

The FEDERALIST

The Federal Street Neighborhood Association is a registered, non-profit group which serves the residents of the Federal Street Neighborhood

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Neighborhood roundup

That old house gets some needed attention

The Federal Court property featured in Volume 3's *House of the Month* is now scheduled for rehabilitation.

The owner has retained Salem architect Staley McDermet to provide architectural drawings and construction plans for rebuilding the property's Carriage House into a single-family unit. Our thanks go to Regina Flynn and Tom St. Pierre for their persistence and determination to see that this once-neglected property receives some attention and improvement. The proposal projects architectural drawings to be reviewed by the Historic Commission sometime in February.

FSNA, Gallows Hill discuss development

At the December joint meeting with the Gallows Hill Neighborhood, David Hart provided everyone with an update on the current planning events along the North River/Bridge Street corridor. As we noted last month, there has been some significant disappointment over the progress and achievements the City and Planning Department have accomplished during the past year. As a result, we intend to redistribute our Position Paper and begin the

process of an IPOD (Interim Planning Overlay District). The IPOD would put into place temporary controls which would require that any new development must be consistent with the planning process now taking place.

The Federalist is pleased to report that, since the December meeting, the Working Group has met twice and has developed a regular schedule of meetings (See box at right.) Also, Regina Flynn has said that the developers of the Osram Sylvania site and the Dept. of Capital Asset Management will attend an FSNA meeting soon. The Gallows Hill Neighborhood Association was enthusiastic about

being active and involved with FSNA so that there is no confusion as to what each neighborhood would like to see along its boundaries.

The IPOD discussion segued nicely into Tim Doggett's proposal, which specifically details how change can take place along these very important entrances to the city. As we published in an earlier volume, Tim has provided some brilliant ideas and insight into what could alleviate a lot of the traffic problems in Salem, as well as create new revenue-generating property values that are currently not being utilized. We would like to use this proposal as a starting point for ideas and discussion, so if you are interested, please let us know. Look for details of Tim's proposal in the Salem News in the next couple of months.



Pastel, Selmer-Larsen

SPECIAL EVENTS

FSNA to meet

The next meeting of the Federal Street Neighborhood Association will be on Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church on Essex Street.

North River Canal Corridor meetings planned

The following dates have been set for future meetings of the North River Canal Corridor Master Plan Working Group:

- Feb. 5 — Review of existing plans;
- March 5 — First meeting with Land Use and Traffic consultant;
- April 2 — Identification of plan alternatives;
- May 7 — transportation plan review;
- June 4 — Draft plan review, and (tentatively)
- July 2 — Final plan review.

The public are invited to attend these meetings and voice their ideas. For more information and history of the issue, log on to www.salemcitizens.org.

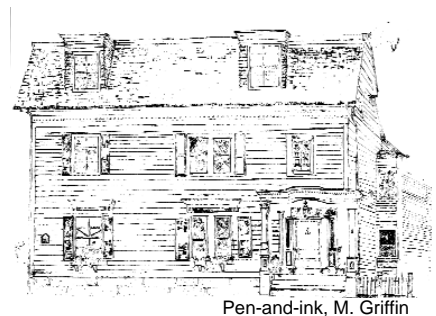
House of the month:

The John Chandler House, 1897, 106 Federal Street

This fine, 2 1/2-story, gambrel roof, Colonial Revival-style house, was inspired by many of Salem's older Federal-style structures. It is attributed to Salem architect Joseph Foster, who also designed 21 Beckford St. for John Chandler. 106 Federal was built in 1897, yet members of the Chandler family had owned the property since the mid-1800s. Joseph Chandler, John's father, ran a store on the first floor of the pre-1897 building and rented out the upstairs. The store not only supplied provisions to the neighborhood, but served as a local

gathering place and center of news and gossip, particularly during the Civil War.

John Chandler became sole owner of 106 Federal St. when his brother died in 1883. Since 1859, John had worked as a clerk in his father's store and later took over the management. In 1874 he moved the business diagonally across the street, to 107 Federal St. and changed his residence from 7 River St. to this new property. The house at 106 Federal became rental property. At his death, Chandler had his estate, which included 106 and 107 Fed-



eral, as well as 21 Beckford and 7 River streets, put into a trust for his wife. After Caroline's death, since they had no children, the property was divided between the Association for the Relief of Aged and Destitute Women and the Salem Seaman's Orphan and Children's Friend Society. These organizations sold the property in 1912 to the Wesley Methodist Church, which owned it for 40 years. Since 1952 the house has been in private hands.

Babysitting cooperative moves ahead

We have received an overwhelming response from new moms and dads about forming a babysitting co-op in our neighborhood. For those who have responded so far,

look for informational packets in your mailbox within the next few weeks. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Jackie Washburn at (978) 745-1137.

Become a member of Federal Street Neighborhood Association

Throughout 2002, FSNA has provided our monthly newsletter, *The Federalist*, to over 240 residences in the greater Federal Street area. As you've read, there are a few neighbors who are at the core of the operations who try to keep you informed and in touch with what is going on in our neighborhood. We know that many people have fami-

lies and are busy trying to make ends meet, so if you cannot help by volunteering your time, please join us by filling out the membership form below. Keep in mind that the annual dues help to cover the administrative costs (including the newsletter) that keep our group going. Eventually, we'd like to provide the newsletter via e-mail

as well, so, if you like that concept and have the capabilities, provide your e-mail address below. The Federal Street Neighborhood Association is also connected to a Web site where you can find up-to-date meeting schedules and citywide issues being addressed. Simply go to www.salemcitizens.org.

Name _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

Cost of a membership:

\$7 for an individual

\$10 per family

Please make your check payable to the Federal Street Neighborhood Association, and mail it to David Hart, FSNA Treasurer, 104 Federal Street, Salem, Mass. 01970.