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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!
A Letter from the President

Happy February, Neighbors!

We have made it past winter’s half-way point and the days are finally getting longer! With Spring on the horizon, it’s time to talk membership. Membership makes the Highland Park Community Council’s programming possible. Your dues support:

- Long-running events, such as Reservoir of Jazz Concerts, the Bryant Street Festival, and the Marathon Party;
- New events like the Spring Fling, which will be back this year on May 21;
- Special events, such as the popular Home Tour and this year’s Garden Tour, coming on July 12;
- Our regular neighborhood communications, such as our newsletter and website; and
- Incidentals such as snacks and child care at our community meetings, children’s events at Reservoir of Jazz concerts, children’s holiday parades, and welcome bags for new neighborhood residents.

This year, the HPCC migrated to a new membership database – a system that in the long-run will enable us to provide more customer service, but resulted in our membership renewal postcards going out a bit later than usual. If you already joined or renewed, thank you! If not, it’s easy and secure to do so on-line – just visit www.hpccpgh.org. When you join or renew on-line, you’ll now be able to create an account. Member accounts help us provide you with information about the things you’re most interested in, enable you to sign-up for automatic membership renewals, and – as we bring more features on-line later this year – will enable you to sign-up to volunteer and purchase tickets for events. Special thanks to Chris Worley and Howard Degenholtz for getting our new system up and running!

Membership checks made out to the HPCC can still be mailed to PO Box 5036, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Individual or Family memberships are $25 and other levels are available and listed on our website. The Highland Park Community Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by neighborhood volunteers. Membership is tax deductible and 100% of membership donations are used to support Highland Park.

As always, thank you for your support - we couldn’t do it without you!

Warm regards,

Stephanie Walsh
HPCC President
COMMUNITY MEETINGS:
The 3rd Thursday of most months, 7 p.m., St. Andrew’s Church

- Feb 20
- March 19
- April 16
- June 18
- Aug 20
- Sept 17
- Oct 15
- Nov 19

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **May 3rd:** Marathon Party, Bryant Street
- **May 21st:** Spring Fling, Super Playground / Maple Grove Shelter, Highland Park
- **June 6th:** Neighborhood Yard Sale & Bryant Street Festival
- **July 4th:** Children’s 4th of July Parade, Highland Park Entrance Garden
- **July 12th:** Garden Tour, begins at Highland Park Entrance Garden
- **June, July & August, dates to be announced:** Movie Nights at the City’s *Cinema in the Park*, Mount Bigelow, Highland Park
- **Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (and possibly Sept 6th):** Reservoir of Jazz, lawns adjacent to the Highland Park Entrance Garden
- **October, date to be announced:** Children’s Halloween Parade, Highland Park Entrance Garden

Subject to change. For updates, please check our website (hpccpgh.org) and Facebook page (Highland Park Community Council Pittsburgh).
Two officers from Zone 5 provided an update on the neighborhood's crime statistics since the last HPCC community meeting in November. The officers spent nearly an hour answering questions about crime and security in the neighborhood. Despite the buzz on social media, there has not been an increase in crime reported to the police: in two months, there were 4 car thefts (in three of which the keys had been left in the vehicle and one was a vehicle loaned to someone who did not return it), 6 burglaries (of those, one was a bike from a detached garage, one was someone getting the house keys out of an unlocked car to access a house, and one did not actually appear to be a burglary but was called in as such), no robberies (i.e., “muggings”) and no overdoses.

The officers reminded residents that some of the best steps we can take to protect ourselves are to keep our homes, garages, and vehicles locked; to install motion sensitive lights; and to report suspicious behavior and actual crime. To see more patrols in the neighborhood, Zone 5 would need to see an uptick in calls. People can call to report suspicious behavior and crime, as well as to voice general concerns about public safety.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Meeting follow-up: One of the officers in attendance called Stephanie Walsh, HPCC President, first thing the following morning to inform us that in response to the feedback they heard at the community meeting, they would be increasing patrols in the neighborhood for the next few weeks and that they referred concerns about drugs and prostitution to Narcotics and Vice.
When it comes to the city's residential recycling program, there's a limited set of plastic items that are accepted as of January 2020: bottles, jars, and jugs larger than 2 inches and smaller than 3 gallons. That's it.

What isn't accepted? For starters, all caps, lids, pumps and other small pieces are not accepted. Remove these from your bottles, jars, and jugs, then rinse these containers out before placing them in your recycling bin. In addition, all other plastic items such as bags, buckets, tubs, tubes, trays, and clamshells are not currently accepted in Pittsburgh curbside recycling either.

One way to remember what is accepted is the phrase “look for the neck.” Generally speaking, necked-containers will be a bottle, jar, or jug. The neck can be narrow, like the tops of water bottles, soda bottles, soap dispensers, etc., or wide, like at the tops of peanut butter jars. Most containers with a neck are accepted curbside (though one exception is plastic tubes with necks, such as toothpaste or sunscreen tubes, which are not accepted.)

What about those little numbers in the recycling symbol usually printed on the bottom of plastic items? Why do these no longer determine what is accepted for recycling? The answer is that these numbers don’t give the whole story about the recycling value of a product. While they indicate the material an item is made out of, the form-factor of the product also has a big impact on its value and how well it makes it through the recycling sorting process. That's why the city's recycling program has moved away from numbers and instead is focused on the overall shape of the container. Necked-containers are nearly always made out of heavier #1 (PET) or #2 (HDPE) plastic. In today's current recycling market, these are the most valuable, re-sellable plastics, and the heavier bottle, jug, and jar shapes also sort relatively well. If you go looking for these numbers on other items, you'll find that a lot of other items like clamshells and cups are also #1. However, their light, thin form-factor means they are less valuable and less likely to make it correctly through the sorting process.
It’s important to remember that the city’s collected recyclables are a commodity that must be sold on the post-consumer market and, like any commodity, quality matters for resale value. It’s easy to look at a yogurt tub, a produce clamshell, or a plastic takeout container and think that they seem to be plastic worth recycling. And you’d be right to say that these items are technically recyclable. However, they should not be put in Pittsburgh curbside residential recycling as they contaminate other more valuable recyclables like paper and heavier plastics, lowering the value and recycling-prospects for the rest of the collected items.

**ACCEPTED**

Bottles, jars, and jugs are accepted in Pittsburgh’s residential curbside recycling (remove caps!)
So what can you do about these other not-accepted plastic items? The best thing you can do is to try to reduce how many of these plastic items you acquire by choosing products with non-plastic packaging (like glass, cans, boxes, or loose with no packaging at all). Purchasing in-bulk also reduces the ratio of packaging to product. And some items, like cups or take-out containers, can be avoided by carrying your own reusable containers with you.

There are some specialized recycling programs for certain items such as certain types of plastic bags, toothbrushes, caps, and rigid #5 plastic, though this may require dropping-off or mailing-in items. To find out the possibilities for a specific item, check out recyclethispgh.com.

Recycle This is a column to share useful and practical info on recycling and other sustainable living practices here in Highland Park. Have something you want to share or a question you’d like to ask? Send to sabrina@recyclethispgh.com

NOT ACCEPTED

Clamshells, tubs, take-out containers, cups, bags, etc. are NOT accepted in curbside recycling.

Lids, caps, pumps, and all items under 2” are NOT accepted in curbside recycling.
Pittsburgh Zoo Annual Job Fair

Looking for a summer job that is wildly different? Check out the Zoo’s Annual Job Fair!

There are hundreds of seasonal positions available throughout the park, from zip line attendants, to horticulture, to concession stands. Representatives from each department will be on hand to conduct interviews. Participants may interview for up to two positions.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old for food & retail positions. Some Zoo positions require applicant to be at least 18 years old and have a current PA Driver’s License. Enter Zoo through the main gates. The Annual Job Fair takes place in the Lecture Hall of the Education Complex.

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PREREGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

*Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Some Zoo positions require applicants to be at least 18 years old and have a current PA Driver’s License. Come prepared to interview, participants may interview for up to two positions.
RESOLUTION HIKE SERIES
- HIGHLAND PARK
Keep your new year’s resolutions going with a series of walking workouts. Personal Trainer Yaakov Fakiro, owner of the Winners Fitness, will guide us through strength, balance, and flexibility training while we walk city parks. Ramp up your basic walk with a whole body workout and keep that fitness resolution going strong in the new year.

WHEN: 03/02/2020 6:00pm
ENDS: 03/02/2020 8:00pm
WHERE: Highland Park
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Moderate
MEMBER PRICE: $25
NON-MEMBER PRICE: $30

DOWNTOWN HISTORY HIKE AND FORT PITT MUSEUM TOUR
Explore downtown Pittsburgh and the Fort Pitt Museum on this half day adventure! We’ll start with a 2 to 3 mile hike through the downtown area to learn more about Pittsburgh’s past, and present. Afterwards, we’ll take a guided tour of the Fort Pitt Museum, where we’ll learn about Western Pennsylvania’s role during the French & Indian War and American Revolution as well as the establishment of Pittsburgh.

WHEN: 03/22/2020 10:00am
ENDS: 03/22/2020 12:30pm
WHERE: Downtown Pittsburgh
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Easy
MEMBER PRICE: $12
NON-MEMBER PRICE: $15
CONGRATULATIONS

...to the local Girl Scouts, who collected 350 trees from 12 neighborhoods - 90 trees in Highland Park alone!
As many of you know our long time Rector, Bruce Robison retired at the end of 2019 after serving at St. Andrew’s for over twenty-five years.

Our search committee is hard at work looking for our new Rector. In the interim, we are joined by the Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre as our Bridge Priest. Moni served at the Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood for many years before she retired in 2016. She has also been an Assisting Priest at Calvary Episcopal Church in Shadyside and a Supply Priest around the diocese. Moni is a retired professor from Duquesne University and is a retired Captain in the U.S. Navy. We are delighted to have her during this transition period.

Every Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. in our Chapel and an 11:00 a.m. service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary. We also have a service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10:30a.m. The first Thursday of every month from September through June is a service of Evensong at 8 p.m. with a recital to follow.

ANDREW’S
By Becky Marinov
Director of the St. Andrew’s Church School

Ash Wednesday services on February 26 are at noon and 8 p.m. On the Tuesday (2/25) before we will be hosting our annual Pancake Supper. Dinner starts at 5:30 and the event will end at 7:00 p.m. This dinner is free and open to anyone in the neighborhood. We would love it if you joined us.

Sunday mornings during our 11 a.m. service children from the ages of kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to attend our Godly Play Church School. We are starting to develop a Youth Group. Stay tuned for more information about that. There is a nursery for both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

And save the date our annual Easter Egg Dying Party, which will be April 4 at a time yet to be determined and the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be April 11 at 10:30. The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance for free photos. Also new this year, we will have on site the Urban Trail Coffee Company truck.

St. Andrew’s is located at 5800 Hampton Street between North Euclid and North St. Clair Streets in the heart of our neighborhood. If you have any pastoral concern we can help with us please don’t hesitate to let us know. You can call the Church office at 412-661-1245. You can also find us on the web at standrewspgh.org or visit us on Facebook.
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