

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
October 2003



Edited by Ollie Rieley

Hello Neighbors:

I hope the weather has continues to be as beautiful as in the past few weeks. After one rainy day in the beginning of August, the rest of the Reservoir of Jazz Sundays were very nice. Nothing like sitting in the Park listening to good music. I hope you were able to make it up to the Park to enjoy the bands and the sunshine.

The opening of the microfiltration plant and the Babbling Brook was another beautiful day to be in the park enjoying good music. Although I arrived late, I was able to see the insides of the microfiltration plant and to see kids and adults enjoying the great watercourse down to Lake Carnegie. I am looking forward to enjoying this in the Winter, as the water runs thru the snow. There is so much to enjoy in our neighborhood and park. I hope you are out taking advantage of it all. If you have not been past it lately, take a walk past the Union Project. Although many of the windows are out for repair, the paint job on the frames and doors looks great.

The House Tour is happening on October 18th. If you are looking to get ideas for decorating your home, or want to see some of the diversity in architecture in Highland Park, that Saturday is a great time to check it out. Bring some friends from work and show them what a great neighborhood looks like.

If you are interested in getting a list of what is going on in Highland Park, get on the email list. Rudy sends out a list of what is going on around the neighborhood weekly, along with occasional articles. If interested in getting on the list, check the web site at www.highlandparkpa.com.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about what is going on around the neighborhood.

Bob Staresinic 412-441-8972

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

House Tour - House Tour

*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!

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

Tickets available at

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Food Glorious Food, 5906 Bryant St.

Associated Interiors Inc., 101 Emerson Ave, Aspinwall

Hohman's Cleaners, 23 Brilliant Ave., Aspinwall

Kym Mason Ltd., 334 First Ave., Aspinwall

Gardenalia, 252 South Highland Ave., Shadyside

Mary Davis Shop, 5208 Butler St., Lawrenceville

Or 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.

See
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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003, AT ST. ANDREWS

House Tour Volunteers Needed

Dana Thomas

The house tour committee is still in need of volunteers to be present in the tour homes on October 18th. A free ticket will be issued to anyone who can volunteer and volunteers will only need to be present in the homes for 3 hours of the 6 hour day. Sign up with a friend so that you both may enjoy the tour at no cost!

We need approximately 20 more people in order to have enough people to cover the 11 homes that are on the tour. The hours of the tour are 11-5.

Please help us accomplish this day of major positive publicity for our great neighborhood by volunteering for a very easy task for only a few hours!

Contact Dana Thomas at 412-720-0907 or Dana_Thomas@Progressive.com to volunteer.

Pittsburgh Camerata Concert Season

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Only Highland Park dates listed, call number below for other venues.

A Celestial Christmas

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St. Andrew's, 8:00 P.M., Saturday, December 13, 2003

Pictures at an Exhibition

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St. Andrew's, 8:00 P.M., Saturday, March 20, 2004

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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Two major events of interest to the wider community are coming up in the next few weeks at St. Andrew's.

On Friday evening, October 17, beginning at 8 p.m., the annual St. Andrew's Lecture will feature as our speaker Pittsburgh civic and business leader Linda Dickerson speaking on "The Pittsburgh Renaissance: Past, Present, Future." The program is free.

The featured St. Andrew's Artist at this event will be Patricia Stone, long-time Highland Park resident who is now completing graduate studies in California. Her work will be on display in the Parish Hall during the reception following the lecture.

Also coming up at St. Andrew's is the "first annual" All Saints Music Festival, which is planned as a program to bring some really remarkable programming to our community.

On Friday evening, Halloween, October 31st, at 11 p.m., Dr. Charles H. Heaton, Highland Park resident and retired Organist and Choir Director of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, will present "Music 'til Midnight," a program of "seasonally appropriate" organ music including The Danse Macabre by Saint-Saens, Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries, and works by Widor, Sowerby, Lamare, and Chicago composer Morgan Simmons.

A "Coffee House" time in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall will precede Dr. Heaton's recital, beginning at 10 p.m., with coffee and pastries provided by Amy Enrico's Tazzo d'Oro.

The Music Festival continues on Saturday evening, November 1st, at 8 p.m., with a piano recital featuring renowned Pittsburgh pianist Linda Morgan Ellison.

On Sunday morning, November 2, in the setting of St. Andrew's regular 11 a.m. service, a Festival Choir and Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Melissa McBride, Artistic Director of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, will present Schubert's Mass in G Major.

On Monday evening, November 3, at 8 p.m., St. Andrew's Festival Choir and Orchestra, under Dr. McBride's direction, will present

a musical program featuring J.S. Bach's Cantata, "Ein Feste Burg," and a performance of Felix Mendelssohn's "Reformation Symphony."

The All Saints Music Festival concludes on Thursday evening, November 6, at 8 p.m., with a presentation of the ancient monastic office of Compline, sung by Cantores Polyphonicae, under the direction of Steve Lipnichan.

All events of the St. Andrew's All Saints Music Festival will be with admission by free-will donation only--with a "suggested" donation of \$10 per person at the Monday evening concert. All proceeds in excess of costs will support the continuing efforts of the St. Andrew's Music Program.

St. Andrew's has been a part of our Highland Park community for nearly a century, and we are always glad to serve the needs of our neighbors and friends. If there is a pastoral need we can help with--a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, an ill or shut-in friend or neighbor or family member to visit, or for ministry at the time of a death--please do not hesitate to call our Church Office (412 661-1245). Sunday services are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with Church School, Youth Program, and Adult Education from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Midweek services are Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., followed by Bible Study, and Holiday and Special Service schedules are available from the Church Office.

Correction

The phone number given for Water Aerobics in the September

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Sunday Morning Services - October

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

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Church School at 9:45 a.m.

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newsletter was incorrect. The correct number is 412-441-7342. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused!

A Window to the Future: Union Project Turns Million Dollar Problem into Community Commodity

A non-traditional approach to restoration is underway in Pittsburgh's Highland Park neighborhood. The daunting task of renovating the former Union Baptist Church (a 100-year old gothic church building at the literal intersection of East Liberty and Highland Park) has been tackled by the Union Project. This grass-roots organization is devoted to restoring the prominent historic building and turning it into gathering and working space for artists, community builders and people of faith. The volunteer-driven restoration is underway thanks to the commitment of over 500 neighbors and friends who have already contributed some 9,000 hours toward the renovation.

One of the biggest restoration tasks, however, seemed insurmountable. Each of the over 100 original stained and leaded glass windows in the building needed to be restored. Faced with repair estimates ranging from \$500,000 to \$1 million, the innovative thinkers behind the Union Project dreamed up a new approach that will cut costs by as much as 80 percent and simultaneously achieve additional goals.

The problem was two-fold: the windows needed to be repaired immediately, and with other pressing needs for scarce capital dollars and a shrinking economy, the funds weren't available to undertake the massive window restoration, even in phases. It occurred to the Union Project staffers that the average Pittsburgher might be faced with a similar problem of a smaller scale in their own homes. The majority of Pittsburgh homes, large or small, modest or ornate, contain some kind of stained or leaded glass windows in need of repair, and the many do-it-yourselfers living in those homes are loath to pay someone else to fix them.

Working through the community grapevine, Union Project staffers Jessica King and Justin Rothshank and local stained glass artist Catherine Berard found each other. Working together, they proposed a stained-glass restoration class in which class members would pay a modest fee to cover instructor fees, tools and replacement glass. The class materials were plentiful: the Union Project windows.

Armed with an email list of 1,500 people, the Union Project put the word out. Within weeks, the class was full and a waiting list was established. Berard was willing to start a second class on a consecutive night, and within days, the second class was full to capacity with yet more people on a waiting list.

Now, three weeks into the class, the 24 students are thrilled by the role they're playing in the project, and the skills they're building at the same time.

"This is such an innovative win-win-win solution to the problem of the windows at the Union Project! I learn how to restore my own stained glass, receive important knowledge that will help me go on to create my own windows with further work, and help a worthy community project at the same time," says Reverend Teresa

Stricklen, Assistant Professor of Homiletics at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, -- How cool is that?

Class member Julie Farr, Executive Director of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Alliance, knows arts organizations and their struggle to raise charitable dollars for programs and work space. Says Farr, "The window restoration project is a brilliant solution to a million dollar problem."

Students in The Union Project stained glass restoration class are taught all aspects of restoration. Each student, or pair of students depending on the size of the window, restores a stained glass window that has been removed from the 15,000 square foot stone church building. Students are taught how to dismantle each window, clean each piece of glass, cut replacement glass for broken pieces, re-lead each window, attach reinforcement bars, and prepare each window for reinstallation.

At the culmination of the class, students will watch as their fully restored windows are reinstalled, complete with a custom-made protective glass storm window.

The Union Project hopes to use the 24 class members to restore 29 windows during this first term of classes, leaving some 70 windows for future classes. "It's a fun way of contributing to the community and I heartily recommend it!", says class member Stacie Chandler, Communication Coordinator for the Mon Valley Initiative.

The work may be dirty and tedious, but doubly rewarding. Says Stricklen, "My buddy and I have spent three hours laboriously cleaning just one window. When I told my daughter what I was doing, she said, 'Let me get this straight: you're paying them to clean their windows?' But when I come home and my children see how excited I am about being involved in my community, they learn a valuable lesson about what it means to live the good life. Add another win to this win-win situation."

Restoring neighborhood space to connect, create, and celebrate.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Concerts

Piano Quintets, Pauline Rovkah, piano, with members of the Pittsburgh Symphony. November 15, 3:00 P.M.

Festival of Lessons and Carols, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Choir with George Tutwiler, director. December 16, 7:30 P.M. Free and open to the public. Reception immediately following.

International Suites, Aron Zerkowicz, cello; James Johnston, piano. January 10, 3:00 P.M.

Piano Quartets, Patricia Prattis Jennings, piano with members of the Pittsburgh Symphony. March 6, 3:00 P.M.

Romantic piano, Eugene Alcalay, piano. April 24, 3:00 P.M.

Spring Choral Concert, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Choir with George Tutwiler, director. May 4, 7:30 P.M. Free and open to the public. Reception immediately following.

Call 412 362-5610 ext. 2196 to confirm or for other information.

September Meeting Minutes

Shannon Mischler

President-elect, Bob Staresnic, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Block Watch: Jan Stayianos introduced Sgt. Jim Malloy. He is new to Zone 5. Jan and John Ciroli recently attended a Zone 5 Citizens Public Safety Meeting. At the meeting they discussed Red Cross training and emergency preparedness.

House Tour: Dana Thomas displayed the House Tour flyers and tickets. Dana still needs about 20 volunteers to welcome visitors to the homes on the tour. A volunteer would work one of two shifts: 11-2 PM or 2-5 PM. If you volunteer, you get free admission to the tour. Please call Dana at (412) 720-0907 for more information.

HPCC Web Site: Rudy Maceyko held a web site meeting, and five people attended. They will redesign the web site, and help Rudy maintain the site.

Children's Committee: Aimee De Foe will organize this year's Halloween event. Please call Aimee at (412) 361-0685 if you are interested in helping with the event.

Super Playground: The committee chair is looking for assistance. Kate Zober would like assistance with the spring maintenance of the playground. Please call her at (412) 661-9312

Education Committee: Sal Wilcox, owner of the non-profit Education Innovations on Bryant St. and Doug Graham, Treasurer of Fulton Academy's PTO, are interested in ideas for the Education Committee.

Elections of new Board Members: John Ciroli, Brian Byars, Marie Jackson, Andrea Mudd, and Amy Maceyko were elected to the HPCC Board of Directors. Bob Staresnic was elected President of the HPCC. The HPCC is seeking two more Board members to fill incompleteterms of directors who have resigned. Please call Bob Staresnic at (412) 441-8972 if you are interested.

Community Plan: Michael Johnson spoke about the Community Plan's retreat at the HP Farmhouse on Friday October 24, 5-9 PM. This will be a formal strategic planning strategy. HPCC Board members and officers, and HPCDC Board members and officers are invited to attend. The retreat will enable these leaders to meet each other, and begin to implement the strategies that the Community Plan recommends.

Community Issues:

1. A woman from Bunker Hill spoke about her efforts to establish a dog run in Highland Park. Mary Beth Steisslinger (Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and HP resident) and Sgt. Malloy recommended that she research both the environmental feasibility of a dog run and the experience with dog runs in other City Parks.

2. Bob Staresnic informed the HPCC of Conservation Construction, Inc. They came to his home and installed a new low flow shower valve and insulated windows for no cost.
3. A longtime HP resident mentioned that a "casino" is operating at the corner of Bryant St. and N. St. Clair.
4. Many complaints were made about the speed of the tow trucks on Bryant St. In addition, many tow trucks park in the yard or in the street at the "Six 'N Slice" business on Bryant St at all hours. There is a city ordinance forbidding trucks from parking on residential streets for more than two hours between 7 PM and 7 AM. If you notice their presence during these hours it is recommended by Zone 5 police that you phone 911 and report them.
5. Tania Grubbs mentioned that Dilworth Academy will have an art auction in February.
6. State Representative Joseph Preston spoke about the results of his endeavors with the HP Water Filtration Plant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Congratulations and Thanks!

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Union Project Update

Justin Rothshank

Call for bookkeeper or accountant

The Union Project is in need of 1 - 2 committed volunteers to assist with bookkeeping and accounting. We are looking for a qualified CPA to join the Board of Directors who would also be willing to do some basic bookkeeping and/or experienced individuals to do basic bookkeeping. Volunteers should be familiar with QuickBooks software and have knowledge of nonprofit accounting. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact Board Treasurer Lauren Blair, lblair@andrew.cmu.edu.

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".

Edge Architecture chosen for Sign Design Competition

Penn Avenue architecture firm Edge Architecture was recently chosen to design new signage in front of The Union Project building on the prominent corner of Stanton and Negley Avenues. The sign by Edge Architecture will be designed and constructed

using funds awarded to The Union Project by the Mellon Financial Corporation Foundation to support audience development efforts through new signage. Keep your eyes open for the new sign coming in November.

Recent Grants

The Union Project was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Compassion Capital Fund of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services Faith- and Community-Based Initiative. The grant is administered by Mennonite Economic Development Associates and was awarded for business planning and capital improvements.

500 Volunteers!!

The Union Project recently hosted its 500th volunteer. Volunteers are an essential part of the Union Project. To date, Union Project volunteers have contributed over 8,000 hours of labor. Recent volunteers have come to the Union Project from Mennonite Urban Corps, University of Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh Singles Volunteer Network. We are also very fortunate to have had employees from Bechtel Plant Machinery Incorporated and Matthews International Corporation come to us as part of United Way's Day of Caring on September 10, and September 20. Donors for the Day of Caring also included PPG Industries, Whole Foods Market, and United Way.

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OCT 17	ST. ANDREW'S LECTURE, LINDA DICKERSON, "PITTSBURGH RENAISSANCE, PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE", ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.
OCT 18	HIGHLAND PARK HOUSE TOUR, STARTS AT ST. ANDREW'S, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. ADMISSION
OCT 28	VINTAGE MURAL UNVEILING, 1:00 P.M.
OCT 31	MUSIC 'TIL MIDNIGHT, 11:00 P.M. (PRECEDED BY A "COFFEE HOUSE" AT 10:00 P.M.) ST. ANDREW'S
NOV 1	PITTSBURGH EAST ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST, VINTAGE, 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. ADMISSION
NOV 1	RECITAL, LINDA MORGAN ELLISON, PIANO, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.
NOV 3	CONCERT, ST. ANDREW'S FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA, ST. ANDREW'S 8:00 P.M.