

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
June 2002



Edited by Ollie Rieley

HPCC May 16 Meeting Minutes

Shannon Mischler

President Brandon Weber called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Brandon reported that the Finance Committee reported an income of \$26,125.00 and expenses of \$26,835.00 for this fiscal year. Councilman Ferlo's office gave a grant of \$5,000.00, which will be considered income in fiscal year 2003.

Brandon reported on mail received by the HPCC. Volkswagen Pedal Pittsburgh 2002, a Historic Review of the Micro-filtration water plant, and Venture Outdoor Festival.

Tania Grubbs reported on the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy BioBlitz and the HPCC's sponsored Picnic in the Park. Both events will be held near the Reservoir on Saturday May 18th.

Janice Burgett reported that the HPCC Day Camp would be held at the Farm House this year. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the new playground at the Farm House on the opening day of camp, June 24th. Janice will secure the pool and Farm House permits this month. There is also a question of tuition adjustment if there are many siblings in one family.

Kate Zober reported progress on the Super Playground. She has revisited the playground and sees some improvement; however, there are still broken tires, and protruding bolts on some equipment. She has contacted City Parks again. She is also acquiring estimates for surfacing of the Super Playground with either mulch or a rubberized material.

Joseph Preston, District 24 Representative spoke, asking for the Highland Park vote. Patrick Dowd, Highland Park resident and opponent for Representative Prestons's seat, also spoke about his candidacy and platform issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002, AT ST. ANDREWS

Summertime Picnic: August 15

Bruce Robison

The Hospitality and Program Committees (Bruce and Kate) are co-sponsoring an HPCC Summer Picnic in the St. Andrew's Churchyard on Thursday evening, August 15 -- from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (before the regular "Third Thursday" August meeting).

Each family is invited to bring a seasonally-appropriate salad, side dish, casserole, or main dish to share. If you'd like to bring along a grill or hibachi, please do

And for dessert we'll have a "Build Your Own Sundae" table, hosted by St. Andrew's Church. And music, and fun, and other surprises

Mark calendars now. ***Be there, or be square!***

Busy Weekend!!

Tree Climbing June 1

Yard Sale June 2

Next Meeting June 20

Look forward to

Reservoir of Jazz Sundays in August

Picnic August 15 before meeting

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Actual</u> Year to Date	<u>Budget</u> Fiscal Year
Income	\$18,155.00	\$26,125.00
Expense	\$13,183.50	\$26,835.00
Current Balance, All Accounts		\$14,584.36

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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

The musical highlight in the month of June at St. Andrew's will come on Thursday evening, June 6th (the last "First Thursday" program before the summer hiatus), at 8 p.m., with the monthly Choral Evensong and Recital. St. Andrew's Choir, led by Acting Music Director J. David Hart, will sing music by Benjamin Britten, and the recital will be presented by well-known tenor Mark Spondike. A festive reception will follow, and all are cordially invited.

St. Andrew's Youth Group will be participating in the Highland Park Yard Sale on Sunday, June 2nd, with a portion of the proceeds dedicated to outreach and service programs--so be sure to stop by and see what's available in the St. Andrew's Churchyard . . .

An old tradition at St. Andrew's is the "Summer Book," as we read a book together and gather several times for informal discussion. This season we're reading Anita Diamant's bestseller, "The Red Tent", an imaginative evocation of the ancient Biblical world of Genesis 10 - 50 (Abraham-Isaac-Jacob-Joseph) from the "woman's point of view." We'll be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, June 18th, and Thursday evening, August 8th for discussion, and locations of these meetings will be available from the Church Office. All are invited, so please call (412) 661-1245 for more information. At our "Coffee and Conversation" hour between the

two Sunday morning services on Sunday morning, June 9th, at 10 a.m., and Sunday morning, August 4th, at 9:15 a.m., we will have presentations and discussion on the Biblical materials that lie behind the stories of "The Red Tent". Again, all are welcome.

At the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue for nearly a century, St. Andrew's is very much committed to life and service in our Highland Park neighborhood. Many walk to church on Sunday morning, and all are welcome. Folks in the neighborhood are reminded always that in a case of pastoral need -- when a baby is born, a couple plans to get married, when there is an illness or a death in the family . . . or even when you just might like to tour the building or, on a rainy weekend, might need a large, dry place to host an anniversary party--we welcome your call. Our services are Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. in July and August), and our Summer Office Hours are Tuesday- Friday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call us at (412) 661-1245 or e-mail st_andrewspgh@juno.com.

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Thanks A Lot Munch???

Mitch Kates

A couple of weeks ago in the weekend magazine section of the Post Gazette there was a restaurant review of the East End's newest addition: Kelley's in East Liberty. Apparently the PG's infamous masked marauder came to our fair section of town recently to deliver his two cents in the form of an opinion of our new neighborhood treat. While the erstwhile "Unknown Comic" of restaurant reviewers did his best to bestow compliments to Kelley's...he also wasted little time at taking pot shots at East Liberty. After reading his comments I was moved to write a letter to the editor, but a couple of people beat me to the punch...but that's ok, I would rather share my feelings with those that mean the most to me...my neighbors.

While I and, I'm sure, the new owners of Kelley's appreciate the kudos and nice words from his royal bag-head, I feel compelled to take this opportunity to let baggy know that I, along with most other residents of the East End, don't take kindly to his comments about East Liberty...and his fears of "getting killed."

Let me guess Mr. Paper-bag Writer...you're from Pittsburgh...life long resident, right? Look I love this city and the people of this city, but there seems to be a propensity among some of its life long residents to take a hard line and hold on to perceptions of certain sections of town. When my wife and I were first coming to Pittsburgh and looking for a place to live I can't tell you how many times we were told, "you don't want to live in Highland Park...you have to go through East Liberty to get there." Why the sudden flash back? What's the point? Coming from another city our first comment was...you've got to be kidding! We knew after looking around that if East Liberty was as bad as it got, we were going to be very happy with our new choice of home, city and neighborhood. The "East Liberty is a dangerous place" is a thought whose time has come and has to go away. By the way, I know we're not the only ones with a story like this. There are many people and organizations that have spent a lot of time, shed a lot of sweat and tears to bring East Liberty back to a position of prominence and pride for the city of Pittsburgh. The provincial attitude of East Liberty being a haven of crime and bad people should not be the accepted norm any longer...and I believe it

won't! I've said this before and I'll once again promote my personal "Pollyanna" position by stating that East Liberty will see a time in the near future where it will be a hot spot in the city. Large groups of diversified people will come to East Liberty in search of and find cool shops, great restaurants and a good time. Mark my words!

So Mr. Munch a message to you and your "clever" comments...thanks for the good words about Kelley's, you were right, it is a great new find...but as for your assessment of East Liberty... you're going to EAT THOSE WORDS!

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To All Local Tree Enthusiasts:

Jennifer Arkett

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter will be hosting this year's Western Tree Climbing Championship on Saturday, June 1, 2002 in the City of Pittsburgh's Highland Park. Sign-in for the contestants will begin at 8:00am with the actual competition beginning at 8:30am. The contestants will test their climbing skills in selected trees at the site for the events of the daylong competition. Also present will be arboricultural vendors, informational booths for the ISA and the Utility Arborist Association (UAA), the Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission, and other tree-related interests plus food and refreshment vendors. There will be entertainment for children at the Kid's Climb.

For those unfamiliar with this event, the first ISA Tree Trimmer's Jamboree was founded in 1976 and held in St. Louis, Missouri. The event was established to preserve classic climbing skills, so that in the event of a real-life aerial rescue of a tree worker in trouble, a climber with nothing more than a rope could assist and possibly save a life. The event, now referred to as the Tree Climbing Championship (TCC), has become an internationally recognized opportunity for professional arborists to promote safe working practices, demonstrate improvements and innovations in equipment and techniques, and provide industry recognition to the public. It also serves as an opportunity to formally recognize skilled climbers and the important role they play in the profession of tree care.

Each year, 38 worldwide ISA Chapters plus members-at-large in 26 countries not having local Chapters, hold TCC's to select a climber to represent the Chapter at the International TCC held in conjunction with the ISA Annual Conference. This year's ISA Annual Conference will be held July 27-31 in Seattle, Washington. The competitors are selected as a result of their demonstrated superior abilities in local championships like the one to be held in Pittsburgh on June 1st. At both the local and international TCC's, the contestants compete in five preliminary events to qualify as one of the top five contestants who earn the right to move into the championship round. The preliminary events include the Work

Climb, Aerial Rescue, Throwline, Belayed Speed Climb, and Secured Footlock, followed by the final championship round of the day, the Master's Challenge.

Our City of Pittsburgh has been designated as the official site for the 2004 ISA Annual Conference. As a Chapter, we are very excited for the opportunity to host this international event and for the second time since the founding of ISA in 1924, to be able to host this event in Pittsburgh! Through the generous support of many local Chapter members, the City of Pittsburgh and Mayor Murphy, the Greater Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau, and numerous tree-interested groups and organizations, and tree care companies, we will be bringing an excellent conference and trade show to our proud City.

As this year's Penn-Del Chapter Western TCC Chairperson, I am extremely enthused that we have the opportunity to showcase Pittsburgh in preparation for the 2004 ISA Conference. I am asking for your assistance to grow the awareness of trees and the value they add to our daily lives and neighborhoods through the promotion of this industry event. Please pass along the news of this extraordinary competition and bring your friends and family to share in the events of this very special day. If you are interested in finding out more about this event, please contact me at my office (412) 393-8576.

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H.P.C.C. Day Camp

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 for six weeks each summer from 9:00 am to 12:00. This year we are in session from June 24th to August 2nd. 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 should be the newly restored Farmhouse in Highland Park. I'm awaiting confirmation and permits from the city . The cost for campers will be \$70.00 a week for HPCC members and \$80.00/wk for non-members. **The late registration fee effective for applications after June 3rd is now in effect. (Early applicants paid \$5.00 less per week.)** A membership to the club is only \$23.00 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 412-361-2195.

Thoughts

Ollie Rieley

--- As I write this, it is finally warming up!! Hooray!!

--- I couldn't spend much time there, but the Bioblitz seemed well attended as I quickly walked through. I'm anxious to hear the results. I hope the party was well attended too. Thanks to all who helped.

--- Get ready for Reservoir of Jazz, planned for Sundays in August. I'm looking forward to it already.

--- The July Newsletter will be a mass mailing. Get the message to the community of your special area of the HPCC with an article. This issue will be sent to nearly three thousand homes.

--- The Marathon party was another huge success, thanks to Muzz and his helpers.

--- Want to be more active in the Club? Call Brandon and nominate yourself for office or a committee chair. Elections will be held the September meeting.

News from Peabody

Anne Franks

Well folks, the school year is coming to a close, and as I take a moment to look back, in the words of Frank Sinatra, it has been a very good year here at Peabody. We have tried each month to share with you the good news about your neighborhood school. We do this because we are very proud of our students' achievements and because we believe that you should know about what is happening here. As a Highland Park resident, a parent of two Peabody students, and as a staff member at Peabody, I encourage you to learn more about the school; come to visit during a school day, arrange to have your children shadow for day, talk with teachers and the administration. As we continue to build a strong community in Highland Park, we need to be mindful of our neighborhood schools, Peabody, Fulton and Dilworth. They are our schools and they need our active support.

And now for the news:

Senior Krystal Reid, was selected by the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh to receive the *Realize Your Dream Foundation* Scholarship for her college education. The \$5000 scholarship was awarded based on her essays and community service.

Senior Candice Anderson was selected as the Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania.

Katie Gillespie received the Young Humanitarian of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education.

Maurice Sales and Andre Turner were chosen to play in the East-West Allstar Football Game in June.

India Nesbitt was chosen by the Pittsburgh Zonta Chapter as their 11th grade honoree.

Dominique Kelly was selected by the YWCA/Tribune Review as an outstanding Scholar Athlete in basketball.

Last but certainly not least, Brad Palmer is the 1st Pittsburgh Public School student to pass the Microsoft Access Certification Test. Lucy Gillespie is the second student to pass.

The following Peabody students have been selected to attend the Governor's School of Excellence:

Casey Artz, Health Careers, University of Pittsburgh
Tamisha Singletary, Visual Arts, Mercyhurst College
Julie VanSuch, Visual Arts, Mercyhurst College
Jessica Twyman, Information Technologies, Temple University

Congratulations to the Class of 2002! We wish you happiness and success in all of your endeavors!

And to our readers, we will see you in September.

Highland Park Day Camp Registration Form

(Campers from 4 through 8 years old)

1.) _____ birthdate _____
(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:

6/24__ 7/1__ 7/8__ 7/15__ 7/22__ 7/29__

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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:

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JUNE CALENDAR

JUNE 1	WESTERN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP, N. HIGHLAND ENTRANCE TO PARK, STARTS AT 8:30 A.M.
JUNE 2	HPCC ANNUAL YARD SALE, MAPS/LISTS OF GOODS AT N. HIGHLAND & STANTON, N. NEGLEY & HAMPTON, 9:00 A.M. TO ???
JUNE 20	HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.