

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
July 2000



Edited by Ollie Rieley

Welcome Back, PARK VIEW FLATS!

Dell Ziegler

Good news happens frequently in Highland Park, and we occasionally get some bad news. But really great news deserves front-page treatment.

Imagine the Titanic being raised from the ocean and restored to her former grandeur. That's close to what is happening at 1401-1407 N. St. Clair Street, a block from the park. Originally built in 1902, the Park View Flats, as the building was originally named, was a grand apartment house with large units, tall ceilings, and immediate access to the zoo, park and the streetcar line. The four-story building featured balconies over-looking the street.

Some current neighborhood residents remember having apartments there; they also remember the restaurant and small grocery store that once were on the ground floor. One professional man (choosing anonymity) recalls delivering newspapers there as a young lad. With great fondness, he remembers collection day. It seems that one voluptuous lady customer always (that's right,

always) answered the door in her underwear while her husband read the paper in the living room. She seemed quite aware of her effect on this young teenager, as he stammered to ask for payment (and was quite willing to deliver for FREE if necessary). Her appearance was both dependable and remarkable. Soon the paperboy had friends who came along to "help" on collection day.

Hopefully, the voluptuous newspaper customer fared better than the building. By the 1970's and 1980's the building had become a liability to the neighborhood. Little had been done to keep it up. Drop ceilings were introduced and rooms divided to create extra

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Artists View of Restored N. St. Clair Street Facade of Park View Flats

NO JULY MEETING!

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2000, AT ST. ANDREWS

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bedrooms. Bad tenants followed bad owners. The bad tenants chased away the good ones. Problems of theft and noise increased. Nearby property owners and tenants were scared. Some sold and left. Finally a fire in one unit forced everyone out. The building has been vacant for a number of years. The HPCC took architects and developers through it to see if the building could be saved and a neighborhood problem solved, but to no avail until recently.

Three factors made the current deal a reality. First, the owner and a previous owner, holding a second mortgage, resolved a long legal battle that went to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Second, the passage of time brought the price of the damaged building down to a reasonable amount (the newspaper recently reported the sale at \$75,000). Finally, a low interest loan from the URA and the state via the historic building rehabilitation tax credit made the deal possible.

Callohill Development Group L.P. is the developer. Callohill Development Group L.P. consists of Robert Gomes of the North Hills, Don Carlson of the South Side, David Morgan of Highland Park/East Liberty and Jim Morgan of Mt. Lebanon. They expect to put \$1 million into the building, creating 16 large two-bedroom apartments, all about 1200 square feet. An on-site manager will live in a basement unit. Each unit will have its own heating and air conditioning unit. All units above the first floor have balconies. The historic tax credit means the owner has to restore many of the original features - the wood trim, doors to balconies, curved walls inside, beaded glass, wrought iron on the balconies, etc. The drop ceilings will be removed and the original nine-foot ceilings restored. The exterior paint will be removed and the original salmon colored brick restored. The apartment house is actually two buildings, each with its own lobby. The lobbies will be restored, the original ceramic tile saved and a security intercom will be added. There is no elevator. Parking will continue to be on the street, but there is plenty of space. Rents will be at market rate. Phase One (left half) should be ready for occupancy about September. Phase Two (the right half) will be ready by the end of the year.

Congratulations to Callohill Development Group L.P. and to the surrounding neighbors. A long-term problem is being converted into an asset for all of us. Stop by at the corner of Callowhill and N. St. Clair and see for yourself.

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Message from the President

Diane DeNardo

Greetings from Winterton Street. For the last several years, the Highland Park Community Club has distributed this monthly newsletter in July to every Highland Park residential address. While more than 600 households are members of the HPCC there are about 2300 who are not. If you non-members enjoy reading about the numerous activities that are taking place in our neighborhood or would like to get involved, I encourage to join the organization. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month (except July and December) at 7:30 PM at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5800 Hampton Street. Committee meetings take place at various times and places. You can contact a committee chair by looking at the directory in this newsletter. You can also keep informed about the HPCC, the HPCDC, and other neighborhood activities on the web at www.highlandparkpa.com.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the HPCC will take place on Thursday, September 21st. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. See old friends and meet new ones. A slate of nominees for President, President Elect, and five board members will be presented at the August meeting (there is no July meeting) and will be voted on at the September meeting.

The August meeting will feature a plant swap. Dig out a plant that needs to be divided, pot it up, and bring it to the meeting. Then, take someone else's plant home. It is helpful to mark your plant with the name and sun/water requirements. Any leftovers will be donated to the community gardens throughout the neighborhood.

The September meeting will feature a brief presentation by some of the many Highland Park residents who volunteered on the "Heart of Pittsburgh" cookbook project for the Sacred Heart Elementary School library/media center. The committee members will provide tasty refreshments from the cookbook at the annual meeting. Discount coupons will be distributed for anyone purchasing a cookbook at Tazzo d'Oro during September.

Day Camp

Janice Burgett

The Highland Park Community Club has been providing a

summer program for children for over fifty years. If you are unfamiliar with H.P.C.C. Day Camp you are really missing a neighborhood gem. Our program runs five days a week for six weeks each summer from 9:00 am to 12:00. This year we are in session from June 19 to July 28th. Parents are free to choose which weeks they are interested in and can sign up for one to all six weeks.

The campers range in age from four through eight years of age. They spend their mornings in small, age appropriate, groups working on activities/ projects or engaged in gross motor activity. We take advantage of the park surroundings and hike to different pavilions for a change of pace and equipment. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we spend an hour swimming in the small Highland Park pool. We are swimming by permit so we are usually the only group in the pool at that time and the city does staff it with a lifeguard. The pool is only three feet deep at its deepest point so if your child does not know how to swim it's not a problem.

Day camp costs \$55.00 a week for HPCC members and \$65.00/wk for non-members. A membership to the club is only \$20.00 and entitles you to the monthly newsletter for the whole year as well as the discounted day camp rate. If you are interested in camp or have any questions please contact Janice Burgett at 361-2195. An application is on page 11 for your use.

A Special Offer to New Members

Join the Highland Park Community Club as a new member for only \$5.00. This is a one-year membership. (Regular membership dues are \$20.00.) This only applies to those who have never before been a member of the HPCC.

Continuing Members: Please note: Do not use this form to renew your membership. If you are currently a member or a lapsed member, you will receive a separate renewal card in the mail in August.

New Member Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

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Fairer special education formula needed

State Representative Joseph Preston Jr.

Like many of you, it disturbs me when I see our local school boards raising taxes. Part of the reason for those increases is because of an outdated formula that is used by the state to pay school districts for special education. I have joined more than 130 of my House colleagues in co-sponsoring legislation (H.B. 16) that would fix special education funding problems plaguing school districts across the Commonwealth. But despite the strong support, the House Republican leadership has held the bill up in committee.

The fundamental flaw in the state formula is that it assumes the incidence of special needs students is uniform in each school district, with 1 percent of students in severe need and 15 percent in mild need. It fails to take into account where special needs students live and what it actually costs to educate them.

What happens under the current formula is that some districts have a very high proportion of special needs children, and in these districts, local taxpayers end up paying a higher portion of the cost of special education programs. At the same time, in districts with very low percentages of special needs students, schools are receiving more state money than they even need.

In the Wilkesburg School District, for example, the state allotted \$815,646 for special education this school year, but the district's costs are more than \$2.7 million. For the coming year, that amount has been increased by \$47,757.

House Bill 16 would create a new state funding formula to better reflect school districts' costs for providing programs to special needs students. School districts would be guaranteed at least 50 percent of their actual special education costs.

The legislation I support is an essential step in ensuring a quality education for all children without overburdening taxpayers. It also would ensure that all school districts have the necessary tools to provide the types of special education programs mandated by federal law.

For information on H.B. 16, or any other state-related topic, please call me at 361-3692.

(Preston is in his ninth term representing the 24th Legislative District.)

Public Safety - Zone 5 Open House

Mercine Nefores

As the Public Safety person for the HPCC, I hear a lot of information at the monthly Public Safety meeting at the Zone 5 Station House -- from the not-so-sublime to the not-so-ridiculous, (besides which they serve coffee and cookies!).

We meet at Zone 5 Police Station on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. We get the Crime Statistics for the previous month (as does Officer Scalise, our C.O.P. Officer) and any other pertinent information concerning Zone 5, which includes six other neighborhoods in addition to Highland Park.

The main topic of last month's meeting was the Open House which is scheduled for July 19 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Zone 5 station. It is basically a BIG picnic/community day and we need more volunteers for the following committees:

Promotion and Advertising

Food Committee

Decorating/Clean-up -- Officer Brown

Funding Committee -- Officers Corman and Brewer

Activity and Entertainment -- Bill Marszalek

Transportation -- Officer Bryant

Call Maureen Cato, our chairperson, to volunteer or for more information. Her pager number is 640-9028 and her home phone number is 362-4657.

Some of the activities will include: a tour of the police station and the lock-up(something I'd want to see, too), a fire-house tour, fingerprinting of kids and face-painting. Ten bikes will be given away to lucky attendees. Drug-sniffing dogs and other K-9's will be there to help keep order(just kidding!!)

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St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - July & August

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

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Refreshments will include free Wendy's and Macdonald's burgers and hot dogs, Dailey's drinks, beans, and cookies. A 3-piece combo will provide music. This will be my first involvement with the Open House and I'm looking forward to it. We're hoping to have another good one this year so that newcomers to the neighborhood will come away with a very positive impression of our Police Department and the people (and neighbors) who staff it.

Haunted House in Highland Park

Mary Lee Snuffer

Witches, Warlocks, Ghost and Goblins are gathering for a "HAUNTING" in our neighborhood. Beware of vampires in the full moon of OCTOBER 27 and 28, 2000. Circle the dates..... Tell friends and family to plan to join the fun at our Highland Park Haunted House! This fundraiser is sponsored by the HPCDC and supported by the HPCC. Details will be provided later.

Volunteers Are Needed

Volunteers are needed for the planning committee for the Highland Park Haunted House, October 27 & 28, 2000. If you are artist, actor, have creative energy and ideas, or would just like to help, please call Mary Lee Snuffer 734-8477 or Judy Wolfe, 441-7830 to volunteer.

Recommended Amendments to HPCC By-Laws

Mary Lee Snuffer

The appointed by-laws review committee, Bob O'Connor, Del Ziegler, and Mary Lee Snuffer will recommend amendments to the current HPCC by-laws during the September meeting. As required by the HPCC by-laws, this serves as written advance notice that the recommendations will be presented at the meeting on September 21, 2000

Yard Sale

Judy Wolfe

Under mostly beautiful skies and perfect temperatures (which I arranged in advance) about 80 families participated as sellers in the June 5 Yard Sale. We distributed 650 maps and lists of locations to interested buyers with the help of the following wonderful volunteers:

Kathy Zielger

James Soffietti

Janice Burgett

Andrew Soffietti

Mark Abbott

Molly Soffietti

Brandon Banks

Janet Goubeaud

The maps were gone by noon from all locations but this did not keep the crowds from wandering around looking for lost treasures for hours afterwards. I hope that both buyers and sellers had a good time.

As you know this sale brings lots of people in from other neighborhoods and that the sale is a wonderful way to show people that Highland Park is a friendly place to live. As a matter of fact, Nancy Schultz was telling me about a couple that had struck up a conversation with her at last year's sale. She told them how wonderful it is to live in our neighborhood. This year, the same couple showed up at her sale to tell her that they have bought a house in Highland Park on her recommendation.

The sale is a really great way to get the word out about the park without too much effort on our part - just let the neighbors and the neighborhood speak for itself.

Thanks for another successful sale.

And thanks to you, too, Judy for organizing this important event.



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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Sunday morning services in July and August at St. Andrew's are 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (in the Chapel) and 10 a.m. Choral Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of each month. During the later service the children are dismissed for an "all ages" time of Summer Church School.

A stellar highlight of July at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will be a visit by the renowned "Christ's College Choir", of Cambridge, England. On Saturday evening, July 15th, the Choir will sing a concert of traditional and contemporary choral music at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 students/seniors) and may be purchased at the door or at the St. Andrew's Office.

On Sunday morning, July 16th, at 10 a.m. the Choir will sing a traditional English service of Choral Mattins, and all are invited. (There is, of course, no charge for the Sunday morning service!)

Also continuing during the summer months is our parish and neighborhood "Interest in Writing" Writers' Workshop. Poets, dramatists, storytellers, novelists . . . all are most welcome to share in an evening of sharing and constructive discussion. We'll meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, July 12 and August 9.

Adult Education at St. Andrew's over the summer features a "summer book discussion" series. The book this summer is "Love and Living", by Thomas Merton. Discussions are scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 11th, and Wednesday evening, August 30, at the home of parishioners, and on Sunday evening, August 6, at the Church. The book may be ordered (at a discount) and information about locations and times of the discussion evenings may be obtained by calling the Church Office.

Summertime and year-round, St. Andrew's Church, on the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue, is a place of magnificent worship in the Anglican tradition, a center for music and the arts, a community of meaningful outreach and service, and an expansive circle of caring friends.

At the heart of the Highland Park neighborhood for nearly a century, St. Andrew's is a church "for" the community. Neighbors and friends--whether members or not--who have any need (a child to be baptized? a place for a wedding? care at the time of illness or when there is a death in the family . . .) are sincerely encouraged to be in touch with us.

All are welcome. Summer office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our phone number is (412) 661-1245, and our E-Mail address is: St_AndrewsPgh@Juno.com.

The Welcoming Committee

Bob Staresinic

The Welcoming Committee greets people who have recently moved to Highland Park and gives a little introduction to the neighborhood. We currently have canvas bags imprinted with a copy of a photo of the Highland Avenue entrance to the Park from the turn of the century, filled with information about the neighborhood, the Community Club, and the City.

We are looking for people who are interested in meeting new neighbors or assisting with gathering materials to put into the bags.

I have some information, but am always looking to refresh the supplies and always open to new ideas. If you can stop and pick up information on any of the following items, give me a call:

Voter Registration forms
Schools, both public and private
The Children's Museum
The Historical Society of Pittsburgh
Phipps Conservatory
Local hospitals
The Vintage Senior Center
The Pittsburgh Symphony
Anything else you think of.

If you are interested in helping to deliver Welcome bags, let me know. There is no long-term commitment needed. If you get a new neighbor, know when a house is sold, get a coworker who moves into the neighborhood, or otherwise hear of someone new in Highland Park, please let me know. I can drop off a bag to them, or leave one with you to drop off. There seem to be about 150 houses sold each year, and if you can deliver one bag, that will be one less for me to do. I enjoy meeting new neighbors and answering questions they have; I am now willing to share the experience with you instead of keeping all of the fun to myself.

You can be a committee member with minimal time requirements and no meetings! Pick up some information or drop off a bag, and you can be part of the best committee in the HPCC.

Give me a call (441-8972) or drop by at 931 Mellon St. if you would like to be involved.

When you see me wandering around the neighborhood, honk and wave. And leave a porch light on, it really brightens the neighborhood.

Update on Day Camp Angel Fund

Janice Burgett

Many thanks to those of you who have rounded up your day camp registration fee to benefit our angel fund and help defray the cost of replacing our losses from the Farmhouse fire. To those of you who have gone through your craft supplies, children's games and sports equipment, a great big thank you to you, too. We experienced severe losses due to the fire and all of our supplies, board games and equipment were lost. If you have not yet donated, but would like to give any craft supplies, games or sports equipment to our program, please call me (Janice) at 361-2195. If you have a child who ever went to day camp, is going now or will go someday soon, you can also remember us with a donation. Your support will help to keep a wonderful tradition alive. Please make your checks payable to the HPCC or round up your check for your child's registration and mail them to Janice Burgett at 1017 King Ave Pgh PA 15206. Thanks again for your generous support!

Community Development Corporation

Judy Wolfe

This community-wide newsletter provides a unique opportunity for the Highland Park Community Development Corporation to inform our Highland Park neighbors of the many initiatives underway to make our neighborhood a better place to live and work.

Our first project was the rehabilitation of the historic abandoned property at 5635 Stanton Avenue. Four years ago this property was boarded up and condemned. This again-beautiful mansion now contains eight fully occupied and well-maintained units in the main house and three units in the carriage house. Work on the landscaping around the building is now underway and will add to the beauty of this classic structure. The apartments in the building provide to working families and fixed income residents an affordable and beautiful place to live.

Current projects of the HPCDC include:

Redevelopment of the 800 block of Mellon Street: This street in the Southwest Quadrant of our neighborhood is to be redeveloped with the aim of reversing the decline resulting from too many years of irresponsible ownership. To-date the HPCDC has obtained control of four properties on the street. Two of our properties will receive extensive renovation and two will receive, at a minimum, renovation to their facades. We will work with homeowners to renovate the other properties on the street. Construction is slated to begin this fall. As part of this project, we plan to also add the renovation of the multi-unit structure at the corner of N. Negley Ave. and Avondale Place.

Highland Park National Historic District Designation: The approval of the prestigious historic district will make tax credits available to developers of investment properties (both commercial and residential). These incentives promote responsible redevelopment by landlords who then have a vested interest in maintaining their properties. Alisa Cavalier, general counsel for the Pittsburgh Historic and Landmarks Foundation, came to the last HPCC meeting to talk about the advantages the Historic District will bring to the community. Several other public meetings will be held in the next six months to allow neighbors to voice their approval and concerns.

Highland Park Historic Garden and Fountain Restoration: Restoration of the Welcome Plaza and Garden at the Highland Avenue entrance to the Park will build on the successful effort to save the upper reservoir and the restoration of the Park entry statues. The first step is the design of the landscaping, fountain, and pool plan, which is underway. Look for schedule and meeting updates in the HPCC newsletter; your involvement and support is important! The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is our partner in this project and has committed itself to raising the most of the funds necessary to do this exciting project right.

Development of a Highland Park Community Plan: This effort will require the participation of the entire neighborhood to identify

issues of importance and neighborhood goals for development, for education, for business, etc. The work on the plan will take more than a year to complete and will allow the HPCDC and the HPCC to approach potential sources of funds with a coordinated vision of a future Highland Park. We are beginning the process necessary to get the funding to prepare the plan.

Highland Park Community Website: This is a joint project of the HPCDC and HPCC and the first effort was on the Internet as of May 2000. Check out www.highlandparkpa.com for neighborhood and park history, event schedules, sports, business, zoo, real estate, and children's news. Let's show people how great it is to live and play in Highland Park. Please contact us if you have any contributions or comments.

Bryant Street Business District: A consultant has been hired to consult on strategies for the redevelopment of this 2 1/2 block area. The plan will address ways to attract new businesses and to retain those already in place, and will consider store front renovation, street lighting, sidewalk and parking improvements. This first step will take about three months to complete.

East End Neighborhood Forum (EENF): The HPCDC and other nearby community groups have gotten together in the EENF to coordinate our development efforts. This forum will allow us to have a stronger voice in City government as we work together to develop and improve our own areas.

This fall we hope to have fun with a concert in the park in September and a Haunted House in the neighborhood in October. Stay tuned for details as these develop. Please let us know if you want to help - it should be a huge amount of fun.

Blockwatch

Jan Stayianos

It has been a few years since there has been an organized blockwatch program in Highland Park. I would like to get one going again. It is not a time consuming responsibility once you do the initial job of introducing yourself to everyone in your block and explaining what blockwatch is all about. I will call a few meetings a year and you would be responsible for reporting crimes that occur in your block to me, if and when they happen.

The best way to keep crime down in our neighborhood is to take an active role in blockwatch. Please consider helping with this important volunteer job. You do not have to be a member of HPCC to be a blockwatch Captain. Call me at 363-8208 to talk about this important work..

June 15 Meeting Highlights

Paula Flaherty

Meeting called to order at 7:15.

Reports & Announcements:

C.O.P. Report: None, but a letter has been received announcing that Officer Amanda Thomas is the new area community liaison officer.

Newsletter: The July Newsletter will be mailed to all residences in Highland Park and the other zip codes. Approximately 3000 copies. There will be no August Newsletter.

Web Site: The new Web site sponsored primarily by the HPCDC is up and running. Its address will be listed in the directory of the newsletter. Send e-mail to Tom Dickson identifying your organizations events for listing on the web page.

Nominations: Diane DeNardo is still accepting nominations for Directors to sit on the Board for three years. Call her to make a nomination.

Meet the Breeds: Thanks to Dillworth Traditional Academy for hosting "Meet the Breeds" event on May 9th. The event showed various breeds of dogs and a demonstration of obedience.

Zoo/Aquarium: The public relations campaign for the new Aquarium has mentioned Highland Park in a favorable light.

Next Meeting: There will be no July Meeting; the next meeting will be August 17th. It will feature a "Plant Swap". Bring your favorite plant (with care instructions) and swap for something different.

Election: The slate of candidates for Office will be announced at the August meeting and in the September Newsletter. Nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting. New officers will be elected at the September meeting.

New Business:

E-Fest: E-Fest is a street fair sponsored by the East End Cooperative Ministries, produced by east end area students and celebrating emerging artists. They have again requested a donation in the amount of \$500. The amount was approved by the finance committee and a motion to the board to approve was unanimously approved.

Peabody A letter was received from Peabody High School parents council requesting \$250 for new signage. \$250 has already been approved by the HPCDC. A motion was made and unanimously approved to grant the \$250. There was additional discussion of Peabody's capital campaign to make improvements in the buildings exterior landscaping and renovation of the basketball court.

Committee Business:

Yard Sale: Thanks to Judy Wolfe for a great success this year. There was some discussion of raising the \$12 participant's fee; the fee goes to cover cost of advertising, maps and balloons. It was noted that this event is not a "fund raiser"; no decision was reached.

Membership: Diane suggested a review of those who receive complementary newsletters and a determination whether any should be eliminated from the list. Currently, the club sends about

60 complementary copies of each issue. A suggestion was made to post the newsletter to the web site. There is a concern that people will not join the club if they can read the newsletter free on-line. A note will be placed in a future issue asking for response in order to continue to receive a complementary newsletter.

Program Committee: The September program will feature the editors of "The Heart of Pittsburgh Cookbook", which was a fund raiser for Sacred Heart school. Food will be served and a \$2.00 donation to the HPCC will be made for each copy sold.

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC): A report on the last meeting of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy was presented by Mary Beth Steisslinger, who currently serves as Director of Education for PPC. There will be another meeting soon, time to be announced. (Via E-Mail, Mary Beth advises that the final public meeting on the Master Plan for the four major parks of Pittsburgh draft presentation will be held Monday July 17, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. in Posvar Hall, Forbes Quadrangle, University of Pittsburgh. Mary Beth encourages a strong showing.) Mary Beth reported that Highland Park will be receiving its own "dedicated crew" which will not work in any of the other city parks or projects. Regarding the farmhouse, a garden/environmental center was proposed as a potential use for the building. There was much discussion regarding the appropriateness of this idea. Mary Beth strongly encouraged Highland Park residents to become involved and make their wishes known for the Farmhouse. Look for a fall program regarding this issue.

Dillworth Academy: A list of the books purchased with our recent donation was provided.

By-Laws: There will be a recommendation to change the club by-laws published in the August newsletter with the changes to be voted on in the September meeting.

Councilman Ferlo's Office: Yarone Zober, from Councilman Ferlo's Office, reported that tenants and an on-site manager are being sought for the refurbished Park View Flats. He also said the insurance settlement from the fire at the Farmhouse is still pending so no work can be done until that is settled. There will be a meeting to discuss potential uses for the Farmhouse. The date is to be announced.

September 6 is the annual United Way Day of Caring. Two hundred HUD (Housing and Urban Development) employees have been assigned to various projects such as dredging the lake. If there are project suggestions, call Councilman Ferlo's Office at 255-2140.

Buses and Reservoirs: Some residents complained about the continuing of Port Authority busses idling near their homes. State Representative Joe Preston suggested sending a letter to his office. Another resident expressed concern about the lower reservoir being covered with debris. Representative Preston will investigate. He also pointed out the progress on the new pump and filtration station for the upper reservoir. It is the only one of its kind and size in the U.S.

Haunted House: Mary Lee Snuffer announced that the HPCDC will be holding a Haunted House on October 27 and 28. Artists, actors or other help is needed; contact Mary Lee.

Program: Tania Grubbs spoke about resources for children in our community and what we would like to see. She plans to survey parents and older children to aid in planning future events.

Meeting adjourned.

Read This!!! or

Musings of the Editor on the Occasion of Our 2000 Mass Mailing

Greetings "Residents":

Would that we knew all your names to go with the addresses, but our mailing service just provides labels addressed to "Resident". Some 600 of you we know by name because you are members even though for this annual mailing to the 2900 residential addresses in Highland Park, you become anonymous "Residents" too. But this issue of the newsletter is for those of you we don't know. It is to provide you with background of the club, a description of some of our activities, and, hopefully, to convince you to join up!

The purpose of the Highland Park Community Club is to improve the quality of life in the Highland Park neighborhood. We are a working club, not a social club. Take a moment and read the articles in this Newsletter and to browse the list of officers and committees on page 2; you'll see that we cover a broad range of topics relevant to the community. For example: The Yard sale is an annual club event, The Day camp has been going on for years and provides a valuable service, The Block Watch program is being re-invigorated to improve the safety of our neighborhood, etc. I'm sure you'll see some issue of great interest to you, I suspect you'll see names of friends and neighbors. So call the committee chair and become involved in the activity of the committee. Come to the meetings and become involved in the

discussions of these topics. And follow the instructions on Page 3 to join at the special new members rate. Then you'll get this exciting newsletter 11 times a year!

Speaking of the Newsletter - I'm always interested in articles of interest to the community. Try your writing skills - it's easy, it doesn't hurt and it is very satisfying to see your by-line in print. Give me a call about story ideas and we'll set something up.

At the risk of overkill: **No meeting in July**

No Newsletter in August

Give nominee names to Diane before the August meeting.

I suppose that since it's nearly July 1 and the Y2K bug hasn't destroyed the fabric of society we can forget it. Now I'd like to raise a separate issue. 2000 is just too round a number for a year name. For over 60 years I've been dealing with very precise year names, 1939, 1951, 1973, 1989, etc. Those are clearly very precise numbers, 1939 follows 1938 and comes before 1940. But 2000 is a round number; in the world of rounded numbers it can mean anything from 1501 to 2499, I believe. I now understand why Arthur Clarke named his classic sci-fi novel "2001 - A Space Odyssey". 2000 just doesn't hack it! Another thing, 2000 (pounds) is a ton. So when I see 2000 I usually think "ton" not year. I guess I'll try putting AD or CE after 2000 to signify exact year! Maybe it all just means we're supposed to have a ton of fun this summer!

Enrico's Tazza D'Oro

European Café and Espresso Bar

One-year anniversary weekend beginning June 23rd!

Check out our event schedule

Enjoy our new outdoor seating and longer summer hours

Try one of our delicious panini, desserts, pastries, iced espresso drinks or a real fruit smoothie. All of our selections are available for take-out. Sunday Brunch 9 am to 1 pm.

Join us for one of our weekly community walks around Highland Park or for a bike ride with our cycling group. Details available and updated weekly.

Hours of Operation

Mon - Thurs : 7 am to 10 pm

Fri : 7 am to 11 pm

Sat : 8 am to 11 pm

Sun : 8 am to 5 pm

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THE STREETS ARE ALIVE- WITH E-FEST! JULY 22&23

Muzz Meyers

Thanks to the hard work of nine East End high school students, East Liberty will once again host E-Fest, a celebration of emerging artists. E-Fest is the product of the East End Cooperative Ministry's Youth Business Initiative. The Festival will showcase emerging artists, musicians, poets, and crafters. It will also include many kids art activities and lots of food and fun. The sounds of great jazz, gospel, soul, and hip-hop will fill the air as you stroll down Penn Ave and enjoy all East Liberty has to offer. The festival will take place Saturday July 22 from 12 noon until 9 p.m. and Sunday July 23 from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Penn Ave will be blocked off from Penn Circle East to Beatty St. and N. Highland will be blocked off from Baum Blvd. to Kirkwood. Please come out and show your community pride, witness the positive things our young people can accomplish when given the opportunity, and enjoy E-Fest 2000, a showcase of emerging talent.

Reservoir of Jazz

Reservoir of Jazz returns to the neighborhood in August. This will be the sixth season of this outstanding series of free Sunday afternoon concerts. The line-up for this year is:

August 6, Matt Ferrante Quartet

August 13, Tania Grubbs

August 20, Henderson Thomas

August 27, Frank Cunimondo

All concerts begin at 1:30 p.m. - Near the N. Highland Ave. Entrance to the Park.

These concerts which are partly supported by the HPCC are free and open to everyone. It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Come on out.

Your Voice Counts to the Children's Committee!

Children and Youth:

The Highland Park Community Club wants to get some feed back on what the children and youth of Highland Park would like to see as Club sponsored activities. Please take a moment and answer the following questions so we can design program more to your liking:

What kinds of activities would you like to see in our community that are geared toward young people? _____

What area of the park do you most frequent and what facilities do you use the most? _____

Additional comments or suggestions? _____

Parents

We also want to know what it is you would like to see more of or if you have any suggestions for things to come.....

What playground do you most use in the city parks, and why? _____

Would you like to see more planned events like the Halloween Parade, Easter Hunt, etc? _____

Would you like to see more family events planned and do you have any suggestions? _____

Addition comments and Suggestions: _____

Most importantly, would you be willing to volunteer to help planning or running events for our youth?(circle one) YES NO

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please mail forms to: Tania Grubbs phone: 661-4054
6012 Bryant St. e-mail: OFTISing@AOL.com
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

USE ADDITIONAL SHEET(S), IF NECESSARY!

(For Campers 4 through 8 years old)

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Family Physician: _____ **Phone:** _____



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The Next HPCC meeting is 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2000, at St. Andrew's

JULY & AUGUST CALENDAR

JULY 15	CHRIST COLLEGE CHOIR OF CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND CONCERT, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M., ADMISSION
JULY 17	FINAL PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR THE FOUR MAJOR PARKS OF PITTSBURGH, POSVAR HALL, FORBES QUADRANGLE, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, 7:00P.M.
JULY 19	OPEN HOUSE, ZONE 5 POLICE STATION, 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
JULY 22 & 23	E-FEST, PENN AVE. & N. HIGHLAND AVE, STARTS AT 12 NOON EACH DAY
AUGUST 6	RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, MATT FERANTE QUARTET, N. HIGHLAND ENTRANCE TO PARK 1:30 P.M.
AUGUST 13	RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, TANIA GRUBBS, N. HIGHLAND ENTRANCE TO PARK, 1:30 P.M.
AUGUST 17	HPCC MEETING, "PLANT EXCHANGE", ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.
AUGUST 20	RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, HENDERSON THOMAS, N. HIGHLAND ENTRANCE TO PARK, 1:30 P.M.
AUGUST 27	RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, FRANK CUNIMONDO, N. HIGHLAND ENTRANCE TO PARK, 1:30 P.M.