

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
July 2003



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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**Howdy Neighbor** — This is the annual Mass-Mailing of the Highland Park Community Club Newsletter. We hope to intrigue you with all the activities in our neighborhood and show you that the club is vigorously working to improve our neighborhood. Our partners in the Highland Park Community Development Corporation and on the Highland Park Community Planning team are also working hard on improvements. Take a few minutes and read this newsletter. Then if you want to support the Club, join by filling out the membership application on Page 2 and sending it to Kelly Meade. **Do it right now!!! Don't miss another issue of this newsletter.**

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## Reservoir of Jazz

HIGHLAND PARK AT HIGHLAND AVENUE ENTRANCE -  
SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Please return to Highland Park every Sunday in August from 4:00 to 7:00 P. M. to enjoy music sponsored by the Highland Park Community Club, Citiparks and WDUQ.

- August 3: Smooth Jazz Day  
Rodney McCoy  
Serious Inquiry
- August 10: Jazz Masters Day  
Walt Harper  
Jimmy Ponder
- August 17: Family Day  
Jazz Workshop Inc.
- August 24: Latin Jazz Day  
Kenia  
Azucar
- August 31: Labor Day Finale  
Big Fat Jazz  
Eric Johnson

Food and beverages will be available for purchase or bring your own picnic basket to enjoy.

## E-Fest is Back July 12&13

Muzz Meyers

The fifth annual E-Fest returns to the intersection of Penn and Highland Avenues in East Liberty July 12 and 13. E-Fest presents great local artists and musicians featuring jazz, gospel, hip-hop, break dancing, poetry, modern dance and more.

Our kids area will feature fun games and activities with help from the Carnegie Museum, the Carnegie Science Center, the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Artists and Craftsman, as well as others. It will feature a climbing wall, moonwalk, bike rodeo, a magic show, and more.

E-Fest is presented by the East End Cooperative Ministry's Youth Business Initiative, a group of 9 high school students who spend a year learning about business and event planning and create this event for all the East End Communities. Please come and enjoy the fun and support students who are working hard to make their community a better place.

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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2003, AT ST. ANDREWS

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## Membership

Kelly Meade

Current membership - total	553
New Members	54
Complimentary Newsletters mailed	48

For all new members the first year's membership is \$5 and \$23 for the subsequent years. And for those of you who are new to our neighborhood a monthly newsletter (as you see) which provides you with news of the area and a calendar of activities. Membership also offers many opportunities to get involved in the club activities as well as attend the monthly meetings. Most importantly, an opportunity to meet new people! Please join us!!! Fill out the following application and mail today. (Current members will receive a 2003/2004 membership form through the mail.)

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Phone Numbers Area Code 412 unless Noted

## Highlights of June 19 Meeting

Ollie Rieley

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Staresinic at 7:35 P.M.

*Guest:* Bob introduced Clint Van Heusen who told the group about the Highland Park Barracuda swim team. The team represents the Highland Park Pool at a meet with teams from other parks later in the summer. Mr. Van Heusen was soliciting contributions toward Tee shirts for the team. Last year all the other teams had printed tee shirts while the Barracuda shirts were only marked with crayon. There is an article elsewhere giving details of where to send contributions.

*House Tour:* Dana Thomas gave an update of plans for the House Tour which is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. See separate article.

*Community Plan:* Michael Johnson advised the club that a town meeting will be held on Monday June 23 to present the draft final plan. The report will be available for review at Enrico's Tazza d'Oro or at the Community Plan web site <[www.highlandparkcommunity.com](http://www.highlandparkcommunity.com)>. Michael also noted there will be a community celebration on Bryant Street on Saturday, August 16 from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M..

*Restoration:* Dave Hance announced a contract for restoration of the fountain at the entrance to the park was placed. Work is expected to begin in August and last well into next year, depending on the weather. This is Phase I of the entrance restoration project. A joint letter from the CDC and the HPCC was instrumental in freeing funds for this project now. This is the fruition of about three years effort.

*Reservoir of Jazz:* The Reservoir of Jazz Concerts are scheduled for 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. each Sunday in August. See schedule on page 1.

*Parks Conservancy:* Four AmeriCore Volunteers who are on six week assignment to work in the Park briefly described their work. They have planted many trees and erected protection to prevent damage by animals. They will be restoring a path that runs from near Rhododendron Grove down to the velodrome next to

Washington Blvd. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm for their work.

*Budgets:* All Committee Chairs: Attention, Budgets are due to Kelly Vitti by the August meeting. Remember, that expenses not approved in the budget must be approved by the finance committee and the board of directors before the money can be spent. It's a whole lot easier to do your job when you're working to an approved budget. The financial condition of the club is much better when there is a realistic budget. So send in your budget request soon!

*General:* A member noted that she had seen people with a grill cooking near the playground, then the next day noticed ashes and other trash in the area. She noted that we should be alert to such misuse of the Park and try to discourage it.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

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## Attention Officers: Call for Budget Proposals

Budget Proposals for Club fiscal year 2004 (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004) are due to the Treasurer by August 21, 2003. It is very important to your committee to have an approved budget. Otherwise every expenditure will require budget committee and board approval. Amounts shown in an approved budget may be spent without further approval. So sit down NOW and prepare your budget!!!

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### St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street \* Highland Park

#### Sunday Morning Services - July & August

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

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## Volunteers Sought to Improve the Community

Karen Brean, Michael P. Johnson

Interested in tutoring or mentoring a student? Want to organize a block watch or block improvement organization with your neighbors? Care to participate in a service and recreation initiative for youth in and around Highland Park? Wondering how you can help connect community members to services that can help them find better jobs, become homeowners, improve their education?

The Highland Park Community Plan (<http://www.highlandparkcommunity.com>) has identified a host of volunteer opportunities in Highland Park. Longstanding committees of the Highland Park Community Club and Highland Park Community Development Corporation and newer organizations such as the Union Project and Education Innovations need volunteer members to help put community planning into action. If you can't commit for the long term, there are one-time or event-centered activities available as well, such as National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2003 (see <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/> for more information).

We encourage all who are interested in "hands-on" work to improve our community to contact the Highland Park Community Plan. Our volunteer community plan coordinator is Brenda Cole, and she can be reached at (412) 665-3646 or [hp\\_cdc@netzero.net](mailto:hp_cdc@netzero.net). Let us know how you can get involved!

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## Celebration to Mark Completion of the Community Plan

Muzz Meyers, Michael P. Johnson, Jessica King, & Sal Wilcox

The Highland Park Community Plan will host a community celebration on Bryant Street on Saturday, August 16 from 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. to celebrate the completion of the community planning process. Titled "Community: A Celebration of Diversity", the event will be co-hosted by: Highland Park Community Development Corporation (HPCDC), the Highland Park Community Club, the Union Project and Education Innovations, Inc. The event will take place on Bryant St. between N. Highland Ave. and N. Euclid St.

The celebration will feature live music from a number of groups that are based in Highland Park, food from Highland Park businesses and others, information booths for the Highland Park Community Plan, HPCDC and other local service organizations, and activities for small children such as face-painting. This event will coincide with the "Invisible Artist Project", sponsored by Education Innovations, Inc., a Bryant St. business offering children's tutoring, and the Union Project. The day is an opportunity for all of us to enjoy each other's company as we look forward to building a better Highland Park.

While the the emphasis will be on fun and celebration, we will take a few moments during the celebration for remarks on the community plan, the future of our community, and the roles all of us can play in helping Highland Park fulfill its promise as a diverse, vibrant urban community. Please save Saturday, August 16, 2003 and plan to bring your family to Bryant St. for food, fun, music, and the company of neighbors. Our community planning process has heightened our appreciation for the diversity of our community so let's celebrate all that we are and all that we can be.

If you'd like to participate in this community celebration as a volunteer or as a vendor, or if you have any suggestions about the event, we'd love to hear from you! Call the Highland Park Community Development Corporation at 412-665-3646, write us at: HPCDC, P.O. Box 4866, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, or send email to [hp\\_cdc@netzero.net](mailto:hp_cdc@netzero.net).

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## Treasurer's Report - June 2003

	Actual <u>Year to Date</u>	Budget <u>Fiscal Year</u>
Income	\$22,334.26	\$28,850.00
Expense	\$12,136.41	\$26,315.00
Current Balance All Accounts	\$20,264.92	

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## Learning Happens Where We Are

*Salvador Wilcox and Marie Veltri Jackson*

Education Innovations, Inc. comes to Highland Park at an auspicious moment. Soon, the Highland Park Community Plan will endeavor to guide us in improving the quality of life for us, the diverse congregation who call Highland Park home. Education is one such quality of life indicator—in any neighborhood. As your neighbors on Bryant Street, we are committed to Highland Park and improving education through The Learning Club in Highland Park.

This starts with our community school, Fulton Academy. We are aware that there are economic, racial, and political forces that have caused a breach between the needs of the community and the needs of the school. We know there is a lot of work ahead. But a lot of hard work is already taking place:

- Marie and I have shown our commitment to Fulton Academy by becoming involved in the Parent School Community Council, and the Parent Teacher Organization.
- We have gotten the green light to provide a summer program next year that will focus on increasing literacy in the whole second grade.
- We are developing a financial literacy program for Fifth graders in the Fall.

With the support of the community, we will make Highland Park the center of educational excellence.

We have chosen “Learning happens where we are” as our motto. We interpret this to mean that learning is not static, that it isn’t confined to a specific place or time. Learning happens where it is conducive for it to happen. Take for instance our Enhanced Learning System, a learning support for children in remediation through enrichment. Within The Learning Club, we may take math in the kitchen, or reading in the Idea Room. Or, we may take field trips to learn about engines. Or, we may hop on the bus to the museum and write a story about the sights when we come back. The important thing is always, though, finding the right channel of instruction for each child.

As the new kids on the block, we invite you to visit us soon.

The Learning Club in Highland Park is located at 5808 Bryant Street, Suite 2 in Highland Park.

Salvador Wilcox, CEO, Education Innovations, Inc., received a Master of Science in Education from Duquesne University and is currently finishing a Master of Science in Educational Technology Management at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University.

Marie Veltri Jackson, Director of Resource Development, received a Master of Science in Information Studies from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She brings over 10 years of public librarianship experience to support children at The Learning Club in Highland Park.

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## Summertime & Child Safety

*John Cirolì*

As we enter the carefree days of summer, it is a great time for children to be playing outside when the rules may become a little more relaxed, and children can find themselves with less adult supervision. But it is also a time when children are more accessible to people who may try to harm them, and parents must take precautions to better ensure their children’s safety. Please review the safety rules from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children below and role-play these rules with your children.

First and foremost, parents need to know who is supervising their children. Choose summer programs, camps, and activities with care. Make certain that the program is licensed, inquire about background screening for employees, and find out what adult supervision is available for outdoor activities and field trips. Parents should visit these programs, unannounced, to see how the staff interacts with the children. The best source of information about your children is your children. Listen carefully when they tell you how their day went.

Parents should also caution their children never to approach a car, especially when someone they don’t know is inside, regardless of what the person is saying to them. Predators have been known to use a number of tricks to try to entice children to go with them including ruses such as asking children to help them find a lost puppy and asking for directions. Since children tend to be helpful and seek adult approval, it is easy for them to forget the rules and respond to the request.

Don’t assume your children are safe when playing in the yard. Frequently check on them and instruct them to tell you if their plans change or if they want to go somewhere with a friend. This goes for the older kids as well as for the younger ones. It goes without saying that children are safer with other children than when they are alone. But “safety in numbers” isn’t enough. Children need to know, remember, and follow these safety rules.

Be sure your children understand whose homes they may visit when you’re not there, and discuss the boundaries of where they can and can’t go in the neighborhood.

Make sure your children know their full names, addresses, and telephone numbers and how to use the telephone. Be sure that they know what to do in case of an emergency.

Caution children not to open the door when they are home alone. Make certain that they understand not to tell anyone who calls that they are home alone.

Because molesters and abductors are known to seek access to children who are unsupervised, make sure your children are supervised at all times especially in places like malls, movie theaters, video arcades, and parks. Teach your children in whose car they may ride. Children should be cautioned never to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent or trusted adult.

Finally, make sure your children know to stay away from pools, canals, and other bodies of water unless with adult supervision.

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## 2003 House Tour Update ....

*Dana Thomas*

Plans for the 2003 fall House Tour are proceeding nicely and there has been a positive reception for the theme of this year's tour, unofficially known as Kitchens and Cookbooks. The theme has generated a high level of interest both in and out of the neighborhood and should set our tour apart from others that may occur around the same time.

As usual, Highland Park has set a high standard for creativity and decorum with the homes on our tour. We have some incredible kitchen designs being featured on the tour with lovely homes and owners who will make this an enjoyable experience for all who participate.

Angie Walker has obtained commitments from four to five local cookbook committees who are very excited to participate in this year's tour. The cookbooks will be available for purchase and you may find some recipe samples along the way! More cookbook authors and committees are expected to sign up in the near future.

Homeowners are being asked to submit their favorite recipes for the tour book so tour goers will receive a Highland Park cookbook just for going on the tour.

Many of the other neighborhood tours have increased their ticket prices over the years and consequently have been subject to negative feedback. To avoid similar negative feedback, we have decided to keep our ticket prices at \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 the day of the tour. This is a very reasonable price considering the number of homes on the tour and all of the "extras" tour goers will experience with our tour. More details regarding ticket purchasing will be forthcoming... make sure to start getting the word out on the prices and the date and time to friends and family (Saturday, October 18th, 11:00 - 5:00) !

I am also excited to announce the involvement of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation (CDC) in this year's tour. Those of you familiar with the group already know that they work very hard at buying and renovating problem properties in our neighborhood. Some of their properties will be featured on this year's tour as homes that are in the process of being renovated and looking for loving owners. Members of the CDC will be available in the featured properties to provide more information to tour goers.

We have eight homes plus the CDC properties on the tour so far. There are a few more ideas for which we are finalizing details and hopefully I can share more information on these plans in September's newsletter. I would like to find one or two more owners of some of the large, Victorian homes in the neighborhood who are willing to participate in the tour in order to provide a more complete cross-section of our neighborhood's homes - please contact me ASAP to discuss participation if this interests you.

Lastly, people are still needed to volunteer a few hours of their time on the day of the tour. You will receive a free ticket for the tour

for volunteering. Please contact me to sign up and I can provide specific volunteer time frames in the future. Fifteen people have signed up to help - we will need approximately 50 to effectively assist all of the homeowners.

Thanks for your help and support!

Dana

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## Childrens Committee

*Stacey Gray*

Hi everyone! First, I would like to thank all of the volunteers, members of the community and the great people at Citiparks for making the Spring Egg Hunt such a fun and successful event. The kids had a great time finding the eggs, creating bunny masks and playing on the playground. We were so fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day!

I would just like to let you know that the Fall Scarecrow Festival will go on as planned at the end of October. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to help organize/volunteer for this event. I am always open to new ideas and suggestions. I can be reached by e-mail at TSGRAY1210@aol.com. *Have a great summer!*

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## Around St. Andrew's,

*Bruce Robison*

The summer months are often a bit quieter around St. Andrew's, with our renowned Choir and Music programs on something of a seasonal hiatus and with many regular activities in a more informal summer mode.

Sunday morning services continue, of course, at the earlier hours in July and August of 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., in perhaps a slightly more informal vein. Our Church School takes a rest--though younger children spend part of each Sunday morning in a special program where they help to create crafts packets to be used by Art Cart volunteers at Childrens' Hospital, and our Youth Group and many adult volunteers continue to find ways to pitch in at the Union Project.

Summer Book Discussion Groups continue, along with theater parties, trips to the ballpark, and casual Sunday "Coffee Hours" spent perusing the offerings of the Annual Summer Used Book Sale in the Parish Hall. And there are weddings, baptisms, social gatherings, celebrations of births, times of caring when there is illness or the loss of a loved one.

Nearly 170 years after our founding, St. Andrew's, here on Hampton Street is today a diverse gathering of friends from the Highland Park neighborhood, the other neighborhoods of the East End, and from the larger metropolitan area. In the open spirit of historic, broad church Anglicanism we share an enthusiasm for the adventures of intellectual inquiry and the spiritual journey, for ministries of justice and compassion, for music and the arts, and for the nurturing of individuals and families through worship, sacrament, and caring relationships.

We are always delighted to greet visitors and newcomers, and we hope as well that if we can be of service to you in any way, you'll let us know. If you have a baby to be baptized, if there is a wedding to be celebrated, if there is someone ill or shut-in whom you would like us to visit, or if there is a need for support at the time of a death, it's our desire to be available for you--whether or not you are a member of our worshipping community. And if you just need to borrow some chairs or have a "rain location" for a family picnic, give us a call too, and we'll try to make it happen.

During the summer St. Andrew's Office is open Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Our phone number is (412) 661-1245, and our e-mail is <st\_andrewspgh@juno.com>.

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## Block Watch

*Jan Stayianos*

Recently, KDKA-TV announced that Pittsburgh placed 10<sup>th</sup> as the safest city in which to live in a nationwide poll. That was great news to hear about our city, but we all care about our own individual neighborhood where we actually see what is going on. Crime to us has become many things — drugs, vandalism, home invasions, daily

shootings, gangs of teens roaming the streets, car thefts, graffiti, garbage in the streets, etc. It's quite a long list. Personally, I'm disturbed at how complacent people have become.

If you care about your neighborhood and would like to be a Block Watch Captain, please give me a call at 412 363-8208, and I'll get you started. You DO NOT have to belong to the Highland Park Community Club to do this very important volunteer job. The whole idea of Block Watch is for people to look out for each other. Get to know your neighbors, talk to each other across yards or in the street, keep porch lights on, have block parties. National Night Out is August 7. That's a great night to have a block party, or just walk up and down your block and talk to your neighbors. Encourage your neighbors to come out, too.

Unfortunately, summer is when crimes seem to increase. Young people are home alone, unsupervised, roaming the streets in gangs because their parents are at work. EVERYONE needs to be more aware of what is going on around them. If you see anything suspicious or actually witness a crime, call 9 1 1 immediately. Pay close attention to clothes, hair color, size approximate age, which way they ran, etc., so that you can give a good description to the police. Also, take precautions when you are away. Have someone keep an eye on your house, stop mail and newspapers, have someone cut your grass.

The Highland Park Community Development Corporation and the Highland Park Community Club have worked together this past year on a Community Plan. This plan has collected data on a lot of local concerns, including Public Safety, and will make specific recommendations for new programs to improve our community. One possible recommendation may be for funding to support Block Watch in Highland Park, or for supportive services for at-risk families. Please watch for the Community Plan and make your Public Safety concerns known to the HPCDC and the HPCC.

I urge everyone to get involved in your blocks and your community in any way you can. Something is better than nothing! Look out for each other and have a safe summer.

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## Welcoming Committee

*Bob Staresinic*

I have been traveling for work a lot recently, and I have missed many of the HPCC meetings in 2003. I have been lucky enough to get to the May and June meetings. I have also been lucky enough to join in some other community activities and get-togethers. You know how they say you never miss something until it is gone? Well, I have missed Highland Park, and am I glad to have been back for the meetings and other stuff going on! I have had so much fun at the last two meetings, just catching up with what is going on, and meeting new people. This is a great neighborhood we live in.

I spent some time up at the Super Playground spreading mulch. (I also spent a lot of time talking and watching other people work). Everyone should go up and enjoy this playground. You can get real high on the swings, and there is enough cushion to jump off of them. Zip down the slide, climb all the steps, or just sit and relax. There is nothing like watching people enjoying the park.

I stood at the corner of N. Negley and Hampton for an hour handing out Yard Sale maps. The weather was beautiful and there were people walking everywhere.

I have had time to walk and talk with neighbors. There are some great houses here, and not all of the best ones are the big ones. If you take the time to look, there are houses that are hidden by trees, or where the best parts are seen from alleys. Take the time to walk around Highland Park, and take the time to stop and look at the details and landscaping that is in the neighborhood.

I also had time to talk with people (from Highland Park and outside the neighborhood) at little get-togethers. Good food and good conversation; there is nothing like it. All Summer long there is a block party taking place on one of our streets (feel free to invite me to your event, my address and phone number are below for your use).

Come on out the third Thursday of the month and give your input at the HPCC meetings. This is a great way to keep up with what is happening in the neighborhood. There are many opportunities to get involved with what is going on. If you have a concern, or have ideas of how to make this a better place to live, I would love to hear from you. You may have to listen to my opinions at the same time, but you can't have an impact if you don't get involved.

I will see you at one of the meetings (or walking around the street, or at your block party, or at one of the community events).

If you need to contact me, feel free to call 412 361-2390 or write me at 931 Mellon St., Pittsburgh PA 15206

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## Union Project Update

*Justin Rothshank*

### *Work Day Update*

We extend a huge thank you to the people who came out recently to volunteer their time and skills at The Union Project. The work days were a success, with over 50 volunteers contributing over 300 hours of work towards the project. We also extend thank yous to the local organizations that supported us through their valuable in-kind donations of food and materials. Those organizations included Castriota Roll-Off, Chick-fil-A, Vento's Pizza, Pittsburgh Community Storehouse, Tazza D'Oro Coffee Shop, and Geyer Printing Company. We were also visited by Channel 4 and Channel 11 news crews throughout the weekend.

During the work days volunteers spent time cleaning up after the destruction that was left by vandals during the Memorial Day weekend. We filled a 30-yard dumpster full of debris, carpet, and furniture that was damaged. We planted flowers that were donated by local community members, and we began the process of installing exterior lighting and repairing the entrance doors to better secure the building. New locks and a new security system are also on the way, and should be installed in July, and the pipe organ is over halfway removed.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills at the Union Project, email [Justin@unionproject.org](mailto:Justin@unionproject.org). New opportunities are posted regularly, and beginning on July 2, regularly scheduled weekly volunteer opportunities will be made available on Wednesdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

### *New Class!*

The Union Project is very happy to announce a Stained Glass Restoration Class beginning September 4, 2003 and being taught by restoration artist Catherine Berard.

In this class you will learn to repair and restore stained glass windows. This 10 week course will take you through simple repairs to complete disassembling and reassembling of historic 100 year old stained glass church windows.

You will learn how to cut and replace broken or missing glass, glaze, lead, solder and putty a window. This course will give you enough background to make your own stained glass windows or restore your own historic windows.

The class will be open to students of any skill level. All tools and materials will be provided. The class will be offered for 10 consecutive weeks and will meet for two hours each week. The first class will begin September 4. Cost for the class is \$150. Anyone interested in enrolling in the class can call 412-478-3105 or email [Justin@unionproject.org](mailto:Justin@unionproject.org). Deadline for registration is August 22.

### *Summer Market*

The Union Project summer Art and Produce market begins June 26. This market will run for 14 weeks until September 25 and will occur every Thursday from 3:30 - 7:00 P.M. at The Union Project. Be sure to come and check out the fresh produce and handmade art. If you are interested in having a booth at the market email [Melissa@unionproject.org](mailto:Melissa@unionproject.org).

*"Restoring neighborhood space to connect, create, and celebrate."*

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## Zoning Committee Report

*Dell Ziegler*

The Zoning Committee's goal is to help enforce the zoning laws that regulate residential and business areas, the number of allowable residential units, and establish green spaces (through required building setbacks from property lines). The City enforces the laws but simply does not have the manpower to regularly inspect every block. We act largely on complaints/inquiries from neighbors. We may deal directly with the owner to solve a problem or simply report offenses to the City.

We also represent the HPCC at zoning hearings initiated by residents. You may have seen a posted zoning notice. When we learn of one, we try to talk to the owner and nearby neighbors to get their reaction. Neighbors are encouraged to attend zoning hearings, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment listens carefully to their testimony.

Below are the hearings that I have attended so far this year:

1. 833 Farragut St. Along with a neighbor, we opposed an application to install concrete parking stalls in a small front yard. The Application was denied.

2. 909 N. St. Clair St. We investigated but did not oppose an application for 2 units on a block zoned R2-L (2 units). The owner was substantially improving an existing house that formerly was one unit and was providing parking in the rear of the house.

3. 5810 Wellesley Ave. We investigated an application to change a large house on a large lot to 3 units from a long-time use as 4 units. The street is a mixture of very large, older homes, zoned R2-L (2 units) and has three houses with three or more legal units. The owner operates another nicely kept multi-unit property in the neighborhood. We talked to neighbors and then agreed not to oppose the three units when the new owner agreed to replace unsightly front porch metal supports and railings with architectural columns and banisters consistent with the age and character of the house, to landscape the property, and to paint the exterior trim, in addition to the planned interior improvements for the three units.

4. 928-930 N. Negley Ave. The owner, a respected local resident, applied to add a third basement unit to a two-unit nicely kept duplex. The area is zoned R3-L but the lot has only about half the square footage required for three units. Along with several neighbors, we opposed the application, and it was denied.

5. 1118 N. Euclid. The owner, a good neighbor who had turned his home from two to one unit, applied to pave over his small front-yard to use as a two-car carport because of perceived parking shortages on the street, which has mostly smaller homes on smaller lots, with mostly on-street parking. The street is zoned R2-L. Along with two neighbors, we opposed the application because of the loss of green space and because it would not create any additional parking (two on-street spots would be lost to create two car-port spots). The application was denied.

6. 801 N. Negley Ave. The Union Project at Negley and Stanton sought to use a side-yard for one afternoon per week in the summer to allow artists to sell artwork and for sale of farm produce. Sales tables would be removed the day of the sale, and parking is available at Craig Academy across the street. We had no objection, and the application was approved for two years.

In addition to zoning hearings, we also work with neighbors with various problems of zoning, housing, or relations with their neighbors. Those included (1) a house essentially operating a tow-truck dispatch office in a residential area, with speeding tow trucks, illegal parking of commercial trucks, and an extremely high level of quick "transactions" taking place--unhappy neighbors took the matter to Housing Court, which shut down the dispatch business and illegal parking, (2) a hair salon legally operating in a residential area but exceeding its allowable business hours and the scope of its permissible business, and (3) a very nice large home on Highland Avenue that has been uninhabited for four years, looks deserted, and is attracting local teenagers. The owner had disappeared supposedly to Florida and no one could find or contact him. A few hours search of County records and some phone calls produced the owner's address, reference to his pending bankruptcy in Florida, and the mortgage company trying to get permission from the Bankruptcy Court to sell the house, which we and concerned neighbors will assist.

If you have zoning or related problems, call me at 412-363-1252

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**THURSDAYS 4-7 PM**

**UNION PROJECT STANTON AND NEGLEY**

NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26TH
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## 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 treasure. 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 1, 2003. Parents are free to chose which weeks they are interested in and can sign up for one or all six weeks. The program is based at the Highland Park Farmhouse and we have use of the wonderful new playground behind the building. We are also working on coordinating some activities with Citiparks to provide some additional programming for our campers. If you haven't tried this program before please consider creating this wonderful memory for your child, we still have space available.

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.

Day camp costs \$80.00 a week for HPCC members and \$90.00/wk for non-members. 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 or check us out at [www.highlandparkpa.com](http://www.highlandparkpa.com).

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# 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:

**\$80.00** per week for each camper (member)

or, **\$90.00** 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.

*(this includes the late fee for applications made after June, 1, 2003).*

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: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## The Editor's Thoughts

*Ollie Rieley*

1. This is the first sixteen (16) page newsletter that I've done. It's tremendous!! Thanks to all you committee chairs who contributed articles. I hope this gives you non-members some sense of how vital the Highland Park Community Club is and some sense of all the good things going on.
2. It seems to me over the last few months that the spirit of reaching across organizations has grown and grown. I think that the Community Planning process has contributed to this tendency. I think we're on the verge of a "critical mass" of active and engaged people. When we get there, the sky is the limit!!
3. One major group of our neighborhood which appears under represented in community affairs is the group of renters. I suppose many of them are more or less transients, staying here a year or two while they're in school or until they find a suitable location to buy. But on the other hand, I'm sure there are renters who have been here years. In either case, I would invite you to write to me care of the HPCC at PO Box 5036, Pittsburgh PA 15206, and express some of your joys or concerns. I won't promise to respond to each, but I might pick a few to summarize in Newsletter articles.

## Swim Team Shirts

*Clint Van Dusen*

The HIGHLAND PARK BARRACUDA SWIMMING TEAM swims where I lap swim at the Highland Park Public Swimming Pool on Stanton Avenue.

A swimming team that Highland Park should already be proud of. Highland Park placed 5th for the city last summer, but had no team t-shirt! All other city pool children wore team t-shirts. Highland Park drew their HP and barracuda on with black crayon on a plain white t-shirt. I paid for their "feed" last summer; I can no longer.

### TWO BUDGETS FOR T SHIRTS and FEED

T-Shirts Printed		T-Shirts Printed
Front & Back		Only One Side
\$200.00	Total	\$150.00

Why should your community's children not exhibit the same pride, share the same self-esteem as every other city pool child?

Please make your check out to Clint Van Dusen and send it to me at: 401 Shady C-304, Pittsburgh, PA 15206; 412-363-3124; poetcquest@aol.com

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## Highland Park Community Yard Sale

### First Sunday in June 2004

*Judy Wolfe*

I realize that we have just completed another yard sale - but just in case you were out of town or otherwise occupied - here goes:

Every year all your neighbors get together on the first Sunday on June and have Yard Sales on the same day. For a small fee (\$12 for the past gazillion years) the Club takes care of the advertising (Post Gazette, Tribune Review, Pennysaver, Advance Leaderm Pulp, etc.) . We post notices about the sale on light posts throughout the neighborhood, in stores, and give out fliers at the marathon (via my wonderful kids) . On the day of the sale volunteers give out lists of the sale addresses and items for sale. This past year we distributed nearly one thousand of these lists.

If you participate in the selling - we give you signs and balloons (pick up your stuff on Judy's porch - 5910 Wellesley Avenue - on the Saturday before the sale).

The deadline for participation as a seller has been and will continue to be 9:00 P.M. the Wednesday before the sale.

This year's wonderful volunteers were:

Carolyn Luck	Dianne Coohill
Andrew Soffietti	Ethan Coohill
James Soffietti	Partick Dowd
Molly Soffietti	Brienna Gunn
Bob Staresinic	Peter Hughes

Final notes: each year many of our neighbors take advantage of our sale advertising and participate in the sale without contributing to the HPCC. If you or your neighbors have gone this route, please think about jumping on the band wagon next year and participating in the "real" sale. The Club uses the funds to support it's activities. This activities benefit the whole neighborhood - not just the people belonging to the club. Please show your support of the neighborhood and pay like the rest of us.

Also: It has come to my attention that several people purchased "Flawed" CD's and DVD's at the sale. There is nothing that I can do about this, just be aware that it is your responsibility as the buyer to "BEWARE".

If you would like to help out at the best volunteer event in the entire neighborhood, (people love us), please call me at 412.441.7830 or at jleewolfe@aol.com. --- THANKS  
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## Highland Park WWW Mailing List

*Rudy Maceyko*

I hope you find the Highland Park Neighborhood mailing list useful. I enjoy running it, even if I am a bit pressed for time occasionally and make mistakes...! :-)

Here are a few notes about this list. I apologize for the length of this message... I also promise that messages such as this one will be rare. :-)

### *Server Maintenance*

I'm moving the server that runs the list to my new home this week (6/16/03). The server will be down from Monday morning to sometime Tuesday if everything goes as planned... This move will have no effect on the Highland Park web site.

### *Acceptable Topics*

Some folks were concerned that I sent messages about certain topics to this list... The problematic topics were notices of religious holidays/ceremonies, a message from a local political candidate, and "ads" for local non-profit organizations.

When I created this list, my goal was to promote and inform the Highland Park neighborhood--which includes its residents, businesses/organizations, and the park. As the moderator of the list, I publish announcements based on their relevance to the neighborhood.

I can't presume to speak for everyone, so I need your feedback to judge what's appropriate. If you haven't already sent me your comments, please consider doing so. I'll be busy moving over the next few weeks, but I'll still read email regularly.

### *Submissions to the List*

I encourage anyone who has something to announce to the neighborhood to use this list to do so. You can send your submissions to me, or send them to the list posting address (in the "to" header of this message). But please keep in mind that the moderation guidelines for the list may mean that your message doesn't make it to the list.

### *Here are the current guidelines:*

**Frequency** - I "try" to send out only one message per day, and no more than a few messages per week. The mailing list will be less effective if there are so many messages that folks stop reading it. Many times I will hold a message over to the next day to keep the number of messages low.

**Relevance** - Submissions to the list should be of general interest throughout the neighborhood. This isn't always so easy to gauge, but generally, if a message is about someone doing something interesting in the neighborhood, or about someone from the neighborhood doing something interesting elsewhere, it's relevant to the list. Sometimes I'll include announcements about unique events elsewhere such as CMU's recent hazardous waste collection event, and their upcoming computer recycling event.

**Advertising** - It would be great to hear what local organizations and businesses are doing occasionally, but the list cannot be a general advertising medium. Local organizations and businesses are important to the neighborhood, so including messages about them is an important part of promoting the neighborhood. Local

businesses get "free advertising" when they sponsor a local event--that works out well for everyone!

These guidelines evolve over time, based partly on your feedback!

#### *Identifying Messages*

In March, I added "[Highland Park]" to the subject line of all messages sent to the list to help distinguish them from "spam".

Since many messages sent to the list will not be from me, the subject tag should reduce any confusion over whether a given message is something relevant to the neighborhood when the sender is unknown to you.

#### *Privacy Policy*

The Highland Park Neighborhood mailing list operates under the same "privacy policy" as the Highland Park web site does:

<<http://www.highlandparkpa.com/privacy.htm>>

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### **Something New On Bryant Street**

The Highland Park Community Development Corporation (HPCDC) has partnered with Cargo, a local developer and Carl Hildebrandt and Sue Holm on a neighborhood revitalization effort in the 5800 block of Bryant Street. The development team is exploring options for the new construction of a 2- to 3- story, mixed-use building in the heart of Highland Park's business district. The development site, which is owned by HPCDC, consists of a vacant lot and a vacant structure located at 5803-5 Bryant Street.

Design work on the new building is scheduled to begin this summer. HPCDC was recently awarded a grant from the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh for architectural and planning services to explore the feasibility of the project. The community will be invited to provide input during the design and planning stages.

The development team envisions a building that reflects the character and scale of the existing neighborhood with retail on the first floor and office, and possibly residential, space above. By converting a vacant lot and substandard housing into a new, mixed-use building, HPCDC hopes to provide the community with a vision of a business district that can grow into an inviting and vibrant community asset.

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### **Artists, Authors, Performers, etc.**

#### **Call for Information**

The need for an improved mechanism for Artists and others to interact and network was identified at the June 23 Town Meeting on the Community Plan. How about an "**Artist, Author, Performer & Audience**", **AAPA, Directory**? The intent is to provide brief introductory information on the people listed. **Artists** working in *any medium (oil paint, sculpture, woodworking, etc.)* are invited to send in listings. **Authors** of *fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or whatever* are welcome. **Performers**, whether they be *actors, instrumental musicians, singers, readers or any other performers* are all encouraged to be listed. Why "**Audience**" you ask; well, none of the arts is much more than an exercise in self satisfaction without the audience, so any one who considers herself a supporter of any of the categories may send a listing.

A copy will be provided to each person who is listed and a stock of spares would be maintained at a central location to satisfy inquiries from others.

The directory will serve as a resource for people in the arts to network with each other. The artist may call a person interested in works similar to her own for advice, comments, help, whatever. Who knows, perhaps small interest groups will arise out of the connections facilitated by the directory.

To be listed, fill out the form on the following page and send it to AAPA Directory, c/o The Union Project, 801 N. Negley Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Use the following definitions in determining your skill level: *Professional*: practice of the art is primary source of income; *Semi-Pro*: practice of the art provides some cash to augment ones primary income; *Accomplished Amateur*: significant experience in the art as a hobby; *Beginner*: just beginning in this art form, may seek lessons or guidance from those more experienced.

Typical entries in the directory might be (purely fictional, of course):

John Adoe, Artist specializing in oil painting  
412 555-1234, <jadoe@oilpaintsplash.drip>  
Beginner, Last Event: Tip of Everest Festival, 2000  
Combines the softness of Picasso with the boldness of Monet!

Jane Bdoe Musician, Piano  
412 555-1235 <jbdoe@sournotes.orch>  
Semi-Pro Last Event: Blaw Knox Coal Festival, 2001  
Hip-Hop Beethoven

So send in your listing right away. Listing will close about the end of August and, with favorable weather and tea leaves, the directory is targeted to be completed about the first of November (2003).

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Yes, I would like to be listed in the Highland Park Artist, Author, Performer, Audience Directory to be issued by the Union Project.  
(Please print all information.)

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

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an ☐ Artist, ☐ Author, ☐ Performance,  
☐ Member of the audience.

My Skill Level is ☐ Professional, ☐ Semi-Pro

☐ Accomplished Amateur, ☐ Beginner.

My Specialty is: \_\_\_\_\_

My last show/performance was: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Ten word (Max) description of Work \_\_\_\_\_

(Street address is for office use only & will not be listed in directory, but we need it to send you a directory and calls to update entries.)

## Call for Ads for House Tour Program

*Angie Walker*

The Highland Park House Tour will be on Saturday, October 18th from 11:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. with a "Cookbooks and Kitchens" theme. We are currently accepting ads to be printed in the program. This event attracts over 500 people each year. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to showcase your business! For more information, please contact Angela Walker at 412/362-2899 or [angie@otilliadesigns.com](mailto:angie@otilliadesigns.com). All proceeds benefit the Highland Park Community Club.

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### JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

<b>JULY 13 &amp; 13</b>	<b>E-FEST, PENN AND HIGHLAND AVE3S.</b>
<b>AUGUST 3</b>	<b>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, SMOOTH JAZZ DAY, HIGHLAND PARK ENTRANCE, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>AUGUST 10</b>	<b>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, JAZZ MASTERS, HIGHLAND PARK ENTRANCE, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>AUGUST 16</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CELEBRATION, BRYANT ST., 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.</b>
<b>AUGUST 17</b>	<b>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, FAMILY DAY, HIGHLAND PARK ENTRANCE, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>AUGUST 21</b>	<b>HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>AUGUST 24</b>	<b>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, LATIN JAZZ, HIGHLAND PARK ENTRANCE, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>AUGUST 31</b>	<b>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, LABOR DAY FINALE, HIGHLAND PARK ENTRANCE, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.</b>



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## OUTRAGE

On reading the email detailing the vandalism of The Union Project, I was outraged. First the stolen plants then the break-in and savaging of the interior - broken glass, broken bannister, attempted fires and the rest. How could anyone do this to an organization with the lofty goals of The Union Project? It didn't and still doesn't make any sense to me! The break-in and vandalism must just have been a thrill to the perpetrators.

It is gratifying to know of the communities' response. Some of us helped out in the cleanup, some helped with gifts of goods for the yard sale. Thanks to all of you who helped!

But it is a reminder that there is the threat of vandalism or worse lurking out there. It is a reminder that activities like block watch are important. Won't you consider responding to Jan Stayianos (Page 7) today. We really do need to look out for each other and the Union Projects of the neighborhood!