Hello Neighbors!

The HPCC kept busy this summer with two community meetings (including a potluck dinner), five Reservoir of Jazz concerts, and a new HPCC event: Movie Night Parties before Cinema in the Park! Although the first movie was rained out, the other two were big successes. The HPCC provided free popcorn, movie-themed party favors, corn hole, and movie trivia – and one movie buff each at each party won two movie passes, compliments of Waterworks Cinema!
UPCOMING HPCC EVENTS
TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

• 9/19: Community Meeting –
Highland Park resident Sabrina Culyba will give a behind-the-scenes look at recycling, answering questions about what can and can’t be recycled in Pittsburgh, and how you can go beyond recycling limitations. She will also provide ideas for how individuals can reduce their plastics waste and discuss efforts to help businesses reduce their use of single-use plastics. Sabrina operates Recycle This Pittsburgh and directs Humane Action Pittsburgh’s No Plastic Please campaign.

• 10/17: Community Meeting –
Hear from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy on the proposed millage increase for parks investments and maintenance and get an update on Highland Park projects.

• 11/21: Community Meeting/Fall Social -
Jack Brice will be back for our second annual wine tasting party. You’ll learn about and get to try selections that will compliment your holiday meals while enjoying your neighbors’ company and some tasty snacks.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Church. We begin with a presentation from our Zone 5 police officers and end with plenty of time to socialize. Free pizza and a supervised children’s activity area are provided.

RESERVOIR UPDATE:
The new orthophosphate plant on the far side of the reservoir is on-line and the building is complete.

The lower water levels seen earlier in the summer were due to repairs to fix a tear in the liner. Water service to customers should not have been effected. If you experience water related issues, please call PWSA’s emergency dispatch line at (412) 255-2423.

The PWSA has been installing bollards around the Highland I Reservoir and will soon be installing security cameras and restoring the parapet wall. This work is part of a series of projects to protect the reservoir per federal requirements and improve water quality. Once the wall is fully restored, it will also help to prevent ducklings and other wildlife from entering. During some of the work, the walkway around the reservoir will be closed. We will post the likely dates of the closure once more information is available.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Stephanie Walsh
HPCC President
August 15, 2019
St. Andrew’s Church

The Highland Park Community Council held its August Meeting with a Twist on August 15. What was the “Twist?” This meeting was also a very successful Pot Luck! Two informative presentations were given.

Meeting Called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Stephanie Walsh

Police Zone 5 Update & Introduction of Commander Vinansky

The first presentation was by our new Pittsburgh Police Zone 5 Commander, Stephen Vinansky. The Commander is familiar with Zone 5, having been assigned to this area a few years ago and is looking forward to working in and with the Highland Park neighborhood again. He introduced three officers assigned to Zone 5: Sargent Harrison Maddox, Officer Karen McNeil, and Officer Jeff Crawford. He stressed the overall safety of Highland Park but advised awareness and preventative measures in order to assure this continues. Commander Vinansky cited three automobile break-ins in Highland Park in the past week. All were unlocked vehicles, two had items stolen. It was stressed that all vehicles should be looked, even if in a driveway, and all items removed from the vehicles when parked. Leaving on a porch light or a flood light can also be a deterrent to vandals/thieves. Thefts from vehicles are often a seasonal thing. Late summer and early fall typically have upswings.

Pot Luck

Next was Pot Luck! Attendees certainly proved without a doubt that Highland Parkers can cook and bake! Tables were filled with a summer banquet of salads, quiche, gazpacho, and scrumptious baked goods. Thanks to all who prepared and brought this wonderful repast!

Diane Cromas, Preservation Pittsburgh

Bill Callahan, PA State Historic Preservation Office

A very interesting and enlightening presentation covering Highland Park - the actual Park - being added to the National Register of Historic Places followed. Highland Park, the neighborhood, is already listed in the National Register. The Park itself was not included in the neighborhood designation. With inclusion of the Park, the boundaries will abut. An application has been drafted. The next step will be a review by the Statewide Historic Preservation Board on October 1, 2019 before submission to the National Parks Service. The grant was initiated by Diane Cromas of Preservation Pittsburgh, who explained the reasoning and process behind the grant. Bill Callahan who is a Staff Coordinator at the Historical Preservation Office, explained in detail the significance of historical designation for Highland Park. Historical significance and integrity play equal parts. A very interactive discussion followed. Several attendees had questions based upon their knowledge of Highland Park history. Based on the questions and comments of one knowledgeable member, an amendment may be added to the grant pertaining to the efforts to integrate the Highland Park swimming pool. The application can be viewed on the Preservation Pittsburgh website: http://www.preservationpgh.org/highland-park

Next Meeting:
Thursday, Sept 19, 2019 at St. Andrews at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Returns for the fourth year, October 5 & 6, 2019!

Whether you are from Pittsburgh or not, we invite you to be “nebb” and take a peek INSIDE a diverse collection of iconic buildings and cool new spaces in Downtown and the Northside!

Here’s how you can participate in DOORSOPEN PITTSBURGH 2019:

**Step 1:**
Review the 2019 BUILDING LIST HERE

**Step 2:**
Make a list of buildings you want to visit, and share with friends/family - you can even create your mobile itinerary (available here on 9/16)

**Step 3:**
BUY TICKETS HERE

**Step 4:**
Simply present your event ticket at each building you choose to visit

Advanced reservations are not required to visit any building you choose - just be sure to check the open/close, days/times of the buildings you want to visit.

If you are interested in a guided, thematic tour experience, be sure to check out our Insider Tours offered during the DOORSOPEN PITTSBURGH event weekend HERE.

DOORSOPEN PITTSBURGH believes that everyone should be able to see and experience the beauty of our city. So we open the doors to dozens of buildings to hear the stories they tell us about our past, present, and future.
When: Friday, September 27, 2019
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Where: All participants should meet at 810 Penn Avenue, 7th Floor
Registration: Advanced registration is required.

Tickets are $8. Space is limited to 20 participants. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Writing utensils and paper will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite pen and journal. To register, please click [here].

Acclaimed Pittsburgh writer Sherrie Flick is collaborating with the Office of Public Art for the first time to present a public art walking tour that includes learning about public art and creative writing. The tour will begin with an introduction by Flick outlining how to use observational skills and elements of the surrounding environment to write creatively. Tour-goers will walk throughout the Cultural District to see public art works such as Magnolias for Pittsburgh by Tony Tasset, Agnes Katz Plaza, Flow by Irwin Redl, and more. At each stop, participants will learn about the work and have an opportunity to write from Flick’s prompts. Guest speakers include Rachel Klipa from the Office of Public Art and artist James Simon.

About Sherrie Flick

Sherrie Flick is the author of the novel Reconsidering Happiness (University of Nebraska Press), the flash fiction chapbook I Call This Flirting (Flume Press), and two short story collections with Autumn House Press: Whiskey, Etc. (2016) and Thank Your Lucky Stars (Fall 2018). Her nonfiction has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Creative Nonfiction, Pittsburgh Quarterly, and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. She is a Senior Lecturer in the MFA and Food Studies programs at Chatham University.
By Rebecca Zito, PWSA

To maintain the open Highland I Reservoir as a public amenity, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority is constructing a series of projects to meet stricter state water quality regulations and security requirements.

You may have noticed some of this work taking place throughout the summer. They included heightened security measures and the addition of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection at the Membrane Filtration Plant (MFP). The installation of the UV disinfection provides an additional layer of treatment before water from the Highland I Reservoir is distributed to homes.

This project and some of the security enhancements including the installation of bollards and security cameras were completed in late August. We are currently working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to inspect these projects before placing the Highland I Reservoir back into service.

We are now slated to begin one of the remaining security projects - restoration of the parapet wall around the reservoir. Construction will begin in the coming weeks and is expected to continue through next spring. To expedite construction and to maintain public safety, we have to close the walkway around the Highland I Reservoir. We considered several other options and concluded that the full closure of the walkway is the most efficient way to ensure the safety of the public, expedite the work, and manage costs.

The parapet wall is the low protective barrier around the perimeter of the uncovered reservoir. Over time, holes have formed in the wall. Ducks and other wildlife burrow into it and wade into the reservoir. Once inside, they cannot get out. This is not safe for local wildlife and it presents several concerns about the quality and safety of our drinking water. The improvements to the wall will secure its perimeter, prevent most wildlife from wading into this source of drinking water, and will enhance its overall appearance.

We will do our best to complete the project as quickly as possible and appreciate your patience during construction. For more information, please visit www.pgh2o.com/highlandpark.
I have a set of rod iron furniture that I bought for my first apartment 30 years ago. It is starting to show some age and one of the seats needed to be welded back together. I had been putting it off because I had no idea where to take it. Determined to get some home projects done this fall, I located Nicholas Welding nearby and gave them a call. I dropped the chair off the same day and he did it while I waited for $20. I’m sharing this with the neighborhood thinking there must be more of you out there with similar needs.

By Monica Watt

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to enjoy and share! (And to note on the side that children and youth are always to be “accompanied” through the evening by a parent or other responsible adult.)

Our regular service schedule this fall also includes a monthly service of Choral Evensong - a beautiful and meaningful offering in the rich tradition of historic Anglican worship. On the “First Thursday” of each month at 8 p.m. the Parish Choir sings Evensong, and the service is followed by a featured Musical Recital and festive dessert reception. We can mark calendars now for the first “First Thursday of the Month” service of Choral Evensong of the fall season, 8 p.m., on Thursday, October 3, when our featured recitalist will be Pittsburgh pianist Linda Morgan Ellison. Choral Evensong will also be sung by the renowned St. Andrew’s Schola Cantorum on Sunday, October 20, at 4:30 p.m.

St. Andrew’s, in the 5800 block of Hampton Street, has been in ministry in the heart of this neighborhood of Highland Park for over a century. If you have a pastoral concern we can help with — a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, a sick or shut-in family member or neighbor who would appreciate a visit and a blessing, a family to comfort at the time of the death of a loved one - or if you simply would like to borrow a table — please feel free to give our Church Office a call at 412 661-1245—to find and “like” our page on Facebook, or to check us out on the web, standrewspgh.org.

We’re always glad to hear from you, and to help if we can.

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Summer fades away in Western Pennsylvania, our Steelers and Penguins open their new seasons, and the store decorations are beginning to turn Pumpkin-orange — with all the excitement of Halloween costumes and candy soon to be upon us! In so many ways, “a new year,” and with that a word of friendship and blessing to all in the neighborhood.

Parents interested in Church School and Youth programs are invited to contact our Church School Director Brandon Cooper at churchschool@standrewspgh.org. All interested in our Parish Choir and Music Program should contact our Organist and Choirmaster (and Highland Park’er) Peter Luley, at <peterluley@aol.com>. Or just call the Church Office for more information.

Early Music fans in the neighborhood take note this month: On Friday evening, September 13th, at 8 p.m. “Musica Mundana,” featuring mezzo-soprano Raquel Winnica Young and harpsichorist Justin Wallace, will open the fall season at St. Andrew’s with a program featuring Argentinian recorder player Nicolas Chaves. “The Echoing Air” explores Baroque music from France, Italy, and Spain, focusing on the interplay between woodwind and vocal melodies. With guest Erin Ellis, baroque cello. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Friday, October 4, will be the first “First Friday” Family Night of the fall, and on the agenda that evening will be fun crafts and games for all ages. All are welcome. The evening begins at 6 p.m. downstairs in Barley Hall — or outside on the Churchyard Lawn, if the weather cooperates - and please feel free to bring snacks...
KITCHEN NOW OPEN!

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