organizations for the purpose of fostering a cooperative spirit in matters of mutual concern such as litter, traffic and parking, public housing, commercial growth and tax reassessment. Janet will be the liaison person for SHCA so that dates involving local school, church, synagogue, fund raising and city-sponsored events can be cleared and will not conflict with SHCA meetings and vice-versa.

CORRECTION

On page 5 of the Newsletter's August issue under the heading, The Taxman Cometh, members were instructed: Call Tony (Schneider) if you want information on the old assessment of your home, the new assessment, the market value, the address and the date of the last reassessment, or if you wish to ask Tony for some information on the subject.

We all know that Tony is a pretty smart fellow - but can you imagine calling him for your own address? Who knows it better than you - and that goes for the other items from the old assessment to the date of the new assessment of your home.

If you want to give the above information to Tony, who is chairman of the SHCA Real Estate Committee and organized the well-attended meetings on September 15th and October 1st, call him at 925-3233(o) or 923-1911(h).

THE 7½% to 15% SOLUTION

The Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation was formed in 1979 to administer the Facade Easement Program in Philadelphia. Facade easements are a new preservation tool whereby the owner of an historic building gives to a non-profit corporation -- in this case PHPC -- the right to determine how the front of a building is to be restored and maintained and gives up the right to tear the building down. The owner gives up no property, merely the right to do with it as he wishes, and he is still responsible for insuring and maintaining the building. In return, the owner can take a charitable deduction on his federal income taxes that ranges from 7.5% to 15% of the fair market value of the building, depending on how restrictive the easement is. The charitable deduction can be spread out over five years, and the easement is perpetual.

To implement the Facade Easement Program, PHPC has a staff of four, including a full-time restoration architect. The Preservation Policy Committee of the Corporation makes the actual determination about which buildings to accept easements on and how much restoration to require as a condition of acceptance. The Committee is composed of volunteer professional restoration architects, a structural engineer, the City Historian, and a developer of historic buildings. The Committee follows closely the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings."

In examining buildings whose owners have offered facade easements to PHPC, the Preservation Policy Committee has found a number of problems that have caused them to reject easements. The most common is the inappropriate repointing of a building; the second most common problem is sandblasting. Modern Portland cement is a much harder material than the original lime mortar and much harder than the old, low-fired brick. As a result, with expansion and contraction, the brick is damaged by the harder cement and the surface flakes away, leaving the soft interior open to the weather. Sandblasting, while it cleans up the appearance of an old building, also eats away the hard outer skin of the brick and hastens its deterioration. Indeed, the patina, as preservationists call the dirt on the surface of a building, actually protects the masonry against the pollutants in the air.

Any owner of an historic building who thinks his building might qualify for a facade easement and would like more information, should write to: The Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation, Suite 1412, One East Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107, or call 568-2014.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TAXES

More than 250 people attended a meeting convened by the Society Hill Civic Association to discuss large scale tax reassessments in this area for the tax year 1981.

The meeting, attended by a sprinkling of state and city officials as well as concerned residents, was held at Old Pine Community Center on Wednesday, October 1st. It was the result of 18 months of watchful interest by SHCA, following widespread tax reassessments in the center city area west of Broad St. The purpose of the gathering was to share information so that residents could take action individually. The Association has taken no position on the tax situation.

Officials invited to the meeting were: the Mayor, Finance Director, Revenue Commissioner, At-Large Council Persons, the area's District Councilman, State Senator, State Representative, members of the Board of Revision of Taxes, the area's Assessor and several attorneys. Those who were present included: Patrick Murray, the Revenue Commissioner's deputy in charge of collection of delinquent taxes; District Councilman James Tayoun, At-Large Councilman Al Pearlman, State Senator Vincent Fumo and Assessor Barry Mescoletto.

All of the guests spoke and responded to questions from the audience. Speakers from this area were SHCA Board Member Bob Holtz, Tony Schneider, Chairman of Real Estate Tax Reassessment and Attorney Barbara Charles, who has solicited residents to appeal the reassessments.

Residents were informed that they could appeal the higher taxes by meeting with their assessor and submitting a written appeal to the Board of Revision of Taxes. The due date for such appeals was Monday, October 6th. Appeals may be carried through the court system. The suburbs are looking better every minute.

ANGELS OF DEATH

The Hospice Program at Pennsylvania Hospital -- which was established in March, 1979 -- has embarked on a campaign to organize "Friends of Hospice."

The program is a concept that provides for the special needs of terminally ill patients and their families, both within the hospital and at home. It consists of a multi-professional treatment team, aided by trained volunteers. Bereavement follow-up is an integral part of the program.

There is no charge for hospice care at Pennsylvania Hospital. Since there are no government or private insurance funds to defray the costs, the program has supported itself with private funding. But there is a great need for expansion of staff and facilities. It is hoped that the new Friends of Hospice group will insure a larger network of interest in the community and a broader financial support as well.

For additional information on the Hospice Program at Pennsylvania Hospital and Friends of Hospice, please call 829-5335, or write to the Hospice Program at Pennsylvania Hospital, 8th and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

INDEPENDENCE PLACE

Independence Place had its official grand opening on September 25th with the usual cocktail party plus a well-done film depicting the good life at Independence Place. Everyone in Society Hill should see this film and never complain again. In case you didn't know it, you are living in a veritable paradise.

Representatives of the developer (Independence Place Associates), the construction company (R.M. Shoemaker Company) Washington Square East Condominium #1, Washington Square East Condominium #2 and the SHCA compose a standing committee that will deal with problems arising from the development of the twin towers. The committee -- which will also include an engineer on the job site -- plan to meet at regular intervals.

Edward Edelstein, Esq. who was responsible for drafting a complex set of conditions which were the subject of a restrictive covenant to run with the land purchased by Independence Place Associates, called the first meeting of the standing committee on October 3rd. At this meeting, the committee concerned itself with a) developing a procedure for communicating between the developer and the contractor, and the developer and the homeowners, b) the resolution of several problems that relate to Manning Walk homeowners who are part of Washington Square East Condominium #2.

Mr. Edelstein reported that a set of documents regarding the enforcement of conditions that are the subject of the restrictive covenant referred to above are being completed.

The committee scheduled a second meeting for November 7th. Homeowners should process any complaints through their representatives who are as follows: Washington Square East Condominium #1 - Martin Weiss (923-7748); Washington Square East Condominium #2 - Nancy Frenze (923-5459); SHCA - Michael Willmann (925-9283(h), 922-1415(o)).

Meanwhile, bets are on in the Northwest quadrant that the south tower of Independence Place will be completed before the National Park Service garage on Manning St. between 4th and 5th Sts. Neighbors observing the construction of both buildings figure that the National Park Service garage should be in

line for some kind of award for the building with the most time-consuming construction formula!

LITTERARY EFFECTS

Can we face it? One big anti-litter day a year is not what it's all about. How about taking a leaf from South Philly's book. There are areas in South Philadelphia that would put Society Hill to shame in a well-kemptness contest. The sidewalks are swept regularly and hosed off, as well.

You can march one day a year and harangue the city officials the other days, but if you want something done, how about an anti-litter day AND a year-long block campaign to get individuals to keep their own piece of sidewalk clean and to nag their local businesses to do the same.

HOW JAWORSKI SWIPED OUR SIDEWALK

The question we hoped City Managing Director W. Wilson Goode would answer at the general membership meeting was not who waived the L&I citation for violation to Mr. Jaworski for his steps on 4th Street just above Spruce but, "What recourse has the private citizen who goes through the process of protesting a zoning violation only to find himself living next to the violation because some other department waived it with no explanation?"

Well, you guessed the answer - it's none!

As Mr. Soglia of L&I told anyone who called him, long before Mr. Goode appeared at the September 17th general membership meeting, the Streets Department had waived the L&I citation for Mr. Jaworski's steps, although 4 feet 6 inches is the maximum extension for steps onto the sidewalk and Mr. Jaworski's steps extend over 6 feet onto the sidewalk, which is blocked even further by a bus sign placed 3 feet in from the curb.

However, Robert Boothroyd said, several different times, that he was sure no waiver had been given. After at least a dozen more phone calls, Mr. Boothroyd stated that he had found a waiver (dated March 1980) with his stamp on it for the Jaworski steps. He doesn't remember giving the waiver, the waiver isn't signed and no record was kept as to why the waiver was granted because there is not a large enough staff for something like that, according to Mr. Boothroyd.

So what are they going to do? Let the offensive steps stay, but move the bus sign, of course!

Grand jury, anyone?

If that story about bungling or worse in the so-called Clean Green Administration doesn't drop your jaw, listen to this. Jaworski put a tour car parking space on Spruce Street behind his house and uses the Spruce Street sidewalk for a driveway, a privilege denied to the rest of the neighborhood. Boothroyd observes that in order to cite Jaworski for the illegal parking of cars, a policeman has to be there when a driver is in the act of crossing the sidewalk in his car. Mr. Goode - HELP!

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Mr. Willmann:

In your capacity as Society Hill Civic Association President, I wish to call to your attention some details regarding the proposed movement of Stars nightclub from its present location at 2nd & Bainbridge to 334 South Street, the present location of TLA Cinema. The owner of Stars intends to increase the present seating capacity of TLA to 550 seats and run two performances per night, a total of 1100 people as a potential audience any given night from Tuesday through Sunday. This would effectively transform the present nature of Stars - a cabaret-sized audience filling 170 seats - to that of a full-sized theatre (the Walnut with 1100 seats; the Forrest with 1200), while changing the present TLA ambience from a non-drinking, low-noise atmosphere to that of a high-decibel rock music concert hall - with liquor! Since even the present TLA Cinema has attracted occasional unruly audiences deserving of the severely unfavorable criticism they received, I can only foresee the larger, louder, and liquored audience which Stars would bring as justifiable grounds for prolonged complaint. Virtually every commercial establishment on South Street has one or more residential apartments above it, and I cannot see the evening home life of any South Street resident being notably improved by the louder sound levels sure to arise from live rock music.

To these considerable problems of noise and liquor, one has only to add the eternal and endemic Society Hill parking problem in order to understand the disturbing dimensions of the changes Society Hill residents may soon confront. The larger-sized version of Stars would be in competition with concert halls like The Tower Theatre and Emerald City, without comparably-sized parking facilities. The spillover from 3rd & South would certainly compound an already aggravated parking situation throughout the area, and for weeknights as well as weekends.

I have attended many SHCA meetings in the past and well know the highly vocal objections many members have had to any commercial ventures which would create greater crowds, greater noise, and greater parking difficulties. The Stars situation is likely to create all three, and it is surely time for SHCA

to raise its voice in protest again. Thank you, Barry Hecht

Response: Unfortunately, South Street zoning is out of our hands, SHCA's influence stops at the north side of Lombard. Interested readers are urged to write W. Wilson Goode, Managing Director, City of Philadelphia, City Hall.

CULINARY CORNER

If Julia Child had a clone the pair of them would be no match for Society Hill's extraordinary cooks - Irina Smith and Gelicity Taormina, the pair who wrote To Market To Market - a guide to the Italian market and who also run a cooking school in the Smith basement on Sixth below Spruce (call WA5-0948 or KI6-2390 for more info).

We've persuaded Irina Smith to part with some of her favorite recipes: Here's a dinner menu that serves four just in time for the fall ... Roast leg of lamb with garlic, lemon and parsley dressing: one leg of lamb 3-1/2 lb. to 4 lb; 1-1/2 lb. potatoes, peeled, sliced; 1 tbsp butter; chicken stock salt and pepper. For the parsley dressing: 6 cloves garlic; 6 tsp. parsley chopped; 6 tsp. fresh bread crumbs (mix together to form a paste); 6 tsp. butter, juice 1 lemon; salt, pepper; Method: Butter a fireproof casserole dish large enough to hold the leg of lamb; peel and cut the potatoes into thick slices; and arrange in bottom of dish in overlapping rows, sprinkle salt and pepper over each row; place lamb on top of potatoes, moisten with chicken stock (about 1/2 cup); roast lamb in oven 350 for one hour and take out and spread the dressing over the lamb, roast for a further hour; lamb should be roasted for medium 25 minutes per lb. and well done 30 minutes per lb. Serve baked tomatoes or sauted green beans. For dessert a lemon posset requires 1 pt. heavy cream; 1/4 pt. dry white wine; 3 egg whites; grated ring of two lemons; confectioners sugar; freshly grated orange peel. The method is to add grated lemon peel to cream and beat until stiff; stir in lemon juice and dry white wine; add sugar to taste; beat egg whites until they form peaks and fold into whipped cream; serve in small glasses with a little grated orange peel and voila more recipes to come

GREAT MUSIC AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Pennsylvania Pro Musica is made up of some sixty professional musicians specially selected for their skill and interest in Baroque music. Under the baton of Franklin Zimmerman these hand-crafted musical performances are being given at 3 local spots: the St. Cecilia Festival begins on Sat., November 15th at 8 p.m.; "A Salute to Purcell" at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 21st and both are in Old St. Joseph's, near 4th and Willings Alley. Handel's "Alexander's Feast" is at 8 p.m. Saturday, November 22nd, and the popular Handel's "Messiah" will be performed on Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 p.m., both at Old Christ Church, 2nd and Market Sts. The Sunday concert hour series continues on October 19th with "Musica Transalpina and the English Madrigal" at 4:30 p.m. at Old Pine Street Church, 4th and Pine. Tickets are by subscription or are sold at the door but arrive early and avoid the lines.

For more information, write Pa. Pro Musica, 4816 Beaumont Ave. Phila. 19143 or call 727-5819.

PARTY ON THE RIVER

Penns Landing on October 19th is the site for "Apple Day" sponsored by St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Lots of food, games and entertainment - Frankie Avalon and Pieces of a Dream jazz group to name a few.

OLD PINE COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR (627-2493)

Library - open Wed. 2:30 - 5:30 with books for preschool to sixth grade

Basketball League - practice one night a week with games on Saturdays.

Open for 8 - 16 year olds. Call Mark Johnson. There are still openings on some teams.

Soccer - 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Call the Center for information

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are organizing. Call the Center if you and/or your son are interested.

Girl Scouts - meet from 7 - 8 p.m. starting Monday, October 20th ,

Brownies meet on Mondays from 6 - 7 p.m.

After School Program - this is a supplementary program from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Pick up at local schools can be arranged

THE SPRAY'S THE THING

To those readers who inquired, the Washington Square Association headed by President Rossana D'Alessandro of the Penn Mutual Life Co. had proposed interest in raising funds for a sculpture for the fountain, but when the Fairmount Park Commission fixed the nozzles so that there was a large spray, the group tabled their plans and ran for raincoats.

OLD PINE COMMUNITY CENTER: SATURDAY FOR SENIORS

Have you noticed the many older people trooping into the Old Pine Community Center on Saturday? They are Saturday Seniors -- members of the only food and fellowship program (weekend variety) in the city. Most live alone in

center city, South or West Philadelphia and are in programs at publicly-funded centers such as the Coffee Cup or the Philadelphia Center for the Aging. These centers offer no nutrition programs from Friday afternoon until Monday, leaving their elderly clients to themselves for the weekend.

Saturday for Seniors began at OPCC two years ago and presently serves over 50 old folks - white, black, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Polish, Irish, Italian, and on October 25th, Saturday for Seniors II will be launched for a second group of 50. Costs are paid by Old Pine Church, Society Hill Synagogue, plus several Philadelphia corporations and foundations. Except for the cook, all the staff is volunteer.

The program can always use additional help, particularly with food shopping. If you would like to bus tables or do the Italian Market bit, please call either Emily Heine (WA3-4247) or Liz Ostrander (WA2-6179).

LOW INCOME HOUSING: A LETTER TO NEIGHBORS BY LIZ OSTRANDER

DEAR NEIGHBOR:

AT THE SHCA QUADRANT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1980, OUR COUNSEL, OLAN LOWREY ANSWERED YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RECENT JUDGMENT BY THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT -- A JUDGMENT THAT REPRESENTS THE FIRST LEGAL "BRIGHT SPOT" IN THE LONG STRUGGLE AGAINST THE PROPOSED LOW INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

OLAN EXPLAINED THAT THE RECENT JUDGMENT IS ENCOURAGING BUT THAT THE BATTLE IS FAR FROM OVER. WE MUST KEEP THE PRESSURE ON.

PLEASE HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. LETTER WRITING -- WRITE THE MAYOR, COUNCILMAN TAYOUN, OUR CONGRESSMEN, MOON LANDRIEU OF HUD, AND PRESIDENT CARTER, AND IT WOULDN'T HURT TO WRITE REAGAN. STRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) HUD REGULATIONS FORBID NEW CONSTRUCTION WHEN APPROPRIATE EXISTING HOUSING IS AVAILABLE. THIS WAS A CRITICAL POINT IN THE COURT'S DECISION. IN THE PAST, EXISTING HOUSING IN SOCIETY HILL HAS BEEN OFFERED TO THE PLAINTIFFS BUT HAS BEEN REJECTED IN FAVOR OF NEW CONSTRUCTION. B) BECAUSE OF ZONING RESTRICTIONS, UNIT COSTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL BE VERY HIGH. THIS AT A TIME WHEN SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS -- NOT A FEW OF WHOM ARE ELDERLY -- ARE INCREASINGLY BURDENED BY RAPIDLY RISING PROPERTY TAXES.

2. HOUSING - THE COURT'S DECISION WAS BASED IN PART ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXISTING HOUSING FOR THE PLAINTIFFS. WE MUST CONTINUE TO OFFER HOUSING AT RENTALS THAT CAN BE SUBSIDIZED THROUGH THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. SUCH HOUSING MUST BE FOUND QUICKLY. PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR QUADRANT LEADERS OF LEADS.

3. FINANCING - THE JUDGMENT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT IS A SIGNIFICANT ONE -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION. IT IS NOW UP TO US TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR COUNSEL, OLAN LOWREY. WE MUST HELP DISCHARGE SOME UNPAID BILLS AND BE PREPARED TO UNDERWRITE FUTURE LITIGATION WHEN AND IF IT IS NECESSARY.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION WITH "LEGAL FEES/HOUSING" CLEARLY MARKED ON THE FACE OF THE CHECK. SEND YOUR CHECK TO: E.H. OSTRANDER CHM HOUSING COMM., SHCA, 408 S. 6TH STREET, PHILA. 19147

MARGARET WALSH KELLY

Margaret Walsh Kelly died on September 23, 1980. Those of us who knew Peggy mourn the loss of a wonderful friend and neighbor who was one of the earliest new settlers in Society Hill. Through much of her life, Peggy was active in the management of her family's insurance companies, Daniel J. Walsh's Sons, Inc. and Home Life Insurance Company of America, both located on Independence Square. In business and outside of business, Peggy had a commitment to this area that lasted until the end of her life.

In the late fifties and early sixties, when "Society Hill" was still mostly a concept in the minds of the planners, Peggy was one who helped to make it a reality. She bought several properties on American Street to renovate and rent. In 1962, she bought the shell of the house in the 400 block of Spruce Street that Dolley Madison lived in before her marriage and began carefully restoring it to its former elegance. She moved in 1963. That same year she was the first President of the Society Hill Civic Association, which was formed by the merger of Homeowners and Residents Association and Society Hill Area Residents Association. Peggy's positive and reasonable approach to the issues of that day helped to calm the tempers of the time. Her cheerful optimism about the future of the neighborhood was infectious.

Peggy was also active in and served a term as President of the Washington Square Businessmens Association. In 1970, Peggy married Paul Kelly and he, too, became an enthusiastic resident of Society Hill. Her belief in the preservation of historic urban neighborhoods was acted out in another arena - she also renovated a townhouse in downtown Savannah, where she and her husband spent some of every winter.

Peggy had many interests. She was an ardent golfer, and she had one of the finest private collections of Madison papers in the country. Whatever Peggy did, she did with sense and grace. Her questions went to the heart of the matter. Having bumped into Peggy and had a chat on the way to the A&P, one always felt a little better somehow. She had warmth and tolerance, and an approach to life that was full of the lilt of Irish laughter. We miss her.

Joanne Denworth

DARTS AND LAURELS

- DART - to the owner and developer of 505 and 507 Pine and to the Zoning committee who approved the cheap layer of North-east/South Philly architecture which turned these two homes into yet another tenement.
- LAUREL - to those dog owners who have been making alternative toilet arrangements for their pets.
- NEEDED - a large raft to rescue cars, dogs and persons seen drifting across the intersection of 3rd and 4th and Pine when Captain Fireplug plays with the hydrants ... Tiles for Tancredi's doorstep, along with an ice pick to break up that oil slick that has graced the sidewalk outside Headhouse Tavern for years.
- DART - to those neighbors who on their way to work or to shop, dump into the street containers bags full of daily household garbage (and then complain about the filthy state of the streets). Casual trash from disgusted tourists or visitors has nowhere to go from early morn except on top of overflowing containers.
- LAUREL - to the homeowners in the Headhouse vicinity who pick up the tourist trash -- mostly discarded beer bottles.
- DART - to the City of Philadelphia's Sanitation Department who cannot seem to figure out that the Wednesday night and Friday night trash trucks could empty the sidewalk containers while they are doing the route.
- LAUREL - to McCall School faculty for not foaming at the mouth during the school strike and to the whole McCall family -- students, parents, staff for the smooth start-up once the strike was settled.
- DART - to the patients using the doctor's offices in the Pennsylvania Hospital's Duncan facility for ignoring the new, spacious parking garage and parking illegally.
- LAUREL - to Joseph Brown, Commissioner of Public Property, for his department's follow-through in having the Tun Tavern hole filled in.
- DART - to the Newsletter for using microscopic type; and
- LAUREL - to the Newsletter for saving money by printing fewer pages due to the use of microscopic type.
- LAUREL - to the powers that be for getting the Delancey and Washington Square Park fountains going again.
- DART - to those who don't know the difference between a litter basket and a garbage can. (The rapidly growing rat population is handing out laurels)
- LAUREL - to our South Street neighbors for a super celebration minus some of the hassle of previous years.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

A thank-you to the staff and to Liz Ostrander, Freda Dalton, Craig Blakely, Joanne Denworth, Nancy Frenze and Bert Latta for their contributions to this issue. Deadline for articles for the next issue is November 15th. They may be mailed to the Resident Newsletter, Box 3, Phila. 19105.

HOW TO JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Tear off and mail to: Roger S. Thanhauser, Jr. Treasurer
210 Locust Street, Apt. 3B

Please renew my (our) membership in the Association for May 1980-May 1981

Name: _____ 1 person \$6
Address: _____ 2 persons at same address, \$10
Phone: _____ I request waiver of dues

Add \$1 per member for your numbered SHCA parking sticker and include a self addressed stamped envelope.