

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
March 2001



Edited by Ollie Rieley

Highland Park Autumn House Tour

Set for Sunday, October 21, 2001

Dana Thomas

Tour homes and committee volunteers are needed for this year's house tour which is set for Sunday, October 21st. The interest from participants in house tours in neighboring communities is high after our neighborhood's absence from the Pittsburgh house tour schedule. There should be no reason to continue to disappoint them since we have an abundance of beautiful homes in Highland Park. I am trying to make the process as organized and well thought-out as possible to keep volunteer time to a minimum as well as to make the process enjoyable for the volunteers. Below is a list of committees for which I am asking assistance:

- Brochures
- Tickets
- Publicity
- Volunteers in the Homes
- Historian for the Homes
- Mailing list
- Community Clean-up
- Promotional Packets (for tour-goers)
- Silent Auction
- Social event

If you are interested in helping with any of the above committees or know someone who may be able lend their ideas or expertise related to any of the above topics, please contact me at the number/email address below.

More importantly, if you are interested in placing your home or part of your home on the tour, call or e-mail me. I'm sure that, as many of you read this article, potential tour homes come to mind. Don't hesitate to nominate those homes!

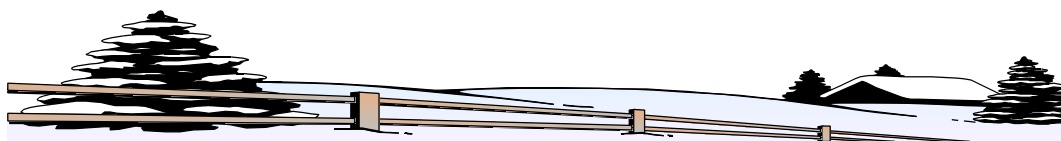
Dana Thomas 665-2992 - webber@mindspring.com

New Directors

The March meeting will include a special election to fill two seats on the board of directors. Muz Meyers and Jay Carson have resigned from the board of directors because of the press of other activities. In the February meeting, Dana Webber and Ed Sullivan were nominated to fill these positions and a vote will be taken in the March meeting to elect them. A vote of the remaining Board members is required to fill these positions. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

HPCC ITEMS

Next Meeting - March 15, 7:30
Board Members Elect two Directors



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

Pittsburgh Camerata at St. Andrew's

Gail Luley

The Pittsburgh Camerata performs baroque and spiritual songs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 31 at 8:00 PM. in a concert titled "Maiden Interrupted." The 29-voice chamber choir will sing the biblical story of Jephtha and his ill-fated daughter - the Maiden Interrupted - in the concise oratorio by Italian baroque composer Giacomo Carissimi. The final chorus, a lament for Jephtha's only daughter, is esteemed for its beauty and emotion. The first half will conclude with *Esta sol peregrino* by Peruvian baroque composer Tomás de Torrejón y Velasco and *Los Negritos* by Spanish baroque composer Juan de Araujo. Patricia Halverson and Scott Pauley of Chatham Baroque join the Camerata on viola da gamba, theorbo and baroque guitar.

Juxtaposed with its baroque first half, the Camerata shifts to music from the American spiritual tradition for the second half of its concert. Four selections from Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs* (*Boatman's Dance, Little Horses, Zions Walls, At the River*) and *Stomp, Your Foot*, together with four spirituals (*I Got a Key, Were You There? Goin Home on a Cloud, My God is a Rock*) feature the vocal talents of Camerata members Kara Cornell, mezzo-soprano; Joseph Haughton, tenor; Paul Nicolaysen, bass; Adrian Rollett, baritone and Kristen Watson, soprano, and give the choir a chance to display its flexibility and virtuosity.

Tickets are \$12 and \$6 for students. Children in middle or elementary school, accompanied by an adult, are free. For more information, call the Camerata at (412) 424-5884 or visit their website at www.pittsburghcamerata.org

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March at St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Great musical programs will be "bookends" for the schedule of events at St. Andrew's this month.

Choral Evensong for the First Thursday of March, March 1, at 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's, will be followed by a recital of music from the baroque period, featuring renowned local musicians, Walter Jackson, cello, Martha Curtis and Gaea Thompson, violins, and Barbara I. Lewis, harpsicord. All are invited, and a reception will be offered in the Parish Hall following the recital.

"Maiden Interrupted" is the title of the spring program of the Pittsburgh Camerata, perhaps our region's most highly-regarded chamber choir, to be presented at St. Andrew's on Saturday evening, March 31, at 8 p.m., with admission \$12 at the door or by subscription. A festive St. Andrew's reception will also follow this program.

In between these bookends, services and activities at St. Andrew's will be addressing the themes of the Lenten season.

The Adult Education and Program Committee has planned a series of events related to the theme of "forgiveness." On Friday evening, March 2, at 8 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall the movie "The Shawshank Redemption" will be presented, with a discussion of the film to follow at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 11. A "Lenten Cottage Meeting and Home Communion" will be held on Wednesday evening, March 21st, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the home of a neighborhood parishioner, with a time of guided, informal conversation and worship. On Sunday morning, March 25, at 10 a.m., parishioner Karen Plavan, Pittsburgh Regional Coordinator of the United Religions Initiative, will lead conversation on forgiveness and reconciliation between and among traditionally adversarial faith communities. And on Sunday evening, April 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m., a "potluck" dinner and program will feature participatory reflection for all ages on the "forgiveness" theme with leadership in creative expression, poetry, art, and movement. For more information on any of these events, please call the Church Office at (412) 661-1245.

Other events on the calendar for the month include a "Celebration of the Ministries of Women," sponsored by the Episcopal Women's Caucus of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, on Friday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. and the annual "St. Patrick's Day" celebration of our Church School, with a soup luncheon and fun activities following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 18. All are invited to wear green!

A part of the Highland Park neighborhood for nearly a century, St. Andrew's offers Sunday morning services at 9 a.m. (Holy Communion, in the Chapel) and 11 a.m. (Choral Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month) and a midweek service on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion, in the Chapel, followed by informal Bible study). Church School, Youth, Music, Education, and Outreach programs are available for all ages and many interests, and pastoral ministry, including baptisms, the celebration of marriages, ministry with persons in critical situations or when a death occurs in the family, are extended to all in the neighborhood and community, without regard to background or previous church membership. Feel free always to give us a call in a time of need.

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Sunday Morning Services - March

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Highlights of February Meeting

Paula Flaherty

Meeting called to order by Vice President Brandon Weber at 7:35 P.M.

C.O.P. Report: Officer Christine Scalise reported there were no major crimes (murder, rape, robbery, etc.) in this reporting period. In May, (exact date to be announced), there will be a repeat of the Children's Safety program. It is planned for the Washington Blvd. velodrome. It will be a family event focusing on bike safety.

Program:

Wanda Wilson of the city planning department reviewed the current status of the Highland Park map part of the Map Pittsburgh Project. As a result of the new zoning code enacted a few years ago, zoning classifications are changing. The Map Pittsburgh Project is developing the zoning maps that embody the new code. The maps are based on an extensive survey performed by volunteers who accurately determined current use of properties. The new zoning map embodies the actual usage and the new zoning definitions. She said there were no cases where the new map shows higher density housing than the old map. The map for Highland Park will be presented at a public hearing before the City Planning Commission Tuesday, February 20 at 2:45 p.m. Members of the Community Club were encouraged to attend.

Reports:

Block Watch: Jan Stayianos is working to develop a block watch network. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jan at 363 8208. Anyone who will be away from home may inform the police which will result in increased police surveillance of the property. Call Zone 5 at 665-3605.

Yard Sale: Mary Beth Steissinger reported that an artist studio sales event will take place to coincide with this year's yard sale. Judy Wolfe is still looking for a co-chair for this year's sale and who would assume the chair for the 2002 sale. Anyone interested call Judy at 441 7830.

Children's Committee: Plans are being made for an Easter Egg hunt in April. Watch Newsletter for details.

Day Camp: No report.

Education: No report.

Newsletter: Anyone wishing to write an article is encouraged to do so. There has been a shortage of articles in the recent past newsletter. Submit articles to Ollie Rieley by the day of the monthly meeting.

Program: They will try to obtain a representative of the County Board of Property Assessment to review requirements for appeal of the recent assessments. Additionally, Bruce announced a pair of St. Andrew's events: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and an Indian River grapefruit sale at a cost of \$15.00 a box.

Safety: No report. Call Mercine if you wish to buy a Zone 5 police

sweatshirt.

Welcoming: If anyone knows of new residents who need to be welcomed, call Bob Starsenic. Bob also reported that the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation is sponsoring an old house fair at Victoria Hall on February 24 from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

House Tour: Dana is asking for volunteers for several committees. See separate article detailing needs. Anyone interested, call Dana at 665 2992 or e-mail webber@mindspring.com.

New Business:

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs: Cathy Ziegler noted that there are a number of directors who do not show up at meetings and some committee chairs who are inactive. Cathy identified two directors who wish to be replaced and noted that the Education and Recreation Committee chairs have asked to be replaced. In this meeting, Ed Sullivan and Dana Thomas were nominated to fill the two director positions. A formal vote of all attending members will be held in the March 15 meeting. Additional nominations may be made at that time from the floor. *(Editor's Note: Review of the by-laws indicate a majority vote of the serving directors is necessary and sufficient to elect a replacement director. So the vote next month will not be a general membership vote.)*

Kevin Bivins has volunteered to Chair the Education Committee. A volunteer is needed for the Recreation Committee Chair. Call Brandon or Tania if you are interested.

There was discussion about the need for sanctions against directors who are habitually absent. A suggestion was made that three consecutive unexcused absences be cause for automatic removal from the board. Some thought this was too harsh. No action was taken.

Finance: The finance Committee previously agreed with \$500.00 donation to each Dillworth Academy and Fulton School to be used for Library Books. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the board to authorize this expenditure. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize disbursement of the \$1000.00 contribution promised to last year's Reservoir of Jazz. Kelly Vitti noted she will be cashing a CD to put in the checking account.

Restoration: Dave Hance has agreed to be Chair of this committee, since Debbie DeAngelis has moved away.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Blockwatch

Jan Stayianos

It's been a few months since I've had anything in the newsletter requesting people to volunteer to be Blockwatch Captains. My phone has not been overwhelmed with responses! Won't you please give me a call if you think you might be interested in this very important community responsibility. Thanks!

Spring's a'coming!

The News from Peabody

Peabody students are working in partnership with the Manchester Craftsman's Guild to create a ceramic tile sign, which will be installed on the Highland Avenue side of the building. The sign has been designed and constructed by students enrolled in art classes at Peabody. We anticipate installation of the sign in the spring. Stay tuned for more details.

The Nivo Corporation has recognized the Peabody Information Technologies Academy as one of the top 100 testing sites for Microsoft Office in North America. At this writing, 170 students have obtained certifications in Microsoft Office.

Six students in the Public Safety Academy will travel to Dallas, Texas for the annual National Crime Watch Conference. As presenters at the conference, the students will demonstrate their program for elementary school students on gun safety, Stranger Danger, and Basic CPR.

If you remember, with the support of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) and Dell Ziegler, we restored the gardens at Peabody and began a new garden on the East Liberty Boulevard side of the building. We plan to continue our efforts again this year and hope to expand the new garden space. We will be participating in the annual WPC Hanging Basket Sale, which will help to fund the continuation of the gardening project. We will keep you informed and hope you will show your support by purchasing a hanging plant.

Peabody Drama Club

Ollie Rieley

We received a note that the recent appeal for funds by the Peabody Drama Club was a success. They have received over \$2700.

The same note says work has begun on their Spring Musical. "Good News is the name of the production. Set in the 1920's, the show features a high school football star who must make the grades to be eligible to play in the big game of the year and the love triangle that develops with him, his girlfriend and his tutor. A Peabody football player has the lead and other members of the team are in the cast. As always, you can expect some hilarious cameo roles from the faculty and staff. They are clamoring to be chosen!

So save the dates of April 6 & 7 and go see this production at our local high school!

Seminary Concert

The next in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Concert Series will take place on Sunday March 11, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. The concert will feature Anne Martindale Williams, principal cellist of the Pittsburgh Symphony, accompanied by Luz Manriquez on the piano. On the program are Schumann's *Fantasiestücke op.73*, Beethoven's *Sonata in G Minor Op. 5 No.2* and the *Sonata in C Major Op. 119* by Prokofiev.



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Vintage 5K Master Race, 2 Mile Walk & Walk Round the Block

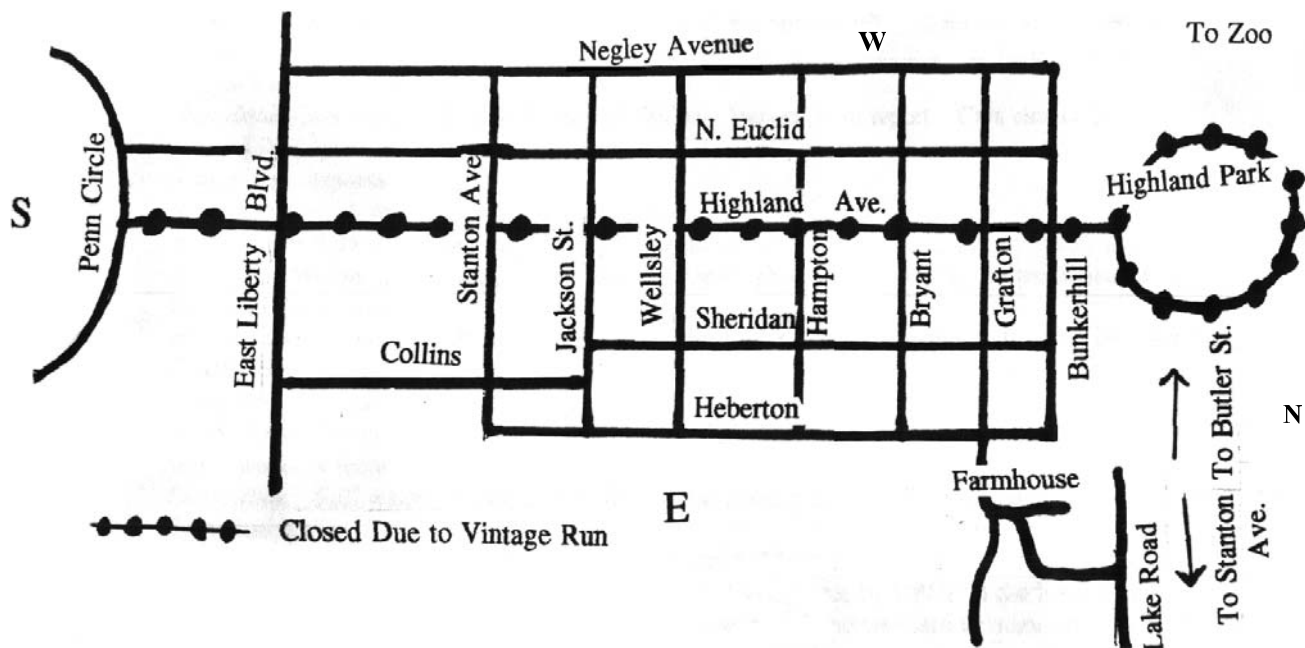
On Saturday, April 21, the Vintage senior community center, North Highland Avenue, will hold their annual Vintage 5K Masters Race & Walks from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please NOTE that the race has been changed to April instead of the May dates of previous years.

Adult runners age 40+ look forward to the beautiful race course through the scenic Highland Park neighborhood and park. Highland Park residents are encouraged to participate as runners

and walkers. The 2 Mile Walk and the new Walk Round the Block are open to people of all ages so bring out the whole family to join in the fun. Also, our runners and walkers especially love it when residents come out to watch and cheer them on.

Vintage realizes and cares about the temporary inconvenience the race creates for our Highland Park neighbors. Below you will find an alternative route map which we hope will help you preplan your parking and travel routes. The race begins at 9 a.m. (with street closings at 8:30 a.m.) and ends at approximately 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Vintage 5K Masters Race & Walks call (412)361-5003 Ext. 104. If you would like to participate in the Race, 2 Mile Walk or Walk Round the Block call 361-5003 Ext. 106 for an application.



Vintage 5k Masters Race Street Closings Saturday, April 21, Closed 8:30-11:00

From the West:

To Butler Street/Highland Park Zoo

Take any side street to North Euclid. Turn right, follow North Euclid to the end. Go left on Bunker Hill and down Hill Rd.

To Penn Circle:

Go left on North Euclid to Penn Circle.

To the other side of North Highland Ave.:

Cross over at East Liberty Blvd. Police will help you cross when it is safe.

From the East:

To Butler Street/Highland Park Zoo:

Through Highland Park, follow side streets up to Heberton at Grafton. Take the road to the right (Farmhouse Drive). Turn right onto Connecting Road and make immediate left. Go left on Lake Road. Continue on Lake Road 1.1 miles to stop sign. At stop sign turn right for Butler Street and the bridge. Turn left to return to Highland Park on the west side of N. Highland Ave.

To the other side of Highland Ave.:

Take Collins to East Liberty Boulevard. Go right on East Liberty Blvd. The police at East Liberty Blvd. Will help you cross when it is safe. N. Euclid will connect you to Penn Circle (left) or Bunkerhill (right) to Zoo/Butler St.

Editor's Thoughts

Ollie Rieley

Help Wanted!!!

If you read the highlights of the last meeting or some of the other articles in this newsletter, you know there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer to help with your Community Club:

Judy Wolfe is looking for a co-chair for this year's Yard Sale; the new co-chair would stay on to run future yard sales. The Yard Sale is particularly important; it is widely publicized event and brings many people into the community for that day to shop and incidently to see what a good thing we have going here. It is also a significant income producer for the Club. The Recreation Committee chair is vacant. The person who undertakes that job will have an opportunity to revitalize the program — maybe starting softball, volleyball, swimming or whatever she/he is inspired to do.

If you don't want to get in that deep, volunteer to help with the House Tour, see Dana Thomas' article on Page 1. That's a focused commitment with beginning and ending in sight before you start. The House Tour is another important outreach program of the Club. If you prefer an ongoing job, call Jan Stayianos and volunteer to be a Block Watch Captain. Or Call Bob Staresinic and help with welcoming new residents.

The benefits of assuming one of these jobs are many: You meet many of your neighbors who are working on the same thing as you. You get the satisfaction of helping the community. In many of the jobs, you introduce outsiders to our neighborhood. And there are many more advantages to you that I'll leave for you to discover on your own. As the old saying goes, you only get back what you put into the club.

Assessment Appeals

There's talk that there will be a representative of the County Board of Property Assessment at the next meeting to talk about the re-assessments and the process for appealing an assessment. Hopefully that will happen. After the meeting I believe there will be 2-3 weeks in which to file the appeal(I understand that the deadline is now set at April 2.) I filed my appeal last week. All the information needed is available on the county web site (www.county.allegheny.pa.us). You can get the data for your property, your neighbor's or any other you may want, searching either by address or name(I didn't try searching by name so I can't personally vouch for it.) The appeal form is also available for download at the site. I was told that three copies of the appeal should be submitted.

**Help! Wouldn't You Like to Help Fill Blank Spaces Like This One?
Write an article and submit it by meeting night.**

<i>MARCH CALENDAR</i>	
<i>MARCH 11</i>	<i>SEMINARY CONCERT SERIES, HICKS CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 3:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i>
<i>MARCH 15</i>	<i>HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.</i>
<i>MARCH 31</i>	<i>PITTSBURGH CAMERATA CONCERT, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i>



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