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At this month’s community meeting, Stephanie Walsh and Janine Seale gave a presentation on a recent SWOT analysis that the HPCC Board recently conducted. The main goal is to figure out how best to focus our resources. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. The primary objective of a SWOT analysis is to help organizations develop a full awareness of all the factors involved in a decision. This method was created in the 1960s primarily for business and is still widely in use today.

We conducted it to make sure we are directing our energy and money where it will do the most good in the neighborhood as well as identifying what is important to the neighborhood and making sure the two align.

In the meeting minutes, you will get an overview of the findings. At this point, we would like to open the results to the entire neighborhood and ask that you participate in the decision making. We are here to serve the neighborhood and in order to do that effectively, we need to know what is important to you. Look for a survey link on the ListServ in the weeks to come and please take a few minutes to share your thoughts.

I also wanted to list the meeting topic for the next meeting so you can plan in advance.

April 18th, 7:00 p.m.
Girls Hope Presentation (see March newsletter for article)
Meet the School Board and City Council Candidates

I hope to see you there!

Monica Watt
HPCC President
March 21, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 7:04 p.m.
by Monica Watt

Police Zone 5 Update - Community Resource Officer Jeff Crawford

Officer Crawford reported very little crime activity in Highland Park over the past month. He recommends residents keep cars locked and leave nothing of value inside.

Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Officers offer a Cops and Kids Camp, which is open to ages 8-12 years and is free to Pittsburgh City residents. The camp operates three one-week sessions that include transportation to and from camp, lunch, and local field trips. Spots are limited and available on a first-come, first served basis. Applications were left at HPCC meeting. For information, call 412-323-7821 or 412-295-4890.

A City Wide Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for April 17th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The topic is Hate Groups. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and everyone is welcome. The meeting will take place at the Teamster Temple at 4701 Butler St.

June 8th is the date for the Zone 5 Open Community Open House. The event will include kids activities, hot dogs, cookies, and more.

Youth sports leagues in Morningside - Jim Holtzman

Morningside provides youth sports leagues for boys and girls including baseball, softball, and soccer. Highland Park residents are encouraged to participate. Contact Jim Holtzman at 412-979-1372 or holtzjim43@gmail.com for more details.

Cub Scouts in Highland Park - Rudolph T. Maceyko

Cub Master Rudolph T. Maceyko runs a Cub Scout program in Highland Park for ages K-5th grade. Contact him at rm55@pobox.com or 412-414-6189 for information on how to participate.

Strategic Planning - Stephanie Walsh, HPCC Vice President, Janine Jelks-Seale, Glen Schultz

The HPCC subcommittee led a strategic planning exercise. The HPCC Board completed a SWOT exercise earlier to identify Highland Park strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The results of this effort created the following “Buckets of Opportunities” list that was posted on the walls and presented to meeting attendees:

- Highland Park Strengths
- Activities/Community Building
- Infrastructure
- Beautification
- Public Health and Safety concerns
- Increasing HPCC Connectivity
- HPCC Member Engagement

Input was solicited from the meeting attendees in each category and added to the Buckets of Opportunities.

Attendees voted to identify priorities. An online survey will be developed and distributed via the ListServ for the greater community to complete. Paper surveys will be available at the HPCC April Community Meeting for those who unable to take the survey online. Results will be compiled and shared with the community.

Upcoming Community Meeting Monthly Speakers - Monica Watt/Stephanie Walsh

The April 18th HPCC Community meeting will include candidates for local public offices and Girls Hope/Boys Hope, a non-profit group seeking to open a residence for teenage boys in the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.
Bryant Street recently welcomed another retailer to the business mix with the addition of Panaché, a “City-Sophisticated Sportswear” women’s clothing boutique. The new shop is located in the space formerly occupied by Bryant Street Limited.

Panaché was located on Centre Ave. in East Liberty for the last thirty-five years. Highland Park resident and owner Susanne Gaetano is thrilled to now be open in the neighborhood she has called home since 1986.

“ This is where I live. It is such a welcoming and friendly neighborhood. Our new location is so peaceful, calming, and convenient for customers with improved parking. ”
Panaché has a loyal following of customers who love the personalized service and comfortable/wearable clothing. It specializes in natural fabrics and offers all exclusive lines such as California-made Cut Loose and Match Point. Susanne provides expert fashion consulting, personal shopping, and on-site closet organizing to her clients. She has been working in retail all of her life including stints at Gimbel’s, the Limited, and local boutiques before opening her own store.

The shop is loaded with beautiful clothing, purses, jewelry, scarves and other accessories. Many of Panaché’s clients hate to shop and enjoy the personalized service that Susanne offers, knowing their style and adapting it to their lifestyle. She routinely calls clients when items arrive that fit in with their tastes and helps them to save time.

Susanne enjoys that her work at Panaché allows for creativity and freedom of expression. The most rewarding part of her 35 year-old venture has been experiencing her customers’ satisfaction.
everyone will make a 4 egg pasta by hand and then shape doughs into a variety of shapes and stuffed pasta, using pasta machines and hand shaping methods. During the class Tom will give a demonstration on hand rolling pasta with a wooden rolling pin and board and transform the thinly rolled sfoglia into tiny tortellini.

A fresh Mozzarella Cheese demonstration will be given by Brad. The curd will be cooked, stretch, filled with fresh basil and roasted red peppers and finally rolled pinwheel style.

Afterwards, we all will sit down to an Italian Family Style Lunch in the barn consisting of:

- Fresh Mozzarella Cheese Roulade Crostini
- Streghe Crackers
- Tortellini in Broth
- Tagliatelle Ragu - Bolognese
- Tortelloni Ricotta with Sage Butter
- Seasonal Garden Goodies
- Semifreddo of Mascarpone & Ganache

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The Northern Cardinal, with its bold color and distinctive crest, is one of our most magnificent birds. The male is an intense red all year round, with pure black around the beak. The female is less striking, mostly an olive brown or fawn color, but has tinges of red on wings, crest, and tail that are most becoming. Adolescents of both sexes resemble the female, but have beaks that are dark instead of reddish yellow.

The Cardinal has an extensive vocal repertoire, with loud slurred whistles described by Peterson as “what-cheer cheer cheer,” “whoit whoit whoit,” and “birdy birdy birdy.” One bird around our house calls out the Penguin fan’s cry of “Bonino, Bonino, Bonino!” Females share the song phrases of males, often when sitting on their nests. Perhaps this is a request for the male to bring some food. Cardinals also make a chipping sound, either as a danger signal or to locate their partner or fledglings. Cardinals mate for life. During courtship, the male bonds with the female by feeding it “beak to beak.” The male fiercely guards its breeding territory from rivals (including its reflection in window glass.)

The Cardinal has been extending its range northward in recent years. While this may be partially due to climate change, habitat is also an important factor. Cardinals prefer the edges of wooded areas next to open land. The burgeoning of suburban and exurban landscapes and the popularity of backyard feeders have enabled the species to flourish. The Northern Cardinal is the state bird for a swath of seven states ranging from Virginia to Illinois.
Last month I wrote about mosses and how they instill “shibusa” (a Japanese term for the venerable quality of age) in the atmosphere of a garden. Lichens are associated with moss but are actually an entirely different entity, one of the most primitive life forms on earth. Lichens have no root system and are often found clinging to rocks, tree bark and artifacts like old lawn chairs. Common forms around here often look like layers of peeling paint, but can also be branch-like, leaf-like, crust-like, or powdery.

Lichen is actually a symbiotic combination of two life forms—algae to provide energy through photosynthesis, and a fungus to provide structure and protection from harsh environments. Some lichens incorporate cyanobacteria (which also produce energy by photosynthesis) rather than, or in addition to, algae. More than one algae may be present to enhance robustness, and a kind of yeast may also play a role in the formation of the lichen “biosphere.” Lichen colors can be green-gray, yellow, orange, or red, depending on the color of the photosynthesizing partner.

Lichen is a very ancient life-form. Scientists speculate that lichens existed in the Precambrian era, more than 500 million years ago. Lichen may be the only life-form capable of surviving in some of the Planet’s most hostile environments, including frozen arctic wastes, high mountains, deserts, and toxic slag heaps. The European Space Agency conducted an experiment demonstrating that lichen could survive 15 days in open space. A specimen of arctic lichen was found to be 8,600 years old, making it perhaps the world’s oldest living thing.
A RECOLLECTION:
The swollen buds of the neighbor’s magnolia tree could not hold back their flowering one unusually warm spring day. That night came a killing frost, and the tree was decimated. But later that summer, it put forth a second bloom, demonstrating Nature’s resiliency.

May all the broken blossoms
Bring forth a second bloom—
The drowned vine
that found no trellis,
The violets cut short
by the indiscriminant blade,
The smothered in shade,
the parched, the wind-ravaged.
May all that offered their flowering
Too freely and too soon,
Attain a second bloom.

— Excerpt from the poem “Second Bloom”
By Richard Krepski
Published in Oberon, XXII, 2014

A RECOMMENDATION:
Spring gardening time is upon us. Why not consider planting some berry-bearing shrubs that will provide food for the birds next winter? Ilex verticillata, aka Winterberry, a species of holly native to eastern North America, would be a good choice. Be aware that you have to plant at least one male bush if you want any berry production from the females.

Our neighborhood is blessed with a great deal of natural beauty. Send your observations regarding unusual birds and other aspects of the “wild side” of Highland Park to my email on the previous page — I’ll edit and compile them for this monthly newsletter. Your photos would be most welcome. No names or yard locations will be given without your approval. More timely bits of information will be posted on the Highland Park ListServ.
Marathon Pep Rally Cheer Section
Sponsored by the Highland Park Community Council

WHEN: Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 7:30am – 12 Noon
WHERE: The corner of N. Highland Ave & Bryant Street

Springtime means Pittsburgh Marathon time. Come join with your friends and neighbors in Highland Park to cheer on the racers of the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon as they hit the 20-mile mark passing through Highland Park. Racers will enter from the corner of N. Highland Avenue and Bryant Street and run along Bryant Street to N. Negley Avenue.

Sign making supplies and noisemakers will be provided, courtesy of Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon. A face painter will also be on-site from 9:00am – noon in front of the Bryant Street Market.

Enjoy race-day specials from local restaurants, live music by Hill Jordan & Slide Worldwide and free donuts, juice and fresh brewed coffee to help kick-start your morning (while supplies last).

Partnering Businesses Include: Bryant Street Market and Tazza D’oro.

Join us for an Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

Mark your calendars for two Saturday mornings in April to join the St. Andrew’s Easter Egg-Stravaganza. Bring your kids to dye and decorate eggs to take home on Saturday April 13th, and then come back to search for candy-filled eggs in the churchyard on Saturday April 20th. Both events are at 10:30 AM - you’re welcome to come to either or both. Call the church office 412-661-1245 with any questions. Both events are free and open to everyone. St. Andrew’s Church is located at 5801 Hampton Street. Hope to see you there.

Come Join the Fun!
St. Andrew’s Neighborhood EggStravaganza!

In the churchyard at 5801 Hampton Street

Saturday April 13
10:30 AM
Egg Coloring Party

Color eggs to take home, and color some to share. Help fill plastic eggs with candy for next week’s Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 20
10:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt
Specially designated hunt areas for little, middle, and older kids.

Will YOU find the special GOLDEN EGG?

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