N L N A  B O A R D  E L E C T I O N S

Nominations for President, Treasurer and six Board seats will be taken at the April 24th General Meeting. To be eligible to hold a Board seat you must have attended three general meetings in the previous twelve-month period, beginning with May of 2007. The general meeting of April 2008 may count as the third meeting. In order to qualify you must have signed in at those meetings. To be eligible to hold an office on the Board, in addition to having attended three general meetings, you must have served at least one year on the Board. Elections will be held at the General Meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at St. Michael's Church, Fourth & Fairmount, at 7 p.m.

In order to be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, and must be a resident of Northern Liberties. In addition you must fill out the appropriate NLNA voter's registration form, and show proof of residency. If you have voted in one of the past two NLNA elections you are still registered. If you would like to vote in this election but are not registered you may do so at any general meeting, or you may contact election committee members Janet Finegar at janetfinegar@gmail.com or Paula Gansky at pgansky@aol.com.

We urge you to become involved in your neighborhood. Attending the monthly general meetings is a good way to become more involved, to meet your neighbors, become more aware of what's happening in our community, and have the opportunity to influence and participate in the changes going on in Northern Liberties.

C O M M U N I T Y  C E N T E R

The Community Center Project is a multi-phased plan centering around the development of the 5000 sq/ft parcel of land at the northwest corner of Third & Fairmount. This land, acquired from the City of Philadelphia, consisted of three buildings and two lots – one building, imminently in danger of collapse, had been torn down.

**Phase One**

The existing building at the corner of Third & Fairmount is in the final stage of renovation. The first floor will house Northern Liberties’ office, meeting space, and an unlimited variety of neighborhood activities – including children’s programs, educational classes, computer stations, etc. There will be two rental apartments on the upper two floors – the income from these apartments will be the beginning of the steady source of income that the NLNA dearly needs to become self-sufficient.

**Phase Two**

We will construct a new three-story building on Fairmount Avenue. Once finished, we will move into our new home allowing us even more room to run our programs and operate our government. The vacated space will be rented out and garner the additional income that will enable us once again to hire an office manager.

Funding this project will be an on-going activity for our community. We thank the Plant Sale Committee and all those involved with this annual event for their support.

2 0 0 8  H O L I D A Y  P A R T Y

A big thanks to North Bowl and especially to the Daskal family for their generous hosting of the Northern Liberties annual holiday party. It was a great success and everyone had a terrific time.
Do you have a house, apartment or living space that you love?
In partnership with The Friends of Independence National Historical Park, the NLNA is happy to announce the 30th Philadelphia Open House Tour. This annual event (April 17-June 18 citywide) showcases the city's best historical, architectural, and cultural treasures. For more information about open houses in other Philadelphia neighborhoods go to www.friendsofindependence.org.

We need a few more places for our neighborhood walking tour on Saturday, May 17 between 1 and 5. Homeowners open their houses to visitors and can, if they wish, talk about the history of the house, how you decorated it, some of the special characteristics of the house, and what drew you to Northern Liberties. Proceeds from this event support the NLNA and the Friends’ preservation and education efforts. Contact Barbara Saverino at...
SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COMES TO NORTHERN LIBERTIES

Beginning Friday May 16 your recycling bin can contain glass bottles (lids removed), aluminum cans, tin cans, #1 and #2 bottles (lids removed), collapsed cardboard and packaging (like cereal boxes), junk and other mail, office paper, phone books....

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If you don't have a blue container any container can be used.

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Check out our new and improved website. You can listen to podcasts featuring your neighbors and see pictures from the past, including a 1955 photo of the current Community Center site.

P.S. PET SIT can help!
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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Raven Jaguar Waring was born to Julie and Carver on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 7-1/2 ounces. Julie and Carver live on Fourth Street and Raven joins Kodiak the Husky and Udon the cat. The Warings live on Fourth Street.

Jesse Gardner and Yu Hong Chen, and their daughter Alana (six) welcomed their new baby, Audrey Wynne, born on December 3, 2007 and weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces. The Gardner-Chen family lives on Fourth Street and they have lived in Northern Liberties since 2005, moving there from Chinatown. Jesse has worked in Northern Liberties since 1996 -- in particular on our public park, Liberty Lands.

Shannon Dougherty gave birth to twin sons on January 23rd. They weighed in at 3 lbs. 9 ounces and 3 pounds 12 ounces. Keane and Caleb live with their mother on Fifth Street. Shannon is co-owner of A Full Plate on Liberty Walk at Bodine.

SAVING THE PLANET ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME

Some of you may have noticed that the streets, sidewalks, and empty lots around Northern Liberties are looking cleaner. This is largely due to the efforts of Lara Kelly, NLNA’s Trash and Recycling Coordinator. Lara is committed to helping neighbors solve quality of life issues like trash and litter, to improving the level of recycling, reducing noise pollution, and cleaning up vacant lots. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Lara at trash@nlna.org or you can leave a voice mail message at the NLNA office, 215-627-6562.

Reduction, reuse, and recycling have become critically important. Each of us has the ability to make a difference. The less we consume the fewer precious natural resources are squandered. Donating old clothing and household items to thrift shops allows those items to have an extended life and often supports a nonprofit organization as well. The more we recycle the less debris enters landfills and the more those recycled materials can be reconfigured and reused. Educate yourself about the materials you can recycle. You can e-mail or call Lara for help with that. Learn what you can do at home to make a difference.

MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT AND WHERE TO RECYCLE WILL SOON BE ON THE WEBSITE.

We also hope to sponsor two environmentally pro-active workshops – one demonstrating how to set up a compost bin in your yard and how to use it, the other showing how to connect a rain barrel to your downspout and collect that water for garden use. Look for more about those workshops in upcoming list serve announcements and at the plant sale on May 3.