The neighborhoods

Mayor Street's plan to remake the face of the city divides its neighborhoods into six categories ranging from the most vibrant to the most devastated. The following is a look at one neighborhood in each category.

Strawberry Mansion: One 'reclamation' neighborhood

Here, the city would: Shore up neighbor hood institutions and thriving blocks, but when neighborhoods are failing, begin to buy vacant homes and lost, and assemble them into sites for future development.

STRAWBERRY MANSION feels like an un-

on every street there are rotting abandoned homes, shingles and awnings dangling precariously. The odor of burnt wood and urine drifts out of them. Trees grow through their rooftops and windows, rest-ing on nearby electrical wires and threaten ing the houses next door. Trash fills yards

ing the houses next door. Trasn mis yarus and alleyways.
Yesterday, the streets were desolate.
There are no stores or playgrounds here.
Kids bounce on filthy mattresses or play in makeshift "clubhouses" made of plywood and discarded carpet bits. The kids nail plywood and a milk crate to telephones poles to play hoons.

wood and a milk crate to telephones poles to play hoops. Strawberry Mansion has been designated a "reclamation" area under Mayor Street's plan to remake the city. It is the designa-tion for the neighborhoods with the most devastation.

You can see a hint of what is to come You can see a hint of what is to come. Stand in the middle of some blocks and you can see three more blocks because of all the vacant land. Under Street's plan, recla-mation neighborhoods will become even more vacant as abandoned buildings are buildozed so large tracts can be marketed.



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a Tate would rather see eyesores demolished than left standing.

to developers.
Glenda Tate, 37, a neighborhood activist.

is searching for some relief.
"I'd rather see this than have a house

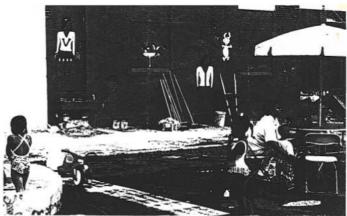
next to me that is used as a hotel for prosti-tutes, a crack house, or a place where a kid could get hurt because they are running through it," she said pointing to an empty

lot filled with construction de-bris and trash. "I'm just hoping that he [Street] can do some-thing to help communities like this one."

She doesn't think that neigh-

in place?"■ .









Decay is in for a fight

But \$250M plan to improve neighborhoods has its hurdles



DAVID MAIALETTY DAILY HEWS

Daily News Staff Writer
NSIDE THE PRINCE Music Theater, Mayor Street is watching the biggest political show of his life, the very reason, he

whispers, that he got into politics a gen-eration ago.

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Bits own political persons. Remember
that, while neighborhood revitalization was
a key part of his campaign, Street berely won
election in 1999.
Remember, too, that his former Council
district in North Philadelphia, a section likely to benefit heavily from his plan, is the

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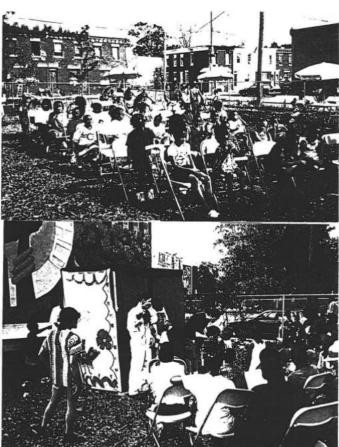
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A COMMUNITY UNITES

Political Leaders?

All In The Family Group Associates, Inc. and The Au in the ramuy Group Associates, inc. and the North Penn Village Outreach presented a lot and mural dedication in memory of the late George Alexander Patterson, a young man shot to death last year in a vacant lot on his way to work at Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC), 29th & Dauphin Streets.

Glenda Tate, president of All In The Family Group Associates, Inc. and the Rev. Warren H. Marshall, Jr., pastor of North Penn Baptist Church, pulled the community together to stop the violence. Rev. Marshall, a man of God, was tired of the funerals for the young men in the community lost to violence, and was determined to bring the men of the Village together to bring about positive activities in the area. Edward Flythe, a dedicated young man, working with the

to bring the men of the Village together to bring about positive activities in the area. Edward Flythe, a dedicated young man, working with the youth in the area, joined with the pastor to accomplish his goal.

To bring attention to the city and state that they meant business, a program was developed this program included Clenda Tate, a Village resident, who had dedicated many months before this decision, in securing the troublesome empty lots in the Village that housed, prostitution and drugs. She had worked hard to try to turn them into a place of beauty and with her group, MI in the Family Group Associates, Inc. was attempting to develop plans to transform them into the complete of the complete of the inner city youth, by setting to develop plans to transform them into The Family Group Associates. Inc., was altempting to develop plans to transform them into places of recreation and comfort for all. A memorial park to honor the slain in the area, was her a

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A Couple Giving Back to th Community

I am very proud to write this article in salute this fine couple, Glenda Tate and her husbar this ine couple, usends tate and ner husbar Edward Flythe - they have dedicated their en-gles to ensuring the rehabilitation a restructuring of their community, a commun-plagued with abandoned homes, drugs, a

Into a piace of recay associates, i.e., was altempting to develop plans to transform them into places of recreation and comfort for all. A memorial park to honor the slain in the area, was her dream, a temple for hope in the future. The development of celebration and ceremony began. The decadent lots had been cleared, a mural in hotor of the slain was completed, the community gathered in commitment to a new era of pride in their neighborhood. The North Penn Baptist Church's neighborhood in the particular day of celebration, giving a festive atmosphere to the sociation. The day was successful, only marree by the occasion.

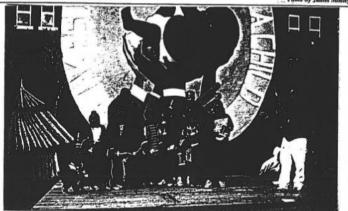
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ALL IN THE FAMILY-All In The Family Group Associates. Inc. held its annual awards ceremony and Bar-B-Que recently at the Village Memorial Garden, 27th and York Streets. The group's Village Youth Program provides year round youth activities, such as sports, garden and lot projects and educational programs. More than 300 people participated in the day-long event awards for service were presented. Pictured: members of the Village Youth Program pose in front of mural in the Memorial Garden.

Photo by James Mosity





Children take part in community revival

We wanted to change aban-doned lots into flower gardens and playgrounds, and give neighborhood kids a chance to participate in deciding how to beau-tify their neighborhood through gar-

First, the Pennsylvania Horticul-tural Society allowed community youth to participate in a program that taught them how to take care

of a garden.
In the fall of 1996, with the help of the United Way Day of Caring and area businesses and volunteers, the youth and the block captains cleaned several lots, and the site at Seventh and Emily Streets was given a new look. That spring, Penn students and the neighborhood youths they men-tor developed the design for the mural through a contest.

With the design in hand, we contacted the Mural Arts Program, which provided the artist and other needed resources for us to make our dream come true. The wall at 2015 S. Seventh St.

The wall at 2015 S. Seventh St. went from rags to beauty. This mural has made a great difference in our neighborhood. The Snyderville Community Development Corp. is still involved with all of our partners in some way or other; and we continue to reach out to anyone we can in our efforts to rebuild our neighborhood. neighborhood.

C.B. Harris-Ramsue Philadelphia

Full-scale program starts with a mural

e were hoping that the mural "it Takes a Village to Raise a Child" would unite the community in our stand to end the violence, drug abuse, disease and senseless deaths that plague our youth. We wanted to bring to life a lot in which a senseless death oc-curred and create a beautiful place where we could come together to celebrate life's accomplishments. A place for us to remember our loved ones by planting flowers, which brings new life in their memory.

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Today at 27th and York Streets
sits the "Village Memorial Garden," dedicated in memory of
George Alexander Patterson, a
young man who lost his life on this
very lot while he was on his way to
work. The lot, once an eyesore, now
proudly complements the work of



Part of the mural "It Takes a Village

art painted by muralist Calvin
Jones and continues to flourish
with the support of many. We hope
to keep improving yearly.
After taking on the task of developing the lot in 1995, we began organizing block captains and our youth
to clean and beautify our neighborhood. We started a garden club to hood. We started a garden club to maintain the garden and clean lots. We started a sports program that now accommodates 300 youth from our area. We are working with local elementary and middle schools to develop an after-school program, and we are assisting teachers with

and we are assisting teachers with overcrowding classrooms that hinder students' learning.

We are working with the city on plans to assist community members in getting their high school diploma or GED, as well as training that could lead them to jobs as teachers, teacher's assistants and crossing guards. The participants involved in this program also will receive training in parenting, time and income management, and housing and family counseling.

We are working with the necessary agencies and political figures to enhance city services needed to accommodate our community's

accommodate our community's growth and develop housing and commercial businesses in the area, Glenda Tate-Flythe

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