



LET'S TALK ABOUT CRIME IN WASH WEST

**Who to call.
What to report.
How to follow up.**

**These topics
and many oth-
ers will be dis-
cussed on our
November 11th
meeting, which
will be attended
by Sixth District
Communications
Director Tanya
Brown and Town
Watch trainer
Doug Evans.**

DON'T MISS IT

WSWCA Meeting Highlights

October 14, 2003

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

Absent:

I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called tonight's annual membership meeting to order. She noted the Board's efforts distributing announcement flyers to residents' mailboxes regarding tonight's meeting were rewarded with increased attendance.

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes from WSWCA's September Board meeting were unanimously adopted.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

IV. BOARD ELECTIONS

Four Board members whose terms expired were re-elected including Mary Jane Barrett, Annette Earling, Iris Gold and Diane Pesek. There remains a vacant position on the Board. Interested parties should contact Judy Applebaum.

V. GUEST SPEAKER: SIXTH DISTRICT'S POLICE CAPTAIN KORN

Judy Applebaum introduced Captain Korn who has led our police district for the past seven years. She invited the community to voice concerns regarding prostitution, drug dealing and muggings in our neighborhood.

Captain Korn introduced his new Communications Director, Tanya Brown who can be reached at 215-686-3063 and Lieutenant Orlando Stefano who is the police community liaison for our district. Captain Korn gave a "Crime Update" including statistics citing a 12% decrease in crime year-to-date in Wash West despite the fact that the district as a whole (which includes Old City) had no decrease in crime for the first time in seven years. He noted that the bicycle police have

helped with problems at 10th and Pine Street.

A lively discussion ensued with considerable input from the community much of it contradicting the impression given by Captain Korn's statistical overview including a 21% increase in Narcotics arrests in Wash West. Community complaints focused on the drug dealing going on at 10th & Pine, Quince Street, Manning & Camac as many dealers have moved from the main streets to small side streets. Residents reported prostitution, muggings and drug dealing going on 24/7 throughout the 10th-13th /Locust to Lombard Corridor. Also noted were problems with vagrants and prostitutes overnight in Kahn Park.

Residents queried Captain Korn regarding effective citizen crime reporting, additional police presence, community court, quality of life arrests, appropriate use of 911, police follow-through, among other issues. Councilman DiCicco who was in attendance and an active participant in tonight's meeting raised the issue of creating a zero tolerance zone and bringing a program like "Safe Streets" to Wash West. As previously noted, seed money for additional street lighting has been granted Wash West with the help of Councilman DiCicco and Senator Fumo offices. The Board is also requesting help from the community at large to raise additional funding for street lighting by seeking corporate sponsorships, for example.

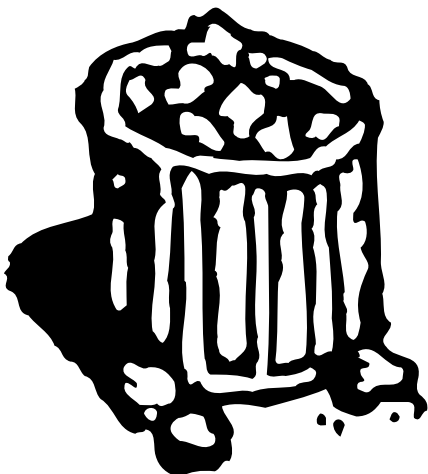
As a result of tonight's discussion new steps will be taken and initiatives explored. Captain Korn requested greater community participation such as developing a Town Watch in Wash West which Society Hill & Old City have accomplished with the police's help. Officer Tanya Brown will attend WSWCA's November 11th meeting at 7:30pm to discuss developing this program. She will also organize community workshops to equip residents to proactively fight crime by addressing such topics as appropriate use of 911, crime victim reporting, quality of life arrests, the Narcotics unit and hotline and the role of community court. Judges Rizzo and Shamus of community court will be invited to a future meeting and the WSWCA Board will flyer the neighborhood with the meeting details. Lt. Stefano, the newly

Washington Square West Fall Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 15, 2003



- ❁ **Park your car(s) on the opposite side of the street** on Friday evening, Nov. 14th, after 6 p.m. where posted to avoid ticketing.
- ❁ **CARS WILL BE TICKETED** between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15th if they are not moved where posted.
- ❁ **Pick up brooms and bags** after noon, Friday, or from 9 a.m., Saturday, at Washington Square Paint and Hardware: 257 S. 10th.
- ❁ **Sweep** your yards, alleyways, sidewalks & gutters.
- ❁ **Bag** your leaves and trash (*NO household trash!*).
- ❁ **Place bags** at major intersections on Locust, Spruce, Pine and Lombard where they cross numbered streets, by 1 p.m. Saturday.
- ❁ **Re-park your car** by 3 p.m. Saturday the 15th to avoid ticketing.
- ❁ **Return brooms** to Washington Square Paint and Hardware by 3 p.m., Sunday.



**Rain or Shine! Questions? Call
the WSWCA at 215-545-3260**

North Boundary: Locust Street / South Boundary: Up to South Street
East Boundary: 8th Street / West Boundary: Up to Broad Street

THE RED ROOM

The Red Room, a new venue in Society Hill Playhouse presents its Thursday Night Jazz Program (which began in September).

For further information and a calendar of events, check their website at www.redroom-philly.com

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assigned community liaison also promised to work harder to address community concerns voiced tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Affairs

The remainder of the meeting primarily focused on the recently burned-down building on the corner of 11th and Spruce Streets. The two issues addressed were the current condition of the building and plans to change it going forward.

Representing the building was a partner in NWJ Management which owns the building as well as the The Foodery at 10th & Pine and residential and commercial properties throughout Philadelphia. Their lawyer, Richard DeMarco, was also in attendance and outlined the situation as follows. Since the building was built, zoning laws have changed and the building had been grandfathered in under the new zoning laws. If the building is fully demolished it loses its grandfathered status and will be required to obtain variances from the zoning board in order to proceed with their plans for rebuilding. Those plans require the Board's non-opposition to 4 variances (building height, footprint, rear yard, etc.) NWJ Management requests the Board to provide non-opposition to the variances before they proceed with building demolition.

The landlord's plans had previously been presented to the WSWCA Government Affairs Committee at a meeting two weeks ago. At that time, WSWCA stated concerns about the current condition of the lot which was left with bricks and debris for weeks with no attempts to clean up the site or ensure its safety. Rats have congregated there where food from the restaurant remains inside. The

Board told NWJ Management that, while in theory, they did not object to the overall plans, NWJ Management has left an unsafe site unattended. The Board requested and NWJ Management agreed to cleaning up the site before reconvening with WSWCA tonight. (At that meeting NWJ presented plans to replace 28 one-bedroom units with 16 two bedroom units and a restaurant at street level). Since NWJ Management has not fulfilled its commitment to clean up the area, the Board was unwilling tonight to grant the request. Furthermore, it was noted that the proposed building specifications are somewhat vague and have varied between presentations. After much discussion and input from the Clinton Street Historic Association, Councilman DiCicco and the community at large, it was decided that NWJ Management will seek a 2-week continuance for their zoning hearing. In the meantime, they agreed to clean up the site and prepare details of their proposed plan to be presented at a special, open meeting of the Government Affairs Committee on Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm at Room 207 of Jefferson's Alumni Hall. An update on the Jefferson Garage will also be given at that meeting to which the community is invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Postscript: These minutes have not yet been reviewed for accuracy or approved by WSWCA's Board. However, they are being published in order to get the word out to our community quickly and in advance of our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Iris J. Gold
Secretary

2003 Membership Form

**Washington Square West Civic Association
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215-545-3260, Fax 215-545-9150, email info@washwestcivic.org**

Name _____	Seniors and Disabled	\$7.00
Business Name _____	Individual	\$15.00
Address _____	Household	\$25.00
_____	Individual Patron	\$100.00
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____	Small Business (1-15 emp.)	\$25.00
Email _____ Fax _____	Medium Business (16-35 emp.)	\$50.00
	Large Business (36+ emp.)	\$100.00
	Contribution	\$ _____

What number do I call to report an abandoned car? Where can I find the website of Licenses and Inspections? How do I get a spot in one of our community gardens?

www.washwestcivic.org

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1108 Spruce St. Condo Assn.
1130 Spruce St. Condo Assn.
12th Air Command
12th Street Gym
310 Juniper Associates
Accent on Design
Alan S. Carpel, Esq.
Alexander Inn
All Occasions Flowers Ltd.
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Apt. and Townhouse Rentals
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Mitchell & Ness Sporting Goods
More Than Just Ice Cream
Pennsylvania Hospital
Philadelphia Design Associates
Philadelphia International Records
Philadelphia Mental Health Center
Photography by Patrick Mattera
Pine Street Pizza
Planned Parenthood of S.E. PA
Portico Row Unit Owners Assn.
Quince-Lombard Parking Corp.
Rodman Street Condo Assoc.
Russakoff Book Store
S&S Properties Cherry Hill
Show of Hands Gallery
Seraphin Gallery
Signatures Gentlemen's Club
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Sisters
Spruce Street Video
St. George Senior Housing
Stephenson Bros. Printers
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Taco House
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The Inn on Locust
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Two-Four Club
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Uncles Upstairs Inn
Uniquely Philadelphia, Inc.
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