

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
October 1999



Edited by Ollie Rieley

A Message from the President

Diane DeNardo

Greetings from Winterton Street. As the newest President of the HPCC, I would like to thank the five outgoing members of the Board of Directors for their three years of service: Maura Brown, Paul Dougherty, Bruce Robison, Ed Sullivan and Bill Zlatos. Like all Board members and Committee Chairs, they have attended countless meetings and voted Aye or No way to numerous issues that affect Highland Park. Thank you for your service and we hope that you will stay involved. Norma Lipscomb has also resigned after many years of service as the organization's treasurer.

A warm welcome is extended to our newest Board Members: Jay Carson, Amy Enrico, Paula Flaherty, Karen Raffensperger and Jan Stayianos. I look forward to working with each of them.

On behalf of the organization, I send a sincere thanks to Mitch Kates for his work on behalf of Highland Park, the HPCC and the East End of Pittsburgh. Although his term as President is up, Mitch has agreed to continuing serving as Community Development Vice President. As a neighbor who has sat through many meetings and event planning sessions with Mitch, I can say that I truly admire his ability to get others to feel his commitment and get involved. He is a man of both great patience and boundless energy. We are fortunate that the end of his term is not the end of his commitment.

As I mentioned at the September meeting, my goals for the coming year are to facilitate the work of this organization's twenty(!) committees and to continue the work of promoting the HPCC as a positive force doing good things to improve the quality of life in the East End of Pittsburgh.

Life is full of unexpected pleasures. Thank you Jeanne S. for coming to the meeting and sharing your very kind words of encouragement as I embark on this new adventure. It is because of friends like you...

Children's Halloween Parade

Tania Grubbs

The Highland Park Community Club will once again host the annual Children's Halloween Parade on Saturday October 30 from 1-3 pm. All Children in costume should gather at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at the corner of Hampton St. & St. Clair no later than 12:45pm. Our route will be north on St. Clair, right on to Bryant St., right on Highland Ave. and finally we will make a right turn down Bryant Ct. for some festive snacks and activities. If anyone is interested in lending a hand please phone Tania Grubbs at 661-4054. Hope to see you there!

Election for Community Development Vice President

Debbie DeAngelis is stepping down from her position as Community Development Vice President. We thank her for her years of good work in that position. Mitch Kates, recently retired as president of HPCC, has agreed to serve in this position. Therefore at the October meeting there will be a special election to fill the position of Community Development Vice President. Mitch is the nominee. All members are encouraged to attend and

**Vote for Community Development V. P. -
October 21st HPCC Meeting**

Halloween Parade October 30th.

See Articles above!

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:15 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21TH AT ST. ANDREWS

cast their votes. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

H. P. C. C.

Officers, Directors & Committees

President: Diane DeNardo(363-2092)

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Comm. Dev. V.P.: _____

Treasurer: _____

Secretary: _____

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Jay Gilmer 363-9100 (00)

Kelly Meade 362-0331 (00)

Mary Lee Snuffer 734-8477 (00)

Bob Staresinic 441-8972 (00)

Tom Burns 363-3654 (01)

David Hance 361-4935 (01)

M. Meyers 661-2315 (01)

Ollie Rieley 661-1205 (01)

Kathy Ziegler 363-1252 (01)

Jay Carson 665-0569 (02)

Amy Enrico 362-2970 (02)

Paula Flaherty 361-2203 (02)

Karen Raffensperger 363-9750 (02)

Jan Stajanos 363-8208 (02)

Committees

Beautification: Dell Ziegler 363-1252

Block Watch: _____

Children: Tania Grubbs 661-4054

Commercial District: Muzz Meyers 661-2315

Day Camp: Janice Burgett 361-2195

Education: Jay Gilmer 363-9100

Hospitality: Kelly Dougherty 362-9517

House Tour: Norma Lipscomb 362-6562

Membership: Kelly Meade 362-0331

Newsletter: Ollie Rieley 661-1205

Program: Bruce Robison 361-4892

Public Safety: _____

Recreation: Charlie Peterson 441-2766

Reservoir Covers: Dave Hance 361-4935

Restoration: Debbie DeAngelis 363-4948

Super Playground: Steve Pettler 363-3978

Yard Sale: Judy Wolfe 441-7830

Voice Mail: Paula Flaherty 361-2203

Welcoming: Bob Staresinic 441-8972

Zoning: _____

Voice Mail 734-5261

C. O. P. 665-3644 - Pager 690-6008

Upcoming Programs

The program for the October 21st meeting will discuss *Block Watch* and *Public Safety*. Make sure someone from your block attends!

Meg Cheever, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, will present a slide show and conduct a question and answer session at 7:45 PM on November 18.

There will be no December HPCC meeting.

Tom Dickson will speak at the January meeting about the *HP Community Development Corporation*.

Dave Hance, Councilman Jim Ferlo and John Kasper to Share Award

On October 25, Dave Hance of HPCC, Councilman Jim Ferlo and John Kasper will receive an award of merit from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. This award is for their efforts in averting the threat of covering Highland Park Reservoir No. 1. The reception, which will honor 18 groups and individuals is open to the public. For an invitation call the Pittsburgh History

and Landmarks Foundation at (412) 471-5808.

Around St. Andrew's . . .

Bruce Robison

October will be an especially busy and interesting month at St. Andrew's, and we certainly hope our Highland Park neighbors will be able to join us in the activities.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 2nd, the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Highland Park, St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Shadyside, and ALL OUR NEIGHBORS and friends, kids and grown-ups--with pets of all sorts and conditions--are invited to a festive celebration of the Feast of St. Francis in our Highland Park Churchyard for the traditional "Blessing of the Animals." Refreshments (for all species) will follow!

On Thursday, October 7th, the first "First Thursday" Evensong and Recital of the fall will begin at 8 p.m., featuring St. Andrew's outstanding choir, under the direction of Highland Park resident Peter Luley. The recital following the service will feature pianist Betty Jo Rieley--Highland Park resident also, and bride of our HPCC Newsletter Editor Ollie Rieley! The Music Guild will host a festive reception in Brooks Hall following the recital.

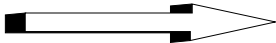
Then on Friday evening, October 8th, what will be the highlight of our educational and community programming for the fall, the Second Annual St. Andrew's Lecture will feature Pittsburgh City Councilman Sala Udin speaking on the theme: "Pittsburgh in Black and White: Issues of Race at the Beginning of a New Century." This program begins at 8 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

The Pittsburgh Camerata, our city's finest chamber choir, will offer its first concert program of the fall at St. Andrew's on Sunday afternoon, October 10th, at 4 p.m. The program, entitled "Beginnings and Endings," will feature well-known Pittsburgh mezzo-soprano Mimi Lerner. Tickets are \$12 at the door (students with ID, \$6).

At the end of the month, on Friday evening, October 29th, the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theater, in partnership with St. Andrew's Adult Education Committee, will present a rehearsed reading of a new work in progress, "Dorian Gray" (based on the Oscar Wilde story, "The Picture of Dorian Gray"), beginning at 7:30 p.m. The performance is free, and all are invited to see how this premier Pittsburgh theatrical ensemble begins work on a major new project.

And finally, on ALL HALLOW'S EVE, Sunday evening, October 31st, we continue a fairly new but already much-loved neighborhood tradition with the fun and excitement of a Halloween Organ Recital--with lots of spooky music!--and bell ringing in the shadowy tower of old St. Andrew's. A perfect way to conclude an evening of trick-or-treating (so come in costume!). We'll get started at 8 p.m. and be done by 9 p.m. (since it's a school night).

Look At The List of Officers & Committees



**There are several positions vacant
Your Club needs YOU!!!**



Call Diane to volunteer for a job!

St. Andrew's Church
5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - October

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

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Nursery and Church School at 1:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Phone - (412) 361-4681

Visit our Homepage: www.hows.net/15206saec



St. Andrew's is located on the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid, right next to Fulton School. Services are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings and at 10:30 a.m. (with informal Bible study following) on Wednesdays. For more information call our church office at 661-1245.

Favorite Places Campaign to Spotlight Pittsburgh

The Community Design Center of Pittsburgh (CDCP) is sponsoring a "Favorite Places" campaign this fall. And they want to hear from you! The CDCP has supported the revitalization, restoration and reinvestment goals for many Pittsburgh neighborhoods for the past twenty years by providing Design Fund grants, technical assistance and educational programs.

Your "Favorite Place" in Pittsburgh may be incorporated into the CDCP's annual bike tour, *Pedal Pittsburgh*, or even become a feature on their new web site. Whether your favorite place is a landmark or building, a block, a business district, a park or a neighborhood - it's all part of the urban fabric that makes Pittsburgh such a unique place to live.

Nominate your "Favorite Place" by sending an e-mail to the CDCP (cdcp@mdi.net) -including your name, address, phone number, and the name of your "Favorite Place". Please include your reason why this particular place in Pittsburgh has become your "Favorite Place". Postcards with "Favorite Places" nominations can be mailed to the CDCP at: Community Design Center, Favorite Places Campaign, 212 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. All entries must be received by October 15, 1999.

All who enter the "Favorite Places" campaign will be placed on the CDCP mailing list to receive continuing information on community revitalization projects throughout the City of Pittsburgh.



Highlights of September Meeting

Paula Flaherty

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

COP Report: Officer Scalise said kids will receive free coupons for hamburgers when they are "caught" wearing helmets when biking. The BAT (**Beat Auto Theft**) program was discussed. Residents who don't drive their cars between midnight and 5:00 a.m. can register. If police see their vehicle being driven during those hours, they can pull it over and check that the use is authorized. Officer Scalise reminded everyone to lock cars and hide valuables such as cell phones or shopping packages.

Two weeks ago, "At The Park" on Bryant St. was held up by two men with guns. They took the cash drawer and attempted to also take the wallets of the patrons. Not all the patrons would relinquish their wallets so the men left. A meeting is being organized regarding nuisance tenants. Date to be announced. If you are aware of such a situation, it may be reported to the C.O.P. answering machine or to Officer Scalise.

Election of Officers:

President Mitch Kates offered thanks to those who worked this past year to help make Highland Park a better place.

Muzz Myers, previously announced as candidate for president elect, has withdrawn his name because of the press of his other activities. Mitch has agreed to become Vice President for Community Development; that election will be announced in the October newsletter and the vote will take place in the October meeting. At this time, there are no candidates for president elect, secretary or treasurer. Those elections will be held in the future after candidates have been nominated and announced in the newsletter.

The slate of candidates for tonight's election was read: President - Diane DeNardo; Directors: Jay Carson, Amy Enrico, Paula Flaherty, Karen Raffensperger, Jan Stayianos. The floor was opened for further nominations. None received, moved to elect. Election unanimous.

After taking the chair, new president Diane DeNardo stated her goals for the year:

1. To make committee meetings a priority, this is where the work gets done!
2. Continue to promote the goodwill of this organization.

Diane announced that Del Ziegler has agreed to serve as parliamentarian in order to assure proper meeting procedures.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kelly Meade will mail the membership renewal cards this week.

Children's: Tania Grubbs reported on the Halloween Parade. The date is October 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Program: Next month will feature Officer Scalise and another officer to discuss revitalizing the Block Watch programs.

November's program will consist of a presentation by Meg Cheever of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

Public Safety and Block Watch: Chairpersons are being sought for these two committees. The Public Safety position entails attending a meeting at the Zone 5 Police Station and reporting the results at the HPCC meetings.

Super Playground: Dave Suffrin and Marsha Dugan are going to form a committee. The original architect will be contacted to suggest improvements. The playground fund has been invested with Merrill Lynch since it was built. Dave recommends hiring a worker to clean-up twice weekly. Councilman Ferlo suggested that contact be made with the Parks Director to request that the playground be cleaned daily as is done with the other city playgrounds. A Maintenance Day is scheduled for October 23 and 24 when the wood in the various structures will be sealed. Volunteers are needed.

Finance Committee: The finance Committee was revitalized and met. The Committee recommends the following expenditures: \$500.00 donation to Dillworth's Library with a request that we receive a list of the books purchased. The same for Fulton. \$250.00 donation for the promotion of a concert sponsored by the School for the Deaf. The concert will be part of a neighborhood program at St. Andrew's. \$250.00 donation to the St. Andrew's window restoration fund. Money for a laptop computer to be used by the secretary and committees as necessary. A donation will be sought before purchase is pursued. A motion was made and passed approving all these recommendations.

Welcoming: Bob Starsenic has delivered approximately 35 bags of welcoming material. He has created a new brochure listing all the Highland Park businesses. He would like to add the first time membership stickers to his applications for membership.

Newsletter: Contributions are due as soon after this meeting as possible.

New Business:

Zoning/Coffee Shop: Diane reported attending a zoning meeting along with several residents regarding the extension of Tazza d'Oro's hours and outdoor seating. A decision is expected by the end of October.

Neighborhood Grant: Diane and Mitch attended a meeting with representatives of the mayor's office regarding a neighborhood grant which will become available for improvement projects. Further meetings will follow. Project suggestions are welcome.

Budgets: All committees need to submit budgets in order to receive any money. Budgets are due by next meeting.

Street Cleaning: If you would like your street cleaned regularly, you must submit a petition to the city with signatures at least 60% of the residents on your block. Be aware that the street will be posted for weekly cleaning and all cars must be moved during the posted hours or they can be ticketed.

At St. Andrew's: Blessing of the Animals will take place at St. Andrew's on October 2 at 2:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served to "all species". Pianist Betty Jo Rieley will perform at St.

Andrew's after Evensong on Thursday, October 7.

Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The Second St. Andrew's Lecture to Feature Councilman Sala Udin

Pittsburgh City Councilman Sala Udin, who represents the historically African-American Hill District, Downtown, Uptown, the Strip District, Manchester, Central Northside, California-Kirkbride, and parts of West and South Oakland, has been selected to deliver the second annual St. Andrew's Lecture on October 8, 1999 at 8:00 P.M.. The theme of Councilman Udin's lecture will be "Pittsburgh in Black and White: Issues of Race at the Beginning of a New Century."

Councilman Udin is uniquely qualified to address in a creative and insightful way the topic of this year's lecture: how issues of race will shape the social, economic, cultural, and political landscape of our city as we move into the new century.

With a political background spanning over three decades, beginning with the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's, Councilman Udin is widely recognized as an effective legislator and respected community leader. Since being elected to Council in 1995 Councilman Udin has served as Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee. He was responsible for the Disparity Study and Implementation Commission, establishing guidelines for the inclusion of minority and women contractors in City contracts. Councilman Udin also introduced legislation to establish an independent Citizens' Police Review Board, which was later approved by referendum. Councilman Udin was appointed by Mayor Murphy to serve on the Pittsburgh Housing Authority Board. He serves on boards of numerous organizations including: House of the Crossroads, the Carnegie Library, the Andy Warhol Museum, the Three Rivers Arts Festival, the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Pittsburgh Community Services, and the Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau. He is Co-Chair of a task force to establish an African-American Museum and Cultural Center in the City of Pittsburgh.

The St. Andrew's Lecture has been established and endowed at St Andrew's Episcopal Church to feature annually a distinguished speaker to address issues of interest and concern both in the church

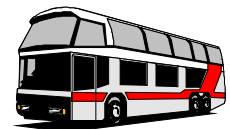
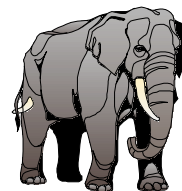
and in the wider community. The Lecture is free and open to the public. A reception to honor Councilman Udin will follow in Brook's Hall of St. Andrew's Church. For more information call the Church Office at (412)661-1245

Editor's Musings - Elephants and Buses

Ollie Rieley

I'm sure it's old news to all readers that a baby girl elephant was born at the Pittsburgh Zoo on September 12. I've seen numerous newspaper and TV stories about the birth and in addition received a number of news releases directly from the Zoo. The rarity of live elephant births in captivity makes me realize what a wonderful resource the Zoo is to Highland Park. We can walk to the entrance and leasurly visit the animals anytime we please. We can take our company there almost as easily as we can take them shopping. It is always changing so frequent visits remain interesting. I hope we all appreciate the Pittsburgh Zoo.

A letter from Lynda Conway, Director of Operations Analysis at the Port Authority, pointed out that new service changes took place September 5 and assures that Port Authority staff continues to monitor the Highland Park issues and follow-up with operators who may be new to the community routes. She went on to thank the community for continued support and assistance and invited us to contact her at (412) 237-7225 with any questions.



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The Next HPCC meeting is 7:15 p.m., Thursday, October 21th at St. Andrew's

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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<i>OCTOBER 2</i>	<i>BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 2:00 P.M., ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH YARD</i>
<i>OCTOBER 8</i>	<i>SECOND ST. ANDREW'S LECTURE, COUNCILMAN SALA UDIN, 8:00 P.M., ST. ANDREW'S</i>
<i>OCTOBER 10</i>	<i>PITTSBURGH CAMARATA WITH MIMI LERNER, 4:00 P.M., ST. ANDREW'S, ADMISSION</i>
<i>OCTOBER 15</i>	<i>DEADLINE FOR "FAVORITE PLACE" NOMINATIONS, COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTER OF PITTSBURGH</i>
<i>OCTOBER 21</i>	<i>HPCC MEETING, ELECTION OF COM. DEV. V. P., 7:15 P.M., ST. ANDREW'S</i>
<i>OCTOBER 29</i>	<i>PITTSBURGH IRISH & CLASSICAL THEATER, REHEARSED READING - DORIAN GRAY, 7:30 P.M., ST. ANDREW'S</i>
<i>OCTOBER 30</i>	<i>HALLOWEEN PARADE, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M., STARTS AT ST. ANDREW'S</i>
<i>OCTOBER 31</i>	<i>HALLOWEEN ORGAN RECITAL, 8:00 P.M., ST. ANDREW'S</i>