

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Progress, Participation, Four new Committees

By Jeff Hornstein, QVNA President

It has been an eventful and exhilarating first month as president of QVNA. Your new Board is fired up and already hard at work!

On a Sunday in early January, the Board "retreated" to the Old Pine Community Center for a day of reflection and planning. We discussed goals and priorities, and decided to make our first General Meeting of 2012 a working meeting to engage the entire community in the process.

Thanks in large part to the dedication and enthusiasm of the new Board members who clearly worked hard on turnout, the room at St. Philip Neri Church was packed on the evening of January 19 and brimming with energy. It was a great mix of "regulars" and new faces. Many came to meet our new councilman, Mark Squilla, who spent 20 minutes engaging our community in conversation about such issues as looming changes to our property tax system, the

What I-95 took away

At QVNA's February 16 meeting Author Harry Kyriakodis explores decades-long waterfront land use conflicts, and all that was lost when I-95 was built in the 1960s. In historical information from his book, *Philadelphia's Lost Waterfront*, he will speak about the waterfront's southernmost limits which includes Queen Village and Southwark.

revitalization of the South Street commercial corridor, and the fate of our neighborhood schools.

Councilman Squilla pledged to work with QVNA on our core priorities, committing to hosting a summit on South Street, working with the new Schools and Youth Committee to help ensure the quality of public education at our neighborhood schools, and working with us to improve the quality of our public spaces like Weccacoe Playground. If his inaugural performance was any indication, Councilman Squilla will be a good listener and very responsive to the needs of Queen Village.

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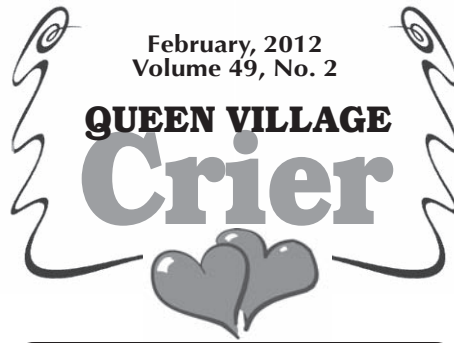
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- Meet and greet
State Representative Mike O'Brien
- Learn about waterfront history
with Author Harry Kyriakodis

QVNA forms new Schools Committee

by Leslie Patterson-Tyler
Committee Chair

The Queen Village Neighbors Association is proud to announce its new "Schools & Youth Activities Committee." The committee is working with Nebinger and Meredith Elementary Schools to make sure Queen Village has two first-rate neighborhood schools. The committee is also working to ensure, more generally, that young people's needs in this neighborhood are met. Ways you can help right now are outlined below. If you have ideas or questions for this committee, email them to me at QVNASchoolNews@gmail.com

See pages 6 and 7 for
News about Queen Village Schools



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"This is great! Thanks for organizing the tree-cycling!" Sustainability Committee volunteers heard that refrain again and again as they collected Christmas trees at Weccacoe Playground on January 7. This was the second year for the collection and the drop-off of trees at Weccacoe rose from last year's 74 trees to 125 this year.

Volunteers then trucked the trees to the Whole Foods at 10th and South Streets, where a total of 338 trees went through the chipper and emerged as fragrant mulch to be recycled back into the earth. Children reluctant to give up "their" trees were delighted to watch the chipping process and see that their tree would soon serve another very useful purpose.

Hats off to Lauren Leonard of the Sustainability Committee, whose greenlimbs web site is committed to sustainable actions, and who expanded last year's inaugural tree

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Progress, Participation *continued from page 1*

After we bid the Councilman good night, we got down to work. We did a quick presentation on some of the ideas that the Board discussed at our retreat and then we broke out into workgroups based on affinity. For more than 30 minutes, nearly 100 neighbors formed 10 groups to discuss issues of importance to them and pledged to get involved.

Space limits me from discussing all of the work that happened at the meeting, so I will focus just on the work of four exciting new committees.

Beautification: Board Vice President Ted Warren, long a champion of the so-called "Forgotten Blocks" on the southwestern edge of QV, chairs this new committee dedicated to cleaning and greening our neighborhood. While we may live in one of Philadelphia's most attractive neighborhoods, we don't always treat it that way. The Beautification Committee will explore ways to keep our community cleaner, including organizing clean-up days, putting public trash cans on the street, and running public education campaigns to make sure our neighbors do their part to keep QV clean. Eight neighbors joined Ted's committee on the spot.

Community-Building and Public Relations: New Board Members Kim Maialetti and Rich Miller formed this committee because they want to enhance the sense of belonging in Queen Village by bringing people together for some social events. At the same time, they want to let the rest of Philadelphia know how great our neighborhood's amenities are. Ideas include neighborhood-wide social events and sports leagues, better use of social media, and reaching out to traditionally under-represented groups like renters and the residents of the Courtyard at Riverview. Already in the works: a Queen Village Night at Citizens Bank Park! Stay tuned for more details.

Dogs: Board Members Honey Pertnoy and Brent Chavis, known to many in the neighborhood as two of the driving forces behind the dog run at Mario Lanza Park, decided that the time is right to bring dog owners and interested fellow-travelers together. Proposed projects include creating a maintenance program for the dog run, exploring possible sites for additional dog runs, and tackling issues regarding dog waste. Clearly this idea struck a chord, as their workgroup attracted at least 20 neighbors for a lively discussion. The Dog Committee has already hit the ground running, with an organizational meeting held on January 26 (*see page 4*).

Schools and Youth: New Board Member Leslie Patterson-Tyler (appointed to fill a vacant seat) is a passionate advocate for quality education for all of our neighborhood's children. She has brought together a group of parents and other concerned neighbors from both Meredith and Nebinger to make sure that both of our neighborhood schools achieve their potential (*see pages 1, 6 and 7*). Leslie is also "first lady" of Mother Bethel AME Church, which has decided to adopt Nebinger. Between QVNA and Mother Bethel, we hope to demonstrate that a village can truly raise a school.

Of course I would be remiss if I failed to mention the fine work of other very active committees such as: Sustainability, under the leadership of Ed Bell, is doing great work on a neighborhood bike plan and an energy audit program and is planning QVNA's first ever Sustainability Fair this June. Historic Preservation, led by Jean Barr

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**Thank you to Jerry and Alia
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donated the coffee at our general meeting.**

FROM CARLA PUPPIN
QUEEN VILLAGE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, street trees Goodbye, circulars

QV Tree Tenders are gathering Property Owner Request forms for the Fall, 2012 TreeVitalize tree planting. Through this state-funded program, the trees and tree pit cuts are provided for free.

Volunteers led by trained leaders plant the trees; we encourage homeowners to help in the plantings. In order to facilitate the organization of the planting process, we will give priority to blocks where two or more requests for trees are submitted; also any applications where there is an empty tree pit. Homeowners are responsible for removing any stumps.

The approval of each site for a tree and the specific tree species chosen are handled by a Department of Parks and Recreation arborist. If you'd like to get a Property Owner Request form for a tree, or if you have any questions, email or call me in the QVNA office. March 23 is the deadline to submit a request.

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Cities and Highways

How should cities change highways to meet cities' 21st-century needs and contemporary urban lifestyles? "Next American City," a non-profit urban policy and practice advocacy group, offers a panel discussion on this subject on February 23 with a 6 pm reception, 6:30-8:30 panel, at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Discussion looks at successful urban highway removal projects in Milwaukee and Providence, and explores ways of removing highways in Philadelphia and The Bronx. RSVP via Eventbrite at urbanhighways.eventbrite.com/

Progress, Participation *continued from page 2* and Cynthia Temple, has been documenting QV's history and will be organizing a commemoration of Southwark's 250th Anniversary this April. And Friends of Weccacoe Playground has completed ambitious plans, with the help of the Community Design Collaborative, to convert Weccacoe into a first-rate play space for the neighborhood and to renovate the building into a true Queen Village Community Center. Their second annual FUNdraiser will be held in conjunction with the Sustainability Fair. (see page 4) Stay tuned!

I hope to see even more neighbors at the February meeting, where we will have a chance to engage with our State Representative Mike O'Brien and to learn more about the history of our waterfront from Harry Kyriakodis, author of *Philadelphia's Lost Waterfront*. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at jeff.hornstein@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved!

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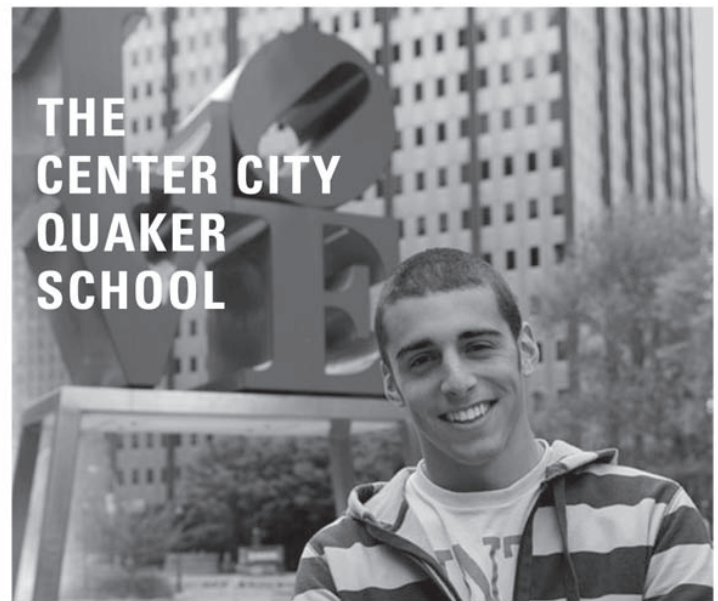
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At Weccacoe: Save June 2 for Second FUN-Filled FUNdraiser

by Suzanne Cross

Friends of Weccacoe Playground Committee plans a second FUN Filled FUNdraiser on Saturday, June 2 (raindate, June 3). **SAVE THE DATE.** At our 1st FUN Filled day we unveiled the drawings for the future Weccacoe Playground. This year we will be unveiling the plans for the Weccacoe building as the future Queen Village Community Center!

We will also be joined by QVNA Sustainability Committee members who will set up tables and activities to encourage, inform and involve neighbors in everyday ways to reduce our impact on our natural environment.

Last year our event featured food, music, face painting, entertainment, raffles for restaurants and services, Young Rembrandt art lessons, arts and crafts, brand new Weccacoe Tshirts and more. Plans are underway for a bigger and better event — more fun and some environmental learning, too. Volunteers are needed to pull it together. Let us know if you'd like to be involved by going to www.qvna.org and clicking on "Get Involved" to follow the links to Weccacoe Playground.

Our next Friends of Weccacoe Playground meeting will be 7:30 pm, February 13 at the Weccacoe building. Join us and hear more about this exciting, family fun day and ways you can help.

Independent dog group meets

by Honey Pertnoy

The new, independent dog group of Queen Village held its first meeting on January 26. The meeting was quite productive. Brent Chavis and I clarified the rationale for having two separate dog groups in Queen Village. One group is the Queen Village Dog Committee of QVNA. Initially, we will be concentrating on things that are for the good of the community, such as enforcing leash laws and the importance of picking up dog waste. We will be working with the Sustainability Committee regarding dog waste, and hope to make all dog owners realize the importance of cleaning up after their dogs. Although the great majority of dog owners in Queen Village are responsible and do pick up, there are some who do not.

The independent dog group will at this time concentrate on maintaining the Mario Lanza Park dog run and on fund-raising, as well as some other proposed possibilities. These include more dog activities at Mario Lanza Park; working with organizations that place rescue dogs, regarding placement of dogs in homes; educating people who adopt dogs, particularly in regard to bringing a newly-adopted dog into a dog run; making the lights in the dog run motion sensitive perhaps by adjusting the height of the lights in the run; conducting an informal survey of the people who use the run; collaboration with other dog park groups, discounts for contributors at various stores in Queen Village; a neighborhood dog night out; and perhaps a contest to name this new dog group. We will publicize the date, time, and place of our next meeting and hope more dog owners will join us.

As you can see, we are on our way to making Queen Village a place where dog owners and people who do not own dogs will be happy living together! If you are interested in getting involved and were not able to make the meeting, email Brent Chavis at suki19147@hotmail.com or Honey Pertnoy at honeypertnoy@mac.com

'Yo Dawg!' comics seek to teach eco-friendly dog life

This month's *Crier* continues our 'Yo Dawg!' comics (see January issue for Episode 1) as part of the Sustainability Committee's goal to inform residents about potential sources of water pollution.

Dog owners, it's not too late to enter your dog in the Philadelphia



Department's "Spokesdog contest." The Philadelphia Water Department is looking for an eco-friendly dog in Queen Village to help keep Philadelphia's waterways clean. In the "Philly Water's Best Friend" competition, spokesdogs will be chosen to teach dog buddies and their caretakers about the importance of picking up pet waste. Fifteen finalists from Queen Village will be

chosen in online voting. Judging panels will then choose the winner in a neighborhood pageant in June.

Each spokesdog will win \$200 worth of prizes from a neighborhood pet shop. The campaign will use the winning dogs' images on brochures, advertisements and websites. Winning spokesdogs and their owners will be required to attend at least three community events to distribute information on how to live the eco-friendly dog life.

"Our goal is to work creatively with riverside communities to reduce this pollution, which results in tainted stormwater runoff flowing into our rivers and streams, by using common sense solutions like picking up after your your pet," says JoAnne Dahme, general manager of public affairs at the Philadelphia Water Department.

Deadline to register your dog is Feb. 15. For complete contest guidelines and to register your dog, go to: www.phillywatersheds.org/spokesdog

Christmas Tree Recycling *Continued from page 1* recycling drop-off project into this year's complete tree-to-mulch event. Other community groups around the city also organized tree cycling events for a total of 2,227 trees diverted from landfills.

QVNA's first electronics recycling event on January 14 was another success. Eforce Compliance, an R2, e-Stewards and ISO 14001 fully certified company, conducted the event, with help from Queen Village volunteers all of whom braved a frigid day to help unload carloads of televisions, "antique" computers, printers, electric brooms and more. All told, 9,212 pounds were collected that day.



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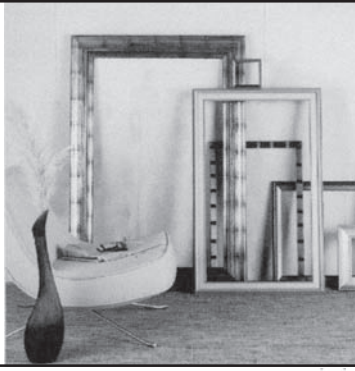
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George W. Nebinger School's scores on the rise

By Rebecca Phelan, Chair, Friends of Nebinger

Despite School Board budget cuts and controversy, a lot of good news is coming from Nebinger School these days. Most recently, the District School Performance Index score for Nebinger rose to 1 out of 10, up from 3. Other top notch schools like Meredith share this distinction, and it is a great indication of all the hard work of the principal, staff, teachers, and students. Located at 6th and Carpenter Streets, Nebinger serves Queen Village, Bella Vista, as well as areas south of Washington Avenue. Principal Dr. Ralph Burnley has enlisted civic groups, churches, arts organizations, community members, and Philadelphia universities to provide resources for students where there is a district shortfall. The Home and School Association has also been revitalized and parent involvement is on the rise.

QVNA has been instrumental in the Friends of Nebinger group's early fundraising, assisting in grant writing for the Picasso grant (*see January Crier*), and awarding a \$500 grant to further the project. Students, teachers, and visiting artists from Fleisher and Dumpster Divers have begun to meet to start the interdisciplinary project. The recently-formed Friends of Nebinger gathers these leaders and community members for once a month planning sessions. To participate, email nebingerfriends@gmail.com and visit the Friends of Nebinger Facebook page. To assist in fundraising, make checks out to QVNA, with "Friends of Nebinger" in the memo line.

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Nebinger dates: Congratulations Nebinger on getting a School Performance Index Rating of #1 (on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being most outstanding). Way to go Wildcats! The newly-formed Nebinger Home & School Association is asking for your help with its **Candy Sale** fundraiser which began February 1. The school is selling "Gertrude Hawk Chocolates." All money raised supports students, teachers, and educational programs. To place your order, go to www.gertrudehawk.com and enter Group Code 707317. Order before March 31, 2012.

SAVE THE DATE: "Heroes of Nebinger Golf Outing," 1 pm, June 10 at Ron Jaworski's Valleybrook Country Club.

Meredith dates: The 2012 Meredith "It's Your Lucky Night" **Auction** is from 7 pm to 11 pm, April 13 at the IATSE Ballroom at 2401 Swanson Street. Tickets are \$35. Meredith needs auction donations (gift cards, jewelry, services from businesses). To donate an item or to purchase tickets, email QVNASchoolNews@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE – "Philadelphia Burger Brawl," May 6, Fleisher Art Memorial benefits Meredith Elementary School.

— Linda Patterson-Tyler



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w/ Prkg. 4+Den & Fam
Rm, Hrdw Flrs, 2 Fp's, 2
Balconies, Lg Roof Dk +
Garden. **\$879,000**



113 N. Bread 2B
A.K.A. 130 N. 2nd St
The National
Terrific Designer Unit,
3/2, Hrdw Flrs, Dk & Prkg.
Red \$449,000



2443 Carpenter St
Totally Renovated
Hrdw Flrs, Grt Kit, SS, Fin
Bsmt & 2 Level Deck
\$339,900



744 S. 4th St
Queen Village
Fab Loft Like Space
1600 Sq Ft, 2 BR, Deck &
Own Private Entrance
\$2300



812 S. Howard St
Great Total Rehab
2 BR, Fp, Hrdw Flrs t/o,
Garden,
Meredith School District
\$299,900



1413 Ellsworth St
Newly Updates
3/1.5
Exposed Brick,
Hrdw Flrs & Deck.
\$219,900



522 Queen St
The Best! Beautiful rehab,
3+media rm/sitting rm, 2.5
spa bths, hrdwd flrs t/o, 2tp's
deck, side & rear outdoor
space.
RED \$480,000



American Lofts
212 Brown St
2 Available - Great Views
1 & 2 BR, Pet Friendly,
From \$1500



822 Swanson
Single family currently
used as duplex. 3 total
bdrms, 3 full & 1 half bth,
wd flrs & 2 decks. **RED**
\$439,900



852 S. Front St
Large 4 BR/2 BA Hm + a
Bonus 2 Story Shell in
Rear.
RED \$399,900



103-7 Church #14
Terrific Deal! 1630 sq.ft.,
2/2, 12' ceilings, exposed
brick, hrdwd flrs & great
kitchen. **\$499,900**



1905 E. Moyamensing
A rare find! Porch front hm
w/ 4 bdms, hrdwd flrs, high
ceilings & nice yard.
RED \$239,900



125 Kenilworth
2.5 story Historically
Certified
Circa 1760, 3 BR
Fp & Lrg. Garden
RED \$334,900



795 S. 3rd St
Corner Property w/ Dimitri's
Restaurant as 1st Fl tenant
+ two lrg 1 BR Apts
\$599,000



129 Manton
Incredible Well Kept
3/1.5, Semi Finished
Bsmt, Side & Rear Yard.
\$279,900



1712 Mole St
Terrific Total Rehab
2/1.5, Hrdw Flrs, Full
Bsmt & Yard
RED \$169,900



725 Kimball St
Terrific 3 Bedroom Home
w/ Hrdw Flrs & CA
RED \$339,000



111 Federal
Terrific N/C, 3+Den/2.5
Bth, Bsmt, 2 Dks, Garden,
Garage + TA
\$499,000



622 S. Front St
Traditional Hm w/ Incred
Views, 4/3, 6 Fp's, Fin
Bsmt & Fab Deck.
\$3200



104 Catharine St
Wow! Lrg duplex each
unit w/ grge prkg, one, 2
bdm unit & one 3 bdrm
unit w/ solarium + grdn.
\$549,000



335 Christian
Fab Mansion Style home
w/ Details & Character
4/3.5, Fp, Dk & 2 car prkg
\$749,000

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