HIGHLAND Community Club Newsletter for April 2000

Edited by Ollie Rieley

The HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CLUB ANNUAL YARD SALE

will take place on SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2000 from 9 A.M.- ?

In case you haven't been around for our yard sales for the years and years and years (you get the idea) of the previous yard sales this is how it goes...

On the first Sunday in June, for as long as I can remember, our whole neighborhood gets together and has yard sales on the same day. We sell to each other, and to the hundreds of people who come from all over the area, all the stuff that we don't need any more. We have also had our neighborhood Elementary Schools participate as a fund raiser for their programs, so think **BIG**. Some of our neighbors sell baked goods and international and snack foods. We have been known to have a few automobiles and motorcycles on our list of items to sell. The only limit is your imagination.

If you want to have a sale on that day, you send the Club a check for \$12 and we take care of the organizing and the advertising (in local papers and on poles throughout our bordering neighborhoods). We make up lists or items for sale and maps to the homes where they will be sold. We hand out the maps at three locations throughout Highland Park - at the corners of Highland and Stanton, Hampton and Negley and at the entrance to the Park at the end or Highland. We also leave maps at the Stanton Negley Drug Store, Walnut Market and this year (with Amy's permission) at Tazza d'Oro. We distribute (from my front porch) signs and balloons and a copies of the map to the people who are participating. Last year we distributed about 900 maps so I figure that we have at least a thousand people attending the sale throughout the whole neighborhood.

If you want to join us, please complete the following information and send it along with a check to the HPCC for \$12 to:

Judy Wolfe 5910 Wellesley Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206

I would appreciate any help in distributing maps on June 4, high school kids have been a great help in the past. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 441-7830 or e-mail at jleewolre@aol.com.

HPCC EVENTS FOR APRIL

APRIL 15, 12:00 - 2:00 - EASTER EGG HUNT -LAKE POINT PAVILLION

APRIL 20 - 7:30 - HPCC MEETING - DILLWORTH ACADEMY

■ NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION ■

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000, AT **DILWORTH TRADITIONAL ACADEMY** Please Use Front Doors

April Meeting at Dilworth, Other Meeting News

The April HPCC meeting will be held April 20th at **Dilworth Traditional Academy** on Stanton Avenue. St. Andrew's is unavailable because that is the night of Maundy Thursday and there will be a service and supper that evening. Please enter Dilworth through the front door.

The May meeting will return to St. Ancrew's. The program at the May meeting will consist of representatives of the HPCDC and the History and Landmarks Foundation discussing the significance of designating the Highland Park area a National Historical District. Be sure to attend and ask your questions about this important issue. Remember, May 18th at St. Andrew's.

Newsletter Timing

Ollie Rieley

During my term as editor, I have tried hard to have the newsletter delivered close to the first of the month. Because many of the articles contain information and announcements identifying specific dates, it is important for the newsletters to be delivered in a timely manner. With a few exceptions, I feel reasonably successful at this so far. But I have plans on the horizon which may prevent my completing several future newsletter as soon as usual. So that all of you who want to announce events that are scheduled early in the affected months can be warned and make early announcements, I am writing this little blurb.

I will be busy the last week of May, the middle weeks of June and the last two weeks of August. Consequently, the June and July newsletters may be as late as the 7th or so and the September issue will probably not be delivered until the 10th or 15th.

If you have planned events for those times, please announce them in an earlier issue. Thanks!



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Renovation/Restoration Resources Abound In Our Neighborhood

Mary Beth Steisslinger

Highland Park is a great location in which to live. Not only are we minutes by car from downtown, Oakland, and the North Side, but we are within an easy bike ride or even a walk from the library, banks, the year-round Saturday morning farmers market on Sheridan, churches, a beautiful coffee house, pizza places, convenience stores and our beloved park and reservoir. Now we can even stroll down to the Home Depot for that small whatch'yacallit we need for that home project we're working on. Sure, I can go on to wish for a movie theater, more interesting clothing stores, a community center with a gym, healthy eateries, a community playhouse, etc., but I have a feeling that those things will come someday, perhaps sooner than we think. And as our neighborhood improves, as old houses are brought back, as progressive building replaces abandoned or dilapidated structures, the whole process of renovating/reinventing our neighborhood expands.

So, along those lines, I'd like to tell you about another resource for our neighborhood that is very close by and well worth the short search and find mission to get there. The place is called Construction Junction. It's a not-for-profit used building materials warehouse full of everything from hardware to hearth mantels, and it's just down the hill past the zoo and about a mile or so down Butler Street near the 62nd Street bridge (take the first right immediately after the bridge). You know all about what the Home Depot has for your house, but what about when you want to take out an old window or replace an old door, take down some old paneling or renovate that ancient bathroom? What do you do with that stuff? And if you're into old stuff where can you find an old sink to go with your clawfoot tub? What about some sturdy old light fixtures, or switch plates, tile or wallpaper, antique hinges or door knobs? Yep, Construction Junction has it... if not one day, try another. You will find things at a fraction of the cost of new materials.

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

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. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion-April 20, 6:30 P.M. Good Friday Service April 21, 12:00 to 3:00 Visit our Homepage: www.hows.net/15206saec They receive donations daily, but they won't he able to keep up with the demand unless lots of contractors start using Construction Junction instead of dumpsters for materials removed from jobs. Spread the word, folks. Keep all that good old stuff out of the landfills. And the best thing of all is that donations are tax deductible, you decide the value. Hey, for a tax deduction, maybe it's worth cleaning out that garage, attic, or basement? If you have a whole hunch of goodies, CJ will schedule a free pick up at your curb. They don't take furniture or housewares, so continue to take the likes of that to Goodwill or St. Vincent De Paul in East Liberty. Construction Junction is open to the public Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00 - 5:00, and Saturday from 9:00 - 3:00.

Call Construction Junction for more information: (412) 799-0805

The Welcoming Committee--April 2000 BobStaresinic

The Welcoming Committee is continuing to welcome new neighbors to Highland Park. With the extending daylight hours, I can get out for longer periods and during weekdays. Everyone is welcome to join in and greet new neighbors. Call me if you have a new neighbor or if you are not sure if a neighbor was ever welcomed to the neighborhood.

If you are interested in being part of this committee or have any ideas about welcoming new neighbors to Highland Park, please let me know.

If you have something you would like to include in the Welcome information and haven't talked to me, please give me a call. (412-441-8972)

Thanks!

Highland Park Promotional Video

If anyone has any input or perhaps something they would like to see in a Highland Park promotional video, please e-mail OFTIsing@aol.com or call Paula Flaherty at 361-2203 or Tania Grubbs at 661-4054.

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Message From the President

Diane DeNardo

Greetings from Winterton Street. There are many opportunities to get involved in the Highland Park Community Club. If you are interested in the work of a specific committee, call the Chair and let them know you would like to help out. The phone numbers are listed in the directory in each newsletter. Here are some specific volunteer opportunities:

Hospitality Chair: Thank you to Kelly and Paul Dougherty who brought refreshments to many of the monthly meetings for several years. After faithful service they are retiring and so this position needs to be filled.

House Tour Chair or Co-Chair: Norma Lipscomb has resigned as House Tour Chair. Thank you Norma for putting together two very successful House Tours. The HPCC House Tour will be merging with the HPCDC House Tour and will be conducted as a co-fund raiser for both organizations.

Marathon Party: Call Muzz Meyers (661-2315) if you can help out on the morning of Sunday, May 7th. The HPCC will again be sponsoring a marathon party on Bryant Street with matching funds from the City. Help is needed with set-up, blowing up balloons (a helium tank is provided!), children's activities, etc. Teenagers are encouraged to volunteer.

Adopt a flower bed: Call Dell Ziegler (363-1252) to find out which flower beds need to be adopted. Three planters along Bryant Street need to be maintained and require almost daily watering, especially those under awnings. Adopt a flower bed or planter on your own or work with a friend. Teenagers are also encouraged to volunteer for this effort.

Block Watch Coordinators: The first step is to meet with all the neighbors on your block, for example, the 1100 block of X Street. At the meeting, everyone is introduced to one another and a phone roster is created. A Block Watch Coordinator is designated. Once everyone knows each other, it is easier and more satisfying to watch out for each other. For further details, call Jan Stayianos (363-8208).

Volunteers needed for the Map Pittsburgh project: This is a onetime three hour committment. We will meet at Dell Ziegler's house on Saturday, April 8th at 8:30 AM. Breakfast of bagels, pastries and coffee will be provided while a city planner explains the mapping process. (It is not difficult.) Volunteers will then work in teams to fill in the final sections of the map. We will be done by 11:30 AM at the latest depending on the number of volunteers. Please call Diane DeNardo at 363-2092 if you can volunteer for this important project.

Lastly, I am creating a *Signage Committee*. The committee will be responsible for coming up with a design for new signage to replace the four signs that now welcome people to Highland Park. The committee will raise any necessary funds to have the signs created

and installed. My thoughts are to do this in the form of a design competition, but I am open to suggestions. Call Diane DeNardo (363-2092)to join the committee.

Thank you to Jeffery Dorsey, a Friendship resident and Director of the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative, for speaking at the March meeting. Jeffery presented a very informative slide presentation about the program. It is great to know to what our East End neighbors are dedicating their time and energies. Of course, their efforts will have an impact on all of us.

Thank you also to Lt. Scott of Zone 5 for coming to the March HPCC meeting to inform us of what the police are doing about the recent shootings and other crime issues. Lt. Scott spoke for almost an hour addressing our concerns and answering our questions. He reiterated that the police need our assistance. Call 911 for emergencies; for non-emergencies, call Zone 5, fill out a silent complaint form or call our C.O.P. officer.

The Yale Women's Choir A Capella Concert at Dilworth Traditional Academy was enjoyed by all of those who attended. Thanks Dilworth for inviting HPCC members to attend!

The banners are ready! The ad hoc banner committee, chaired by Mitch Kates, has worked for over two years to create an artistic, representational banner that will line Highland and Negley Avenues. Mitch is now requesting monies from the City to assist with printing and installing the banners.

The April 20th HPCC meeting will take place at Dilworth Traditional Academy, 6200 Stanton Avenue. Please use the main entrance off of Stanton Avenue. (St. Andrew's Church Hall is not available due to Holy Week activities.)

WANNA BET?

THAT SOMEONE WILL SHOW UP AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR THE APRIL MEETING? (CHECK THIS NEWSLETTER OUT -DON'T BE EMBARRASSED!)

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Highland Park Community Club Meeting March 16, 2000

Tania Grubbs

Meeting opened by President Diane DeNardo at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting started off with the introduction of Lt. Scott of Zone 5 who came to talk about the shootings that occurred in the 800 block of Mellon recently. The shootings were over drugs, money and guns. Three people were shot and they all knew one another. They will all recover.

The police have not yet made an arrest. The address, 839 Mellon, has been reported many times and now action is being taken to turn over this address as a nuisance address. The landlord is a major problem in this matter. Councilman Ferlo wants to crack down hard on property owners in the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Mellon. The CDC has expressed interest in acquiring that property; however, the owner does not wish to co-operate, as he now is making tons of money off the tenants that presently live there even though he does little to help protect them or give them better living conditions, hence the problems.

Councilman Ferlo said we need to take on the slumlords issue and we need to build up the block watch in that area. Councilman Ferlo also suggested a Strike Force to survey tenants and come down hard on the landlords. The 800 and 900 blocks of Mellon have been the main focus of the CDC in buying and restoring properties but when something like the shootings occur it just makes their work that much more difficult. The CDC now owns 3 properties on 900 block of Mellon and soon expect to own 4.

Lt. Scott reported that the gang problem is much better than it was in that area just a few years ago.

Diane suggested that we post the slumlords names in the paper to see if we can get some action on their part to avoid this public humiliation.

If anyone sees anything suspicious in any area they should be sure to get a complete description of the person(s) involved, e.g., what they were wearing, how tall, distinctive marks or features, etc. As detailed a description as possible increases the chance of apprehending the culprit. Then call Zone 5 and make a complete report.

It was noted that Bloomfield had citizens groups that patrolled the bad areas to try to discourage bad activities. The officers in attendance warned everyone as the days get warmer more and more problems occur out there, resulting in the officers being very busy.

If anyone has any complaints they are to call the station Commander Zone 5.

Jeffery Dorsey, Director of the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative, presented a slide show of the properties along the Penn Ave. From

Negely to Mathilda where they are acquiring and restoring properties. The objective is to nurture an artistic community along Penn Avenue.

The Board approved a \$500.00 budget for Muzz Myers to put together another Marathon Party on May 7th, 2000. The city of Pittsburgh will match the funds.

April's Meeting will be at Dilworth Academy, 6200 Stanton Ave at 7:30pm; there is no program scheduled at the April meeting. The May meeting will be back at St. Andrew's and will feature representatives of the CDC and History and Landmarks Foundation discussing the issue of designating the Highland Park area as a National Historical District.

The CDC now has a prototype for a web-site that they are developing that will also include the HPCC.

There will be a meeting to discuss zoning remapping on Tuesday March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's. Although Highland Park participated in a remapping effort several years ago, the rest of the city is now catching up and it is thought necessary to revisit the information for Highland Park. A representative from the Mayor's office will be asking us what are issues of zoning and remapping. Volunteers will be sought to look at property and collect data.

As Chair of Block Watch, Jan Stayianos is recruiting Block Captains. She noted that the first step to set up a block watch on your street is to have a meeting of all the neighbors. The main purpose of the first meeting is just to get everyone's address and phone number and to get to know each other. Then it is a matter of contacting each other in case anything happens.

There will be no Spring House Tour this year. Norma Lipscomb has resigned. We will be joining the CDC in a joint effort House tour. The profits will be shared.

There was a discussion about the Union Baptist Church, which is at the corner of Negley and Stanton Avenues. An article in a local newspaper suggested the Church was essentially abandoned. The article also stated that the Minister could not be reached, but he expressed anger about this in a discussion with Diane because he stated that his number could be found in the book. Diane asked him to come to a meeting but she did not get much of a response. He stated that he has big plans for the church but would not comment on what his plans were.

Mercein reported on crime in the neighborhood. There were 13 thefts in January; however; February had fewer. Home Depot is experiencing more commercial theft than they expected.

A question came up of the decline in the visibility of the COPS. Maureen Kato runs the Zone 5 Public Safety Meetings. They do have undercover police on Buses and the T. There will be an open house at Zone 5 Station House in July. Mercein will give us more on that later.

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Diane would like to form a committee to plan replacement of the entry signs to Highland Park. There are four. Signs were donated but they match the signs for the apartments on Negley and appear to be commercials for the apartments so they are not satisfactory as they are. The donor is looking into painting them but is not sure if it can be done satisfactorily because of the material of the signs. The committee Diane is proposing would pursue design and acquisition of new signs.

Tania Grubbs reported that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children on Saturday **April 15, 2000** (*note change of date from that reported last month) from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Lake Point Pavilion in the park. She requested a budget of \$300.00 to host the event and the board approved. To volunteer, call Tania Grubbs 661-4054.

Mary Lee Snuffer proposed that a review of the by laws be held. She suggested that consideration be given to increasing the term of our elected officers to two years; she would like to see if the bylaws are effective and should they be updated. She suggests forming a committee for a short term review and to take a look at the organization to see how it is managed from the top. Mary Lee is willing to be Chair and would like to have volunteer participants; to volunteer, call Mary Lee 363-1174 or 743-8477.

Mary Beth Steisslinger was asked by the East Liberty Community Council to become a liaison to them from Highland Park and to sit on their council, but not as a voting member. They have asked someone from neighboring communities to help focus on where East Liberty is headed. They bridge the ELDI and the EE Neighborhood Forum. Mary Beth is willing but wanted to ask permission to represent the HPCC. She plans to report back periodically to HPCC.

Meeting ended at 9:27 p.m.

Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are times of many meaningful services and activities at St. Andrew's, with programs of Adult Education, Sunday and midweek gatherings, the traditional Palm Sunday procession, and all the rich services observing the stories of Passiontide.

Musical highlights of the season will include Choral Evensong and Recital on Thursday evening, April 6th, at 8 p.m., when the Choir will sing canticles by George Dyson and the anthem, "Lord, Let Me Know Mine End," by Maurice Greene. Following the service there will be a recital by well-known pianist Sergei Marchukov.

On Maundy Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 P.M., there will be Holy Communion, followed by Pot Luck Supper in Brooks Hall. All are welcome, call the office for reservations for supper.

The Great Three Hours of Good Friday at St. Andrew's, on April 21st, will begin at noon with Stations of the Cross, continue at 1

p.m. with the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, with prayers, traditional hymns, and a Good Friday meditation. The Good Friday service will conclude at 2 p.m. with a choral presentation of G.F. Handel's "Passion according to St. John," under the direction of St. Andrew's musician and HPCC member Victoria Cole. All are welcome to attend all or any part of the three hour Good Friday observance.

Easter Sunday at St. Andrew's, of course, will feature a magnificent, festival choral service at 11 a.m.--followed by the traditional Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard, beginning at about 12:15 p.m. Neighborhood youngsters are always welcome!

St. Andrew's has been a part of our Highland Park community for nearly a century, and we are always glad to find ways to share with our neighbors. Please feel free to call the Church Office at 661-1245 for more information.

FULTON ACADEMY invites YOU to attend its 112th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION on MAY 1, 2000

from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Drop in anytime. There will be tours during the day and a gala reception in the evening. A Continental Breakfast or a Light Lunch will be available at the normal times.

Alumni and Former Principals are Encouraged to ATTEND.

The Historical Committee, PSCC & PTO of Fulton Academy are sponsoring this event.



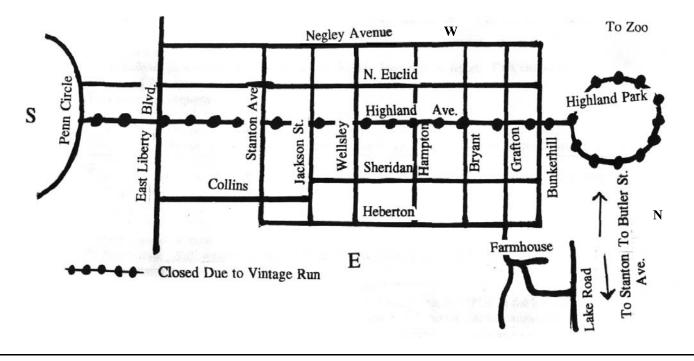
Neighborhood Health & Safety Fest -Vintage 5K Masters Race & 2 Mile Walk; Home Depot Health & Safety Fair

On **Saturday, May 20**, the Vintage Senior Community Center, North Highland Avenue, will hold their annual Vintage 5K Masters Race from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Home Depot will hold a Health & Safety Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Mature adult runners age 40+ look forward to the beautiful race course through the scenic Highland Park neighborhood and park. Highland Park residents are encouraged to participate as runners or walkers (The walk is open to all ages!). Also, our runners and walkers especially love it when residents come out to watch and cheer them on. Vintage realizes and cares about the temporary inconvenience the race creates for our Highland Park neighbors. Below you will find an alternative route map which we hope will help you preplan your parking and travel routes. The race begins at 9 a.m. (with street closings at 8:30 a.m.) and ends at approximately 10:30 a.m.

In addition to the Race and Walk festivities, residents can also enjoy Home Depot's Health & Safety Fair. Bring the whole family out for health information and screenings, smoke alarm giveaways, valuable safety information for adults and children, visits with paramedics, fire engine tours, and more.

If you would like to volunteer to help with either the Home Depot Health & Safety Fair or the Vintage 5K Masters Race call 361-5003, Ext. 104. If you would like to participate in the Race or Walk call 361-5003 for an application.



Vintage 5k Masters Race Street Closings May 20, 2000, Closed 8:30-11:00

From the West:

To Butler Street/Highland Park Zoo

Take any side street to North Euclid. Turn north, follow North Euclid to the end. Go left on Bunker Hill and down Hill Rd.

To Penn Circle:

Go south on North Euclid to Penn Circle.

To the other side of North Highland Ave.:

Cross over at East Liberty Blvd. Police will help you cross when it is safe.

From the East:

To Butler Street/Highland Park Zoo:

Through Highland Park, follow side streets up to Heberton at Grafton. Take the road to the right (Farmhouse Drive). Turn right onto Connecting Road and make immediate left. Go left on Lake Road. Continue on Lake Road 1.1 miles to stop sign. At stop sign turn right for Butler Street and the bridge. Turn left to return to Highland Park on the west side of N. Highland Ave.

To the other side of Highland Ave.:

Take Collins to East Liberty Boulevard. Go right on East Liberty Blvd. The police at East Liberty Blvd. Will help you cross when it is safe. N. Euclid will connect you to Penn Circle (left) or Bunkerhill (right) to Zoo/Butler St.



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The Next HPCC meeting is 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2000, at Dillworth Traditional Academy

APRIL CALENDAR	
APRIL 1	APRIL FOOL'S DAY
APRIL 8	MAP PITTSBURGH PROJECT WORK DAY - SEE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FOR DETAILS
APRIL 15	EASTER EGG HUNT - 12:00 N TO 2:00 P.M LAKE POINT PAVILLION IN PARK
APRIL 20	HPCC MEETING 7:30 P.M DILLWORTH TRADITIONAL ACADEMY
APRIL 23	HAPPY EASTER!
МАУ 1	FULTON ACADEMY 112 TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - 8:30 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 15, 200 12:00-2:00pm

Highland Park Lake Point Pavilion (across from the Lake)

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