It’s July and summer has entered full swing. At the HPCC it’s a time of transition with new members joining the board and other members cycling off at the end of their terms. Many thanks are due to our retiring board members who have helped to make our community council and neighborhood a better place. A few highlights from their tenure: David Atkinson increased engagement with our neighborhood schools; Jessica Acrie organized – and will continue run! – the Highland Park Marathon Party; and, outgoing President Monica Watt… what hasn’t she done? Monica has been active with the HPCC for over 15 years in too many capacities to list. If you know her you know that she will be unable to simply walk away, but will remain active with the elements especially near and dear to her heart, including the Super Playground and House Tour. Please give them each a big thanks when you see them!

We are also fortunate to be welcoming four new board members: Judy Beck (Secretary), Jim Holtzman, Howard Degenholtz, and Chris Worley. With their energy and new ideas, they have already begun contributing to the HPCC’s work.

While the new board energy will be put to good use, we are still recruiting! Are you interested in becoming more active in the community, meeting new people, and having some fun? You’re in luck because we have an opening for one more board member. We are also looking for a volunteer who is interested in communications to help us rethink and reformat the newsletter. Finally, we need someone to take over children’s activities. If you’d like to learn more, please email me at HPCCPgh@gmail.com.

Turning to HPCC activities, over the past six months we have actively engaged the community to learn more about what you want from us. One clear message was that people are interested in more social events. We listened. In place of our traditional May community meeting, we hosted our first (annual?) Spring Fling, a community picnic in the park. The weather gods smiled on us: after a week of cold and rain, we had a glorious evening and approximately 400 people from throughout the neighborhood took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the park, meet their neighbors, listen to live music, and have some free food and fun.

This summer, we are launching another new activity: Movie Night Parties. In conjunction with the City’s Cinema in the Park program, we will be hosting pre-movie parties with free popcorn, movie-themed party favors, and trivia – the winner each night will receive two movie passes, compliments of Waterworks Cinema. Although June’s movie was rained out, mark your calendar for the upcoming shows:

- July 29: Jumanji (1995, PG)
- August 26: Dumbo (2009, PG)

Parties start an hour before the film at Mt. Bigelow on the far side of the reservoir.

Turning to August, many folks don’t realize it, but the HPCC is the City’s primary partner responsible for organizing the annual Reservoir of Jazz concert series. With financial support from the City, our volunteers line-up the musicians and provide the amenities such as the children’s activities, bathrooms, etc. Our 50-50 raffle during the show is also an important fundraiser for us, so please come enjoy the music and show your support August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1 (Labor Day weekend).

Finally, our community meetings will also resume in August. These meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at St. Andrew’s church at 7 p.m., except in July and December (and maybe May because of the Spring Fling – to be determined). This year, we began providing food and a supervised children’s activity table to make it easier for parents to come. We typically bring in speakers of interest to the community and plan on adding more social elements, as well. These meetings typically last no more than an hour and are a great way to keep up on what’s happening in the neighborhood and make new friends. Please join us!

TTFN – Your New President,

Stephanie Walsh
The meeting was called to order by president Monica Watt at 7:05 p.m.

Zone 5 Police Update
Lt. Matt Gauntner encouraged residents to please keep personal items out of their cars and to lock them when not in use. If people locked their cars, many of the thefts this past month would not have occurred.

Highland Park Porch Crawl, Saturday, June 29
Sherry Goldman talked about the upcoming porch crawl, how it got started and answered questions on how the event works. She encouraged people to participate as a porch destination (they have 10 so far) or by purchasing tickets.

Petroleum Engineers of Pittsburgh
Al Mann was on hand to talk about his new book, Petroleum Pioneers of Pittsburgh, and signed books purchased by attendees. The book gathers and interweaves the stories and oil/natural gas business ventures of many Pittsburgh men who helped develop and lead this emerging energy industry from the 1850s into modern times. Cost is $55 plus tax and shipping. For more information, contact Al Mann at amann23451@gmail.com or call 412-826-5834.

HPCC Committee Annual Updates
WELCOMING COMMITTEE
Todd Shirley, Welcoming Committee Chair, continues to deliver welcome bags to new neighbors. The bags are full of useful information to help newcomers adjust to their new neighborhood. Todd also designed and purchased new bags this year.

PARK & SUPER PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE
Monica Watt, Committee Chair, confirmed that design of the Super Playground replacement is going to move forward in 2019. With HPCC funds, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC) and a landscape architect will conduct a community workshop in August/September to develop a vision for the project. The landscape architect will use this vision as the starting point for design. Some starting points:

1. It will be in approximately the same location.
2. The design will be inclusive and accessible.
3. It will respond to and interact with the trees.
4. It will incorporate valued play elements from the current playground.
5. The design will stimulate the imagination and senses, encourage cooperative play, and support childhood developmental stages — physical and cognitive.

PPC, working with the HPCC, will conduct a summer playground survey of playground visitors.
CHILDREN’S COMMITTEE
Teri Rucker, Committee Chair, is moving in August and is looking for people to join the committee as her replacement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Glen Schultz, Committee Chair, gave a brief update on HPCC finances and the 2019/2020 budget, which was passed at a prior meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Stephanie Walsh, Committee Chair, and the committee are in the process of transferring our membership data to a new CRM – Neon. Once in place, annual membership reminders, etc. will be automated and outreach to members will be more streamlined.

YARD SALE COMMITTEE
Jake Pawlak, Committee Chair, stated that 2019 was another successful year for the Highland Park Yard Sale. Nearly 150 sellers participated and despite a threat of rain in the morning, there were strong crowds throughout the neighborhood all day. Looking ahead to 2020, we’ll be looking for a more central and convenient packet pick up location for sellers, considering whether to use a different mapping service for the online listing, and exploring some new advertising options to increase attendance even further.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE
Jake Pawlak, Committee Chair, confirmed that things have been going well with the HPCC website since our last major overhaul in winter 2017/18. No major changes are currently planned, but we’re open to any and all suggestions for improvements or new content.

ZONING COMMITTEE
Jake Pawlak, committee chair, stated that the zoning committee continues to monitor planning and building permit applications for work planned in the neighborhood. The number of applications has gone down slightly recently after a significant uptick in activity over the past few years.

2019 Elections Held
Nominations passed unanimously, the slate was voted upon and the following were elected to the HPCC Board:

Directors
President – Stephanie Walsh
Vice President – Karin Manovich
Treasurer – Paul Miller
Secretary – Judy Beck

Board Members
Howard Degenholtz
Jim Holtzman
Chris Worley
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**HPCC Invites you to a Night at the Movies!**

**Monday, July 29: Popcorn & Puppies**
- Be prepared for a wild night in the jungle! You bring your four-legged friends, we’ll provide the safari gear, popcorn, and animal trivia!
- [www.hpccmovienightjuly29.eventbrite.com](http://www.hpccmovienightjuly29.eventbrite.com)

**Monday, August 26: Popcorn & PJs**
- Snuggle up - it’s a pajama party! Come in your PJs and bring your pillows. We’ll settle you in with goodies, popcorn, and Disney trivia!
- Movie: “Dumbo” (2019, PG)
- [www.hpccmovienightaugust26.eventbrite.com](http://www.hpccmovienightaugust26.eventbrite.com)

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

For more information on Cinema in the Park, please visit: [www.pittsburghpa.gov/events/cinema](http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/events/cinema)
August 4

KENIA

KENIA is renowned for her ability to translate the complex rhythms of her Brazilian homeland into jazzy creations that made her a star of the smooth jazz movement two decades ago. Kenia’s music continues to transcend geographic and musical boundaries. Throughout her storied recording career, Kenia has performed at national and international festivals from the Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival to the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival in the ABC Islands. She has collaborated not only with jazz icons but also with up and coming artists, such as a 2011 show with Pittsburgh-based trumpeter Sean Jones. She is equally enchanting performing standards by big names (Gershwin, Lennon and McCartney), works by contemporary composers (Romero Lubambo, Luiz Simas) and original material with her own lyrics and music composed for Kenia by the likes of Antonio Adolfo.

August 11

Don Aliquo

Steeped in Pittsburgh’s rich jazz tradition, saxophonist Don Aliquo grew up listening to and learning from jazz legends. Following in the footsteps of his father, a well-respected jazz artist himself, Don spent his formative years performing with many of the region’s greats including Joe Harris, Danny Conn Johnny Costa, David Budway, and Jeff Watts. His musical development continued at the Berklee College of Music, where he played in the International Dues Band directed by Phil Wilson. George Garzone, Joe Viola, Ed Tomasi and John La Porta were instrumental in his artistic growth at Berklee.
August 18

Richie Cole's Pittsburgh Alto Madness Orchestra

Band Members: Richie Cole, Mark Perna, Reggie Watkins, Rick Matt, Vince Taglieri, JD Chaisson, Patrick Whitehead, Eric Susoeff

The Alto Madness Orchestra was developed by Cole in the early 90's and its continuing popularity is proof of its uniqueness. As Richie explains, “The idea of the Orchestra is the concept and sound of an eighteen-piece big band using only seven instruments, four of which are horns. Not only does this have the big band ensemble sound, it also allows us plenty of room for improvisation as if we were in a quartet setting.”

Richie Cole started playing alto saxophone when he was 10 years old in his home town of Trenton, New Jersey. Influenced by Sonny Rollins and Charlie Parker, Cole’s talent and dedication won him a full scholarship from Downbeat Magazine to the Berklee School of Music in Boston.

His professional career began in 1969 when he joined the Buddy Rich Big Band. And after stints with the Lionel Hampton Big Band and the Doc Severinsen Big Band, Cole formed his own quintet and toured worldwide, doing a great deal to popularize bebop and his own “Alto Madness” style in the 70’s and early 80’s. Notably, Cole has performed at the Village Vanguard and Carnegie Hall as well as gave a command performance for the Queen of England.

August 25

Yoko Suzuko Trio

Yoko Suzuko (sax) Cliff Barnes (organ) James Johnson III (drums)

Yoko Suzuki is an alto saxophonist working in Pittsburgh and New York City. She started to play the alto saxophone upon joining a jazz ensemble at Osaka University in Japan, teaching herself jazz theory, improvisation and repertoire. After working as a musician in Osaka, Japan and New York City, she moved to Pittsburgh in 2006. She received a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology and a PhD certificate in women’s studies at the University of Pittsburgh in 2011.

A Youngstown native, Cliff Barnes, has been working as a professional musician since he was 11. He plays the piano, the organ, and the bass in diverse genres including gospel, funk, R&B, and jazz.

Tutored by his father, a legendary jazz pianist, James Johnson III has been playing the drums since the age of 5 and has been a regular fixture in local jazz circles since he was 15.

As a trio, they have been performing in and around the Pittsburgh area since 2014.

September 1

Afro Yaqui Music Collective

The Afro Yaqui Music Collective is nothing short of pure, uncut sonic radical love. These extraordinary artists have returned this thing called ‘jazz’ back to its real roots—to the earth, to the sky, to the women who produced and protected a people’s culture. Ben Barson, Gizelxanath Rodriguez, and the crew have committed to making liberation music—which is to say, music without borders or boundaries; future music from the well of the past that’s always on time; joyful music that swings and sings and sometimes stings but always keeps us dancing toward freedom.
Back in 1969, neighbors on the 1300 block of Sheridan Ave decided to hold a July 4th block party. Norm Sauerwein recalls that his late wife Midge had gotten tired of taking their kids to the Mon for the 4th and having to walk up the hill each time they needed to use the restrooms. Working with other families on the block, a tradition was born.

Norma Lipscomb, who has been here since the start!, recalled that Midge would cook sausage sandwiches and sell them to people for lunches, and that there would be games for adults and kids. Beth Blumenfeld’s parents (Shelley and Irv) moved to the block a year later when Beth was quite young. She remembers as a kid staying up late the night before making decorations, then playing all day and into the late night – even the wee hours of the morning – as folks square-danced and partied in the street.

Over time, the block changed and the party evolved. Back then, there were dozens of kids who lived on the block. Now there are fewer young kids – although many college-aged kids and adults who grew up here return, often with their children - and more friends from nearby. It’s a unique event because it brings people together, young and old, and strengthens our sense of community, even if people haven’t connected with each other for a while.

These days, the early birds do yoga at 9 a.m. Around 11 a.m., the cars are moved off the street, the decorations go up, and the grills come out. The BBQ starts around noon – and this year, it was supplemented by a traditional Japanese noodle slide. For the last 10 years, Randy Walsh has organized a kids’ activity (with Howard Degenholtz as his partner in crime for the last 3 years). Think scavenger hunt, egg drops, engineering towers from newspaper and masking tape, and even a duct tape suspension bridge!
Last winter, a visiting teacher from Japan told Randy and Howard that cookouts in Japan traditionally have bamboo noodle slides. The idea was planted. For this year, they built a traditional bamboo sluice fueled by water from a hose. As they dropped cooked noodles down the slide, people stood on either side trying to catch them out of the running water with chopsticks, then dip them in a traditional sauce before eating. So much fun and yummy, too!

During the afternoon, there’s an assortment of fun and games up and down the block. This year there was a piñata, volleyball, corn hole, home-made waterslide, and water balloon sling-shot (“The Funnelator”).

There is a community potluck in the evening, where people set up tables and chairs in the middle of the street and eat together. Each year, after the meal, neighbors read the Declaration of Independence aloud. It may seem a little hokey, but it reinforces why the 4th is celebrated: why our founders were willing to fight to establish a nation.

And no 4th of July celebration would be complete without fireworks. As it gets dark, neighbors cluster on a couple of yards and porches and Jan and Frances Irvin put on a delightful fireworks show. Like so many blocks in Highland Park, neighbors here are close and the annual 4th of July party is part of how a sense of community is nurtured and celebrated. July 4th wouldn’t be the same without it!

A special thank you to the folks who keep this tradition going each year: In addition to the folks named above, Nancy Levine & Jon Nelson, Stacy Bodow & Frank Spadafora, Ellen Ansell & Rick Rogow, Tara McLarney & Jerry Farber, David Steidl, David Toal, Val Monaco, and our fearless leader, Deb Polk.
Sunday services at St. Andrew’s during the remainder of July and August follow our summer schedule, with one service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Cool refreshments and conversation follow every Sunday.

Additionally, on August 11th the Robison family will host an “Ice Cream Sundae Sunday” reception as a “thank you” to the congregation on the 25th anniversary of my first Sunday at St. Andrew’s. Please join us!

One major musical event is scheduled here on Hampton Street this summer, as the Choir of Selwyn College, of the University of Cambridge, will be in concert with a program of sacred and secular music on Friday evening, July 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 general, $8 student/senior, and may be purchased from the Church Office or at the door.

While our full St. Andrew’s Parish Choir is taking a bit of a summer break, the services most Sundays will 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, our children’s programs are also “on vacation,” but on two Sundays each month we schedule a Children’s Chapel during a portion of the 10 am service hour. July “Children’s Chapel” Sundays are the 14th and 21st, and in August they will fall on the 11th and 25th. Nursery Care is always available for infants and younger children from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. And a reminder: The kids are always welcome in Church!

St. Andrew’s with our great Choir and our highly regarded Children’s “Godly Play” and “Tween” and Youth Group programs, our midweek services and adult Bible Studies, etc., and with many opportunities for fun and for meaningful service, mission, and outreach, in will all resume our regular fall schedule on our “Round Up Sunday,” September 8th—a day we traditionally observe with a fun Parish Picnic in the Hampton Street Churchyard.

Finally, I’d like to mention as a personal note, as many in the neighborhood may have already heard, that at our April 28th Annual Parish Meeting this year I announced to the parish that I will be retiring from my ministry as Rector of St. Andrew’s Church at the end of 2019. It has been a rich and meaningful quarter-century, and I’m very thankful for the opportunity that I’ve had to serve in such a great parish—and in such a great neighborhood! There will be a couple of opportunities for “retirement celebration” this fall—and at the same time our congregation and parish leadership have already begun the process that will lead to the search for and election of our next (16th) Rector. Friends and family: stay tuned for news!

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, and “Like” us on Facebook (search for “St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Highland Park.”)
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