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October 2012
Community Council Newsletter
As I ride in the car on a weekend getaway to Washington DC, I marvel at the leaves changing as we pass through Donegal and Somerset. I am not a big fan of the turnpike (it is a control issue) but this time of year, I really do enjoy it. For those of you who had doubts we would see any color this fall due to the long hot summer and drought that followed, I can ease your worries. The leaves have begun to change and they look like they are going to be spectacular in areas.

I love visiting DC. Good shopping, great food and time with close friends have always made our stay a pleasant one. I have been toiling with the idea of starting a travel column in the newsletter for some time now. It will actually be more of a food and wine column, with moments of travel mixed in, if I stay true to my nature. This trip might be the catalyst that gets that dream off the ground since the restaurant we are going to Saturday night has a Pittsburgh connection.

For now, I have to focus on my first Letter from the President for the newsletter. Unfortunately, all that keeps running through my mind is that Eric has left BIG shoes to fill.

I, like most of you, have thoroughly enjoyed his adventures in Highland Park over the past three years. Only Eric can turn a simple trip to the mailbox into an endearing story full of laughter, embarrassment and learning. Eric’s letters were only one of many generous things he shared with the Board and the community. I have learned a great deal from him and hope that I can be as fair and open minded as he was during his tenure. Looking back on the last three years, I take great pride in all that we have accomplished as a Board.

At our last meeting, we said a fond farewell to three of our Board members and welcomed three more. My heartfelt thanks go out to Al Mann, Nancy Arnold and Sarah Trbovic for their dedicated service to the community. I would like to welcome Vernon Simmons, Janine Seale and Christine Adams to the Board. Each of our talented Board members brings a unique perspective to the group. I look forward to hearing new voices as we continue to shape this community that we love.

I know everyone’s lives are full of commitments to family, work and friends, but I invite you to spend an hour at one of the upcoming HPCC meetings to share with us your thoughts and dreams for Highland Park. Think of it as open mic minute. I would like to hear your voice too.

Monica Watt - HPCC President
Nancy Schultz reported on the progress in applying for 501(c)3 status for the HPCC. She will be sending the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation that will be needed to change the status of the organization. Members will vote on these changes at an upcoming meeting.

David Atkinson reported on the movies in the Park that occurred on the first Monday of the Summer months. It was a success, and he is working with the City to continue those next year.

Patrick Dowd, City Councilman, spoke about his recent meetings with community groups to find out what the priorities are in the neighborhoods. Recently, the Morningside Area Community Council secured a grant to study the use of the City fields (Heth and Natoli) at the request of the sports teams. The plan will be discussed at an upcoming MACC meeting, which the public is invited to attend. The study looked at other community facilities. One of the determinations is that the football and soccer games should be played on the rectangular field (Heth) and the baseball and softball games played on the diamond shaped field (Natoli).

David Hance, HPCDC President, spoke briefly about the relationship between the Community Development Corp and the HPCC. The HPCDC started as an offshoot of the HPCC to deal with development issues about 19 years ago. The CDC will be presenting information about upcoming projects at the HPCC October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next HPCC meeting is October 18, 2012 at St Andrews Church, starting at 7 pm.
Highland Park Community Council Halloween Parade

When: Sunday, October 28, 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Where: Highland Park Victorian Fountain, main entrance to the Park

Your little ghouls, goblins, princesses and princes are invited to the annual Highland Park Community Council Halloween Parade. Local children of all ages are invited to join us in costume for the Halloween parade and costume contest. Prizes will be awarded in a number of different categories and delicious snacks will be provided. The parade is being held the Sunday before Halloween, since October 31 falls on a school night and we wanted to give everyone maximum trick or treating time before bedtime. No sign-up required.

ZooBoo at the Pittsburgh Zoo

Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21 and 27 & 28
11:00am - 4:00pm

Venture through the Zoo collecting great candy, enjoying the animals, and participating in fun activities along the way. Stop by your favorite haunts - Gymkhana's Haunted hideaway and the not-so-spooky CoGo's Time Travelers Express train ride. Conjure up a frightfully fun costume for the Halloween Parade and Costume Contest at Water's Edge. Make a deliciously sweet treat at Casper's Craft Corner or get spooked at the Docent Council's Haunted House. All activities are free and are included with general admission. www.pittsburghzoo.org

Trick-or-Treat bags provided to all children 13 and under. Bags will be distributed until 3:00pm.

Costumes not required.

This year the City of Pittsburgh’s official trick-or-treating hours are from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 31st.
Carve Your Own Ceramic Pumpkin at Union Project!

Saturday, October 13, 11:30am - 3:30pm
Cost: $25/Large Pumpkin or $15/Small Pumpkin

Every fall our Ceramics Co-op members get together and make dozens of clay pumpkins. Once the pumpkins are leather-hard (meaning that they are firm to the touch, yet soft enough to be carved with a knife, just like a real pumpkin) we invite all community members to come in and carve jack-o-lanterns with us.

Once you’ve carved your pumpkin, it will be dried and fired in our kiln to almost 2000 degrees. When you pick it up a week later, it will be a permanent jack-o-lantern, safe for inside and outside use.

Reserve your spot today!
www.unionproject.org/Ceramics/Ceramic_Classes

National Aviary

Saturday, October 20 & 27

Hoot your way through the Aviary in your Halloween costume! Enjoy special appearances by owl ambassadors, make an awesome owl craft and visit the creepy crawly bug station. You’ll “owl” have a good time! Free with general admission.

Call 412.258.9445 for information.
Take a Bite Out of Bryant Street

The Bite of Bryant Street food tour and Bryant Street Development Phase II Ground Breaking are planned for October 25th starting at 3:00 p.m.

Bryant Street Phase II, a mixed use retail and residential development, is expected to start this month. The project will add critical building mass to the Bryant Street corridor and go a long way towards realizing the vision of a vibrant and diverse neighborhood commercial district.

The Bite of Bryant Street food tour will begin right after the ground breaking ceremony is complete. Bryant Street Market, E2, Food Glorious Food, Joseph Tambelini, Park Bruges, Park Place Pub, tazza d’oro and Teppanyaki Kyoto are all scheduled to participate! Look for the list of specials from each location on the HPCC website at highlandparkcc.wordpress.com. The restaurants are expected to serve a little morsel to visitors so they can taste their cooking.

The HPCC has also been working with the Highland Park Community Development Corporation (HPCDC) and Senator Ferlo’s office to design pole banners to adorn Bryant Street for the occasion.

STATE SENATOR JIM FERLO & MAYOR LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Welcome You to Enjoy a

Bite of

October 25 • 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bryant Street – Highland Park

Join State Senator Ferlo, Mayor Ravenstahl, the Highland Park Community Development Corporation and the Highland Park Community Council as they celebrate the groundbreaking of a new mixed use building on Bryant Street and kick off the “Bite of Bryant Street.”

Come and Enjoy a Free Menu Sampling by Visiting Bryant Street’s Diverse Restaurant Community.
2 Saturdays, October 20 & 27, 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Cost: $75/person or $125/pair

Join Union Project in Partnership with East End Brewing Company as they present their 2012 Beer n’ Stein Workshop.

The first week students will glaze a stein made by one of UP’s Ceramic Artists and get the chance to build their own. The second week students will get the opportunity to drink beer from East End Brewing Company out of their completed steins while putting finishing touches on the pair to their set. Take this unique workshop alone or with friends!

Attention lovers of all things Beer and... 

With Thanks

Thank you to the many groups and individuals who volunteered their time to make the Park entry gardens and fountain gardens flourish this summer, despite the drought:

The Men’s Garden Club of Pittsburgh, AIG with Simpson & McCrady LLC, many Highland Park residents and our fearless leader, Angela Masters, horticulturist for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

We hope to see you all again next year!
Award-winning Poet to Speak at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is pleased to present its annual St. Andrew’s Lecture on Friday, October 26, at 8:00pm. The speaker is Ms. Jan Beatty, award-winning poet and director of the undergraduate creative writing program at Carlow University. She will be speaking on the present state of the literary scene in our region and will be inviting several emerging literary voices to join her in the presentation.

Jan is also the editor of “Chapter & Verse, a bi-weekly poetry featured in the Pittsburgh City Paper, and leads the “Madwomen in the Attic” poetry workshops. For the past eighteen years she has hosted and produced Prosody, a public radio program heard locally on NPR affiliate WESA-90.5 FM.

Her chapbook, Ravage, was released in May 2012 by Lefty Blondie Press and The Switching Yard will be forthcoming in 2013. Her third book, Red Sugar, was published by the University of Pittsburgh Press and was a finalist for the 2009 Paterson Poetry Prize. Her other books include Boneshaker (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2002), which was a finalist for the Milton Kessler Award; Mad River, winner of the 1994 Agnes Lynch Starrett Prize, and a limited-edition chapbook; and Ravenous, winner of the 1995 State Street Prize. Her poetry has appeared in journals such as Quarterly West, Gulf Coast, Indiana Review, and Court Green, and in anthologies published by the Oxford University Press, the University of Illinois Press, and the University of Iowa Press. She received the Creative Achievement Award in Literature from the Heinz Foundation, the Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry, and two fellowships from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. She has read her work widely, at such venues as the Los Angeles Times Book Festival and the Geraldine R. Dodge Festival.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information call (412) 661-1245.

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Sunday Morning Services
9 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Chapel
11 a.m. Choral Holy Communion
(Choral Morning Prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month)
Nursery Care, 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, Church School and Youth Programs, Sunday Mornings, 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Service
Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Rector’s Bible Study 11:15 a.m. - Noon

Choral Evensong
First Thursday of the Month, 8 p.m.
Third Sunday of the Month, 4:30 p.m.
The Pittsburgh Camerata and Artistic Director Rebecca Rollett present an original play within a choral concert titled “Apollo Unbound.”

The setting is Modern American English Renaissance. The leading character is a fictitious Renaissance composer trying to find his muse and write the perfect choral piece. Our hero needs a choir to provide inspiration and assistance and he finds one in The Pittsburgh Camerata. He also needs a vehicle to address his audience—whom he expects to be all of England as well as those in front of him—and he finds one in a live-streaming webcam.

Rebecca Rollett commissioned playwright Patrick Shaw to write this light-hearted play and engaged Michelle Sutherland, John Wells Directing Fellow in the School of Drama at Carnegie Mellon University, to direct the action. Local actors David Santiago and Adam Hagenbuch will appear as the Renaissance composer and son. The Pittsburgh Camerata will sing Renaissance choral music by William Mundy, Robert Parsons, Thomas Tallis, and Thomas Tomkins as they attempt to help the protagonist write the perfect piece of choral music.

Founded in 1974, the Pittsburgh Camerata is a professional chamber choir dedicated to performances distinguished by imaginative programming in intimate settings. The ensemble’s ongoing activities include a 9-concert public subscription series presented throughout the greater Pittsburgh area.

For additional information, call the Pittsburgh Camerata or visit their web site at www.pittsburghcamerata.org.
An Announcement from the HPCC Welcoming Committee

If you are new to the neighborhood, we would like to say, “Welcome”. The HPCC, has a great Highland Park canvas sack filled with helpful information about the neighborhood. One of our Board members often includes a home made goodie so that you will feel at home in Highland Park. Please email me at nancyschultz13@gmail.com and I will be happy to drop off your Welcome Bag.

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