

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
February 2001



Edited by Ollie Rieley

Mayor Murphy and the Reservoir

Ollie Rieley

Mayor Murphy, Greg Tutsock, Executive Director of the PWSA and John Kasper, Senior Project Management Engineer of the PWSA attended the January meeting. Mayor Murphy led a presentation on the micro-filtration plant being constructed for the Number One reservoir. The addition of this facility obviates the need for covering the reservoir to comply with Federal EPA requirements and hence preserves the reservoir both as an aesthetic attraction in the park and as a living part of the Pittsburgh water supply.

Mayor Murphy pointed out that the concept of the micro-filtration plant came along when there were "two outs and two strikes in the bottom of the ninth". At the time there was enormous pressure to take action to meet the imposed deadline to "cover" the reservoir to protect the finished water from contaminants. On the other hand pressure from the neighborhood to preserve the reservoir was also high. Then the concept of the micro-filtration plant arose and meets both the EPA's requirements to protect the water supply and the neighborhood's requirements to preserve the reservoir. Construction of the micro-filtration plant is well underway and it is expected to be completed later this year.

Mayor Murphy noted that this plant will be the largest of its kind in the world for a short time (about two months) and then it will remain the largest in the U.S. indefinitely. So they expect a lot of visitors to inspect it when it is in operation. He also expects that there will be public tours.

The Mayor noted that there will be extensive renovation of the area around the reservoir in conjunction with the micro-filtration plant completion. Planning for the renovation is just getting underway. The HPCDC will be holding a public meeting to get neighborhood input for the scope of the renovation. There will be new lighting around the reservoir, new railings, a new surface to the walkway and landscaping. The two piers jutting into the reservoir will be

joined by a bridge (which will also have the function of supporting a curtain in the water which is to improve water flow patterns in the two basins). Since there is a constant stream of water discharged from the process, consideration is being given to creating a "babbling brook" to route this water down to Lake Carnegie. One spectator suggested perhaps the road around the reservoir should remain closed at the back. We've learned to live with it blocked and keeping it blocked would eliminate the temptation to use the road as a race course.

Watch the newsletter for information about the HPCDC meeting to discuss the renovations around the reservoir; then plan to attend the meeting to make your thoughts known.

Fulton Notes

Todd Van Horn, Principal

You may recall the recent news story of the Freeman family whose home was burned for the second time. A "Freeman Fire Fund" has been established at Fulton School to help the Freemans rebuild their lives. Please send contributions to Freeman Fire Fund, 5799 Hampton St., Pittsburgh PA 15206.

For information about the after school daycare program at Fulton, which is run by the YMCA, please call Principal Todd Van Horn, 665-4590. The hours of the program are Monday to Friday, 2:35 to 6:00 p.m.

Also, anyone wishing to donate any used musical instruments to Fulton Elementary, please call Principal Todd Van Horn at 665-4590. Principal Van Horn will gladly come to the home to pick up the instrument(s).

Friday, February 23rd, Fulton's 2nd and 3rd graders will be performing for KDKA in the Cafeteria. The program will take place in the morning. Please call Principal Van Horn for more details. The public is invited.

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001, AT ST. ANDREWS

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Map Pittsburgh

There have been a pair of meetings reviewing the Map Pittsburgh effort as it applies to Highland Park. The next step, which was omitted from the last article, is the hearing before the Planning Commission, scheduled for February 20. There will be a mailing to all residents with details of the meeting and including forms to return with your input to the Planning Commission. Planning Commission final action on the Highland Park map is scheduled for March 6 after which the map will be submitted to City Council for final approval.

Date Change

Vintage 5K Masters Race & Walk

This year brings the twentieth annual vintage 5K masters race and walk. This year it will be held on April 21 instead of late May. This event shuts down North Highland Avenue from Vintage to the Park for a few hours the morning of the event. Vintage has always been concerned about identifying alternate routes for those who might otherwise be inconvenienced by the closure so this heads-up is given now. See the March Newsletter for detailed maps and alternate route descriptions. Contact Vintage at (412) 361-5003 ext. 106 for more info now, if needed.



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January Meeting Highlights

Paula Flaherty

Meeting Called to order by President Elect Brandon Weber at 7:35 p.m.

C.O.P.: Officer Scalise reported that crime statistics were down for the past year. These include major crimes such as rape, robbery, murder, etc. New Officers will be assigned. The bicycle safety program will continue giving free helmets to children.

Program:

Mayor Tom Murphy was introduced and spoke about the Highland Park Reservoirs and the Filtration Plant project. Greg Tutsock, Executive Director of the PWSA and John Kasper, Senior Project Management Engineer also participated in the presentation.

Committee Reports;

Beautification: Funds allocated by Councilman Ferlo for neighborhood beautification are available for use. Dell also requested that someone volunteer to help him with this committee.

Block Watch: No Report.

Children's Committee: There is nothing planned for the immediate future but there will be an event at Easter time.

Signage: Diane DeNardo will proceed with the new signs but requests a volunteer as co-chair to assist her. A club member volunteered.

Banners: A printer and someone to hang the banners will be looked into.

Commercial District: Muzz Meyers reported that work is being done with architects and planners on a "main street" proposal. The CDC is purchasing an apartment building on Bryant Street adjacent to a lot already owned. A new development is being planned.

Day Camp: No Report

Education: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

House tours: A house tour is being planned for autumn.

Membership: No report.

Program: No report.

Public Safety: Gang activity in Garfield was discussed. A "gang patrol" is being organized and marchers are being sought. Please

call Mercene Nefores to volunteer.

Recreation: No report.

Restoration: No report.

Super Playground: No report.

Yard Sale: Judy Wolfe is seeking a co-chair to assist and subsequently take over the chair and run next year's sale. An artist suggested that an artwork and crafts sale be conducted as part of the yard sale. The idea was well received.

Zoning: Brandon Weber is arranging to receive zoning notices on-line so the information will be immediately available. Christina Lagnese attended the last zoning meeting. Two other club members will be attending the February meeting.

Finance Committee: The committee voted to approve a check for \$1000 as a contribution to last year's Reservoir of Jazz.

Holiday Party: A big success with many new members attending as well as many long time members. Thanks to all who worked to make the party a success.

New Business:

Community Plan Proposal: A discussion and review of the Community Plan Proposal was made by Michael Johnson. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to support the proposal.

Fulton School: Mr. Todd Van Horn, Principal of Fulton, spoke regarding a family with six children and their single mother who were burned out of their home. Donations are being requested and can be given at Fulton. Clothing is no longer needed due to the wonderful response from the community and beyond.

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - February

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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Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

February at St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

February at St. Andrew's will begin with two special evenings of music. On Thursday, February 1, at 8 p.m. our regular "First Thursday of the Month" service of Choral Evensong will feature a solo recital by St. Andrew's member Ray Marsh, who is a violist in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and on Saturday evening, February 3rd, also at 8 p.m., we will host a winter concert by the Urban Sky Consort, a highly-regarded ensemble singing early music composed by women and for women's voices. Folks from the neighborhood are indeed most welcome to join us for these events

Another significant event on the Highland Park/St. Andrew's "cultural calendar" will take place on Friday evening, February 9th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., when the St. Andrew's Parish Hall will become a Readers' Theater for a first reading and premier presentation of a new play by our good friend, the well-known Pittsburgh poet and playwright, Sam Hazo. A "talk back" conversation with the author will follow the presentation.

Finally, two events at the end of the month of February are also of note. On Tuesday evening, February 27th, beginning at 5:30 p.m., we will have our annual and much-loved "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Mardi Gras Festival"--with a sumptuous pancake

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supper and much fun, games, and entertainment for the whole family. RSVP's are requested -- either by signing-up on the sign-up sheet in the church hall, or by calling the church office: (412) 661-1245.

February 28th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, and special services with the Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes are scheduled to provide a convenient time for folks of the parish and neighborhood--at 7:15 a.m., 12 noon, and 8 p.m. (with choir). All are welcome to receive Holy Communion and to share in the worship of St. Andrew's Church.

Regular Sunday services at St. Andrew's are scheduled at 9 a.m.

(Holy Communion, in the Chapel) and 11 a.m. (Choral Worship), and our midweek service is Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a time of informal conversation and Bible Study. Choral Evensong, with a recital by a member of the parish or community, is scheduled on the first Thursday of each month, October - June, at 8 p.m. Baptisms, Marriages, and other pastoral offices and concerns may be scheduled at a time of convenience, and members of the Highland Park neighborhood are especially invited to contact the church office at any time of need or concern.

Welcoming Committee

Bob Staresinic

The holidays are over and the days are starting to get longer, and that means I can get out and welcome more new neighbors to Highland Park. Soon I can get to people's houses in the evenings when it is not dark.

If you know of someone who needs to be welcomed, let me know. Or if you would like to welcome a new neighbor, let me know that too. I can give you a Welcome bag to deliver yourself.

I am running low on some information to put in the Welcome bags, and these are some of the places I need info from:

- Any schools
- PAT--the Port Authority-- bus schedules for this area
- Local businesses
- Construction Junction
- Poison Control--Children's Hospital

I generally ask for 100 items/brochures so I don't have to get them as often. If you have ideas of businesses/community organizations/non-profits that we should include info from, I would be happy to add their stuff.

You can drop by my house (931 Mellon, where the property values are increasing), call me (412-441-8972), or email me at bob.63@netzero.net.

I am a little slow at times in getting to my messages, but I will get them and get back to you. I look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you.

Fulton Elementary School READERS LUNCHEONS

Yvonne Nelson

The Pittsburgh Board of Education celebrates literacy this year by asking schools to participate in a monthly series of special "GUEST READER" events. Fulton Elementary School is celebrating by having a monthly "READERS LUNCHEON". The month of January fathers, uncle and male friends have been invited. They eat lunch with the students and then read a book to groups of students. The month of February we are inviting all Fulton Alumni to come for our "READERS LUNCHEON". If you're an alumni of Fulton or you know one who would like to participate, please contact Yvonne Nelson at 665-4590.

Happy Ground Hog Day
Can Spring be Far Away?

Happy Valentine's Day

Portrait —**Lou Iezzi and His Auto Body and Repair Shop***Ollie Rieley*

There have been a number of suggestions that there be a Portrait of Lou Iezzi in the Newsletter. He is known within the Club as a cheerful giver to all of our endeavors from the Halloween Parade to the House Tour and all else. In addition, he is a member of the club, even though he doesn't live here. So one gray January day I dropped by to chat with him.

Lou is medium height with salt and pepper hair and a big smile. He was very friendly and very willing to talk, primarily about his business.

He has been in his present location on Bryant Street for about twelve years. For eighteen or so years before that he had a shop on Larimer Avenue. He is proud of his thirty years in the Auto Repair business. He has justification for being proud of his garage. It is big, clean and bright with newly painted walls and new covering on the ceiling. He says they have all the machinery necessary to do any repairs. During a brief walkthru, I was impressed with the equipment and by the cleanliness. There is a paint room in the back which has an enormous rack of paint cans with each can securely clamped in place and some nondescript mechanism in each cubbyhole. I thought perhaps it was an earthquake resistant paint storage rack, if a quake came along, the clamps would retain the cans on the shelves rather than them rattling off. I wondered what EPA will think of next? But I was wrong, he pushes a button and like magic a stirrer starts up on each can. Wow.

Lou's shop provides a complete service center for your auto. They can do any mechanical work and any body work. They promise to do everything in their power to make your auto service experience there a pleasant one. And they provide a written and personal warranty.

Lou was raised on Larimer Avenue. He wasn't allowed to cross the Meadow Street bridge so he couldn't attend Dillworth School. So he went to Larimar Elementary School, then Arsenal Middle School and Schenley High School with some classes at Connelley School. He was turned down in attempts to go to Peabody — that pesky bridge again. Now Lou lives in Shaler Township with his wife, Christine. They have two sons, Lou Jr. and Tony, one daughter, Becky and two Grandchildren. Lou Jr. and Tony work in the auto shop with their Dad; Lou Jr. in charge of body work and Tony in charge of mechanical work. I tried to get Lou to admit to a hobby, after some encouragement from his son, he admitted liking to visit Mountaineer Park to play the "machines".

Take a Rainforest Odyssey at the Zoo this Winter

Dreaming of a winter vacation to someplace tropical? No need for suitcases or reservations. Just pack yourself into the family car and head to the Tropical Forest Complex at the Pittsburgh Zoo &

Aquarium for Winter Safari 2001: A Rainforest Odyssey, presented by the Zoo's Docent Council.

Every Saturday during February and March from noon until 4 p.m., visitors to the Tropical Forest Complex will embark on a different journey to one of the Earth's last primordial regions. From the minute they pick up their passports at the door, they'll be transported into the unique ecosystem of the tropical rainforest. Inside, they will experience the animals, plants and people of the rainforest, as well as explore the traditions of the past and the uncertainty of the future for these areas.

The Odyssey includes lots of fun activities such as collecting animal stickers to fill your passport, going on a scavenger fact hunt, visiting one of several rainforest "touch tables" and more. The weekly schedule is as follows, (all Saturdays):

February 3	The Amazing Amazon
February 10	Exploring Africa and Madagascar
February 17	Backpacking Borneo and the Indonesian Islands
February 24	An Asian Adventure
March 3	Revisit The Amazing Amazon
March 10	Exploring Africa and Madagascar Encore
March 17	Backpacking Borneo and the Indonesian Islands
March 24	Repeat of An Asian Adventure
March 31	The Best of 2001: A Rainforest Odyssey

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SATURDAYS IN FEB. CONTINUES IN MARCH	RAINFOREST ODYSSEYS, PITTSBURGH ZOO & AQUARIUM, NOON - 4:00 P.M., ADMISSION
FEBRUARY 3	URBAN SKY CONSORT CONCERT, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 15	HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 20	MAP PITTSBURGH MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION, WATCH FOR INVITATION
FEBRUARY 23	FULTON 2ND & 3RD GRADERS VIDEOTAPING BY KDKA, CALL PRINCIPAL FOR TIME

Words are Whirling at Dilworth

Diane DeNardo

The 5 and 6 year olds at Dilworth Traditional Academy have been busy writing a lot of poetry this year. In the fall, they were introduced to poet Rick Meier who inspired them with his own poetry and that of his favorite poets from around the world. Every Tuesday morning, Rick returns to spend 40-minutes with each of the two Kindergarten classes. After some warm-ups to get the poetry flowing, the students are given a theme that has meaning to a Kindergartner's life, for example, their favorite color. They think and ponder and draw pictures of their ideas and if they don't write yet, they dictate their poem to Rick or their Dilworth Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Womack or Mr. Wright. The illustrated poems are colorful, delightful and have great humor and warmth.

Colors

Pink is the feel of my heart.
Red feels like the leaves of Halloween,
of goblins and devils.
Orange messed up her house.
Blue is the beauty,
goes in the sea.
Gray is the feeling of your heart.
When green comes around,
he sees the beauty.

Bridgette Pearson, Ms. Womack's Kindergarten class

The poetry residency is part of the *Ready for Life: Early Literacy Connection* mini-grants program, funded by the Heinz Endowments and administered by Gateway to the Arts. Dilworth principal, Mr. Robert O'Keefe, applied for the mini-grant program last spring to enrich the school's language arts curriculum by including another arts-and-literacy component. The initial enthusiasm for the poet-in-residence project has expanded and now Rick works with the 4th grade students as well.

The sixty Dilworth Kindergarten students began the poetry residency by writing a group poem about magical transformations. Now they giggle every time the group poem is read to them and smile brightly when they hear the lines that they contributed. Even more exciting was the opportunity to have their poetry on display at the Pittsburgh Children's Museum this November as part of the *Ready for Life: Early Literacy Connection Celebration*.

Today I am a pine cone
Falling off a tree.
Tomorrow I will be a lion
Growling at a man.

Darrin Muldrow, Mr. Wright's Kindergarten class

At the end of this year's poetry residency, the Dilworth Kindergarten parents will be invited to come to the school for a poetry reading featuring their children. At the celebration, students will be presented with a bound Anthology of their classes' poetry.

If I Were the Snow

If I were the snow,
I would be sad at the color
and write a poem
about watching a yellow tv
and go outside to bed
in the snow.

Shantelle Berry, Mr. Wright's Kindergarten class
