

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
June 1999



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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## Highlights of May 20, 1999 Meeting

*Kelly Meade*

Meeting opened at approximately 7:35

Diane DeNardo chaired meeting in absence of Mitch Kates

### Reports:

*C.O.P.:* Our local COP, Officer Scalise, provided an update of activities in the neighborhood and she was pleased to inform us that things have been quiet. She repeated the phone number of the COP Office (665-3644) and indicated abandoned vehicles can be reported there. She also announced that Commander Bryant of Zone 5 is sponsoring an open house at the station on Wednesday July 14, 1999, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The open house will feature tours of the station house, finger printing of children, face painting and hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteers are needed to help!! More information will be provided in the next newsletter. She also reported that plain clothes officers are patrolling the Park and will not tolerate any undesirable behavior. A COP station is being planned for the new Home Depot.

*Treasurer's Report:* Norma Lipscomb reported that we are operating in the black.

*House Tour:* The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual House Tour is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 1999 from Noon to 5:00 P.M. The tour encompasses ten houses, two gardens and a silent auction. Contribution of goods for the auction are still being accepted. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and can be purchased at Walnut Market on Bryant Street or Macondo on Craig Street in Oakland. Tickets will be available at St. Andrews for \$12.00 on the day of the tour.

*Welcoming:* Bob Staresinic reported that he and Lois Gaffney are giving out welcome bags to new residents, but they need help because they are behind in their efforts.

*Restoration:* Debbie DeAngelis brought copies of a newspaper published by the Parks Conservancy that featured an article about saving Highland Park Reservoir Number 1. Any monies contributed to the Parks Conservancy can be earmarked for a

particular Park or a particular Project. There has been a delay in the park entrance restoration project, it is delayed while the relationship between the HPCDC, the city and the Park Conservancy is finalized. The projected completion date is now July, 2001 instead of July, 2000.

*Reservoir:* The party to celebrate the rescue of reservoir No. 1 has been delayed because Dave Hance has been traveling. The date will be announced when it is set.

**Program:** Darlene Harris of the school board spoke about the issues within the city schools. She spoke of the redistricting and realignment plans which still have not been finalized. She also mentioned that the Superintendent has resigned because he is accepting a similar position in Arizona. The search for a new superintendent is starting again! There were several questions about the future of both Peabody and Fulton, mainly relating to adding a middle school at Peabody and having Fulton return to "basics". Darlene commented on how effective the middle school at Brashear is working. Additional discussion centered on the possibility of bringing a gifted program to Peabody to enhance its image. Nicki Monroe of Peabody's CAS program will present next month's program.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:50 P.M.

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## Yard Sale Reminder

The Yard sale is Sunday June 6, 9:00 A.M. to ? Get your maps at the corner of Stanton Ave and N. Highland Ave. or Hampton Street and N. Negely Ave. the day of the sale and patronize your neighbors. Remember, your neighbor's white elephant could be your new family heirloom!

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## Other HPCC June Activities:

**House Tour June 13th, See Page 6**

**HPCC Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>, See Page 2**

**HPCC Day Camp starts June 21<sup>st</sup>, See Insert**

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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:15 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. ANDREWS

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## Communique from the Highland Park Community Development Corporation

### Dear Neighbors:

The Highland Park Community Development Corporation ("HPCDC") is a volunteer based, 501(c)(3) organization formed in 1992 to initiate real estate development projects and responsible ownership in Highland Park. We share some board members with the Community Club and share many of the same goals, but our focus is more on "bricks and mortar". The HPCDC was born out of the realization that some community issues, namely blight, the predatory practices of irresponsible landlords, and the loss of surrounding good neighbors, needed to be addressed by real estate development.

The first development effort of the HPCDC was a significant one. 5635 Stanton Avenue, a large mansion and carriage house at the corner of Mellon Street and Stanton Avenue, was taken from a boarded-up, condemned state to near restoration in 1995 and 1996. Eleven high quality rental units were created to serve the needs of low-to-moderate income residents. If you haven't seen how 5635 Stanton Avenue has been transformed, please check it out the next time you're driving down Stanton Avenue.

Although we were able to complete the work on the mansion and carriage house, we do not have funds available to landscape it. We are looking for help in defraying the cost of trees, shrubs, plants and flowers. We are also looking for people who can help with the planting. If you have some landscaping skills or desire to acquire some, please call Judy Wolfe at 441-7830 or Margot Cavalier at 363-3766. If you want to make a tax-deductible contribution toward landscaping, you can make your check payable to the Highland Park Community Development Corporation and send it to Highland Park CDC-Landscaping Project, PO Box 4866, East Liberty Station, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

We need your help in other ways, too. If you're interested in learning more about the HPCDC and some of our projects, please join us for a cup of coffee at the Tazza d'Oro on Highland Avenue on Saturday, June 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Give Margot Cavalier a call at 363-3766 before Thursday, June 24 if you plan to stop by.

By working together, we can make Highland Park an even better place to live.

*Margot Cavalier*

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## LOCAL STUDENT LEAVES FOR GERMANY AS RECIPIENT OF CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C., - Daniel Robison of Pittsburgh will depart in July to live with a volunteer host family and attend school in Germany for one year. Daniel, son of Highland Park's Bruce and Susy Robison and a student at Peabody High School, is a recipient of the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program scholarship. The program is administered by Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange in cooperation with ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, AYUSA International and Council on International Educational Exchange.

The program begins with a pre-departure orientation held in Washington, D.C. immediately preceding their flight to Germany. In Washington, the students will learn about our nation's capital, the legislative process and meet with government officials. Upon arrival in Germany, the YFU group of Congress-Bundestag scholarship recipients will attend a month-long orientation and language course before meeting their host families. During the year, they will travel to Berlin and Bonn for political, historical and cultural seminars and meetings with German government officials.

High achieving sophomores, juniors and seniors from all United States high schools are eligible to apply for the Congress-Bundestag scholarships for this educational and cultural exchange to Germany. This year, more than 1000 students applied nationwide. Three hundred students were awarded scholarships on the basis of a written application and a personal interview in their home states.

Now in its sixteenth year, the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program is jointly sponsored by the United States Congress and the German Parliament (Bundestag).

Youth for Understanding (YFU) International Exchange, which administers all recruitment and selection for the program, is

private, non-profit educational organization dedicated to preparing young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world through exchange programs for high school students. For additional information about youth exchange opportunities with YFU, including the opportunity for American families to host international students in their homes, call 1-800-833-6243.

HPCC congratulates Daniel on this achievement and wishes him success during his stay in Germany.

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## Marathon Party Huge Success

*Ollie Rieley*

The Highland Park Community Club Marathon party was a huge success reports Commercial District Chair Muzz Meyers. The party, centered in the Walnut Market parking lot, was attended by numerous Highland Parkers who consumed 300 donuts, 300 bagels, 15 gallons of orange juice and countless cups of coffee. The coffee and donuts were donated by Tazzo d'Oro. The crowd was entertained by the Hill Jordan Sextet as the runners streamed by. Younger fans had their faces painted, made masks, drew with street chalk, or worked with clay, all under the guidance of a crew of volunteers from Artist and Craftsman Supplies, located at South Highland and Penn Circle South. This is an important event for showing neighborhood spirit to the region. A big thank you to Muzz and all the volunteers who helped!

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## Takin' It to the Streets

*Ollie Rieley*

Community Media has announced that their 1999 "Takin' It to the Streets" Program will include two movie presentations in Highland Park. The first will be June 15 with a showing of "Paulie" and the second will be an August 24 showing of "Godzilla". The showings will be just inside the Park from the N. Highland Ave. entrance and take place at dusk. Community Media is an organization devoted to providing a program for young people to increase their knowledge of cutting edge media production and presentation skills, present respected media artists and their work to diverse audiences and celebrate and preserve African-American

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## Around St. Andrew's

*Bruce Robison*

As we move toward summer there continue to be a number of interesting activities around St. Andrew's--and members of our wider neighborhood are always most welcome!

On Thursday evening, June 3rd, our 8 p.m. choral service of Evensong will be followed by a double recital, featuring two very well-known area musicians, tenor Mark Spondike and pianist Linda Ellison. A festive reception will follow the recital, marking the conclusion of a wonderful season of "First Thursday" programs.

On Friday evening, June 25th, the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theater (PICT) will return to St. Andrew's for a unique evening of dramatic performance, beginning at 8 p.m., and, again, all are invited.

And on Sunday afternoon, June 27th, at 4 p.m., a special benefit concert (see additional article in this newsletter) will be held in support of the Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund, featuring Pianist Linda Ellison, and with selections from cellist Walter Jackson, tenor Conrad Seamen, pianist Barbara Lewis, and flutist Ellen Vance Spondike. The whole neighborhood is invited for this most enjoyable program, and to assist in an important work of restoration for a most precious community asset.

Folks interested in creative writing are invited to our community "second Tuesday" writers' workshop, at 7:30 p.m. on June 9th, and our Summer Book Discussion Group will be meeting twice--once on June 29th and again on August 4th--for conversation about Susan Howatch's novel, "Glamorous Powers". Please call the Church Office at 661-1245 for information about time and location.

Worship at St. Andrew's in June continues Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with a summer program for younger children during the later service on all Sundays except the first of the month, and on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (A reminder: Summer Sunday Services for July and August will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.)

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## Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Concert Series

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Concert for June will feature a Duo Recital with Lauren Scott Mallory, Cello and Pauline Rovkah, Piano. The concert is Saturday June 5 at 3:00 P.M. Tickets at the door - \$10, \$5 seniors & students, Children 10 & under free.

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## St. Andrew's Windows

*Bruce Robison*

Historic St. Andrew's Church, at the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue since 1906, has long been recognized as one of the most important and attractive architectural landmarks in our Highland Park neighborhood.

One significant feature of St. Andrew's is our remarkable and lovely collection of stained glass windows--with that magnificent Tiffany over the high altar, and with a diverse and interesting selection by various artists, from several different periods and in several different styles, throughout the church.

Of special interest are the 12 windows found in the east and west aisles of the church. These windows, designed in England and installed in 1913 and 1914, represent the 12 Apostles in a traditional gothic style appropriate to the church's larger architectural style and features.

Over the decades, environmental problems have led to serious deterioration and damage to these windows, and the St. Andrew's congregation is now undertaking, at significant cost, a project to repair and restore them.

We would like to invite our friends of the wider neighborhood to join with us in this endeavor--knowing that to preserve St. Andrew's in its beauty will contribute to the larger attractiveness of our community.

On Sunday afternoon, June 27th, at 4 p.m., a number of gifted and renowned area musicians are presenting a performance to benefit this stained glass window restoration project, and we are hoping that many from the neighborhood will join us for this event--and, of course, contribute generously to the fund! Please mark your calendars today--and invite a friend or neighbor to come as well!

All contributions will be acknowledged, with memorial designations if specified, in a Dedicatory Booklet to celebrate the completion of the project in the Fall.

Contributions may be mailed to St. Andrew's Window Fund, 5801 Hampton Street--or, please call the church office (661-1245) for more information.

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## Exciting Deep Ocean Discoveries Surface at the Pittsburgh Zoo

From Thursday, May 13, through Tuesday, Sept. 7, Pittsburgh Zoo visitors can "scale the depths of the ocean" through an interactive exhibit that includes video, samples of deep-sea equipment, and other visual images that will entertain and educate them. The exhibit, *To See the Sea: The Underwater Vision of Al Giddings*, has traveled to zoos and aquariums throughout the country to offer a thought-provoking look at the future of ocean exploration.

"This, is a fun, innovative, exciting exhibit," said President & CEO Dr. Barbara Baker. "The exhibit presents another way for the Pittsburgh Zoo to offer unique environmental education opportunities to our region and build appreciation for oceans and the vast array of life forms that inhabit them. It also offers a glimpse of what visitors will experience when the major new Aquarium opens at the Zoo in 2000," she said

*To See The Sea* was inspired by the work of master undersea photography Al Giddings, a pioneer in the field of underwater photography. Giddings' film credits include *The Abyss*, *Never Cry Wolf* and *The Deep*. The 2,500 square-foot exhibit features his breathtaking photo murals and video footage. Giddings' powerful visual images, along with artifacts, interactive experiences and informative text combine to create a multi-sensory deep-sea voyage.

Visitors learn the story of deep ocean exploration through five exhibit areas, comprising a total of 43 displays. In the introductory area, a kelp forest sculpture, two actual deep-ocean diving suits, photographic images, and informative text panels present the fascinating and often inhospitable world of the oceans, with their extremes of heat, cold, darkness and pressure. The history of diving technologies is related here, as is a history of underwater photography

A second component explores the undersea vision of invertebrate ocean dwellers. A jellyfish sculpture, video, photographic images and text present underwater eyes ranging from the simple light receptors of a jellyfish to the complex eyes of an octopus. Light and color, and their relative absences in the deep ocean, present special challenges and obstacles to diving and exploration, and are the source of special life-saving adaptations in animals.

A replica of the exploratory submersible *Alvin* introduces a third component of *To See the Sea*, devoted to the conditions of heat, cold and darkness that define existence in the deep sea. Photographic and video images present communities of animals living around hydrothermal vents in the deep sea floor, discovered in 1977, and the remarkable vents and "black smokers" themselves, where water can reach temperatures of 400 degrees Centigrade, or about 750 degrees Fahrenheit.

A freestanding shark cage and video footage of great white sharks make up the fourth component of *To See the Sea*. Visitors enter the world of these amazing predators through interpretive text, Giddings' images, and artifacts such as a real shark jaw

In the final component of *To See the Sea*, parts of remotely operated vehicles (ROV's) are exhibited. Models and images describe the many challenges still facing deep-sea explorers, and informational text presents the developing technologies that may take us into "inner space" in the next millennium. A "View from Otter Space" panel cautions that the survival of many ocean species is in our hands. "If we are to see the sea in the future," reads a final message, "we must understand and appreciate its fragile balance of life."

*To See the Sea* was organized by The Oakland Museum in Oakland, California, and was designed, fabricated and made available for touring by Academy Studio, Novato, California. Visitors can explore *To See The Sea* in the Discovery Pavilion of Kids Kingdom. The temporary, interactive exhibit is free with

## Highland Park Community Club

### **10 TH ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1999 NOON TO 5:00 P.M.**

#### **Ticket Prices**

**Advance: \$10.00 at Walnut Market**

**Tour Day: \$12.00 at St. Andrews**



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Mr. Oliver R. Rieley  
5571 Hampton Street  
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Dear Mr. Rieley:

Just a quick note to let you know that Port Authority is continuing to monitor the Highland Park transit issues. A group of management staff meet regularly to discuss strategies, review complaints and monitor implemented initiatives.

We welcome and encourage the community to continue providing us with suggestions, complaints and information to improve our services.

Our next service changes take effect on June 20, 1999. The Directors of Service Delivery will follow-up with the operators who select the Highland Park routes to ensure that they are made aware of the layover and speeding problems.

We will continue to monitor these issues and are committed to improving our services.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412/237-7225.

Sincerely,

Lynda L. Conway  
Director of Operations Analysis

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**The Next HPCC meeting is 7:15 p.m., Thursday, June 17th at St. Andrew's**

<b>JUNE CALENDAR</b>	
<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CONCERT - 3:00 P.M. - ADMISSION</b>
<b>JUNE 6</b>	<b>HPCC YARD SALE - 9:00 A.M. TO ?</b>
<b>JUNE 13</b>	<b>HPCC HOUSE TOUR - NOON TO 5:00 P.M. - ADMISSION</b>
<b>JUNE 15</b>	<b>"TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS" MOVIE - IN PARK NEAR N. HIGHLAND AVE. ENTRANCE - DUSK</b>
<b>JUNE 17</b>	<b>HPCC MEETING - ST. ANDREWS - 7:15 P.M.</b>
<b>JUNE 21</b>	<b>HPCC DAY CAMP BEGINS - TUITION</b>
<b>JUNE 25</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH IRISH AND CLASSICAL THEATER (PICT) - ST. ANDREW'S - 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>JUNE 26</b>	<b>HPCCDC COFFEE - TAZZA D'ORO - 4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>JUNE 27</b>	<b>STAINED GLASS WINDOW BENEFIT CONCERT - ST. ANDREW'S - 4:00 P.M. - DONATION</b>