



## CALL FOR WRITERS

Are you a Wash West resident interested in:

- Neighborhood development
- Local business
- Noteworthy neighbors
- Parenting in Wash West
- Quality of life issues
- Architecture and local history

or any other topics that may interest your neighbors?

If so, please consider becoming a writer/reporter for the WSWCA Post. A great neighborhood deserves a great newsletter, and we need your help to make it happen.

Contact Annette at 215-545-5853 or earling@zaza.com

### WSWCA Meeting Highlights September 14 & October 12, 2004

Note: There was no August meeting of the board.

#### SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Present: J. Applebaum, M. J. Barrett, J. Brazino, M. Davidson, A. Earling, B. Hornsby, J. Jordan, J. Menegakis, M. Schultz, V. Trosino

Absent: J. Arneth, C. Baker, S. Batcheler, K. Cushing, I. Gold

President Judy Applebaum called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Several upcoming events were noted. It was agreed that these would be posted on the WSWCA web site.

Board members Joe Brazino and Virginia Trosino announced that they would not seek re-election to the Board when their current terms expire in October 2004. The Board applauded Joe and Virginia for their dedicated service and contributions to the community.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES.

Several corrections were made to the minutes of the July Board meeting:

- Item 3 of the report of the Governmental Affairs committee gave an incorrect address for the property at which a variance had been requested for a roof deck. The correct address is 417 South Quince Street.
- The report of the Greening Committee was amended to read as follows: "Virginia Trosino reported that 42 trees had been planted this spring. A \$1000 grant was received from the Washington Square West Trust."

The minutes of the July meeting were then adopted, with the above corrections.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

John Jordan delivered the Treasurer's report. Highlights included the receipt of an anonymous donation of \$5000 to the Washington Square West Trust, designated for use by the Civic Association for greening projects and landscaping at the Quince-Lombard parking lot. August

expenditures included the final payment for the landscaping work at Quince-Lombard. Current funds available to the Association include two grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the street lighting project in Wash West. The Treasurer's Report was adopted unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The president expressed regret that Joe Brazino and Virginia Trosino would be leaving the Board. It was noted that a total of five Board seats would be up for election at the October meeting, including the two vacancies. Interested candidates for Board membership were invited to submit their names by October 1st. It was agreed that this notice would be posted on the web site, and that flyers announcing the Board vacancies and upcoming election would be distributed in the community before then. Membership and Awareness committee chairs were asked to work on this.

Babette Josephs has helped the Civic Association secure a grant of \$5000 for street cleaning.

Plans for the lighting project have been developed. The pilot phase of the project will see the installation of the new lighting in the 1000 block of Pine Street. The project will go out for bidding as soon as the initial state funding of \$100,000 has been received. Plans for both the pilot phase and the full project will be presented and discussed in detail at the October meeting. It was agreed that informational handouts should be prepared for distribution to community members at the October meeting, and that the flyers to be distributed should prominently mention that the lighting project would be discussed at the October meeting.

There was discussion of the potential impact on the Wash West community of future casino development on Market Street. All present agreed that WSWCA would need to watch the situation carefully and be alert to opportunities to express community needs and concerns.

The Treasurer raised the issue of increased costs and effort involved in preparation and filing of the

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## WSWCA Meeting Highlights, *continued*

necessary tax documentation, and noted that this has been done pro-bono for many years. As large amounts of funds for the lighting project pass through the Civic Association, this task will become more complex, and may require the Civic to set aside monies for professional accounting services.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS.

There was no report from the Governmental Affairs Committee, though the President noted that a large number of proposals would be presented for discussion at the October meeting. Membership, Awareness, Safety & Security, and Greening committees had no specific new items to report. No new business was raised.

### ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Schultz, Acting Secretary

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### OCTOBER 12, 2004

Present: J. Applebaum, J. Armeth, C. Baker, M.J. Barrett, S. Batcheler, A. Earling, I. Gold, B. Hornsby, J. Jordan, J. Menegakis, M. Schultz  
Absent: K. Cushing

### I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called tonight's meeting to order and made the following announcements:

- Residents whose homes were flooded during late September's heavy rains should file a formal complaint by calling the number on your water bill and contact the Civic which seeks your input for a meeting we will be having with the Water Department. (note: see our website at [www.washwestcivic.org](http://www.washwestcivic.org) for the appropriate form.)
- Residents are urged to check their Civic membership status and confirm it is active.
- WSWCA seeks a resident CPA willing to donate tax expertise and file the Civic's 2004 return.
- Thanks and acknowledgement of community service by 4 Board Members recently resigned:

John Armeth — served as the Civic's Vice President

Joe Brazino — worked on street cleaning, safety and lighting projects

Michael Davidson — lent legal expertise

to Gov't Affairs Committee and reviewed contracts  
Virginia Trosino — headed the Greening Committee, managing hundreds of tree plantings, community gardens, children's programs, budgets, grants and more.

### II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September minutes were unanimously adopted.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Jordan presented highlights of the treasurer's report which was unanimously adopted.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Five Civic Board Members were unanimously elected tonight, filling all Board vacancies:

Edward Ferry  
John Jordan (Incumbent: Treasurer)  
Joseph Matteo  
Lisa Metzger  
Hillary Wittich

### V. STREET LIGHTING INITIATIVE

The Lighting Practice presented their designs for Phase I of the Wash West lighting initiative and responded to residents' questions. To date, funds are available to light only one block of Wash West. Antique Row at Pine & 8th was chosen, partly, in hopes of attracting additional funding from the Commerce Department. Additional funding is required in order to move ahead with phase I which targets the larger streets of Wash West. A Fund Raising Committee dedicated to this project is being formed. Community volunteers are sorely needed at all levels of participation. (Note: see our most recent plans at [www.washwestcivic.org](http://www.washwestcivic.org))

Councilman DiCicco, a key supporter of the project, attended tonight's meeting and described some background leading up to the lighting initiative, its current status and ideas for obtaining additional funding. Among the ideas he highlighted are approaching PECO to incorporate the project into their building plans, local corporations, foundations and those seeking project variances from WSWCA. He also suggested WSWCA consider creating a "Neighborhood Improvement District" (NID), the details of which may be explored at a special community meeting with local experts on NIDs and BIDs (Business Improvement District). Meanwhile the Councilman will explore other sources of government funding, and he has offered to finance filing & personnel costs associ-

ated with creating a NID/BID, if WSWCA decides to go that route.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Government Affairs

#### 921 Spruce Street

Subject to the following provisos, Gov't Affairs recommended the Board not oppose owners request for variances to allow conversion from a one to two-family dwelling, and a use permit to create an interior parking space:

Provisos:

- Install a deed restriction to ensure owner occupancy (info on enforcing compliance TBD)
- Provide street lighting on Hutchinson Street in accordance with WSWCA's lighting plan as prepared by The Lighting Practice.
- Keep Gov't Affairs apprised of design development for the garage and entrance doors.

#### 221 S. 11th Street/Saladworks

Proposed is the installation of a Saladworks in space formerly occupied by Jefferson bookstore, with seating for 60, take-out, no liquor license, and interior trash storage & daily pick-up. Operating hours: 11am-10pm Monday-Saturday, 11am-6pm Sunday. Gov't Affairs recommended non-opposition to a 'use certificate' for take-out subject to the following provisos:

- No grates installed in the shop windows
- Awnings will be held within the columns
- No lighted signage installed
- No liquor license sought

Motion: The Board unanimously voted not to oppose each of the two above-listed proposals with provisos as recommended by the Government Affairs Committee.

### B. Awareness

Reporters are needed for the Civic's newsletter, *The Post*. Individual articles also welcome.

### C. Safety and Security

Annual Spring Street Cleaning in the works for 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris J. Gold, Secretary

## 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](mailto:info@washwestcivic.org)

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

## ACCOUNTANTS/ SUPERHEROES NEEDED

The Washington Square West Civic Association is in need of a neighborhood accountant willing to give some time to help out with tax form preparation. If you'd like to donate a few hours towards your community, please contact Judy Applebaum at 215-875-9232.

## McCall Elementary School: To Infinity and Beyond! by Lisa Metzger-Zisser

"Mom, my day was SO GOOD it was from down to here (pointing to ground) up to outer space, and past that, past that, past that, and past that - that's how good it was!" is our Kindergarten son's excited mantra that he exclaims every day that I pick him up from school at our neighborhood public school, McCall Elementary School, at 6th and Delancey Streets.

That's a big deal for us - I've lived in the Washington Square West neighborhood for the most part of 18 years and we were not certain where our two children would go to school. In fact, we were originally on the fast track to private schooling for our oldest, our 5 year old. And then we had our second child. Well, you do the math. (Doable, yes, but one must pick their battles....)

Luckily, I've known MANY, MANY families over the years who've opted for Center City public schools for their children - and you know what? These kids are FABULOUS! They're all bright, amazing, well-rounded, grounded, and in top-notch universities or high schools like Masterman and Central.

Also fortunate were my experiences as a

volunteer in McCall ES last year - I got a bird's eye view of the teachers, students, parents and staff. I work in the education field (reading, literacy, and educational administration) and am not particularly a public-school advocate, so being a keen critic comes naturally to me. And honestly, I am impressed with what is happening.

You can see it in the parks and playgrounds - you can see it all around Center City. More people are choosing to stay. McCall ES needed to add a third Kindergarten teacher because we've had more neighborhood kids this year from families choosing McCall for their children's education. This was also made clear with the number of Kindergarten families that attended the first McCall ES Home and School Association (read: PTA) meeting of the year.

So, I welcome you to check it out. You never know, you may find it out of this world!

*McCall Elementary School, phone 215-351-7350. (Tours given by appointment with Mrs. Eleanor Castleberry.)*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - OPEN HOUSE



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 9am,  
MCCALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
6TH AND DELANCEY STREETS**

Come meet, speak, and tour with McCall parents, children, teachers and alumni about what makes this neighborhood public school so special. Learn about the extraordinary curricular and extracurricular programs, as well as organizational partnerships with The Walnut Street Theater, Kimmel Center, and many others that McCall has to offer!

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## **The Washington West Civic Association Calendar of Events**

### **Arts/Culture**

**The Titanic Artifact Exhibition at  
The Franklin Institute**  
July 10, 2004 through January 2, 2005

### **Library Events:**

**Independence Branch  
18 S. 7th Street  
Phone: 215-685-1633**

Baby Story Hour  
Tuesdays at 10:15 am

Toddler Story Hour  
Tuesdays at 10:45 am

Fiction Book Group - Mon, Nov. 1 at  
6:30 pm  
The Master Butchers Singing Club, by  
Louise Erdrich

Gay Men's Book Group - Wed, Nov. 3  
at 6:30 pm  
The Charioteer, by Mary Renault

Where Poems Come From - Mon,  
Nov. 8 at 6:30 pm

Cooking With Herbs - Wed, Nov. 10 at 6 pm



Diwali and Eid - al Fetra Celebrations - Sat,  
Nov. 13. Again we will celebrate the South  
Asian Hindu New Year and the Muslim  
holiday, too!

Chinese Film Series - Mon, Nov. 15 & 22nd  
at 6:30 p.m. In Mandarin.

ASIAC (Aids Services in Asian  
Communities) - Tue, Nov. 16 at 10 am

Brown Bag Lunch Program - Wed, Nov. 17  
at 12:30 pm  
Credit Workshop for Women.

Narrative Non-fiction Book Group - Wed,  
Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm

### **Health**

#### **Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Events**

November is Lung Cancer Awareness  
month at Jeff. On Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, the  
Kimmel Cancer Center will feature three  
workshops on lung cancer awareness. Call  
1800-JEFF NOW for more information.

### **Education**

**Henry George School of Social  
Science**  
413 S. 10th Street, 215-922-4278

Free Saturday Seminars: 10-11:30am.  
Space is limited so pre-registration for  
these programs is requested.

Free Friday Films! 6:30pm, followed by dis-  
cussion. Bring your popcorn!  
November 12: *Burn*