

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
July 2004



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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## President's Column

e-mail: [hp\\_cdc@netzero.net](mailto:hp_cdc@netzero.net)

*Bob Staresinic*

**Hello Highland Park!!** *This newsletter is being sent to every address in the neighborhood – we are trying to make sure that everyone who lives in Highland Park gets a copy.*

Please take a few minutes and look through the articles. There are a lot of things going on in and around Highland Park, and I hope you can take advantage of many of them. If you don't have time to get out to any events this Summer, I hope you at least take the time to vary your routine and take short detours down streets you don't frequent. It is amazing the diversity of houses and people that are in Highland Park. Both the neighborhood and the Park are a beautiful place for a walk.

If you have any questions or comments about the neighborhood, the Park or the Community Club, please feel free to contact me.

Bob Staresinic  
931 Mellon Street  
412-441-8972 or [bob.63@netzero.net](mailto:bob.63@netzero.net)

PS. *Did you know that you do not have to be a homeowner or member of the HPCC to get involved in the neighborhood?*

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## Party Time

*The Highland Park Community Plan invites the whole community to attend:*

### **THE HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL:** *A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY*

AUGUST 14, 2004, 5PM to 9PM  
Bryant Street between N. Highland Avenue and  
N. St. Clair Street

**Vendors:** Please call 412-665-3646

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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2003, AT ST. ANDREWS

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# 2004 Reservoir of Jazz

“– A Work in Progress”

*Tania Grubbs*

Plans are underway for the 2004 Reservoir of Jazz Series. Permits are being filled out, musicians are being booked, and plans are moving along. I write this note to you all as I patiently wait for response and thumbs up from basically everyone. Without Citiparks this year, more work had to be done on our behalf on a shorter time frame. Many thanks must go out to Bob Staresinic for securing monies from Pennsylvania Dept of Economic Community Development with the help of Representative Joseph Preston Jr.

Concerts this year will be the first four Sundays in August from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. I am waiting to hear from the City to find out if the site at the entryway, with construction going on, is still approved, and as soon as I find out I will let you all know.

Tentative Line up of Musicians is as follows:

Sunday August 1st-Jimmy Ponder Quartet

Sunday August 8th -Salsamba -Latin Jazz Group

Sunday August 15th- Roger Humphries Quintet

Sunday August 22nd-Jeff Grubbs Quartet

Thank you all for your patience and I look forward to seeing our beautiful park filled with people from everywhere listening to some great music.

>> Please Note: if anyone is interested in underwriting or becoming a sponsor for this event feel free to phone me at 412 661-4054 - it's never too late.

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**E-FEST**

**July 10 & 11**

**Highland & Penn Avenues**

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## Block Watch

Jan Stayianos

In last month's HPCC newsletter, I called attention to the fact that folks in Highland Park are not very careful about locking-up cars and houses - and that our neighborhood is the worst in Zone 5 for this problem. That information was called to my attention at a recent Public Safety meeting. The authorities feel that our statistics could be cut in half if people were more careful.

We are all aware that crime is on the rise. Young people shoot each other almost daily in our city. Fortunately for us, we don't have to deal with that problem in Highland Park. Have you noticed the graffiti lately? I've seen graffiti on Churches, new buildings, even people's homes. Last summer, two young teenagers from Highland Park who were responsible for a lot of graffiti in the southeast quadrant were identified by a courageous homeowner. However, because of the cuts in the city, and because the parents would not cooperate, nothing happened. What will become of those boys if they think they can get away with that kind of behavior.

Drugs seem to be a problem in our neighborhood, too. The authorities say that where there are drugs, there usually are guns too. People are encouraged to report suspected drug activity either by notifying the Narcotics Division at Zone 5 or by using silent complaint forms, also available at Zone 5.

If your block is not organized and you witness any kind of crime or have a crime perpetrated against you, call 911 immediately. If you have a block watch captain, notify that person after you call 911. If you are interested in being a block Watch Captain, please call me at 412 363-8208. YOU DO NOT have to belong to HPCC to do this important volunteer job. We can't sit back and think that crime is going to go away. EVERYONE has to help. Do your part. Pay attention to what is going on around you. Take license numbers of suspicious cars and have a good description then tell the police. Look out for each other - that's what it's all about.

Take advantage of **National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, to organize a block party. If that's not possible, at least encourage all your neighbors to put their porch lights on. Walk in the street and talk to you neighbors.

Have a safe summer!



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## School Board News

*Patrick Dowd*

The last several weeks have been extremely important for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. The Board of Education voted on the resource realignment plan. We learned that the district will receive funds from Governor Rendell's Accountability Block Grant. And, the board and administration are planning for the 2004-05 academic year. For future reference, minutes of our meetings can be found on my website ([www.patrickdowd.org](http://www.patrickdowd.org)) and on the website for the Pittsburgh Public Schools (<http://cms.pps.k12.pa.us/>). These minutes will show you what board members said and how they voted.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> the Pittsburgh Board of Education cast an important vote for the future of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the future of our city. We voted 8 members to 1 in favor of closing a total of 11 of our 86 schools. None of us wanted to vote to close schools, but, as the vote indicates, there was a clear consensus. We generally agreed that it was time to address our obvious problem of excess capacity. We successfully reduced our excess capacity by 25%. However, we continue to have 11,000 extra seats. This is an issue the board will have to face in the next year. At the same time, the Board voted again 8 members to 1 to transform some of our elementary schools into Kindergarten-to-eighth-grade programs. We also voted 8 members to 1 in favor of adding a career development emphasis to three of our high schools, Westinghouse, Peabody and Langley. You can refer to the above websites for the specifics of the realignment plan.

Between December 1<sup>st</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>, this volunteer board worked together carefully and professionally, always thinking of what would be in the best interests of our students. We worked closely and cooperatively with the administration and with consultants. Most importantly, however, we listened to the public. The board listened to more than a thousand minutes of testimony at public hearings and attended dozens of community meetings, which undoubtedly totaled hundreds of hours. With very few exceptions, this citywide dialogue was spirited, professional and positive. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank everyone for their participation.

Just a few days ago, the Board of Education learned that we had received \$3.9 million from Governor Rendell's Accountability Block Grants. This month the board will vote on the use of these funds. Pittsburgh will be one of two or three districts across our state that will dedicate these funds entirely to early childhood education. Specifically, we will use these funds to establish Kindergarten classrooms for approximately 500 of the city's 4-year old students. Through Head Start, a nationally funded program, the Pittsburgh Public Schools already provides this service to almost 1,300 such students. The Accountability Block Grant funds will enable the district to provide those same services to families that do not meet the low-income requirements of Head Start. This is a service that we know will benefit the thousands of young children in our district and that might attract families to our city. If you are interested in enrolling your child for August, please contact Pat Crawford at 412.662.3616.

The Board will also vote this month to allocate slightly more than \$4.1 million of our federal Title II funds to help improve student achievement. Specifically, we will allocate this money for the reduction of class size and for the recruiting and training of high quality teachers and principals. This will help us maintain our targeted student-teacher ratios and will help guarantee that students have the most qualified teachers.

As chairperson of the board's Education Committee, we have turned our attention to some of the areas where the district must improve. Recently, we received reports from the administration on our drop-out rate and graduation rate. While the Pittsburgh Public Schools certainly perform better than many urban districts across the country, we must do better. In July, we will look at the issue of truancy, one of the obvious causes of drop-out. The administration will present the data and a plan to address these problems. In August, the Education Committee will review the 2003-2004 achievement data and the administration's plan to address the situations at our low achieving schools.

If you should have any questions or comments about what is happening with the Pittsburgh Public Schools, please do not hesitate to contact me at [patrick@patrickdowd.org](mailto:patrick@patrickdowd.org). Contact me by phone at 412.622.3770 or by fax at 412.655.4038. Mail can be sent to Board of Directors, Pittsburgh Public School, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3516.

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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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## Education Innovations, Inc. and the Highland Park Community Get Ready for NatureLAB

Marie V. Jackson

**NatureLAB**, a science-based, technology-infused, out-of-school time experience for 4th through 8th grade school children, is on its way! Education Innovations, Inc. and collaborators are creating an innovative and exciting way for children to spend time discovering (and learning!) out-of-school. The idea started with Sal Wilcox, CEO of Education Innovations, Inc., and Anissa Tanweer, VISTA volunteer for the US Environmental Protection Agency, when they discussed the idea of integrating schoolyard gardening and science. "I see gardening as the perfect means to teach children about the environment and ecology," says Tanweer. "Especially in the city, it's important that young people learn to see beyond concrete and asphalt." Adds Wilcox, "I see the gardens as a science lab and a starting point for all aspects of learning." The result is NatureLAB, an inter-disciplinary, hands-on learning experience that will enrich students' academic performance.

The first of the **NatureLAB Gardens** was constructed on May 22, 2004, in a space generously donated by Food Glorious Food on Bryant Street in Highland Park. Twenty-six people volunteered throughout the day, helping with weeding, pruning, planting, and construction. We were amazed at the energy of this hard-working, highly skilled group of people! Throughout the year, NatureLAB students will attract and monitor butterfly populations in the Butterfly Garden, grow plants that can be used as pigments and dyes in the Rainbow Garden, learn about the food chain, respiration, photosynthesis and other biological concepts in the Vegetable Garden, and identify cultural origins and traditions that accompany food production in the Geography Garden. We owe a big part of the garden build day success to the many organizations and individuals who made donations or discounted their products: Busy Beaver, Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Sestilli's Nursery, Fox Chapel Garden Club, Gardenalia, Food Glorious Food, Paul Lumber & Supply Co., Becky Kaplan, Jennifer Toth, Carol Tanweer, and Jonathan Tanweer.

There's more to NatureLAB than gardening! NatureLAB is being embraced by nature, environmental, and ecological organizations throughout the Pittsburgh area. Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, EarthForce, Pennsylvania Resources Council, and the National Aviary, are organizations that have committed time and resources to NatureLAB. Typically, students are exposed to organizations like these through one time experiences, such as fieldtrips or outreach programs. NatureLAB will continue to utilize these invaluable resources, and will lengthen and deepen the students' experiences.

**Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy** - The children will become Eco-Stewards over a designated section of Highland Park, tracking plant and animal species, monitoring air and water quality, and eradicating exotic, invasive species.

**EarthForce** - The children will learn about civic engagement, evaluate environmental problems and needs in their community, and design their own service project that will make the community a better place.

**Pennsylvania Resources Council** - The children will become "worm farmers" through the Worms for a Better World vermicomposting program created by PRC.

**The National Aviary** - The children will have the opportunity to generate long-term projects with the various programs offered by the Aviary.

The first major fundraiser for NatureLAB is a **golf outing**, scheduled for **September 3, 2004**, at **Hillcrest Country Club in Lower Burrell**. For only \$175 per player, each participant will receive all golf fees, a delicious lunch before golfing, pop and beer at the turn, happy hour with a live jazz band, an elegant dinner in the ballroom, and a chance to win a car, vacations, and some surprises. **Not a golfer?** Relax and swim in the country club pool all day and join us for dinner for only \$40.

**To register for the NatureLAB Golf Outing, call Education Innovations, Inc. at 412.363.7707, or visit us online at [www.educationinnovations.org](http://www.educationinnovations.org).**

Look for NatureLAB in the fall of 2004, for all children in the 4th through 8th grades. More details will be available in August 2004.

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## Around St. Andrew's

*Bruce Robison*

Things are a little different at St. Andrew's during the summer months of July and August.

Our Sunday morning services move to earlier and hopefully cooler hours (8:30 and 10 a.m.), our well-known Choir takes something of a vacation (though many members will make frequent appearances as soloists or members of quartets and other small ensembles), and our regular Church School teachers are taking a few weeks off to prepare for the beginning of a new year in the fall.

What continues, of course, is the assembly of good friends of parish and neighborhood. Our Outreach teams continue to drive for Meals on Wheels, to serve dinners at the Men's Shelter, to visit on Sunday mornings at the Allegheny County Jail. Our Adult Education Committee continues to offer a fabulous Sunday morning "Gently Used" Book Sale in the Parish Hall, and Cottage Groups come together in members home to discuss the book we are reading together. This year it's an interesting and somewhat challenging text: "The Meaning of Jesus: Two Views", by New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright. And we enjoy of course plans for our annual Summer Sunday at the Ballpark (this year: August 15--call if you'd like to join us).

When we get to September we'll move back to our regular service times (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.), and on the 12th, the Sunday after Labor Day, it will once again be "Round Up Sunday," a festive Chili and Chicken Picnic in the Churchyard, to celebrate the return of the Choir and the Church School, and to hear where everybody's been on their summer vacations.

In just a year or two we'll observe the 100th anniversary of St. Andrew's move to the corner of North Euclid Avenue and Hampton Street. For nearly a century the parish has been an essential part of the Highland Park neighborhood, and it's our desire to serve all the residents of our community. If there's a pastoral need that you're aware of--a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, an ill or shut-in family member or neighbor who'd like a visit, or support at the time of the loss of a loved one--please feel free to contact us at any time at 412 661-1245. (And if you just need to borrow a few chairs or find a rain location for a family gathering, give us a call too: we'll do what we can!)

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## St. Andrew's Members Participate in Diocesan Racism Forum

Al Mann

For many years, the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has sponsored a Commission on Racism, whose mission is to work for racial equality both in the Church and in the wider community. St. Andrew's Church in Highland Park has been represented on the Commission since its inception. Currently, St. Andreans Maryellen Hayden and Al Mann are members of the Commission.

The impetus for establishing the Commission came in part from a cooperative effort about ten years ago involving two Episcopal parishes, St. Andrew's and Holy Cross (Homewood), to explore ways of combating racism in our community. This activity included two public forums on racism in the media, featuring a dialog between community members and representatives of radio,

television, and newspapers. It is our belief that less biased reporting was one result of these sessions.

The Diocesan Commission currently has two major focuses. Annually on the first Saturday in February, there is a celebration at Trinity Cathedral, Downtown, honoring the work of Absalom Jones, the first Black priest in the Episcopal Church in the United States, ordained in Philadelphia in 1802. This interdenominational event is organized by the Commission. The other major effort is to establish a training program for clergy and lay people throughout the Diocese to enhance awareness of racial attitudes in the Church and society and to learn creative ways of dealing with these issues. Included in the training is an opportunity to view a unique 12-minute video on racism, produced by the Commission.

St. Andrew's Church, with its long history of community involvement, is pleased to be part of the work of the Diocesan Commission on Racism. St. Andrew's tries to maintain an attitude of inclusiveness and an openness to discuss and deal with issues that concern everyone, regardless of background, ethnic origin, or race. We are committed to the values of respect and compassion in our diverse neighborhood, and we welcome input from the Highland Park community regarding ideas about future programs that could address issues of racism in our midst.

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## HIGHLAND PARK WEB SITE:

[www.highlandparkpa.com](http://www.highlandparkpa.com)

*Rudy Maceyko, Webmaster*

For about 4 years now, the Highland Park web site has promoted and informed Highland Park residents and businesses. Here are some of the features on the site:

- Community Calendar  
listing all upcoming events known to the webmaster
- HPCC Newsletter Archive  
a selection of past newsletters
- Neighborhood Email List  
send and receive news and information about the neighborhood and the park
- Highland Park Tradespersons Recommendations \*NEW\*  
a list of plumbers, electricians, etc., submitted by your friends and neighbors!

Send email to [webmaster@highlandparkpa.com](mailto:webmaster@highlandparkpa.com) to get involved in any way with the web site: submit events for the calendar; make your old newsletters, photos and stories available for a history archive; volunteer to help out with the other content on the site; or just sign up for the email list.

Web hosting for the Highland Park site is provided free of charge by Nidhog, Inc., based in Bloomfield. Check them out at: [www.nidhog.com](http://www.nidhog.com)

Tip: clicking on the square picture on the main Highland Park web site causes the picture to change. Keep clicking to see all 54 pictures that are there now, going back to March 2001.

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## Membership Report

*Kelly Meade*

In this annual mass mailing to all our neighbors, we extend an invitation to non-members to join our club. By joining, you encourage our activities, many of which are outlined herein, you can participate in the social activities of the club, you can participate in the elections of directors and officers and, last but not least, you will receive through the mail ten issues of this fine newsletter. The newsletter will keep you informed of issues important to the neighborhood, activities of the club and inform you, through their ads, of many of our local merchants.

**All this for the new member fee of only \$5.00. You will find the new member application below. Please fill this out and send to me as directed.** We all would appreciate your help and involvement. We hope you enjoy the benefits of joining and being a part of your community group.

As of June 15 we have a total of 526 households as members in the Highland Park Community Club. We have an additional 46 complimentary members which include the mayor, city council, and various other schools, offices and affiliated community groups. This brings our total to 572. We would be very happy to see this number grow.

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### New Member Application Form

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## Highlights of June 17 Meeting

Ollie Rieley

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

*Yard Sale:* Judy Wolfe reported that the June 6 HPCC Yard Sale was a success. She her report elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Treasurer:* Kelly Vitti reported that receipts from Day Camp are coming in. The total balance of all accounts is \$16,776.

*Day Camp:* Bob, reporting for Janice Burgett, said that not as many people are signing up this year as in recent past.

*Reservoir of Jazz:* Tania Grubbs reported that plans are being made to present Reservoir of Jazz concerts on the first four Sundays in August. Because of the city's fiscal crisis, Citiparks is not helping the way they have in recent years so much more of the work must be done by the club. The concerts will largely be funded by a grant of \$3900 from the state obtained with help of Representative Preston.

*Children:* Rachel Matos is brainstorming for ideas for small family events.

*Restoration:* A report from Dave Hance indicated that Penn DOT has committed to building an historic design bridge on Butler Street. Penn DOT will excavate sufficient for the bridge but additional money will be needed to remove other fill from under the bridge for the walkway to the river. Senator Ferlo, City Planning, the CDC and Morningside groups are working to get the rest of the money.

*Newsletter:* The July issue will be sent to all residents of Highland Park. There will be a large number of ads.

*Community Celebration:* Plans are being made for a community celebration on Bryant Street on August 14 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Volunteers and ideas are needed, call Brenda Cole at 412 665-3646 to help.

*Youth Group:* An initial meeting with Marie and Sal as leaders is planned for this Saturday at the Farmhouse.

*Schools:* School Board member Patrick Dowd discussed recent business at the school board. See separate article.

*President:* Bob said he plans to convene current and past directors and officers to discuss possible restructuring of the club to eliminate or consolidate certain functions and to identify any additional areas that should be covered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.  
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## Penn Circle South

This summer, while you're looking for things to do in the city of Pittsburgh, keep in mind the east side of Pittsburgh. The historic area of East Liberty that once served as the center of commerce in the nineteenth century is now a melting pot for the culturally diverse.

Old markets have now been replaced by Whole Foods Market. The long-gone taverns on the side of cobblestone roads could serve nothing to compete with the mojitos at Kelly's Bar and Lounge, or the martinis at the Red Room Lounge. Daquila Hair Color Studio provides their customers European cut and color designs created by their Paris-trained staff. Travel next door to Panache for city-sophisticated sportswear. After you feel beautiful, make your surroundings beautiful and browse the windows of Classiques, Bruce Adlard Interiors, and Interior Accents for furniture to accent your villa in Italy or apartment on South Highland. You can also create your own accents after visiting Artist and Craftsman Supply. If you need help with your product designs, stop by Kolano Design. For some finishing touches in your home, go to Le Tapisseur, an interior design showroom of fine fabrics and ask Kate at Kate Morrison to whip you up a fabulous fabrication. Grab a lamp at The Guiding Light; across the street you can pick up a contemporary fine art print at Michael Berger Gallery and walk next door to have it framed at Miller Frame Inc. After a hard day of shopping and pampering, tease your palate at Abay which serves Ethiopian cuisine and get away from the every day taste of fast food.

Penn Circle South has changed in many ways. Over time and with the efforts of local merchants, the street has evolved into an eclectic mix of spaces comparable to the streets of lower Manhattan, not offered in any other community in Pittsburgh. The street offers a glimpse of the past by complimenting existing historic architecture with new creative concepts.

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## July Activities

- 1 African Mask Making - Umoja African Arts
- 8 Ceramics - Chad Martin; Dance Alloy
- 15 Printmaking - Peggi Habets; Community Design Center of Pittsburgh
- 22 Flower arts – Warhol Museum
- 29 Fiberart Collage - Sandy Kephart; Construction Junction

## August Activities

- 5 The Exquisite Corpse (collaborative drawing experience) - Adam Grossi
- 12 Collograph Printing - Paula Watson
- 19 Painting/Celebrating Color - Paula Watson
- 26 Mosaic Tile Tabletops - Lauren Blair (to make tables for Union Project café)

## September Activities

- 2 Mosaic Tile Tabletops - Lauren Blair
- 9 Mosaic Tile Tabletops - Lauren Blair
- 16 Mosaic Tile Tabletops - Lauren Blair

[www.unionproject.org](http://www.unionproject.org)

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412.363.4550

The Union Project is restoring the former Union Baptist Church (at the corner of Stanton & Negley Avenues) to create gathering and working space for artists, community builders and people of faith.

## Current activities:

Summer art and farmers market

Stained glass restoration classes

Volunteer opportunities that connect diverse neighbors

**BUILDING RENOVATION** to save an important community building!

## Future Plans:

Raise \$500,000 to complete Phase I of the project (Winter 04-05)

Build community members' job skills at every point in the project

Open a café to be a welcoming place for all neighbors – with Bellefield Presbyterian

Open a Production Pottery –with Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

Raise \$1.5 million to complete Phase II of the project (Summer 2006)

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## Yard Sale Success

Judy Wolfe

As of about 3:00 on June 6, 2004 I can almost say that the Yard Sale was officially over for this year. A record number of families participated in both the selling and buying of the wonderful collectibles and other items which were recycled through the beautiful Highland Park neighborhood. About 135 families were paid participants in the sale, with at least another 20 tagging along gratis. I have made some not so subtle efforts to get these people to join the sale over the years, but I have had no success

There were almost too many people participating. I know that the crowd was as large as it was in previous years because we gave away as many maps. I did hear a few complaints about the lack of customers - maybe they were just more spread out.

As you might have noticed, Highland Avenue was one big party. I hope that the outlying sales got some visitors, there is certainly no way for me to direct traffic in any way. The only thing which I have ever been able to do is to indicate the approximate location of sales on the map. I have to emphasize that these locations were approximate - as several participants indicated (they were polite but justifiably annoyed).

Thank you to all the people who helped me by handing out the maps and lists at the corners - Bob, Peter, Janice, Marinda, Carolyn, and my wonderful daughter Molly. I hope that they had as good a time as I did. This is certainly the best Volunteer activity in the neighborhood. Everyone is happy to see us and we are giving the stuff away free. Even the people who were just passing through gave us a big smile or a thumbs up

By my calculation we made about \$1200 (after taking into account the advertising, the copying, balloons, etc.). I think that this is great, for the amount of labor involved - I love working on a one person committee

I may be giving the sale a break for a year. We need some time to accumulate some stuff. I would be happy to hand it over to some other helpful soul if someone else wants to run it for a year or two. If you have any helpful comments on any aspects of the sale I would be happy to hear from you. You can e-mail me at [jleewolfe@aol.com](mailto:jleewolfe@aol.com) (but don't expect an immediate response) or write snail mail to 5910 Wellesley Avenue.

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## Day Camp This Summer

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 21 to July 30, 2004. Parents are free to choose 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. 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 \$90.00 a week for HPCC members and \$100.00/wk for non-members. A membership to the club is only \$25.00 and entitles you to the monthly newsletter for the whole year as well as the discounted day camp rate. 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).

### City Budget impacts Day Camp too

Day camp is feeling the budget crunch too; the city has doubled the price of the swimming pool permit. Please help us run a safe, fun and effective program by signing up early for camp. We can plan, purchase and staff appropriately when we have enough notice to plan effectively. **Register for camp before June 1, 2004 and save yourself the \$25.00 late fee.**

## 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:

6/21 \_\_\_\_\_ 6/28 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/5 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/12 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/19 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/26 \_\_\_\_\_

### Enclose:

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*You must include one week's payment for each child registered with the registration form.*

*(late fee for applications made after June, 1, 2004, add \$25.00).*

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

**Janice Burgett**

**1017 King Ave.**

**Pgh PA 15206**

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

**SWIMMING:** I hereby give my permission for my child to attend all swimming activities.

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of the HPCC's allowing my child to participate in Day Camp, I hereby release the HPCC and its directors, officers and staff from any and all liability for injury to my child not due to intentional or gross misconduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent signature and date)

Please list any allergies, injuries or recent illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and phone numbers of three people who can be reached in case of an emergency:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_



Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Run for Literacy 5K Hits Highland Park in September!

Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council's third annual "Run for Literacy 5K" will be held on September 12 at 8:30, starting just inside the main entrance to Highland Park. The race and 2-mile walk will be held at the same time as the Pittsburgh Wellness Fair, which last year offered pre-race yoga, chiropractic screening, organic recipes, drumming, and book sales. There are prizes for winners and prizes for others (for example, if you've never gotten a parking ticket, or you are the youngest participant!). There is free food for all runners and walkers, and entertainment by WISH radio, along with jugglers, fire-eaters, and others! The race is timed and certified by Runner's High. If you would like a race form or have questions, please contact Becky Carpenter at 412-661-7323 or at [bcarpenter@gplc.org](mailto:bcarpenter@gplc.org). All proceeds from the race go to the Literacy Council, which provides free literacy instruction to adults throughout Allegheny

County.

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## Tuesday Musical Club

Joanne Luchsinger

The Tuesday Musical of Pittsburgh has moved into the neighborhood and has brought its nine foot concert grand Steinway piano with it. The new residence is St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The TMC programs were formerly held at the Frick Art and Historical Center in Point Breeze, and now will be held at St. Andrew's. The programs are free and open to the public.

*Ed. Note: My wife, Betty, has been a member of Tuesday Musical Club for years. They have some very good concerts.*

**THANKS** to our Highland Park community for making our first year a great success!

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## **The Guns of August (and April, and May, and June, and ..... ) in Highland Park**

*David Klahr*

Have you ever gone for a peaceful stroll around the Highland Park Reservoir, only to suddenly hear the sound of gunfire emanating from the Washington Blvd ravine? Fear not. It's not the bad guys shooting, it's the good guys -- Pittsburgh police officers going through their firearms training. It is clear that our police officers must acquire and maintain their firearms proficiency. But why are they firing so close to quiet residential neighborhoods and a widely used -- and otherwise tranquil -- public park? Why would a city that is desperate to encourage people to live in its residential neighborhoods create such a noise nuisance? And what can a neighborhood group do when faced with such a situation? Therein lies an interesting bit of history about how the HPCC can recognize a neighborhood problem, and contribute to an acceptable, albeit still imperfect, solution.

About 20 years ago, the City of Pittsburgh constructed the Pittsburgh Police Academy firing range, located a few hundred feet east of Washington Blvd. The site was chosen for its proximity to the Police Academy Training Center on the west side of Washington Blvd. A major blunder was made in designing the range: no noise-suppression methods were used in determining the location, orientation, or construction of the site.

By the late '80s, the use of the firing range was becoming a major nuisance. Firing hours were being scheduled during weekdays, and also late into the evening, on weekends, and even major holidays. Other law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, the DEA, and the State Police, were allowed to use the range. Repeated calls to the Training Academy by residents requesting some kind of reasonable constraints on hours of use were either ignored or rebuffed, with replies ranging from "we need to train our officers" to "tell it to city hall".

In June of 1989, the HPCC requested Mayor Sophie Masloff to (a) suspend or curtail use of the outdoor range; (b) explore alternative sites; and (c) conduct an environmental impact study. With the

help of then-councilman Jim Ferlo, a "post-agenda" City Council hearing was held that included representatives from HPCC, City Council, and the Department of Public safety.

Our actions were fairly successful: Within a few days, the Deputy Director of Public Safety (Lou DiNardo) issued an order limiting firing hours to Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM with "no exceptions". (However, it became clear to the Police Department that they also needed to practice during night times, and so there are times when it is used after dark. These occasional "night fire" sessions remain, and may be the most intrusive aspect of the range, since they can run to 10 or 10:30 PM.)

For about 10 years, the Training Academy kept to the spirit of the agreement, and the Mayor's office was supportive whenever the HPCC complained of exceptions to the limited hours. But from the Training Academy's perspective, this was not an easy set of constraints. Occasional meetings were held between groups of Highland Park residents, and Training Academy Directors to remind them about the agreement that had been reached.

Over the years, most of the Training Academy Directors have been sympathetic and helpful. The current Director, Commander Paul Donaldson, is committed to working within the Mon-Thursday, 8:30 - 5:00 limits, with the exception of two periods of night fire each year. The next one is scheduled from Aug 30 - Sept 2. As soon as future night fire schedules are known, Cmdr. Donaldson will notify the newsletter editor.

In the short run, if you hear firing outside of the agreed upon times, feel free to call the Training Academy to complain (412-665-3601). If you don't get any satisfaction, you can also call the Mayor's Service Center (412-255-2621). Don't call 911, as this is not an emergency issue, and they are not well informed about this problem.

*Many Highland Park residents participated in these efforts, including Lou DiNardo, Kate Elliot, Jim Ferlo, Volker Hartkopf, David Johnson, Vivian Loftness, Carol McNamee, Bill Rago, Tom Shorall, Erwin Steinberg, Tom Terpack, and Del Ziegler, among others. My apologies to others who also helped on this*

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<b><i>JULY 10 &amp; 11</i></b>	<b><i>E-FEST, PENN AND HIGHLAND AVENUES</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 1</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, PARK ENTRANCE, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 3</i></b>	<b><i>NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, DO A WALK, OR HAVE A BLOCK PARTY</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 8</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, PARK ENTRANCE, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>
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<b><i>AUGUST 14</i></b>	<b><i>HP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION, BRYANT STREET, 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 15</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, PARK ENTRANCE, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 19</i></b>	<b><i>HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>AUGUST 22</i></b>	<b><i>RESERVOIR OF JAZZ, PARK ENTRANCE, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</i></b>

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