



Strawberry Mansion

North Philadelphia, 19132

TimeLine

1870s

following the founding of the Fairmont Park Commission the establishment was named "Strawberry Mansion" in the 1870s. They took responsibility for the building and named it during the summer the family had stayed in that mansion. It became a popular destination for strawberries and cream at that time (Philly Skyline).

1890s

The area started to get really popular in the 1890s as migration from Northern Liberties and Fairmont started to happen rapidly. "many Jews took a left-hand turn and followed the trolley cars westward to (Strawberry Mansion)," (Meyers). Strawberry Mansion had an overwhelmingly Jewish population. there were at least 60,000 in its first years of the great migration.

1924s

"After an act of Congress in 1924 halted Jewish immigration, the neighborhood really flourished" (Macy). There were four 1st through 5th grade schools in strawberry mansion, but no high schools, nor any hospitals or police. But there were more than 60 businesses on 31st Street starting from Montgomery Avenue. Strawberry Mansion was a very traditional place and was always very live on the streets. Someone could play at Smith Playground, which was one of the first playgrounds in the nation, see a show on Oxford Avenue, and then go to the Robin Hood Dell to see a play.



Timeline...

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1950s

After something called the white flight, the Brown v. Board of Education gave blacks more encouragement to take their place in Strawberry Mansion, and with the black migration came the economic decline of Strawberry Mansion.

2001

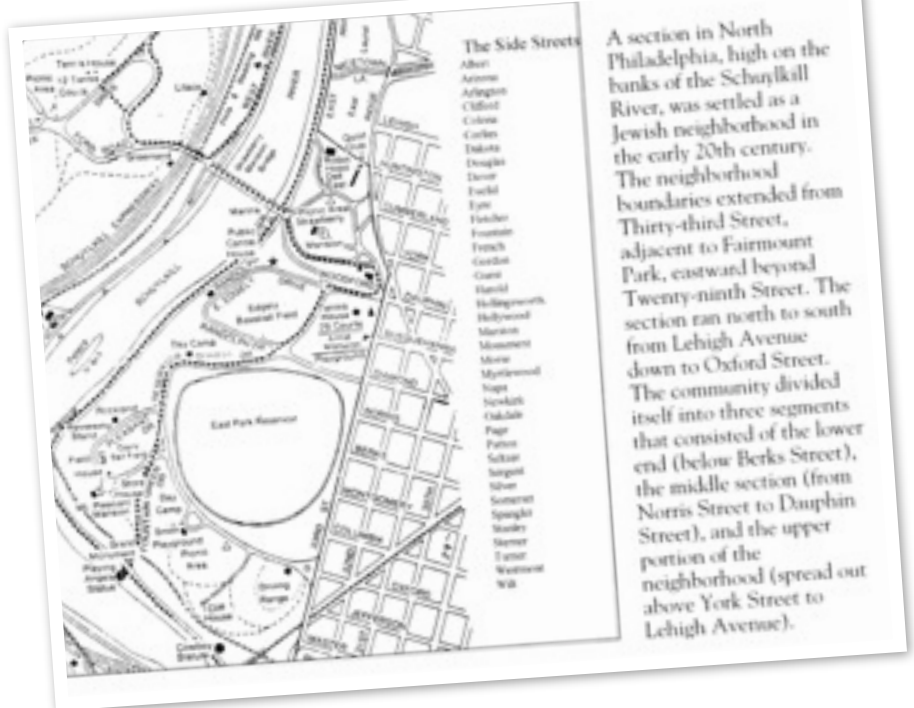
The Neighborhood Transformation Initiative was given an adequate budget of \$250 million to help restore declining neighborhoods; starting in Strawberry Mansion. The plan was to purchase abandoned lots and properties, knock down the houses and hope for developers to find some interest in the community as it was just being formed.

2008

The program was eliminated due to failure of process. The neighborhood was not and up coming as they would have liked it to be so they cut the funds off. The money later on went to other services like the libraries and hospitals and things like that. Still helping out the community but stopped building the housing for the people coming in for years to come.

Now

A program similar was launched called the NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) which was hoping to accomplish the same thing as the last plan they had before by NTI and is managed by the Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia. The Program had received \$16.8 million from federal support (the Department of Housing and Urban Development). And yet, clearly Strawberry Mansion hasn't made too much progress. The little bit of housing they are building now are the same ones they have been working on for years.



Some Street Names

- ✓ Albert
- ✓ Arizona
- ✓ Arlington
- ✓ Clifford
- ✓ Dakota
- ✓ Douglas
- ✓ Dover
- ✓ Eyre
- ✓ Fletcher
- ✓ Fountain
- ✓ French
- ✓ Gordon
- ✓ Harold
- ✓ Hollywood
- ✓ Marston
- ✓ Morse
- ✓ Napa
- ✓ Newkirk
- ✓ Oakdale

The Picture Text Says:

“A section in North Philadelphia, High on the banks of the Schuylkill River, was settled as a Jewish neighborhood in the 20th century. The neighborhood boundaries extended from Thirty - Third Street, adjacent to the Fairmount Park, eastward beyond Twenty - Ninth Street. The section ran north to south from Leigh Avenue down to Oxford Street. The community divided itself into three segments that consisted of the lower end (below Berks Street), the middle section (from Norris Street to Dauphin Street), and the upper portion of the neighborhood (spread out above York Street to Leigh Avenue



In The Picture To The Left Is The People Who Owned The Mansion That Started This All. They Where Known Best Fir There Strawberries & Cream Which Is Why This Area Was Called Strawberry Mansion.

The Picture On The Right Is Of Smith Playground Play House. They Would Have Plays and Different Events Here.

More Info:<http://sct.temple.edu/blogs/murl/2009/12/12/return-to-strawberry-mansion/>



The Picture To The Left Is A Picture Of Strawberry Mansion Itself



Service Opportunities

Free Library Of Philadelphia

Children (C)

Homework Help Online (C) (T)

An online tutor can help you get on track with your homework and essays.

LEAP After School Program (C)

Visit the library for homework help, computer assistance and special programs

Reading Olympics (C)

Kids team up for an exciting competition.

Science in the Summer(C)

Children learn about science through hands-on experience.

Summer Reading and Online Summer Reading (C) (T) (A)

Win prizes as you read or use the library

Teens (T)

Behind the Screens (T)

Teens ages 12 to 15 will learn all about how movie directors use sound, lighting, and other cinematic tricks to create heroes and villains, scary ghost stories, and hilarious comedies.

Field Family Teen Author Series (T)

Your class reads a book – then meets the author at the library

Homework Help Online (C) (T)

An online tutor can help you get on track with your homework and essays.

Hot Spots (T) (A)

Bringing computer classes and access to the latest software, technological resources, and the internet to neighborhood community centers throughout Philadelphia.

LEAP After School Program(T)

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Summer Reading and Online Summer Reading (C) (T) (A)

Win prizes as you read or use the library

Teen Tuesdays (T)

Join with friends to plan programs at the Central Library

Volunteer Services (T) (A)

Volunteering at the Free Library of Philadelphia can be rewarding and fun. We have opportunities at Central Library and our neighborhood branches throughout the city!

Service Opportunities Continued

Adults (A)

Adult Education Classes (A)

Get your G.E.D. or improve your English.

Author Events (A)

Your ticket to meeting the authors you enjoy.

Books Aloud (A)

Learn how to bring books and literacy into the lives of young children.

Business Resources (A)

Whether you are running a successful company, thinking of growing your business, or just planning your first venture, start here.

Career Services and Workshops

Find help in a job search or career change.

Central Senior Services

Parkway Central offers a variety of programs to help you thrive at any age.

City Services

Philadelphia's government right at your fingertips.

Computer Classes

View upcoming computer classes throughout the city.

Connect 211

Access Connect211 for local social services information.

Exhibitions

The Free Library is home to a wide variety of special exhibitions, which showcase the important, unique, and rare items in its collections.

Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music (A)

The world's largest lending library of orchestral performance material.

Generations on Line (A)

You're never too old to surf the Internet (in-Library use only).

Generations on Line (en Español) (A)

Su introducción al Internet - para adultos mayores (solamente disponible en la biblioteca).

Government Publications Department

Parkway Central offers access to federal, state and local government publications and professionally-trained librarians who can answer your reference questions and help you find the materials you need.

Homebound Services

Let the Library come to you.

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Interlibrary Loan

Borrow a book from anywhere in the world.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Enjoy a braille or recorded book.

Mayor's Commission on Literacy (A)

The MCOL was established to ensure that quality education is available to equip all adults in Philadelphia with the literacy skills necessary for the workforce, parenting, and community life.

Mobile Services

Access the library from your phone or mobile device!

Monday Poets (A)

Start your week with stimulating poetry.

New Americans (A)

The Free Library has materials and services to help you as you get settled in Philadelphia.

One Book, One Philadelphia (A)

Join your neighbors to read and discuss the same book.

Parkway Museums District (F)

Visit Parkway Central, the cornerstone of the Free Library system with over 7 million items and special collections in Philadelphia's Parkway Museums District.

Philadelphia Book Festival

Philadelphia's annual celebration of literacy, featuring celebrity author events, free children's programs, and a bustling street fair of literary exhibitors.

Philly Plays Scrabble® (F)

Play Scrabble® at your Library for fun or as part of the Philly Plays Scrabble® competition in October.

Regional Foundation Center

Get help with nonprofit grantseeking, fundraising, and proposal writing.

Summer Reading and Online Summer Reading (C) (T) (A)

Win prizes as you read or use the Library.

Sundays on Stage (F)

Discover new cultures through dances, stories, and songs by renowned performers.

Volunteer Services (T) (A)

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Wireless Access

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