

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
September 2000



Edited by Ollie Rieley

A Message from the President

Diane DeNardo

Greetings from Winterton Street. The following slate of candidates was nominated at the August meeting and will be voted on by the membership at large at the September meeting:

President: Tania Grubbs, Bryant St.
Vice President:
Directors: Kevin Bivins, Highland Ave.
Debbie Hart, Wayne Road
Christine Lagnese, Heberton St.
Branden Weber, N. St. Clair St.
Kate Zober, Farragut St.

The September meeting serves as the Annual Meeting and all members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided by Highland Park residents who served on the Sacred Heart PTG Cookbook Committee producing the award-winning *Heart of Pittsburgh Cookbook*, a school fundraiser. Discount coupons will be available for anyone who is interested in purchasing a book at Tazzo D'Oro during the month of September.

I have enjoyed working with so many of you for the last year as President. Thank you for the opportunity. I know that Tania and the new directors along with Mitch, Paula, Jill, the remaining ten directors and all of the committee chairs will continue to work diligently and get MANY jobs done. Great things happen in Highland Park every day and the neighborhood is getting even better all the time. Get involved, meet your neighbors, be part of the action, share your dreams, and have a voice.



Block Watch Program

Jan Stayianos

The first Blockwatch meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Millie Johnson, Crime Prevention Officer at Zone #5 Police Station, will explain what is expected of the Blockwatch captains and how the program works. If you are interested in being a blockwatch captain or bringing information back to your street, please come to the meeting or send a neighbor. If you have any questions, call me at 363-8208.

Annual Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 7:30 P.M.

**Election of Officers and Board
Members**

Vote on Changes to By-Laws

**All Current Members are
Encouraged to Attend
and
Be Heard**

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2000, AT ST. ANDREWS

ZONING MEETING

Diane DeNardo

Mark your calendar. On September 26, at 7:00 P.M. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, representatives from the City Planning Department will conduct an open meeting for all Highland Park residents about the proposed changes to the zoning in Highland Park.

Zoning establishes allowable uses for land and buildings. It sets the height for apartment buildings and leaves room for trees. It regulates where day care centers can go and the number of parking spaces at a store. It is simple common sense and complicated legal jargon. Zoning is what shapes the way Pittsburgh grows and helps guide the quality of life we enjoy in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, and where we shop and play. Zoning influences every decision made about the built environment, from homes to industry, street lights to billboards.

Map Pittsburgh is an initiative of the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning to analyze, neighborhood by neighborhood, the conversion map adopted last year with the city's new zoning ordinance. The conversion map simply translates, as closely as possible, the existing zoning districts into the districts regulated by the new code. However, there are a number of ways in which the existing map does not fit either the existing neighborhoods or trends in development. Map Pittsburgh is designed to examine the fit between the newly converted districts and land use realities and trends.

The Map Pittsburgh project in Highland Park has been completed. Please attend the Tuesday, September 26th meeting to see what changes will be proposed for Highland Park.

WANTED >>>>>

The HPCC is in need of a laptop computer for use by the Secretary and President. If you would like to donate or loan a laptop to the organization, please call Paula at 361-2203.



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Highland Park Community Development Corporation Haunted House

Judy Wolfe

The Highland Park Community Development Corporation needs volunteers to help with their haunted house fund-raiser. The proceeds from this project will support our continuing efforts at rehabilitating rundown properties in our neighborhood.

The Haunted House will take place at 923 N. Negley Ave. (corner of Avondale). This house is being purchased by the HPCDC. The plan is to completely renovate the facade of this building - after the Haunted House is over. We will then sell the property to a developer - to return it to a one or two unit home. The event will run Friday and Saturday October 27 and 28, 2000.

We need volunteers to help in many areas:

- clean-up of the first floor prior to construction (debris, old furniture, broken appliances, etc.)- one weekend probably in mid-September
- design and construction of props - ongoing through October. Anyone with any ideas, experienced or not with shows, haunted house, love of Halloween, etc.
- set up- one or two weekends in October.
- event volunteers - probably four hour shifts on the event nights
 - escort (for groups of kids under 12)

- actors (in and outside the house)
 - security(in and outside the house)
 - stage crew(lights, effects, etc)
 - ticket takers
 - more
- breakdown - one or two days following the event

Please call Judy Wolfe at 441-7830 if you can give us a hand. A couple of hours would be very much appreciated - more would be wonderful.

We need help from the whole neighborhood - teenagers through their grandparents. We hope it will be fun for the whole crew and the neighborhood.

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

Sunday Morning Services - September
 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
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Highlights of August Meeting

Paula Flaherty

Called to order at 7:30 P.M.

C.O.P. Report: Officer Scalise reported that burglaries are up in the area and there had been an armed robbery of a pizza delivery driver. A noise problem was also reported on N. St. Clair St. She also reported that there will be a mini station opening at Vento's Pizza, near the new Home Depot. Officer Scalise again reminds Highland Park residents to be diligent in locking windows, doors, etc. and always feel free to call 911.

Education: Kathy Westbrook from the Fulton School PTO announced the arrival of the new Principal, Mr. Todd Van Horn. Mr. Van Horn will make a presentation at the October meeting and there will be a reception for him then. All are strongly urged to attend to discuss potential changes at Fulton.

Farmhouse: The insurance claim has been paid and money is being earmarked to work on the exterior as well as bring the plumbing and electrical up to code. The brick is scheduled to be stripped of paint and repointed. The purpose of the Farmhouse has not been determined. The work performed will be primarily to restore the exterior. There was an inquiry regarding a security system for the building. Steven Bruder from Councilman Ferlo's office reported that lighting, motion detectors and security are included in plans for the building.

Zoning: On September 26 there will be a meeting to examine recommended changes to the current code. The Pittsburgh City Zoning Board will send letters of invitation to all Highland Park residents.

It was reported that there are renovations planned for the Bunker Hill tennis courts and basketball area. A new hockey deck will also be built.

The September meeting is the annual general membership meeting focusing on election of officers. All members of the club are invited to attend and vote. Additional nominations for board members or other officers will be accepted from the floor. Refreshments will be provided by the Sacred Heart "Heart of Pittsburgh" Cookbook Committee.

Mary Lee Snuffer discussed proposed changes to the club by-laws. These changes will be printed in the newsletter and voted on in the September meeting. She thanked committee members Del Ziegler and Bob O'Connor for their work in preparing the changes.

The Highland Park website is encouraging submissions. There is also a chatroom being organized.

HPCDC: The CDC announced a Halloween Haunted House titled "Nightmare on Negley". The house, located at the corner of Avondale and Negley, will be open on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 from 5 to 11 P.M. The proceeds will support

the renovation of rundown properties. Please call Judy Wolfe to volunteer.

Membership: Kelly Meade reported current membership is 656 paying members, in addition the newsletter is distributed to 55 others on a complimentary basis. There are plans to add six nearby real estate offices to the complimentary list.

There was a cleanup at the Church at Stanton Avenue and N. Negley in May. Another one is needed; anyone who would like to organize this project is encouraged to do so.

It was reported that a resident had difficulty entering the Zoo and Aquarium through the educational complex, as was the agreement between the club and Zoo and Aquarium management. A letter will be sent to clarify the arrangement so that Highland Park residents who are members of the Zoo and Aquarium may continue to access the facility by walking instead of driving and parking.

The Club needs a Hospitality chair to arrange refreshments for the meetings and a Chair for the House Tour. Volunteers are encouraged to step forward and try one of these important jobs.

It was suggested that the club do some more social activities. A Salsa night was suggested which would include dance lessons and a variety of Salsas prepared by Highland Park residents. A site and date for this event will be announced.

Additional expressions of concern were voiced regarding Fulton School. Suggestions included making Fulton a magnet school or a school which focuses on the arts. Residents were again encouraged to attend the October meeting with ideas to discuss while the new principal is here.

Meeting adjourned.

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STANTON/NEGLEY CLEANUP

Kelly Meade

A belated thank you to those who took a few hours on a Saturday in May to help with the cleanup at the Church. Although there were only 5 of us we made a remarkable difference in a mere 4 hours. My thanks go to Christine Scala, Laura Dietz, Allison (whose last name is unknown to me) and John DiPucci. Driving by the church today, one can see that another event should be planned and is undoubtedly overdue. So as soon as my life settles down - I will try and find a date for this event. Thank you all so much!!

Open House Sunday at East Liberty Presbyterian Church - Sept. 24, 11 a.m.

Heide Thompson-Peña

East Liberty Presbyterian Church will host an Open House on Sunday, Sept. 24, in celebration of the re-opening of the church's newly restored Sanctuary. After a six-month cleaning process, the Sanctuary walls, stained glass and other detail work have been restored. A special 11 a.m. service will feature several different kinds of music and worship, from contemporary to traditional. After the service, spaces throughout the church will display the many different ministries of ELPC. A brunch reception and tours of the building will also be offered. For more information, please call 441-3800, or see the church website, www.cathedralofhope.org.

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HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CLUB BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The following RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT BY-LAWS of the HPCC are to be voted on in the September 21, 2000 meeting. All current members of the club are eligible to vote.

“Article III -Membership—Section 3

CURRENT—All candidates for Full Membership shall have submitted a written application for membership and shall have been approved for membership by a majority vote of the directors. All candidates for Associate Membership shall have been approved for membership by a majority vote of the directors or by a majority vote of the members at any meeting of the members.

Amendment- All candidates for Full Membership shall have submitted a written application for membership and full payment of annual dues.

Article VIII – Officers- 3

CURRENT- The Executive Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the President, he shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have and may exercise the power of the President.

Amendment - The Executive Vice-President shall be President Elect and assumes the office of President at the designated term. The Executive Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the President, he shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have and may exercise the power of the President.

ArticleVII - Officers- Section 4

CURRENT-The Community Development Vice President shall have the responsibility of protecting community interests and shall represent the HPCC on issues approved by the Board of Directors

Amendment- The Community Development Vice President shall have the responsibility of protecting community interests and shall represent the HPCC on issues approved by the Board of Directors. Additionally Community Development Vice-President shall act as liaison on issues of zoning, land use, park issues and commercial development areas.

Article VIII-Committees-Section 3

CURRENT -The Finance Committee shall set up a budget for each year and shall submit the budget for approval by a majority vote(1) of the Board of Directors at the August Board of Directors meeting along with recommendation for the amount of the dues and the manner in which dues should be collected. The Finance Committee shall make recommendation on all individual expenditures not budgeted for and greater than \$50.00, at the next available Board of Directors meeting. The fiscal year shall end August 31st.

Amendment- The Finance Committee shall set up a budget for each year and shall submit the budget for approval by a majority vote(1) of the Board of Directors at the October Board of Directors meeting along with recommendation for the amount of the dues and the manner in which dues should be collected. The Finance Committee shall make recommendation on all individual expenditures not budgeted for and greater than \$250.00, at the next available Board of Directors meeting. The fiscal year shall end August 31st.

Article VIII – Committees -Section 6

CURRENT-The Community Development Committee shall be chaired by the Community Development Vice President and shall consist of such sub committees as a quorum (8) of the Board of Directors designate

Amendment- The Community Development Committee shall be chaired by the Community Development Vice President and shall consist of such sub committees as designated by President or Vice President of Community Development

Article IX – Section 5

CURRENT - All requests for expenditures not budgeted for in excess of \$50.00 shall be submitted in writing to the Finance Committee for their recommendations

Amendment- Eliminate

Article X-Indemnification

CURRENT- This Corporation shall indemnify each person who is or has been a Director or Officer or who served at the request of the HPCC or another corporation, partnership joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses including attorney fees, judgements, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, actually or reasonably incurred by each such person engaged in the normal business of the HPCC to the fullest extent to which Directors, Officers and employees may be indemnified under the provisions of Pennsylvania Law, Sec.8367 of the Director's Liability Act.

Amendment- This Corporation shall indemnify each person who is or has been a Director or Officer or who served at the request of the HPCC or another corporation, partnership joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses including attorney fees, judgements, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, actually or reasonably incurred by each such person engaged in the normal business of the HPCC to the fullest extent to which Directors, Officers and employees may be indemnified under the provisions of Pennsylvania Law, Sec.8367 of the Director's Liability Act. Copy of Insurance Policy shall be maintained by President or Treasurer."

New Principal at Fulton

Mrs. Kathy Westbrook writes:

I have been the PTO President at Fulton Academy for the past two years. Your organization has always given us your support regarding many issues, both school and community related. This will be my last year at Fulton. I believe that to maintain high standards and to reach our goals, we must aim high and stand together.

I would like to introduce to you Mr. Todd J. Van Horn, the new principal at Fulton. He is a wonderful and qualified administrator whom I have had the honor of meeting. I have included his bio for you:

Mr. Todd J. Van Horn has been appointed the new principal of Fulton Elementary School. Mr. Van Horn has spent the past ten years at Arsenal Middle School, serving as the Dean of Students for the past two years. Prior to that he was a teacher of Mathematics for eight years. He began his career as a Mathematics Replacement teacher at the Greenway Middle School Teacher Center in 1988.

Mr. Van Horn was an East End resident for 32 years, growing up and starting his family in Stanton Heights. He

attended Sunnyside Elementary School for Kindergarten to sixth grade and returned for eighth grade. In between, he attended seventh grade at Morningside Elementary School. Mr. Van Horn is a 1982 graduate of Peabody High School. He received a baseball scholarship to Duquesne University where he earned his Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Mathematics. He continued his education at Carlow College completing his Masters Degree and receiving his Principal Certification in the Educational Leadership Program.

Principal Van Horn is very family oriented. He married his high school sweetheart, a 1984 Peabody High School graduate, Kimberley (Kohler) Van Horn. They have two children, Scott and Julie, ages nine and five respectively. Mr Van Horn is very active coaching his children's various sports which include: outdoor and indoor soccer, inline hockey and little league baseball. He also serves his church as a Eucharistic Minister.

Editor's note: Mr. Van Horn has been invited to attend an upcoming HPCC meeting and meet our members. He has accepted and looks forward to speaking with us.

**Annual Meeting
September 21, 2000
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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

September is "Round Up" Month at St. Andrew's, with our annual "Back to School" Church Picnic and Fun Day on Sunday morning, September 10. The St. Andrew's Church School and Youth Group resume regular schedules, and the picnic festivities will begin immediately following the 11 a.m. service that Sunday, with an abundant "Chili and Chicken" luncheon in the Churchyard and with lots of activities for the kids -- including a "MoonWalk" ride and arcade style games. All are invited -- and, if you can, feel free to bring a salad or side dish to share. Call the Church Office at (412) 661-1245 for more information.

September also marks the beginning of a new season of ExtraOrdinary Tutoring at St. Andrew's, as volunteers from the parish and neighborhood offer an hour of their time on Thursday afternoons (between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.) to help a neighborhood youngster with homework and study skills. If you're interested in volunteering, please call the Church Office.

On our long-range calendars as well we note that the Third Annual St. Andrew's Lecture will be held at St. Andrew's on Friday evening, October 6, at 8 p.m., with the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner, retired Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral key figure in the recent history of the development of downtown Pittsburgh, speaking on "The Church and the City." This should be an excellent program, and all of us in the neighborhood who are interested in the story of our city's "renaissance" will want to hear Dean Werner's presentation.

Membership Committee Report for August

Kelly Meade

According to our latest statistics we have a current membership of 656 of which 55 are complimentary. As requested, and as a result of the June meeting, I have deleted those members not in the East End. I have retained as "comp" members those affiliated with city government, all East End neighborhood groups, both the Post Gazette and Tribune Review newspapers, and those schools in the Highland Park neighborhood. Also, as requested, have added those real estate offices who work in Highland Park, namely Coldwell Banker in both Shadyside and Squirrel Hill; Howard Hanna, again the Shadyside and Squirrel Hill offices; Prudential Preferred Realty and Remax Realty, both of which are located in Squirrel Hill. Please let me know of any changes - additions/deletions - which should be considered.

Within the past week renewal notices for the year 2001 have been mailed (a little late as usual). Please forgive any duplications or other errors in this mailing, its been a very hectic month! On the other hand, if you do not receive a renewal notice, please give me a call and I will be happy to send one out to you.

Department of Public Works Announces Dedicated Park Maintenance Crews

A New Emphasis on Parks

The Department of Public Works would like to announce the implementation of dedicated park maintenance crews. The reorganization of park maintenance is an effort to improve and protect the city's 2,600 acres of parkland.

Each crew is responsible for trash pickup, turf maintenance, field maintenance, weed control and other maintenance tasks in their assigned parks. Currently five of eight geographically defined park zones are in place. The Northeast Parks Zone includes: Highland Park, Homewood Park and East Hills Park.(The Northeast zone also includes Flynn Parklet, the King Estate, and ten other small parks, playgrounds, etc.) Each zone will have a designated foreman and a team of 10-19 workers.

The dedicated park crews are part of a new emphasis on parks in the City. In the past maintenance crews were responsible for both street and park maintenance. The park crews are part of a clearly defined role for city maintenance

Each crew will concentrate their time on one specific geographic area, which will increase accountability for park maintenance. The crews will be in the same parks on a regular basis.

This program was developed under the leadership of Mayor Murphy, Councilwoman McDonald and Councilman Ferlo, and Guy Costa, Director, and Mike Gable, Assistant Director, of the Department of Public Works. If you would like more information about the program please contact Mike Gable at 255-2488. For more information regarding the Northeast Zone or concerns about your specific park please contact Dan Deasy, Foreman, at 665-3633.

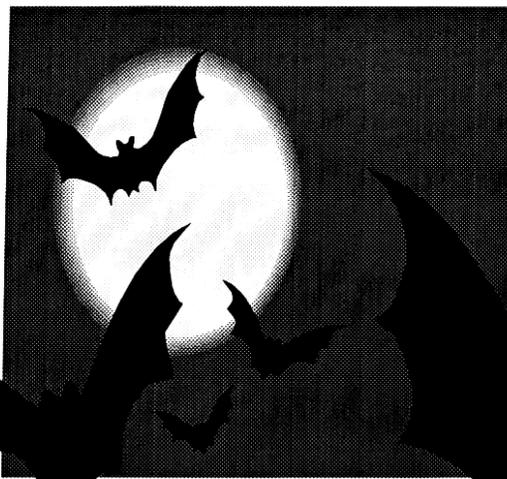
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The Next HPCC meeting is 7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2000, at St. Andrew's

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 | BLOCKWATCH MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:00 P.M. |
| SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 | HPCC ANNUAL MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M. |
| SEPTEMBER 24, 2000 | OPEN HOUSE, EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 11:00 A.M. |
| SEPTEMBER 26, 2000 | "MAP PITTSBURGH" MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:00 P.M. |