

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
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Edited by Ollie Rieley

Things Are Springing Up All Over

Mitch Kates

Well it's the middle of March and according to the Joe DeNardo, the calendar, and the little rodent that gets pulled out of his hole every year: Spring will soon be here. Literary heroes consider Spring nature's way of delivering the signs of rebirth. As flowers begin to blossom and trees bud, isn't it appropriate that other things are Springing into action, around the area we lovingly refer to as the East End?

It's really happening. Although it has taken many years, and in recent times, many months to materialize, Home Depot is final coming. A simple drive down Highland Avenue can prove that we will soon be participating in a retail event that will help lead to the rebirth of a neighborhood. Come Fall of this year, residents of the city will no longer have to suffer in the traffic and congestion of the suburbs. Now we can have modern conveniences at our back door! Personally, I never realized how affected I would be by the color orange (the corporate color of Home Depot.)

The artist lofts off "the circle" on Baum Blvd. are also now open and inhabited. This is another space that has spent many years sitting vacant. The building, which used to be the home to new and used cars, is now housing young artists who will bring with them a new energy to the area. In other cities around the country where projects like this developed, so too did prosperity.

Let us not forget the developments in our little neighborhood: I'm proud to report that all the "i's" have been dotted and the "t's" crossed so that this Spring we will finally have our own coffee shop!!! All the litigation is over, Enrico's Tazza D'oro will be opening in May. I think it is safe to assume there will be a very grand "Grand Opening" for this blessed event.

As you drive around the neighborhood and watch the plants coming to life again, remember to be careful. On any given corner, on any given day, Del or one of his volunteers might be on their hands and knees planting more flowers and not watching for

unsuspecting motorists. Remember if you take one of his volunteers out, it will be your responsibility to fill in!

Enjoy the sun!!!!!!

Notice to concerned Highland Parkers:

I have received an amazing number of letters concerning a "proposed" closing of One Wild Place as a means to reducing traffic in the area. Let me state this:

At our meeting in December a member of the community raised the idea; **There are no plans nor are there any intentions on closing One Wild Place!! The Highland Park Community Club does not support this idea!** Now that that's over, you can all relax. The coast is clear, dear citizens! You can safely return to your homes and travel freely! (What I find most amazing about this controversy is that the proposal was entered as a small footnote in the meeting minutes, proving to me that nothing gets by this community!)

1999 Vintage 5K Masters Race - May 15

Paula Davis

On Saturday, May 15, the Vintage Senior Activities Center on North Highland Avenue will hold the annual Vintage 5K Masters Race. The 1999 event has been expanded to include all runners 40 years and older and Highland Park runners are encouraged to participate. Mature adult runners look forward to the beautiful race course through the scenic Highland Park neighborhood and park. They especially love it when residents come out to watch and cheer them on!

Vintage realizes and cares about the temporary inconvenience this creates for our Highland Park neighbors. In previous years, volunteers have distributed alternative route maps at blocked intersections. In order to provide you with this information in advance, we have placed a map in this month's newsletter. This should assist you in preplanning your parking and travel routes.

The race will begin at 9 am and ends at approximately 10:30 am.

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:15 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH AT ST. ANDREWS

The entry fee is \$12 per runner (\$15 on the day of the race) and includes the Vintage 5k Race T-shirt. To receive a registration form, or volunteer to help out, please call 361-5003.

Attention Yard Sale Shoppers

Judy Wolfe

The snow may still be on the streets of Highland Park, but our thoughts turn once more to spring and spring cleaning (not in my house you understand, but thoughts such as these would make my Mother happy). The next logical step is **the Annual Yard Sale**. The sale date this year is the first Sunday in June and I thought that I might try to give all you neighbors some lead time to think of all the wonderful items you want to sell on Juno 6 between 9 AM and whenever you care to shut down.

If you are new to the neighborhood or haven't been conscious during past sales, the sale is quite the event. Last year the weather cooperated, we had about 100 participating households, and distributed about 750 maps of yard sale locations and lists of available items. We take care of the advertising and distribution of yard sale signs and balloons to participants, typing and copying of maps and descriptions, distributing these maps to the folks who come from all over the area to attend - all for one low price (\$12.00/household).

I will include a form for participants in the next newsletter, but if you need more information before this, please call me at 441-7830 or e-mail at jleewolfe@aol. I'm looking forward to a great sale in 1999.

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THE HOME DEPOT TO BREAK GROUND FOR EAST LIBERTY STORE

New Construction Will Create 300 Local Jobs and Contribute to Economic Base

(Ed. Note: This is a press release I received on March 19. By the time this reaches you, the ground breaking probably will be history but I think the rest of the info is of interest to all of us.)

The Home Depot, North America's largest home improvement retailer, will break ground for its East Liberty store, located at the corner of Penn Circle North and North Highland Avenue, on Friday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. The new store (scheduled to open in late 1999) will employ approximately 200 associates, and will generate significant local sales and tax revenues. This will be The Home Depot's fifth store in Allegheny County, and its first in the City of Pittsburgh. An additional 100 construction jobs will be created.

Jim Kane, Regional District Manager for the Home Depot, says that the company is excited and optimistic about becoming a neighbor in East Liberty.

"The East Liberty store creates tremendous opportunity for both the community and The Home Depot. We feel that our mission is complete when we not only create a benefit to the community through our presence, but also provide excellent products and customer service for local homeowners and builders," Kane says. "The construction of this store should drive home our commitment to Western Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh."

When completed, the 115,000-square-foot East Liberty Home Depot will feature a professional design center, extensive kitchen and bath displays, and in-store "do-it-yourself" clinics. It will maintain an inventory of 40,000 to 50,000 home improvement products and will include a 16,000-square-foot garden center.

These products will be sold to local homeowners, as well as home improvement, construction, and building maintenance professionals. Reflecting The Home Depot's commitment to customer service, the East Liberty store will offer regularly scheduled "how-to" clinics, where customers can learn to tackle home improvement projects free of charge.

The store also will feature a professionally staffed design center that offers free consultations for many home improvement projects from lighting recommendations to computer-assisted design for kitchens and bathrooms.

Based in Atlanta, Georgia, The Home Depot operates more than 780 stores in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and Chile. Its other Allegheny County stores are located in Ohio Township, Wilkins Township, West Mifflin, and North Fayette.

The Home Depot has been named "America's most admired retailer" by Fortune magazine for six consecutive years, in part because of its progressive corporate culture. With a philanthropic

budget of \$15 million for 1999, the company believes in directing money back to the communities it serves, and in addressing the interests of its associates through its unique Matching Gift Program. Team Depot, an organized employee volunteer effort, was developed in 1992 to encourage hands-on involvement within local communities.

Founded in 1978, The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HD," and the company also is included in Standard and Poor's 500 Index.

Recent New Members

Kelly Meade

The following people have recently become members of the Highland Park Community Clup:

Myra Carbonell
Dawn Keezer
Ellen Kosicki
Joseph & Linda Daly
Katayan Barmak

We welcome all of you; come on out to next months meeting!

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Sunday Morning Services - April

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Nursery and Church School at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

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The Next HPCC meeting is 7:15 p.m., Thursday, April 15th at St. Andrew's
