



## GINGKO TREE REMOVAL GRANT

**The Board of Washington Square West Trust will grant as a reimbursement \$500 to any 6 property owners who remove a fruit-bearing ginkgo trees from their properties located in Washington Square West and replace it with another tree approved by the Greening Committee of the Washington Square West Civic Association. The reimbursements will go to the first 6 property owners who**

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### **WSWCA Meeting Highlights September 9, 2003**

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

Absent: K. Cushing, M. Davidson

#### **I. GREETINGS**

President Judy Applebaum called the meeting to order.

#### **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Calendar of Events

- September 17th. – A ceremony of the rekindling of the flame at Washington Square Park will take place from 12:30-1:15 pm.
- Also on September 17th, Society Hill and Wash West Civic Associations will together host a Mayoral Candidates Forum evening at Old Pine Church at 7:30pm. To date, Katz has accepted and Mayor Street's campaign manager has not yet responded.
- Saturday, September 20th – Kahn Park Antique & Crafts Fair
- September 21st – final concert in Kahn Park's Series takes place Sunday afternoon
- October 14th – WSWCA General Membership Meeting which will be attended by Captain Korn and other police representatives from our district. WSWCA Board elections will also take place.

Several community residents attended tonight's Board meeting to register concern and report on criminal activities – specifically drug dealing -- at the corner of 10th & Pine Streets. One resident told of having his life threatened by alleged drug dealers at that corner and, just today, witnessing three drug deals taking place at the same locale. In the first instance, this resident stated that it took the police 2-3 hours to respond to his call and appear at the scene.

In response, WSWCA's Board President Judy Applebaum noted she meets regularly with the Managing Director's Office of the City of Philadelphia and The Alliance for a Better Community. She invited several residents in attendance tonight to join their next meet-

ing and reiterate their reports. The Chairman of WSWCA's Safety & Security Committee also plans to propose a 24/7 police presence in Wash West. As noted above, Captain Korn and other district police representatives will appear at WSWCA's Oct 14th General Membership Meeting. All Wash West residents are urged to attend and voice concerns to the police.

Finally, WSWCA's Safety & Security Committee identified lighting and sanitation as two of their key target areas. Considerable headway has been made including a massive street lighting effort underway for Wash West and the implementation of weekly street cleaning in our community – both initiatives already yielding impressive results thanks to our volunteer committee members.

#### **III. BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Jordan summarized the treasurer's July & August reports which were unanimously adopted. He reported that the proceeds of Was West's house tour were \$2,486 deposited in the Civic's saving account.

#### **V. BOARD ELECTIONS**

Five Board members terms are up and elections for these positions will take place at the October 14th general membership meeting. Candidates are required to submit a one-page (or less) statement of interest & qualifications by September 26th. Also required is a one-paragraph summary with key points bulleted to be distributed along with the ballots at the October 14th General Meeting. (Candidates must state their intentions 14 days prior to the election but are asked to submit by September 26th in order to have time to gather and print the materials.)

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### Greening

Virginia Trosino of WSWCA's Greening Committee reported that along with the apartment buildings and restaurants destroyed

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## Greening Grants

The Greening Committee has been awarded several grants lately.

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green is giving \$2000.00 to build a tool shed for the South Street Community Garden.

Cara Carocchia is architect and has designed a whimsical shed and Isaiah Zagar will decorate it. Michael Leonetti will contribute decorative stained glass for the eyebrow window. Construction is to begin in November.



Another grant for \$1000.00 from PHS is for dead tree removal and new tree planting. The sum is being matched by the Greening Committee.

Washington Square West Trust has given \$1500.00 to the Greening Committee to plant new trees this fall, as well as \$3000.00 to be given in \$500.00 increments to applicants who wish to remove fruit bearing Ginkgo trees.

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In the recent 11th street fire, seven trees were also fatally damaged. At her request, the Board unanimously passed a motion to submit a letter requesting payment for damages to those trees from the buildings insurance company.

### Membership

In July, this committee sent a second notice to those with expired memberships. The letters – 101 in total - were personalized for the first time and there have been 35 responses to date.

The Membership Committee is planning a letter be sent to local businesses to gauge their interest in reciprocally linking to WSWCA's website.

Membership fees will be discussed at our November meeting along with the idea of installing advertising space in the Civic's newsletter – The Post.

### Government Affairs

800-834 Walnut Street – Quiznos Restaurant

Motion: The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Committee's recommendation to not oppose an eat-in restaurant with no Take-Out component. (Take-out will be considered separately and brought to the Board at a future meeting).

1211 Rodman

Motion: The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Committee's recommendation to not oppose the addition of a roof-top deck to this three story residence.

1233 & 1235 Pine Street

The Philadelphia Mental Health Clinic located at 1235 Pine for many years seeks to expand its administrative quarters by adjoining it to the adjacent building at 1233 Pine via the second and third floors.

A lively discussion ensued between the Board, representatives of the Mental Health Clinic and

residents who attended tonight's meeting to address this proposed expansion. This was one in a series of discussions and forums the Civic has hosted between the various parties and the following motion was passed with one abstention.

Motion: The Board voted to oppose the request for a use variance in its current form/verbiage; but not to oppose the application as submitted with the exception of the first floor which will be excluded from the variance and rather will continue to be used as a retail space subject to a proviso letter from the applicant to the WSWCA and attached as proviso to the variance.

### Safety & Security

As previously reported, workers mandated by the community court in a program required service will provide sidewalk cleaning on the third Saturday of every month.

Fall Cleanup is scheduled for November 15th and this time it is anticipated that those cars left on the street rather than moved as required during clean-up, will be ticketed and unlike before the tickets will be enforced. In the past, cars were allowed to be moved to the alternate side of the street on Friday night; however, this may not be the case this November when cars may be required to move 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

### Awareness

WSWCA seeks a writer for our newsletter – The Post. All interested parties should contact Jerry Hofer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris J. Gold  
Secretary

**apply. Applications in the form of a letter must be submitted no later than November 30, 2003 to the Greening Committee at the WSWCA's office.**

**Applications must be accompanied by a bid or estimate from a tree removal and tree planting company indicating the price of tree, stump and wood removal and tree replacement. Payment will be made to the property owner directly by the Trust only after the Greening Committee confirms that the offending tree has actually been removed and replaced. Removal and replacement must be com-**

pleted no later than May 15. 2004 to receive this grant. If there are more than 6 applications for these reimbursements, additional reimbursement dollars will be considered. The offer is limited to one grant per home or investment property owner in Washington Square West.

For consultation call Virginia Trosino at 215-625-2599.

## Home Security Tips from the Sixth District Police

Police Officers Tanya Brown and Cat Fan-Rawlings warn that summertime can be an especially active time for criminals. Secure your property by using their checklist as a guideline:

### Doors

Does all doors have a deadbolt lock?  
Do outside door hinges have non-removable pins?

Do all sliding glass doors have good locks?  
Have you inserted sheetmetal screws in the frame of each sliding door and adjusted them so that the door cannot be removed?

### Windows

Have latches on double-hung sash windows been replaced by key-operated locks designed for these windows?

Are sliding windows protected in the same manner as sliding doors?

Do casement windows using a gear and handle close and lock snugly?

Are basement window secured with strong hinges and locks or have they been bricked over if not needed?

### Lights

Does every doorway have an exterior light?

Do your exterior lights burn all night, not just when you leave the house?

Do you use timers to turn lamps and radios on and off giving the appearance that someone is home?

### Yard

Are shrubs and hedges trimmed to deny intruders cover?

Are your windows and doors free from trees and bushes that can hide intruders from the view of neighbors?

Are trees pruned to eliminate access to second-story windows and balconies?

### Garages

Is your garage door lock reinforced with a padlock or bolt on the inside, locking the door to the track?

Are garage windows covered, prevented burglars from determining what is inside or if anyone is at home?

Is the door connecting the garage with the house equipped with a deadbolt lock and kept locked?

## New Parking Fines

If you haven't been ticketed lately, you may not know that parking fines have been revised. The following fines went into effect this Spring.

Meter expired	\$20	Sidewalk	\$35
Stopping prohibited	\$35	Double-parked	\$35
Parking prohibited	\$25	On crosswalk	\$35
Loading zone	\$25	Blocking driveway	\$35
Expired tag or inspection sticker	\$100	Handicapped space	\$300
Within 20 ft. of corner	\$35	Blocking handicapped parking ramp	\$75
		Abandoned vehicle	\$300
		Within 15 ft. of hydrant	\$40
		Bus zone	\$35

## 2003 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 _____	<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>Contribution</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**What number do I call to have my old water heater picked up?  
Where can I find the website of the Board of the Revision of  
Taxes? Where can I find a map of Wash West?**

**[www.washwestcivic.org](http://www.washwestcivic.org)**

## WSWCA BUSINESS MEMBERS

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.  
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New Century Guild  
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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.  
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Hardware  
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