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Listen to Jazz in the Park on Sunday Evenings at Reservoir of Jazz
A few things came up on the ListServ recently that I thought I would share with everyone in a little more detail.

A post to the ListServ warned of a drone being used around the new OLEA. The official city ordinance is listed below so there is no confusion. If you see someone in the park using a drone, please call 911 and report it.

ARTICLE XI: - PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS
CHAPTER 473: - USE REGULATIONS
§ 473.04 - RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

(f) Model airplanes and drones. No person in a park shall operate a motorized model airplane, drone or any other mechanized or motorized devices within, above or in the vicinity thereof.

The next item is the PWSA’s lead testing report. After I sent it out, I received a a number of responses.

One of our neighbors who had their water tested said their results were quite good. PWSA also told them if they wanted to reduce the lead in their water even further they could go to nsf.org for recommended brands of water filters in a wide range of types. I also found the site helpful and wanted to share it with everyone.

When the microfiltration site went live at the reservoir, I personally stopped using a water filter thinking that we now had this wonderful asset protecting our water. At the time, it did not occur to me that a filter could remove things like lead that could be originating in my own home.

According to the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection (PADEP), there are some simple steps you can take if you are concerned that you may have lead in your home, including:

- **Run your water to flush out lead.** If water hasn’t been used for several hours, run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes out any stagnant water in your home plumbing and replaces it with fresh water from the water main in your street.

- **Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.** Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.

- **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water will not reduce lead. In fact, lead concentrations will be higher in water that is boiled since some of the water is removed as steam.

- **Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead.** There are lead check swabs that can detect lead on plumbing surfaces such as solder and pipes. These swabs can be purchased at plumbing and home improvement stores.

- **Test your water for lead.**

If you are concerned and would like to have your water tested, the easiest thing to do is email a request to servicelines@pgh2o.com. It’s a dedicated PWSA email that is monitored regularly by staff who, I am told, move the requests through very quickly. Or you can call PWSA laboratory for a test kit at 412-782-7554. PWSA will test your water for free.

Another neighbor asked about third party testing as they are not sure if they trust the water authority who is delivering the water to test it as well. I confirmed with PWSA that they use an independent third party lab named Fairway. They also recommend ALS Environmental Testing in Middleton, Pa. as an alternative lab.
If you would like a neutral party to test your water, the PADEP has a list of accredited labs on their website [DEP-accredited labs](#).

Just a reminder, as there was no July HPCC community meeting, there are no meeting minutes to report so there is no August newsletter.

The August meeting speakers will be:

Jessica Bowser Acrie will give a tutorial on LinkedIn: Building Your Best Online Professional Presence.

Erin Potts, Pittsburgh Bike Share Director of Marketing & Community Outreach Healthy Ride Expansion Planning will also be on hand to discuss the Healthy Ride Expansion Planning currently underway.

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 the rest of the summer!

*Monica Watt*  
HPCC President

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### Understanding the Numbers  
*Courtesy of the Trib*

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HPCC June Meeting Minutes

Monica Watt, HPCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

Corey Buckner from the Mayor’s Office informed the group about the upcoming forum to discuss the capital budget for the City. The event will take place on June 23rd from 6-8 pm at the Kingsley Association. Everyone is invited to provide input.

PLI will be launching an app for building and zoning issues, where you can be informed about building permit applications and check on current activities/violations in the neighborhood.

The “my burg” app is up and running, which includes the ability to report to 311.

Officer Lewis from Zone 5 reported on recent crime activity in the zone. He encouraged everyone to lock their vehicles and to not leave valuables visible, and answered questions.

Todd Shirley introduced Mary Withrow from the Animal Rescue League. She spoke about the off-lease exercise area opened in the park, and went over guidelines to make the area safe and enjoyable for pets and their owners. Mary encouraged everyone to get their dogs chipped and to use a collar with tags. The tags make it quicker and easier to reunite missing pets with their owner.

Monica Watt spoke about a recent zoning issue at 5601 Stanton Avenue. The Stanton-Negley Pharmacy had obtained an occupancy permit for a clinic at this address; the City has since revoked the permit. The pharmacy is appealing this decision, and the hearing is scheduled for August 4th. Erik Harless from PLI added more information about the process and answered questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next HPCC meeting is Thursday, August 18th at 7 p.m.

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FULL CIRCLE

Full Circle is a contemporary trio consisting of Clifford Barnes (piano), Claude Flowers (bass) and James Johnson III (drums). With strong roots in jazz, gospel and R&B, Full Circle performs cutting edge arrangements with supreme sensitivity and power. Creating unique grooves and innovative harmonies this group of nationally and internationally renowned musicians is truly one of a kind.

KINETIC

Kinetic performs songs immersed in the tropical sounds and rhythms of West Africa. The music and imagery was first imagined in Ghana, where composer Joe Sheehan spent six months intensively studying Ghanaian music, dance, and culture. This experience, blended with a passion for contemporary jazz and R&B, inspires songs with distinctive colors and shapes. The music is brought to life by the band’s versatile musicians, comprising Angwenique Wingfield on vocals, Anthony Ambroso on guitar, Joe Sheehan on keyboards, Jason Rafalak on bass, PJ Roduta on percussion, and Ryan Socrates on drums.

This summer you can once again relax on the lawn at the entrance to Highland Park to the sounds of jazz performed by some of Pittsburgh’s finest musicians. We all look forward to this showcase of the area’s extraordinary jazz talent at the ever-popular Reservoir of Jazz series.

**When:** Sunday evenings, August 7 – September 4, 2016

**Time:** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

**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.

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PHOTO by Michael Canton
The six members are Dr. James Moore (trumpet), Jeff Bush (trombone), Eric DeFade (saxophones/flute), Dr. Alton Merrell (piano), Paul Thompson (bass) and Thomas Wendt (drums).

**MARK STRICKLAND QUARTET**

Mark began playing guitar around 1964. Taking guitar lessons in downtown Pittsburgh in the Werner Building located where the Cabaret Theatre is now. He began playing in a few rock n roll bands in the 60’s and 70’s and then started playing jazz in the late 60’s after going to see some of jazz players around the city and those traveling through the city to the Hurricane and Crawford Grill. Mark eventually played with musicians such as Grady Tate, Gerald Wilson, Gene Ludwig, Pete Henderson, Roger Humphries, Spencer Bey, Rabbit Barnes, Dwayne Dolphin and our very own Tania Grubbs.

**FIRM ROOTS**

Firm Roots is a jazz sextet made up of some of Western Pennsylvania’s finest jazz artists. The members of the group are also members of the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra, as well many other ensembles in the tri-state area.

**DANIEL MAY WITH ZERO TED**

Daniel May was born into a very musical family - both of his parents were music teachers. He plays piano and viola and holds a Doctorate in Music Composition from Cornell University.

For over 20 years, May worked in Los Angeles as a composer for feature films, television, and, most notably, IMAX films. Additionally, he is a noted jazz pianist and has played and recorded with some of the world’s foremost jazz artists.

In 2006, Daniel and his family relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he owns and operates Maywood Studios, a state-of-the-art recording studio.
Owner Amy Kofmehl-Sobkowiak jumped at the opportunity to fill the storefront vacated when Cut and Sew moved to Morningside.

“The people of Highland Park are very aware of the concept of fair-trade. They really get it. I don’t have to explain it,” observes Kofmehl-Sobkowiak. She has run a wholesale operation known as Women of the Cloud Forest since 2001, bringing the products of worldwide artisans to stores across the United States.

“I always thought about a retail element. As soon as I heard about the space on Bryant Street, I knew that it was time to take the plunge and make this the street location.” The retail store offers gift items, jewelry, apparel, accessories, and decorative items created by artisans from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Africa.

By Karin Manovich

The excitement and vibrancy of Bryant Street’s revitalization has lured another new business into the mix. Flatboat Fair-Traders opened its doors just in time for the Highland Park Community Yard Sale and Bryant Street Festival.
The space has been brilliantly transformed into an interesting flatboat-themed display of treasures - hand-embroidered field bags, rainforest earrings, recycled aluminum engine parts transformed into wall-hangings, carved balsa wood ornaments, pottery, and brightly patterned dresses and skirts.

Residents may already be familiar with some of the products through the Women of the Cloud Forest booth at downtown Pittsburgh's Holiday Market in Market Square.

Amy and husband Michael Sobkowiak lived in Costa Rica for a year and a half early in their marriage. Amy worked on learning Spanish and taught in an art center. The talent and number of artisans that she encountered in the region amazed her. There was no real market for their creations. Amy decided to find a market in the US and to help develop product ideas that would appeal here. Later, she expanded her reach to Nicaragua where pottery, clothing, and home accessories are made.

The store is also selling apparel created by seamstresses in Africa to support girl’s education in Malawia, Africa through Eileen Roberts of Squirrel Hill.

Entire villages of potters, embroiderers, metal workers, jewelry-makers, seamstresses, and more have benefited from Amy’s work. She travels to Nicaragua three times a year and to Costa Rica once each year to meet with artisans to plan products, work, and orders for the year. The wholesale business sells to over 80 U.S. retailers, including zoos and museums, and is also operating out of the Bryant St. location.

The finished products at Flatboat Fair-Traders represent a complex cycle of Amy identifying artisan groups, figuring out products and marketability, developing sustainability, and coordinating the export of the items. She provides no-interest micro-loans to artisans, direct grants to studios, staggered orders with advance payments and fair wages to her artists.

The impact of Amy’s enterprise is significant. In Nicaragua, forty families are supported by carving balsa wood in Isla Solentiname; sixteen potters are employed by two families in San Juan de Orient; and a family is supported by running an aluminum casting workshop creating art from car engine blocks. In Costa Rica, twelve women support families by creating jewelry, clothing, and bags for Women of the Cloud Forest.

Flatboat Fair-Traders chose its name to recognize the flatboat building industry in Pittsburgh in the early 1800’s. Construction of trading vessels for the Ohio River led to voyages of economic commerce and great culture exchange.

Highland Park’s newest business hopes to connect our community to the Global South through its artisans, their families, and the impact that fair-trade is making in their lives.
Highland Park Donates to West Virginia Flood Victims

By Mike Nadler, former HPCC President
For those of you that know us here at Divehards International, a scuba diving training company located here in Highland Park, know that we spend most of our summer weekends in Summersville, WV. For a dive store, the lake in Summersville is as close as it gets to “good” local diving. Brigette, my wife, and I have been taking divers there for nearly 30 years, which is just a little longer than we have lived in the neighborhood.

The day before the flooding, we happen to have called Sarge’s Dive Shop in Summersville to find out if the new dive boat had arrived, as well as confirm our upcoming weekend plans to bring a group of students down, but instead were hearing about the projected rains and flooding. Keeping in constant contact with our friends only heightened the shock of what was happening. When the flooding began and the water started to rise, all our friends could say was “Pray”.

We heard that the lake was around 40 feet over summer pool, the docks with the dive store & marina had floated off the towers that kept them in place, sections of the town of Summersville were flooding, families lost everything, and the local hotels were taking in the people whose towns were evacuated. Brigette and I needed to do something…

It all started with an email out to the HPCC ListServ and the donations came pouring in. It just so happened that Brigette’s parents were cleaning out closets at the time and also gave us 12 bags of donated items. Neighbors started dropping off clothing, linens, cleaning supplies, water, crutches and small furniture. I ran into a few neighbors while at an estate sale and they handed me money to use wherever it was needed. Our friends in WV spearheaded a movement of placing monetary donations with a note of hope in purses & wallets for the displaced families. We made sure she had a little more to give.

One of our divers, a warehouse employee for Giant Eagle, asked for donations, but needed a formal letter of request. I immediately contacted Monica Watt, HPCC President, and said that I’ll write it, if you approve it. Done and done! Giant Eagle donated two pallets worth of cleaning and pet supplies.

The three of us drove down to WV last week and were met by the crew of Sarge’s Dive Shop to help unload and store the 2,000 Lbs. of donated items. Local fire department dive teams were contacted to come and pick up items that their communities needed. Our friends told us some very sad stories of people stuck in rural areas that they’re still not sure if the families are alive because the roads are impassable and the power is still out. Our only hope is that living in the back woods, they might be somewhat prepared.

We want to THANK our neighbors and those from the surrounding communities, that donated. Without question we have a wonderful neighborhood filled with caring and giving people. You never think you’re doing enough, but when people come together as a positive force for good, every bit that you do helps.

Thank you to our neighbors!
The warm summer months brings on a time of fun activities for humans and pets. Remember that the heat of the summer can also present dangers to our furry friends. By taking certain precautions and monitoring your pets, you can both enjoy the warm weather.

Animals can get wound up outside and forget how hot it is, that’s why it’s important for pet owners to monitor them when outside in the heat. Be sure to take plenty of breaks even if you feel okay - remember that you are not wearing a fur coat! Some animals have very thick fur and can overheat faster than others. Keep a few things in mind, if you are thirsty, your dog is too. If your feet are hot on the pavement—your dogs are too. If you go on a walk, please remember to bring plenty of water (add ice!) for your dog and try to stay on the grass so paw pads don’t burn. Try to stick to the cooler mornings or the evening and do NOT use a muzzle.

Summer months don’t mean that you can’t have a lot of fun too! Activities that involve water are fun and most dogs love it. Get a little baby pool and see if your dog likes it, put some balls in it, or fish for treats. Throw a ball so they have to run through a sprinkler – but don’t force them. Getting adequate exercise, while also being able to cool off in the water, is a perfect outdoor activity. Just be sure to have clean drinking water and a cool, shady place to rest after your activity. Give them chicken broth ice cubes or a nice cool “pupsicle” for enrichment and to cool off. The recipe is at the end of this article.

Never leave your pet in a parked car even for a short time. The temperature in a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees causing harm or even death to your animal. It is also a city of Pittsburgh ordinance that police, animal control or emergency personnel can break into your car if they see a pet in it and you may be charged with animal cruelty.

Signs of heat stress are panting, unresponsiveness, red in the whites of their eyes, and bright red gums. If you notice that your dog is beginning to exhibit any of these symptoms, stop activity immediately, give them water and take them inside where it is cool. Heat stroke is much more serious and is an emergency. If vomiting, diarrhea, very thick saliva, rapid heart rate, and depression are present, get to the nearest veterinary hospital at once!

Like most things, it comes down to being reasonable and monitoring your pets. Summer can be fun for all of us and what a beautiful neighborhood we have to enjoy this time of year!

**SUMMER TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE**

_by Mary Kennedy Withrow_

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Keep your pooch cool and enriched this summer with this easy, healthy treat.

**PUPSCICLE RECIPE**

**INGREDIENTS:**
- Peanut Butter
- Milk Bones Dog Biscuits
- Cheerios (plain)
- Kibble
- Honey
- Sardines packed in water or soybean oil
- Green Beans (canned only, optional)

*Amounts vary by size of container used.*

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Use muffin tins for small dogs or red solo cups for larger dogs.
2. Line the inside of the tins or cups with peanut butter. It tastes great and makes for easy removal.
3. Drop in some cheerios and kibble.
4. Add a bit of honey.
5. Slice sardines and distribute around the tins or place a half of one in each solo cup.
6. Dilute the chicken broth slightly (2 parts broth, 1-part water) and pour over contents of cups or tins.
7. Dip a milk bone in peanut butter and place in the center.
8. Freeze until solid.
9. Pop the finished pupsicle out of the tins or cups by turning the milk bone and your dog will be happy and cool!
Summertime in Highland Park!

Afternoons at the pool, Jazz on Sunday afternoons... what could be better?

Sunday services at St. Andrew’s between Memorial Day and Labor Day follow a summer schedule with one service at 10 a.m. Cool refreshments and conversation follow each service. We may also take time to peruse the offerings of our annual summer used book sale!

While our Choir is taking a bit of a summer break, the services each Sunday 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 most of our children’s programs are on a bit of a break, but on many Sundays our younger set will be dismissed to participate in the Children’s Chapel during a portion of the service hour. Nursery Care is 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, with 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, on our “Round Up” Sunday,” this year, Sunday, September 11. Join us for a day traditionally celebrated with a Parish Picnic in the Hampton Street Churchyard. There will be special food, entertainment, and lots of fun activities for all ages. 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 www.standrewspgh.org.
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**August 10 & 24**
**September 7**
From 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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