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The fire truck was a big hit at the Bryant Street Festival.
The HPCC Yard Sale and Bryant Street Festival kicked off high season in Highland Park. We started the season in good form this year with a record number of 170 homes officially participating in the yard sale! Volunteers handed out 1,169 maps/listings to visitors in the neighborhood and the website had 956 visitors on Sunday and 2,516 visitors for the week leading up to the sale.

Not to be outdone, the festival drew the largest crowd yet. Fun for everyone in the family, it seems to get better each year. The addition of the fire truck was a huge hit entertaining kids both young and old.

I want to thank everyone in the neighborhood who participated in the day’s events, especially Paul Miller, HPCC Treasurer and head of the Yard Sale and Kelly Vitti and Bob Starsnick, the HPCC Board Members who organize the Bryant Street Festival. I’d also like to thank the Zone 5 police officers who spent the afternoon visiting with neighbors and for keeping us safe.

Next up on the neighborhood calendar is the Children’s Fourth of July Bike Parade. Look for more information on the HPCC website and ListServ as the date gets closer.

On another subject, I want to ask you for your help with something. I was recently asked by Deb Gross’ office to submit a top 10 wish list for the neighborhood for possible inclusion in the City’s 2016 capital budget. I shared the request with the HPCC board and the HPCDC and submitted the following:

1. Heth’s Run Ecological and Recreational Restoration Project (Including Lower Heth’s multi-use soccer/football field)
2. Improved Lighting on N. Highland Avenue
3. Improved Lighting on Bryant Street
4. Replacement of the Highland Park Super Playground (The wooden playground is 24 years old and beginning to age)
5. Restoration of the Hawthorne Grove Overlook (Including relocating the current DPW storage area)
6. Refurbish the Swimming Pool Area and Repaving the Pool/OLEA Parking Lot (Including pool seating areas for families)
7. Intersection Review of One Wild Place and Mellon Street at Bunker Hill for a Stop Sign (Reviewed in 2013 with no conclusive data shared with the neighborhood)
8. Add 4-way Crosswalks at the Main Entrance to Highland Park
9. Completion of the Restoration of the Entrance to Highland Park (Including new sidewalks and proper cross walks to the fountain area)
10. Targeted Funding for Slumlord Property Buyouts

Here is where you come in. I’d like to hear what your top 10 list for the neighborhood includes. It’s not too late. The City is hosting Deliberative Community Budget Forums to provide a way for residents to share their ideas about what is most important. The forums are open to every resident of Pittsburgh and the next one is Monday, June 22 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Southside Market House, 1 Bedford Square, 15203.

At the forum you can learn more about how city budgets are developed and have your voice heard. If you cannot attend, email me your suggestions so I can keep a pulse on what is important to the neighborhood.

I’d love to hear from you.

Monica Watt
HPCC President
HPCC May Meeting Minutes

Monica Watt, HPCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

Jason Lando, Zone 5 Commander, spoke about the latest crimes in Zone 5. The police are holding an open house at the Zone 5 station on Thursday May 28th. All are welcome.

Karen Arnold, Pittsburgh Fulton Principal, spoke about the construction that will take place at the school starting in June. An elevator will be added to the interior of the school. The annual tour of the school takes place on May 27th at 9 a.m.

Paul Miller let everyone know that there is still time to sign up to participate in the Yard Sale.

Several Girl Scouts completed their Silver Award project and presented them to the community. Maeve Denshaw (First Aid classes for Pets), Maighread Southard-Wray (Elephant Conservation Education) and Katarina Mondor (Rainbow Loom Creation and Marketing class) spoke and answered questions about their leadership projects.

Susan Rademacher (Pgh Parks Conservancy), Mike Gable (Dept. of Public Works) and Andrea Ketzel (Landscape Architect with Dept. of Public Works) presented a plan for the Off-Lease Exercise Area proposed for Highland Park. The location is across from the City swimming pool, and work is projected to start in late summer or early fall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Reminder that there is no July HPCC meeting. The next meeting will be August 20th at St. Andrew’s Church.
These days you only need to take a stroll down Bryant Street to notice the major transformations that are underway in Highland Park. New shops and restaurants are popping up steps away from old favorites. Modern dwellings are rising up just blocks from historic homes being restored to their original glory.

It’s time to celebrate our renaissance as one of Pittsburgh’s premier neighborhoods. That prized status was made possible in no small part due to the vision of bold entrepreneurs who saw a niche to fill in our vibrant community.

This new, ongoing feature will help you get to know the people behind the businesses making Highland Park a destination for foodies, fun seekers, and fashionistas.

“My wife Amy grew up in Stanton Heights and has run La Perla boutique in Oakmont for years,” says Stuart. The building’s landlord made that connection and approached them with the idea of setting up shop in Highland Park.

“His argument was convincing enough to get me off the couch to open up a second business,” he recalls.

The renovation was no small affair—taking nearly a year to complete. Stuart feels that the process was a smooth one. “We combined our talents to create a retail environment that we thought would be right for the neighborhood.”
Bryant Street Limited opened its doors just in time for the 2013 holidays with a handpicked selection of women’s contemporary clothing, jewelry, and accessories.

“Our lines are created exclusively for boutiques,” Stuart explains. “We strive to give our customers the highest quality for the best price.”

Shoppers browsing this spring and summer will find a breezy selection of florals, prints, and easy-to-wear basics in comfortable fabrics like linen. The store has recently added shoes to its offerings with sandals, peep-toes, flats, and even sneakers. (Image provided)

The boutique’s location and creative buying converge to appeal to a diverse market. The jewelry, some of which is sourced from local artisans, brings in a unique mix of customers. “We have 20-year-olds shopping our collections next to 80-year-olds,” he says.

Less than two years after opening the landmark retail store on Bryant Street, Stuart is positive about the ongoing development in the area. “The restaurants have been a huge driving force in creating this cool destination street and I’m excited to see how other new businesses will continue that progress.”

The shopkeeper couldn’t be more pleased that he answered that fortuitous knock. “We’ve been truly happy with our investment here and want to thank the people of Highland Park for supporting us from the beginning.”

**Bryant Street Limited**
5910 Bryant Street
Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bike Safety Tips for Summer

The recently formed Highland Park/East Liberty Bike/Ped Committee is an organization of neighbors who are brainstorming and advocating for bike and pedestrian planning in the neighborhood.

Here are some helpful tips to stay safe this summer... and all year long!

**BIKE SAFETY HAND SIGNALS**

**HOW TO MAKE A TURN**

Bike in the lane that is the furthest to the right in the direction you are traveling.

**Right Turn:**
- Be in the right lane
- Look to make sure it is safe to turn
- Signal for a right turn
- Look again
- Make the right turn

**Left Turn:**
- Be in the right most lane that is turning left
- Look to make sure it is safe to turn
- Signal for a left turn
- Look again
- Make the left turn

You can learn more about the group on their Facebook page at:

Highland Parker and Pittsburgh Parks Curator Receives Top Honor

*Courtesy of PopCity*

Thanks to her role as parks curator for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Susan Rademacher will receive one of the highest national honors from the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The ASLA bestows the honorary member title on those who’ve provided notable service to the profession of landscape architecture. Since its founding in 1899, the society has granted honorary membership to only 176 recipients, including former President Jimmy Carter, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Robert Redford and Ladybird Johnson.

Since joining the conservancy in 2007, Rademacher has served as the project leader for the recent renovation of Downtown’s Mellon Square and wrote the 2014 Princeton Architectural Press book *Mellon Square: Discovering a Modernist Masterpiece*.

Rademacher was editor in chief of Landscape Architecture magazine from 1984 to 1987 and was a founding editor of Garden Design magazine. She served as both president of Louisville’s Olmsted Parks Conservancy and assistant director of Louisville’s Metro Parks Department from 1991 to 2007.

As parks curator for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Rademacher has completed master planning and project design for the Walled Garden in Mellon Park and Mary Schenley Memorial Fountain. She is currently working on Cliffside Park renovations; master plans for Arsenal Park, Leslie Park, and McKinley Park; Heth’s Run in Highland Park; and the Northeast Fountain in Allegheny Commons.

Highland Park Voted #1 Neighborhood in the City

*Courtesy of Pittsburgh Mommy Blog*

An excerpt from the post is below. For the full post go to [http://pittsburghmommyblog.com](http://pittsburghmommyblog.com).

Highland Park: Highland Park received the most number of votes (by far) for most family-friendly neighborhood in the city. The neighborhood has some obvious perks including wide, tree-lined streets; gorgeous architecture; the Bryant Street Business District with several great restaurants (Smiling Banana Leaf for Thai, Park Bruges for poutine and E2 for brunch); a neighborhood coffee shop; Highland Park with the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, a community pool with a large baby pool, the impressive Super Playground and a number of great wooded trails. Community members also noted neighborliness, pet-friendliness, the family events hosted by the Highland Park Community Council, the Highland Park list-serve and Facebook group, walkability, bikeability and accessibility to shopping at Target, Trader Joe’s, Whole Foods and other East Liberty destinations.

According to PGHSNAP, Highland Park has some unique features (when compared to the city of Pittsburgh as a whole) including higher median income, higher level of education, greater percentage of young children and a higher per capita park space. Also, a greater percentage of residents use public transportation or bike to work. Finally, the housing values have risen to a greater degree with a median home value of $167,400 in 2010.

Here is another post that might interest you: [http://pittsburghmommyblog.com/2015/05/21/2015-summer-in-pittsburgh-family-guide/](http://pittsburghmommyblog.com/2015/05/21/2015-summer-in-pittsburgh-family-guide/)
Summertime in Highland Park!
Afternoons at the pool, Jazz on Sunday afternoons... what could be better?

Sunday services at St. Andrew’s during June, July and August follow a summer schedule, with one service at 10 a.m. Cool refreshments and conversation follow each service - and don’t forget to check out the treasures available at our annual Summer Used Book Sale, in Brooks Hall.

While our full Choir is taking a bit of a summer break, the services each Sunday will include the singing of service music and hymns and musical offerings by a variety of vocal soloists, choral ensembles, and instrumentalists. During the summer as well, our children’s programs are also “on vacation,” but on occasional Sundays we are able to schedule a Children’s Chapel during a portion of the service hour. Nursery Care is always available for infants and younger children.

St. Andrew’s with our Choir, Choristers, and Troubadours offering opportunities for learning and expression in sacred music for children, youth, and adults, and our highly regarded Children’s “Godly Play” and “Tween” and Youth Group programs, our midweek services and adult Bible Studies, etc., will all resume our regular fall schedule on our “Round Up Sunday,” September 13 - a day traditionally celebrated with a Parish Picnic in the Hampton Street Churchyard. All are invited!

St. Andrew’s has been on the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue, at the heart of the Highland Park neighborhood, for more than a century. If there is a pastoral need that we can help with - a baby to be baptized, a wedding to celebrate, a sick or shut-in friend or neighbor to be visited, a family to support at the time of a death - please feel free to be in touch. Or if you need to find some space for a meeting or family gathering, or to borrow a few chairs: we’ll be glad to help if we can. Call us at 412 661-1245, check us out on the web at www.standrewspgh.org, and “Like” us on Facebook (search for “St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Highland Park.”)
Citipark’s Cinema in the Park features family friendly movies on the third Monday of each month this summer. Shows start at dusk and will include:

- **June 22** - *The Hundred Foot Journey (PG)*
  The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory’s Michelin-starred eatery.

- **July 20** - *The Wizard of Oz (NR)*
  Dorothy Gale is swept away to a magical land in a tornado and embarks on a quest to see the Wizard who can help her return home.

- **August 17** - *The Princess and the Frog (G)*
  A waitress, desperate to fulfill her dreams as a restaurant owner, is set on a journey to turn a frog prince back into a human being, but she has to face the same problem after she kisses him.

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We say goodbye to a friend and long-time supporter of the HPCC newsletter who passed away this spring.

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