



WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THE POST

Serving the Community from Broad to 7th and Walnut to South Streets since 1935

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VOTING ALERT

For the primary election on April 27, the last day to register to vote is Monday March 29. Registration forms are available at the offices of the Washington Square West Civic Association. For more information, call 215-545-3260.

WSWCA Meeting Highlights February 10, 2004

Present: J. Applebaum, J. Arneith, C. Baker, M.J. Barrett, J. Brazino, A. Earling, I. Gold, J. Jordan, J. Menegakis, V. Trosino

Absent: S. Batcheler, K. Cushing, M. Davidson, D. Pesek

I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called tonight's meeting to order.

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes from WSWCA's November Board meeting were unanimously adopted with a clarification from the Greening Committee that garden plots are not guaranteed to all applicants.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Jordan delivered highlights of the Treasurer's report which was unanimously adopted.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Police Lt. Walker of the South St. mini-station was transferred and a new police officer is being interviewed for that post.
- Mardi Gras is not expected to draw much of an audience again this year since all related promotion has ceased and businesses are not actively promoting the event.
- Senator Fumo will attend WSWCA's March Board meeting and, at his request, be presented with the Civic's proposal/budget for a street lighting initiative intended to enhance lighting on all major streets in Wash West. The community is encouraged to attend on March 9th at 7:30pm in Jefferson Hall.
- Wash West's Open House is scheduled for April 24th and volunteers are needed to open their homes for a few hours that day.

- 11th & Spruce Streets — the buildings on this block have been completely demolished. An attorney has been engaged to represent Wash West's interests going forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Government Affairs

Irving & 11th Streets

The owner of the lot on Irving & 11th Streets behind Roberts Quay submitted a proposal to build three houses facing Irving Street. The Government Affairs Committee successfully persuaded the owner to reduce his plan to two houses fronting 11th Street.

519 S. 9th Street

The new owners of this property, formerly a Day Care Center, are requesting the Civic's non-opposition on two variances — commercial space usage and permission to build on more than 30% of the existing open air space. Plan revisions were requested by neighbors who were in attendance tonight and amenable to the new plans.

Motion: The Board unanimously voted not to oppose the two variances.

B. Safety & Security

Twenty-nine residents confirmed attendance at a training for an "Eyes & Ears" Town Watch tomorrow night. Another training will be held February 17th at the Wash West Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris J. Gold
Secretary

The Washington West Civic Association Calendar of Events

Arts/Culture

Philadelphia Museum of Art "Manet and the Sea" exhibition Feb. 15th- May 31st

Tickets now on sale, call 215-235-7469

Library Events:

Independence Branch

18 S. 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone: 215-685-1633

Fiction Book Group

Mon, March 01 at 6:30 pm
Will discuss *Middlesex*, by Jeffrey Eugenides.

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, March 02 at 10:30 am

Immigrants Benefits Program

Tue, March 02 at 10:00 am
Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger
information session: *Foodstamps and Other Benefits for Immigrants*.

Genetic Aspects of Infectious Diseases

Wed, March 03 at 6:30 pm
Class presented by Mary Beth Davis of the Wagner Institute.

Gay Men's Book Group

Wed, March 03 at 6:30 pm
Talks about *What We Lost*, by Dale Peck.

Writing Personal Narratives

Mon, March 08 at 6:30 PM
An introduction to writing your life story. Presented by Betsy Self
Independence Branch
18 S. 7th St., Philadelphia
Info: 215-685-1633

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, March 09 at 10:30 am

Book Discussion: The Color of Water

Tue, March 09 at 12:30 PM
Led by Kate Pourshariati
Independence Branch
18 S. 7th St., Philadelphia
Info: 215-685-1633

Poetry Book Group

Wed, March 10 at 6:30 pm
Call the branch for March's selections.

Storytelling with Vicky Town

Wed, March 10 at 4:00 pm

Film Screening and Discussion

Fri, March 12 at 3:00 pm
Japanese Traditions in Modern Anime.

A program for teens. Japanese pop culture fiend and University of Pennsylvania scholar Max Dionisio will present clips from the great anime masters.

Spirituality Book Group

Mon, March 15 at 6:30 pm
Call the branch for March's selections.

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, March 16 at 10:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Programs

Tue, March 16 at 12:30 pm

Money Smarts for Women. Presented by Brian McKeon.

Self Support for the Hard of Hearing

Wed, March 17 at 6:30 pm

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, March 23 at 10:30 am

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, March 30 at 10:30 am

Health

Thomas Jefferson University

Hospital Lectures

(at the Simon Kramer Conference Room (room G312) of the Bodine Cancer Center at 111 South 11th St.)

New Advances in Colon Cancer Screening, Detection and Treatment: March 10th, 12-1:30pm

New Options in Hormone Therapies for Breast Cancer: March 25th, 12-1:30pm

Planned Parenthood: March for Women's Lives

Sunday, April 25th, Washington, DC
For information on purchasing bus tickets from Philadelphia go to www.ppsp.org/phillymarchforwomen

Education

Henry George Birthplace Museum

413 South 10 Street, Ph: 215-922-4278

Saturday Programs:

Feb. 28th

10 am: Why all the parking lots?

Parking lots as land speculation, and city parking policies.

1:30pm: How to fund transportation

Without generating sprawl at public expense, and without giving up local control of local systems

March 13th

10 am: Untaxing the Elderly

How to protect elderly taxpayers without wrecking the economy

1:30 pm: Economics of Food Production: How tax policies favor corporate farming over family farming

March 27th

10am: The Irish land Question

How rack renting forced migration and launched the American labor movement

1:30pm: Land Tenure and Warfare

How our land tenure system creates strife and warfare

Economic Courses:

Fundamental Economics (\$15)

Mondays, March 8 - May 10, 7-9pm

Economic Science (\$25)

Tuesdays, April 6- June 8, 7-9pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Flea Market and Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 8th 10am-4pm, Old Pine Presbyterian Church

It is the 25th anniversary of this flea market! Proceeds benefit the Heifer Project International Interested vendors should call Mary Hall, 215-925-8501

Free Health Screenings at Womens' Health Source, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Suite 1990
Call 1-800-JEFF-NOW

Stroke Screening: Tuesday, April 20th 10am-2pm

Osteoporosis Screening: Thursday, May 6, 10am-2pm



CAN YOU READ THIS?

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Then the Center for Literacy wants you! They need volunteers to tutor adults in their reading, writing, math or English-language skills. Tutoring can be done near your office, school, or your home in all areas of the city. You can help participants achieve self-sufficiency, economic potential, and self-esteem! Call the Center for Literacy at 215-474-1235 or visit www.center-forliteracy.org

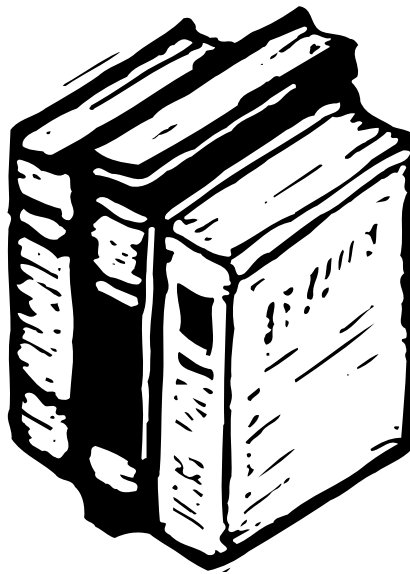
Independence Branch Library Reviews Safety Procedures by Joe Baker

We are all aware by now of the brutal attack on the eight-year-old child in the woman's restroom of the Independence Branch Library. A child was severely injured and our entire community was violated in that attack. The good news is that the child is healing. Our community, too, will heal but we are made wiser about the realities of public spaces and the need to be ever cautious. Certainly this branch library has become a focal point for the neighborhoods east of Broad Street. The wonderful sense of community and family at the library evident at almost any time of the day or evening can make it feel safe and secure. The fact is that it is as public as any open space or other public building in the city.

On Wednesday evening, February 11th, several people from the community representing many different organizations met at the Independence Branch. The purpose of the meeting was to express concern for the child and her family, to discuss safety at the branch, and to suggest how to restore community confidence in the library as a place to gather and bring children. Elliot Shelkrot, president and director of the Free Library was there to both talk and listen.

The assembled community leaders voiced support for the Independence Branch and reinforced the importance of the branch to the community. Understandably, some people reported a hesitation on the part of parents to return to the library with their children. It is

important that people know that all steps are being taken to make the branch as safe as possible. This newest of the Free Library's branches was designed with safety in mind evidenced by how open the children's area is and how there are such good sight lines throughout the main floor. This criminal took advantage of that one area where we all expect privacy. Some physical changes have already been made to the restrooms and more are being evaluated. An extra guard is now on duty to monitor the restrooms and hallway and open the doors to the restrooms. The library is participating in a task force to review safety features and procedures throughout the system.



The third anniversary of the branch is on Saturday, February 28th. This will be a good opportunity to welcome people into the branch with an open house and a Family Day theme. It will give people a chance to look closely at the library, examine the changes and have their concerns answered.

Many people from the community have asked how they might reach out in a tangible way to help the injured

child. She loved her library, used its books and computers, and expects to return. As a result of the community meeting a fund has been established to receive monetary gifts that will be used by her parents, doctors and teachers to help her. Donation checks can be made out to "Asian Bank Support Fund" and sent to Asian Bank, 1008 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or dropped off at the Independence Branch.

2004 Membership Form

**Washington Square West Civic Association
1209 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-545-3260, Fax 215-545-9150, email info@washwestcivic.org**

Name _____
Business Name _____
Address _____
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Email _____ Fax _____

Seniors and Disabled	\$7.00
Individual	\$20.00
Household	\$30.00
Individual Patron	\$100.00
Small Business (1-15 emp.)	\$30.00
Medium Business (16-35 emp.)	\$60.00
Large Business (36+ emp.)	\$100.00
Other Contribution	\$ _____

What number do I call to report graffiti? Where can I find the web site of the Philadelphia Parking Authority? How do I get involved in one of the Civic's committees?

www.washwestcivic.org

WSWCA BUSINESS MEMBERS

1108 Spruce St. Condo Assn.
1130 Spruce St. Condo Assn.
12th Air Command
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Planned Parenthood of S.E. PA
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Prudential Fox & Roach
Quince-Lombard Parking Corp.
Robert Anthony Interiors, LLC
Rodman Street Condo Assoc.
Russakoff Book Store
S&S Properties Cherry Hill
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Seraphin Gallery
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Silvio Modafferi, Attorney at Law
Sisters
Spruce Street Video
St. George Senior Housing
Stephenson Bros. Printers
Steven Fries Chiropractor
Strickland Row Condo Assn.

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Uncles Upstairs Inn
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Urban Decor
Urban Genesis Institute
Valanni Restaurant
Venture Inn
V.I.P. Market
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