



WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# THE POST

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Issue 9

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## WSWCA Meeting Highlights

November 11, 2003

Present: J. Applebaum, J. Arneith, M.J. Barrett, S. Batcheler, J. Brazino, M. Davidson, A. Earling, I. Gold, J. Jordan, J. Menegakis, D. Pesek

Absent: K. Cushing, A. Rice, V. Trosino.

### I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called tonight's meeting to order.

### II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes from WSWCA's September Board meeting were unanimously adopted with two corrections to attendance. Kathy Cushing and Michael Davidson were erroneously listed as absent from the meeting when they were in attendance.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A planning meeting for a new Center City retirement community developed by local residents will take place on Saturday, November 15th, 2pm at the Friends Arch Street Meeting House. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and learn more at their website—[lovecentercity@yahoo.com](mailto:lovecentercity@yahoo.com).
- WSWCA's John Jordan explained how the new voting machines tabulate the ballot.
- The Preservation Alliance, an advisory group, requested access to WSWCA's membership mailing list in order to distribute information concerning 9 significant and endangered historic properties in Center City. WSWCA does not normally share its membership mailing list with outside entities. A past President of the Preservation Alliance attended tonight's meeting and discussed the nature of the organization. Board sentiment favored the cause but upheld policy against directly sharing the membership list. Instead, the Board will obtain the Alliance's newsletters and conduct the mailing with costs borne by the Alliance.

Motion: A motion unanimously passed to provide the Preservation Alliance a one-time mailing to WSWCA membership regarding preservation of historic Center City buildings.

- State Representative Babette Josephs will hold a meeting to address parking issues. In attendance will be representatives from State Senator Fumo & Councilman CiCicco's offices, the Parking Authority and WSWCA. Please contact Judy Applebaum with any parking concerns you would like addressed.

### V. BOARD ELECTIONS

Cecil Baker was unanimously elected to WSWCA's Board tonight after introductions and distribution of a bio outlining his formidable career as an architect and professor: A resident of Wash West for 18 years, the Board is delighted to welcome him to our volunteer ranks.

The following Board members were re-elected to their positions as Board Officers:

President – Judy Applebaum  
Vice President – John Arneith  
Secretary – Iris Gold  
Treasurer – John Jordan

### VI. GUEST SPEAKERS: OFFICERS TANYA BROWN & CATHERINE FAN-RAWLINGS

The 6th District's two Community Relations Police Officers provided information on the 911 system, crime victim reporting, quality of life arrests, community court, Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) and Town Watch.

A focus of their presentation was the need for some form of Town Watch in Wash West. Both Society Hill and Northern Liberties have successful Town Watch programs. Society Hill has residents patrolling their neighborhood 4 days/week. Northern Liberties, which won an award for their Town Watch Program, patrols Fridays and Saturdays.

However, it was stressed that there are different forms of Town Watch and not every program must include patrolling. Some programs act as "eyes and ears" for the police by

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reporting activity via telephone, fax and email. The police will train community volunteers in any/all forms of Town Watch. Officer Fan Rawlings stressed the need for communities to begin slowly when considering and planning a Town Watch. She suggested starting with community meetings to create goals and objectives. Northern Liberties met over the course of several months to determine their needs, resources and objectives. Meetings provide a forum for potential volunteers to learn more before committing their time and to help shape the program. Town Watch funding may be available.

Finally both Officers encouraged residents to call them with any concerns. They can be reached at 215-686-3063.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Greening

Motion: The Board unanimously approved \$8,000 in expenditures for the Greening Committee's planting of 38 new neighborhood trees.

#### B. Membership

WSWCA Membership Dues have not been increased in a number of years while rent and other Civic expenses have gone up. A plan for increasing dues was voted on tonight.

Motion: The Board voted to increase certain categories of WSWCA's membership dues by a vote of 10 in favor and two opposed. New rates follow. Asterisks indicate no increase for that category.

Large Business—\$100 *	Household—\$30
Medium Business—\$60	Individual—\$20
Small Business—\$30	Patron—\$100*
Disabled—\$7*	Senior—\$7*

#### C. Awareness

Annette Earling has taken over as Chair of this committee, which is responsible for producing the Civic's monthly newsletter, *The Post*, as well as maintaining its website, washwestcivic.org. Needed are a writer and editor for *The Post*. Please help by calling Annette to volunteer at 215-545-5843.

#### D. Safety & Security

"Ready, Willing & Able," a group of recovering substance abuse addicts headquartered at 1221 Bainbridge Street who clean areas of Center City, are submitting a proposal to Citizens Bank

to fund weekly cleaning of 53 square blocks of Wash West on the day after trash pick up.

#### E. Government Affairs

905 Lombard Street  
Motion: The Board voted unanimously to not oppose a variance allowing additions to this residence.

#### 140 South 11th Street

A letter of non-opposition was provided for an eat-in/take-out pizzeria (no alcohol).

#### Jefferson Parking Garage

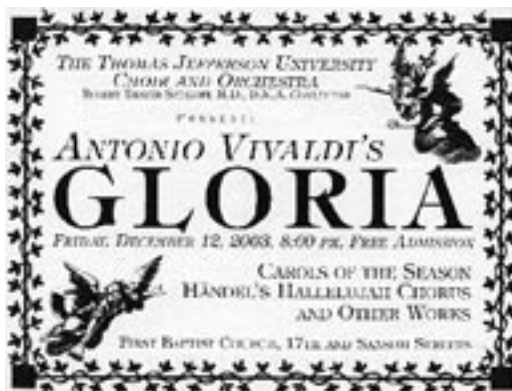
A revised project plan was presented at the last Government Affairs meeting. Revisions include no curb cuts on Chestnut Street, a changed façade and more retail space. No action was required by WSWCA.

#### 1034 Spruce Street

The request for non-opposition to variances allowing for construction of a 5-story, apartment building with ground floor commercial space has already been detailed here. The building owner, NWJ Management, last presented Government Affairs with plans which remained vague and inconsistent with previous presentations. WSWCA raised numerous concerns. The applicants will return to the next Government Affairs meeting on November 25th at 7:30pm in Jefferson Hall. Meanwhile the city engineer issued a report determining the building presented imminent danger and requiring NWJ to shore up the building as was recently done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris J. Gold  
Secretary



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**If you have what it takes, please call their Volunteer Services Office at 215-829-5187.**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

by Judy Applebaum

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you about WSWCA activities during the past months.

As you know, there was a terrible fire at 11th and Spruce Street in August. Thankfully, no residents were hurt and the damage was confined to the physical structure. However, the owners of the building were slow to make the site safe for pedestrians and sanitary for those living near the site. Through the Civic Association, efforts in concert with Councilman DiCicco and Carl Engelke from Senator Fumo's office, the owners of the property were made to clean up the debris from the fire and shore up the building remains. No longer is it an immediate safety hazard for those living, working, or simply needing to walk by the site. Further, the Governmental Affairs Committee is working with NWJ Management, owners of the property, to ensure that a quality structure is being rebuilt which will make a positive addition to our neighborhood.

Wash West continues to meet with a representative from the Managing Directors office on a regular basis to address neighborhood issues. Whether it is a missing traffic sign, a pothole that hasn't been repaired, or facilitating meetings between Wash West and different city agencies, Ms. Loree Jones has been of invaluable service to our community.

Wash West sits on the South Street Alliance, made up of representatives from the South Street/Head House Business District, other neighboring civic associations, the councilman, Carl Engelke, city agencies, and the police. We meet quarterly with the Managing Director, to discuss developments on South Street, which would have an impact on the communities. The relative calm of Mardi Gras and Greek Picnic can be attributed to everyone working together to make these events safe for all attendees and for the residents.

You have read in previous POST's of Wash West's determination to keep our neighborhood clean. Earlier this year, we helped underwrite a pilot project for street cleaning the day after trash collection. The pilot project was well received. We will soon be presenting a proposal to one of the major corporations in Wash West, asking it to underwrite the costs of this cleaning. And of course, we are also looking for ways to raise money necessary to re-light the entire Wash West district.

In October, Captain Korn was invited to our general membership meeting to hear first-hand the concerns and experiences of our residents regarding crime in the neighborhood. In November our community police officers gave a presentation of how we can assist them in our mutual goal of less drugs, prostitution and other street crime. As a result of the meetings, a group of residents interested in organizing a Town Watch have come forth. If you would like to join them, contact Joe Brazino, head of the Safety and Security Committee.

Wash West, along with ten other civic associations and Councilman DiCicco, is lobbying for a community driven approach to the development of Penn's Landing. With the help of the Councilman's office, an independent land-planning firm has been working on a charette of the waterfront.

Finally, Wash West will be working with Representative Babette Josephs on the crucial issue of parking in our neighborhood. More information will be coming in future editions of the Post.

I invite you to learn more by coming to our meetings. Phone calls and emails with your concerns or ideas are always welcome. We share common goals—a love of our neighborhood and a desire to keep it safe, thriving, clean, and green.

Happy Holidays to all.

### 2003 Membership Form

**Washington Square West Civic Association  
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Name _____	<b>Seniors and Disabled</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
Business Name _____	<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Address _____	<b>Household</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
_____	<b>Individual Patron</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
_____	<b>Small Business (1-15 emp.)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____	<b>Medium Business (16-35 emp.)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Email _____ Fax _____	<b>Large Business (36+ emp.)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
	<b>Other Contribution</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## Mural Arts Program Presentation

Jane Golden will speak at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Independence Branch Library on **Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM**. Ms. Golden is the Director of the City of Philadelphia/Department of Recreation's Mural Arts Program. She has tirelessly led the struggle to keep the Mural Arts Program in a well-respected and fully funded position. She has received many honors for this nationally recognized program. Golden says she continues her work because she believes that art has the power to transform people's lives. "Art is a lifeline

for people. Murals have a profound impact on communities. Art is Hope." The Washington Square West neighborhood is fortunate to have several of these murals. The meeting will last about an hour and include a slide presentation.

The Independence Branch Library is at 18 South Seventh Street. This meeting is free and open to the public. Please come. For more information call 215 685-1633.

## WSWCA BUSINESS MEMBERS

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Philadelphia Mental Health Center  
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