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A Letter from the President

Walking the Neighborhood

With the house tour planned for May 7th, the Saturday of Mother’s Day weekend, the HPCC House Tour Committee has been meeting every Sunday morning to plan the event and spend time walking around the neighborhood looking at houses for the tour. During our walks, we have met many wonderful neighbors and continue to be amazed at the friendliness and generosity of our community.

Participating in the house tour is a wonderful way to give back to the neighborhood, whether it is by opening up your home on the day of the tour, volunteering in a home or by buying tickets when they go on sale in a month or so. It is a fundraiser for the HPCC and a great way to get involved.

During our walks, we have played with countless dogs, cleaned up trash along the way and even came across an abandoned car that we were able to have towed the next day. It got me thinking that we need to do more door knocking and personal outreach throughout the year to make sure our message is getting out there and to see if there are any issues you may have that we can help with.

With that in mind, I would like to make you an offer. If you have any concerns or just want to chat about the neighborhood in general, please just let me know. I will stop by with a few HPCC Board members to hear your ideas or concerns first hand. You have my number – don’t be shy.

I also wanted to say a few words about the OLEA that is still under construction.

In case there is any confusion, the OLEA is not open yet. DPW has made great progress this winter and while the fencing may look complete, they are still waiting on several panels to arrive so they can complete construction. There is some temporary chain link fence in place to keep the area closed, but it might be 6-8 weeks before the additional fencing arrives. There are also gaps under some of the fence that still need to be addressed as smaller dogs may be able to escape through them.

To keep people from using the OLEA before it is made safe for both you and your pets, DPW has temporarily padlocked the gate.

In the short time that people were using it before the gates were locked, it became evident that the high traffic areas need some sort of reinforcement. The current plan is to add wood chips near the entrance and as a transition zone after entering the park. Once open and used regularly, they will have to evaluate if any other changes are needed. In the meantime, please be patient as we are almost there.

Monica Watt
HPCC President
The apartments in the new building on Bryant Street are ready for rental and the retail area on the first floor has parties interested in opening stores.

Kristin Saunders from City Planning office presented information on bike lanes along Negley Avenue between Howe and Stanton Avenue. In addition, there are plans to add bike lanes on One Wild Place when it is repaved later this year.

Bob Staresinic and Rudy Maceyko briefly spoke about the email ListServ.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. The next HPCC meeting is 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 17, at St. Andrews Church, 5801 Hampton St.

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HPCC January Meeting Minutes

Monica Watt, HPCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Kim Stanley, Zone 5 Community Resource Officer who transferred from Zone 1, introduced herself to the group and crime statistics were distributed.

Corey Buckner from the Mayor’s office updated us on the rental registration legislation that passed in December. 1-2 unit owner-occupied homes are exempt. This legislation is to allow the City to better track rental units and building violations. Mr. Buckner also briefly spoke about PA Serves (services for veterans), the Citizens Police Academy and Solarize Allegheny.

David Hance, Highland Park Community Development Corp. President, spoke about the past, present and future projects that the organization has been working on.
The Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is a UN treaty signed by President Carter in 1979; but never ratified by Congress.

The purpose of the Cities for CEDAW campaign is to “make the global local” by harnessing the power of cities and promoting the adoption of CEDAW as a municipal ordinance in order to create a framework for improving the status of women and girls.

Supported at the June 2014 US Conference of Mayors, Cities for CEDAW will work with elected officials, the media, business, youth, NGOs, faith communities and women leaders to improve the lives of women and girls.

Why do we need this in Pittsburgh?

- A white woman in Pittsburgh earns 73 cents on the dollar compared with similarly employed men. A black woman makes 64 cents and a Latina woman just 55 cents compared to similarly employed men.
- About 4000 protection from abuse orders are issued annually in Allegheny County
- Pennsylvania ranks 48th on the Women in Elected Office Index:
  - 0 women in the U.S. Congress
  - 45 women out of 253 state legislature representatives = 17.8%
  Of those, only 9 are women of color.

By Edith Bell, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, Pittsburgh Coalition for CEDAW, and HPCC February guest speaker.

No Limits for Women
- Pittsburgh for CEDAW

What does a CEDAW City look like?

- Ending domestic homicide (San Francisco’s cross-agency response to domestic violence led to a record 44 months without a single domestic violence homicide. They are a CEDAW city.
- Gender equality in the workplace
- The elimination of human trafficking
- Gender analysis of city agencies, examining workforce, programs, and budget to ensure non-discrimination
- Family friendly workplace for working parents and caregivers with flexible hours or predictable work schedule without fear of retaliation.

The Pittsburgh Coalition for CEDAW was founded by the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, New Voices Pittsburgh and the Women and Girls Foundation. Working with the Zonta Club and the endorsement of about 30 other local groups including League of Women Voters, B-PEP, Greater Pittsburgh Business and Professional Women’s Club, American Friends Service Committee PA, Women’s Law Center, YWCA and more.

The Pittsburgh Coalition is currently working with City Council, as well as reaching out to community groups to make the public aware of the issue, seeking input on women’s issues, and to ask for their support.
Pennsylvania is eliminating registration stickers that motorists affix to their license plates starting in 2017.

The state Transportation Department anticipates the change will save more than $3.1 million in production and mailing costs in the first year.

The savings will be used to purchase automated license plate readers that permit police to scan license plates to see if the vehicle is registered and has insurance. Law enforcement agencies will have real-time electronic access to PennDOT’s database from their patrol vehicles.

State officials said registration stickers can be counterfeited, sold, affixed to dead plates or applied to plates for which they were not intended.

Under the new plan, motorists will still need to renew their registrations and have their vehicles inspected.

The last registration sticker will be issued Dec. 30. Beginning Jan. 1, motorists who renew online will be permitted to print out a registration card. About 40 percent of Pennsylvania motorists already renew their registration online, according to PennDOT officials.

PennDOT said future plans also include allowing motorists to upload their registration cards to their smartphones so they won’t have to print out a copy.

Elimination of the registration sticker was evaluated as part of a Penn State University research study, which recommended the switch. Several states have eliminated the stickers, including New Jersey (2004) and Connecticut (2006).
The Carnegie Museum of Natural History commissioned Lucas Markantone to carefully restore the iconic sculpture of the Diplodocus Carnegii dinosaur on the grounds of the Carnegie Institute and Library complex in Oakland. Through this presentation, Lucas Markantone will give a behind-the-scenes look at the intricate details entailed in the restoration of the life-size fiberglass model dinosaur, which was created in 1999 by the Carnegie Museums as a tribute to Andrew Carnegie.

The bones of this dinosaur, Diplodocus, were acquired by Andrew Carnegie in 1899 and brought to Pittsburgh, the first public display here of dinosaurs. One hundred years later, Dippy the Dinosaur was constructed outside to honor that acquisition.

All events are FREE to PHLF members. Non-members: $5. RSVP via email to Marylu@phlf.org or call 412-471-5808 ext. 527
Cinemark Pittsburgh Mills
Feb 21 2016 • 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of *The Maltese Falcon* (1941) when it soars into select cinemas nationwide for a special event on Sunday, February 21. This beloved classic will be accompanied by special commentary from TCM hosts Robert Osborne or Ben Mankiewicz, who will provide insight, background and more, making this film come alive.

Serving the Community Begins at a Young Age

The Cub Scouts in Pack 343 at St. Raphael Church in Morningside collected 50 pairs of shoes for Nicaraguan school children at the beginning of February. Contributions from Highland Park residents helped greatly. The Scouts and their leaders thank you! The Scouts worked with the Interact Club of Fox Chapel to complete the drive.

As part of the Boy Scout mission, the Scouts of Pack 343 participate in community service projects like this shoe drive. They make favors and sing carols to veterans at holiday time, and they participate in a spring clean-up in Morningside. In addition, they collect canned goods for a local food bank. Cub Scouting lets kids have fun while teaching them skills that will last a lifetime.

If you would like to learn more about Cub Scouts, please let me know or call Beth McKinstry at 412-661-2963 or Emckin1135@aol.com.

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February and March, as we sail on through Winter together - and in the Church beginning at Ash Wednesday and then processing through the great season of holy Lent, with its themes of reflection and renewal - and through it all we would wish all our neighbors a season of meaningful joy and blessing.

As always around St. Andrew’s, music is an important part of our season. In the Second Week of Lent, on Sunday afternoon the 21st of February, at 4:30 p.m., our service of Choral Evensong will feature our Schola Cantorum singing music by Thomas Tallis, Herbert Sumson, and Ralph Vaughan Williams - and our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. James B. Simons, Rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Michael in the Fields, Ligonier. On March 3rd, in the Third Week of Lent, Choral Evensong will be sung at 8 p.m. by the Parish Choir, with music by Tallis and by Maurice Greene - and then after the service we will enjoy a piano recital presented by our good friend and former Highland Park’er, Betty Rieley.

On Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. our former Organ Scholar, Jeremy Jelinek, will offer a recital to benefit the Organ Restoration Fund. And finally, on Palm Sunday, March 20, at 4:30 p.m. our Schola Cantorum will sing Evensong with music by William Byrd, Edward Barstow, and J.S. Bach, and our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Diane Shepard, Emerita Rector of St. Stephen’s Church, Wilkinsburg, and former priest-associate of St. Andrew’s. A rich season indeed, as we look forward to Holy Week.

Special Adult Programs also are a big part of our Lenten observance. At 4:30 p.m. on four Sundays, February 14 and 28, March 6 and 13, the Rev. Dr. Philip Wainwright, Church Historian (Ph.D, University of Kent), Campus Minister at the University of Pittsburgh, and Priest Associate here at St. Andrew’s, will offer a series of lectures-with-discussion to explore Christian character and belief “biographically,” with profiles of saints and heroes - some well-known, some we’ll be meeting for the first time. All are invited to join us, and there will be an invitation to remain after the program for a pizza-and-salad supper and conversation.

St. Andrean and Highland Park’er Carla Sivek, a graduate of the Pneuma Spiritual Direction program at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be leading our “Quiet Morning in Lent” gathering on Saturday, March 5. We’ll gather at 8:45 for coffee and conversation and then will spend the morning together in spiritual reflection centered in Scripture with the Parable of the Prodigal in the 15th chapter of St. Luke’s Gospel.

St. Andrew’s is also participating again this year in the East End Parishes Lenten Preaching Series. These programs, each Tuesday evening February 16 - March 15, begin at 6 p.m. with a simple supper and then continue with a service of Lenten worship and preaching. St. Andrew’s is the host parish on Tuesday, March 1, and our preacher will be the Rev. C. Garrett Yates, Curate of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Mount Lebanon and former Seminary Assistant at St. Andrew’s. For other dates on the schedule please go to the St. Andrew’s Website and click on the button for “Lent 2016.”
Though Lent our Sunday morning services, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., our 10 a.m. education hour, with programs for children and adults, are enriched with the themes of the season, including special music and sermons. This is also the season for what we call our “LenTEN Days of Outreach,” a time for all ages to focus on opportunities to express our faith in service both locally and globally.

St. Andrew’s, in the 5800 block of Hampton Street, has been in ministry in the heart of this neighborhood of Highland Park for over a century. 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, whatever your religious background or heritage may be, to give our Church Office a call at 412 661-1245 or to check us out on the web at standrewspgh.org. We’re always glad to hear from you, and to help if we can.
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