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WSWCA ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday,
October 11,
7:30 p.m.**

The annual membership meeting of the Washington Square West Civic Association will take place on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Jefferson Alumni Hall at 1020 Locust Street. At this meeting elections will be held for one third of the seats on the WSWCA Board of Directors. An additional seat on the board has become vacant

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Wash West Street Lighting to be Upgraded

The Washington Square West Civic Association has secured full funding for the first phase of street-light replacement in our neighborhood. With the assistance of Pennsylvania Senator Vince Fumo, the Civic Association has received a grant of \$100,000 from the state's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). City Council member Frank DiCicco, who has worked closely and diligently with WSWCA president Judy Applebaum on the relighting effort, has secured \$415,000 in city funding for us. As of this writing, all funds are on hand, and the final details of the work schedule are being settled. The project will be managed by the Center City District (our thanks to CCD Executive Director Paul Levy!), with CCD's Marc Morfei directly overseeing the project.

In this initial phase, new lighting will be installed in the 900, 1000, 1100 and 1200 blocks of Pine Street. Work should begin in early October and will be completed by Thanksgiving.

As we've reported previously, the new lighting will be an immense improvement over the cobra-head highway lighting currently found on most of the main streets of Wash West. The new lights, which are designed primarily to illuminate sidewalks rather than traffic lanes,

will make our streets safer for pedestrians. The lights will be of the same brightness as those used on the streets of the Center City District west of Broad Street, and will have shades that can be adjusted to prevent excessive light intrusion into nearby residences. Light posts will have a maximum height of 14 feet, much shorter than the posts currently in use.

The placement of lights will follow the plan that was presented and approved at a public meeting of WSWCA in October 2004. Fixtures will be placed at intervals of 60 feet along each side of a street, with lights on the opposite streetside staggered so that the effective spacing between lights will be 30 feet. A detail of the lighting plan for the 1000 block of Pine Street can be found online at <http://www.washwestcivic.org/images/pilot.gif>, and the full plan at <http://www.washwestcivic.org/images/lights.gif>.

Project manager Marc Morfei will be on hand at the October 11th meeting of WSWCA to discuss details of the lighting work and to answer questions from the community.

Watch for regular progress updates in our electronic newsletter, the e-Post, and plan to join us for a relighting celebration in late November!

Washington Square West Town Watch Grows, Works with 6th District to Improve Quality of Life

By Tim Bosworth

Following a successful Town Watch orientation in June, 17 residents of the Washington Square West neighborhood formed the Washington Square West Town Watch. In July and August, coordinated by Tim Bosworth, Town Watch met to gather and discuss information about other successful Town Watch programs in Center City, to improve communications with the Philadelphia Police 6th District, and to begin to develop a strategy for growing Town Watch. During a second Town Watch orientation, held September 19, almost 30 more residents indicated interest in committing time and energy to help the Washington Square West Town Watch grow further.

We in Washington Square West Town Watch are pleased to let our neighbors know that as a result of our ongoing communication and cooperation with the 6th District, Captain Brian Korn has ordered increased police patrols on 12th Street/Waverly/Addison/Juniper/Pine, an area that has suffered increased drug and prostitution activity in recent months. In addition to the Park & Walk beat officer who is assigned to 13th street from 7pm to 7am daily, there are now two additional patrols: P/O Joe Ferrero will regularly and aggressively patrol this problem area,

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2005

Present: J. Applebaum, C. Baker, M.J. Barrett, S. Batcheler, A. Earling, Carl Engelke, E. Ferry, I. Gold, B. Hornsby, J. Jordan, J. Menegakis, M. Schultz

Absent: J. Matteo, L. Metzger, H. Wittich

I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called the meeting to order and invited announcements from Board members.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Bob Hornsby, who is spearheading efforts to create a Town Watch for Washington Square West, announced a "Town Watch Orientation" meeting to take place September 19 at 7pm. All residents are encouraged to attend to share ideas and concerns with neighbors and police representatives from our 6th District. Sept 19th, 7pm, Jefferson Hal, 1026 Locust St, Suite 139.
- Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition: Red Cross Sale

In support of Katrina flood victims, the Coalition and Red Cross are collecting gift cards from Target (donating a percentage of those proceeds) and large plastic storage bins. Please drop donations off at Hawthorne Coalition, 1318 Katherine Street.

- The Philadelphia Gaming Task Force will begin accepting proposals from Casino developers in December.
- Board elections will be held next month at our October 11th Board meeting. Lisa Metzger has resigned from the Board; and at least one position is vacant. Wash West residents/ Civic members are invited to submit letters of interest to Board President Judy Applebaum.
- The Philadelphia Water Department has written a report of findings as requested by WSWCA and will forward it once it is signed by the Commissioner. The letter includes a series of planned indicatives and identifies problematic properties.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Board Treasurer John Jordan's monthly report noted the income from this years Wash West House tour exceeded \$2,000.

IV. PHILADELPHIA GAY TOURISM CAUCUS: Street Signage Proposal

This non-profit, regional organization is funded by the hotel industry and charged with promoting gay and lesbian tourism to the Greater Philadelphia Region. Two representatives from the Caucus attended tonight's meeting to request Wash West's support for installing "Rainbow" identity stickers under a few designated street signs in our community. The signs will be rainbows without any text. Their plan is to openly identify Wash West as the City's "Gayborhood" to encourage gay tourism--- a potentially large revenue source for the City. The proposal will go before the City's Streets Department for final approval.

Motion: WSWCA passed a motion to support and sign the Gay Tourism Caucus's signage proposal with 8 Board members in favor and 4 members opposed.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.
1323 South Street

Proposal for this abandoned building to be converted to a restaurant.

Motion: The Board unanimously voted not



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to oppose this project with provisos:
regarding trash disposal, cleanliness, sound/noise level, a conditional liquor license and restricted use of the second floor to office space.

B. GREENING

Chairperson, Michael Schultz provided advance copies of current and proposed Greening Guidelines to the Board requesting approval for changes which were unanimously accepted by Board.

C. SAFETY & SECURITY

WSWCA's street lighting project will begin in two weeks and be completed by Thanksgiving. The project involves street lighting for four blocks---9th , 10th, 11th and 12th streets. Mark Murphy of the Center City District Services, which is managing the project on WSWCA's behalf, will attend October's Civic meeting. Additional funding for the lighting project came from Councilman DiCicco's capital funds enabling the Civic to expand the project from 2 to 4 blocks.

D. MEMBERSHIP & AWARENESS

This year's membership drive will be moved up to December (from January) before memberships expire. More details regarding annual dues and initiatives for increasing membership to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Iris J. Gold, Secretary

WASH WEST ZONING NEWS

At its September 13th meeting, the WSWCA Board voted not to oppose an application to establish an international kosher organic restaurant at 1323 South Street. The location is currently an abandoned building. Acting on the recommendations of the its Governmental Affairs Committee, the board stipulated that the establishment should be limited to a conditional liquor license (which regulates the ratio of bar to restaurant space); that there should be no live music; that sound remediation measures should be taken; and that the facade design should be submitted for approval by WSWCA. The second floor of the building will be used for office space only.

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The provision has already rolled out to consumers who live in states in the West, South and Midwest. If you stagger your free reports through the year, you'll get much the same level of up-to-date information that credit reporting

services charge to provide.

To obtain your free report from each of the big three agencies visit www.annualcreditreport.com. The three major credit agencies are Experian (www.experian.com), TransUnion (www.transunion.com) and Equifax (www.equifax.com).

In addition, specialty data banks like ChoicePoint, MIB Group, ChexSystems and others may have a file on you. Contact them separately to ask for the free information you are entitled to.

FACTA also includes other data protection provisions including fraud alerts, credit freezes and other help you can obtain simply by visiting the FTC's FACTA information online (<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/freereports.htm>).

Board Elections, *cont. from pg. 1*

through a resignation, so a total of six seats will be up for election. A list of candidates will be published in the e-Post and on the WSWCA website (www.washwestcivic.org) the week before the meeting.

Also on the agenda for the October meeting: Marc Morfei of the Center City District will present information on the relighting project and answer questions from the community.

Members of WSWCA are invited to attend the meeting, to help select new board members, and to express your ideas and concerns to the Board.

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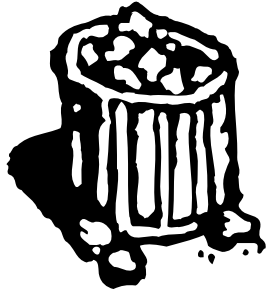
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COMPLAINT FORMS: You can also download and fill out a formal complaint report from the Philadelphia Streets Department: www.ppdonline.org/pdf/sanitation.pdf (Note: there are several violations that could apply) Send your report to your local police district, either the 6th or the 3rd, see contact info at www.ppdonline.org/hq_condistricts.php). Most of Wash West lives in the 6th District, 235 N. 11th Street, 19107 - PH 215.686-3060 or 215.686-3061 FAX.686-3064.

NO SATISFACTION: If callers get no action, then please call Councilman DiCicco's office www.phila.gov/citycouncil/dicicco/index.html at (215) 686-3458, ask for Irene and/or email her at irene.benedetti@phila.gov.

STILL NO SATISFACTION: Call Lynn Landes at 215-629-3553 or lynnlandes@earthlink.net

TRASH COLLECTION: For trash collection problems (such as unsatisfactory service), call District Supervisor Martin Mellett (before 10 AM) at 215-685-4290. Please note that Mellett's office usually wants the number of any offending trash truck. Apartment buildings of more than 6 units must arrange for private trash collection.

WSWCA FLAGS FOR SALE

Our beautiful Washington Square West flags measure three feet by five feet and come in a striking "Old Glory" red with a white Civic Association logo. The design is visible on both sides of the flag.

Flags are priced at \$30, which is below our cost. Six-foot poles are \$7.00. Metal brackets are \$3.00. To purchase, please make your check payable to: WSW Civic Association and send to the Civic office at 1209 Locust Street, Philadelphia, 19107. Arrangements will be made for delivery or for you to pick up your flag at the Civic office.

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Town Watch, continued from page 1

and will have coordinating support from P/O Rich Butler from Tactical Patrol to help clean up the area. When you see these officers at work please let them know we appreciate their presence.

Anyone who would like to help Washington Square West Town Watch improve the safety and quality of life in our neighborhood, or at least keep informed of what is going on, should simply contact Tim Bosworth via email at <mailto:twb2@verizon.net>twb2@verizon.net, or by phone at (215) 238-9801. Tim and the others in Town Watch are eagerly soliciting ideas from residents to help shape the organization.

Here is how one citizen got involved. On Sept 18 at around 9PM, a long-term Washington Square West resident noticed a man later identified as Clifton Holloman entering what was supposed to be a vacant apartment building on 13th Street near Panama Stand, called 911, and then pointed out the offender to police officers who arrested Holloman for burglary and criminal trespass of an apartment building. Holloman is still in custody at this writing.

This is a good example of "eyes and ears" at work, but there are many other ways to get involved. These include: just learning how to use the 911 system most effectively; helping write and distribute posters and flyers; working to improve

communication with others in our communities or connecting with city officials, the police, or other town watch organizations; doing computer work; assisting with fund raising or grant writing; and patrolling on a schedule that works for you. Everyone is welcome!! All that's needed is a little bit of optimism, an interest in finding ways of dealing with crime and quality of life issues, a sincere desire to help, and a willingness to work together with other people in the neighborhood who care about the neighborhood and the city. But remember, if you see a problem--report it. Calling 911 is one of the best tools we have for making sure the police department knows where the problems are and when they are occurring.

Upcoming events:

September 29: Community Activist C.B. Kimmins and supporters from Mantua Against Drugs will be at 13th and Locust for an anti-drug/anti-crime vigil. 8 p.m.

October 1: The Town Watch Integrated Services 1st Annual Safety Day, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at Strawberry Mansion School (Susquehanna Ave. and 31st St.). 10 mile bike ride, carnival, entertainment, refreshment, games, and more.

Links to related stories:
Standing up to Dealers (South Philly Review) http://southphillyreview.com/view_article.php?id=3544



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The city requires restaurants, larger busi-

nesses and many multi-family dwellings to have their trash collected by private companies. Some of these companies make their rounds in the middle of the night to avoid traffic. In Wash West, one of the biggest culprits is a company called Gold Medal Disposal.

The good news is that you can do something about this problem. WSWCA would like to hear from anyone in the community who is being disturbed by middle-of-the-night trash collection. If you hear or see trash trucks operating between midnight and 7:00 a.m., contact us with the following information:

- Date and time of the incident;
- Location or name of the establishment where trash is being collected;
- Name of the hauling company (usually printed on the sides of the vehicle), if possible;
- Your name and address.

Send your reports by mail to WSWCA, 1209 Locust Street, Philadelphia PA 19107 (Attn: Trash Collection) or by e-mail to news@washwestcivic.org (put "trash collection" in the subject line). We will compile all reports received and take action to eliminate the disturbances caused by these companies.

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9xx Clinton St	\$355,000	10xx Spruce St	\$279,000	3xx Fawn St	\$424,000	4xx 10th St	\$678,000
10xx Clinton St	\$165,000	9xx Clinton St	\$459,900	9xx Clinton St	\$565,000	x Alder Ct	\$400,000
12xx Lombard St	\$469,000	3xx Juniper St	\$590,000	9xx-xx Spruce St	\$319,000	4xx 11th St	\$502,000
2xx Warnock St	\$415,000	3xx 12th St	\$470,000	10xx Spruce St	\$304,900	11xx Rodman St	\$325,000
9xx Manning St	\$290,000	10xx Spruce St	\$599,000	2xx 13th St	\$340,000	9xx Lombard St	\$729,000
3xx 12th St	\$1,145,000	2xx 13th St	\$367,500	4xx 10th St	\$305,000	11xx Rodman St	\$925,000
11xx Pine St	\$309,000	9xx Latimer St	\$645,000	8xx Lombard St	\$520,000	8xx Addison St	\$430,000
2xx 13th St	\$375,000	9xx Clinton St	\$589,500	7xx Bradford Aly	\$439,900	11xx South St	\$335,051
2xx Quince St	\$543,000	10xx Spruce St	\$329,000	8xx South St	\$389,900	11xx Lombard St	\$400,000
10xx-xx Spruce St	\$264,000	3xx Juniper St	\$599,900	12xx-xx South St	\$327,000	10xx Addison St	\$408,500
13xx Spruce St	\$298,000	9xx Spruce St	\$257,000	12xx Rodman St	\$532,500		

Kahn Park Craft Fair October 8th

The Kahn Park Antique and Craft Fair is an annual fund-raiser that brings vendors from throughout the Delaware Valley to Kahn Park each year on the second Saturday in October. Although the event is a modest fund-raiser, it is a focal activity for the community each fall.

Numerous businesses donate food, supplies and their time to the event, while dozens of volunteers supervise tables and manage the less glamorous behind-the-scenes activities. The event works in close coordination with the Sixth District Police who have become our partner with this and other events, as well as with other organizations such as Seiger Park and area churches who support some of the events' logistics. The Washington Square West Civic Association, also provides related support.

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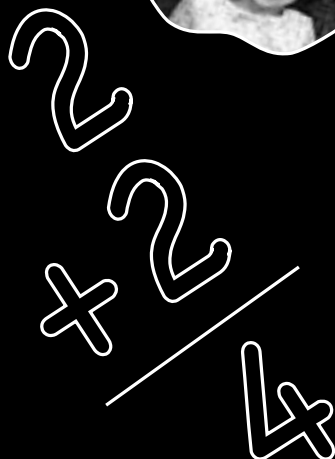
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Robberies

800 SPRUCE ST 8/3/2005 5:29 AM
 300 S 10TH ST 8/4/2005 2:58 AM
 1000 CLINTON ST 8/7/2005 10:30 AM
 S 11TH ST & PINE ST 8/11/2005 3:36 AM
 301 S 11TH ST 8/19/2005 1:54 AM
 300 S WATTS ST 8/1/2005 1:30 AM
 324 S FAWN ST 8/6/2005 12:34 AM
 800 PINE ST 8/6/2005 3:00 AM

1200 LOCUST ST 8/10/2005 2:15 PM
 1300 LOCUST ST 8/11/2005 1:54 AM

Burglaries

1327 SPRUCE ST 8/15/2005 5:31 PM
 1128 WALNUT ST 8/27/2005 2:40 AM
 1327 SPRUCE ST 8/29/2005 5:55 PM
 237 S BROAD ST 8/31/2005 8:18 AM

Theft From Auto

400 S 11TH ST 8/12/2005 7:00 PM
 300 S FAWN ST 8/1/2005 7:56 AM
 334 S CAMAC ST 8/19/2005 12:33 PM
 330 S 13TH ST 8/23/2005 6:07 AM
 417 S BROAD ST 8/27/2005 1:43 PM

1313 SPRUCE ST 8/25/2005 9:12 AM
 1304 WALNUT ST 8/25/2005 5:54 PM

Stolen Cars

900 SPRUCE ST 8/7/2005 1:34 PM

Vandalism

800 SPRUCE ST 8/16/2005 5:15 AM
 1314 SPRUCE ST 8/12/2005 2:10 AM
 1234 LOCUST ST 8/4/2005 9:36 AM
 1122 WALNUT ST 8/4/2005 11:43 AM
 203 S 13TH ST 8/13/2005 10:31 AM
 1320 CHANCELLOR ST 8/19/2005 1:27 AM
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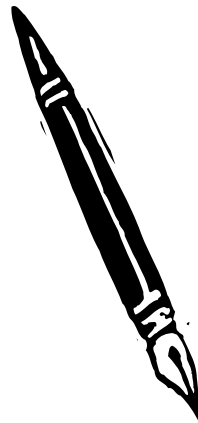
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