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HPCC House Tour
May 7th
A Letter from the President

Last month’s article reminded everyone that we are headed into our busy season in Highland Park, listing six major events that are happening in the next 2 months. What many in the neighborhood may not realize is most of the events the HPCC sponsors are not designed to make any money. They are often operated at a small loss, which is why I often say that they would not be possible without your membership support. We host these events for the benefit of the community and pure enjoyment. Whether it is a children’s bike parade or the Bryant Street Festival, they are designed to bring neighbors together, which makes them priceless.

The House Tour is an exception to the rule. It is one of the events that is a fundraiser for the HPCC. The money earned gives us the freedom to continue to host all the other events and allows us to invest in some neighborhood improvements along the way. For example, the pole banners on Bryant Street are deteriorating and need to be replaced. They seem like simple banners, but will probably cost about $1750 by the time they are designed, permitted and installed. The funds raised by the house tour this year will make that possible.

I share this with you so you understand how important the house tour is and to encourage all of you to participate in some way. If you own a business and have a social media following, spread the word. If you can spare a few free hours that day, volunteer as a docent. If you love old homes, buy a ticket to the tour. If you have a desire to help out financially, buy a ticket or two to our new VIP event fundraiser and enjoy a glass of wine on us as you tour an amazing home that is not on the main tour.

We appreciate any support you can give. Details on the event are below.

The House Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Tickets are available online now through May 6th and will be available at check-in the day of the tour. Tickets are $22 in advance and $25 the day of the event.

We have added a VIP event fundraiser to the house tour this year! This special gathering will be held the night before the house tour, Friday, May 6th, at 6046 Jackson Street, a single family home built in 1922 that spent many decades in decay as a 7-unit apartment building and has been completely restored back to an amazing single family home. The Jackson Street home is not among the 12 houses on the main Saturday tour, which are impressive in their own right.

The cost for the VIP event is $125. The VIP ticket includes a cocktail party from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Friday evening plus admission to the house tour on Saturday.

For more information about the tour and to buy tickets, please visit www.hpccpgh.org.

Also in this issue, you will see an article on Construction Junction and how they are doing their part to recycle perfectly good building materials from homes in the city and keep them out of landfills. Saving what is old and giving it new life is admirable on its own, but what they are going to give people a fresh start at life, is a real benefit to the community. Click here to see a video highlighting their efforts.

Monica Watt
HPCC President

Join us for the
Highland Park House Tour

Saturday, May 7th, 2016 • 10am - 3pm
Tickets $22 in Advance / $25 Day of Tour
For advanced tickets / information, visit www.hpccpgh.org

Tour starts at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, Pittsburgh, 15206
Proceeds benefit the Highland Park Community Council, a neighborhood non-profit organization.

The perfect Mother’s Day gift!
HPCC March Meeting Minutes

Monica Watt, HPCC President, began the meeting at 7:11 p.m. with a quorum present.

Commander Lando from Zone 5 updated the group on the recent crime activity and took questions. The issue of traffic and double-parking around Pittsburgh Fulton was brought up, and the police have spent some time recently monitoring this at the request of the principal. Another issue brought up is the PAT buses speeding up and down Callowhill St. and not stopping at the stop signs. The police will follow up with the PAT police.

Zone 5 will be having an Open House on June 4th from Noon to 5p.m., where many departments will be present with demonstrations, including fire, EMS, SWAT and the canine patrols.

A meeting will take place in City Council concerning the fate of the Enright Parklet in East Liberty on March 22, 2106. All were encouraged to attend the meeting or send comments on the proposed loss of this park.

The HPCC House Tour will be taking place on Saturday, May 7th, with a VIP event on Friday night. Anyone interested in volunteering should email housetour@highlandparkpa.com.

The HPCC Yard Sale and Bryant Street Festival will take place on Sunday, June 5th.

David Hance from the HPCDC and Elliot Fabri from Eco-Craft Homes presented updated plans for the 3 lots at 930-934 Mellon Street. The new plans were in response to community feedback from the February meeting. Three single-family homes will be built, starting with the first home this Summer.

Jeffrey Dorsey updated the group on what is happening at the Union Project, and their 5-year plan to continue to build an inclusive community.

Corey Buckner from the Mayor’s Office updated the group on the folks that are moving out of Pennley Park Apartments and the meeting on the Enright Parklet. There will be several community meetings concerning affordable housing in the City, with the closest one being March 29th at the Kingsley Association. The City of Pittsburgh is celebrating its 200th birthday this month. There is a new 311 app available for residents to report on issues.

Janine Jelks-Seale invited everyone to attend the HPCC meeting on April 21st where information will be presented on the roles of our elected officials and other subjects that are important for residents to know about our government.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next HPCC meeting is Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m., at St. Andrews Church, 5801 Hampton Street.
Even as you read this article, runners from all over the city (and the world) are training to run the 2016 DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

This year, the Marathon organizers have requested that each of the 13 neighborhoods that the course travels through cheer the runners on with birthday party inspired festivities and Pittsburgh pride to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Pittsburgh’s incorporation.

The Highland Park Community Council has heard the call and has planned some family-friendly activities so we can all celebrate Pittsburgh’s 200th year and cheer on the runners as they cross mile marker 20 in our very own neighborhood.
Marathon Weekend Kick-Off Party

WHEN: Friday, April 29 | 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.
WHERE: Park Place Pub & Applewood Smoke Burger Company, Bryant Street

Join us for an evening of family-friendly entertainment at the 2nd annual Marathon Weekend Kick-Off Party. Listen to local community favorite Hill Jordan and Slide Worldwide play live on the back deck of Park Place Pub.

We’ll have all the free supplies you and your family will need to make signs to cheer on the racers come Sunday.

Applewood Smoke Burger Company promises to have specials planned to please runners and cheerers alike, so bring your appetite.

Highland Park Marathon Cheering Section

WHEN: Sunday, May 1, 2016 | 8:00a.m – 12 Noon
WHERE: Bryant Street between N. Highland Ave and N. Negley Ave

We’re going to party like it’s Pittsburgh’s Birthday while cheering on the Pittsburgh Marathon racers as they reach mile 20 of their 26.2-mile race. Racers will run up N. Highland Avenue, turning left at Bryant Street and down to N. Negley Avenue.

We will have sign making supplies and noisemakers free for all cheerers, care of the Pittsburgh Marathon. We will also have free donuts, coffee, and juice in front of Bryant Street Market courtesy of the Highland Park Community Council (while supplies last).

What’s a birthday party without a face painter and balloon artist? Marathon cheerers of all ages can get a balloon hat made by Pittsburgh favorite Mike the Balloon Guy or get their face painted with the number of their favorite racer (or other imaginative creation) beginning at 9:00 a.m. near Bryant Street Market.

Be sure to look for race-day specials from local restaurants and live music (including Happy Birthday) from Hill Jordan & Slide Worldwide.

We are grateful for the partnering businesses in our marathon celebrations including: Applewood Smoke Burger Company, Bryant Street Market, Park Place Pub and Tazza D’oro.
La Vida Yoga: Open for Business on Bryant Street

By Karin Manovich

After three years of delays, La Vida Yoga held its grand opening on April 3rd at 5823-25 Bryant Street, in the new HPCDC building. Owner Michelle Ayala exudes energy and excitement as she shows off the brand new studio. “This has been my dream for many years. I want to bring yoga to everyone,” she explains.

Soaring ceilings, a decorative cement floor, exposed ductwork, and cool colors create an urban environment in the first storefront to open in the new construction project. Ayala was born in Puerto Rico and lived in New York City for a time.

“I wanted to bring New York City to Highland Park, so I went for a warehouse kind of look,” she says.

“It is rugged, yet peaceful.”

A nine-year resident of Highland Park, Ayala chose to locate her business in the neighborhood due to the diversity of the community. She loves the diversity of Highland Park and wants to bring yoga to people of all nationalities.

Destination Highland Park

Highland Park

By Karin Manovich

Owner Michelle Ayala and her daughter Ella.
When Ayala heard rumors of a new construction project in the works for Bryant Street, she immediately contacted the developer and began talks to locate in the space. The original eight-month wait changed to eighteen months, and eventually took three years. Ayala felt that Bryant Street was an up and coming location, and clearly worth the wait.

La Vida Yoga offers a variety of classes throughout the day Monday through Saturday. The fee schedule is flexible with a $15 drop-in fee for one class, multi-class package discounts, and with discounts for students, teachers, and active duty military.

Ayala encourages those new to yoga to try out a beginner’s class. “Your body will automatically tell you if it is too easy, and you can then move up.” She recommends comfortable, yet snug, workout clothing and bare feet for attire. Yoga mats are available for rent for $2.

La Vida Yoga offers heated, power, beginner, Vinyasa, and restorative yoga classes. Heated yoga helps participants achieve quicker flexibility while working out in a 90-degree studio. Power yoga moves through poses at a faster pace, while the restorative classes focus on comfort and relaxation.

A mother of three, Ayala believes that children can begin yoga as young as pre-school age. Her nine-year old daughter Ella has been at it for years and demonstrates exceptional skill and flexibility. Ayala plans to begin a monthly kid’s yoga program in June and is exploring the possibility holding a yoga camp for young kids this summer.

Certified in New York City and Pittsburgh, Ayala has taught privately and at Yoga Flow in Shadyside. She loves being with people, connecting with them, and offering therapeutic help through yoga. She is inspired by her clients’ progress and tells a story of one remarkable transformation that ended with a headstand by a 62-year old woman.

On her website, Ayala touts her personal benefits of yoga: “Yoga has bettered my life in so many ways. It has helped me become a better mom. It has helped me relax when I feel under duress, build a stronger sense of understanding and compassion, and afforded me the presence of mind to be able to fully look at all aspects of a situation without acting impetuously.”

Ayala is passionate about Highland Park and invites neighbors to try out her classes. She hopes they will help her spread the word about La Vida Yoga by letting people know she is here and by sharing her Facebook page.

When asked how she came up with the name for the studio, Ayala revealed that it was inspired by the pop song Livin’ la Vida Loca by Ricky Martin. La vida loca is Spanish for “the crazy life.” Ayala calms down her own hectic life through yoga, and she admits she would be a little crazy without it.

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La Vida Yoga
5823-25 Bryant Street
(412) 551-3833
www.lavidayogapgh.com
www.facebook.com/LaVidaYogaPGH
Do you expect to have some good, useable materials from your house demolition or remodel that you hate to put in a landfill?

Construction Junction (CJ) has a licensed and insured Deconstruction Department that can save you money and feed the “green” inner you on your next residential or commercial renovation.

CJ will gladly do a walk-through and coordinate with you to remove usable items from your unoccupied property. Their deconstruction services are free of charge, and they make it easy for you from planning to completion.

Their experienced, fully-insured Decon staff will come out to remove salvageable materials such as lumber, trim, fixtures, doors, windows, cabinets – anything that can be reused instead of going to a landfill. You’ll save on disposal costs, and it’s better for our environment. Your donation is fully tax deductible - you will receive a receipt for the items you donate.

To request a free consultation, call Brian at 412-243-5025 or email bswearingen@constructionjunction.org.

TOUR CONSTRUCTION JUNCTION

Join us for a tour of Pittsburgh’s award-winning reuse store on April 30, 2016 at 3p.m.

If you’ve ever been intimidated about the warehouse space or just want to have a better understanding about CJ’s approach to reuse and supporting the communities of Pittsburgh, join us at 214 N Lexington St. 15208 on Saturday, April 30th at 3p.m. Learn about CJ’s deconstruction crew, donating, buying, or just how we organize tons of donations every year!
Pittsburgh’s largest ceramic event is just around the corner. With more than 40 regional potters displaying and selling their work, hands-on activities in the studio, and a live demonstration by nationally renowned artist Kevin Snipes; Union Project’s third annual Mother of All Pottery Sales is set to bring hundreds to Highland Park on April 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

“The Mother of All Pottery Sales is so much more than a sale.” Says Union Project Executive Director Jeffrey Dorsey, “We’re connecting artists with buyers, students with professionals, and people who have never done ceramics with fun, interactive ways to participate and learn. By hosting a nationally recognized potter, we bring diverse artists together with local artists and students to share cultural perspectives, techniques, and inspire the next generation of artists. This event creates a hub for ceramics lovers and exemplifies our mission to use the arts to bridge gaps between communities.”

This year’s featured artist has exhibited work across the United States and abroad. Kevin Snipes combines two-dimensional illustration with unique, three-dimensional forms to create dynamic sculptural ceramic works. Kevin will be chatting with visitors and showing off his techniques during the Mother of All Pottery Sales. You can also hear Kevin speak about his life and work during his artist talk on April 16th at 5:00 p.m. at Union Project.

Pottery lovers can get first access during the Preview Party the night before the sale. This ticketed, limited access “sneak-peak” event will be held on Saturday, April 16th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy refreshments while watching an exciting, live Raku firing, chat with the artists, and buy work still warm from the kiln. Purchase tickets and keep up with the action on www.unionproject.org.

We hope to see you there!
Every police Zone in the City of Pittsburgh has a Public Safety Council, comprised of citizens from the various neighborhood in that Zone. These Public Safety Councils (PSC’s) meet monthly to discuss a number of issues related to Public Safety (Police, Fire, EMS, Animal Care & Control, etc). Representatives from the Dept. of Public Safety are on hand at every meeting to answer questions, and it is a great way for residents of different neighborhoods to get to know each other.

The Zone 5 PSC meeting takes place the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, and each meeting is held at the Union Project (church) at 801 N. Negley Avenue.

This is your chance to come meet your public safety officials, ask questions, and get to know those who serve your community.

City Wide Public Safety Meeting

**Wednesday, April 20th, 6:30 p.m.** at the Teamsters Temple, 4701 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

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East Liberty Valley Historical Society

**SPRING 2016 LECTURE SERIES**

**MAY 6, 7:30 p.m.**, “From Horse and Carriage to Horseless Carriage,” with Docent/Educator, Car and Carriage Museum, Frick Art and Historic Center

**JUNE 3, 7:30 p.m.**, “Wish You Were Here: Post Card Views of the East End,” with Justin Greenawalt, M.S. Historic Preservation, Board of Directors, Preservation Pittsburgh and East Liberty Valley Historical Society.

The lectures are held at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Highland Avenue, Room #234

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**EAST LIBERTY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**2016 SPEAKER SERIES**

- **MARCH 4**
  - “Greenlawn: The Long-Gone Home of H.J. Heinz”
  - FRANK KURTIK, HISTORIAN AND ARCHivist

- **APRIL 1**
  - “ Bridges of the East End”
  - TODD WILSON, STORYTELLER AND RACIAL INCLINATION

- **MAY 6**
  - “From Horse and Carriage to Horseless Carriage”
  - DOCENT/EDUCATOR, CAR AND CARROUSEUM, FRICK ART AND HISTORIC CENTER

- **JUNE 3**
  - “Wish You Were Here: Post Card Views of the East End”
  - JUSTIN GREENAWALT, M.S. HISTORIC PRESERVATION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESERVATION PITTSBURGH, EAST LIBERTY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- **116 S. HIGHLAND AVENUE, ROOM #234**
- EACH TALK BEGINS AT 7:30PM AND IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC
We’re also delighted to be “home base” this year for the Highland Park House Tour on Saturday, May 7. A reminder that St. Andrew’s Church, 110 years old and one of the architectural highlights of our neighborhood, will be open throughout the day for guided tours. And feel free to take a preview stroll through the display of our annual St. Andrew’s Summer Used Book Sale while you’re here! All proceeds of the sale support the annual Fall Lecture Series.

Sunday services at St. Andrew’s will continue with the regular schedule - a simpler service at 9 a.m., a choral service at 11 a.m. - through Memorial Day weekend. Beginning on June 5 and then continuing through June, July, and August we shift to a “Summer Sunday Schedule,” with one Sunday morning service of the Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Our highly regarded Godly Play Children’s Program will continue through the 15th of May at the 9:45-10:45 Sunday morning hour. During June, July, and August the Children’s Chapel program will be scheduled during a portion of the service hour on selected Sundays.

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 or check us out on the web at www.standrewspgh.org.

Eastertide and spring, a new season for our Pirates and a new (and we hope, long) post-season for our Penguins—and may it be a season of much joy all around, after our long winter.

Services of Choral Evensong will be offered several times in coming weeks. The first, our regularly scheduled “Third Sunday of the Month” service of Choral Evensong, 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, will be sung by the St. Andrew’s Schola Cantorum, and with Guest Preacher our Highland Park neighbor the Rev. Jennifer Peters Mc Curry, Assistant Pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, on Grant Street, downtown. Then on Ascension Thursday, May 5, at 8 p.m., we will have an especially festive service, with the combined Choirs of St. Andrew’s Church and Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty, singing Evensong, and with the Rev. T.J. Freeman, Assistant Rector of Calvary Church, as our Guest Preacher. Looking ahead: on Whitsunday, the Sunday of Pentecost, May 15, at 4:30 p.m., the St. Andrew’s Schola Cantorum will sing the last service of Choral Evensong for this Spring Season, and our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Ted Babcock, Canon and Director of Administration of our Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The first weekend of May is the occasion of what we around St. Andrew’s call “St. Marathon’s Day.” We will continue with our regular 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Marathon Sunday, May 1st, but we also schedule - this year on April 30th - a simple Saturday afternoon, 5 p.m. service of the Holy Communion especially for those in the parish who might be participating as runners or spectators in the Marathon, or who simply find the complexities of Marathon Sunday traffic patterns overly challenging. We’re also glad to welcome on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning all in the neighborhood who, “inside the loop,” may not be able to get out to their own churches.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park, Pittsburgh
412-661-1245 • www.standrewspgh.org

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Monroe Robison, Rector
The Rev. Jean D. Chess, Deacon
Peter J. Luley, Organist & Choirmaster
Highland Park Urban Architectural Hike

Saturday, May 21, 2016
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Advance paid reservations required by May 19
$20 members of PHLF and Highland Park Community Council
$45 non-members (includes one-year membership in PHLF).
Limited to 35 people.
Contact: marylu@phlf.org; 412-471-5808, ext. 527

Join us as we head east to the historic Highland Park neighborhood, where representatives from the Highland Park Community Council, Highland Park Community Development Corporation, and East Liberty Historical Society will join our PHLF guides in leading an ambitious walking tour, including the following:

- A look inside 920 N. Sheridan Avenue, the home J. Horace Rudy built in 1901 for his new wife and himself. Rudy embellished their home with glass he designed.
- A visit to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church complex (1905-09) at 5801 Hampton Street and a walk past Pittsburgh Fulton, a handsome Romanesque design.
- Light refreshments and break at Joseph Tambellini Restaurant at 5701 Bryant Street.
- A walk past “Baywood,” the Alexander King estate off N. Negley Avenue.
- A walk into Highland Park—and a “Rocky moment” for those who have the energy to run up the stone steps leading to the Reservoir!

The walk is just over one mile, on generally level terrain, with two uphill/downhill climbs.
We Get Homes Sold!
2 Heads are Better than 1
Contact Us…We Are Available!!