

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
September 2003



Edited by Ollie Rieley

House Tour - House Tour Get Your Tickets Now!

**Tickets are on sale now for the 2003 Highland
Park House Tour.**

Eleven homes plus the opportunity to tour the CDC renovation projects! Some of Highland Park's finest kitchens will be on display with local cookbooks available for purchase!

October 18, 2003 11 A.M to 5 P.M.

The self-guided tour begins at St. Andrews Church on Hampton Street. \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the tour. Group rates available.

Please call Cristina at 412-665-3646 for additional information or to order tickets. Feel free to leave a message with your name and phone number.

Orders including full payment may also be mailed to HPCC, c/o Cristina Lagnese, 935 Heberton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Make checks payable to "HPCC". Please be sure to include the number of tickets needed and your name and address to have them mailed. In addition, please include your phone number in case there are questions about your order.

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election

Ollie Rieley

The September 18 meeting will be the annual meeting for election of new officers. All members are encouraged to attend and to vote. The below listed people have accepted nomination to the Board of Directors. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

John Cirolì
Brian Byers
Marie Jackson
Amy Poettinger Maceyko
Andrea Mudd

Please come out and vote.

There will be a special election in the future to fill the President Elect job and to fill the unexpired director's term of Dana Thomas, who has resigned. (But Dana continues in the very important job of Chair of the House Tour.)

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS;

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

PITTSBURGH20 - BABBLING BROOK

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003, AT ST. ANDREWS

You Can Help!!!

Dana Thomas

The Highland Park House Tour Committee is still in search of volunteers to assist on the day of the tour. We need at least 20 more (30 would be perfect) people to volunteer 3 hours of their time during the tour to welcome visitors in the homes or assist with ticket sales at St. Andrew's Church.

The hours are 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 18th. Please contact Dana Thomas at 412-720-0907 or Dana_Thomas@Progressive.com to volunteer your time. Volunteers will receive a free ticket to spend the other 3 hours enjoying the tour - **so sign up with a friend!**

Web Site Help Needed

Rudy Maceyko

The Highland Park webmaster is looking for others in the community who are interested in helping to develop and maintain the Highland Park web site. We need volunteers to fill in missing information in the current site as well as to help move the site forward.

Volunteers do not need experience designing web sites in order to help out, but help from experienced web designers would be much appreciated!

If you are interested in helping, come to Enrico's Tazza d'Oro on Wednesday, September 17 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm to talk about the web site. Be sure to check out the site as it is now beforehand to look for areas where you may be able to help.



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HPCC August Meeting Minutes

Shannon Mischler

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Williams at 7:30 P.M.

Annual Meeting: Lisa noted that the annual meeting to elect board members will be in September 18. A slate of candidates is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to vote.

Block Watch: Jan Stayianos reported that there were 12 arrests in Highland Park last month, on top of which there were stolen cars, a home invasion, and multiple reports of graffiti throughout Highland Park. If anyone is aware of further incidents of graffiti in Highland Park, please contact Jan at (412) 363-8208.

Highland Park Community Development Plan: Karen Breen spoke about a strategy implementation meeting for the board members, committee chairs, and officers of the HPCC and the HPCDC (Highland Park Community Development Corporation). Michael Johnson mentioned that a computer, currently residing at T'azza D'oro and granted by CMU, is looking for a new home. If you have an interest in the computer and how it can benefit Highland Park, please contact Brenda Cole (volunteer community plan coordinator) at (412) 665-3646 or hp_cdc@netzero.net.

House Tour: Dana Williams reported that she has 12 houses for the tour, but is still looking for more volunteer homes. The house tour has been set for October 18th. She is also still looking for volunteer helpers the day of the tour. Please contact her at (412) 720-0907 to volunteer. Advance tickets sales are beginning.

Parks: Mary Beth Steisslinger noted that the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority will have a grand opening party for the filtration plant in September. At this event you will be able to tour the facility.

Mail: Vintage Center reports that they are celebrating a 30 year anniversary and will do so with a commemorative mural facing Highland Ave. that will extend 50 feet high.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Babbling Brook Ribbon Cutting

Abbie Pauley

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC), Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) and the City of Pittsburgh invite you to PittsburghH2O - a ribbon cutting celebration of the new microfiltration plant and babbling brook in Highland Park. The event, which will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 13th, will feature tours of the brook and reservoir, music, food, wagon rides and a puppet show.

The PWSA's original plans called for building a concrete channel to funnel backwash or wastewater from the plant down the hill to Lake Carnegie. But the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy stepped in with a more aesthetic approach.

With the help of the landscape architecture firm LaQuatra Bonci Associates, the Conservancy created the watercourse with boulders and flowing water, a trail and bridge to create a pleasing experience for visitors. Wastewater from the plant with a high concentration of chlorine becomes naturally de-chlorinated as it is exposed to air, rocks and leaves.

Funding for the project was provided by the PWSA and the PPC with a grant from the Eden Hall Foundation.

While PittsburghH2O is a members' day for members of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy we are opening it to the public. Of course, non-members attending will be encouraged to join the PPC. For more information, call 412-682-7275.

Patricia Kopf Hair Care Center

926 Highview Street
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September at St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

September marks the beginning of our Fall Season at St. Andrew's, with a return to our regular Office Hours and service schedules. The St. Andrew's Office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., with 24 hour/7 day answering machine (412 661-1245) and e-mail (st_andrewspgh@juno.com) accessibility.

Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's include services of Holy Communion weekly at 9 a.m. and of Choral Morning Prayer, with our renowned Choir, at 11 a.m. (with Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of each month). Nursery Care for infants and toddlers is available at both services. An exciting new "One Room Sunday School" Curriculum for children pre-school - 8th grade takes place from 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., and younger children will be dismissed from the 11 a.m. worship service at about 11:20 for an age appropriate "Children's Chapel" and activity time.

In September, as well our Wednesday morning schedule includes a 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Communion, followed by the Rector's Bible Study.

"Round Up Sunday" is September 7th, at 12:15 P.M. in the Church yard, with a festive Chuck Wagon Country Picnic, Moonwalk and Games for the kids, and lots of fun for all.

St. Andrew's has been a vital part of the Highland Park neighborhood "since we moved here from downtown" in 1904. We are glad to contribute however we can. If there is a child to be baptized, a wedding to celebrate, an ill or shut-in family member or neighbor who would like a visit, or at the time of a death, please feel free and invited to call. We will provide whatever support we can. Or maybe you just need to borrow a table or a few folding chairs, or to schedule a "rain location" for a family reunion picnic That's fine too, and we're happy to help.

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\$45.00

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NAME, E-MAIL, OR PHONE # TO :

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412-441-7343

sue@combustioninstitute.org

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - September

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Nursery and Church School at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

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Thanks for Attending the Community Celebration! (*The Plan's Not Done Yet.*)

Michael Johnson, Director, Highland Park Community Plan

On Saturday, August 16, the Highland Park Community Plan, in cooperation with the Highland Park Community Development Corporation, the Highland Park Community Club and East End Neighborhood Forum, held the first community festival on Bryant Street, titled "Community: A Celebration of Diversity." Entertainment included local performers J.G. Bocella, Heather Kropf and The Hard Groove Project, children's activities, food vendors and tables staffed by representatives of local organizations including The Girl Scouts of Southwestern Pennsylvania, The Center for Minority Health, Education Innovations, Inc., Tolatr Academy, the Community Plan and the Community Club. Despite a sprinkling of rain during the evening, hundreds of people representing the diversity of our community came to Bryant Street to eat, listen, romp around and meet their neighbors.

Thanks to all of those who attended the festival, and the volunteers who made it possible! We're already thinking about having another festival next year. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Brenda Cole at the Highland Park Community Plan: 412-665-3646 or hp_cdc@netzero.net.

Why did we have the festival in the first place? The festival was motivated by findings from a recent community survey that indicated that many Highland Park residents appear to be disconnected from the local community in terms of local education, business services and social networks. The goal of the festival was to provide activities to appeal to all Highland Park residents and to increase community cohesion. We hope the festival achieved its goal.

The festival was also intended to celebrate the completion of the Highland Park Community Plan. As the date of the festival approached, and the plan was not complete, the theme changed to celebrate the end of public participation in the planning process-but Brean Associates, the external contractor, and HPCDC are still working on implementation strategies with the boards of HPCC and HPCDC. This is actually good news-it means that our local organizations are taking ownership of the community planning process and committing themselves to a wide variety of steps to improve our community.

So is the plan done yet? Almost! Karen Brean and I are hard at work on a complete preliminary draft of the final report. We will post it on the Highland Park Community Plan website (www.highlandparkcommunity.com) by Tuesday, September 2 and make it available in hard copy at Tazza D'Oro and at the next Community Club meeting. In the meantime, you are welcome to check out portions of the final report that are already complete: an acknowledgements, table of contents, executive summary and survey chapter, all available on the HPCP website.

The final draft of the plan awaits commitment by HPCC and HPCDC to specific implementation strategies; our goal is to have a final draft ready by October 2003. Then, HPCC and HPCDC will

consider adopting it as the official statement of our community's development mission and goals. The final step in the current community planning process will be to have the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning recognize the community plan as the official framework for city-sponsored development initiatives.

But the planning process won't be complete even at that date: improving our community is an ongoing process, requiring individuals and local organizations to design and implement a variety of initiatives that will require money, energy and commitment. What sustains our efforts, we feel, is our vision of Highland Park as a vital, energetic, diverse urban community unique in Western Pennsylvania. We hope that you share this vision and that you will help our local organizations to make it a reality.

Highland Park Swim Team Update

Rudy Maceyko

Clint Van Dusen came to the June Meeting representing the Highland Park Barracudas, a local swim team composed of children from East Liberty and Highland Park who swim at the Highland Park pool. Clint sought money to pay for team T-shirts, citing the fact that the team had none last year even though all of the other teams did.

Clint arranged for Kress Shirts on Bryant Street to produce the shirts with a simple design. Several members of the club and community contributed money toward the shirts, and as a result, Clint was able to have 15 shirts printed. Clint said that Divehards International (a business owned by Highland Park residents) contributed generously.

The swim meet was held on August 2nd. Unfortunately Clint does not know the final outcome, but the team did get their shirts.

So what about next year?

Well, the team's coach was one of the lifeguards laid off when the City closed most of its pools in early August. And Clint has been trying to convince the head lifeguard from the Highland Park pool to accompany him to ask for funding from Calvary Episcopal Church, but the remaining pool staff are uncertain whether the swim meet will even be held next year.

If there is a meet next year, Clint says the team will need 40 shirts total (that's how many kids ended up on the team this year!), and Kress shirts told him that 40 shirts would cost \$240. So if Clint is unable to get funding from his church, the team would need at least this much for shirts next year.

If anyone would like to help Clint now, please call Clint at 412-363-3124. In the event that he is unable to get funding from his church in September or October, he will be start looking for funds in May and would appreciate help (organizational as well as monetary) from the community.

A morning that can't go wrong?! — Run for Literacy 5K Run/2 Mile Walk

Becky Carpenter

Food, music, books for sale, yoga, massage, drumming, and a 5K run and a 2-mile walk through beautiful Highland Park on a September Sunday morning! Come and see for yourself at the second annual "Run for Literacy 5K," benefiting Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council. The event is September 14 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the N. Highland entrance to the Park, with pre-race stretching/yoga and will conclude in the early afternoon with the Pittsburgh Wellness Fair.

The race begins at 8:30; the walk at 8:45, rain or shine! Win prizes, even if you don't win the race! For a race registration form and/or more information about Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, please contact Becky Carpenter at 412-661-7323. Come out and support the cause of literacy in our city!

The event is sponsored by Gateway Health Plan, East End Food Co-op, Citizens Bank, DUQ 90.5 FM, and City Paper.

Union Project Update

Justin Rothshank

Second Stained Glass Class Offering

The Union Project stained glass restoration class has generated a huge amount of interest. Our Thursday evening class has been filled, and because of the great interest we are trying to schedule a Wednesday evening class. The Wednesday class would run from 6-8:30 pm every Wednesday for 10 consecutive weeks beginning on September 3. Fee for the class is \$150 and includes all tools and materials. If you are interested in the class please notify Justin@unionproject.org or call 412-478-3105 for more information. We need at least 4 more interested people to make this class available.

Day of Caring

We are very excited to be hosting two groups as part of United Way's Day of Caring in September. Volunteers will be painting exterior window trim and doing interior demolition as part of this national work day on Wednesday, September 10 and Saturday, September 20. Email Justin@unionproject.org for information about volunteering.

Call for Artists

The Union Project is seeking artists working in all media to participate in the 2nd Annual Artists of The Union Project Holiday Sale, November 7 and 8 at Edge Studio's Gallery on Penn Ave in Garfield. Interested artists are invited to submit up to 6 images of work and an artist statement pertaining to the theme "Connect, Create, Celebrate". Visit www.unionproject.org/artists.htm for more information.

New Union Project T-Shirts

New T-Shirts have arrived bearing The Union Project logo. The orange T-Shirts are available in S, M, L, and XL for \$10. See them online at www.unionproject.org.

Fall Ballet Classes at the Nuin Center

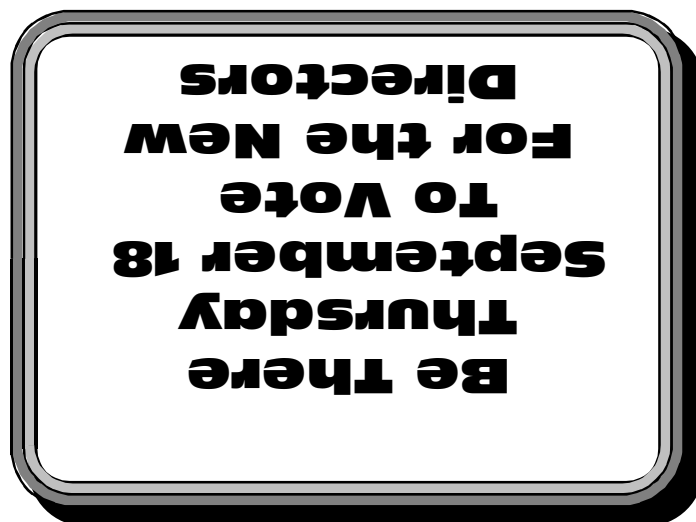
Andrew Blight

Hi, I just thought I'd write to let you know that we are offering ballet classes at the Nuin Center this fall. We did a series of classes there over the summer that were well received. Any mention you could make of this on your website or in your newsletter would be greatly appreciated. Here is the information.

Fall Ballet Classes at the Nuin Center
Every Wednesday beginning in September
Ballet Basics for ages 4-6 4:00-5:00 PM
Ballet Basics for ages 7-9 5:00-6:00 PM
Ballet 1 (ages 10 & up) 6:00-7:00 PM

For more Information, or to register, call:

Linda Reznik at the East Side Ballet Academy, (412) 441-0845.



THE LEARNING CLUB IN HIGHLAND PARK

Sal Wilcox

We are working to be a pivotal force in Highland Park by addressing the educational needs of the community. The Learning Club provides individual and small group tutoring to children in general academic subjects; after-school and summer programming; and weekend project-based activities. The overriding philosophy of The Learning Club in Highland Park is that any child can learn at the level of his or her intellectual, social, and emotional continuum of development.

Services at The Learning Club in Highland Park:

- The Enhanced Learning System is our learning support program for students falling behind, or students wishing to get ahead. From our intimate connection to your child's school, the use of technology at various steps of the learning process, and our use of a child's interests in determining resources procurement, our process is comprehensive. By triangulating the student's interests and needs to the resources of the center; applying the curriculum to state standards; building relationships with the child's school; and storing all of the information in several database modules, The Learning Club in Highland Park provides a service and a source of information that is currently unmatched by any organization in the Pittsburgh area.
- Learning Clubs are multidisciplinary classes centered on topics of interests to youth. This summer, we offered The Book Club, The Math Club, and The 1600 Club (centered on vocabulary building, test, and study skills). Each club accommodates 10 students per session. The clubs are designed around Pittsburgh Public School standards, and are linked to National Standards in a variety of disciplines. Further, each project includes literacy, math, science, and technology. Participants are admitted into the clubs on a first-come, first-served basis.

GET YOUR CLUBS OUT AND GET READY TO GOLF

Education Innovations, Inc. is a nonprofit organization and relies on the support of the community to carry out its educational mission. Join us for our first fund raiser on October 3rd for 18 holes at Hillcrest Country Club. Part of the proceeds will go toward The Fulton Project, our strategy for assisting Fulton Academy, Highland Park's local public elementary school. Please visit our website for details: <<http://www.educationinnovations.org/>>

Not a golfer? A donation as small as \$25 will be combined with the generosity of other people. Remember, you receive a tax deduction for your contribution.

FALL 2003 LEARNING CLUBS

NEW! THE HOMEWORK CLUB (starts September 8)

Homework won't be a chore for you when your child is in our Homework Club. It's simple. Drop off your child at The Learning Club in Highland Park after school. Let our professional educators

guide your child through his/her homework. You come back when your child is done. Then, enjoy your dinner. Simple enough?

When: Daily 2:30 until 6:00

Duration: monthly based on daily hour expectation

Cost: \$3.50/hour or \$10.00 per day

THE BOOK CLUB (Starts September 27)

Reading can fun. It's even more fun when we make it a social activity with projects that will make each book more memorable. The club is designed to foster the love of reading as well as complete your child's book report requirements for the year.

When: Saturday Mornings 10:30 until 12:30

Duration: Renews every six weeks. Different books every session.

Cost: \$75 per session

THE MATH CLUB (Starts September 27)

Math. Just the word gives some children a headache. No headaches in our Math Club, where students become active consumers of math and learn through experience the meaning of numbers. Our most recent math club spent six weeks collecting data about customers at Tazza D'Oro. They interpreted the data and wrote a report for Amy, the owner.

When: Saturday Afternoons 1:00 until 3:00

Duration: Renews every six weeks. Every session covers the basics. Different projects each session.

Cost: \$75 per session

THE YOUNG ARTIST'S CLUB (Starts September 27)

Almost all children doodle. The Young Artist's Club is designed to take children at all levels of drawing to the next step. The artist-teacher will lead children through an exploration of shape, color, sketching, and multimedia

When: Saturday Afternoons 3:30 until 5:30

Duration: Renews every six weeks. Different books every session.

Cost: \$75 tuition + \$15 for art supplies per session

The Learning Club in Highland Park
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SEPTEMBER 14	RUN FOR LITERACY 5K, HIGHLAND ENTRANCE TO PARK, 8:00 A.M. - ?
SEPTEMBER 10, 20	"DAY OF CARING" WORK DAYS AT UNION PROJECT
SEPTEMBER 18	HPCC ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.