

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
April 2005



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The President's Column

Bob Staresinic, 412-441-8972, bob.63@netzero.net

Hello Neighbors,

Another great HPCC meeting in March. The Highland Park Community Development Corporation (HPCDC) presented what is going on in the 5800 block of Bryant Street. If you have not walked or driven (or biked or ran) down Bryant Street in the past few weeks, you should.

The April meeting is going to have a presentation on the residential developments in the 800 block of Mellon Street. This will be presented by the HPCDC and should be very interesting. The impact that this development/rehabilitation is going to have on Highland Park and the East End is going to be tremendous. The HPCDC is working in cooperation with ELDI (East Liberty Development Inc) to improve residential properties in the East End, but it is the feedback from the community that will ensure that the projects are successful. This is a meeting that you should attend. I would also encourage you to drive or walk down Mellon and North St.Clair Streets and N. Negley Avenue between Wellesley and Stanton to get a view of the area that will be discussed at the meeting.

The Spring Party, held at the Farmhouse on March 19th was a great success! There were over 200 kids

with their parents (and aunts and uncles) from Highland Park, Morningside, East Liberty, Friendship and Regent Square (and maybe more neighborhoods). Everyone had fun hunting for eggs in the hay, getting their face painted, playing games, and making crafts. Thanks to Rachel Matos, her Children's committee volunteers, and CitiParks for all the work that went into making the party a fun day in the Park for all.

I would like to remind everyone that street cleaning season is upon us again, starting April 1st. Go out and check those signs, and make sure your day was not changed from previous years. Not only will you save yourself from a ticket, but the streets will be clean!

Until next month, I will see you walking around enjoying our lovely neighborhood.

Bob

Newsletter Mass Mailing

..... will be going out in May. Anyone wishing to submit an article should do so by April 21. Please send to editor@highlandparkpa.com.

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005, AT ST. ANDREWS

Children's Committee Update

Rachel Matos

Spring Party 2005

On Saturday March 19, 2005 the Highland Park Community Club and Citiparks Community Enrichment Program co-sponsored a Spring Party which drew in more than 250 children! (There were lots of parents/adults there too!)

Participants enjoyed such festivities as face painting, egg hunts, games, an assortment of arts and crafts activities, and snacks and storytelling at the farmhouse building. With over 128 families in attendance (coming from all of the surrounding neighborhoods as well as Highland Park), I'm told that a common sentiment heard as people walked around socializing with their neighbors was, "Wow! I didn't think there were this many children in the area!"

I'd like to thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped before, during, and after the event to ensure this was the greatest party possible. Your "behind the scenes" work, including preparation of prize packs, putting up flyers, donations of snacks, not to mention the tireless efforts of the volunteers at the event, allowed this party to occur.

If you enjoyed the party personally, the Children's Committee would like to encourage you to be involved in future events! We all had a great time doing this together, and the amazing turnout of this spring event has proven Highland Park families want to have these opportunities to gather. It has also proven that we will need more volunteer help to be able to continue planning and executing events for this many children in future.

Any individuals who are interested in helping with future events may contact Rachel Matos.



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HPCC Meeting Highlights

March 17, 2005

Ollie Rieley

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

Children's Committee: Rachael Matos reminded the meeting of the Children's Party to be held Saturday, March 19 at the Farmhouse, 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. The party will be held rain or shine.

Treasurer: Kelly Vitti reported the current checking account balance is \$11,876 and there are two CD's each worth \$3,370.

Day Camp: Janice Burgett reported that plans are being finalized for Day Camp to start in June.

Yard Sale: Bob Staesinic reported that Judy Wolfe will not be able to run the Yard Sale this year because of other commitments. A CHAIRPERSON IS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR. Judy expects to be back in 2006.

House Tour: Peter Hughes, Amy Maceyko and Bridget Nadler are the committee planning this year's event. Anyone wishing to volunteer a home should call one of them.

Program: The program was presented by representatives of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation (HPCDC). Michael Johnson provided a brief summary of the activities with the Mellon St. properties owned by the HPCDC. David Hance introduced the featured speaker Yarone Zober. Yarone provided an interesting update of the plans for improving the Bryant St. commercial district. In attendance with Yarone was Bill Erdner from Carlson McGinley, the developer, and Scott Baumann from Hammer-Mann, the architect on the project. Current activities are focused on redeveloping the north side of the 5800 block. Carlson McGinley has been engaged to redevelop the block. Several alternative "schematic" plans for a single multi-lot multi-purpose building have been prepared by Hammer-Mann. The building is conceived to have store fronts on the first floor, offices on the second and condominiums on the third. A major unresolved issue is whether to tear down the 5801 building (where the dry cleaner was) and extend the new building to the corner or to restore the 5801 building and reuse it. In the east, the new building will run to Terry's Villa. Carlson McGinley has bought Terry's Villa and currently plans to retain the existing manager to run it. Two houses facing N. St. Clair have been acquired and are planned for replacement with new housing. Community involvement is desired in decisions about the new building and other improvements of the district. It was noted several times that the success of several businesses, such as Tazza d'Oro, Food Glorious Food, La Foret and Taj Mahal (aka Sitar) must be built on and used as the model for encouraging new businesses. For more

information, contact Yarone at 412-288-2458 (Home), 412 983-7663 (cell) or email at yarone.zober@obermayer.com.

Newsletter: The May issue will be the mass-mailing this year. This will permit publicity of summer events such as day camp and the yard sale to benefit from the wide distribution. Here's your chance to promote your favorite activity to the entire neighborhood (nearly 3000 addresses)! Articles are due April 21.

General Announcement: Bob noted that street cleaning will resume April 1 and all should be alert to no-parking restrictions to avoid tickets. Rudy Maceyko discussed the park working group. Volunteers are needed to tend small plots to remove invasive species. It is hoped that a popular effort of this nature can wipe out these pests. Rudy also noted that the next meeting of the history group will be in June on the subject of Park history.

State Senator Ferlo and School Director Dowd were in attendance and extended their greetings.

A member commented on the value of the email list noting that a dog reported as lost was located within hours. Congratulations to Rudy and his helper for the usefulness of the list.

Next month's meeting will be Thursday, April 21, and will feature the third program by the CDC addressing the "Southwest Quadrant Residential Development" of the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Volunteers Needed!

1. To help plant the Western PA Conservancy community garden at the Highland Park Bridge on Saturday, April 30th at 8:30 am. We will plant rain or shine. To volunteer contact Trisha Crowe at tcrowe@paconserve.org or call 412-586-2324.
2. To help the Union Project Board with a large mailing on April 6, from 6 – 8 PM. Pizza and drinks provided. To volunteer call 412- 478- 3105 or e-mail Justin@unionproject.com.

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services – April

9 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

11 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Church School at 9:45 a.m.

Nursery School at 11:00 a.m.

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History starts at Home!

Martha Riecks

The Highland Park History Group has been developed as an opportunity for neighborhood residents to share what we know about this historic area and learn more! The group plans to meet quarterly, with the next meeting to be held in June.

At the March meeting, Mike Eversmeyer, an architect with an interest in historic preservation and traditional architecture (and Highland Park resident), gave an excellent overview on researching the history of your house. The best starting point is to make a list naming all previous owners of your house, and property, starting from your current deed and working backwards. Deed records can be found in the Recorder of Deeds Office at the Allegheny County office building.

When going through the deeds, pay special attention to clauses or notations regarding the buildings on the property or limitations on buildings or property uses. Deed restrictions were very commonly used prior to the development of standardized zoning, and are often found in deeds for property that was being sold to be built on. It helps to make note of the date of major changes you find, and even if you can't determine the exact year of construction, you can often use the deed list to narrow down a general time period of construction.

For the most detailed records regarding the construction of your house, try looking through the historic ledgers that make note of most building permits issued in Pittsburgh. The ledgers for 1895 to 1917 can be found in the Archive of Industrial Society, part of the University of Pittsburgh Library System. Ledgers are organized by ward – so you'll need to know that the Highland Park neighborhood, now in the 11th Ward, was once in the 19th ward. Within each ward, permits are listed by street name, then by property owner, so refer to your notes on previous owners. If you can find record of a building permit, you'll not only learn the date of construction but can discover detailed information from the number of rooms in the building to the cost of construction.

The Archive of Industrial Society is also home to approximately 20,000 historic photographs of Pittsburgh, generally capturing public work projects such as bricklaying or street repair. Within these photographs of day-to-day activities, you may be able to find an image that includes your house in the background – extensive historic photograph collections are also available online.

Another way to learn about your house's history is to study plat maps of the neighborhood – these maps were originally published by G.M. Hopkins and Company on a

regular basis from 1872 until 1939. Scans are available online at the Historic Pittsburgh website or you can peruse the actual map books from the East End Historical Society's collection. Sanborn Insurance Atlases of Pittsburgh also offer detailed maps of city neighborhoods. By looking at maps from a number of different years, you can pinpoint when your house appeared – you might even discover your street once had a different name!

To learn about the previous owners of your home, you can start with looking them up in the historic city directories, available starting in 1845. The directories list each city resident's place of residence and occupation, making them a great resource for learning more about the lifestyle and history of your house's previous occupants! The directories can also be a good way to figure out the year in which your house was built, especially if the owner owned the property for several years before building on it – you can look them up across directories from several years to see when they moved! The directories can also provide information on whether your house was generally owner-occupied or a rental property, like many middle-class houses built prior to the depression.

Learning more details about the history of your house can provide insight into the structure and provide you with interesting bits of knowledge to share with family and friends, and makes for quite a fascinating research project.

No matter whether you plan to start your own local history project or just want to hear about what others have discovered or know, consider joining us at the next meeting of the History Group in June! Look for an announcement on the community email list, or contact Rudy Maceyko at rm55@pobox.com or 412-441-9130 to receive meeting announcements.

Useful Resources:

Historic Pittsburgh: <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh>
Archival information from University of Pittsburgh, Heinz History Center and the Carnegie Museum of Art, ranging from scanned photographs, plot maps, and census data to the full text of over 500 books.

Archive of Industrial Society:
<http://www.library.pitt.edu/libraries/archives/archives.html>
Part of the Archives Service Center of the Pitt Library System, located in Point Breeze; call 412-244-7091 for information on visiting for research.

East End Historical Society:
Offices are at the East Liberty Chamber of Commerce; call ahead to make arrangements for viewing original plat map books (412-661-9660).

Historical Society of Western PA Archives and Library:
<http://www.pghhistory.org/library/libraryandarchives.html>
At the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center in the Strip District; website includes reference guide for house histories. Call 412-454-6364 for hours.

Designers' Show House 2005

Presented by the Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc.

820 North Highland Avenue
April 22 – May 15
Tickets: \$15 Advance; \$20 Door
Information: www.jlpggh.org or 412-571-3020

Around St. Andrew's

BruceRobison

Musical events around St. Andrew's during April include an organ recital by Music Scholar Vincent Rone at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, and a brief concert by the East End Male Chorus (EEMC), under the direction of Ruth Donalson, follows the regular "First Thursday of the Month" service of Choral Evensong at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. The EEMC is a fine local ensemble offering a chorale repertoire in the African-American Spiritual tradition. At the end of the month, on Saturday, April 30, at 2 p.m., there will be a piano program at St. Andrew's presented by the Tuesday Music Club, followed by a reception in Brooks Hall. All are invited to enjoy these great contributions to the sonic texture of our neighborhood.

"Cinema St. Andrew" this month, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, will feature the 1956 film classic, "Battle Hymn," starring Rock Hudson in one of his finest performances as a World War II pilot wrestling with the moral ambiguities of war. Admission is free, and we are invited to bring a snack to share at the refreshment table.

The St. Andrew's/Highland Park Neighborhood Writers'

Workshop meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. upstairs in the Parish Hall, as each writer brings something to share with the group and then learns from affectionate and constructive comments from others. New members--poets, dramatists, story-writers, novelists, journalists--are always welcome.

St. Andrew's later this year will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of our life here at the corner of North Euclid Avenue and Hampton Street in this Highland Park neighborhood. If there is a pastoral concern we can help with--a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, an ill or shut-in neighbor or family member to visit, or a family to support at the time of a death--we hope any in the neighborhood will feel warmly invited to give us a call. Or perhaps you simply need to borrow a few folding chairs, or to schedule a larger room for a family gathering. St. Andrew's Office is open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., and our phone number is 412 661-1245.

The Highland Park Tennis Club (HPTC) -

a non-profit organization - is proud to announce its Third Annual Free Tennis Clinics, open to enthusiasts of all ages and experience. The clinics will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:00 am beginning on May 7 and running until July 23 at the Stanton Ave. tennis courts. Racquets will be supplied to those who need them. For more information or to sign up, call or e-mail Mavis Close: 412-363-3253 mc10sysalsa@hotmail.com

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School Board News

Patrick Dowd

This year will prove one of the most important for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. The Board of Education must launch a search for a new superintendent. It must realign resources to reduce excess building capacity. It must negotiate a new contract with teachers. It must face the challenges of declining revenues and decide whether or not to participate in Act 72. In the next newsletter, I will say more regarding a superintendent search, but at this point the Board is finalizing plans for a national search.

In the meantime, the Board appointed Dr. Andrew King the Acting Superintendent and charged him with improving further academic achievement. Specifically, the Board targeted improved performance on the PSSA, reduction of the racial achievement gap in literacy and mathematics, improvement of the drop-out and graduation rates, and reduction of truancy. These remain the central focus of the Board.

We have also charged the Acting Superintendent with increasing the district's use of data in making decisions. During the campaign in 2003, I spoke often of the need to create an assessment system which could gauge the academic performance of individual students over time. What we really want to know is how much each child is learning each year. You might say we want to know how much "educational value" is added for each student each year. A value-added assessment system, as this is called, will better enable the district to identify academic needs and to meet them. It will also help the Board evaluate the success of specific programs. We will, in other words, be able to measure the costs and compare them to the educational value each student receives. With this information, the Board can better decide which programs should and should not be funded. In the "Education Links" section of my website you can find more information on value-added assessment systems.

The Board also charged the Acting Superintendent with holding the line on the 2006 budget. Given the challenges ahead, this will be very difficult. Between 2005 and 2009, the Board of Education will have an accumulated revenue loss of more than \$60 million. Simultaneously, the Board of Education will continue to experience rising costs for healthcare, charter schools, and retirement funding. It is also important to point out that the contract for the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers expires in June of 2005. With declining revenues and increasing costs the Board of Education will have to make difficult decisions about facilities, programs and personnel.

The Board will also have to decide whether or not it will participate in Act 72. As many of you know, Act 72 is the new law that enables districts to receive funding from Pennsylvania's slot machine revenues. While this is certainly appealing to many of us, there are many questions which school boards across the state hope to have answered. Specifically, we want to know exactly when the gaming revenues will come in and how the referendum requirements will affect our ability to build programs that help our challenging population of students meet the requirements set out in the No Child Left Behind

Act. The Board must make its decision on Act 72 by May 30, 2005.

This Board remains committed to improving the quality of education in Pittsburgh without increasing the financial burden shouldered by the citizens of Pittsburgh. If you would like to share your thoughts or concerns directly with me, I can always be reached by email at patrick@patrickdowd.org. I can also be reached by mail at 341 South Bellefield Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15213 and by phone at 412.622.3770. I look forward to hearing from you.

Reservoir of Jazz 2005

Tania Grubbs

The Reservoir of Jazz will take place again at the entryway of Highland Park across from our newly renovated fountain. We have a wonderful line up that we will announce soon and hope that you will all mark your calendars for each Sunday in August as well as the first Sunday in September from 5-7PM. Citiparks has hired back a few employees, and they will be co-facilitating the events this summer along with the Highland Park Community Club, funds by State Rep. Joe Preston, and WDUQ-FM. The Reservoir of Jazz has proven itself to be something that our city has come to know as a wonderful place to hear great music. Our concerts this year will be even more special with the fountain up and running. We have so much to be proud of in this neighborhood and this great city. If there are neighbors who have a business, or perhaps work for a company that might consider becoming a "supporter" of the ROJ, please feel free to contact Tania at 412-661-4054.

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Letter to Liquor Control Board

Mellon Street Neighbors

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE LETTER MENTIONED IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. EVERYONE THAT SIGNED THIS LETTER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LEN BODACK IN SUPPORT OF THE POSITION.

"Dear LCB:

On behalf of the Mellon Street Neighbors, we would like to request that you NOT renew the liquor license of Sandy's Deli located at 925 Mellon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. It has proven to be a nuisance establishment for our residential neighborhood over the years and, as such, should no longer be allowed to sell alcohol.

Mellon Street is a minor business district in the Southwest quadrant of Highland Park. While there are other businesses that cause some slight inconveniences to the residents in the area, Sandy's Deli is truly a nuisance. 90% of the customers purchase beer (Neighbors have documented this on several occasions) and about 60% drive in from other areas.

Our reasons can be outlined in 4 areas: High traffic, drug dealers, litter, and noise pollution.

HIGH TRAFFIC: Starting at 9am every morning, including Sundays, people start lining up to buy beer. Then, all day and evening long there are cars coming and going. About 60% of Sandy's customers are in cars as opposed to walk in traffic, which makes us think that most of their clientele are not from the neighborhood. While it's great to have people coming into our neighborhood, we would prefer it be for our beautiful homes or our park, not to buy beer. This traffic also leaves oil, and the occasional broken down car, on our street for months.

DRUG DEALERS: The high traffic area makes our area the perfect place for drug dealers to do their business, since it allows their customers to come and go without the extra traffic ever being noticed. Police records will show this to be true. And, while Sandy's Deli does not sell cigarette tobacco, they do sell rolling papers and blunt wrappers, making us also question the type of clients they are catering to.

LITTER: With so much traffic coming and going on our street there is a disgusting and depressing amount of litter left behind. Much is from Sandy's, but we often find McDonald's litter and other fast food containers that people just dump out of their car when the stop; they don't care since they don't live here.

NOISE POLLUTION: Most of the customers that drive to Sandy's don't turn off their cars while in the store. Many of them leave their blasting radios on and some even turn them up while they are in the store. The thumping music rattles the windows of nearby homes and makes it impossible to have a conversation while sitting on the front porch. Mellon Street Neighbors once approached Sandy's Deli and requested that they politely ask their patrons to turn off their radios while in the store. They told us they couldn't do that because their customers would take out their guns and shoot them!

For these reasons, Mellon Street Neighbors would like to request that Sandy's Deli NOT be re-issued a liquor license in 2005. Alcohol sales from Sandy's Deli have proven to play a major role in the downfall of the Southwest Quadrant of Highland Park. We would like the opportunity to rebuild our neighborhood and repair the damage.

We would be happy to provide you with photographs of the area and any other backup material you might require. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I would be happy to provide you with a list of neighbors and their contact information, as well.

Sincerely,

Mellon Street Neighbors"

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THE WAY WE WERE...

OUR PAST NATURAL DISASTERS

Pat Miller

In our history Pittsburgh has had its share of disasters—some natural and some not so natural because they were caused by people. This month let's focus on the natural disasters.

Historically our most "chronic" natural disaster is floods, which is not surprising given our location on not one but two rivers. In 1810 there was a bad flood that was 35 feet above flood stage at the Point. The 1832 flood was even worse cresting at 38 feet. "Little" floods were almost an annual event but bad ones-- over 36 feet above flood stage-- happened in 1884, 1901, 1902, 1907 and 1913. Each time destruction, disease and death resulted.

Floods haven't gone away, our most recent one being in September 2004, but what is hopefully a record never to be broken occurred on March 17, 1936. By March 18th the flood crested at over 46 feet. Nine thousand homes and stores were destroyed, 384 people were injured, 74 people died and 110,144 people were left homeless. Streets in the downtown triangle area were under 20 feet of water. Power and telephone lines were down and fires raged leading to fears of looting. Drinking water was polluted leading to fears of epidemics. To ease these fears downtown was placed under martial law. The water didn't recede for six days, making clean up impossible and the triangle didn't reopen for even limited business until

March 30th. The fact that Pittsburgh and the country were still in the midst of the Great Depression must have made this event even more difficult.

There was another major flood in 1942, closing downtown businesses and war plants and leaving 7,500 people homeless. There was another big one in 1948, leading to the largest project in flood control in Pittsburgh's history, the \$44 million Conemaugh Dam construction in 1949.

Our other most common natural disaster is snowstorms. In 1910 we had a major snowstorm which totaled nine inches, disrupted communication and streetcar service, and caused the deaths of three people. In 1940 there was a 20-inch snowfall that stopped transportation and everything else for two days and in 1944 there was another big one that paralyzed the city.

But the "big snowstorm story" happened on November 23, 1950. That's even before Thanksgiving—way too early for winter! The weather prediction was only for "snow flurries". What the city got instead was 30 ½ inches. The snow came up to the tops of cars. The entire city was paralyzed, 15 people died, newspapers quit publishing, and it took until December 1st to get transportation, stores and schools reopened. But that was not the most bizarre climactic event in 1950. In January the temperature went up to 76 degrees! So go figure. Luckily, in the last 50 years our natural disasters have been less dramatic.

Yard Sale

It's time to get ready for the annual Highland Park Yard Sale! Clean out those closets and basements and make a few bucks. The yard sale will be held the first Sunday in June, the 5th, as is the tradition. The only difference this year is that Judy Wolfe is taking a break and Kelly Vitti will be organizing it. The cost to participate is \$12.00 which covers advertising, balloons/signs and maps to identify participating houses. If you would like to participate please fill out the form below and send it with your check to: Kelly Vitti, 5500 Bryant St., Pittsburgh, Pa 15206. Or email: kvitti@comcast.net. Phone: 361-7669.

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April 2	Organ recital by Music Scholar Vincent Rone, 1 PM, St. Andrew's
April 7	East End Male Chorus Concert, 8 PM, St. Andrew's
April 21	HPCC Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Andrew's
April 21	HPCC Newsletter Articles Due! Send to editor@highlandparkpa.com
April 22	Designers' Show House 2005 in Highland Park, Opening Night
April 30	Piano program at St. Andrew's presented by the Tuesday Music Club, 2 PM
May 7	HPTC Free Tennis Clinics Start
June 5	HPCC Yard Sale