So the other week my next door neighbor, Melita, and I are chatting out front when she casually says, “Maybe we should figure out how to throw a block party this summer.” Long-time readers of my articles will not be surprised to learn that I jumped at this opportunity. The good folks in Patrick Dowd’s office have steered me towards the city permit regulations, and for a mere $25, it seems, we can gain license to block off the street for a day and, within reason, do whatever we want. Very exciting… now comes the work. Picking a date, announcements. Going door-to-door with posters, getting people to sign up to drag their grills out front, and so on. I think on my dad’s block, they had a committee (or set of committees) to work these things out… I guess we’ll learn as we go.

As winter fades and my indentured servitude to Little League begins in earnest, I am beginning to pine for summer. Now, in addition to the anticipated bliss of the end of the Little League season and a summer with blessedly less travel than the insane schedules of the last few summers, we’re going to have a block party. Bring on the burgers and dogs! Bring on the music! Set up the sprinklers! Who’s got “The Electric Slide”?!?! Just thinking about it is enough to make me smile.

I hope you are enjoying the additional sunshine and the warmer weather and the greatest little neighborhood Pittsburgh has to offer. Speaking of great neighborhoods, Highland Park was featured in the latest issue of Shady Ave magazine. I apologize to those of you who went searching for places to buy a copy after I sent out an announcement to the ListServ - it turns out there isn’t anywhere you can go and just buy a copy. But the wonderful folks at Shady Ave were kind enough to give us an electronic version that we could post to the HPC website, www.highlandparkcc.wordpress.com.

Feel free to check it out - I was ready to burst with pride after reading the whole thing. My hat is off to writer Jennifer Bails and photographer (and HP resident!) Melody Farrin, who lovingly captured our neighborhood’s beauty and charm in an issue that had an almost embarrassing number of pages devoted to 15206. Gotta love it...

Enjoy yourself, Highland Parkers - I hope to see you around!

Eric D. Randall, HPCC President
On February 17, two suspects were apprehended. The Zone has also had success fighting drugs in the area. The warm weather has increased activity throughout the city. He reminds everyone to lock-up their home and car and keep your outside lights on at night. All emergency and non-emergency calls, including noise complaints, should go through 911.

Mikana Maeda, an intern from ELDI, spoke about the 4th Annual Negley Run Blvd. Clean-up on March 31.

Brenda Smith and Sara Madden spoke about the Clean River Campaign. They gave a storm and wastewater presentation that included a general overview of the problems in Pittsburgh as well as offered solutions that homeowners can implement. The solutions included rain barrels, rain gardens and a discussion about Flexi-Pave.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews church on Hampton St. We will feature Highland Park’s neighborhood schools with Ms. Lamar, Principal of Dilworth School, and Mr. Bivins, Principal of Fulton School, as our guest speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
The Bucs are playing ball, winter gives way to Spring— and we move on here in Highland Park and at St. Andrew’s and in the Church Calendar from Lent to Easter-tide. Blessings in the season!

A special invitation in this month to services of Choral Evensong sung by St. Andrew’s Schola Cantorum on Sunday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m., with the Rev. Benjamin Wright of Trinity School for Ministry as Guest Preacher, and on Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m., followed by a musical recital and a festive springtime reception in Brooks Hall.

And listen in the neighborhood this month for SINGING PANTHERS! The highly-regarded Heinz Chapel Choir, the premier a capella choral ensemble of the University of Pittsburgh, under the direction of John Goldsmith, will have their annual turn as Guest Choir at the 11 a.m. service at St. Andrew’s on Sunday morning, April 22. Always a great time!

And a reminder that Sunday, May 6, will be the annual Pittsburgh Marathon. For those of the parish and neighborhood who may be running in one of the Marathon Day events, or volunteering, or cheering for friends and family, or simply hoping to avoid Sunday morning traffic adventures, a simple service of Holy Communion will be offered that weekend at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5. (Sunday morning services for non-runners who can find their way to Highland Park will continue at the usual times of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.)

St. Andrew’s, in the 5800 block of Hampton Street, has been at the heart of this neighborhood of Highland Park for over a century now. If you have a pastoral concern we can help with - a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, a sick or shut-in family member or neighbor who would appreciate a visit and a blessing, a family to comfort at the time of the death of a loved one - or if you simply would like to borrow a table or find some space for a family gathering too large for your living room, please feel free to give our Church Office a call at 412-661-1245 or check us on the web, www.standrewspgh.org.

We’re always glad to hear from you.
There will also be multiple live bands performing and sign making stations for the kids… or adults who want to show their spirit of creativity.

Highland Park is around the 20th mile of the race, so some runners will be hitting “the wall” and need extra encouragement. This is our opportunity to cheer them onto the finish line as they come up Highland Avenue, turn onto Bryant Street and continue down Negley Avenue.

Our neighborhood is an important mile marker in this race, so mark your calendar for the morning of May 6. Join the celebration on Brant Street and cheer on thousands of tired, and maybe some familiar, feet.

You can find more information about the Marathon, road closures and course maps at www.pittsburghmarathon.com.
A Letter From Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is here, and Pittsburgh is blooming greener than ever. Though it can be hard to stay motivated through the winter, we have worked on finding greener ways to improve the way we run our City.

Over the last few months, we have upgraded 3,700 business district streetlights to brighter, cleaner, cost-efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights - an improvement that is anticipated to reduce the City’s energy usage by more than 60 percent and save taxpayers approximately $110,000 per year; begun the development of “Green Central,” a centralized space where residents and City employees will have easy access to information related to everything green; purchased new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) waste haulers, set to run quieter, cleaner and more efficiently than ever on trash day; and assisted with the weatherization of 70 homes for City residents. And they are just a few recent accomplishments. There are many projects currently in the works that will keep Pittsburgh as a leader in sustainability, including increasing our recycling program and development of the Civic LEAF Academy.

This month, in honor of Earth Day, I invite you to celebrate the preservation of our planet all week with the City’s first-ever Earth Market, April 23 - 27, in Market Square, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Not only will you learn about Pittsburgh’s sustainability efforts, but you can stock up on resources to help your greening projects all year long. Also, don’t miss this year’s annual Earth Day celebration in Frick Park on Saturday, April 21.

If your green organization would like to participate in our Earth Market, or you would like more green-related information, please contact the City’s Sustainability Coordinator at 412-255-2254. I also encourage you to sign up for an electronic copy of the Green Scene, the Office of Sustainability and Energy Efficiency’s new newsletter that provides valuable resources and information about Pittsburgh’s push toward a greener future. Go to pittsburghpa.gov/green and click on “Sign up for email updates” to subscribe to the Green Scene.

Creating a sustainable City is a collaborative effort that balances protection, preservation, maintenance and innovation. I am proud that Pittsburgh provides a great quality of life for our residents, and I look forward to working with residents, as well as the public and private sectors, to ensure a green, sustainable, most livable future for our City.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh
Retail stores and restaurants aren’t the only places offering valuable discounts to seniors these days. The commonwealth provides discounts to seniors for a variety of state services, ranging from driver services to recreational activities. Here are just a few that you should take advantage of:

**Reduced Automobile Registrations**

PennDOT offers retired Pennsylvanians earning less than $19,200 annually a reduced automobile registration rate of $10, compared to the normal $36.

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**Low-cost Prescriptions Available Through PACE/PACENET**

PACE, PACENET and PACE Plus Medicare are Pennsylvania’s prescription assistance programs for older adults, offering low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents 65 and older.

**PACE - Who is Eligible:**

To be eligible for PACE, you must be 65 or older, a Pennsylvania resident for at least 90 days before applying, and you cannot be enrolled in the Department of Public Welfare’s Medicaid prescription benefit. For a single person, your total income must be $14,500 or less. For a married couple, your combined total income must be $17,700 or less.

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Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Some of the best experiences our state has to offer happen in the great outdoors. The state Fish and Boat and state Game commissions make it a little easier on the wallet for seniors to fish and hunt.

Older Pennsylvanians may purchase yearly hunting and fishing licenses at reduced rates of $13.70 for a hunting license and $11.70 for a fishing license. Lifetime licenses are also available at $51.70 for hunting or fishing.

If you purchased a senior lifetime license before Jan. 1, 1991, you are not required to purchase a trout stamp. If you purchased one afterward, a trout stamp is $9.70.

You can find more information on how to purchase a fishing license online, the latest stocking guides, fishing information by your region and much more, by visiting the Fish and Boat Commission website at www.fish.state.pa.us.

Game news, state game lands maps, and other helpful resources are also available on the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, www.pgc.state.pa.us.

Pennsylvania State Parks

Do you enjoy getting away in the great outdoors? Looking for something fun to do with the grandkids? Pennsylvania has 117 state parks that are considered the best in the nation and many include electric sites and modern bathhouses.

Seniors 62 and older are eligible for a $4.50 discount off the normal campsite price. You can find your closest state park, prices, and other frequently asked questions, as well as make a reservation at www.dcnr.state.pa.us. Reservations can also be made by calling 1-888-PA-PARKS.

Please contact my office, 208 N. Highland Ave.; 412-361-3692, for more information on these or any state-related issue.

Highland Park Super Playground Clean-up Day Saturday, May 5th

Join us for a fun family day of spreading the safety mulch at the Super Playground. We also need volunteers to help pull weeds and pick-up sticks - no amount of help is too small!

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Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.-12 noon — Representative Dom Costa will be holding a

Shredding and eWaste Recycling Event at
St. Raphael’s parking Lot at 1154 Chislett Street. Bring All documents you no longer need that contain personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and bank account numbers, etc. Accepted eWaste includes desktop and laptop computers, computer accessories, TV’s, VCR’s, Cell Phones, etc. Free and open to the public. 412-361-2040 for more information.

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Join Us
District 2’s (Highland Park, Morningside, and parts of the North Side) newly elected school board member, Dr. Regina Holley, will be conducting a meeting of PPS stakeholders. Dr. Holley is committed to accountability and welcomes the opportunity to hear the concerns and questions that the residents of District 2 have regarding our public schools. All parents, students, teachers and taxpayers welcome.

When: 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012
Where: Obama International Baccalaureate High School (old Reizenstein building)
What: Introduction, Meet the Principals in District 2 and Question/Answer
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