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We need help with a late September park clean-up, re-seeding and fencing! Call 215 625-2471 so we can order enough pizza and beverages. Details will be posted on park bulletin board.

Become a Tree Tender!

Next class sessions (they're free but registration is required) September 14, 21, 28, at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society 100 North 20th Street. Each class runs from 5:45 to 8:45 pm (includes pizza dinner) and covers: tree biology, urban stresses on trees, basic pruning care and much, much more. Call the office for a form or email Mindy Maslin at mmaslin@pennhort.org.

Fall crops in at South & Passyunk Farmers' Market

by *Bob Pierson*

The Fall South & Passyunk Farmers' Market is in full swing with freshly picked fruits and vegetables from our nearby farmlands: winter squash, lettuces, chard, collard greens and fall kales, broccoli, romanesco, and many root crops including sweet potatoes.

Paul Hauser's September apples include Gala, Cortland, JonaMac, and Smoke House. Tim and Anne Bock are turning apples and pumpkins into pies, breads, and dumplings in addition to their other fruit pies and jams, relishes, and chutneys.

Dwayne Livengood has various cuts of aged Angus beef which he raises on pasture at his father's certified organic farm near Lancaster, and ages over 20 days to enhance tenderness and flavor.

Sam Consylman, featured in Rick Nichols article on foraging in the August 14 *Philadelphia Inquirer*, says the pawpaw crop (North America's only native tree fruit) didn't do so well this year, so supplies at the Livengood stand are limited. Tom Javian, a market customer, makes pawpaws into a fantastic ice cream.

The September market also includes Elaine Schreiter's colorful flowers, Big Sky Bakery's organic breads and rolls, and Bruce Singer's chowders and soups from his fishery in Cape May where he "catches, cleans, cooks, and cans 'em."

Come down to get the freshest produce, and celebrate the South & Passyunk Farmers' Market's 10th year. Open from 2 to 7 pm on Tuesday afternoons through the week of Thanksgiving, the market is on Passyunk Avenue right at South Street east of 5th.



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September 15
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Update: Transportation Committee Moving Ahead

by *Walt Lowthian*

The QVNA Transportation Committee has been hard at work over the summer. The October QVNA general meeting (October 20) will focus on Parking to review what has been done and to get more feedback from the community. The Parking Subcommittee will present an analysis of your parking concerns and ideas.

Opinion Survey: Only 155 surveys have been returned, but the geographical distribution through the core residential areas is good. If you haven't completed a survey, please go to the QV web site, qvna.org, and click on "Take Our Parking Survey."

Block Survey: All of Queen Village except concentrated business areas is being surveyed to determine the parking regulations in effect as indicated by signage. We are looking at hours and days restricted to permit parking, metered parking, and street sweeping. We will prepare maps showing the coverage of various parking restrictions. These will be compared with the Opinion Survey results to determine if improvements can be recommended to the neighborhood.

Parking Improvement Ideas: The committee has been working on a list of ideas including ones suggested by the Opinion Surveys. We will report on each idea, assessing it in terms of likely impact and possible implementation strategies, if appropriate.

Contact with PPA: The Parking Subcommittee has initiated meetings with the Philadelphia Parking Authority to open up communications and find ways to establish mutual help.

Traffic Sub-Committee: This newly-formed subcommittee is focusing on the traffic in the

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'Leave Your Light On' one of first activities of new public safety committee

QVNA Public Safety Committee Mission Statement: "We will work with area residents and city officials to monitor and reduce the incidence of crime in Queen Village, and we will serve as the liaison between the community and the police in dealing with public safety issues."

Our newly-formed committee had a great time launching our "Leave Your Light On" campaign on August 2 in conjunction with National Night Out, a nationwide town watch event. About 20 area residents and several bicycle patrol officers, including Lt. McShea braved the intense heat and humidity for a neighborhood stroll to promote the idea of leaving outdoor lights on throughout the night as a crime deterrent. During the stroll we identified both poorly- and well-lit streets. It was also a great opportunity to meet our neighbors.

We are planning more events as part as the "Leave Your Light On" campaign. We are also working on disseminating weekly QV crime statistics and trying to achieve regular attendance at the Police District Advisory Council meetings. Come join us at our monthly meetings to help us make these planned events a reality! We meet (usually) on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at Weccacoe Playground. — Audrey Jaross

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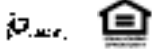
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY DAVID W. O'DONNELL

Summer Thanks

I want to thank the QVNA Board of Directors, our staff, Carla and John, the committee chair men and women, and all of our committee volunteers for their continued hard work through the summer. The U.S. Congress recesses for the summer, but not the volunteers of Queen Village Neighbors!

Thank you to the Transportation Committee and its sub-committees for their diligence (*see their report on page 1.*)

Special thanks to Judy Wolk and her terrific Beck Park Committee. They have already transformed this neglected little park into a clean, pleasant area. We can't wait to see how this committee beautifies this corner treasure!

Few neighborhoods have the green space that we have, and it is all maintained by community volunteers. We have the Southwark-Queen Village Community Garden, the Bodine Street Community Garden, Mario Lanza Park, Weccacoe Playground, tiny Mary Street Garden (on League Street), the Sixth Street Garden (threatened by development), Tree Tenders and, of course, all residents who tend their own planters. (Have I missed any?) The City actually sells parklands to private developers as budgets are cut (Sunshine Playground was an example— William Penn's "Greene Country Town" became too expensive for such a huge city).

So, if you can't come out and weed, for gosh sakes, send money! We are a non-profit, so any contribution is tax-deductible. Remember, \$5 buys a plant, and the more we have, the lovelier your neighborhood becomes. In our parks we need lighting, water sources, and occasional professional work. Make out the check to QVNA, the address is on the front of our newsletter. Take a minute. Go write a check now, or you'll forget. Remember . . . more trees . . . even prettier green spaces!

Does anybody have Fundraising experience or maybe would like to try? It has been years since we had a Benefit. We raised \$5,000 at a charming dinner-dance at Old Swedes in the early 90s. QVNA cautiously used that money to lure benefactors into donating much more.

So if you know how to throw a party, call the office! We need you!

Your Pres,
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

BY CARLA PUPPIN

More Trees for Queen Village

Good news! The joint application that Queen Village Tree Tenders and Bel Arbor Tree Tenders in Bella Vista submitted to participate in the state program "TreeVitalize" was accepted. TreeVitalize is a public/private partnership spearheaded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to restore tree cover in Southeastern Pennsylvania. In Philadelphia, several Tree Tender groups were chosen to participate in the program

What does it mean specifically for our community?

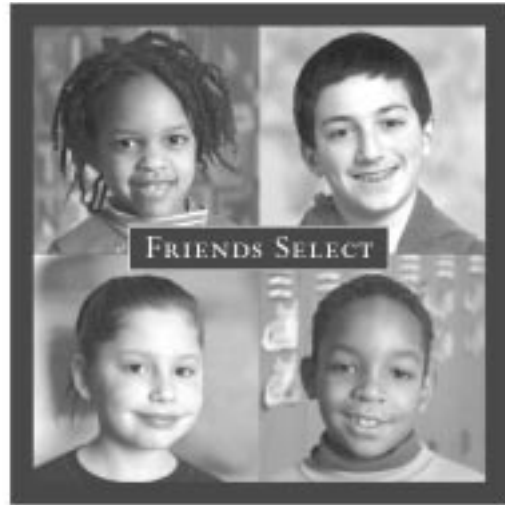
More trees, but with some work! Here are the outlines of the grant and its requirements. Each group will receive a total of 150 trees over a three-season planting cycle. The trees are free (themselves a \$300 value), but the costs of cutting tree pits and planting the trees (a contractor charges approximately \$250-\$275 per tree for concrete cut, disposal, and planting) are the community's responsibility. A community must take a minimum of 50 trees at a time to plant and the plantings must be concentrated in compact areas.

For the first round of plantings (to occur this fall), Queen Village Tree Tenders chose to focus on two areas: a block of Fourth Street's Fabric Row (at present, almost devoid of trees) and Christian Street, our primary east-west street. On the Christian Street corridor, we are coordinating with Bel Arbor Tree Tenders to green the blocks barren of trees from Front to 11th Street.

Are you interested in getting trees for your block? In order to participate, grant requirements dictate that trees must be planted in clusters, so we are looking for blocks where at least five property owners are requesting trees. We need one of those owners to serve as the coordinator for the block in working with QV Tree Tenders to get permission forms signed and to help with the plantings. We will encourage homeowners getting trees to attend Philadelphia Green's Tree Tender Classes (*see information on page 1*). And since money doesn't grow on trees, individuals getting trees will be asked to make a contribution towards the costs of planting.

If you would like to canvas your block, call or email me soon. We need more folks to make this project really work—join other greening advocates and become part of the QV Tree Tenders Committee! **Our next meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. at QVNA office.**

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Tuesday, September 20, 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, October 15, 1 p.m.

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Our Farmers are back!

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QVNA board elections coming up in November

In November, QVNA will hold elections for the Board. Current officers, with the exception of Barbara Ruth-Cook (*see note below*) will all be running for second terms. There are also open board positions. The QVNA Board will present a slate, but we also encourage and welcome others to run.


To be eligible to run for the board, you must be a resident of Queen Village and member of the Association in good standing within the 12-month period preceding the Election meeting (i.e., you must have attended and signed in at any two meetings convened by the QVNA Board or a committee thereof). You must also have attended and signed in at at least two additional QVNA-sponsored meetings within that year, for a total of four meetings.

Board members bring their enthusiasm, commitment, skills, and perspective literally "to the table" at meetings. What QVNA accomplishes cannot happen without a board that works together, that brainstorms, that thinks about the big and little picture.

So if you care about your community; are interested in problem solving; and would like to add your skills to the mix (and just as importantly, can commit to the first Thursdays of every month, in addition to the monthly meetings on the third Thursday), consider running for the board.

If you are interested and eligible, send a brief statement about yourself stating why you want to be on the board to the QVNA office, 736 S. Third St. (or email it to info@qvna.org). Nominations can also be submitted from the floor at the September and October General Meetings.

With the recent birth of Adam Christopher, Barbara Ruth-Cook regretfully steps down as treasurer at the end of her term in December. We thank her for her contribution to the board and wish the newly expanded family all the best.



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New qvna.org coming soon!

by Neville Vahkaria

For the past two years, QVNA's Web site (www.qvna.org) has served as a virtual hub for everything Queen Village. Each month, the site receives thousands of "hits" as neighbors use it to learn about their neighborhood and get involved. Coming this Fall, the QVNA web site will get a complete makeover with lots of new features to make it even more informative and useful. In addition to all the current features, you'll be able to learn about the activities of every QVNA committee and sign up online to join one.

The site will carry a comprehensive contact list for every city service and agency, including elected officials. You'll also be able view historic and recent photos of our neighborhood, and submit your own. If you have any suggestions for the new site, e-mail them to webmaster@qvna.org.

And be sure to sign up for the QVNA e-mail list on our current Web site to get important email updates about Queen Village.

Smoke detectors available

Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers has informed Councilman Frank DiCicco that the Department will issue free smoke detectors at the request of residents. The Commissioner is implementing the initiative to help reduce the number of fire deaths in the City.

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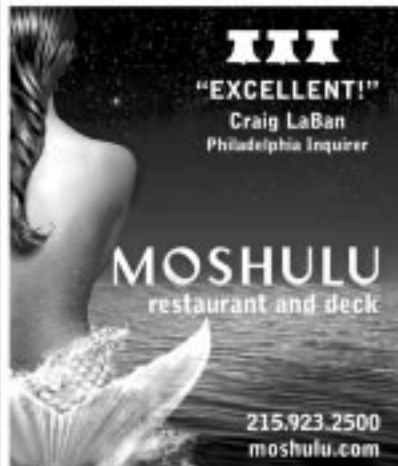
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Transportation Committee *from page 1*

Christian Street corridor, particularly at the east end. A professional traffic survey to determine vehicle count and other data is being investigated. A block-by-block survey of traffic signs, pavement markings and other physical features will be made. (Volunteers to help with this and other efforts are welcome!)

Other activities of the Transportation Committee include:

- We're working to on Washington Avenue pedestrian crossing protection, particularly at the Sacks Playground where the new "little kids" playground causes many children to cross Washington Avenue at 3rd and 4th Streets.
- Jim Feeney developed a first draft of "Queen Village Guide to SEPTA," to help QV residents better use public and other transportation resources instead of cars.
- We've begun to explore trash truck scheduling to reduce morning rush hour interference with bus routes on trash pick-up days. Look for more on this in the fall.

The Transportation Committee meets regularly the third Monday of each month at the QVNA office (736 S. 3rd St.) at 7:30 pm. Residents are welcome to attend or join the committee. The Parking and Traffic subcommittees meet on a working basis depending on when committee members are available. If you want to attend or make a concern known, contact Walt Lowthian (215-592-0994) for Parking and Jim Markham (215-735-2022) for Traffic.

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