

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
July 2001



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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## Looking Back on a Highland Year

*Tania Grubbs, President*

Greeting neighbors! What a year for us at the HPCC, our membership is constantly growing and it is always exciting to see new faces at our monthly meetings. I believe that the HPCC meeting are a great place to really get to know your neighbors, express you ideas and share wonderful energy. This year has been such an enlightening experience for me and my family. Being active in the HPCC has made us realize how every little bit helps. When you hear your children talk about an event like the "Salsa in the Park" for more than a week, you know that you are living in a wonderful place. A place that cares, a place that is giving, a place you can be proud to call your home.

Looking back on this year I am overjoyed with the soul of our neighborhood and the people who help to make it wonderful. What an interesting year at that.... one of our neighborhood schools gained a new principal, Todd Van Horn, who has endless energy, ideas and a really good heart! We had the pleasure of hearing from both candidates for Mayor at our meetings, had the opportunity to have major input into our new playground at the Farmhouse, as well as overseeing the master plan for the renovation to the Victorian gardens. The Reservoir "Micro Filtration System" will soon be completed! The Hat Luncheon hosted by the parks conservancy was held in our park this year and, from what we all hear, it went extremely well. Houses are selling within hours. We had another fantastic Marathon Party put together by Muzz Myers (thanks again Muzz). East Liberty is moving along beautifully, the CDC put together an amazing Haunted Pavilion, the HPCC had a holiday party giving the community yet another chance to get acquainted. Judy Wolfe stuck it out so that we could continue the tradition of the annual yard sale (thanks Judy.... by the way we are still looking for someone to relieve Judy who has 9 years of service on this! Anyone interested?) We have purple and green fire hydrants! Enrico's Coffee shop is the place to be!

Highland Park is the place to be. We are a community, we are

thriving. On a personal note I want to personally thank each and everyone for all their efforts in keeping this wonderful community alive and well. However, there is always room for everyone to lend a helping hand. I always use this saying "It a no brainier"....if it is something that you can do it shouldn't even be a question whether you should do it or not. I know we have a ton of untapped resources out there in Highland Park and sooner or later I believe that you will all reach out in one form or another.

Looking back on May 20th "Salsa in the Park"....we all need to thank Paula Flaherty for this fabulous idea. Paula worked endless hours in putting this event together and it was a great fun. People are still talking about it. I have heard many say... we should do something like it every month!... maybe a few times a summer!.... definitely again!! And we should. Thanks again Paula, it felt really, really cool to be a Highland Parker that day! Endless possibilities.

Everyone, I wish you all a wonderful summer and I will see you in August.

Peace,  
Tania

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*Always read the fine print*

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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2001, AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## Attention All Highland Park Artists...

There will be an art show in the park on October 21st, 2001 to showcase Highland Park's talented and creative residents! The event will coincide with the house tour and will be publicized throughout the city and surrounding areas.

- \* *How can I participate?* Simply call Shelly Maiese at 361-1039 or Laura Zaspel at 661-4856
- \* *What if it rains?* A shelter will be available if needed
- \* *What happens to the money I earn from my sales?* You keep it!
- \* *What's the catch?* A \$20 donation to the HPCC is requested (and goes right back into the neighborhood!)

Tables will be provided if needed. Call Laura or Shelly for more details or to reserve your spot. Reservations will be taken until August 1st. If there is not enough interest within our neighborhood, the invitation will be extended to neighboring communities.

Don't miss out...Call now or mail your check (payable to the Highland Park Community Club) to:  
**Shelly Maiese - 6425 Jackson Street**  
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## Highlights of June 21 Meeting

Ollie Rieley

At 7:00 o'clock, a delicious potluck supper was served. Thanks to all who brought the delightful food!! It was a great way to meet new comers.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Brandon Weber at 7:30 P.M.

*Treasurer:* Kelly Vitti reported current account balances. She will be providing a regular report in future meetings. She noted that there would be a report by the Finance Committee later in the meeting. She also noted that budgets for the next fiscal year (September 2001 through August 2002) are due to her by the August meeting.

*House Tour:* Dana Thomas reported that there are about eight houses on the tour plus there is hope there will be an apartment in Park View Flats. In addition, St. Andrew's and Tazza d'Oro will be stops on the tour. There will be an Art Sale tied in with the tour this year. Artists may enter for a nominal fee of \$20 and keep the profits from anything they sell. See announcement elsewhere in this issue.

*Finance:* Del Ziegler, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Club has been deficit spending for the last two years and if action is not taken to curb the deficit, the Club will be broke in about two years. Contributing to these deficits has been the lack of a House Tour in the last two years. The House Tour normally has been a significant fund raiser for the Club so the lack of that income has contributed greatly to the deficits. Although a House Tour is planned for this fall there is no experience with a fall tour and it would be reckless to assume the income will be as high as previous, early summer tours. The Finance Committee has been reviewing expenditures with an eye to identifying those that could be reduced. Del mentioned several, such as gifts to other non-profits, the jazz concerts, the Salsa Party, etc., that could be reduced or eliminated. He also mentioned that since the newsletter is the largest single budget item, several possible changes to the newsletter have been identified, such as, reducing the number of issues, reducing the frequency or eliminating the mass mailing, selling more ads, etc. And finally, dues could be raised. There was a lengthy discussion of some of the details involved. A suggestion was made that a "Fund Raising" Committee be formed with the object of developing additional fund raising activities for the club. Del said that the Finance Committee will continue studying alternatives and bring recommendations to the August meeting.

It was noted there will be no July meeting and there will be no August newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

## Letter from Fulton School

May 29, 2001

Dear Members of the Highland Park Community Club:

On behalf of the students and teachers of Fulton Elementary School, I would like to thank you for the \$500 that you recently donated to our school library. Through your generous donation, we were able to purchase 38 exceptionally written and beautifully illustrated picture books that support our Character Education Program. It is our hope that this program, with the help of these books, will make a difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you again for your generous donation. We appreciate your continued support and will keep you updated on our progress.

With deepest appreciation,

/s/Karen M. Guthrie  
School Librarian

/s/Todd J. Van Horn

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## Letter from the Port Authority

June 11, 2001

Dear Mr. Rieley:

As you are aware, new service changes will take effect on June 17th. I want to assure you that Port Authority staff will continue to monitor the Highland Park issues.

We received only a few minor customer complaints following our March 25th schedule changes, which have been addressed.

The following change will occur with the June 17th service changes:

Eliminated route 4U and restructured the service as route 71B.

Extended selected 500 trips to Springdale.

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,

/s/ Lynda L. Conway  
Director of Operations Analysis

## Salsa Party's Silent Auction and Raffle a Huge Success

*Diane DeNardo*

The Highland Park Community Club extends a huge thanks to all of the following organizations for donations to the Salsa Party's silent auction and raffle:

City Theatre	Music Together
Club One	Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium
Dance Alloy	Pittsburgh Public Theater
La Foret	The Andy Warhol Museum
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	
Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation	
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	
Sacred Heart Elementary School PTG	
Sen. Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center	
Winchester Thurston School PTA	

The generosity of these organizations raised over \$400 for the on-going work of the Highland Park Community Club. THANK YOU!

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## Look Around and See!!

*Bob Staresinc*

Have you noticed all of the changes to the neighborhood over the last year or so? Did you see the houses that have been painted, or the ones with new or rebuilt porches? If not, I would encourage you to vary your routine and look around. While you are out walking, running, or driving to and from your house, try taking a small detour. I know I tend to drive down the same streets and turn at the same intersections. By turning at a different corner, or going a few blocks in a different direction, you will be amazed at what you see. On the 900 block of Mellon Street there are currently 2 porches being rebuilt. These are not pressure-treated decks, but structures that look like they are original to the houses. The time and effort being spent on these 2 houses will make a big difference in the look of the street. In the same area, there are several houses undergoing transformation with new paint jobs. The details on the houses in our neighborhood are interesting. The best way to see them is to walk around and look up. There are many properties that need some attention in Highland Park, and several of the ones I have noticed over the years are starting to get that attention. Take a few minutes when you are headed to or from your home and change the route you take. You never know what you will discover.

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## Welcoming Committee

*Bob Staresinc*

The Welcoming Committee is a small committee that is responsible for welcoming the new homeowners to the neighborhood (not to ignore the renters, but I haven't figured out how to welcome and keep track of you folks). The Welcoming Committee brings a canvas bag, filled with information from any and all organizations who wish to contribute something for new residents of Highland Park. Among the information currently in the bags are brochures for the Pittsburgh Zoo, The Carnegie, St. Andrews Church, Poison Control at Children's Hospital, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, West Penn AAA, and Ace Locksmith. In addition there is a neighborhood map, list of businesses in the neighborhood, City of Pittsburgh Civic Directory, and voter registration forms. The Welcoming Committee is looking for more information to put into the Welcome Bags. Any non-profit agencies that want to include a brochure, restaurants that want to contribute copies of their menus, or local businesses that have some information that may be helpful to the residents of Highland Park are welcome to contact me. I can be reached at my home at 931 Mellon Street, 412-441-8972. Or email me at bob.63@netzero.net. The Welcoming Committee is a committee with over 3000 members, and no meetings. Every resident of Highland Park is a part of the Welcoming Committee. If you provide information for the welcome bags, contact me with the name and address of a new neighbor, drop a bag off with a new resident, or just introduce yourself, you are part of the Welcoming Committee. I would like to thank all of the members of the committee for their assistance over the past year. If you would like to join, or have information for me, please let me know. I may be slow getting back to you, but I will get back to you. See you around the streets.

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***Officers, Committee Chairs, Members: Attention!***

## August Meeting -- Budgets and Nominations Due

Officers and Committees should submit budgets for the fiscal year 2001-2002 by the August meeting. Failure to do so may impact your budget for next year.

Nominations for President Elect (Vice President) and five directors are needed. Submit your suggestions/nominations to Tania, Brandon or Diane before the August meeting. The nominees must be identified in the August meeting and publicized in the September newsletter to allow the election to proceed at the September meeting.

The September meeting is the annual general membership meeting. All members are encouraged to be there and vote for officers. It is democracy in action at the lowest level.

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## AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

*Bruce Robison*

For nearly a century St. Andrew's Church, at the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue, has been "the neighborhood church" in Highland Park, and it is our hope that everyone in this neighborhood, whether formally a member of the congregation or not, will know that we are here for you. We're glad to sponsor the St. Andrew's Nursery School and to host Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, AA, NA, and OA 12-step meetings, concerts and theatrical programs, the Community Club, CDC, and numerous civic organizations.

If you have a pastoral concern, if there is a baby to be baptised or a wedding to plan, if there is an accident, illness, death, or other urgent need, we will do everything we can to be of assistance. If you simply need space for a meeting or family gathering, give us a call.

Summer is a low-key time around St. Andrew's, though several adult education programs continue and there are numerous social events and outings. On Sunday mornings in July and August our services are at 8:30 a.m. (Holy Communion, in the Chapel) and 10 a.m. (Morning Prayer), with Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the 10 a.m. service, and children are dismissed from "Morning Prayer" Sunday 10 a.m. services to a less-formal Summer Church School.

The regular Service Schedule resumes in September, with services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., a midweek Holy Communion Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., and a traditional service of Choral Evensong, followed by musical recital, at 8 p.m. on the "First Thursday" of each month, October - June. Nursery Care, Church School, and Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups also meet Sunday mornings.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
5801 Hampton Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206-1615  
(412) 661-1245, e-mail: [St\\_AndrewsPgh@juno.com](mailto:St_AndrewsPgh@juno.com)

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## Blockwatch

*Jan Stayianos*

It's been about a year since I volunteered to be the chairperson for Blockwatch for the HPCC. I wish I could say that my phone has been ringing off the hook with people volunteering. However, that is not the case. I need people in all areas of Highland Park to be Blockwatch captains and we need to get lots of Blockwatch signs up in the neighborhood so that everyone knows we are looking out for each other and that we will not tolerate crime in our own neighborhood.

It is not much of a responsibility. All that the job entails is introducing yourself to the people in your block (if you don't

already know them) and getting their names, addresses and phone numbers. Won't you please consider volunteering for this important job. You do not have to be a member of the HPCC to be a Blockwatch captain.

It has occurred to me that there may be some of you out there who have done the job, like me without a chairperson. I would like to have your names so that I can include you, if and when, I have meetings. Please call me if you are one of these people.

We all need to be more aware of what goes on in our neighborhood and do something about it in order to fight crime. Call me at 363-8208 to discuss the possibilities.

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## Fulton Springs into Science this Season

*Alea C. Melacrinis, 4th/5th Grade Science Specialist*

Fulton intermediate art and science classes teamed up with Pittsburgh artist, Cindy Snodgrass to display a giant sculpture, titled "Turtle Vision" at the May 2001 Children's Festival held in and around the Children's Museum. The students created colorful hand painted fish and researched important water topics. The fish and water facts were combined to a huge fabric waterfall in an effort to promote water conservation awareness.

Highland Park resident and materials scientist, Richard Krepski recently visited Fulton fifth graders. Mr. Krepski provided "hands on" activities and demonstrations of zinc crystals for the children. In addition, he shared personal experiences of his engineering profession. Most importantly, the students were excited to meet a real-life scientist from their community!

In April, Fulton Elementary fifth graders traveled the three rivers on the *Pittsburgh Discovery*, a former naval vessel. The *Discovery* is a part of the Pittsburgh Voyager, a water environmental program based at the Carnegie Science Center. On the voyage, the students tested the water quality and studied the animal and plant life along Pittsburgh's three rivers. This trip was sponsored by the generous efforts of the CH2M HILL environmental consulting firm.

Closer to home, Fulton fourth graders tested the water quality of Carnegie Lake in Highland Park. On several trips to the lake, students observed and identified the animal life in and around the lake, conducted water chemistry tests and measured the lake's water temperature and turbidity (cloudiness). Fourth graders discovered that when the lake's water was turbid, its temperature was higher and its dissolved oxygen was lower. Consistent lower oxygen levels could have detrimental effects on the animal and plant life of the lake. This project, "Mistakes in Our Lakes" was funded by a \$500 grant through the Pittsburgh Council on Education.

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**Community Portrait--****C.O.P. Officer Christine Scalise***Shannon Mischler*

She is one of only sixteen bicycle patrol officers in Pittsburgh, has a bachelors degree in communications, served as a Navy Reservist Seabee for six years, and was a radio announcer in Erie and Pittsburgh. She is our Highland Park Neighborhood Community Oriented Police Officer, Christine Scalise.

On a bright June afternoon, Officer Scalise discussed her background, current police responsibilities, and vision for Highland Park. She related how after moving to Pittsburgh from Erie in 1992 she continued radio announcing with WSHH FM. All the while serving as a Navy Reservist. Taking a break from radio announcing, she worked at an unemployment agency when she applied with the City of Pittsburgh Police Department. A year later she was accepted into the Police Academy.

After Officer Scalise completed a sixteen week Police Academy, she did month long training assignments in different stations throughout the city, then went onto field training work, finally being assigned to community policing. Community policing is her passion. She was stationed in Stanton Heights for five years, and Highland Park for the last three years. For her, community policing and bicycle patrol are complimentary. On a bike, she is more accessible to the people in a community, and can fulfill her role as community law officer and neighborhood liaison much more efficiently. Interestingly, she explained that Pittsburgh was the first to have a bicycle patrol in 1890, dissolved it in the early twentieth century, only to have a revive it in the 1980s.

Her responsibilities are all linked to community outreach and education, where her degree in Communication Arts is best utilized. For example, the Block Watch Program is an exchange of information between neighbors concerned about each other and the area. Officer Scalise assists these programs by attending meetings and educating neighbors on safety precautions. She also regularly gives presentations to schools on burglary, theft, bike and helmet safety, vehicle identification, and domestic violence. She

is the only Officer in Pittsburgh to be a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician, certified to instruct parents on the proper use of car seats. And Officer Scalise is a Domestic Violence Specialist. She is trained in negotiations and in the referral of people to shelters.

When asked what her positive and negative impressions of Highland Park are, Officer Scalise quickly responds that Highland Park has "great community interaction." The HPCC and its sponsored activities really try to get everyone in the community and surrounding areas involved. The vision is strong, and is reinforced by some committed people. However, one suggestion she makes, and she sees this in all neighborhoods regardless of demographics, is apathy. The false illusion that since bad things have not happened to you, there is no need to get involved. She thinks it is unfortunate that it takes a serious crime to get people to come together. She encourages people to form Block Watch programs and be friendly with their neighbors. If you have a problem or know of an existing problem in your area, she wants to hear about it, and she'll do the best she can to solve the problem. Her office hours are 3:30-5:30 M-F, and the Neighborhood Patrol Mini Station is located next to Walnut Market on Bryant Street. The Mini-Station number is 665-3644. (The number is always listed near the bottom of the list of officers in the newsletter.)

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## Day Camp

 **Note Location Change** 

Janice Burgett

The Highland Park Community Club has been providing a summer program for children for over fifty years. If you are unfamiliar with H.P.C.C. Day Camp you are really missing a neighborhood gem. Our program runs week days 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, for six weeks each summer. This year we are in session from June 25 to August 3rd. Parents are free to choose which weeks they are interested in and can sign up for one or all six weeks.

The campers range in age from four through eight years of age. They spend their mornings in small, age appropriate, groups working on activities/ projects or engaged in gross motor activity. We take advantage of the park surroundings and hike to different pavilions for a change of pace and equipment. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we spend an hour swimming in the small Highland Park pool. We are swimming by permit so we are usually the only group in the pool at that time and the city does staff it with a lifeguard. The pool is only three feet deep at its deepest point so if your child does not know how to swim it's not a problem.

*Please note our location change, we will be based at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church again this year.* The Farmhouse is close to completion but the city needs more time to repaint the exterior and erect a new playground, it will be ready and fabulous for camp next summer. The cost for campers will be \$65.00 a week for HPCC members and \$75.00/wk for non-members. This year we instituted a late registration policy, if you register your child for day camp after the 1st of June it costs you an additional \$5.00 / week. The early bird members paid \$60.00 and non-members paid \$70.00. A membership to the club is only \$20.00 and entitles you to the monthly newsletter for the whole year as well as the discounted day camp rate. If you are interested in camp or have any questions please contact Janice Burgett at 361-2195.

## A Special Deal for New Members

Join the Highland Park Community Club as a new member for only \$5.00. This is a one-year membership. (Regular membership dues are \$20.00.) This only applies to those who have never before been a member of the HPCC.

**Continuing Members:** Please note: Do not use this form to renew your membership. If you are currently a member or a lapsed member, you will receive a separate renewal card in the mail in August.

### New Member Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$5.00

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Kelly Meade, HPCC Membership Chair

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# Highland Park Day Camp Registration Form

(Campers from 4 through 8 years old)

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(camper's last name)(camper's first name)

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my child(ren) for the following weeks:

6/25\_\_\_\_ 7/2\_\_\_\_ 7/9\_\_\_\_ 7/16\_\_\_\_ 7/23\_\_\_\_ 7/30\_\_\_\_

Enclose:

\$65.00 per week for each camper (member)

or, \$75.00 per week for each camper (non-member). Membership is \$20.00.

You must include one week's payment for each child registered with the registration form.

Please round your check up if you would like to help defray the  
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**SWIMMING:** I hereby give my permission for my child to attend all swimming activities.

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of the HPCC's allowing my child to participate in Day Camp, I hereby release the HPCC and its directors, officers and staff from any and all liability for injury to my child not due to intentional or gross misconduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent signature and date)

Please list any allergies, injuries or recent illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and phone numbers of three people who can be reached in case of an emergency:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

## Highland Park Wins...Again!

*Mitch Kates*

*OK loyal readers....how about a pop quiz?*

Question: Which neighborhood in the City of Pittsburgh has the best neighborhood coffee shop?

Answer: Highland Park -Enrico's Tazza Doro-the only shop in town that serves Batdorf and Bronson coffee from Washington!

Q: Which neighborhood in the City of Pittsburgh has the best home values for the price on the market?

A: Highland Park (and yes...there are STILL some that are trying to keep people from buying in our neighborhood?!?)

Q: Which neighborhood in the City of Pittsburgh is home to the best French restaurant in the area?

A: Highland Park (the unbeatable La Foret)

Q: Which city neighborhood houses the second largest retailer in the country?

A: The East End, home to...you guessed it....Highland Park!

Q: Which neighborhood of Pittsburgh is home to one of the best zoo's in the country?

A: Highland Park.

Are you starting to sense a pattern? Well, I'm happy to report that Highland Park will soon be able to boast another victory within the city. The property that formerly housed Café Baci has recently been sold to a couple from Fox Chapel. What makes this story intriguing and worth talking about is how this outcome came about. As if this couple didn't have enough to do, Dr. Sudhakar Reddy and his wife Krishna, (also a physician) decided that they wanted to fulfill a dream and open a restaurant in their own neighborhood. Enter Sandra Robinson. Sandra is not only a resident of Highland Park, but also an advocate. She and her associates operate C.A. Properties, Highland Park's only "resident" real estate agency located above our famous coffee shop. Dr. Reddy didn't stand a chance once Sandra began working with him. When he informed Sandra that he was looking to open a restaurant and what his requirements were Sandra quickly educated him on the features and benefits of Highland Park...an area of the city the good doctor had never even visited! After getting a quick education about the area and spending some time with a few of the other business people in the neighborhood, Dr. Reddy was convinced he had finally found a home for "The Sitar of Pittsburgh."

I recently had a chance to catch up with our future restaurateur and during our conversation I heard some words that I'm sure would excite many in our neighborhood. The good doctor describes himself as an "eternal optimist" and therefore envisions being open for business by the end of July! Whoa, that's only a few weeks away!!! The building officially sold/closed last week and no time was wasted. There is already a crew in the building preparing for the grand opening. The Sitar of Pittsburgh will be Highland Park's very own Indian style restaurant. What will make this soon to be shining star different is its approach to making The Sitar a "family friendly establishment." Ah, the magic words..."family friendly!" Could it really be that we are finally getting the "family" restaurant

we've all been waiting for?

Dr. Reddy describes an establishment that features a lunch buffet, outdoor seating and a dinner menu that will frequently rotate to encourage multiple visits. To further encourage these "multiple visits" the wallet will be spared, as the food will be "very reasonably priced... again with the family in mind." The chefs are already lined up, one from Philadelphia and another who is well known locally. The building is currently going through renovations as this article goes to press. When unveiled, the interior will be filled with "light and brightness" with a focus on "service and ambience." Dr. Reddy already feels the same commitment toward Bryant Street that many of us feel...bring businesses that have a family focus and we will have a great and vibrant business district.

Hmmmm...Fox Chapel's loss is Highland Park's win! Chalk up another one on the scoreboard...You've gotta believe!!!

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## Highland Park Community Yard Sale

*Judy Wolfe, Yard Sale Chairperson*

On the first Sunday in June of each year I order up sunny weather for the hundreds of people who attend our Community Yard Sale each year. Each year we take this special day to hold yard sales all over the neighborhood on the same day. The Community Club takes care of the advertising in newspapers in the region, posts about three hundred notices in our neighborhood and in surrounding areas, and distribute list of locations, items for sale and a map of yard sale locations. These 600 (or more) maps are handed out by community volunteers at two locations and are available at Enrico's. All this for the low low cost of \$12 per family. In addition, each family gets official Highland Park Yard Sale signs and balloons (and a copy of the yard sale list - just in case).

The 2001 Yard Sale, recently held on June 3, had 77 families registered. At least a couple of dozen families who wanted to participate missed the deadline, but - hey- what the heck- they decided to take their chances and had sales anyway. The most popular reason these folks had for missing the deadline was "I never received my Community Club Newsletter". Well here is your chance - sign up for the new membership year and get at least two months advanced notice of next year sale. You will get your yard sale listed properly and get a lot more folks buying up that wonderful stuff that would now be cluttering up their basement instead of your's.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to help hand out list for an hour would be welcome, as well. This is the most fun way to volunteer, in the neighborhood. Everyone is happy to get these lists - we had a line waiting for us in the "liquid sunshine" when we arrived at the corner of Sunday morning.

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**The Next HPCC meeting is 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2001, at St. Andrew's**

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<b><i>JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR</i></b>	
<b><i>JULY 27</i></b>	<b><i>VINTAGE JAZZ AT VINTAGE, 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 5</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, JOE NEGRI, HIGHLAND PARK, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 12</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, KENNY BLAKE, HIGHLAND PARK, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 16</i></b>	<b><i>BUDGETS &amp; NOMINATIONS DUE</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 16</i></b>	<b><i>HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 19</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, ROGER HUMPHRIES QUINTET, HIGHLAND PARK, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 24</i></b>	<b><i>VINTAGE JAZZ AT VINTAGE, 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 26</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, IN TIME, HIGHLAND PARK, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>