

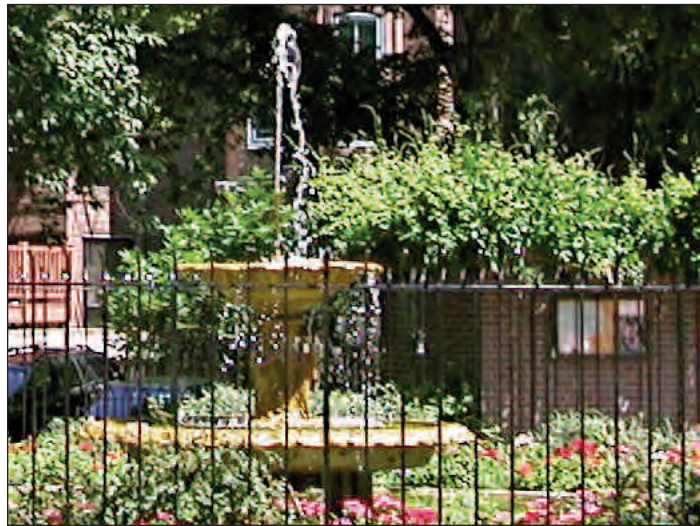


# FITLER SQUARE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

FALL 2010



## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR FOUNTAIN?



**O**ur Fitler Square fountain is getting its long overdue makeover. After two years of discussions, contractors, wish lists, and more discussions, the renovation is in progress.

Our initial goal was to refurbish and paint the fountain black, in keeping with its original concept of mirroring a Victorian pocket park in France. Ever since the fountain was originally installed in 1976, it has been the focal point of the Square, but like most fountains in the City at that time, the water was not recycled, merely running out of the fountain and into the river. We estimated we were wasting almost 1.5 million gallons of potable water per season, enough water to fill 15 Department of Recreation public swimming pools!

So the initial task then became a "green project" that we set out to accomplish with full reconstruction. Under the stewardship of Board member Jim Kenkelen, with the help of our Grounds chair Pat Henningsen, a contractor was secured and the work began.

A concrete vault needed to be constructed to hold the recycling pump, chlorinator, filter and timer, with installation of several water supply lines. We also wanted to complete the aesthetic aspects of the project,

and besides painting, Belgian block is to be adhered to the concrete pedestal and basin with matching coping. The costs sky-rocketed to \$35,000.

The work began June 27th, but apparently supplies were slow arriving. We are hoping to have most of the work completed by our Halloween event on October 23rd. When it is completed, the fountain will go from using 1.5 million gallons of potable water a year to 200 gallons!

We thank the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for a \$7,000 grant to jumpstart this daunting project, but our funds are dwindling. We also need to maintain the Square monthly. Fitler Square Improvement Association does not depend on the City or Department of Recreation for ANY FINANCIAL support, as we believe those funds are needed in less fortunate areas of the City. We need our neighbors' help. Through our membership dues, and any extra donation you would like to ear-mark for this project, we hope to pay for this project AND maintain Fitler Square with the loving care it deserves. Please renew or join FSIA. A membership form is on this newsletter. All donations specified to be used for this project will be spent accordingly.

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**Our Mission:**

The mission of the Fitler Square Improvement Association is to preserve, protect and beautify Fitler Square.

We work in a public-private partnership with Fairmount Park.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Dear Friends and Neighbors:*

*This has certainly been a year of ups and downs at Fitler Square. Our tribulations of sponsoring outdoor events began last October, when our first attempt to partner with the Rosenbach Museum for a Halloween event in conjunction with their Dracula Festival was rained out. In December, for our Holiday Tree Lighting, we huddled under tents for protection from the wind and icy rain. In March, we had to once again utilize the "rain date" for our Easter Egg Hunt.*

*The Board was disappointed but never gave up, and finally, the weather gods smiled down on Fitler Square with two beautiful days and, with the help of our neighbors, the 49th Annual Spring Fair raised a record-breaking \$9,300 for the park.*

*Our record proceeds could not have come at a better time. We have had to replace trees, dig up sections of the grass and brick, and most importantly, have FINALLY begun the fountain renovation. With the installation of a recycling pump, our fountain will be one of the few in the City that actually does not waste water, so besides being beautiful, it will be efficient. We are very proud and excited to have undertaken this task. The final cost of the project will be \$35,000. We were fortunate to receive a \$7,000 grant from PHS, but the remainder lies with FSIA.*

*Your membership dues are more important than ever. If you would like to earmark a special donation toward the fountain, we will see that it is used for this project.*

*In closing, on an extremely positive note, Fitler Square won 1st place in the PHS Community Gardens contest in the mid-size Community Parks category, re-enforcing once again the uniqueness and beauty of our "Philadelphia gem."*

*Warmest regards,*

*Judy*

We are looking to update our website. Anyone interested in volunteering their time to design and maintain our website, please email Judy at [judyro1957@aim.com](mailto:judyro1957@aim.com).

### ADVERTISE IN THE FITLER SQUARE NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is published two times a year - Spring and Fall.

**Ad Rates**

Full page	\$100.00
1/2 page	\$ 50.00
1/4 page	\$ 25.00

For information and deadlines, please email Amy at [AmeliaRiley@yahoo.com](mailto:AmeliaRiley@yahoo.com)

### SAVE THE DATE!

FSIA ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCT. 19TH AT 7PM  
AT THE

MARKWARD RECREATION CENTER  
(CORNER OF TANEY & PINE STS.)

CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHTING CEREMONY  
SUNDAY, DEC. 12TH AT 5PM



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**SAVE THE DATE!!  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Please join the FITLER SQUARE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION and THE ROSENBACH MUSEUM and LOCUST ON THE PARK for a day of Halloween fun (get some extra wear out of your Halloween costume!).

**THE FUN BEGINS AT 1PM**

Locust on the Park apartments invite all their neighbors to a good old-fashioned barbeque on their porch at 25th and Locust Streets. There will also be pumpkins for the kiddies to decorate. (This is a rain or shine event).



**PUMPKIN HUNT AT 3PM SHARP!!**

Everyone is then invited to Filtler Square's annual Pumpkin Hunt for ages 18 months to 7 years. Remember to bring a bag or basket to pick up the pumpkins and don't be late! Rain date is Sunday, October 31 at 3pm.



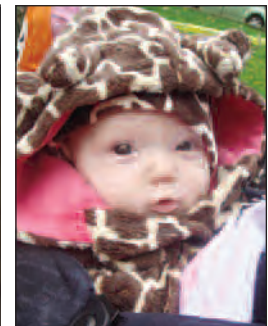
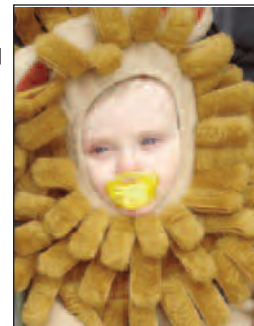
THE FUN CONTINUES in Filter Square with musical entertainment, crafts and face painting sponsored by The Rosenbach Museum. There will be mask making and "not-so-spooky" music and story telling. (In the event of rain, Rosenbach will host this at their museum - 2008 Delancey Place).

**SPECIAL PRIZE RAFFLE**

Filtler Square will be raffling off a special prize, but you must be a member to enter. Membership applications will be available at our Membership table.

**FUN FOR ADULTS, TOO!**

The Rosenbach Museum will host a Dracula "DIY" (Do-It-Yourself) evening of crafting fun with Candy DePew, owner of the StudioSchool for Decorative Art and staff from local crafting stores *Loop* and *Spool* beginning at 5 pm, at the museum, 2008 Delancey Place.





# Trinity Memorial Church

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# Trinity Center for Urban Life

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## FALL HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday	10-02-2010	9:00 am	Blessing of the Animals
Sunday	10-10-2010	1:00 pm	CCRA 52nd Annual Fall House Tour
Saturday	10-16-2010	7:00 pm	Traces of Trade
Sunday	10-17-2010	3:00 pm	Astral Artists: Jasper String Quartet Philadelphia Recital Debut
Sunday	10-17-2010	7:00 pm	Sposalizio, Even Vespers
Friday	10-22-2010	7:30 pm	Dolce Suono Ensemble: Dolce Suono Trio, Premieres Daniellepour
Saturday	10-23-2010	8:00 pm	Piffaro, The Renaissance Band: The Royal's Baptism & Ballet
Sunday	10-24-2010	8:00 pm	Piffaro, The Renaissance Band: The Royal's Baptism & Ballet
Thursday	10-28-2010	7:00 pm	PHC Humanities on the Road: Wampums, Wigwams, Warpaths and Dvorak's New World Symphony: Sources of Inspiration for a Beloved Masterpiece presented by Karl Middleman
Saturday	11-06-2010	8:00 pm	Orchestra 2001: Chinese Visions
Saturday	11-13-2010	8:00 am	Cradles to Crayons Sorting Day
Sunday	11-21-2010	12:30 pm	CORP Cook-Off
Thursday	11-25-2010	6:30 pm	CORP Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
Saturday	12-04-2010	10:00 am	Café Noel Holiday Bazaar at Trinity at 22nd
Friday	12-10-2010	6:00 pm	PCN TV Broadcast of The Black Mozart: Joseph Boulogna Chevalier de Saint Georges with Charles Pettaway
Saturday	12-11-2010	11:00 am	Pages to Pirouettes: Nutcracker
Saturday	12-11-2010	2:00 pm	PCN TV Broadcast of The Black Mozart: Joseph Boulogna Chevalier de Saint Georges with Charles Pettaway
Sunday	12-12-2010	4:00 pm	The Philadelphia Chorus: Winter Concert
Monday	12-13-2010	10:00 am	PCN TV Broadcast of The Black Mozart: Joseph Boulogna Chevalier de Saint Georges with Charles Pettaway
Sunday	12-19-2010	5:15 pm	Liebesfreud Quartet Benefit for CORP

## FSIA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you would like to become a member of the Fidler Square Improvement Association, please fill out the form below. The organization has two primary sources of funds: revenue from the Spring Fair and membership dues.

The membership underwrites the cost of major park improvements and takes an active role in the planting and preservation activities needed to improve its appearance. Association funds provide for professional care for the trees and grass areas, planting of seasonal flowers, replacing shrubs, installation and care of a sprinkler system, general maintenance, custodial supervision, an annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony with gifts for neighborhood children, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Visit our website at [www.FidlerSquare.org](http://www.FidlerSquare.org) to learn more.

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Individual membership.....	\$25
Family membership.....	\$35
Business/Sponsor membership.....	\$50
Patron membership.....	\$100
Benefactor membership.....	\$500

We thank you very much in advance for becoming a member of the Fidler Square Improvement Association!!

*The Fidler Square Improvement Association is a 501-c3 non-profit organization. All membership fees and donations, including those made in-kind, are tax-deductible.*

### MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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