What's Inside

Nelly Childress

We are glad to hear from Paul Coyne that the lobby renovation project is moving "quietly" to its end and congratulate the Design Committee on the outcome. But there's more to his message.

As an old timer at Hopkinson House and as the editor of this newsletter I am grateful to be reminded by Management of the many ways there are to disturb neighbors when residing in a highrise building. It would help to read Manager David Smith's column regularly!

Concha Alborg introduces Ernesto Cruz, who moved, during his childhood, to the United States from Puerto Rico with his parents and siblings, studied both in the United States and Spain, and has been a resident of Hopkinson House for the past 20 years.

Learn more about our men at the Resident Services
Desk. Terry Kowalski presents
Bruce Scott, a family man, who has been at Hopkinson
House since 1994. He likes his job; among other things he enjoys hard-core rock bands and baseball.

Read how lively and enthusiastic a "20-something" young woman, **Becky Krasley**, can be about her 365 days at Hopkinson House!

Mindy Bartscherer, despite a broken knee, has been able to interview some Committee Chairs and highlight their accomplishments.

Lynn Miller takes you through the new Museum of the American Revolution. He says: "The museum's creators were guided by the story's drama, contradictions, and complexity, which make visiting the museum a fascinating experience for all ages."

Jim McClelland glimpses at history by exploring the tombstones of the famous and not so famous right here in the Hopkinson House neighborhood. All these graveyards offer an education and a fascinating experience.

David Roberts returns to the discussion that has been going on for over a decade on the earth's global warming or climate change by concluding that "the current warming is not something to worry about but an event to celebrate."

Try Susan Tomita's French Tomato Tart, I tasted it, and it is scrumptious!

Anyone for happy hour? Try **Becky Krasley's** White Wine-Elderflower Sangria.

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Message from Council

Paul Coyne



Attention, Attention, May I have your attention please.... We have heard this appeal far too often in the last several weeks caused by PECO's electric power shut-downs for problems related to wiring in a single manhole, and for minor cable repairs in the manholes on South 6th Street. This led to checking manholes as far as Chestnut Street.

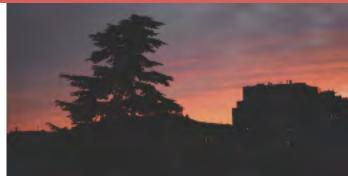
Around May 17th, in order to give PECO the ability to make repairs to their lines along South 6th Street, an onsite emergency generator was installed, allowing Hopkinson House 24/7 full power at the cost of around \$40,000 to 60,000/day.

Following those events, a Police car was blocking access to South 6th Street, causing a line of cars and trucks filing across the front of Hopkinson House, all moving impatiently towards South 7th Street, causing bedlam for several hours as service vehicles were being moved to the west curb to allow a single line of traffic to proceed to South 7th Street. A PECO contractor had a permit to close South 6th Street to begin excavation for the installation of pipes that would contain the wiring for our new switchgear.

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Message from Management

David Smith



reminder: A Town Meeting will be held on June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Solarium. We hope to see you there. Pool season is now upon us. Membership information, pool hours and pool Rules and Regulations are now available for pick-up at the Resident Services Desk. Please be advised that you must be a full time resident of Hopkinson House in order to be eligible for single or household membership. Extended family members, summer visitors, friends, etc. are not eligible to become a part of the membership. These are guests and can only make use of the pool facilities by the purchase of a guest pass and the unit owner or resident accompanying them to the pool. A day pass will also allow you to purchase guest passes.

With the onset of warm weather, more and more residents will be using their balconies to dine and relax. Please exercise caution when watering your outdoor plants. Do not let the water overflow the drip pan under the planter. Do not sweep dirt or water off the balcony. Your neighbor below does not want to be doused with water or have dirt fall on them or their meal.

Important

If you have a clogged kitchen or bathroom drain, do not put Drano or Liquid Plumber down the drain. Please contact the Resident Services Desk and request a work order for the maintenance department. Besides causing damage to the pipes and the rubber seal around your garbage disposal (if the clog is in the kitchen

sink), it is dangerous to the maintenance staff when they are finally called to clear the clog. This substance is corrosive and when they plunge or snake your drain, it splashes back onto them and can cause serious injuries to them.

Balcony Reminder

During any periods of high winds, all loose or removable objects, including patio umbrellas must be removed from the balconies. Plants, pots, receptacles and other movable objects are prohibited from being placed on or maintained on the ledges of the balconies. The height of planters, pots, receptacles and all loose or movable objects must be below the height of the balcony wall. Owners and residents are prohibited from mounting, installing or otherwise attaching any item to the the balcony. Owners and residents may not drill holes or otherwise alter the facade of the balcony.

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Hopkinson House Smoking Ban Reminder



A reminder that smokers who are grandfathered under the Hopkinson House Smoking Ban may not smoke on their balconies or on Hopkinson House property. You must confine your smoking to the inside of your units.

At this point in time, renters are no longer grandfathered under the smoking ban which went into effect September 2012. All leases have reached at least one renewal

period since the ban and Renters are not permitted to smoke anywhere in the building or on the grounds. Owners who bought their units after the ban went into effect and their guests may not smoke anywhere on Hopkinson House property, including the inside of their units.

We receive many complaints about smoke infiltrating units from adjoining units and from across the hall. We ask that those smokers in the building who are grandfathered under the ban and continue to smoke in their units be considerate of their neighbors. If smoke from your unit is infiltrating the hall-way or another unit, you are required to install an air filtration system to prevent the smoke and odors from penetrating other units.

Hopkinson House is a smokefree building in all of the common areas.

Message from Management

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The use of barbecue grills is prohibited in high rise buildings by order of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Deliveries

Deliveries are not permitted on Sunday or legal and religious holidays. When ordering furniture, appliances, etc., please be sure that the company you are buying from does not schedule the delivery on any of these days.

Moving

We are heading into the busiest moving time of the year. Please book your moving date as soon as possible and confirm it with a check for \$200. Only one move per day is permitted Monday through Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We are sorry that we cannot make exceptions to this rule. Moves are not permitted on Sundays, legal and religious holidays. If you delay, you may not get

the moving date that you need. Remember that most moves occur on the last day of the month when leases expire, so please plan well in advance. Moving companies get booked up as well and moving dates will be limited. This could cause you additional expenses if you are unable to move out on your planned day.

When you have boxes to discard, please do not leave them in the trash room. Break the boxes down and call the resident services desk at 215-923-1776 ext. 110 to have housekeeping pick up the boxes.

Noise Complaints

The two most common noise complaints that we receive are because of uncarpeted units and TV volume. The Hopkinson **House Community Rules** require all units to have 80% carpeting in the living room, dining room, bedrooms and

halls. The bathroom and kitchen are not required to be carpeted. Landlords are responsible for their tenants complying with this rule. Exercise equipment should not be used after 10 p.m. or before 8 a.m.

TV volume is to be kept at a level where it does not interfere with the peace and quiet of neighboring units. If you have difficulty hearing a lowered TV, think about investing in a head set for your TV. If you are prone to falling asleep with your TV on, please remember to set the sleep timer.

And please turn on your bathroom fans only when needed. Leaving them running continuously causes the sound to travel to other units and becomes quite annoying.

From Council, Management and staff at Hopkinson House, have a safe and wonderful summer.

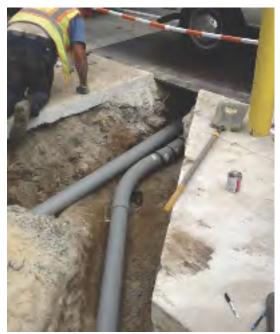
Message from Council

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As of May 24th, we have been informed that wires were being threaded through the new pipes and ready to enter our building. PECO will require one more "Attention, Attention, May I have your attention please."

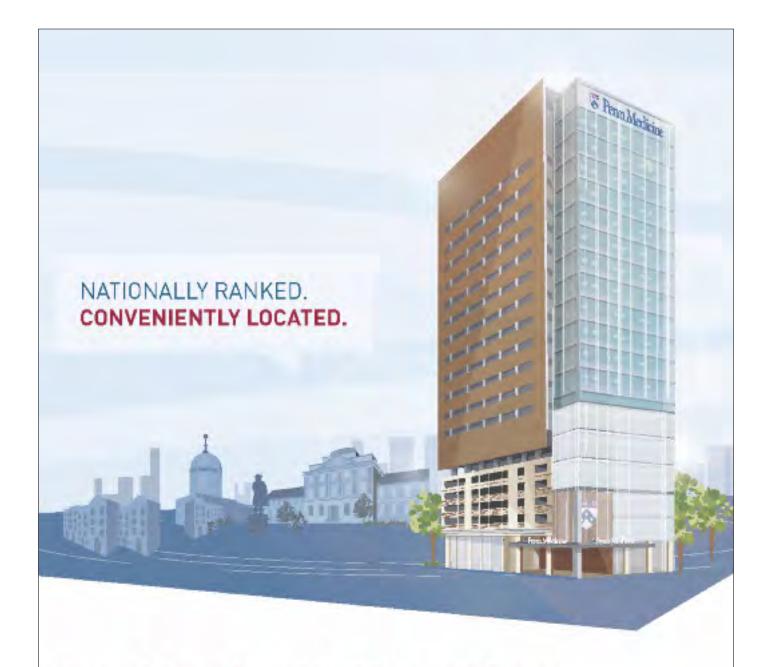
The lobby renovation project finally received the furniture ordered months ago. This project is moving "quietly" to its end, but there are still more items to wrap it up:

- 1) A shelf for the doorman's desk;
- 2) Several outlets and covers to be installed;
- 3) Some touch-up paint;
- 4) Comcast cables for the "break" room:
- 5) Back lighting;
- 6) Two lamps;
- 7) Addressing some issues in the cart room;
- 8) Addressing the shelves in the mailroom;
- 9) A proper stool for the doorman.



Pipes that will bring power to the switchgear.

Picture by Paul Coyne



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Getting to Know Our Neighbors Ernesto Cruz: A World Traveler

Concha Alborg

rnesto Cruz was born and raised in Puerto Rico in a close-knit family that moved to Philadelphia in the 1980s because an uncle was studying for his Ph.D. at Temple University. Ernesto and his siblings attended Bensalem High School, while their father worked at Concilio (Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations of Philadelphia), and their mother worked at ASPIRA, both non-profit organizations advocating for Philadelphia's Latino community, providing access to health, employment and educational services.

As it often happens with emigrant families, Ernesto's family unit was broken when his parents and younger sisters moved back to Puerto Rico. By then Ernesto and his brother were attending university in Philadelphia, where they stayed to finish their studies. Ernesto graduated from Saint Joseph's University with a degree in International Relations. It was during his third year of study abroad in Barcelona, Spain, that he discovered his love of travel, visiting as many European countries as he could.

In Ernesto's case, the cliché is true that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. During his work as an intern, volunteering with Latino youth, he met someone at Blue Cross Blue Shield, and by the time he graduated from Saint Joseph's University he had a job waiting for him. Ernesto has worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield since then, for 27 years. Currently he is a sales manager, who oversees small company accounts.

This is not an easy job, with the ever changing environment in Harrisburg and Washington. Ernesto says that everyone wants the best health insurance possible, with the best technology and medications, but no one wants to pay for the rising prices. In fact, he doesn't see any positive changes coming up in the next few years due to the growing numbers of the aging population. Ernesto has been a resident in the Hopkinson House for 20 years and he comments how lucky we are to live here within walking distance of some of the best hospitals in the city.



Ernesto Cruz

Ernesto and his partner of 18 years, Gilberto, who is a realtor from Venezuela, also have an apartment in Miami. The two of them like to travel, to Latin America in particular. Despite the diaspora caused by emigration

and the current troubled times in Gilberto's country, they both stay close to their families. Ernesto visited Chile with his dad this past winter and he went to Puerto Rico to be with his mother last weekend for Mother's Day!



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Bruce Scott, A Smiling Face at the Resident Services Desk

Terry Kowalski

e has a charming smile, genuine warmth, knows everyone's name and whether you have a package before you even check your mailbox. Bruce Scott, one of Hopkinson House's wonderful evening shift attending the Resident Services Desk, probably knows a lot more about us than we do about him. So we are trying to set that matter straight by interviewing him for this issue of the newsletter!

Bruce was born in Fort Worth, Texas, but moved to South Philadelphia at the age of two, and has lived there since. He has been married since 1972 to his lovely wife, Madeleine, and together they have two children; a son, Angelo and a daughter, Lisa. They also enjoy three grandchildren; Vanessa, Noah and Lucia.

Bruce began his security career in the U.S. Air Force as an Alarm Monitor at the now-abandoned March Air Force Base nuclear weapons storage facility in Riverside, California. Also during his time in the Air Force, he worked at Edwards Air Force Base, a U.S. military facility full of aerospace firsts. It was where the sound barrier was broken and where the first space shuttle landed. In fact, Bruce himself guarded that first space shuttle so closely that he could have touched it. He was also responsible for guarding SR-71 Blackbirds; long-range, and Mach 3+ strategic reconnaissance

aircraft. The SR-71 Blackbird is still the fastest plane that has ever flown and served an important role in history as a spy plane.

Returning to Philadelphia after his time in the Air Force, Bruce took a job with a limousine company funneling clients back and forth to the casinos in New Jersey. He developed a regular booking with several well-heeled and adventurous older women who lived in Hopkinson House. They trusted Bruce so much to get them safely to and from the casinos that they immediately let him know when a doorman's position opened up at Hopkinson House. He started working at the front door on July 21, 1994 and has graced us with his smiling face and pleasant personality since then.

In his free time, Bruce loves concerts and baseball. As far as the concerts go, his favorites have been the hard-core rock bands Soundgarden, Led Zeppelin and Rush. And when it comes to baseball, no matter how they're playing, he is always loyal to the Phillies. Bruce also lives for his family and his two pets: Ronnie, a 7-yearold cockatiel and Poncho, a 5-year-old Chihuahua. In his free time, he often takes Poncho to Marconi Park to chase the squirrels.

Bruce insists he'll never retire and that we'll "have to carry him out from behind that desk."



Bruce Scott





David Roberts's cat Max (1998-2017), photographed last year, when he was aged 18. Pets are very good for one's emotional health. When one has a pet to bond with, care for, and love, one is rarely bored or lonely.

Hopkinson House Owners' Association Committees Highlights

Mindy Bartscherer

Each quarter, we will include updates from the various Hopkinson House Owners Association (HHOA) committees including activities, membership and how to get involved.



Landscape Committee

Co-Chairs: Mindy Silver and Lisa Schwab (Council Liaison)

The Landscape Committee's current role is to provide recommendations to Management and Council about external landscaping, specifically the in-ground and in-planter landscape. There are currently six members on the committee. Members have experience and expertise ranging from personal residential and award-winning gardening, to Master Gardener designation and, most recently, professional landscape architecture.

Committee members. Management and invited representatives of companies meet to select seasonally available plants that will fit the established budget. The committee, Hopkinson House Management and the vendor(s) decide on scheduled seasonal updates, while the contracts are negotiated by Council.

The Committee is continually working to improve and beautify our landscape areas. So far in 2017 it has

prioritized addressing the curb appeal of our entrance, the large front planters and twelve small ones. To that end, the Committee first developed guidelines for an overall garden plan that will suit the architectural design of the building. Next, it expects to interview a number of new landscaping firms along with our current one to submit recommendations for the care of our landscape going into 2018, to develop a Master Plan for our courtyard and to address the upper courtyard's south side empty beds below the windows. We anticipate that we can upgrade our entire site, and have the budget that will support such a goal.

The Committee is available to collaborate with other HHOA committees and entities to develop a uniform feeling of design and place.



Pool Committee Chair: Giampaolo Gallo

The Pool Committee, composed of six members, has several functions. This year the Committee, with Hopkinson House Management, interviewed several pool companies and made their recommendation to Council. Before the season begins the Committee meets with the contracted pool company to review needed changes from last season's and to plan the present one.

Of particular importance this year is the work of the lifeguards. Pool hours were extended and a number of other procedural changes were adopted based on feedback from the 2016 Pool Survey Questionnaire. New this year is an emphasis on the lower deck and pool esthetics.



Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)

Chair: Sid Siegel

The dispute Resolution Committee does its job in the shadows and serves to help resolve any unwanted disturbances that often arise in vertical communities such as ours. Typical examples include: noisy neighbors, loud TVs, cats running through the hall, smells of smoking and non-rain water dripping on your balcony — such as neighbors residing in apartments two or four floors above your balcony deciding to overwater their little garden unconcerned that neighbors two or four floors below might be enjoying the use of their balcony.

Such nuisances (let's call them potential disputes) are typically dealt with by the Manager and frequently resolved in a "neighborly manner." When that process doesn't work, the issue is passed on to the DRC, which consists of seven volunteer unit owners who have been approved by Council.

The DRC reviews and investigates such disturbances to try and verify the alleged intensity and frequency of the disturbance. This is often not easy to do. It then seeks to work out an acceptable resolution for both sides of the dispute. This can be done informally or with the calling of a hearing with all parties involved. This is not a hearing in the "legal" sense. It is first, an action to bring the parties together to share their positions, and second, an attempt to confirm that the disturbance is a violation of Hopkinson House rules and needs to be "fixed."

Conversely, however, the alleged disturbance may not be deemed to be beyond what would be considered acceptable. Examples of this would be that the disturbance was within normal hours and should be expected in our community.

After the hearing, members of the DRC then vote on a set of recommendations that are then presented to Council for approval and implementation with the help of the Manager. Such recommendations can include requests for more neighborly behavior, application of devices to reduce noise, elimination of non-allowed activities, and possibly fines for repeat offenses.

The DRC is always looking for volunteers. Do not hesitate to let the chair know if you are interested!

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Summertime and the Livin' is Easy at Hopkinson House

Becky Krasley

his summer marks my first anniversary with Hopkinson House, and I could not be more thrilled with my decision to call this place my Philly Rental Home. First, let's get the obvious reasons 'why' out of the way — Rooftop Pool, Beautiful Park Views, Tenant & Guest Parking Garage, Laundry Room, Security & Maintenance Staff. These were the shiny details (included in the online rental listing I reviewed) that drew me to visit the building in the first place, almost 365 days ago. All wonderful reasons that make residing in this apartment building easy and amazing.

But, let us be honest, these all fall within the 'added luxury' category when it comes to living necessities, bonuses most people do not have when it comes to their living quarters. We are #Blessed* to have these things accessible to us.

Speaking of feeling blessed, that brings me to my next

category of reasons 'why' I am happy to be at Hopkinson House — the "hidden details." This also includes specifics that were not included on the online rental listing (probably because the listing would have been three pages too long to read).

First, the people. I get to see friendly faces all day long and exchange welcoming hellos and kind conversations anywhere I go. Whether I am leaving the building for work on a dreary Monday, coming in late after a long night with friends, or riding the elevator to my unit, everyone I encounter is genuine and nice.

Nex, is the House's character and charm. The building is old and classic with inviting décor throughout. The interior is bright and clean, there are places to rest or wait for guests, and always-fresh flowers. Are those front desk flowers not the cutest bouquets you have ever seen? Do you ever wonder

how the orchid outside the Parking Level elevator stays that big or bright? All of these things add a homey, cozy touch to the building most of us call home.

A few other personal favorite charms of mine include the backyard terrace and fountain, holiday parties in the solarium and timely building update printouts. These details are the other 'added luxuries' you can't put a price tag on, hidden details that may go unnoticed by some or left out of rental listings; nonetheless, reasons that make me feel happy and safe to live here.

Thanks to all of the reasons 'why' I mentioned, livin' will be easy and most enjoyable this summer at Hopkinson House. I am looking forward to time outside with friends and having family over to visit and hope you are too! Here is to the next 365 days because I am definitely renewing my lease. #Blessed



A 20-something perspective of living at Hopkinson House

Finalist in National Newsletter Competition: on the House!

Although this is a condominium newsletter, Hopkinson House Owners' Association's on the House was one of six finalists in a yearly National Neighborhood Newsletter Competition sponsored by Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA). The winner was our neighborhood's Society Hill Reporter.

Headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, NUSA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. While NUSA was created in 1975, 2017 marks the seventh year it has sponsored a national newsletter nompetition. Winners from

this year's competition were announced at its award luncheon on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 at the 42nd annual NUSA conference which was held in Omaha, Nebraska. You can read more about the organization and its competitions at www.nusa.org.



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The New Museum of the American Revolution

Lynn Miller

n a pleasant morning early in spring, you might have been attracted by the sound of fife and drums to investigate the time warp below you in Washington Square. If you watched, you'd have seen soldiers in spats and tricorn hats turn smartly out of the park and march east to the corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets. Maybe you thought ho-hum, since you're so used to such sights in our historic neighborhood. But this occasion marked the opening of Philadelphia's latest museum, the first in the nation to tell the story of the American Revolution in its entirety. The museum's creators were guided by that story's drama, contradictions, and complexity, which make visiting the museum a fascinating experience for all ages. Even knowledgeable adults should be delighted and informed at the same time children are engaged.

The galleries, all on the second floor, take you on a clear route from the build-up to the conflict to the final peace and the nation's struggle after independence to create a viable republic, a period of more than thirty years. An early highlight is a replica of Boston's Liberty Tree, where citizens gathered to discuss their grievances with Britain. Then come explorations of the insurgents' setbacks in the dark days that led to the Continentals' encampment at Valley Forge. You can participate in the Battle of Brandywine, complete with the sound and smell of

gunfire, the tramp of boots, and trembling earth beneath your feet.

Next you explore the conflicts within the American population, rebels facing off against loyalists, even a near civil war in parts of the South. By the time you come to the end, you've examined the messy business of creating a new Constitution and explored the kind of nation the Revolution created. You've had a taste of the contributions to the insurgent cause by the Oneida Indian nation, the place of enslaved Africans, and of women at a time when the promises contained in our founding documents did not yet apply to many beyond white males.

Your tour ends with a presentation that concludes with the revelation of the scalloped field tent that served as Washington's headquarters throughout the war. It's a moving finale to a stimulating experience. Don't expect to find the familiar school-boy sermons here. But do expect to be stimulated to think a little more deeply about where we've come from and where we may be going. You're sure to come away with lessons about the state of our nation today.

There's a more mundane side to the educational experience. Museums today of course must devote capacious space to (a) eating and (b) separating visitors from their dollars. There's plenty of room here for both. The central hall with



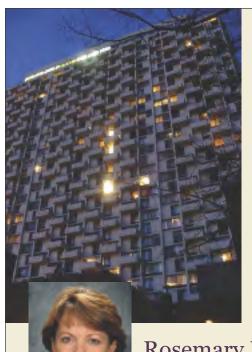


Field tent that served as George Washington's Headquarters.

its monumental staircase doubles as an event space for bringing the bucks in after hours. Maybe you'll find it ironic that there's nothing the least bit revolutionary about the museum's architecture. Not quite a knock-off Georgian building, it nonetheless could be the offspring of the neo-Georgian U.S. Customs House next door.

But, hey! The museum is a fine addition to the treasure trove of such collections in our neighborhood. It's another excellent reminder that our neighborhood may just be the most historically important of any in America. Ho-hum indeed!

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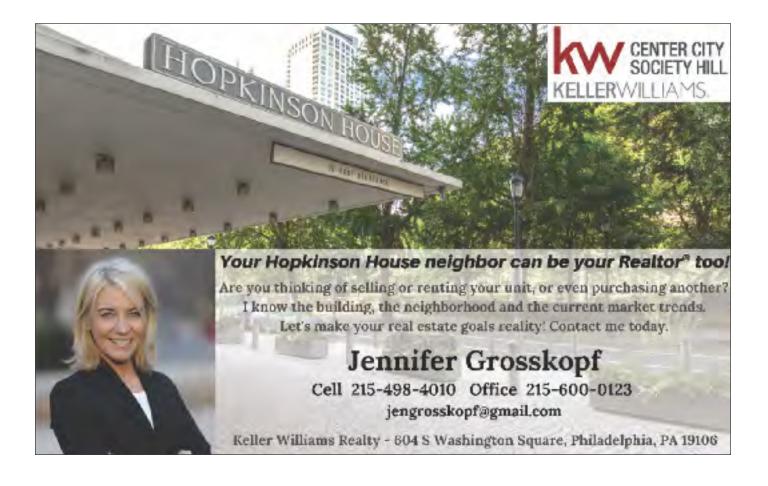
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Lobby Renovation Project Moving Along



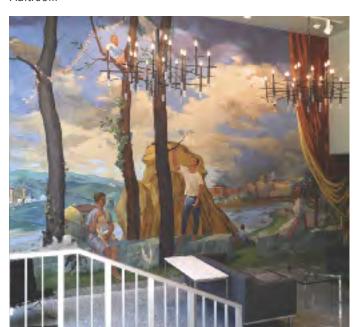
Bill Reese and Bruce Scott behind the desk



Bill Reese talking with a resident



Mailroom



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North Lobby as you enter the bulding

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History Is Buried Right Beneath Your Feet

Jim McClelland

You can glimpse a lot of history by exploring the tombstones of the famous and not-so-famous right here in the Hopkinson House neighborhood.

Directly behind us is Holy Trinity Church, with a graveyard of tombstones most of which are not legible. The church looks pretty much like it did when it was founded in 1759. The most prominent citizen when he was buried here was Stephen Girard (1750-1831), the richest man in America when he died. His body was interred here in 1831. After Girard College was built in accordance with his will, his remains were moved there in 1851; Girard's tomb is now in beautiful Founder's Hall at the College.

Close by is Old St Mary's Catholic Church at 252 S. 4th Street, founded in 1763. Buried in the church graveyard, which is open to the public, are such historical figures as John Barry (1745-1802), father of the American Navy, who found fame on the water as the first American to capture a British ship during the Revolutionary War. When there were no ships for him to command to fight the British, he raised a brigade of soldiers to fight the foe in Trenton. A bridge south of Philadelphia spanning the Delaware River is named for the famed Commodore. His tombstone is dominant and easy to find.

Michael Bouvier (1792-1874), was the first of the

famed family to come from France. Michael Bouvier was a highly successful furniture maker and a leading citizen. He and some of his descendants lie beneath the vault in the church's burial ground. Michael was the greatgreat grandfather of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Matthew Carey (1760-1839) was arguably early America's most important publisher. His publishing house was at our corner, where Locks Gallery is today. His grave is also here in St. Mary's churchyard.

One of early America's foremost portraitists, John Neagle (1796-1865), whose work can be seen today at the Portrait Gallery of the Second Bank of the United States, prayed at Old St. Mary's, and is buried here. George Meade, the grandfather of the hero of Gettysburg, General George Meade, Jr. is here, too.

Not far away is historic Old Pine Presbyterian Church, 412 Pine Street. founded in 1764, and currently celebrating its 250th Anniversary. Its graveyard is also worth visiting and is open to the public. Ronald Shaffer, the church's historian, has identified 285 soldiers buried at Old Pine who fought for liberty in the American Revolution. Also there is William Hurry (1721-1781), who is said to have rung the Liberty Bell to proclaim The Declaration of Independence. Among the prominent people



Gravesite of Maestro Eugene Ormandy (1909-1995), conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and his wife, Margaret Ormandy, at Old Pine graveyard.

buried here is Jared Ingersoll (1749-1822), Philadelphia lawyer, delegate to the Continental Congress, and a signer of the Constitution.

Far more recent burials include that of Maestro Eugene Ormandy (1909-1995), conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra for forty-four seasons. Mrs. Ormandy (Margaret) is also buried there next to her husband in a little plot enclosed with a wrought iron fence; Mrs. Ormandy left a gift to the Church with the proviso that on May 15th every year, a dozen roses were to be placed on their grave. May 15th was the date of their Anniversary. (See photo above.)

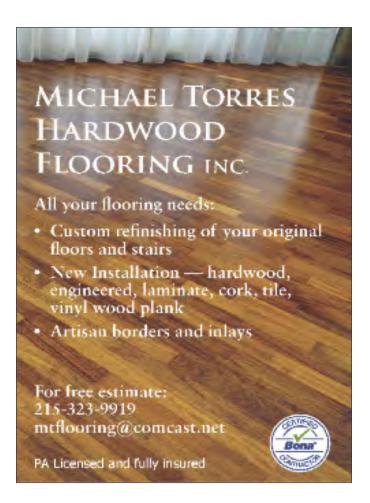
The Hollywood movie, National Treasure, was filmed in Old Pine's churchyard. In it, actor Nicholas Cage's character is pursued by the bad guys. Movie buffs like to come here to look for the site shown in the movie. (Hint: on Pine Street, behind the Church.)

Tours and group tours can be arranged by calling the Church secretary, Beth Biermann at 215-925-8051. Historian Ronald Shaffer conducts all tours. A block

away is St. Peter's Episcopal Church, at 313 Pine Street. Buried in their historic graveyard are a number of other prominent citizens. One of them is William Strickland, Philadelphia architect (1788-1854), designer of the Second Bank at 420 Chestnut Street. Stephen Decatur (1779-1820), made his name as a U.S. naval officer. In the War of 1812, Decatur distinguished himself when, as Commander of the U.S. United States, he captured the British ship of war, Macedonian, off the Madeira Islands. Decatur was killed in a duel with disgraced Navy Commodore James Barron. The cemetery is open daily free to the public.

One might also visit Christ Church burial grounds located at the corner of 5th & Arch Streets. Many historic figures are buried here and it would take another article to cover this important church in our history.

All of these graveyards offer an educational and fascinating experience. Visit them. I have only scratched the surface of the many historic people in our neighborhood graveyards; you can discover many more on your own.



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Should We Worry about Climate Change? A Longer Perspective

David Roberts

limate change is just global warming, which means warming of the surface and atmosphere of the planet Earth, particularly the air and the oceans. The planet itself, as measured a few miles below the surface, is constantly cooling at an extremely low rate unaffected by climate changes and the weather up above.

Billions of years ago our planet was a spinning mass of molten matter with a temperature of thousands of degrees. The surface has cooled to form a crust, but, deep inside, the planet is still molten and extremely hot. The crust is thick enough (20 to 30 miles) to insulate us from the internal heat, providing a cool surface for living things to flourish. Erupting volcanoes remind us of the molten matter below.

The Sun and the **Changing Climate**

The temperature on Earth's surface is controlled by the sun's radiated heat solar radiation. Thus the air and the surface cool at night, after the sun sets, and warm up again after sunrise. The tropics are hotter than the poles because they are closer to the sun and, more importantly, because the sun is more directly overhead. While Earth tilts on its axis as it orbits the sun, the northern and southern hemispheres alternate in moving towards or away from the sun, giving us the seasons.

There is now persuasive evidence that cyclical changes in solar radiation govern the coming and going of warm periods. The intensity of solar radiation varies with the number of sunspots, the dark centers of powerful hot zones. During the Little Ice Age sunspots disappeared completely for ten years. The recent pause in warming coincided with reductions in both solar radiation and the sunspot count.

Earth experiences ice ages — glacials — that last about 100,000 years, alternating with warm periods — interglacials that last 10,000 to 20,000 years. We are now in the late stages of what is called the Holocene Interglacial. It has been in progress for about 11,000 years and is likely to end some time in the next few thousand years, to be followed by another ice age.

During the Holocene Interglacial there have been strong fluctuations in climate, with four distinct warm periods. The first, the warmest and the most enduring, came fairly early, long before the birth of recorded history. It is called the Holocene Climate Optimum. Our knowledge of it is based on geological and other indirect evidence. It was followed by the Roman Warming, the Medieval Warming and, now, the Modern Warming. For these three warm periods the physical evidence is supported by the historical record and, in the case of

the Modern Warming, the temperature record. The cool period between the Roman and Medieval Warmings is called the Dark Ages. The cooling between the Medieval and Modern Warmings is known as the Little Ice Age.

The Modern Warming

The Little Ice Age reached its coldest point in about 1700. Temperatures have been rising ever since, not at a constant rate, but in surges and pauses. Climatologists consider that the Little Ice Age ended, with temperatures back to normal, in the 1850s. The Modern Warming then began.

In the period from 1900 to the present (117 years) climatologists have calculated that 40 percent of the warming occurred between 1910 and 1945. Warming surged strongly in the 1930s and in the 1990s. In the 1970s there was cooling, which led to serious concern that the next ice age was imminent, but, in the 1980s, warming resumed. Between 1998 and 2015 there was little change, a pause in warming. Despite the fluctuations, the average rate of warming since 1880 has been about 1.25 Fahrenheit degrees per 100 years.

Why the Fuss?

The average rate of warming has not increased in recent years, and the Modern Warming has a long way to go to match the earlier warm periods. They were characterized by such phenomena as extensive

agriculture on Greenland, including winemaking, and the production of wheat in central Norway. Having begun in the 1850s, the Modern Warming probably has at least 200 years to go.

Unfortunately two separate issues get confused: whether there is warming and whether human activity causes it. Every time a temperature increase is announced, the alarmists proclaim, without providing any evidence, that the increase is man-made. Undoubtedly there is warming but it is happening at a natural rate. Thus there is nothing for the human-activity idea to explain. In the previous warm periods of this interglacial, and even in the earlier years of the current warming, there were few people on Earth and almost no industry but temperatures evidently increased as fast as they have recently. Cyclical fluctuation in the sun's output is a much more likely cause of the longterm variations in global temperatures.

What About Carbon Dioxide?

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) is a harmless, odorless gas that is essential to life on Earth. In no sense can CO₂ be considered a pollutant. Animals depend on plants for food, and plants depend on three gases that constitute most of Earth's atmosphere — nitrogen, oxygen, and CO_2 . The first two are abundant; air is roughly 80 percent nitrogen and 20 percent oxygen, but continued on Page 19



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there is a mere 0.04 percent CO₂. This is barely sufficient to support plant growth. At 0.04 percent the CO₂ concentration is just double the minimum for plants — 0.02 percent. Additional CO₂ is needed for more prolific crops, especially in cooler and drier regions. When CO₂ is higher, crops need less water and less warmth.

There is cause for hope. As warming progresses the temperature of the seas and oceans will increase. These waters are the main reservoir of CO₂ on Earth and, as they warm, they release CO₂ into the atmosphere. Like most gases CO₂ is much more soluble in cold water, and it vaporizes as the temperature rises. When cooling returns, the seas and oceans will begin to reabsorb CO₂ and thereby reduce its concentration in the air. CO₂ fell below 0.02 percent, critical for plants, in past ice ages.

Substantial increases in atmospheric CO₂ have usually lagged temperature increases by hundreds of years. For example, in the 150 years since the start of the industrial revolution, the average global temperature has risen by almost 2 Fahrenheit degrees but CO2 has risen by a mere 0.012 percentage points —from 0.028 percent to 0.040 percent. This may be because seawater, being much denser than air, heats far more slowly and, as a result, its release of CO₂ is delayed and slow.

Although CO₂ is defined as a greenhouse gas, the amount in the air is far too small for it to add appreciably to the greenhouse effect. Water vapor is the main greenhouse gas. It is more potent than CO2 and there is, on average, about 50 times as much of it in the atmosphere. The role of water vapor in the greenhouse effect is very apparent in the middle of large deserts, where there is almost no water vapor in the air and therefore no greenhouse effect. Without the moderating influence of the greenhouse effect there is scorching heat by day and bitter cold at night. We who don't live in deserts should be grateful for the greenhouse effect!

It is Time to Stop Worrying about Climate Change

In 1841 Charles Mackay, LL.D., published a fascinating book on human behavior called Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds (Sixteenth printing by Noonday, 1969). Dr. Mackay describes such infamous events as the Dutch tulip mania and the South Sea bubble. Today there are two popular delusions interfering with our way of life, the anti-fat crusade and the man-made-globalwarming frenzy, but there is no valid evidence to support either. The case against dietary fat has been totally discredited. There is strong evidence that cyclical variation in the sun's output is the main cause of longterm warming and cooling.

As we have discussed in earlier issues of on the House the anti-fat doctrine has greatly distorted the food industry and the way we eat, and has caused the obesity epidemic. The global-warming frenzy has hindered industrial development and the building of essential infrastructure. While neglecting the need for roads, bridges, modern airports, and oil refineries, we have been building vast wind farms, which blight the landscape and kill thousands of birds including many bald eagles. Wind farms and solar panels produce a small fraction of our electricity and only when the wind or the sunshine is sufficient. In this energy-rich country, who needs either?

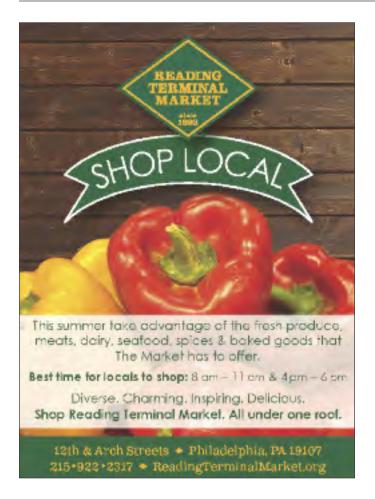
Warm periods are also described as "climate optima" because they are considered the best of times for life on Earth. We shall be able to exploit the slowly rising temperatures and CO₂ of the Modern Warming by, for example, growing crops in ground that is higher and drier or closer to the north and south poles. During the Little Ice Age, Greenland was encased in ice and almost completely uninhabitable but, thanks to the thaw caused by the Modern Warming, farming has returned. The population is now close to 60,000. The current warming is not something to worry about but an event to celebrate.

Three cheers for the Modern Warming!

Editorial Comment

David Roberts adds his voice to the discussion that has been going on for over a decade regarding the earth's global warming or climate change. Some scientists believe that we humans contribute to it, for the current period of warming is occurring more rapidly than many expected. They are concerned that the natural fluctuation, or variability, is being overtaken by a rapid human- induced warming that has serious implications for the stability of the planet's climate. Others rely on their argument that the planet's climate has constantly been changing over geological time and that as Dr. Roberts says: "the current warming is not something to worry about but an event to celebrate."

Anyone for a rebuttal?





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Letter to the Editor

March 2017

Hi Nelly,

Thank you for all your hard work on the newsletter. I think it is one of the best things about living here. I would like to make a suggestion.

In a previous issue (maybe a year or more ago), you published an excellent article on the importance of maintaining a peaceful and quiet atmosphere throughout the building. You discussed practical things that residents could do to ensure that unreasonable noises from one unit do not travel annoyingly into others.' It emphasized, for example, the need to comply with the rule for covering 80% of floors with carpeting/padding.

Do you think you could resurrect and reprint that article? Based on my recent experiences in this area, it would be a good idea to reprint this article from time-to-time to get the message across that it is everyone's responsibility to help ensure a peaceful and quiet environment for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Editor's Reply: Instead of reproducing the paragraph on the importance of maintaining a peaceful and quiet atmosphere throughout the building in the article published a few years ago, the topic is addressed by David Smith's 'Message from Management' in the current issue of on the House. — Nelly

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Chefs' Corner

French Tomato Tart

Susan Tomita

Ingredients

Pastry Dough:

11/2 cup flour

4½ ounces unsalted butter, chilled and cubed

1/4 tsp. coarsely ground salt

1 large egg

2-3 Tbsp. cold water

Filling:

Whole-grain mustard

2-3 large ripe tomatoes

2 Tbsp. olive oil

Freshly ground pepper

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh herbs, e.g. thyme or tarragon

4-8 ounces cheese, e.g. grated Gruyère or sliced goat cheese

Directions

Form the pastry by cutting the butter into the flour and salt until crumbly.

Beat the egg and add it with enough of the water to form dough.

Roll out or press it into the bottom and sides of 9" or 10" pie pan (or five 4" tart pans).

Spread the bottom with an even layer of mustard. Let it sit a few minutes to dry out.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Slice the tomatoes thickly and arrange them over the mustard in a single layer.

Drizzle with olive oil.

Sprinkle with most of the fresh herbs, top with the cheese, and add the rest of the herbs.

Bake for 30 minutes on the lower rack of the preheated oven or until the pastry is cooked, the tomatoes are tender, and the cheese is melted or nicely browed.

White Wine-Elderflower Sangria

Becky Krasley

Ingredients

- 3 cups of your favorite fruit, suggested:
- ½ Anjou pear
- 1 cup Blackberries
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, sliced small
- 1 cup sliced red grapes

Beer, Wine & Liquor

bottle dry white wine, suggested:Sauvignon blanc

1½ cups Elderflower liqueur

Drinks

1 liter bottle Club Soda If desired, swap alcohol with Cherry and Apple juice for Non-Alcoholic

Frozen

Ice

Directions

Place fruit at bottom of large pitcher, pour in white wine and elderflower liqueur and stir.

Refrigerate mixture for at least 30 minutes.

Top with ice and fill pitcher to the top with club soda (up to 1 full liter).

Stir, serve chilled. Cheers, enjoy!

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