

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
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Edited by Ollie Rieley

Peabody Drama Club

Ollie Rieley

A friend sent my wife and me a solicitation to support the Peabody Drama Club. I'm going to take the liberty of quoting a couple of paragraphs of the letter, the paragraphs that recap some of Peabody's strengths.

"How many productions of the Peabody Drama Club have you enjoyed? No one who saw "The Wiz" will ever forget football star Ron King as the "mean ol' lion," fluffing his mane as he strutted across the stage. Or custodian, Tom Rini's, heartfelt solo in "Grease." Or, the Hot Box Girls flinging off their minks and pearls in "Guys and Dolls." Peabody Spring Musicals are not to be missed!

"The Spring Musical plays an important part in the life of the school. Peabody boasts a Mock Trial team that defeated the Upper St. Clair team, a city basketball championship team two years in a row (basketball stars Will Summers, Chaz Peacock, and Greg Price brought down the house with their cameo roles in "Cinderella" last Spring), the only Microsoft Certification program in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.... We could go on and on about the wide range of opportunities at Peabody. But the Spring Musical is THE student activity that brings together the entire student body --- scholars, athletes, artists, and technology buffs as well as faculty and staff (in memorable walk-on parts!)"

I think this is a pretty strong endorsement of Peabody and the Drama Club!

If you agree, make a check out to the Peabody Drama Club and send it to Ms Pam Goncar, Treasurer Peabody Drama Club, Peabody High School, 515 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

January Meeting

The program for the January Meeting will feature representatives of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and Mayor Tom Murphy. They will discuss progress on the reservoir work including construction of the micro-filtration plant and also answer questions from the floor.

In addition, there will be further discussion of the effort to develop a Community Plan. The HPCDC is preparing a grant request to obtain funds to support a part time staff to help develop the community plan. But the staff would just facilitate, coordinate and generally do all those detail chores that need to be done. The real work would be done by residents of the neighborhood on a voluntary basis. Come to the meeting and make your views known. Are you interested in helping? Should the Community Club endorse this effort? (Which implies the Community Club will encourage members to volunteer for the work involved). Come out and join the discussion. This may have an important impact on HPCC work for several years.

**A Very Happy New Year to all Our
Readers**

AND

**Don't Forget to attend the First Meeting
of the New Year on January 18, 2001**

***Make it a Resolution to Attend Meetings
Regularly***

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2001, AT ST. ANDREWS

January at St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

The month of January begins at St. Andrew's on the "First Thursday," January 4th, at 8 p.m., with the traditional and much-loved service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, followed by a recital by Ellen Vance Spondike (flute) and Barbara I. Lewis (piano) and then by a festive Christmastide reception in the Parish Hall. All, of course, are invited to be a part of this very meaningful conclusion to our holiday season.

Sunday services continue with our regular schedule: a 9 a.m. service of Holy Communion in the Chapel, and an 11 a.m. Choral Service of Morning Prayer (with Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of each month), and with childcare, Church School, and High School Youth Group scheduled during the 11 a.m. hour. A quiet service of Holy Communion is also scheduled each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Also on the St. Andrew's calendar in January is our regular "second Wednesday" Writers' Group, meeting on January 10th at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Parish Hall, (new members always welcome!) and, at the end of the month, on January 28th, a potluck dinner and Adult Education program, continuing our theme of reflection on the history of St. Andrew's, featuring conversation with folks who remember the church and neighborhood in the 1930's, '40's, and '50's. Please call the Church Office (661-1245) to let us know if you plan to attend.

As the only church in the Highland Park neighborhood, we of St. Andrew's are always glad to extend a wide-open invitation to all to join us for worship or other activities. If you or someone in your family has a concern related to pastoral matters -- birth and baptism, marriage, illness, or at the time of a death -- with which we may assist and support you, please know that your call is welcome.

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Zoo to Participate in National Breeding Program for Endangered Siberian Tiger

New Female now on Exhibit

A new female Siberian tiger obtained from the Leningrad Zoo in Russia last summer is now on exhibit at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium. The Zoo acquired this genetically valuable tiger to begin a new breeding program as a part of the American Zoo & Aquarium Association's Siberian tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP).

The Siberian tiger is an endangered species, and its biggest threats to survival are loss of habitat and prey, poaching and poisoning. Fewer than 500 remain in the wild, while 363 are held in captivity in the US and Europe. A population of 152 tigers is managed in 58 U.S. zoos under the Siberian Tiger SSP, while 211 are in European zoos.

The largest of the living felines, Siberian tigers weigh up to 650 pounds and are 8 to 10 feet in length. Native to the Amur region of eastern Russia, North Korea and northeast China, these solitary cats have a long, thick coat with black stripes that are as unique as a human's thumb print - no two are exactly alike. The tigers massive build with heavily muscled forelimbs and shoulders help them hunt and stalk prey such as deer, antelopes, cattle and pigs. They are also excellent swimmers.

The Zoo's new two year old tiger is a founder, which means she is not related to any other tiger in the U. S. This makes her genetically valuable for breeding, since the primary goal of the Siberian Tiger SSP is genetic diversity. Next year, the Zoo plans to obtain a young male from another zoo to breed with the new female. That male will be genetically valuable as well, to ensure that any offspring will have the best possible genetic material for future breeding. The introduction process should take about two months, and if breeding is successful, the gestation period would be up to 15 weeks.

Females generally give birth to two to three cubs in a litter. In the wild, cubs remain with their mother for two to three years to learn hunting and survival skills before leaving to establish their own territories. In captivity, cubs become self-sufficient more quickly. Any cubs born at the Zoo will remain with their mother until self sufficient and then will be sent to other AZA zoos to breed. This is the most important and primary function of the SSP to ensure the survival of these magnificent creatures.

Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium General Curator Lee Nesler was alerted of the Russian tiger's availability last fall, when she received a notice from the species manager of the AZA's Siberian Tiger SSP. The SSP was looking for zoos willing to import a tiger for breeding purposes - a rare opportunity for which Pittsburgh had been waiting many years. Given the extensive experience of the Zoo's cat keepers, Nesler did not have a difficult time securing approval from the SSP. However, it took nearly eight months to process the mound of paper work required to obtain a permit for the animal.

Nesler traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia in May 2000 and stayed in an apartment on the grounds of the Leningrad Zoo while the final paperwork for the tiger was completed. After four days in Russia, Nesler and her valuable cargo flew back to Pittsburgh, stopping briefly in Frankfurt, Germany, to change planes.

The addition of the new female brings the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium's Siberian tiger population up to four. The Zoo also has two 13-year-old siblings - one male and one female - that were born here and a 16-year old male obtained from the Birmingham Zoo in 1992. Currently, the four tigers are taking turns exploring the Zoo's outdoor exhibit in three shifts - the two siblings are put on exhibit together, while the male and the new female go on exhibit alone. The timing of the shifts varies from day to day.

The Siberian tiger Species Survival Plan is one of 19 different SSPs in which the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium participates. The Zoo's cat department recently experienced success in breeding the rare Amur leopard, with three cubs born in July 2000. Those cubs are currently on exhibit and will remain in Pittsburgh until the spring of 2001, when they are sent to other zoos for breeding as

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - January

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

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Nursery and Church School at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

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part of that SSP.

Update of Contractors List

Ollie Rieley

You may recall that I requested input for an update to the contractors list a few months ago. This list, last published in 1998, contains the names of a number of contractors who neighbors had recommended for various kinds of work on their property. The response to the last request was underwhelming; I received recommendations from three families that I can use and one I can't use because it did not include the recommender's name and phone. A listing will not be included unless the person recommending is willing to be listed so people can call and discuss satisfaction with the work. So all of you who have had good contractors doing work, send in recommendations so your neighbors can use the contractors you liked! **E-mail me at ollie5808@aol.com or snail mail at 5571 Hampton, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.**

Map Pittsburgh

A second meeting to discuss the Map Pittsburgh project as applied to Highland Park was held December 11. A lively crowd attended the presentation by representatives of the City Planning Department. This program sets zoning according to the new zoning classifications and based on current usage. Thus the new zoning is intended to represent the majority of current uses for the

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area being zoned. If a two block area, say, is mainly single family homes on medium sized lots, the proposed zoning would be RSD 3. Any existing usages that don't meet this would be "grandfathered" but someone wishing to convert a single family building to multi-family use would have to apply for and obtain an exemption to the zoning classification. The intent is to maintain the status quo of the neighborhood. Questions seemed to focus on details on individual situations but at least one person seemed to object to the entire principal of zoning. His position was: let the owner do what ever he/she wants. This person noted that there are economic pressures to subdivide larger houses, otherwise they become too expensive for an individual family to maintain. The only way to keep them is to rent part out. What do you think?

Look for more meetings or call Wanda Wilson at (412) 255-2223 or e-mail wanda.wilson @city.pittsburgh.pa.us for information or with questions.

Seminary Activities

On January 17, the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will present the Kelso Lecture in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. This years lecture with the title "Protest and Praise: Old Songs in a New Key, with Alternative Harmonies" will be presented by Melva Costen from the International Theological Center, Atlanta GA. The Kelso Lecture is free and open to the Public..

The next Program on The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Concert Series is scheduled for January 27 at 2:00 p.m. Alan Grishman, violin, Lauren Scott Mallory, cello and Yee-ha Chui, piano will perform all the Brahms piano Trios. Admission charged.

Call the Seminary Office of Continuing Education at 362 5610 Ext.2197 to confirm times and dates or for more information.

Perfect for those winter parties(wouldn't fit in December issue):

Artichoke Dip

Tania Grubbs

Preheat oven to 350

2 small jars of marinated artichoke hearts (drain)

1 C grated Parmesan cheese

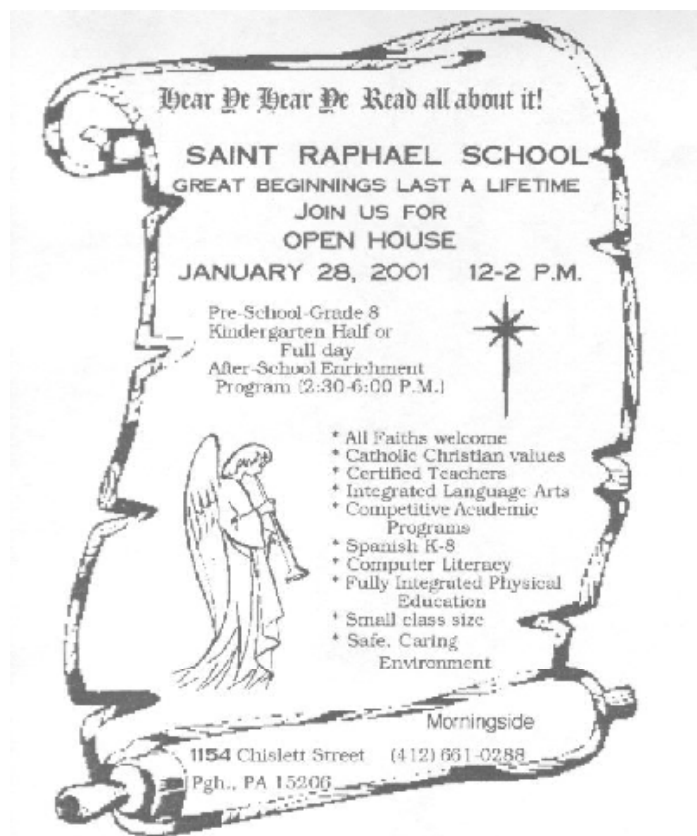
1 C grated Mozzarella cheese

1 C Mayonnaise

1 can of diced green chilies

1 small can of diced black olives (opt.)

Mix all of the above together, pour into a baking dish, and bake for 20-30 min. until brown. Serve with crackers, or tortilla chips.



Winter Movie Matinees at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium

Chase the winter blues away at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium with free nature movies every Saturday from January 6 through February 10, 2001. The movies begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Complex and are free with Zoo admission. Pepsi will provide free refreshments. Dates and movies scheduled are:

January 6: **Cats** - Can a cheetah run faster than a sports car?

January 13: **Animals in Action** - Did you know the fastest



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January 20: **Awesome Animal Builders** - These amazing animals don't need dump trucks to build their homes.

January 27: **Adventures in Asia** - Featured animals include cuddly pandas, hairy orangutans and huge manta rays.

February 3: **Swinging Safari** - Take a fun-filled look at some *really* wild animals.

February 10: **Totally Tropical Rain Forest** - Get a breathtaking view of the greatest variety of animals and plants on earth.

Winter visitors to the Zoo can see animals such as the Siberian Tigers and snow leopards frolic in weather similar to their native homes. They can warm up at indoor animal exhibits such as the Aquarium, Tropical Forest Complex, Niches of the world, Discovery Pavilion in Kids Kingdom and the Elephant Barn.

Newsletter Contributions

Editorial

Content should be of general interest to Highland Park residents. Items related to the HPCC, Club Activities or the HPCDC will take priority over other subjects but there have been no occasions in the last three years when articles have been left out because HPCC or HPCDC articles took all the space. Articles about school activities, St. Andrew's Church, the Seminary, the Zoo, block activities, portraits of community leaders, prominent people or businesses of the community, etc. are encouraged. Any article may be edited for length, content or style. Any article may be rejected at the option of the editor. Originals generally are not returned; make special arrangements if you want return.

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Next best:	Hard copy
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Ads:	For text ads, any form of text mentioned above is ok; we will attempt to duplicate fonts shown in printed text or use similar ones, a variety of fonts can be employed to create visual interest.
Graphics:	JPG, BMP, PCX files on disk are best. We can scan, but expect a degradation of clarity and contrast. In items that must be scanned, use 10 pt. or larger font at the final ad size.



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JANUARY CALENDAR	
JANUARY 6	ZOO MOVIE - "CATS", 1:00 P.M., FREE WITH ADMISSION TO ZOO
JANUARY 13	ZOO MOVIE - "ANIMALS IN ACTION", 1:00 P.M., FREE WITH ADMISSION TO ZOO
JANUARY 17	PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, KELSO LECTURE
JANUARY 18	HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.
JANUARY 20	ZOO MOVIE - "AWESOME ANIMAL BUILDERS", 1:00 P.M., FREE WITH ADMISSION TO ZOO
JANUARY 27	BRAHMS PIANO TRIOS, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CONCERT SERIES, 2:00 P.M., ADMISSION
JANUARY 27	ZOO MOVIE - "ADVENTURES IN ASIA", 1:00 P.M., FREE WITH ADMISSION TO ZOO