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The Society Hill II at Jersey City Community Newsletter
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WINTER 09/2010:

*HAPPY
NEW YEAR
SHII!*

TIME TO CIRCLE THE WAGONS!

In the days of the Old West, when this country was young, one of the most effective ways that the pioneers protected themselves from the dangers they encountered, was to “circle their wagons”.

Women and small children were placed in the center and this arrangement helped the men and older boys be better able to fend off any threats.

A condominium association such as Society Hill II is like a modern-day version of those Old West settlers. Their mission was to travel through unfamiliar territory to establish a new home. Our mission; however, is not traveling to find a home. We’re already there. Our mission is to join forces to keep our homes happy and prosperous.

We are **ALL** bound together by this common goal and guided by certain rules of conduct for the good of all.

Unlike some communities, SHII is fortunate. We have a board comprised of residents who willingly volunteer a good amount of their time to ensure that SHII thrives. That Board needs every resident’s help in developing policies that [again the inescapable operative words] benefit all.

Of course, the dangers that affect this community are nothing like the physical perils the settlers faced. Still, due to the difficult economic times we’re living through, the dangers are many and potentially just as damaging.

Perhaps the most dangerous peril we face is apathy. No settler in the Old West could afford to sit back while



others stood up to meet the threats they faced. Neither can we. Each and every homeowner who lives here must do their part to keep our community safe and prosperous. Here are just a few ways you can help keep this community vital:

- Open board meetings are usually held the fourth Thursday each month. If you cannot attend every meeting, make it a point to attend at least one every other month. Ask neighbors who do attend, to fill you in on what was discussed.
- Your voice is important. When the board asks you to vote on issues that affect the community, please do so in a timely manner.
- Find ways to connect with other residents. For example, residents with similar interests could begin clubs. Also, something as simple as a friendly greeting to your neighbors can go a long way to fostering a sense of caring and belonging.

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(Circle the Wagons, Cont'd from Pg. 2)

The pioneers who crossed the vast prairies of the Old West were a pretty determined bunch. They had to be. Their lives depended on being strong and also on being helpful to each other.



In more than a few western films about our country's formative years, we'd see covered wagons emblazoned with signs of intent that might have read: "Montana...or bust!" or "California...or bust!"
Imagine if every homeowner in SHII made up their minds to adopt a →



similar statement of intent. In our best cowboy voice we could imitate veteran actor John Wayne, and say "We've got to **All** pull together. Take heart, pilgrims. It's unity...or bust!. It's time to "Circle the Wagons!"
The cowboys and pioneers were a fiercely independent bunch, yet they understood the necessity of camaraderie and working together in times of hardship. It worked for them; it will surely work for we who make our home in Society Hill II. ☒



BAY TREE ARTICLE RETRACTION
Society Hill II News hereby retracts a statement made in the article entitled, *Bay Trees Uproot Communities*, which appeared in the autumn issue. It was erroneously reported that the root systems of the trees planted along the Newark Bay walkway were compromising the bay retaining wall. This is not the case.
There is indeed a problem with the retaining wall (somewhere between SHI and SHII) but that problem is due to how the wall was constructed at the inception of SHI. At the September 23, 2009 DPWA open meeting, the buckling tree root problem was discussed and mixed in was discussion of the retaining wall problem. The inference that the two were related was a misconception. ☒

HELP US AVOID FINES!

Did you know the Jersey City Incinerator Authority has threatened to fine the community as a whole for not properly disposing of garbage and recycled items? It's true.

There's a right way and a wrong way to set out trash and recyclables for pick up. Please make sure the community avoids incurring fines by doing the following:

- Flatten all cardboard boxes whatever the size to avoid jamming the chute.
- After depositing trash down the chute, please push the green compactor button inside the door.
- Use only clear, see-through bags to gather glass, metal and plastic recyclables. If you collect recyclables in opaque market bags, please empty the recyclables down the chute and dispose of the bags down the trash chute or in the bulk dumpster.
- Dispose of bulk items in the bulk dumpster, located on the ramp.



- Remember residents are responsible for anything left at the Recycling Center by delivery people or contractors.
- Bundle and securely tie newspapers, magazines, etc. with twine to prevent the wind from blowing these items around the community or the rain from disintegrating them.

MANY RESIDENTS HAVE COMMENTED ON THE UNSIGHTLY CONDITION OF THE RECYCLING AREA AFTER HOLIDAY TRASH WAS LEFT. BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES, WE CAN ALL HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN, RODENT-FREE AND AVOID COSTLY FINES, WHICH ARE PAID OUT OF ALL OUR POCKETS!

CHEERY BLOOMS WILL SIGNAL SPRING



Society Hill II News asked Landscape Manager Adam Bernat to comment on winter maintenance and spring planting. Here's his reply:

"When it snows, our procedure is to plow and shovel when it reaches 2 inches. Shovelers continually clear the walks and loaders use plow trucks to clear the roadways. When the storm starts to wind down, we begin clearing

the driveways. Once all the snow is cleared, we calcium the walkways and salt the roads. In the early morning the day after the storm, we check for ice and finish shoveling any parking spaces and driveways that may have contained vehicles during the storm.

For their own safety, we ask resident to please not stop the load operators.

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(Cheery Blooms, Cont'd from Pg. 4)

Landscape Manager, Adam Bernat continues, "Looking ahead to spring, I'm pretty excited about the flowering bulbs that were planted in the fall of 2009. The island tips along Droyers Pointe Boulevard and the clubhouse bed have spring flowering daffodils planted under the current winter pansys.

We also planted bulbs in the bed in front of the recycling center. The green grasslike plants that are visible there now are called Lirope. When the daffodils that are planted underneath the Lirope begin to bloom, they should make a cheery, colorful display this spring." ❀

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newsletter Receives Kudos

I just read the fall *Society Hill II News*, which was very impressive and informative. Thank you for improving our community. —Gregory Evanina

Neighbor Promotes Newsletter & Spring Potluck Social

Our neighbor, Connie Lee, kindly passed on to us the e-mail about the Society Hill II newsletter. She also mentioned the Spring Potluck Social, which we plan to attend.

Thanks for organizing on behalf of our Community. —Martiza and Jon Tooke

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Society Hill II News reserves the right to edit, publish or deny to publish any letter received .

THANK AND HONOR A VET OR VET SUPPORTER

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- Or contact one of SHII's own, Colonel Aleksandr Brzezanski, U.S. Army Ret at :
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or by phone: 201-332-6927

Society Hill II resident Connie Lee exudes a warm and friendly Southern charm. A transplant from Florida, she was born in West Palm Beach, where her father, a U.S. Air Force member, was then based.



When her dad left the Air Force, Connie's family settled on a 150 acre dairy farm outside of Knoxville, Tennessee. She has pursued a number of interesting vocations.

Upon finishing Nursing School, Connie quickly realized she was not suited to that profession. She subsequently joined the airline industry as a Flight Attendant and also did part-time modeling in Palm Beach and New York City.

A turning point in her life occurred when, on a hunch, she did not take an assigned flight to the Bahamas. She was shocked to the core when she learned that that Bahamas flight crashed, taking the lives of eight of her closest friends.

This startling event, set Connie on a spiritual quest to find out why she was spared the fate of the her friends. She ultimately began writing a monthly horoscope and psychic column for *Life Style*, a Florida-based magazine. She has since been a freelance newspaper columnist, and has interviewed such celebrities as Dolly

Parton, Louise Mandrel, Tom Selleck and various sports figures.

Connie's volunteer work has included The Children's Wish Foundation, Pet Therapy in nursing homes and children's hospitals and USO entertaining our soldiers. Having recently relocated to SHII, Connie enjoys her new life with husband, Aleks and her two miniature Schnauzers, Jake and Zack. She also busies herself by contributing to *Society Hill II News* and serving on the Spring Potluck Social committee.

If you run into Connie out and about the community, please say "Hello". ☘

Connie is a huge advocate of attending clubs and participating in activities as a great way that neighbors can get out, meet and interact with each other. If any of the clubs/activities listed below interest you, please contact Connie directly at **201-332-6927**.

CLUBS

- Biking Club
- Bowling Club
- Chess Club
- Computer Club
- E-Bay Club
- Exercise Club
- Metaphysics/ESP Club

- Music Lovers Club
- Nature/Garden Club
- Pet Club
- Travel Club

ACTIVITIES

- Aerobics
- Bridge
- Cooking
- Line Dancing
- Mah-Jongg
- Mat Pilates
- Meditation

- Painting
- Photography
- Scrap Booking
- Tai Chi
- Texas Hold'em
- Walking

JANUARY HOROSCOPES by Connie Lee

AQUARIUS—JAN. 20-FEB. 18

There appears to be a conflict of interest between you and a family member that needs to be resolved. Watch your investments carefully. A co-worker may be a problem to you. Toward the end of the month be careful in dangerous situations and around large animals. There may be a minor emergency, but it will turn out OK. Someone will try to shock, scare or embarrass you so be a good sport and laugh.

PISCES—FEB. 19 to MARCH 20

Look before you leap, especially in a business deal. Read the contract carefully. New projects are starting to click for you. You will hear some great news from afar. This is the month to deal with relatives and neighbors, do local travel, join an educational project or catch up on your letters and return those phone calls. Romance is sprinkled here and there so have fun!

ARIES—MARCH 21 to APRIL 19

This will be a busy month as you reach your goals. Communicate your ideas to the important people in your business or personal life as they are more willing to listen. Opportunity to join other clubs or organizations. Keep your eye on your budget and resist impulsive spending. Check the joint finances for errors.

TAURUS—APRIL 20 to MAY 20

There will be difficulties in matrimonial or business affairs this month. Don't argue with loved ones over money. Accent is on career with a chance for promotion. Increase in your savings account and invest in your future security. Expand your credit. Good time to promote or sell things. Guard your temper. Romantic and travel prospects look good.

GEMINI—MAY 21 to JUNE 20

You need to organize your time to be more proficient at work and home. Travel is good this month, even if you plan a trip for another time. There may be some involvement in an academic or legal matter. Watch your health and look out for transportation problems. You have many talents and creative abilities. Use them.

CANCER—JUNE 21 to JULY 22

This month shows an increase in personal sensitivity so don't take criticism as a personal attack. Stay away from depressing people. Starting a hobby, vocational matter or a special course of action are well aspected for you at this time. Expect an unexpected phone call, letter or surprise.

LEO—JULY 23 to AUGUST 22

A new start in relationships, business, new friends, marriage or a second honeymoon. Do not gamble with your money. Be careful in dealing with relationship problems. You should do OK in all areas of your life this month as you are highly aware and attentive. Pay attention to your hunches.

VIRGO—AUGUST 23 to SEPT. 22

This is the month for you to fix all those things you've been putting off for so long. Make a list, from major house chores to resewing missing buttons. Stop worrying about everything, including the children. Romance is a little slow for the single Virgo, but get out. Accepting social invitations involving church, home, family and relatives is favored.

LIBRA—SEPT. 23 to OCT. 22

A child or friend may need your advice this month on personal matters. Children and romance are accented for you. Watch that flirting, as it could get out of hand. Loved ones may try to start an argument. Those starting a new job may be disappointed in salary. Look into academic interests, travel and adventure. Stay away from speculation. Careful with the joint funds!

SCORPIO—OCT. 23 to NOV. 22

Health and employment matters are favored. This is also a decision making period for you. Career opportunities are yours for the taking. Your intuition and insight into the motives of others is exceptionally high this month. Use it when talking to your spouse, boss or friends. You may be able to ward off a disagreement. Keep the channel of communication open.

SAGITTARIUS—NOV. 23 to DEC. 21

You have lots of energy, vitality, inner strength and intuition this month, but take the time for small details. Accent is also on creativity, artistic and literary talents. Careful in signing contracts and agreements. Read the fine print. This may be an auspicious time to seek a great bargain to purchase another vehicle. Lady Luck's in your corner, why not try the lottery?

CAPRICORN—DEC. 22 to JAN 19

You are a hard worker and the results are about to show. You should see fruits of your labor soon. Watch out the last half of the month, as travel problems could arise. If you are in sales or public relations, you could sell ice to an Eskimo! A clash over money may arise, but guard against losing a friendship.

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To submit articles, ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact the Editor, Hugh Brown, at hubrown@comcast.net



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3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Duplexes: \$355,000 to \$375,000

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3-4 Bedroom Triplexes (2 Car Garage): \$450,000 to \$485,000

*These are the average sales prices. If your home has extensive renovations, prices may be higher.

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I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2010.

Sincerely,

Maria Batista

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FROM THE HILL

NEW ARTICLES THIS ISSUE.
TELL ME IF YOU LIKE THEM.



Hugh Brown,
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Society Hill II
News

As another New Year begins, the SHII Board and *Society Hill II News* are asking all residents to resolve to become a more unified community. Be sure to read *Circle the Wagons* on pages 2 & 3.

SHII is filled with people who have interesting and diverse backgrounds. On page 6, please see the feature article on resident Connie Lee. In subsequent issues, look for articles introducing others of our neighbors. Please nominate a friend, family or resident you think has an engaging story to tell.

You'll also note the debut of several new articles: *Honor a Vet or Vet Supporter* (pg. 5), *Suggestions for Clubs and Activities* (pg. 6), *January Horoscopes* (pg. 7), and a *For Sale, Barter or Trade* listing (pg. 13). If these articles appeal to you, please let me know. Also, if you'd like to contribute or suggest other types

of articles, my e-mail address is: hubrown@comcast.net

Finally, the Potluck Social committee is pleased by the number of residents who've expressed their intention to attend our spring "meet and greet" party. For those of you who haven't responded yet, please see the Potluck Social announcement on page 9. I Wish you all a Happy, Prosperous New Year! ❄️

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