We had a great turnout for the children’s parade! Both young and old came out to join in the fun. My thanks to everyone who participated, especially those who answered our call for volunteers when the head of the Children’s Committee got called out of town at the last minute.

Next on the HPCC calendar is Reservoir of Jazz, FREE concerts in the park Sunday’s in August from 5-7 p.m. And this year we get a bonus concert Labor Day weekend for a total of 6 concerts!

The HPCC will be selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle again this year so remember to bring a few dollars with you to help support the cause. You might even go home a little wealthier. Last year we split $1494 one Sunday!

HPCC ROJ chairperson, Tania Grubbs, has put together a terrific line-up of artists. You can read more about them in this newsletter.

Tania is a wonderful jazz artist in her own right. She released a CD last year – Lost in the Stars, that is available for download or purchase on her website taniagrubbs.com. You can also catch her live at a number of local venues such as Andy’s at the Fairmont and James Street Galleries on the Northside.

She works tirelessly to make sure we have a well-rounded, talented group of artists each year and I am grateful for her efforts.

I also wanted to remind everyone that there is no July HPCC community meeting and since there are no meeting minutes to report, there is no August newsletter. I am still confirming the August speaker and will be sure to send a notice out to the ListServ to let everyone know.

The September meeting focuses on board nominations and elections. If you like what we do in the neighborhood and want to become more active, please reach out to myself or another board member. Every year three board members rotate off the board and three more are elected so we are always looking for neighbors who want to get involved.

Enjoy your summer!

Monica Watt
HPCC President
Melissa Jenkins and Randy George from Green Rock Fitness spoke about the importance of getting regular exercise and physical activity. They demonstrated several activities that can be done at home or the office to get folks moving on a regular basis.

Monica Watt, HPCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum present.

Jason Lando, Zone 5 Commander, introduced some of his community officers and handed out crime statistics for the past month. He also passed around a sheet for neighbors to sign up to receive his weekly community crime updates via email. Monica also sends them out to the ListServ weekly.

The HPCC will sponsor a Fourth of July Children’s Parade on Saturday July 4th, at the entrance fountain, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Kids will decorate and ride their bikes around the fountain.

Monica Watt reported that the curb bump-outs on Negley Ave at Bryant St have begun to be installed. The City has painted the lines for the bump-outs and will be installing reflective pylons in the near future.

Ray Roberts and Jake Pawlak spoke about Solarize Allegheny. This is a county-wide program to encourage folks to install solar power on their properties. The initiative is to help residents get information and competitive quotes on solar installations, and guide them thru the process.

Monica Watt spoke about the Off Lease Exercise Area proposed for the Park. The location and design have been approved and work should begin soon, with an anticipated fall opening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

A reminder that there is NO JULY MEETING. The next HPCC meeting is 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20 at St. Andrews Church, 5801 Hampton Street.
Safety Tips for Bikers:

- “In Pennsylvania, a bicycle is considered a vehicle, and you must obey all of the laws that apply to other vehicles.” www.pacommutes.com/biking/safety-and-laws/
- Front and rear/side reflectors are required by law when you are biking at night
- Always yield to pedestrians
- Wear a helmet that is fit snugly to your head

Safety Tips for Cars:

- Drivers must allow 4 feet of room when passing a cyclist. This is called the Four Foot rule. “Effective April 2, 2012, motorists must allow at least four feet between your vehicle and a bicycle for the vehicle to safely pass the bicycle, and motorists should pass at a careful and prudent reduced speed. When safe to do so, it is legal to cross the center double yellow line if necessary to provide the required four feet when passing a bicycle.
- Also, no turn by the driver of a motor vehicle shall interfere with a bicyclist proceeding straight on a roadway or shoulder.” www.justdrivepa.org/Resources/Bicycle-Laws-and-Safety-Tips-for-Motorists.pdf
- Be predictable by using your turn signals
- Obey posted speed limits
- Drivers must wait until it is clear and safe to open their car door (the radius of where the car door opens into the traffic lane is known as the door zone and is a hazardous area.)

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Look where you are going

Breath and keep your chest open

Be predictable

Be visible by wearing bright clothing and/or reflective wear

Carry tools to change a flat tire and/or money for the bus.

Do the ABC Quick Check before you ride to make sure your bike is safe:
- A is for Air
- B is for Brakes
- C is for Cranks and Chain
- Quick is for Quick Releases
- Check is for a full check by doing a short once around ride

4 FEET PLEASE
IT’S THE LAW
Join us Sunday afternoons from August 2 – September 6 (Labor Day), 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the entrance to Highland Park for Reservoir of Jazz – FREE concerts in the park.

Pack a picnic and relax on the lawn, to the sounds of Pittsburgh’s finest jazz musicians. This year’s line-up is sure to please. Bring a few dollars for the 50/50 raffle and take advantage of the HPCC Children’s Committee activities.

August 2  Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra
August 9  Boilermaker Jazz Band
August 16 Jeff Berman & Blink
August 23 Elevations
August 30 D.T.C. ORGAN TRIO (Wilson/Barnes/Throckmorton)
September 6 Etta Cox – Bonus Labor Day Weekend Concert!
PITTSBURGH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

The Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra (PJO), a resident orchestra of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, celebrates Pittsburgh’s rich jazz history in the here and now by uniting Pittsburgh jazz musicians of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to perform the broad scope jazz styles in an orchestral format.

Founded by the legendary Nathan Davis, PJO has been revived under the artistic direction of trumpet master Sean Jones. Mr. Jones has gathered 17 of Pittsburgh’s finest jazz soloists and ensemble players, to realize his dream — a Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra reborn with help of the Multicultural Arts Initiative, August Wilson Center and Duquesne University.

BOILERMAKER JAZZ BAND

The Band interprets the great American song book in their own unique fashion, bringing the swinging sounds of the jazz age back to life.

Leading the Boilermaker Jazz Band on clarinet and vocals is Paul Cosentino, a full time bandleader/performer who founded the band in 1988 at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Paul plays an antique Albert system clarinet giving him a wonderfully distinctive sound.

The band also features fabulous female singer Jennifer McNulty who will thrill you with her smooth and sultry vocal stylings. From bar room ballads and not-so-standard standards to hot and bubblin’ swing, Jennie’s performances add a touch of sophistication to the Boilermaker ensemble.
JEFF BERM & BLINK

BLINK transforms the limitless possibilities of harmony, and the melody of rhythm, into a personal and ambitious performance language. The result is an unpredictable and subversive working of these influences into their dialogue of vibes-saxophone-bass-and-drums. BLINK is Jeff Berman – vibes, Erik Lawrence – sax, Jeff Grubbs – bass and Dave Throckmorton – drums.

Jeff Berman is a multi-instrumentalist, improvising artist, composer, and producer whose work reflects his global musical vision. A native of NYC now living in Pittsburgh, his genre-extending concept on vibraphone, mountain dulcimer, percussion, and drums has allowed him to collaborate, across stylistic, and cultural, boundaries, with a diverse group of artists from across the planet. Josef Woodward has described his music as “worldly folk-jazz”, Jazziz magazine has written “…hypnotic vibes work…Berman not only play vibes, he sounds like he created the instrument”, the Los Angeles Times wrote “Berman bends a chord or strums his Appalachian dulcimer to stunning effect”, and Bill Milkowski has called Jeff’s writing “…hauntingly beautiful…”.

ELEVATIONS

The Pittsburgh-native group is quickly gaining a reputation for being one of the most exciting and unique groups in the young generation of today.

Their music is firmly rooted in the jazz tradition with a blend of diverse influences. Each member started their musical journey at a very young age and comes from different musical backgrounds. It is this diversity paired with musical exploration and intensity that creates the intriguing sound of Elevations.

Elevations consists of founding members and rhythm section Brett Williams, Anton DeFade, and George Heid III in addition to the horn section of Michael Stephenson and Benny Benack III.

**D.T.C. ORGAN TRIO**

D.T.C. is a musical collective formed by musicians David “Throck” Throckmorton on drums, Dan Wilson on guitar, and Cliff Barnes on organ. The group was formed in the winter of 2014 when the trio played one unrehearsed show and discovered a rare and exciting chemistry. D.T.C. plays a variety of different genres due to varied musical palettes. These include, jazz, funk, gospel, R&B, Brazilian music, Afro-Cuban, Blues, Pop, and many other styles.

Each band member is a professional musician by trade. All three musicians bring a vast amount of experience to the table, having shared the stage with a multitude of artists spanning across many different genres.

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**ETTA COX**

Etta Cox has been voted “Best Jazz Vocalist” in Pittsburgh for 8 consecutive years and has received the Harry Schwalb Award For Excellence in the Arts, was selected as one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Pittsburgh by Pittsburgh Magazine, voted Performer of the Year by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, received Talk Magazine’s 2008 Walt Harper All that Jazz Award, 2001 Arts and Letters Award from the YWCA and Lifetime Achievement Award from Covenant Church on the Hill for 2008.

Ms. Cox was the co-host of the television talk show CITYLIFE for eight years. She and Al Dowe have been performing not only in the Pittsburgh area but New York, Atlantic City and Key West Florida. They were also the co-owners of the popular jazz club DOWE’S ON 9TH. They have opened for such names as Ray Charles, Doc Severinson, David Brenner, Debbie Reynolds, Donald O’Connor, Danny Glover, Ossie Davis, Mavis Staples, Mark Murphy and Allen Harris.

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**Note:** Inclement weather may cause concert cancellations. In the event of concert cancellations, a recorded message will play on the concert hotline (412) 255-2493, and a message will appear at the top of the HPCC website.

Reservoir of Jazz is made possible (in part) thanks to your Highland Park Community Council membership.
Saturday Special: Oakland Walking Tour

Saturday, July 25, 2015 • 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Meeting location: Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, main entrance, 4141 Fifth Avenue
Advance paid reservations required: marylu@phlf.org; 412-471-5808, ext. 527
Limited to 30 people

Our tour of the Oakland Civic Center includes visits to Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, Mellon Institute, and Central Catholic. Representatives from each organization will lead our group on a guided tour of interior spaces. PHLF’s Executive Director Louise Sturgess will provide information on the development of the Oakland Civic Center into a thriving, 21st-century center of education, healthcare, and culture.

"Downtown’s Best" Walking Tour Every Thursday through August

9:45 a.m. Start Time
Advance paid reservations are required: marylu@phlf.org; 412-471-5808, ext. 527
PHLF members: $18 per person (including Whirlwind Walk guidebook)
Nonmembers: $20 per person
Tour fee includes PHLF’s Whirlwind Walk guidebook

Tour the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh any Thursday through August, and see more than 25 architectural landmarks, spectacular interiors, and significant urban spaces. Participants meet at 9:45 a.m. at the corner of Grant Street and Fourth Avenue. The walking tour begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. and ends around Noon in PPG Place. Advance paid reservations are required. Many tours are now offered in Pittsburgh, but if your interest is local history and architecture, this simply is “the best.”

FREE Downtown Walking Tours Every Friday in July

Penn-Liberty Cultural District Walking Tour
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Meeting location: Katz Plaza, Penn Avenue and Seventh Street.
Reservations appreciated: marylu@phlf.org; 412-471-5808, ext. 527
AROUND ST. ANDREW’S

By Bruce Robison, Rector

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.”

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Weeding Wednesday’s

Help us keep the entrance gardens beautiful! Please join us at the Park fountain anytime between 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come for a few minutes, or 2 hours. All are welcome.

July 29
August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23

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