

Community Club Newsletter for

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The President's Column

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

Hello Neighbors,

Happy Summer! School is out and it is officially Summer. With the recent hot weather, there is no doubt it is here!

I hope everyone had a chance to buy and sell at the Yard Sale. I handed out maps for 3 hours, so that kept me from buying more stuff that will not fit in my house. I would love to hear some feedback on how you enjoyed the day. The weather was great and there seemed to be a lot of people out. I would like to hear if there is any way to improve this annual event, so please let me know any comments you have.

There will not be a July meeting, and no August newsletter. After all the vacations, we should be ready to get back to business. The Annual Members meeting is in September, and we will be electing new Officers and Board members. If you are interested in joining the Board, or know of a neighbor who would be a good addition, please let me know. We will be proposing some changes to the by-laws to be voted on in September, so keep an eye out for those.

I can't believe this, but I don't have much to say. Really an odd feeling for me.

I hope you all have a safe and fun summer, and look forward to seeing you out and about in the neighborhood, and enjoying music at the Reservoir of Jazz concerts.

Bob

NO JULY HPCC MEETING

The next Meeting will be August 18 at 7:30PM

No August Newsletter

September Newsletter Articles Due August 18

Reservoir of Jazz 2005 Schedule

In the Park Sundays from 5 – 7 PM:

AUGUST 7TH - JOE NEGRI TRIO AUGUST 14TH -DWAYNE DOLPHIN AUGUST 21ST -KENNY BLAKE AUGUST 28TH -SEAN JONES SEPTEMBER 4TH -AL DOWE & ETTA COX PAGE 2 July 2005

Support Summer Projects at the Babbling Brook

Rudy Maceyko

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy will rearrange and add landscaping rocks in the Babbling Brook this summer. They will make other repairs and improvements to control storm water run-off, including adding new plants.

The Babbling Brook officially opened in 2003 as a new park amenity including a trail leading from Reservoir Drive at the Microfiltration Plant to the area behind the volleyball courts and the swimming pool.

You can support these volunteer efforts by making a special monetary donation to the HPCC. The HPCC Board of Directors voted at its June meeting to match HPCC member donations toward this project up to a total of \$500.

Please make out your checks to "Highland Park Community Club" and write "Babbling Brook" on the memo line. Send them to:

HPCC Attn: Babbling Brook Project PO Box 5036 Pittsburgh PA 15206

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services – July/August

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel 10 a.m. Choral Morning Worship Nursery available during both services Church School beginning again in September

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HPCC Meeting Highlights June 16, 2005

Bob Staresinic

Bob Staresinic, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Yard Sale--Kelly Vitti reported that the Annual Yard Sale had about 130 homes participating, bringing in \$1547.00. After expenses of about \$500.00, the Club raised over \$900.00. The 3rd location to hand out maps, Bunkerhill and N St Clair, appeared to have helped in getting maps out. This year the map did not have dots to mark the houses, but had the block numbers listed for the streets that had sales. The Yard Sale was a success again this year, and Kelly did a great job for her first year running it.

House Tour--Amy Maceyko reported that they have 7 houses for sure, and plan to have 10-12 for the tour on October 1st. The committee is still looking for ads for the booklets (June 30th is the deadline to submit ads). The committee has teamed up with other neighborhoods having sales to cross-advertise each of the tours around the City. Research is needed for the histories of the houses, and anyone in assisting should check interested highlandparkpa.com website for contact info. Bridget Nadler has created a press packet to be sent out to the media.

Reservoir of Jazz--Bob Staresinic reported that plans continue for the ROJ. Citi-Parks has researched having t-shirts for sale at the ROJ. The proposed logo for the front of the shirt ("Reservoir of Jazz 2005", with the "J" in the shape of a saxophone) was shown. Discussion of this idea centered around the unknown cost to the Club, the unknown of how many shirts could be sold, and the fact that the design has the year on it and does not mention Highland Park, as reasons to not pursue this further. A suggestion was made to sell small, hand-operated fans if a fundraiser was needed.

History Group--Rudy Maceyko reported that the group met for the 3rd time around the fountain at the beginning of June, and the meeting was well attended.

Highland park Working Group--Rudy Maceyko reported on the recent meetings of the group. They are currently focusing on smaller projects, such as educating contractors working in the Park that the woods are not a dumping ground, but part of the environment. There are volunteer opportunities in the Park to assist with pulling invasive weeds, for

anyone interested in getting involved. In July, the SCA will be working on the Babbling Brook.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and passed unanimously, the Board approved a donation of up to \$500.00 in matching funds to the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy to assist in the maintenance and restoration material costs of the work the SCA will be providing at the Babbling Brook in July. The HPCC will match donations from members, up to \$500.00. If the total of member donations and matching funds are less than \$500.00, the HPCC will provide the additional funds so the PPC receives a minimum of \$500.00 for this project.

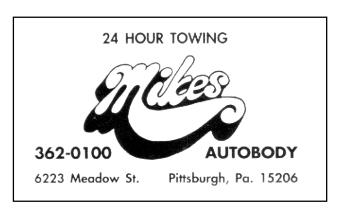
Website--Rudy Maceyko reports that the site will be going thru massive changes as of July 1st.

Children's Committee--Rachel Matos is looking for assistance with the committee, as she may not be able to plan and organize the Summer events and the Harvest Party in October/November. If you are interested in assisting with these events focusing on children and family activities, give Rachel a call at 412-361-3802.

Dell Zeigler discussed the recent community project conducted by the students at Craig Academy. 35 students planted flowers and added mulch to the beds at the Union Project. They requested funding for the mulch from the HPCC in the amount of \$97.00. Upon motion duly made and seconded, and passed unanimously (with a vote at the meeting, and a phone/email vote to achieve a quorum), the Board approved a reimbursement of \$97.00 to the Craig Academy for mulch purchased for use at the Union Project.

Randy Franciso (new resident) from the Sierra Club reported that a meeting will be held at the Nuin Center on June 29th to introduce us to the Building Environmental Communities project that the Sierra Club is currently doing.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm



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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Sundays at St. Andrew's in July and August follow a different schedule, with services at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 10 a.m. in the Church, with music. Our midweek Wednesday morning services of Holy Communion, followed by Bible Study, resume again on the first Sunday of September, and our "First Thursday of the Month" services of Choral Evensong, followed by musical recital, resume on the first Thursday evening of October. St. Andrew's Church School and Youth Group plan a few informal Sunday morning gatherings and other outings over the summer, with regular classes and programs beginning again on Round Up Sunday, September 11. Babies, kids, and teenagers are of course always most welcome at our Sunday services!

Ongoing over July and August is the St. Andrew's Summer Book Sale, with many shelves of used books at reasonable prices—all proceeds benefiting our fall St. Andrew's Lecture series.

The cornerstone of St. Andrew's Church was set into place in August of 1905, and for the past century this parish and congregation have been an important part of the Highland Park community. If you have a pastoral need or concern--a baby to be baptized, a wedding to plan, an ill or shut-in neighbor or family member who should be visited, a family to be supported at the time of the death of a loved one-please feel invited to give us a call. Or perhaps you simply need to borrow a few chairs, or to have a "rain location" for a family picnic

Our office hours through the summer are Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Our phone number is 412-661-1245.

THE WAY WE WERE...
OUR "BOOZE HISTORY"—Part 2

Pat Miller

Last month we talked about our Whiskey Rebellion. Let's now look at what's happened "booze-wise" since then.

By the early 1800s whiskey was again an important part of our economy. Because of its location East Liberty had an unusual number of taverns. The Black Horse Tavern was near Penn and Aiken, Beitler's Tavern was at Penn and Center, and McCall's Tavern was at Penn and Frankstown. Early maps of Pittsburgh often show taverns on

three of four corners at an intersection. In 1890 there were 54 licensed saloons in East Liberty.

But it wasn't just taverns; wholesale liquor stores also did a booming business here. In the 1890s S. J. Einstein had one at 104 Frankstown Ave., Henry Meyers' was at 6437 Frankstown Ave. and George Egley's was at 119 Collins Ave.

In those days whiskey wasn't illegal as long as you were licensed and paid the taxes. Many people didn't and in 1905 arrest warrants were issued for 200 illegal operators on the North Side.

Now fast forward to January 16, 1919. After years of struggle, aided by a hatchet-wielding, barsmashing Carrie Nation, the 18th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution was ratified. It made the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages illegal. What was unusual about the 18th Amendment was that, unlike all other constitutional amendments, this one did not become effective for a full year which gave liquor-drinking Americans 12 months to build additions to their houses to store enough liquor to last a lifetime or until Prohibition ended-whichever came first. The day after all bars were shut down illegal speakeasies opened. By 1926 Pittsburgh had hundreds of speakeasies, the biggest being on Baum Blvd., and there were 10,000 illegal stills in Allegheny Co. Will Rogers guipped that, "Prohibition is better than no liquor at all".

Then, by another constitutional amendment, on December 5, 1933 Prohibition was repealed. There was no one year wait this time!

So what happened in Pennsylvania after 1933? Well, the repeal amendment let states decide what their booze laws would be. Only two states-Pennsylvania and Utah—opted for state-controlled liquor stores. However, for some reason I have never understood. Pennsylvania decided that beer is somehow different from booze. If you go into a liquor store in New Jersey or Ohio or just about anywhere else, you can buy any alcoholic beverage including hard liquor, beer or wine. Not so in Pennsylvania. When I moved here in 1967 and wanted to buy beer, the state store was no good. Instead, you had to go to something called a "distributor"...and that only worked if you wanted to buy a whole case. If you wanted less, that could only be bought in a bar!

We've come a long way since then. Our state stores are now as consumer friendly as liquor stores in other states and they are even open on Sunday and Election Day. Now if our state legislators could only simplify beer buying!

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Weekly Walk in the Woods

Rudy Maceyko

Please join your fellow Highland Park neighbors Jessica Pedersen and me (Rudy Maceyko) for our monthly walks in Highland Park on the first Wednesday of each month through October. We start the walks near the fountain at 6:30 pm . The walks end around 8:00 pm.

During each walk we identify plants (both good and bad ones) and talk about what's going on in the park.

Dress appropriately for a walk in the "woods"--there will be mud, thorns, uneven paths, and probably poison ivy.

There are walks scheduled for the other three Pittsburgh parks on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month too. The schedule is as follows:

1st Wednesday - Highland Park 2nd Wednesday - Frick Park 3rd Wednesday - Riverview Park 4th Wednesday - Schenley Park

Run (and Walk) for Literacy!

Becky Carpenter

Once again, the "Run for Literacy 5K" will be held on September 18 in Highland Park. The event is a 5K run and a 2-mile walk through the park. Mike Clark from WTAE is the race host. There will be food, music, fun, and festivity! Lots of prizes are awarded, not just for age group winners but to other participants as well. (For example, if you gave blood last year you may win a gift certificate!)

All proceeds benefit Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council. Hope to see you there!

If you would like a race form, please contact Becky at carpenter@gplc.org or at 412-661-7323

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House Tour Update

Amy Maceyko

Plans are progressing for the Highland Park House Tour which will be held this year on Saturday, October 1st from 11am to 7pm. In addition to a great group of Highland Park residences, the recently renovated first floor of the King Estate, the recently renovated Union Project, St. Andrews Church, the new fountain entry to the park and the HPCDC projects on Mellon Street will be on the tour.

The committee is beginning to put the program together, and that means we are selling ads. Ad prices are listed below. Ads must be purchased by June 30th, and artwork submitted no later than July 15th. Brigette Nadler can be contacted about purchasing ads at 412-363-6869 or you can call Peter Hughes at 412-363-4603.

Ad Sizes and Prices

Back Cover* 7	.5" x 4.5"	\$300
Inside Back Cove	r* 7.5" x 4.5"	\$250
Last Page*	7.5" x 4.5"	\$250
Full Page	7.5" x 4.5"	\$175
Half Page	3.5" x 4.5"	\$ 75
Quarter Page	3.5" x 2"	\$ 50

^{*} Available on a first-come, first-served basis

Hard copies of ads can be submitted as camera ready artwork. Electronic files (GIF, JPEG, PNG or TIF) can be emailed to housetour@highlandparkpa.com. If files or artwork are not submitted at the size listed above and at a minimum of 300 dpi, we cannot be responsible for the quality of reproduction.

Proceeds of the House Tour benefit the Highland Park Community Club, which sponsors the house tour. Checks should be made payable to the Highland Park Community Club.

The committee is also looking for help in researching the histories of the houses on the tour. If you are interested in helping with this aspect of the planning process, please contact Amy Maceyko at housetour@highlandparkpa.com.

Children's Committee

Rachel Matos

Hello friends in Highland Park! It has been great to meet so many children (and their grown-ups) at this past year's two phenomenally attended Children's Committee events! Last fall we were excited to see over 125 children (plus their adults) join us for our 1st Annual Harvest Party. The Spring Party and Egg Hunt in March were attended by an astounding 250+ children! WOW! Thanks for being there -- you made it a great time of fun and getting to know other neighborhood families!

If you were not able to join us last year, don't worry, there's more to come...

Coming up in August, watch for children's activities at The Reservoir of Jazz and at The Bryant Street Festival. Of course, we will celebrate our 2nd Annual Harvest Party when Fall days return!

Please remember these events can only happen for our children if the adults in our community join together and make them possible. So, join the smiles and good times by getting involved in the Children's Committee! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Even 1 hour of your time makes a big difference in what we are able to offer our kids!

If you would be interested in volunteering 1 hour for activities at The Reservoir of Jazz (on August 14, 21, or 28) or at The Bryant Street Festival, please call Rachel Matos at 412-361-3802 or email the Children's Committee at highlandparkchild@highlandparkpa.com.

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by Tara Merenda, Program Coordinator

If you are a Pittsburgh area homeowner who is interested in renovating your home and property, there are many options to consider: should you repair your old windows or replace them? What colors should you use when you paint the exterior? How can you increase space and maximize your natural light? How much will all of this cost?

The answers on how to invest wisely when you renovate are available through the Renovation Information NetworkSM. Renovation Information NetworkSM is a program of the non-profit Community Design Center of Pittsburgh (CDCP). The CDCP's mission is to improve the quality of life in Pittsburgh by encouraging good design of the built environment. Financial support for CDCP is provided by generous individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies.

The principal goal of Renovation Information NetworkSM is to help Pittsburgh homeowners get effective planning advice which will assist them in making investments that add value to their home and, consequently, to their surrounding neighborhood.

For more information, call 412.391.4333.



Sierra Club

Randy Francisco

Founded in 1892 by John Muir, the Sierra Club is America's oldest and largest environmental organization. The Sierra Club works at all levels, from the very local, to the international, to protect our families' health and safety, our clean air and water, and our wild places.

In Pittsburgh, through the Building Environmental Community (BEC) program, we are working to inspire and engage our neighbors, share ideas on new and creative ways to organize, and provide on-going support and training to win on regional conservation issues. BEC is about cutting through the media clutter to talk one on one with people in our communities. By reaching out to one person at a time, we have the power to make our environment an issue that decision makers cannot ignore. The BEC program is working as a catalyst and convener of a network of neighbors looking to solve local environmental problems.

Pittsburgh residents have a deep concern about air and water pollution, much of which comes from old, dirty coal-fired power plants, and automobiles. In response to this concern, the BEC campaign is focusing on protecting the health and safety of Pittsburgh-area families by reducing the air and water pollution that results from energy use and production. Currently, we are working to reduce mercury pollution from power plants, and to ensure that the federal Clean Air Act is strongly enforced.

Mercury pollution is a big problem in Pittsburgh and throughout Pennsylvania. Even small amounts of mercury can result in significant, negative effects to developing and nursing babies and small children. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently found that one in six women of childbearing age has mercury in her blood at levels high enough to pose a risk to her unborn children. Most of the mercury pollution in Pennsylvania comes from coal-fired power plants.

As the third largest emitter of mercury pollution, Pennsylvania should take the lead in reducing this toxin. We are calling on Kathleen McGinty, Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, to do the right thing and issue mercury regulations that will truly protect our families. We know we can reduce mercury pollution in Pennsylvania by 90% by 2008 – we just need the will to make it happen.

The Pittsburgh Building Environmental Community program has been very successful – in just the last few months we've talked to over 2,000 people about these issues, and collected over 1,300 to Secretary McGinty asking for strong state mercury regulations. We can win, and build an environmental community doing it, but we need your help. If you're interested in being part of the action come to a community meeting being held at the Nuin Center at 5655 Bryant St on July 28th at 7:00pm, or contact Randy Francisco at 412-802-6161 or randy.francisco@sierraclub.org. You can also visit our website at www.sierraclub.org/community/pittsburgh

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Calls to 9-1-1 and Silent Complaint Forms are two useful tools in communicating information about criminal activity to police. When calling 9-1-1 or filling out the Silent Complaint Form it, is important to include as much description as possible.

If you have any questions or need a form or would like to be a Block Watch Captain, please call Jan Stayianos 412-363-8208.



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