

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
May 2003



Edited by Ollie Rieley

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Judy Wolfe

It's that time again. On Sunday June 1, 2003 from 9AM through whenever we want to quit, we will once again invite all of our Pittsburgh area neighbors to Highland Park for the 80-100 yard sales that will be going on in Highland Park. The Highland Park Yard Sale brings about 1000 people from throughout the area into our beautiful neighborhood to buy our used stuff, collectibles, junk and whatever. Some people sell food in addition to their yard sale items, some organizations use this as an opportunity for a fund raiser (the Union Project and the St. Andrew's Youth Group for example). The more participants the merrier.

For the low, low price of \$12, the Community Club takes care of the advertising (on light poles, in newspapers and in the Pennysaver in the East End and North), the typing of lists of items for sale and the preparation of a map of participating homes. In addition, the Community Club provides sellers with balloons and signs to show that they are part of the sale, and volunteers to hand out the maps and lists.

I hope you all enjoy it as much as I do. Please fill in the form below if you want to be a seller. Send the \$12 to Judy Wolfe - that's me - by May 28 (checks to HPCC) at 5910 Wellesley Ave, Pgh, 15206. If you need any additional information, call me at 412 441-7830.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Items for sale: _____

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003, AT ST. ANDREW'S

SUPER PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE DAY

"MULCH MADNESS"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Super Playground needs our attention now that the spring and summer seasons of fun in Highland Park have begun!

Please mark your calendars for the *Super Playground Spring Maintenance Day, scheduled for Saturday, May 17th (rain date—Sunday, May 18th), from 9am-1pm. Let's do this in shifts: 9am-11am and 11am-1pm.*

Our first task will make the Playground more pleasant to play in: we will pick up any litter that didn't make it into any of the many trash bins. Our second task will make the Playground safer for the kids; we will spread a 4-5" layer of mulch (actually its official name is Fibar) around all the play equipment for softer landings.

Please bring your gardening gloves, wheel barrow(s), and rake(s).

Once again, coffee and pastry will be provided by the East End's favorite coffee shop, Tazza D'oro.

We need about 50 volunteers to make this day a success;

**please call Kate Zober @661-9312
and sign up for either or both shifts!**

Special thanks to David DeLong and Peter Hughes, our primary Super Playground handy-men; they will be replacing the handle on the horizontal glider, installing an enormous coated chain climber (replacing the one made of tires and rusty bolts), and hanging several new swings.

→ See Marathon Party - Pg. 2 ←

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MARATHON PARTY ON BRYANT STREET

MUZZ MEYERS

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FOR THE KIDS
ROLL OUT OF BED AND PARTY WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS
FROM 9-12
SUNDAY, MAY 4**

COMMUNITY ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

Rudy Maceyko

Now there's a new way to share news and information with your Highland Park neighbors--it's the Highland Park Neighborhood electronic mailing list.

The Neighborhood electronic mailing list, run by your friendly Highland Park neighborhood webmaster, is a source of calendar reminders, notification of updates to the web site, and important and interesting information about Highland Park.

Feel free to send information to share with the rest of the neighborhood.

To sign up or to view the archives of past messages received by list subscribers, visit the Highland Park web site:
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April 16 HPCC Meeting Highlights

Amy Poettinger

President Lisa Williams called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. in the auditorium of Dilworth Traditional Academy for the Arts and Humanities.

The meeting with Citiparks about use of the farmhouse, mentioned last month, went well. Citiparks encourages community use of the Farmhouse; but they need to know plans well ahead of time. The storage problem has been taken corrected.

In a related note, Lisa introduced the new Children's Committee Chair, Stacey Gray. Stacey announced an Easter egg hunt to take place at the farmhouse on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 A.M.. Citiparks will help out and there will be an arts and crafts table. Candy and toys will be put in the eggs for the hunt on Thursday, April 17th at 7:30pm at the farmhouse.

Lisa Williams announced that John Cirolli is assuming the chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Dana Thomas spoke about the House Tour. Angie Walker volunteered to be her co-chair. They are tentatively planning the tour for Saturday, October 18. The theme of the tour will be kitchens and cookbooks. While the tour will include many of the rooms in the homes, it will focus on "great Kitchens" and they hope have cookbooks for sale on the tour. They also want to get the "food-oriented" businesses in Highland Park involved, specifically Food Glorious Food, La Foret, Sitar and Enrico's Tazza d'Oro. Because of the extra activities this year, they are planning to raise prices to \$15 advance sale and \$20 on the day of the tour. Dana is looking for volunteers to be greeters in the houses and to sell tickets. Volunteers will work for about 3 hours and will have time to see the houses, too. Dana will have a sign-up sheet at every meeting until October.

Sergeant Ellinger (standing in for Officer Gay) gave a report on neighborhood safety. The problem tenants at 5620 Jackson Street and 811 Mellon Street have been evicted. The owner of 811 Mellon Street is currently on crutches so progress on that property may be slow, but he intends to improve it. Officer Gay responded to the loud music problem at 916 Mellon Street and resolved it. He also is doing his best to act on any tow truck issues. If you have any problems, feel free to call Officer Gay at 412-665-3770. Sergeant Ellinger also noted that there is a new block watch on Highview. There were some thefts from residences and from vehicles but no violent crimes were reported in the neighborhood since the last meeting. There will be a "Pick-up Pittsburgh" on April 26th.

Tania and Jeff Grubbs performed a few musical selections to introduce the evening's program about Dilworth. They are both involved in the programs at Dilworth. They introduced Mr. Bob O'Keefe, the Principal of Dilworth.

Mr. O'Keefe welcomed the club and spoke about the changes that have occurred at the school during the past few years. To improve the relationship with the community, he invited any members of the community to visit Dilworth anytime; he encourages residents

of Highland Park to join the Dilworth parent - student organization. With the help of Diane DeNardo, a number of Arts and Humanities programs have been developed over the past five years which he is happy to report have the full backing of his boss, Mr. Briscoe, Superintendent Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Darlene Harris and the entire Board of Education.

He introduced two of his staff members who have been instrumental in some of the programs. Mr. Marshall Medrano spoke about the faculty/staff choir that he started and which quickly is developing; they hope to perform in the community in the future. Mr. David Rigo is a Teaching intern currently working at Dilworth. He spoke about the goals of Dilworth as a school of Arts and Humanities. They will maintain all of the standard curriculum for the district, but anchor academic topics with art projects, discussions and special events. Dilworth has already partnered with the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Pittsburgh Opera, the Civic Light Opera and the Center for the Arts. Overall, they have been pleased with the strong support that the faculty has for this focus.

Mr. O'Keefe spoke about a related programs. There is an in-school gifted program called "ACE" for second to fifth graders. They have begun to integrate the teaching of American Sign Language into the program and hope that it will grow into an anchor for the school as a whole. There is no other language taught at Dilworth; he hopes that this is something the school can become known for. He wrapped up by reminding the Club that their curriculum is still grounded in fundamentals. If anyone would like to meet with Mr. O'Keefe one-on-one or have a tour of the school, call 412-665-5000.

Lisa Williams opened the floor for new business. Mike Fiore, the owner of Mike's Auto Body, apologized for any problems his tow truck drivers might have caused residents and said that he is doing his best to address the concerns with his drivers. You can call him directly if you have any problems. He stated that drivers have not been paid by commission since January, in an attempt to keep drivers from racing to the scenes of accidents. He mentioned that the "messy" property next to his building does not belong to him. It is city property and they are supposed to be working to clean it up.

Patrick Dowd reported for Kate Zober that the next Super Playground maintenance day will be May 17th. She will need about 50 volunteers for two shifts of "Mulch Madness". Call her to sign up

Michael Johnson reported on the Community Plan. He identified things that have been learned from the process to date. For example, there are many youths in Highland Park who like the neighborhood and want to give back to the community, but they don't know how. The team also learned that many of the business owners on Bryant Street don't know each other and haven't previously considered ways that they could work together to reach

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common goals. The team has learned of the successes at Dilworth and will consider ways to share these successes with Peabody and Fulton. He said the focus groups will be reconvened once more in the next few months to give input on their sections of the draft master plan. The third and final Town Meeting will be held in mid-June to present a draft of the final plan for comment and input. A Community Celebration is being planned for August to celebrate the neighborhood and the completion of the Community Plan, but most of all as a Celebration of Diversity. Muzz Meyers is coordinating the event which will focus on Bryant Street, but also have a connection to the Union project. Finally, the Community Plan is looking for one or two volunteers to work for the plan doing data analysis and community outreach. Please contact Michael Johnson if you are interested.

Sal Wilcox introduced himself as an owner of one of the newest Highland Park businesses. Education Innovations is the parent company of The Learning Club, which is located at 5808 Bryant Street. The Learning Club offers educational services for grades K through 12, including tutoring and summer programs. The tutoring service includes interactions with the child's school, teachers and test scores to ensure the best possible results for each child.

Lisa Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm and invited everyone to explore Dilworth.

Help to continue the COP Office

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received by the club and is of general interest. The Mini-Station on Bryant Street is mentioned on the list enclosed with the letter. I recommend that anyone interested call the listed phone and volunteer! O.R.)

February 26, 2003

Dear Volunteer:

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police will begin working with the residents of the City of Pittsburgh to once again open and staff the

remaining mini-stations located throughout the City of Pittsburgh. Attached you will find a list of mini-station locations that we need volunteers to staff.

We will be assigning officers to each opened mini-station for a total of 3 days a week, a couple of hours a day as a starting point. Specific times and days have yet to be established. That is why we need your help and your neighbors help to get this project underway.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering your time to staff any of these mini-stations. Let us know what times during the day and what days during the week would be best for you. We want to get these locations up and active as soon as possible. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, please contact Elaine Caparelli at 412 244-4197.

With your help we can continue our commitment of providing quality services to all the residents of the City Pittsburgh. It is because of you that this is possible.

Thank You.

Signed: Nathan Harper
Assistant Chief
Pittsburgh Bureau of Police

(I spoke to Ms Caparelli to get a little more detail. Current plans are for the mini-stations to be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with an extra shift Mondays during the summer from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. The stations will be staffed entirely by volunteers. The volunteers will answer the phones and answer questions for people who drop in. The volunteer will be able to page an on-duty patrolman who will come to the station to talk with people who need a face-to-face meeting on a lingering issue. Of course, any event needing immediate response should be called in to 911. Ollie)

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From the Commander of Zone 5

The Commander of Zone 5 Station on Tow Trucks

March 13, 2003

Mr. Ollie Rieley
HPCC Tow Trucks
P.O. Box 5036
Pittsburgh Pa 15206

Dear Mr. Rieley

I recently received the Highland Park Community Club newsletter for March 2003. I was particularly interested in the article on Page six titled "Complain about Tow Trucks" in which residents have complained about the number of tow trucks parked overnight in the community and that calling the police is usually ineffective. As the Commander of Zone Five Police Station, I wanted to let you know about the complaint and my efforts to resolve the problem.

On July 30, 2002, I received a letter from Chief McNeilly's Chief of Staff, which indicated that there were some concerns about the illegal parking of tow trucks in the 900 block of Highview Street, as well as on Bossart and Chislett. During the month of August, I had Officers assigned to monitor activity at this location. The Officers did issue a citation to one tow truck for parking in violation of city ordinance 541.03 (g). This ordinance states that no operator of a commercial vehicle, camper, trailer, boat or other vehicle not classified as an automobile, and no owner of the vehicle shall permit the vehicle to park on any street for longer than two (2) hours, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following morning. The Officers also advised tow truck operators of the ordinance in order to alleviate this situation on Highview Street. In September of 2002, I sent Chief McNeilly a response to the complaint.

On October 2, 2002, I met with some of the residents of Highview Street who advised me that they were still having problems with tow trucks, boats, and commercial vehicles in the Highland Park area. That very same evening, I toured the area following a community meeting and observed a boat parked at Bossart and Heths and a tow truck on Bossart. I later advised Officer Matthew Lebedda, who was the COP Officer at the time, of the situation. Officer Lebedda issued a citation to the tow truck and spoke with the owner of the boat who moved the boat off of the street at his direction. Officer Lebedda also spoke to the family of a tractor trailer operator who had parked his truck near the tennis courts in Highland Park and advised his family of the ordinance. Through his personal skills, Officer Lebedda educated the owners of these vehicles on the law and was successful in getting the vehicles off of the streets.

Zone five Officers continued to patrol the Highland Park Community and have issued numerous citations to commercial vehicles parking in violation of 541.03 (g). Although I do not have copies of every citation, I was able to obtain copies of several citations that were written over the past several months in the area.

Citations were issued in the area on 11/25/02, 11/26/02, 12/2/02 (2 citations), 1/1/03, 1/2/03 (2 citations), 1/3/03, 1/16/03, 1/20/03, and 2/5/03. The Zone Five-Night Turn Lieutenant advised me that this area is checked on a nightly basis and he has noticed a reduction in the number of tow trucks parking on the street.

I recently assigned an Officer to address the abandoned cars on the sidewalk around one local garage in violation of the vehicle code. This prompted the owner of the garage to contact me. The owner of the garage sought my advice on how to resolve the complaints against his tow trucks and his company. Following a discussion with the owner, he advised me that the tow trucks would not park on the street in violation of the ordinance or he would fire them. The owner later sent me additional permit he secured for lots to park his customer's vehicle so that he would not have to park them on the sidewalk. The Officer has continued to monitor the vehicles in and around the business and indicated that the parking situation has improved around the business.

I am committed to enforcing the ordinance and resolving the complaints in the Highland Park area. I would suggest that any Highland Park resident who observes tow trucks, tractor trailers, or boats parked on the street between 7 PM and 7 AM to call 911 to report the complaint through 911. If a tow truck or commercial vehicle is found parked in violation of the ordinance, a citation can be issued. Residents can also forward any information on illegal parking to the Mayor's Service Center at 412-255-2621.

If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, feel free to contact me at Zone Five.

s/ Commander Thomas Stangrecki
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Union Project Update

Justin Rothshank

New Union: MEDA & Union Project

Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) has chosen the Union Project from a pool of six organizations who were nominated by Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum and the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation to receive a technical assistance award funded by the Federal faith- and community-based initiative.

MEDA will begin this process with an organizational assessment of the Union Project on May 2. This assistance will greatly help to build the Union Project's organizational capacity and to complete a professional, viable and market-specific business plan, which is the next big step in our fund raising process.

Neighborhood Beautification

The Union Project is hosting two clean-up days on **May 10 and May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Join volunteers from around the neighborhood and around the city to help clean up the Union Project. Volunteers will help to remove debris from the building and do general landscaping work including mulching brush and planting flowers.

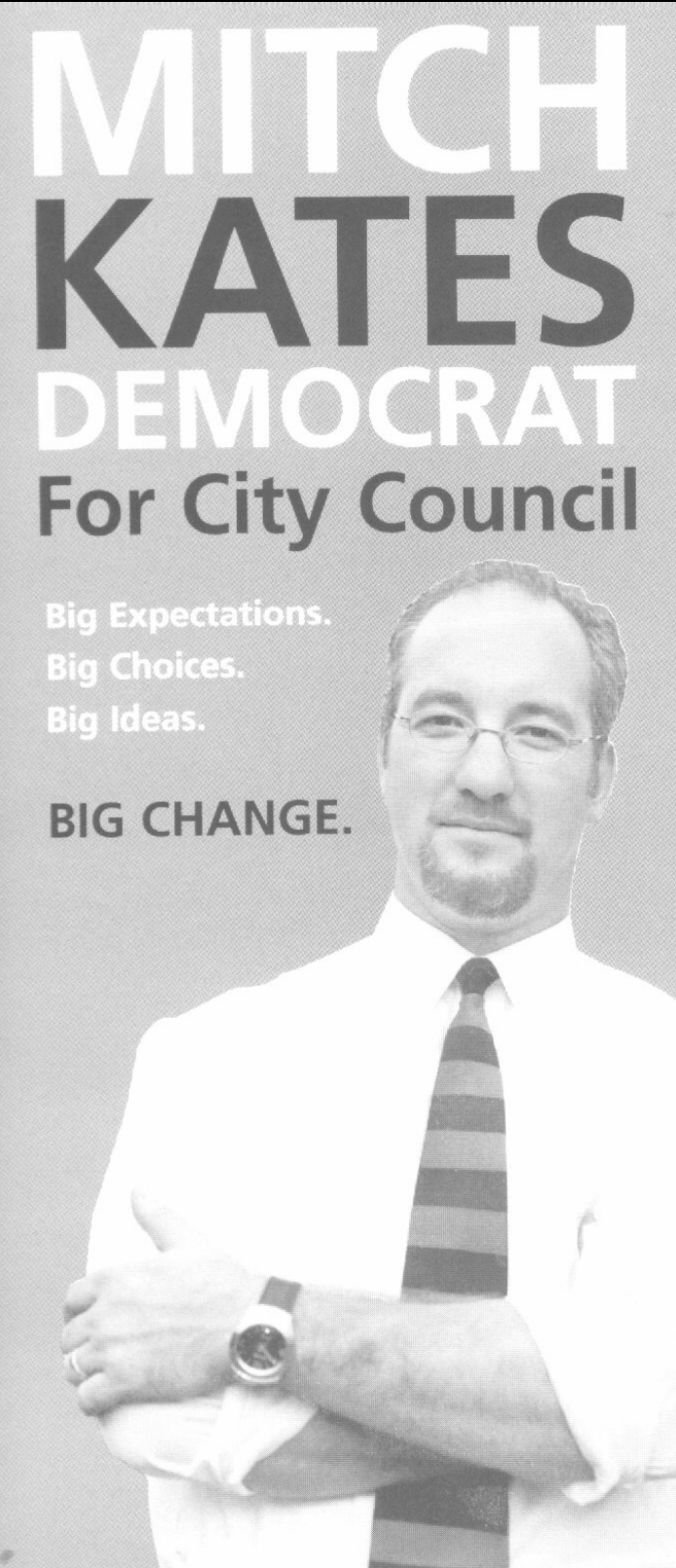
We invite you - along with all of our neighbors - to join us in these efforts to build community and beautify our neighborhoods. We also welcome your efforts to pick up trash on your own block and bring your yard waste to be mulched or your picked-up trash to dispose of in our dumpster. At the very least, we invite you to stop by to visit with us, meet some new friends and learn more about the Union Project!

These efforts are part of the ongoing work at the Union Project, which aims to build community through the innovative, participatory and volunteer-driven restoration of a prominent community resource. The renovated building will provide gathering and working space for artists, community builders and people of faith. To date, over 400 volunteers have contributed some 4000 hours of service toward the project.

Arts and Summer Events

From **June 26 to September 25 2003**, a weekly Local Art-Making Market will be held on the front lawn of the former Union Baptist Church at the intersection of Stanton & Negley Avenues. The Market will feature booths selling organic produce, handmade art, and promoting the work of Pittsburgh's arts and faith institutions. In addition, booths will be available for neighborhood artists and others to rent at a minimal fee. The Market will be the area's only continuing weekly grassroots festival, providing an informal setting for people to assemble and enjoy their own creativity and that of others.

The Union Project now has artwork displayed on the website. Check out www.unionproject.org and click on the Artists link. All artwork is for sale and more images will be added regularly. Call 412-478-3105 or email Justin@unionproject.org if you are interested in purchasing a piece of artwork.



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REQUEST FOR HIGHLAND PARK HISTORY

Rudy Maceyko

The webmaster of the Highland Park web site is always interested in stories, photos, newsletters & newspaper clippings about Highland Park--the older the better!--for use on the web site and newsletter articles.

Examples:

- Things that aren't there any more: Stephen Foster statue in the park, old mansions, old businesses
- Neighborhood successes: opposition to the Civic Light Opera amphitheatre to be built in Highland Park in 1949, the building of the Super Playground in 1991, and the opposition to covering the reservoirs.
- Community Club history: information about activities, presidents and board members, and newsletters.

Please call Rudy Maceyko at 412-441-9130 or send mail to: webmaster@highlandparkpa.com

House Tour

Dana Thomas

The 2003 Highland Park House Tour will be this October. The tentative date that has been set is October 18th (Saturday) from 10-5. This date will be confirmed within the next month.

We are currently looking for homes with interesting/creative/fancy/gourmet (you get the idea!) kitchens. While homeowners do not have to feature their kitchen to be part of the tour, we would like to have as many kitchens featured as possible in order to have a "kitchen theme" for the tour. The goal is to set the Highland Park tour apart from other fall tours with this new idea. We are currently in the process of rounding up local cookbook authors to be paired with kitchens on the tour where their cookbooks will be for sale. It should be an interesting afternoon for all who are involved! We are hoping to create a tour program that will be full of Highland Park recipes that will compliment the theme.

As always, the entire house (or the floors that the homeowners choose to show) will be on the tour - not just the kitchen.

Please contact Dana Thomas at (412) 720-0907 or Dana_Thomas@Progressive.com to obtain more details, nominate a home, or have your home on the tour.

(PS - we also need help for the day of the tour. Please contact me at the above number/email to volunteer for a few hours. You will receive a free ticket for the tour)

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The Learning Club Opens

S. Wilcox

Highland Park residents Salvador Wilcox and Marie Veltri Jackson are pleased to announce that Education Innovations, Inc., founded by Mr. Wilcox in 1999, has chosen to set up shop at 5808 Bryant Street, Suite 2.

"We are pleased to announce the opening of The Learning Club in Highland Park, a full resource and learning center providing educational services for students at any stage of development. That means we can help a child catch up or get ahead," stated Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox adds, "We have been involved in the community planning process and are keenly aware of the educational needs of the neighborhood. We will work hard to provide educational choices for parents here in the neighborhood. We are exploring the possibility of a charter school here in Highland Park, as well as an early learning center. We are eager to collaborate with other organizations."

Marie Veltri Jackson, Director of Resource Development for Education Innovations, Inc., is looking forward to creating a unique center where students, parents, and staff are able to research ideas from the collection at The Learning Center in Highland Park. "Our learning center wants to create a welcoming learning environment for our students and their families. We

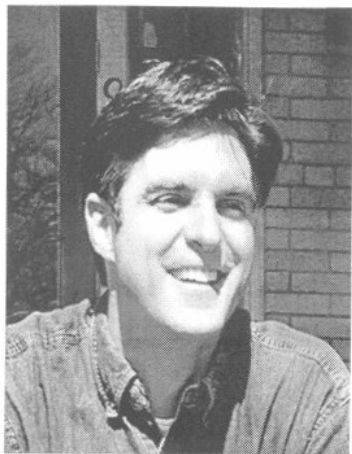
believe that learning works best in a relaxed atmosphere."

Also, keep an eye out for enrichment clubs scheduled for after-school, Saturdays, and summer. Education Innovations, Inc. is in the process of creating exciting clubs that combine your child's interests with enriching education. The rocket club will give children the opportunity to learn the physics of flight while putting together rockets to be released in the park. "Jam Sessions at 5808" will give young vocalists, guitarists, bassists, and drummers the opportunity to jam with local musicians while developing their musical talents. Other clubs for young writers, young scientists, and extreme sports enthusiasts are also in development.

We invite you to stop by The Learning Club in Highland Park starting on April 1. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 11:00 AM until 7:30 PM; Saturday 9:00 until 3:00.

For more information on Education Innovations, Inc. and the Learning Club in Highland Park, visit <http://www.educationinnovations.org/>, send e-mail to info@educationinnovations.org or call us at 412-726-4402.

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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

The bright spring month of May is always a busy time around St. Andrew's -- with weddings, concerts, special services, and always so many gatherings of good friends.

For music lovers in the neighborhood, Choral Evensong at 8 p.m. on Thursday evening May 1st will be followed by a recital by Highland Park resident and well-known pianist Betty Rieley. Then on Friday evening, May 9, at 8 p.m., there will be a recital by the Urban Sky Consort, a very highly regarded ensemble singing early music composed by women and for women's voices (tickets on sale at the door).

Classic movie lovers in the neighborhood will be glad to hear that "St. Andrew's Cinema" for May, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, will be one of the great ones -- "Picnic," starring William Holden and the very lovely Kim Novak. The evening is free and open to all -- bring a snack to share!

Special services during the month begin on Saturday afternoon, May 3rd, with the annual "Runners' Mass" service intended for all those in the parish and the neighborhood who will find travel to Church on the Sunday morning of the Marathon to be overly challenging.

On May 11, Mother's Day and the Fourth Sunday of Easter, St. Andrew's will welcome Bishop Henry Scriven at 11 a.m. for a festival service of worship, including Confirmation and reception of new members. Always a great day in the congregation and a fun day for visitors!

May 18 is Youth Sunday, when we celebrate the past year of our Church School, and when at the 11 a.m. service the readings, sermon, and prayers are presented by our younger members. A celebratory pizza luncheon follows in the Parish Hall.

St. Andrew's has been a part of this Highland Park neighborhood for nearly a century. If at any time there are needs or pastoral concerns we can help you with -- a baby to be baptized, a wedding to celebrate, a family member or neighbor who is ill, or shut-in, and in need of a visit, or a family to support at the time of a death -- please do feel free to give us a call. The Church Office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., and our phone number is (412) 661-1245.

NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAIL OPINION POLLS

Rudy Maceyko

Do you support the plan to put soccer fields in Heth's Run? How about the plan to rename the Highland Park bridge in memory of Fred Rogers? Sixty-one Highland Park residents responded to these opinion poll questions on the Highland Park Neighborhood

email list over the course of one week in April. Here are the results.

Question #1:

Do you agree with the proposal to create soccer fields in Heth's Run where the Public Works drop-off site was? If not, what do you think should be there instead?

There was overwhelming support for the soccer fields: 45 "yes" votes, 5 "no" votes, and 11 "other" votes.

Those in favor of the proposal welcomed the soccer fields because they are in short supply and long overdue. Parents would rather take their children to local fields than drive elsewhere. Some predicted that the soccer fields will be examples of good things yet to come in the area, including the replacement of the Heth's Run bridge and the creation of a trail to the river that would eventually connect with other river trails. Also, the proposal echoes an earlier recommendation by the Community Club from a time when the Club had a soccer club but no home field and inadequate practice space. Some of the "no" voters were concerned about the lack of an obvious replacement for the drop-off site. A few others suggested using the space for a driving range instead. Some of the "other" voters raised questions such as whether the former drop-off site was safe environmentally for use as soccer fields; what would the noise be like for residents at the top of the hill; and whether traffic patterns were already too congested at the Zoo entrance. Some didn't even know where Heth's Run was. Some of those who responded also mentioned their desire to have a fenced-in off-leash dog run in the park, perhaps near the Farmhouse. There was also a question of when scrap tires would be removed from Heth's Run considering that West Nile virus is about to breed...

Question #2:

Do you agree with state representative Jeff Habay's proposal to rename the Highland Park bridge in memory of Fred Rogers?

There were almost twice as many "no" votes as "yes" votes: 36 "no" votes, 20 "yes" votes, and 5 "other" votes. Almost all of those who voted "no" also suggested that some other memorial would be more appropriate for Fred Rogers, especially if it were associated with children and/or located in Oakland or Squirrel Hill. Some of those who voted "no" additionally suggested that renaming existing structures was never a good idea and a new monument or memorial should be created specifically for Fred Rogers. Suggestions included something related to the Children's Museum, a school, a cultural center, the zoo, something near WQED, a public space or institution, or a playground. Many of those "no" voters also specifically mentioned that renaming the bridge would make it more difficult to associate with our neighborhood and park. Those who voted "yes" would be happy to have our neighborhood be associated with Fred Rogers.

Day Camp

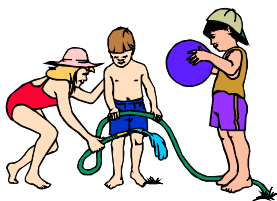
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The Highland Park Community Club has been providing a summer program for children for over sixty years. If you are unfamiliar with H.P.C.C. Day Camp you are really missing a neighborhood gem. Our program runs for six weeks each summer from 9:00 am to 12:00. This year we are in session from June 23 to August 1st. 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. This year we are coordinating some children's activities with the city's community enrichment program and we will be offering an opportunity to visit the roving art cart, story time and mad science. The city has been offering a variety of wonderful programs at the Farmhouse all year and we look forward to collaborating with them this summer.

The campers also spend Tuesdays and Thursdays swimming for an hour 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 provides two lifeguards. 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.

Day camp costs \$70.00 a week for HPCC members and \$80.00/wk for non-members. A membership to the club is only \$25.00 and entitles you to the monthly newsletter for the whole year as well as the discounted day camp rate. **Please register before June 1, 2003 and save yourself the \$10.00 per week/child late fee.** If you are interested in camp or have any questions please contact Janice Burgett at 361-2195 or check out the website for information at highlandparkpa.com.



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:

6/23____ 6/30____ 7/7____ 7/14____ 7/21____ 7/28____

Enclose:

\$70.00 per week for each camper (member)
or, **\$80.00** per week for each camper (non-member). Membership is
\$25.00.

You must include one week's payment for each child registered with the registration form.
*A \$10.00/ week late fee will imposed for every child and every week registered for after
June 1, 2003. Avoid this expense and register early.*

Make checks payable to the **H.P.C.C.** and send
with a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Janice Burgett
1017 King Ave.
Pgh PA 15206

MEDICAL: In case my child needs medical care, I hereby give permission for my child to be transported to any appropriate hospital or medical facility, and I grant permission for any qualified medical personnel, including EMS, to render necessary emergency medical care until I can be contacted.

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:

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MAY 9	URBAN SKY CONSORT CONCERT, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M., ADMISSION
MAY 10 & 17	UNION PROJECT CLEANUP DAYS, VOLUNTEERS INVITED, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
MAY 17	"MULCH MADNESS" WORK DAY, SUPERPLAYGROUND, 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
MAY 18	PEDAL PITTSBURGH BICYCLE TOURS - WATCH FOR BIKERS!
MAY 20	PRIMARY ELECTION — BE SURE TO VOTE!!
MAY 28	LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP FOR YARD SALE!
MAY 31	LAST DAY TO GET DAY CAMP EARLY REGISTRATION RATE!
JUNE 1	HPCC YARD SALE, 9:00 A.M. - ?, LISTS & MAPS AT STANTON & N. HIGHLAND AND HAMPTON & NEGLEY.