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A Letter from the President

The beginning of spring not only means warmer weather and longer daylight hours, it also marks the beginning of the HPCC’s busy season. Starting with the marathon in May, through the yard sale and Bryant Street festival in June, Fourth of July Bike Parade in July and Reservoir of Jazz in August, we have a full line up planned. The events are open to all in the neighborhood including long-time residents and newcomers alike.

May’s Community Meeting

Stephanie Walsh, HPCC Vice President, and team have planned a Spring Fling party in the park in lieu of our regular meeting at St. Andrew’s on Thursday, May 16 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Super Playground. Enjoy free refreshments, including a cookie table, a beer tasting for adults, door prizes, kids activities, trivia and music! So many of our meetings are civic minded - this is a mostly social event. I hope you can make it!

Yard Sale and Bryant Street Festival

The HPCC annual multi-family Yard Sale will kick off at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 2. Well over 120 neighbors registered a yard sale at their home last year and we anticipate high participation once again this year. We will again be distributing maps listing the location of sales and types of items to be sold to make it easier for shoppers to find your home.

The Bryant Street Festival will begin at Noon in the business district, including live musical performances, food from local restaurants, children’s activities, artisan booths, and a flea market for additional bargain hunting. Whether you are shopping or selling, eating, or enjoying the music, there is something for everyone.

HPCC Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is June 20, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s church. Elections will be held for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as 3 vacancies on our Board of Directors. If you’re interested in joining the Board and would like to learn more, please reach out to me at monicawatt931@gmail.com.

Fourth of July Bike Parade

Before you head to your picnic on July 4, please join us at the entrance fountain for the annual children’s bike parade. Bring your bike, trike, wagon, or other child-powered vehicle to the Highland Park Entrance Garden. We’ll provide snacks and all the supplies for the kids to decorate and bedazzle their bikes before being led around the fountain for the parade.
If you are new to the neighborhood, keep an eye out for Todd Shirley, Welcoming Committee Chair, as he delivers welcome bags to new neighbors. The bags are full of useful information to help you adjust to your new area.

Enjoy the summer!

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

Police Zone 5 Update - Officer Jeff Crawford
Neighbors are urged to lock car doors and remove valuables as problems with theft from auto continue in this area. Information was requested about the police department high-speed chase policy after a resident reported a chase on N. St. Clair Street on 4/17/19.

Spring Fling - Highland Park neighbors are invited to attend the May 16th Spring Fling picnic at the Super Playground from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Entertainment, food, beer, kids activities, door prizes, and music will be provided by the HPCC. This event will replace the May Community meeting.

Girls Hope Pittsburgh - Tom Wiese, Executive Director
Girl Hope of Pittsburgh is operated by Catholic Sisters of St. Joseph and is part of a national program with 16 affiliates across the country. The non-profit organization is looking to purchase a home in Highland Park to house 8 boys.

The organization’s priorities are:
1. Housing: provide a safe, stable home environment for youths on a 24/7 basis, 365 days per year.
2. Education: partner and pay for youths to go to private Catholic schools and provide paid and volunteer tutors with 90 minutes of study per day.
3. Nurturing: provide mentoring, guidance and loving care with full and part time residential counselors with a focus on spirituality and life skills.

The goal is for the participants to achieve college graduation, enter the workforce, and become productive members of society. The boys will come from the City of Pittsburgh and will be academically capable, bright children between the ages of 10-18. Most suffer from poor family dynamics, but do not have mental or behavioral problems.

Girls Hope is regulated by the Department of Human Services and seeks a location in Highland Park due to easy access for parents and the proximity to diverse Catholic schools. They are working with City of Pittsburgh zoning to get approval for the non-permitted use of more than 3 unrelated people living in a single-family home. It is unclear at this time whether or not a zoning hearing will be required.

Candidates Forum for the May 21st local primary election — moderated by Chris Worley. Each candidate presented their qualifications and background in 3-minute speeches followed by questions.

- District 7 City Council:  Deb Gross (D), Deidre Kane (D)
- County Council At-Large: Bethany Hallum (D)
- District 2 School Board:  David Atkinson (D), Nosakhere Griffin-El (D), Kirk Rys (D & R), Devon Taliaferro (D)

Survey of Neighborhood Priorities — Janine Jelks-Seale invited residents to complete a survey to provide input as to how the HPCC should invest its resources so that it can more effectively engage residents and respond to the community’s interests and needs. Survey can be found on the HPCC website: hpccpgh.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.
The Great Highland Park Yard Sale & Bryant Street Festival

Yard Sale - 9 a.m. Start
The festivities begin the first Sunday in June (the 2nd) with our massive, multiple household Highland Park Community Council Yard Sale.

Like last year, we will have thousands of people strolling through the neighborhood looking for antiques, bargains and collectibles. For those of you living in an apartment or on a side street with limited foot traffic, we will be hosting the Highland Park Flea Market at the corner of Bryant St. and N. Highland Avenue. If this is of interest, please check the appropriate box when filling out the form. There is an option to rent tables for the flea market. Space is limited so don’t delay.

It is easy to participate. The Highland Park Community Council coordinates the yard sale. Simply fill out the form provided below. With the exception of your address and the items you wish to sell, all information is confidential. Visit hpccpgh.org to sign-up and pay or mail the form below and a $15 check made out to the HPCC to the address listed at the bottom of the page. You can also email your information and send your payment prior to the due date. Your payment covers advertising and printing costs including yard sale maps with address/sale item listings and signage. Forms received after Friday, May 25th will not be listed in the handouts. Please print legibly to minimize errors.

Don’t forget to pick up your signs and balloons the Saturday (June 1st) before the yard sale on the front porch of the address provided below.

Bryant Street Festival - Noon - 5 p.m.
After a healthy morning of walking our tree-lined streets in search of your favorite yard sale find, we invite you to join us on Bryant Street for live musical performances, delicious foods from our local businesses and neighbors and artists selling their jewelry, ceramics, stationery and much more. (If you are interested in participating, please let us know. We will provide you with an 8-foot table and two chairs.)

This annual neighborhood festival is Sunday, June 2nd from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Bryant Street will be blocked off between N. Highland and N. St Clair with activities for kids and musical acts on the stage. Look for more details on the HPCC ListServ and website.

We will need some volunteers to assist with setting up and taking down the tables and chairs. Please contact us via email at festival@highlandparkpa.com if you want to participate, volunteer, or have any questions.

Yard Sale Participation Form

Name ___________________________ Street Address ________________________________
Phone Number ___________________ Email Address ________________________________
If you are interested in the Bryant Street Flea Market option, check here: ☐ Yes
List Items For Sale ______________________________________________________________
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______________________________________________________________
Please be concise - no more than 200 characters. List best items first. There is no limitation on what can be sold, only what is listed in the map handout.

Please mail (or drop off) the form and a check made out to the HPCC for $15 to Jake Pawlak, 1014 Winterton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. For questions, please call (412) 478-7769 or email jacob.pawlak@gmail.com.
Owner and Brazilian native Keyla Nogueira Cook describes the Brazilian-inspired food as “Grandma’s food - simple, tasty, and flavorful home-style food.”

She grew up in a small town near Sao Paulo, Brazil and moved to the U.S. thirteen years ago. She missed the foods that she grew up with and began to cook special dishes for friends.

“Brazilian cuisine is very diverse with fresh ingredients and lots of vegetables, rice, and beans. Very flavorful,” explains Cook. Eventually she moved from cooking for friends in her home kitchen to renting kitchen space and catering parties and events. Cook was a 2017 top-seven finalist for a spot in Smallman Galley, which prompted her to begin a serious search for a brick and mortar location.

Casa Brasil truly adds to the array of international restaurants operating on Bryant Street. Located in the former E2 space, Casa Brasil started initially as a two-day a week pop-up in November/December of 2017. The restaurant has attracted a significant following since opening full time in September.
Cook looked in Millvale, South Side, Squirrel Hill, Bloomfield and East Liberty before settling on Highland Park. During the initial pop-up stint, she fell in love with Highland Park. She loved the cozy, residential and small town feel of the area as it reminded her of her town in Brazil. The location was also convenient to her home in the North Hills, just a 20-minute commute.

Casa Brasil is open for a one-year trial period. A short-term lease was attractive for Cook, as she had never run a restaurant before and wanted to make sure it was what she wanted to do. She continues to work full-time at Carnegie Mellon University while running Casa Brasil.

The immediate following the restaurant developed surprised Cook and her business partner, Tim Guthrie. They hope to remain open and in the space beyond the one-year trial period, but it “depends on the numbers”, according to Cook. “We are working hard to stay.”

The upstairs portion of the restaurant can accommodate 24 diners. The downstairs is available for rental for private events. Casa Brasil provides catering for the event space, if needed, and outside catering as well. The restaurant holds its own special events periodically in the lower space, which have included a kids carnaval, an adult carnaval, dance parties, live music and more. A Spanish cooking class is currently in the works.

Casa Brasil is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but they frequently open the restaurant to on those days to guest chefs. We focus on international cuisines with our guest chefs and have had Chinese, Puerto Rican and Indian food. We hope to feature Vegan-Italian this spring,” explains Cook.

Patrons may BYOB for a nominal $5 corking fee ($5 for five people). Casa Brasil will take reservations for parties of 5 or more. Cook invites Highland Park neighbors to come down and say “hello” and sample the popular Feijoada (black bean stew).

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Wednesday to Friday: 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FLYING TENNIS BALLS

The male American Goldfinch, roundish and bright yellow, reminds me of a tennis ball. This small bird bounces through the air with an unusual arcing flight path, often calling out “per-chik-o-ree” as it goes. It is a year-round resident here, but is less noticeable in the winter, when it matches the drab olive/brown color of the female. The male has a black cap during breeding season and both sexes show black with white highlights on wings and tail all year round.

Goldfinches feed mainly on seeds, so backyard feeders are particularly beneficial to them when seeds are scarce. Like chickadees, they like to hang upside-down and nibble the catkins of birch trees. They can also eat tree buds, berries and maple tree sap.

A RECOLLECTION:

Watching a mated pair of Goldfinches perusing the backyard sunflowers on a late summer afternoon. A hawk streaked down from on high, and then there was only one. The female wandered the garden for days afterward, calling…calling…

A RECOMMENDATION:

Goldfinches absolutely love thistle seeds. Why not grow some thistles in your yard this year? Most of the thistles that sprout around here are aggressively invasive and should be discouraged, but there are also several species native to Pennsylvania. Seeds of one variety, the Pasture Thistle, are available on-line.
BEES IN A BROOMSTICK

For the past several years, Carpenter Bees have been using an old broomstick on our deck as a nursery and winter hide-away. It’s amazing how they have been able to hollow it out without breaking through to the other side. I hear the mother bee chewing away on early summer evenings, enlarging the nest. The hollow broomstick really amplifies the sound—this might make a unique flute if the bees ever vacate the premises.

Carpenter Bees are large bees about the size of Bumble Bees, but they have shiny abdomens, whereas the bumble’s abdomen is covered with dense hair. They do not live communally in hives, but in tunnels that they chew into soft wood. This can do damage to wooden structures, but the bees do not actually eat the wood like termites do, so the damage is less likely to be catastrophic.

Carpenter Bees may be solitary, but more often live in small social groups of two to five females. One primary female is in charge of reproduction and gathering food for the larvae. The new adults emerge in late summer and hibernate over the winter in their wooden refuges. Most old bees die in late summer, but a few females overwinter again to become primary females the following year.

Male Carpenter Bees, which cannot sting, act as sentinels in the vicinity of the nursery, hovering and then chasing after anything that moves, including birds way up in the sky and a person’s waving hand. We’ve had one stationed on our deck every year. This can be somewhat intimidating at first, but can also be quite entertaining. I have watched our sentry bee wrestling mid-air with other Carpenter Bees on their way to gather nectar and pollen from the wisteria flowers nearby. I wonder if this is some territorial battle, some kind of communication, or if the bee’s mate is just bringing him lunch.

FAREWELL, FAREWELL

My May column marks a full year writing Nature-Watch. It seems a logical time to call it quits, before I run out of things to say. I have truly enjoyed sharing my thoughts and observations with the great people of Highland Park. Thank you so much to Monica Watt for giving me this opportunity, and to all the people who contributed their observations and photos.
“Hey! I can see your compartment!” I readily agree that ‘compartment’ feels like a more fitting term for any one of the 164 beautifully boxy dwellings within, rented to the public since the property opened in 1962. The unobstructed vistas, which tenants enjoy from within upstage any onlookers glimpse of this building with bones of steel, accents of aluminum and a façade of glass. It contrasts greatly with the nearest structures of similar height: the Cathedral of Hope (1935, East Liberty) and the Cathedral of Learning (1926, Oakland), both examples of Gothic Revival architecture.

Mr. Katselas, who designed the building at age 34, six years after launching his Pittsburgh back then, high-rises were all the rage, and this was my first opportunity to build up and not out,” reflected architect Tasso Katselas during a recent conversation regarding the multi-unit ‘glass tower’ he designed in 1961. Bordered by Mellon Street as it curves onto Mellon Terrace, the Bunkerhill Street side of majestic Highland Park and North St. Clair Street, the unapologetically rectilinear, 22-story Parklane building in the northeastern part of Pittsburgh is visible from limited, but unique vantage points throughout the surrounding, undulating topography of the city. Distinctly looming and less often dwarfed by its milieu of rich greenery and historic residential properties, the 5700 Bunkerhill Street modernist high-rise continues to attract curious admirers and detractors alike. Its height and architectural style pose a strange allure sometimes described as out of place, though it has been part of the neighborhood for 57 years.

When we curve up One Wild Place, or cruise across Stanton, my six-year-old nephew, and Lego aficionado, yells from the back seat,
architectural firm, is a long-time resident, graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology (now CMU) and accomplished architect responsible for the Pittsburgh International Airport, regional campus facilities in the Brutalist manner and a range of private homes. Still as sharp as a tack, he explained that while he was “too young to grasp it at the time,” in hindsight there is only one thing he would have changed about the Highland House (now the Parklane) - instead of siting the building exactly parallel with the adjacent streets, he would have “twisted it” so it sat at an angle that would offer even more dramatic views, especially of the nearby reservoir.

“I would never do a building that has glass on all four sides,” he went on, “unless there was a compelling reason - and that compelling reason was the view.” The clarity and simplicity of the glass façade, void of superficial ornament, enforces the relationship to setting and nature.

For improved vantage, the structure is raised up on pilotis - stilt-like concrete columns that replace supporting walls on the ground level. Lower and mid-floor unit views include tree tops and the reservoirs of Highland Park, and higher units look further afield with the east-facing units capturing Downtown Pittsburgh and an expanse of neighborhoods.

Citing the Lever House, designed in 1952 by Gordon Bunshaft and Natalie de Blois for Skidmore Owings Merrill as the second curtain wall skyscraper in New York City, as a significant inspiration for Highland House, Katselas’ Pittsburgh design broke ground in 1961 and was described as “the first major apartment dwelling in this part of the country to make use of aluminum curtain wall construction.” Without the facade needing to bear any structural load from the building, pane glass infill allows for stunning views and an impressive, utterly modern appearance. Highland House’s construction consists of a structural steel frame with vertical columns fire-proofed by a blend of cement and perlite plaster, poured concrete slabs stretching horizontally for each floor, and aluminum framing encasing single-pane glass windows with operable hopper windows and porcelain lower panels that were later added to reduce complaints of vertigo from early tenants.

What gives the building a patchwork appearance - its hundreds of glass panes an irrational puzzle of clear, blue, reflective, silvery, and some say purple tone, depending on the time of day – is the UV-light shielding
film that has been applied to the windows, aging in some sections. Affixing differing brands at random and only as needed has significantly impacted the building’s aesthetic quality.

The recessed ground floor entrance lobby is accessible by a revolving door and is enclosed in glass to incorporate the mail room, elevator core, service elevator and what was once a cubicle for a round-the-clock doorman. A concrete patio sheltered by the overhang of the building wrap the entrance lobby, surrounded by a brick-paved driveway, where a valet service once welcomed tenants and their vehicles, reportedly including an option for a car-wash. An expansive single-story indoor parking lot sits adjacent to the main building, connected through the basement level.

The site was once home to a Pittsburgh Railways Company ‘street car barn,’ the original stone wall indicating the partial perimeter of that facility intact. Having reached the end of their line, trolley cars for line 71-Negley and 73-Highland, were stationed here for a pause before going back out on their route. Line 71 (later named Negley-Highland Park) appears to have entirely ceased operation by January 1967. Most lines retired during the late 1950s and throughout the 1960s.

Around 1956, Manhattan Realty acquired the property directly from the Pittsburgh Railway Company and had it rezoned to erect a high-rise apartment building with a corresponding setback. Due to financial issues, Manhattan Realty abandoned its plan, selling the property to the Highland Tower Group in 1960 who hoped to proceed with plans by Katselas. To advance with building on the former site of the trolley car house, the Highland House developers had to concede that Port Authority (who acquired the Railway Co. in the early 1960s) could stage transit vehicles along St. Clair Street, as well as for operators to utilize the facilities at the new property. To this day, buses idle behind the Parklane and their drivers have key access to the basement level restrooms.

Upon opening, the Highland House was heavily promoted as a luxury and unique rental opportunity. Mr. Katselas recalls it being readily embraced with excitement, with a third of the units being rented in advance. A full-page profile style advertisement in the February 25, 1962 edition of The Pittsburgh Press lauded a comprehensive list of regional contributors to the project including steel fabrication by Schact Steel Construction of Apollo, Pennsylvania, excavation & demolition by Noralco Corporation on Bates Street and many more - down to every last detail, such as General Electric kitchen appliances.

The current owners purchased the Parklane in 1982 under Frank Schroeder, Partner of Mozart Management. Unit-types came to be named after significant modern artists such as Picasso, Degas and O’Keefe, less likely a direct carryover from the property’s original etiquette, than an updated branding alluding to the maintenance of an upscale setting. The Parklane continued to host an array of occupants for the next nearly 37 years. At the time of this article, only 6 of 164 units were currently unoccupied, the rest by a diverse, multicultural community including at least one tenant who has resided there since the building’s opening. Some of their reflections on past changes may likely quicken in the coming year, once the building changes ownership with planned upgrades.

Mr. Katselas’ integration of communal and social spaces was fundamental in his work and common in the period. Around 2008, when
Mozart Management announced that the property’s swimming pool heavily used every summer since the 60s, would be permanently closed due to the burden of maintenance, neighbors who valued this social space banded together to try to change the tide, to no avail. The area has lived on as an enclosed courtyard, with a grassy feature precisely the shape of the ‘figure 8’ style swimming pool that was infilled. Something of a small legend amongst curious tenants and sleuths of modern architecture is a restaurant space on the second floor that was either planned for this building or indeed realized as a short-lived amenity, proof lying in the atypical configuration of that level.

It was recently announced that with Mozart Management’s intention to sell the building, Albion Residential of Chicago held the leading bid on the property. Focused on the acquisition, development and operation of Midwestern urban, luxury rental apartments, Albion is responsible for Morrow Park City Apartments and Southside Works City Apartments in Pittsburgh, both new constructions. The Parklane would be their first redevelopment of an existing, historic property in Pittsburgh, the other in their portfolio a complete renovation of the 19-story 1915 Soo Line building in downtown Minneapolis listed on the National Register of Historic Places as of 2008 and designed by Robert W. Gibson, considered a Beaux-Arts master. Their approach included restoring the exterior façade and gut renovating the interior while retaining some original detail as a nod to the era. In a phone conversation on March 15th, an associate at Albion stated their intention to retain the essential appearance of the façade of the Parklane building – but to paraphrase a point made by a historic preservation professional: when less is more, it’s easier to screw up. The slightest modification intended as an enhancement to an intentionally plain twentieth-century modernist building could compromise its aesthetic. Yet the benefit of its simplicity, inside and out, is that adaptive reuse is amenable - more so perhaps than for a complex, ornate and traditional structure, or for contemporary space highly tailored to the user - presumably a draw for a developer. The associate suggested the fundamental interior layout would remain the same, with comprehensive upgrades to every unit.

Tenants received notices on March 22 that the property will be managed by Village Green Management Company in lieu of Mozart Management effective May 6, 2019, once the purchaser Albion Residential closes. As of March 30, the sale was under agreement.

With a new and significant investment into the property, one can anticipate increased rent and significant changes to the special setting of the Parklane. If Albion Residential can implement their potential vision and façade improvements in-tune with the building’s intended aesthetic, perhaps their formula of integrating hotel-like amenities and enhancement of this vertical neighborhood can smartly harken back to its original iteration as the Highland House (in fact, this would be a superb renaming). Appropriate then for the fabled restaurant-lounge to be brought to life with a view, for the swimming pool to be filled and returned to turquoise – yet also for the dated, smoking-allowed policy to be dropped. Impressively, there remain aluminum ashtrays mounted on the wall between the elevators on each floor - and this writer may just be in the one-member club that would miss such remaining original details when it comes time for their retirement.
HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

With more new neighbors discovering Highland Park each year, it was great to see a very good turnout at the February HPCC meeting for a presentation of the work of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation. For some in attendance it was a chance to introduce the HPCDC and our mission, while for others it was the latest update on both those projects we have completed over the years, and the latest projects underway now.

Very briefly, the HPCC and HPCDC are partner organizations. The HPCC serves as the broad membership organization where the vision of the neighborhood is determined, while the HPCDC is tasked with executing those parts of the neighborhood’s plans that are development (“bricks and mortar”) in nature. The HPCDC began with residential rehabilitation projects in the southwest corner of the neighborhood over twenty years ago, and over time this focus grew to also take in the commercial rejuvenation of Bryant Street.

OUR FIRST PROJECT on Bryant Street was 5801 Bryant, the home of Park Bruges. Not just the site of a very successful restaurant, the project restored a historic building and was the catalyst for the rebirth of what had been a very quiet commercial district. Private developers have stepped up to do some of this work, while other projects continue to require the unique commitment and resources of the HPCDC. For the latest on Bryant Street, these updates:

PHASE 2: on Bryant Street tackled the open lot next to Park Bruge, repairing a large gap in the urban fabric with a new three story building that brought six new apartments and ground floor retail space to the street. The apartments filled very quickly, but the retail storefronts proved to be a bit more challenging due to the level of “build-out” required for a new tenant to move in. Half of the ground floor remains unoccupied because basic heating, cooling, or toilet facilities weren’t in place to allow a new business to move in without delay. We have now secured the financing to address this basic infrastructure gap and will soon be able to shorten the timeline for new tenants. If you or someone you know is looking to make the move to Bryant Street, we would like to talk!

PHASE 3: Across the street at 5800 Bryant Street, you have no doubt been following the progress at another historic restoration project, the two-story building at the corner of Bryant and N. St. Clair. As the two photos show, the transformation of this building is remarkable. It will soon provide three different types of spaces to help further activate the street: 1800 sq. ft. of retail/restaurant space on the ground floor, another 1800 sq. ft. of commercial office space on the floor above, and a two-story townhouse apartment at the rear. As with the commercial space available at Phase 2, we would very much like to discuss rental opportunities for new businesses who would like to be in this newest addition to Bryant Street. For interest in either property you may contact me at david.hance@hpcdc.org.

David Hance, President
HPCDC

The HPCDC is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) corporation at work since 1993 to improve the neighborhood we love. If you are able to support our efforts with a tax deductible contribution, please be assured that your gifts will go a long way toward furthering the great things happening in Highland Park. Contributions may be mailed to: HPCDC, PO Box 4866, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
There’s a lot going on around Old St. Andrew’s this spring and on into early summer. May it be truly a season of refreshment and renewal for all in the neighborhood—in our homes and families, in our schools, and in all the places where we work or play.

Friday Evening, May 10th, is our Family Pizza and Games Night begins at 6 p.m. All are welcome, but a reminder that parents are to remain with their kids through the evening.

Sunday, May 12th, is Mother’s Day and we will be welcoming special guests Pat and Caroline Hurd, who recently visited our St. Andrew’s Mission Partners at the Mustard Seed Babies’ Home in Hoima, Uganda. Pat and Caroline will share a “Minute for Mission” at both morning services and will show slides and talk about the trip during the 10 a.m. “hour between the services” downstairs in Barley Hall.

On Sunday, May 19th, we will be delighted to welcome to St. Andrew’s our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey W.M. McConnell, who will preside and preach at both our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. At the 11 a.m. service Bishop McConnell will also administer the Rite of Confirmation and the Reception of persons Confirmed in other Communions into the Communion of the Episcopal Church.

Saturday May 25th will be a fun day for us at St. Andrew’s and in the wider community as we gather at 4 p.m. for a program of music and tributes to celebrate the retirement of Susy Robison after 10 years of service at the Homeless Children’s Education Fund, 4 years at the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and 8 years at the East End Cooperative Ministry. A fun party will follow in Brooks Hall. “Susy’s Friends” are invited from every corner of the neighborhood and wider community!

The Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 26th, marks the end of our Spring schedule—and on the First Sunday of June, June 2nd, we begin our Summer pattern, with one service only, at 10 a.m. Again, all are welcome and warmly invited. Nursery Care continues during the service hour all summer long, and on most Sundays we also offer a “Children’s Chapel” program for the younger set.

Looking ahead to summer, we’ll be adding dates soon for our annual summertime book discussion evenings in June and August and, of course, an August “St. Andrew’s Sunday afternoon at PNC Park.”

On the summer calendar already, though, is a special “Ice Cream Sundae” Coffee Hour reception immediately following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, August 11th. The festivities in Brooks Hall and in the Churchyard will be hosted by Bruce, Susy, Daniel, and Linnea Robison in celebration and as a way of expressing our love for the parish and the neighborhood on the 25th Anniversary of Bruce’s first Sunday service at St. Andrew’s on the Second Sunday of August in 1994.

Check the website www.standrewspgh.org, “Like” our Facebook Page, or give our Church Office a call at 412-661-1245 for more information about any of the above events.
Please help us keep the park entrance looking beautiful!
Volunteers will work with Angele Yule from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and neighbors from 5-7 p.m. Gloves and tools are provided.

May 8 & 22
June 5 & 19
July 10 & 24
Aug 7 & 21
Sept 4 & 18
Oct 2 & 16

If you suspect domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, or go to thehotline.org. All calls are toll-free and confidential. The hotline is available 24/7 in more than 170 languages.
KITCHEN NOW OPEN!

5308 BUTLER ST. PITTSBURGH, PA
MONDAY-THURSDAY 4-11PM, FRIDAY 4-12PM,
SATURDAY 12AM-12PM
5th Annual Zone 5 Community Open House

Saturday, June 8th from 12pm-5pm.
Zone 5 Police Station,
1401 Washington Boulevard

The station will be open to all residents, business owners, and community leaders. Come meet the officers and learn more about the Bureau of Police. The event will be held in the parking lot of Zone 5. We will have food, activities for the kids. We hope you can join us!

This year’s event will include:
- DJ
- Food (Zone 5 officers will be manning the grill)
- Specialized Units (SWAT, Bomb Squad, K-9, Motorcycles, etc).
- PGH Paramedics will be displaying an ambulance and teaching CPR.
- PGH Fire will be displaying a fire truck and teaching fire prevention.
- We are going to have a magician and face painting for the kids.
- Cornhole and other games.
- No cost for the event!

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