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**Greetings**

This is the second edition of "Around the Square." We hope all people receiving this paper feel it is beneficial and informative about the happenings around Regent Square. If you have any suggestions or ideas on ways to improve this media, please contact one of the editors. We are always looking for new ideas!!

*Message from the President . . . . . Bill Danchuk*

The people of Regent Square have, for the most part, made our neighborhood and our association the solid and caring groups they actually are. We do, however, need more and stronger involvement from all the people, all who care about your homes, families, and neighborhood. The problem then becomes how to involve more people in improving of neighborhood and their civic association.

A stronger neighborhood and a stronger association result in fewer robberies and problems with outsiders. The strength of the neighborhood becomes very apparent to these outsiders, who would otherwise prey on the lack of communication and caring within a given neighborhood. A stronger neighborhood association means influence which can be used to get the services due us from the political representatives with whom we are involved. For instance, streets, trees, sidewalks, curbs, and sewers may all be serviced more frequently and with better end results when the association has the power to request "that certain jobs be accomplished".

This association has grown in the last year and a half into an organization which can now get things accomplished quickly because of the power base and the power structure we have built. It is this base which will pass to those caring individuals who wish to continue the association and the betterment of the neighborhood.

In the end, it becomes apparent to the more than casual observer that the percentage of a neighborhood which is involved in an association need not be 100%, or even 75%. What has to be accomplished, however, is making the people in the neighborhood aware that there is an association and your direct participation in the multitude of good things that we are doing. We will not pressure or push people into joining who just do not want to become involved. All we can hope is that maybe some day you will become involved enough to join the association and to participate. Until then, we will continue to apprise you of what we are doing and how we are doing it, so that you will better know what the association is and what it represents.

Have a nice fall and winter.

**EDITORIAL — — —**

**FORTUNATELY:** — Our impression is that the first edition of "Around the Square" was well received.

**UNFORTUNATELY:** — This newsletter and all succeeding newsletters will be at a cost of \$100.00 per issue. We intend to publish three newsletters a year on \$300.00 per year printing cost.

**FORTUNATELY:** — The first issue of "Around the Square" generated new memberships. We hope this second edition encourages additional participation in the R.S.C.A. This newsletter is delivered free to each household to keep everyone informed about issues and events important to our neighborhood. We do need your support!!

- NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING -  
REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

November 11, 1980 - 8:00 PM

A general meeting of the R.S.C.A. will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 1980 at 8:00 PM at Wilkins Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. The agenda for the meeting is the following . . .

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| 1. Opening of Meeting                | 5. Park Picnic Report + Slides of Picnic   |
| 2. Minutes of Last Meeting           | 6. Discussion with Bernie Turley, Chairman |
| 3. Treasurer's Report                | Streets Committee/Swissvale                |
| 4. Committee Reports                 | a. Streets - Condition                     |
| a. Streets and Traffic               | b. Sewers                                  |
| b. Wilkins School Report             | c. Streetsweeper Situation                 |
| c. Business Liaison Committee Report | 7. Membership Discussion                   |
| d. Frick Park Committee Report       | 8. Old Business                            |
| e. Trees Committee Report            | 9. New Business                            |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Business Liaison**

Jim Hilliard - Chairperson

Professional and business members of the Square (Braddock Avenue) have officially organized. They are known as the Regent Square Business Association.

In August they voted on their By-Laws and Constitution. Also, they unanimously voted Joseph P. Giarrusso, Jr. as their first President and Charles R. Gray as their first Treasurer/Secretary.

There are about 15 current dues-paying members who meet monthly. One project which is in progress is securing litter cans from Edgewood and Swissvale Boroughs, painting them with their logo and placing them on the Avenue. They successfully sponsored a raffle for gift certificates which were drawn at the Regent Square Community Picnic in Frick Park. Their growth and success is encouraging to us all.

**Streets and Traffic Committee**

Mickey Greenwald - Chairperson

**Street Lighting and Trees**

The Streets and Traffic Committee will present the findings of its tree survey and lighting survey at the October general meeting. This year Swissvale will begin planting new trees in Regent Square. They will mainly be pin oaks, which are excellent shade trees well suited to an urban environment. We hope that this effort will grow into a continuing program that in time will catch up with our community's current needs. The Boro will also engage in some pruning and cutting of trees in the Square. The committee has received a number of requests for trees. We are forwarding these individual requests and our more comprehensive survey to the boro for action this fall. We will endeavor to see that any requests not fulfilled this year will receive priority treatment next year. To go on record with a Swissvale Tree request for next year, please call Sybil Margaritas (247-1235).

The Pittsburgh tree planting program is still in operation, though its funding level has been reduced over the past several years. Plantings are about 1-1/2 years behind schedule. The city's Forestry Division can only act upon formal requests by individual property owners, but the committee will try to follow up on individual requests. The committee therefore asks all Pittsburgh residents of Regent Square who have an unfulfilled tree request on file with the city to please notify Sybil Margaritas (247-1235). By the same token, hereafter please let Sybil know of any new requests submitted to the city. (Those requests must be in writing to the Forestry Division, Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Pittsburgh, 6520 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.)

**Street Sweeping**

As the leaves begin to pile up, take heart: Swissvale has purchased a new, improved street sweeper. The boro's ancient machine would no longer respond to mechanical first aid and was out of service most of the year. Delivery of the machine is scheduled for about November 1st--in enough time to help remove this year's fallen foliage. The new sweeper has a vacuum action that can facilitate the cleaning of gutters and sewers and may make possible some regular sweeping of alleys as well. The price tag on the new vehicle is \$59,000. Dan Crise has been advised that in Pittsburgh the schedule in effect is that Regent Square area is to receive street sweeping service every 5 weeks. John Mile is supervisor of the 3rd Division - phone number - 255-2758.

## Traffic Study

Swissvale is currently requesting county funding for a formal traffic study of the Braddock Avenue corridor. Such a study could lead to improved traffic control signals and signs, a reduction in the number of vehicles using our side streets to avoid congestion on Braddock, and the development of a more rational parking plan to serve local businesses.

## Litter

The newly formed Regent Square Business Association will be placing several refurbished litter receptacles along Braddock. The cans have been made available by Edgewood and Swissvale. Dick Malogne has generously volunteered to paint the old cans "new" again, while Joel Downey and Martin Hellick are adapting the Regent Square logo for use on the cans. Thanks also to our local business people, we may soon have directional signs pointing to Regent Square from the parkway exits and other access points.

"WANTED": Charlie's 10¢ Saloon owner Chuck Wright, who is paying a private trash collector to empty his public litter barrel at Braddock and Hutchinson, would appreciate any information about the person or persons who have been using his corner as a dumping ground for large quantities of trash.

"HELP!" As you walk along our lovely streets, please show that you care about Regent Square by picking up the bottle, can, and paper litter which blights our landscape. We all benefit if we all pitch in!

## Park Committee

Maurine Greenwald – Chairperson

The Frick Park Committee is happy to announce that a year's effort to get a substitute vehicular entrance to the Fern Hollow section of Frick Park is paying off. By working closely with the Pittsburgh Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Public Works, the City Planning Commission and the mayor's office, the committee has succeeded in getting an allocation request for the design and construction of a new entrance road into Fern Hollow included in the city's Six-Year Development Program, 1981-1986. As presently conceived, Project 141 in the Pittsburgh capital budget calls for spending \$40,000 for the design of a new road and ballfield in 1981 and \$400,000 for the actual construction in 1982. In support of this project, committee chair Maurine Greenwald testified at the City Planning Department's September budget hearings.

If this plan is adopted by the Pittsburgh City Council and approved by the mayor, the present Winding roadway into Fern Hollow would be converted to a pedestrian walkway in 1982. A new park entrance road in a different location will help to maintain the peaceful residential character of Regent Square throughout the seasons of greatest park use. By eliminating cars from the Regent Square entrance into the Hollow, local residents will be able to take fuller advantage of the park's walking paths, playground, and picnic areas. Additional recreational facilities, such as the planned ballfield, will in turn hopefully attract people most interested in using the park constructively.

There is no guarantee that this plan will be realized, but the park committee feels confident that success in this endeavor is more feasible than ever. We sincerely appreciate the splendid cooperation of city officials which we have experienced to date.

## CRIME REPORT

Recently, a number of robberies have occurred in Regent Square. Please be on the lookout for any strange persons loitering in late afternoon, a parked car you are unfamiliar with, strange noises in and around side entrance areas, or any unusual incidents you may notice.

If you are having work done on your home during the day, make sure you tell your neighbors on both sides. Does a neighbor have your work number? Unusual incidents should be reported immediately to either the Swissvale or Pittsburgh Police Departments.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Second Annual Regent Square Picnic** – The Picnic Committee wishes to extend a *Thank You* to all who helped in any way to make the picnic such a wonderful neighborhood event. In spite of the showers, all who came had a good time. **The Third Annual Square Picnic** is already on the "drawing board" for next September under the volunteer leadership of Judy Myers, Jane Singer, Leslie Reicher, Paul Lyons and Margee Bilyak.

WILKINS COMMUNITY CENTER . . . Kay Wetzel

Great news! The Center will hold their Christmas Mart at 1126 Braddock Avenue this year in a store front. We hope this new location will bring us many new customers. Hard work on the part of Sam Haver, Joel Downey, and Ann Grana and her committees have made this possible. The Christmas Mart will open with a gala preview party on Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. You're invited to join us for refreshments and a chance to buy unique Christmas presents and Holiday decorations.

This year's Christmas Mart will feature crafts and lovely hand made items and a new Kitchen Cupboard with very special home baked goods. (It's not too late to donate your specialty, call Ann Grana at 371-5921). The Sale will continue Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m. The Community Center will sponsor a Children's Theater Benefit by The Iron Clad Agreement. "Toymakers", an original children's play will be shown at Carlow College with the proceeds going to the Center. Tickets are \$2.00 and will be available from all board members. Suzanne Wilkinson is in charge of this project.

Thanks to so many of you in the community for your support of our last benefit performance of Kramer vs. Kramer. A special thanks to Joel Downey who really made this event happen.

The Fall session of Classes is now in full swing at the Center with 162 people enrolled in 19 different classes. There will be a Mini Session from November to January with Aerobic Exercise Classes, Adult Jazz, and 8 different dance classes for children. The full Winter Session will begin in February. The Program committee works hard year round and needs new workers and ideas. If this is something you'd like to do for the Center, call Judy Presto at 371-1429.

Don Carter and Joel Downey are beginning a new exciting project to improve the playground area around Wilkins. We'd like to make this space more attractive and useable to everyone. You'll be hearing more about this and have a chance to be involved with your ideas and perhaps some hard work.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

(Please cut out and put by your phone)

<b>Police and Fire</b>
Swissvale — 271-0430
Pittsburgh — 911
Park Police — 255-2045
<b>Poison Center — 681-6669</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>
Swissvale — 261-5133 or 276-7950
Pittsburgh — 255-2036



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**WELCOME**

We would like to welcome all NEW residents of Regent Square. We hope that you will become active in your new community in whatever way you can. Below we have included an application for membership in the Regent Square Civic Association. If there are people who have been living in the community and are not part of the Association, we also hope that they will join.

**RSCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wishing to become a member of the  
REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION for year 1980-81, enclose the sum of \$2.00  Individual

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to — Regent Square Civic Association  
Send to — Leo Stefano, Treasurer  
1306 Milton Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218