

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
October 2000



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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## Letter from the President

Tania Grubbs

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve as your president.. I am very grateful for the people that have gone before me that worked so hard together to create such a solid foundation for this thriving neighborhood. They helped to make Highland Park such a vital community in which to live and raise a family. I am proud to call Highland Park my home and I pledge my efforts to continue the beautification of our park, safety of neighborhood and the nurturing of our children.

A special thank you must be given to Diane DeNardo for her outstanding achievements as our past president, and to everyone else who served so faithfully during the last year - especially retiring board members: Carol Dyas, Jay Gilmer, Kelly Meade, Mary Lee Snuffer and Bob Staresinic.

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*You are Invited to Attend*  
an informal conversation with  
**Mr. Todd Van Horn,**  
the New Principal of Fulton Academy.

**Thursday October 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Fulton Academy**

The purpose is to discuss the future focus of  
Fulton Academy.

Input is welcome, ideas are appreciated and  
participation is necessary.

*Bring a neighbor!*

HPCC  
will host the Annual  
**Children's Halloween Parade**



**Saturday October 28, 2000**

from 1:00-3:00pm

Parade Line-Up @ 12:45 **ST. ANDREW'S**

\*Anyone who has anything to contribute to the  
children's treat bags call: Tania Grubbs 661-4034

## Keep in Mind:

HPCC Meeting, Election of VP, Oct 19, 7:30 p.m.  
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Super Playground - Fibar Spread, Oct. 23, 8:30 a.m.  
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Halloween Parade, Oct. 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
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**Nightmare in The Park**, Oct. 28 & 29  
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**Budget Requests Due!!**  
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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2000, AT ST. ANDREWS

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## Blockwatch

*Jan Stayianos*

The Blockwatch meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> was attended by only a few people. Millie Johnson, Crime Prevention Officer at No. 5 Police Station, Christine Scalise, our C.O.P. and Maureen Cato, Chair of the Public Safety Committee at No. 5 Station, were all very informative about the Blockwatch program and the responsibilities of Blockwatch captains. The few who attended the meeting have gone back to their respective blocks to gather names, addresses, and phone numbers and to talk to their neighbors about the program. I will be in touch with all of the people I called for the meeting. We need people in different areas of Highland Park, especially high crime areas, to make the program work. We need to get more Blockwatch signs around the neighborhood. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this important volunteer job, please call me at 363-8208.

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## Super Playground Looking Super Again

*Marsha Dugan, Dave Sufrin and Steve Petler*

Thanks to the many United Way volunteers and Schulz Contracting, the Super Playground is looking pretty super again. The playground received a coat of sealant, a lot of cleaning up, plenty of sanding and some much needed landscaping. Many repairs have been also been made so that all the equipment is working properly and safely. We have a few parts on order that have yet to come in, but they should be in soon and everything will be back in tip top shape again. Thank you to all of the United Way "Day of Caring" volunteers who worked so hard to bring our playground back to life. If you would like to report a problem with the playground, please call Marsha Dugan at 361-4359.

### *Volunteers Needed:*

On Saturday, October 23rd, we will be adding Fibar (the ground cover) to the playground. We will have a large semi-truck load of Fibar delivered and we will need at least 20 volunteers to help distribute it throughout the playground. If you would like to volunteer please call Marsha Dugan at 361-4359 by October 20th. Starting time is 8:30am. Please bring a metal rake. The more volunteers we have, the more fun it will be and the less time it will take. Hope to see you there!



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## Highlights of September 21 Meeting

*Tania Grubbs & Diane DeNardo*

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

**COP:** Officer Scalise gave her report. Some neighbors expressed concerns about At The Park bar because of late evening/early morning noise and loitering people. Councilman Ferlo suggested that a letter be written to Dino (the proprietor) regarding this matter. Some concerns were expressed about abandoned cars in streets and alleyways.

**Public Safety Committee:** It was announced that the citizen/police program is starting on September 27th; it runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday for 12 weeks at the Washington Blvd. Police Barracks. To get an application, phone Office Kornfelder at 655-3605 or call Officer Peggy Rose at 665-3601 with any questions. There are two terms of this program each year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

**Elections:** Branden Weber accepted nomination for Vice President and withdrew from the slate for Board of Directors. This leaves a slot open on the board. An election will be held during October's meeting for Brian. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate identified in the September Newsletter as modified. The motion carried. Congratulations to the new officers and directors.

**Program:** Ladies from "The Heart of Pittsburgh" Cookbook project presented a brief introduction to their work and also prepared delicious foods for the meeting. "The Heart of Pittsburgh" Cookbook is a fund raising project for Sacred Heart School. They noted that approximately 25 residents of Highland Park participated in this project, including: Betty Austin, Café Baci, Autumn DeMauro, Maria DePasquale, Diane DeNardo, Donna Linnelli, Councilman Jim Ferlo, Kathy Fine, Anne Franks Gillespie, Fraser-O'Loughlin B&B, Carolyn Morris, Ellen Gunnell, Andrea and John Leavitt, Lynn Maola, Marcie McGuire, Kelly and David Meade, Carolyn Morris, Mary Anne Murphy, Janet Peterson, Margaret and Megan Procario, Karen and John Raffensperger, Mary and Raymond Roberge, Leeni and Gary Swett, Tazza D'Oro (Amy Enrico), Angie and Will Walker. Anyone interested in a copy of the cookbook may purchase it at Tazza D'Oro. The book sells for \$17.95.

This project was recognized by Better Homes and Gardens in their special edition "Home Town Cooking" which included a feature on the cookbook. When the magazine writers came to Pittsburgh to research the story they were really impressed with our city.

A short "snack" break was taken to enjoy the food that the group made for us to share.

There was a brief introduction of all members that attended, many new members attended the meeting. It was nice to see so many new faces.

### Committee Reports:

**Children's Committee:** We are planning the annual Halloween Parade Saturday, October 28th from 1-3 p.m. (Gather at St.

Andrew's at 12:45.) The Committee requested a budget of \$500.00 for the event (the request must first be approved by the Finance Committee, then approved by the board). The route will be the same as last year with a party on Bryant Court at the end for the children and their families. Anyone who has treats to contribute to the Children's goodie bags call Tania Grubbs at 661-4054.

**Haunted House:** The CDC has changed its plans for the location of the Haunted House, it will now be the "Nightmare in the Park" at Rhododendron Grove near the Highland Park Pool Saturday October 28th from 3-10 p.m. and Sunday October 29th from 3-8 p.m.. To Volunteer call Judy Wolfe 441-7830, there will also be a place for the young children called the "Monster Mash".

**Hospitality Committee Chair:** The Hospitality Chair has been filled, finally! Kate Zober and Kate Maurin have agreed to co-chair this committee. Thank you Kate & Kate.

**House Tour Chair:** The House Tour Chair has been filled by Dana Thomas 838 N. St. Clair St. Thank you Dana!

**Program Committee:** October's meeting will feature Mr. Todd Van Horn, the new Principal of Fulton Academy. Mr. Van Horn will discuss his plans for the school and invites any feedback that the community may have.

**Super Playground:** 120 United Way "Day of Caring" Volunteers helped with the refurbishment. Many Thanks to all who helped.

**Zoning Committee:** Brenden Weber has volunteered to chair the committee and Christine Lagnese has joined the committee.

### Announcements:

Wednesday, October 4th there will be a kick off meeting to discuss the restoration of the Highland Avenue Entrance to Highland Park. The first phase of the plan will be discussed and a postcard has been sent out to every member of the HPCC. This is an important and exciting meeting. PLEASE TRY TO MAKE IT!

We received a thank you letter from Peabody High School for the \$250.00 donation to the school's Signage. The Club also received a thank you letter from Fulton Academy for our \$500.00 donation to the school's book fund. A list of books purchased was included.

### Old Business:

**By-Laws:** Diane DeNardo made a motion to accept the changes to the HPCC by-laws as proposed in the September Newsletter. Seconded by Ollie Rieley. Accepted. Mary Lee Snuffer indicated the revised by-laws would be available at the next meeting. Special thanks to Mary Lee Snuffer, Dell Ziegler and Bob O'Connor for their efforts in the reviewing and revising of the by-laws.

Councilman Jim Ferlo gave an update on the renovation/repairs to the farmhouse. A meeting will be called for HP residents to discuss the future uses of the farmhouse. Questions were raised about the postcard sent to HP residents announcing changes to the Pistol Range located in Highland Park.

## But It's the Ocean

*Penny Lazarus*

It was late summer, a time when gardeners such as myself feel guilt-free sitting quietly for a few minutes amid the bloom of their labors. The frenzy of spring planting is past and even weed growth has slowed; the flowers are rich, full and vibrant, and little bare soil remains for even vagrant seedlings. It was at this time, a year ago, that my husband approached me with the astonishing idea that he wanted desperately to leave Pittsburgh to find work that offered new opportunities and skills. Within another month he had a dream job offer and I, a native Pittsburgher, faced the need to relocate for the first time in my 40 years. We Pittsburghers are a grounded, contented lot. I always felt too enriched by the diversity of experience that our city offers and too comforted by the familiarity of neighborhood to want to leave. Like the perennial flowers in my garden, I felt completely rooted and I flourished among good friends and neighbors, a big old house that we restored, and a thriving piano-teaching practice.

Yet all of this would be diminished if we stayed. I recognized Josh's life was stressed, and a good gardener knows to look beyond the immediate flush of bloom to the health of stalk, leaves and roots for signs of needed intervention. The enormity of the task for me was such that I could not face everything at one time, so I focused on my 6 year-old son Adlai, my pregnancy, and my garden. How could I leave, having started my garden from scratch thirteen years earlier, when we bought our house in Highland Park? Wonderful original foundation plantings still existed on the property. Although they were all overgrown and in declining health they were enough to inspire me, in spite of my lack of gardening experience.

When we purchased our Jackson Street house, a lawn service recommended replacing the scraggly shrubs with the common yew and privet. Luckily, we wanted to commit our rapidly diminishing funds to the house's interior, and by the time I turned my attention outward, spring had arrived. During that season, the spirea, mock orange, decidra, beauty bush, rose of sharon and shrub roses were all recognizable by their scented bloom, and over the years I steadily added flowers, shrubs and perennial grasses.

Even before we found a new house on Massachusetts' north shore, I started to divide perennials, collect seeds, and split bulbs. My plants became my transfer objects and I knew I was going to need a lot of them to feel settled after the move. We rented a small trailer to move my increasing collection of potted plants. Initially my labors were rewarded: lush with nurtured attention even the acanthus bloomed on schedule, and their exotic lavender stalks lined the driveway as the movers loaded the van. My friends and neighbors, knowing perhaps even better than I the difficulty of all this, created a goodbye party I could never forget. Everyone brought plants for my new garden. The plants contained more than just Pittsburgh soil; I would also transplant wonderful memories and promises of continuing relationships. With great hope for the future, we loaded up the trailer and pulled out.

Then the tests of faith began. Our last night in Pittsburgh was interrupted by a horrible thunderstorm and the felling of the huge mulberry tree that shaded our backyard and fed the wild birds. We had already sold the house, so there was nothing to do but leave the new owners names of tree cutters and muse about the years coaxing shade tolerant plants to grow in its dark understorey. After sweeping the house one last time and rushing to donate to the neighbors the plants that wouldn't fit in the trailer, we left. Making a game of it, we waved goodbye to our house, our street, our neighborhood, our city, even our county; but before we could say farewell to Pennsylvania, our car sputtered and died on the frantic

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stretch of interstate highway outside of Wilkes-Barre. Hours later (but not before a ride for the boys and me in a state trooper's car to find a motel not already completely booked for an area auto race) we got the diagnosis: a ruined transmission. We weren't going anywhere very soon, yet the walkthrough before closing on the new house was the following morning. The simplest and least costly alternative was to just rent another car, but not a single rental company would allow us to tow a trailer full of plants. Feeling utterly homeless and sobbing at the idea of leaving my friend's gifts by the side of the road, we made the most ridiculous--but for me necessary--arrangement. We turned in the trailer and rented a huge diesel truck. Since it only had two seats, Josh and Adlai drove the remainder of the way while baby Max and I boarded a plane out of Wiles-Barre airport. Just hours before our meeting with the real-estate agents at the new house, we were all reunited. I figured the plants could tolerate at most three days without sunlight and we were fast approaching that deadline. It was the middle of the night when I flung open the doors of the truck. I couldn't see much, but the unmistakable smell of rich, earthy humus wafted through the night air. The enclosed truck had acted like a greenhouse and everything was even healthier than before. A local beach bum walking by peered in with us. "Plants," he sputtered. "Plants ... they're rockin'!"

But the most amazing thing was yet to come. Approaching the new house, which I hadn't seen since the dead of winter, I was greeted by an unanticipated bounty of bloom. Empty garden, beds formerly showing few clues to what lay beneath the ground, were now filled to overflowing with dianthus, phlox, lilies, and monarda. I could barely concentrate on the inside tour. I didn't care. I had a new sanctuary to explore and develop. I was already planning where to place the plants I brought, which unbelievably were not duplicated anywhere in the present garden. I knew the resettling process would be slow, but in the garden I would make my own contributions more quickly than I ever could have thought.

*The author, living now in Newburyport, Massachusetts, still misses Pittsburgh. She can tell by the quickening of her pulse every time she spies a Heinz ketchup bottle on the table of a Massachusetts restaurant.*

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## Pittsburgh Prayer Pilgrimage:

*From Neighborhood to Neighborhood --- A weekend of sung prayer and reconciliation with Brother John of Taizé, October 13, 14, & 15, 2000*

*Rev. Gail Ransom, Minister of Taizé Prayer  
East Liberty Presbyterian Church*

People from many Christian traditions and Pittsburgh neighborhoods are planning a weekend of Taizé Prayer and small group gatherings on October 13, & 14. Joining us for the weekend will be Brother John of Taizé one of several American brothers who live in the Taizé Community in France. During this time of prayer and conversation, Taizé leaders from area churches hope to discern how they might become a sign of hope for the city of Pittsburgh.

Emphasizing the need to reach across our differences, the weekend will be held in three different Pittsburgh neighborhoods. In each neighborhood, sung prayer services, presentations, and breakout groups will be held in neighboring churches as we symbolically move towards reconciliation by crossing the distances between us.

Our Pittsburgh Prayer Pilgrimage will begin on Mount Washington at 4 p.m. with a discussion with Brother John and a common meal at Grace Episcopal Church. Sung prayers will be held at 7 p.m. Break out groups and a gathering for youth at \*PM will be held in neighboring churches. On Saturday morning, October 14, the pilgrimage will continue at 10 a.m. on the North Side with Taizé sung prayers at Trinity Lutheran Church on North Street near the Aviary. Brother John will then present some themes from his latest book, *The Adventure of Holiness*, followed by study and discussion groups at St. Peter's Catholic Church and Calvary United Methodist Church. Vespers will be held that evening at 5 p.m. in the East End at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday morning, October 15, Brother John will return to East Liberty at 9 a.m. for a special contemporary worship service featuring stories from young adult travelers to Taizé, followed by an adult education class at 10 a.m. at neighboring Sacred Heart Catholic Church. During this ecumenical education experience, Brother John will explore the concepts from his latest book, *The Adventure of Holiness*.

## Budget Time --

### Attention Officers and Committee Chairs

Any subgroup of the club who expects to spend money during the coming year must submit a proposed budget for approval to the Finance Committee before spending the money. Send the budgets as soon as you can to Diane DeNardo, 1121 Winterton St., Pittsburgh PA 15206.

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## Change (*The Best Laid Plans....*):

### Nightmare in The Park

Last month's Newsletter announced a haunted house to be sponsored by the HPCDC. Technical difficulties make it impossible for the "Haunted House" to occur as planned — Instead there will be "**Nightmare in The Park**" at the Rhododendron Grove near the Swimming Pool Saturday, October 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday October 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Admission: \$5.00, adults, \$3.00 kids. "**Monster Mash**" designed especially for the younger children will be nearby.

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## Preston's Report

*State Rep. Joseph Preston Jr., 24th Legislative District*

### We need to end racial profiling:

Racial profiling is a dark reality in Pennsylvania. The practice of law enforcement officers targeting young African-American and Latino drivers, usually for routine traffic stops, because they fit a race-based profile must stop. To combat the problem, we must have better police training and better communication between law enforcement and the African-American and Latino communities.

A Democratic colleague of mine in the state House of Representatives, Rep. Harold James of Philadelphia, recognized several years ago that this problem exists in Pennsylvania. He introduced legislation (H.B. 2289 and 2290) that would require the state to study routine traffic stops and require police departments to keep detailed records of all traffic stops, including the victim's race and the traffic infraction that led to the stop.

There is no doubt that racial profiling occurs in Pennsylvania. Our job is to determine the seriousness of the problem, then work with communities and officials to develop policies that prevent the discriminatory practice from taking place.

Despite several committee hearings last year on the issue, House leaders have refused to allow a vote on the legislation that would stop this racially motivated exercise from occurring. It is my hope that by drawing even more attention to the miscarriage of justice which is racial profiling, Pennsylvania will join states like North Carolina and Connecticut that have enacted laws to end the practice.

### Comparing notes with legislative colleagues:

In August, I had the opportunity to meet with 350 state leaders as part of the Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference Annual Meeting, which allows state officials to stay abreast of various issues.

We discussed topics such as drug pricing, teacher training, criminal justice, urban revitalization, high-speed Internet access and marine fisheries.

These meetings provide a great opportunity to hear from

colleagues in other states. We're all working on things like improving schools, ensuring quality health care and protecting the environment. There's a lot to gain by learning what worked in other states and applying those lessons to our efforts in Pennsylvania.

In addition to discussing state policy, there were calls for federal action on a number of issues affecting the Northeast, including: Amtrak capital funding, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, creating a Northeast Heating Oil Reserve and increased spending for the region's farmers.

The program also offered delegates the chance to take part in special skills workshops focusing on communication and conflict resolution. Several nationally known speakers addressed the group including political analysts Paul Begala and John Sununu, Court TV anchor Fred Graham and football legend Jim Brown. The Council of State Governments is the nation's only regionally based state organization serving all three branches of government. The Eastern Regional Conference was established in 1937 and includes Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, the Virgin Islands and the Canadian provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

*Preston is in his 18th year serving the 24th Legislative District, which comprises portions of Pittsburgh and Wilkensburg. His district office is at 6203 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh. The phone number is 361-3692.*

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Mr. Oliver R. Rieley  
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Dear Mr. Rieley:

As you are aware, new service changes took effect on September 10<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to assure you that Port Authority staff will continue to monitor the Highland Park issues. We did follow up with 3 customer complaints following our June 18<sup>th</sup> schedule changes and we were able to immediately address the problems.

We have re-issued the General Notice concerning proper layover procedures. The following changes have occurred with the September 10<sup>th</sup> service changes:

- The 71A Negley is now providing service from the Harmar Division.
- 64A now provides service to the Waterfront in Homestead.
- Sunday/Holiday service on 64A to Whitaker has been discontinued

I sincerely appreciate and thank the community for their continued support and assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412-566-5323.

Sincerely,

Lynda L. Conway  
Director of Operations Analysis

cc: F. Cephas  
R. Rochez

## October at St. Andrew's

*Bruce Robison*

The beginning and the end of October at St. Andrew's will include many events to be of interest to folks in the wider neighborhood and community. On Thursday evening, October 5, at 8 p.m. a service of Choral Evensong will include a recital by well-known East End pianist Linda Morgan-Ellison. On Friday evening, October 6, at 8 p.m., the Third Annual St. Andrew's Lecture will feature the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner, recently-retired dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, downtown, reflecting on his experience as a key leader in the redevelopment and "renaissance" of downtown Pittsburgh over the past two decades. A reception follows the lecture to honor Dean Werner, and the works of Pittsburgh artist Debbie Walker will be on display. These programs are free and open to the public. On Saturday evening, October 7, the Pittsburgh Camerata, our region's finest and most-loved chamber choir, will be in concert, also at 8 p.m. Tickets for the Camerata are \$12, available at the door.

At the end of the month, on Halloween, Tuesday evening, October 31st, beginning at 8 p.m., we continue the popular tradition, this year entitled "Bach in the Belfry," with a brief, fun-for-all-ages organ recital--with music appropriate to the spirit of the spooky evening--followed by bell-ringing in the candle-lit belfry, a crawl through the shadowy organ loft, and then sending young and old out into the night with a special bag of treats. And it's always more fun when you're wearing a costume!

And finally, just a neighborly, pastoral note: we here at St. Andrew's, at the corner of North Euclid and Hampton Street for nearly a century, are committed to our identity and ministry as "the church in Highland Park." If you're looking for a church home, of course, we would love to talk with you -- but we also would encourage all members of the community -- whether "members" of the congregation or not, to feel free to call us if you have any special need or concern -- if there is a baby to be baptized, a wedding to plan, or a death in the family, or if you just need a "rain location" for a family garden party -- with which we might be able to help. The Church Office number is (412) 661-1245.

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## Special Election

The slate of nominees listed in last month's Newsletter included Brandon Weber as a candidate for Director. When Brandon learned there was no nominee for Vice President he volunteered for that position. Prior notification of nominees and elections to the general membership is required so Brandon could not be voted on at the September meeting. This is notice that there will be a vote of the general membership at the October meeting to elect a vice president. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Anyone seeking the open Director position should contact Tania Grubbs at 661-4054.

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## Update of Contractor's List?

*Ollie Rieley*

The most recent version of the Contractor's list was published in the May 1998 HPCC Newsletter. You may remember that this is a list of contractors for a wide variety of house projects who have been recommended by club members. The 1998 list included 58 listings in 33 categories from "Addition" to "wallpaper" and including "Bee/Pest" (not clear whether that's supply or removal). Each entry includes the name of the person recommending and the year. If you want to see a revision of the list issued, send me recommendations! I need the contractors name, phone number, specialty (what he did for you), your name, your phone number and the year of service. You must be willing to be listed so people may contact you and discuss the quality of work. I think I will delete contractors whose most recent recommendation is 92 or earlier unless they are re-recommended. I will also spot check a few of the older listings to see if they are still in business but I won't guarantee any of the information. Send recommendations to Ollie Rieley, 5571 Hampton St. Pittsburgh PA 15206. I would expect to issue the revised list early next year. (If you received unsatisfactory service from any one on the list or learned they've gone out of business, please let me know and I will remove them from the list.)

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## St. Andrew's Lecture

The Very Rev. George L. W. Werner, retired dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Pittsburgh and newly elected President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church, has been selected to give the third annual St. Andrew's Lecture on Friday evening October 6, 2000, at 8 p.m.

The topic of the lecture will be the role of the church in civic affairs.

Dean Werner, a native New Yorker and a graduate of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, served for 20 years as leader of a vibrant and engaged downtown cathedral church, has been as well a leader in Pittsburgh public life.

He was the founder and chairman of the Downtown partnership of Pittsburgh and an advisor to mayors, council members and policy makers in the governmental and corporate community. He initiated the Dollar Energy Fund, and he has been a key member of the Transplant Committee of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

In July, 2000, Dean Werner was elected on the first ballot to serve as the President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church, the second-highest office in national Episcopal Church governance. In the wider church he has been known as a voice for reconciliation and unity, and he has been a tireless advocate for the church's ministries of justice and compassion, with a special interest for the concerns of urban communities.

Dean Werner follows Dr. John Murray (1998), President of Duquesne University, and the Hon. Sala Udin(1999), Pittsburgh City Councilman and civil rights leader, in presenting the St. Andrew's Lecture, which is an annual event to bring prominent community leaders to address important issues and values of public life.

The St Andrew's Lecture is free and open to the public. A reception follows.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 5801 Hampton Street, between North Highland and North Negley Avenues, one block south of Bryant Street and four blocks south of the park, in the East End Pittsburgh neighborhood of Highland Park. For more information, call the Church Office at (412) 661-1245.

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## Idle Thoughts of the Editor

Ollie Rieley

1. There was an interesting meeting at St. Andrew's about mapping Pittsburgh on September 26. I was very late but from what I understood, they seemed to have done a pretty thorough job, and immediately around my home the types of properties shown looked accurate. They said the maps would be posted at the East Liberty Branch Library but I didn't get the date. Keep an eye out and go look at the maps if you are interested and/or concerned about how the zoning will turn out.

2. Recent Post Gazette articles reported a number of people in the southwest corner of Highland Park are very unhappy with the "preliminary market value" assigned to their homes by Sabre Systems. Sabre Systems was reported to have reexamined their values in that area and agreed they made mistakes. I understood that Sabre Systems was to re-issue those "preliminary market values" corrected for the mistakes. My property is not in the area affected but a close examination of what Sabre Systems sent me led me to believe the floor area they used was incorrect. I have appealed. The message: check your "preliminary market value" and the information supporting it very closely.

3. Whew - I was beginning to think those steel plates in our streets were going to be permanent, but they've finally started filling a hole or two and removing the plates. Can you imagine what steel roads would be like in a light snow?

**4. Don't forget to vote in the November General election!**

Have a good day!

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**The Next HPCC meeting is 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2000, at St. Andrew's**

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<b>OCTOBER CALENDAR</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 4</b>	<b>DISCUSS RESTORATION OF ENTRANCE TO PARK, ST. ANDREW'S</b>
<b>OCTOBER 6</b>	<b>THIRD ST. ANDREW'S LECTURE, VERY REV. G. L. W. WERNER, ST ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>OCTOBER 7</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH CAMARATA, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M., ADMISSION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 19</b>	<b>HPCC MEETING, ELECT VP, NEW PRINCIPAL OF FULTON, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>OCTOBER 23</b>	<b>SUPER PLAYGROUND FIBAR SPREAD, 8:30 A.M.</b>
<b>OCTOBER 26</b>	<b>INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH MR. VAN HORN, PRINCIPAL FULTON ACADEMY, FULTON ACADEMY, 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>OCTOBER 28</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARADE, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M., (GATHER AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD, 12:45 P.M.)</b>
<b>OCTOBER 28</b>	<b>Nightmare in The Park, RHODODENDRON GROVE, 3:00 - 10:00 P.M., ADMISSION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 29</b>	<b>Nightmare in The Park, RHODODENDRON GROVE, 3:00 - 8:00 P.M., ADMISSION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	<b>BACH IN THE BELFRY, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.</b>

