

Spruce Hill Community Association

Board of Directors 2007-2008*

*** Officers serve one-year terms; directors serve two-year terms**

Bernadine Abad was born in Philadelphia, attended Lea Elementary School, and currently lives on the 4200 block of Osage. She is a graduate of Penn State and has an MA in Education from SUNY, Albany. She is currently director of an academic support program for Penn students, and well as the founder of Philadelphia Scholars, a mentoring program, and CEO of Intellectual Pursuit, which provides tutoring and other academic support services to school-age children. Her volunteer activities include work as a mentor for a welfare-to-work participant, a position on the board of a women's organization, and involvement with her sorority and church. **2007**

Bruce G. Andersen has lived in Philadelphia since 1999 with his wife, Anneliese, and their children, Stephanie, Jonathan & Benjamin. He is an Investigator with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. He graduated from the University of California, Irvine, with a BA in Political Science and a BA in Spanish. He received a Masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is an Eagle Scout and continues his involvement in scouting today as an Assistant Scoutmaster for the troop at St. Francis de Sales Parish. His other community involvement includes the UC Irvine Alumni Association, Kiwanis, the SAR, the Friends of Clark Park, and Habitat for Humanity. He has served as the volunteer webmaster for NCFL, Local 644, and is a volunteer moderator for Phillyblog.com **2007**

Bob Behr is a longtime resident of the 500 block of South 45th Street. He chaired the May Fair Committee for more than 15 years and is still very involved. He is a member of the Zoning Committee and a block representative. He teaches at a private special education school. He is also a past president of the SHCA. **2007**

Amanda Benner lives on the 4500 block of Regent Street and is a block representative. She chairs the SHCA Street Tree Committee and block improvement grant program. She is on the planning and fund-raising committee for the annual Clark Park "Party for the Park" and has served on the Clark Park steering committee. She is executive director of UC Green, University City's cooperative community greening organization. **2008**

Pauline Borkon moved to Spruce Hill when she was 12 years old and has spent a significant portion of her life here. She has served the association in numerous roles, including coordinator of the Spruce Hill Center, member of the Board of Directors, and organizer of the annual white elephant sale at the May Fair. She recently was elected President of the Advisory Board for Health Center #3. **2008**

Bill Burrison grew up and still lives in Spruce Hill, graduating from the HC Lea School, West Philadelphia High, and the University of Pennsylvania. He is a playwright, poet, journalist, and fiction writer, and has taught English and literature at various high schools and colleges in the Delaware Valley. As an activity of the Outreach Committee, Bill has led the Spruce Hill Community Theater for several years. He is very proud that his father was an early president of the SHCA. **2007**

Fran Byers lives on the 4400 block of Baltimore Avenue and has served the SHCA as a board member, officer and president. She is a block representative and works on the May Fair team (selling her famous lemon sticks, among other activities). She is secretary of the 18th Police District Advisory Council, active at St. Francis de Sales, and past president of Friends of Clark Park. She is a perennial organizer of “Bark in the Park,” the Veterans Day Commemoration, and the Clark Dickens Birthday Celebration for Clark Park. **2008**

Marty Cabry is a long time resident of the 1000 block of South 46th Street and has been a SHCA board member for several years. He has been active in many aspects of University City life, particularly in Town Watch, in which he played a leadership role. He works as Director of Zoning & Community Relations. **2007**

Brett Feldman is an attorney with the law firm of Klehr-Harrison in its Zoning and Land Use Practice Group. He works to obtain approvals from various city agencies enabling developers to construct and renovate buildings and businesses to open or expand their operations. He and his wife and daughter live in the 4400 block of Spruce Street. They enjoy walking in the neighborhood with their Boston terrier and look forward to continuing their involvement with the Spruce Hill community and making sure it continues to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family. **2008**

Monica Ferguson grew up in Mount Airy and moved to Spruce Hill in 2000 after she started working for the University of Pennsylvania. She is an internist at the University of Pennsylvania Health System practice at 37th & Market. Her hobbies include travel, running, gardening, and taking care of her Bichon, Jake. She also volunteers for the University Community Clinic at 42nd & Girard, the American Heart Association, and her church in Germantown. **2007 Vice President for Operations**

Janet Finin is a 25-year resident of Spruce Hill and raised three children here. She is an ex-computer analyst, caterer, and chef. At the present time she is a personal chef, restaurant/food writer/reviewer. She was vice president of SHCA in past years and has participated over the years with the organization as well as with various local garden clubs. **2007**

Barry Grossbach has lived on the block of 43rd Street between Larchwood and Osage for over 30 years. His community involvement has included concerns over zoning and development issues. He is a past president of the organization and Chair of the Zoning Committee. **2008**

Ed Halligan moved to the 4300 block of Baltimore Avenue in 2002. He is a graduate of La Salle University and attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. He was co-chair of the 2006 May Fair and an organizer of this year’s Halloween Parade. He is an administrator with the Court of Common Pleas. Ed and his wife, Rose, are block representatives and active members of Friends of Clark Park. Their son, Ed Jr., attends the Penn Alexander School. **2007 Executive Vice President**

Richard King has been a resident of Spruce Hill since 2002. He and his family live on Regent Square. Richard has been a practicing architect for over 10 years and graduated from Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania. His work includes building design, interior design, and master planning. In recent years, Richard has been active with the University City District to improve the public environment of University City. He works with SHCA on zoning and land-use issues. **2008**

Keally McBride teaches politics at University of Pennsylvania. A resident since 2003, she has helped plant trees, braved nursery school board duties, helped organize the SHCA survey of school children in the catchment area, gardens in the Green Thumb Community garden, and loves Clark Park. She has also written a book on community, which features a chapter on our own Spruce Hill. In the past, she has served on the zoning and education committees and would like to continue this involvement. She is very interested in helping to articulate a vision for Spruce Hill from the community itself. She has two children (Celeste and Theo) who now attend Sadie Alexander, one husband who works at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and two stray cats adopted from the alley behind Melville Street. **2007**

Stephen McCoubrey lives on the 200 South block of 42nd Street and is a landscape designer. He is a consultant for UC Green, Baltimore in Bloom, the SHCA Block Improvement Program, and a member of Baltimore Avenue Planning Group. He is also the Democratic Committeeperson for the First Ward and a block representative. **2008**

Marie McCullough and her husband Dan Morton bought a rehabbed townhouse in the 4400 block of Sansom Street in 2005. She's a health reporter at The Philadelphia Inquirer; he's a radiology information systems manager at HUP. They're basically empty-nesters, although their three kids come back now and then and love being in the "hood." Marie likes gardening and suspects she has become known as "the crazy white lady who plants flowers around other people's trees and porches." In September, she succeeded Tulia Faletti as Sansom Street Community Coalition chair. Dan's hobby is fixing his beloved 1959 Sport Fury. **2007**

Angela McIver has lived on the 4200 block of Pine Street with her husband, Bill Jenkins, since the summer of 2000. They have three children, including a newborn daughter. She recently finished her PhD at the Graduate School of Education at Penn and currently works with Mastery Charter High School in Center City where she is responsible for overseeing the opening of a second school in South Philadelphia. She serves on the SHCA Education Committee. **2007**

Elaine Nelson lives on the 100 South block of 44th Street and is a block representative. She is a Registered Nurse at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and holds a BS in Health Care Administration from Philadelphia University. From 1979-1992 she was health coordinator for Manna Head Start preschool. She came to Spruce Hill in 1969 and has lived at her current address since 1977. She has been active with the SHCA since 1990. She was one of the early members of SOMAD (South of Market Against Drugs). **2008**

Judy Powers has been co-owner of 4337 Larchwood Ave. since July 2004 and spent 2005-2006 contracting and working on refurbishing and renovating. She came here from her owner-built home in a rural, spread-out community in Maine where she'd lived, taught, raised her children, been a legislator and non-profit administrator for 30 years. She is very much enjoying being part of a close neighborhood and being able to minimize use of the car. **Treasurer 2007**

Scott Reynolds is originally from Kentucky and moved to Philadelphia ten years ago via Ohio & San Francisco. He currently works at the University of Pennsylvania as a Major Gifts Officer in Development and Alumni Relations. Prior to that, he ran the Management and Technology Program at Penn. He and his wife, Melinda Yin, and their daughter, Maggie, moved to the 1100 South block of 46th Street three years ago. Scott chairs the Block Representative Network. **2008**

Cynthia Roberts has lived on the 4300 block of Larchwood Avenue since 1985. She is Assistant Director of the Parent-Infant Center, a child care and after-school center at 42nd & Locust. A past president of Friends of Clark Park, she worked to create the partnership with UCD that maintains the park and was actively involved in fundraising for construction of the new playgrounds. She is a member of the “Party for the Park” fundraising committee and organizer of weekly story time sessions in the park. She is a member of the Chester Avenue Dog Club and also a student of Italian. **2007 President**

Mark Wagenveld and his family are restoring a home in the 4300 block of Osage Avenue. Before moving here in 2001, Mark was a block captain for many years in the Graduate Hospital area. He is on the board of the Spruce Hill Christian School and helped direct its recent building and playground improvements. He was formerly a local reporter and editor at The Philadelphia Inquirer. **2007**

Jackie Waiters, a resident of the 4500 block of Locust Street, has lived in the neighborhood for more than 40 years. A longtime block representative, her main focus in community activities has been safety and security. She is one of the founders and the current President of Mel-Lo Town Watch, 44th to 46th and Walnut to Spruce. **2008**

Kathleen White and her husband, Erwin Miller, have resided in Spruce Hill for the past 20 years. She attended Villanova University and earned a PhD from Temple University. Both are native Philadelphians. She is now semi-retired and works occasionally as an Adjunct Professor at Widener University. She was the Chief Operating Officer and Clinical Director of a behavioral health care organization in Old City. Her husband is a lawyer who practices in Center City. Among her interests are the arts and gardening. She is a past member of the board of directors of the University City Arts League and for six years was the Chairperson of their art gallery. **2007 Secretary**

Mamie Young has lived in the neighborhood since 1962, when she moved from North Philadelphia. She currently lives on the 4300 block of Pine Street where she is a block representative. Her parents were very involved with Spruce Hill activities and she continues this legacy. She currently chairs the Outreach Committee. **2008**