Trick-or-Treating hours will be 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31

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Hello Neighbors,

Two years ago, through a combination of internal workshops and community engagement activities, the Highland Park Community Council (HPCC) board revisited the organization’s mission and goals. Something identified as a priority by both board members and neighbors was beautifying and revitalizing the Bryant Street business district. Since then we’ve worked to pinpoint things that we could do that would be meaningful and impactful in that corridor.

I’m proud to announce our first major Bryant Street initiative: the creation of a new community parklet! As of this month, the empty lot at the corner of Bryant Street and N. Euclid Avenue next to Casa Basil will officially become a community space! The parklet represents a unique collaboration between the property owner, the Highland Park Community Development Corporation (HPCDC) and the HPCC. Not only will the parklet provide an attractive green space in our business district for community members to enjoy, it is also a way for us to support our local businesses by creating more outdoor seating options for customers and visitors to Bryant Street. So what’s next?

**STEP 1:**
**Clean-up Day, Oct 24**

On Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., volunteers are needed to make the site marvelous! We’ll be taking out trash, debris, overgrown shrubs, and the old broken picnic tables. We’ll be building four wooden picnic tables, including one that is wheelchair accessible that will be located on a new compact gravel path. We’ll also be decorating the space for fall with mums, hay bales, and other seasonal decorations. Visit hpccpgh.org to sign up to help!

**STEP 2:**
**Enjoy the Space, starting with the Fall Pumpkin Patch, October 25**

On Sunday, October 25, we’ll be hosting the HPCC’s inaugural event at the site: a Fall Pumpkin Patch! From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., you can come and can pick your own pumpkin (one per person, while supplies last). Children’s Halloween craft bags will also be available for pick-up. Pumpkins and craft kits are free with a contribution to the HPCC or a donation of non-perishables for Vintage Senior Center, if possible. Special thanks to Bryant Street Market for co-sponsoring this event.

The new picnic tables are available for everyone to use - and we encourage you to use them to enjoy take-out and snacks from our many local businesses. Because of COVID-19, the tables will be spaced at least six feet apart and we ask people to practice social-distancing on the site. Because this is a shared community space, we need those who use it to help keep it clean: please pick up after yourselves, your kids, and your pets.

**STEP 3:**
**Looking Ahead**

Our permit for the parklet is valid for six months. If the parklet is well-used, well-maintained, and well-loved by the community, the HPCC and HPCDC will explore ways to possibly make it a permanent feature on Bryant Street. We think that you’re going to love it and we’ll be looking forward to your feedback!

Enjoy the beauty and wonders of fall! In the words of a great philosopher:

“It’s the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and best of all, leaping into leaves.”

- Winnie the Pooh, *Pooh’s Grand Adventure*

Stephanie Walsh
HPCC President
**HPCC September Meeting Minutes**

**HPCC Zoom Community Meeting**  
**September 17, 2020**

Attending: 27 members participated.  
Moderated by Howard Degenholtz

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Walsh at 7:02 p.m.

**Agenda:**

**Miscellaneous City Projects Updates (Stephanie)**

1. Reservoir Drive & Walkway
   - The City has opened up the Drive to vehicular traffic.
   - The Walkway remains closed
     1. PWSA is completing their work.
     2. DPW is repaving the entire walkway and have experienced a back up with needed supplies
   - The projected completion date is mid-October 2020

2. N. Euclid Neighborway
   - General info:  
     [https://moveforwardpgh.org/projects/](https://moveforwardpgh.org/projects/)
   - Upcoming Neighborway meeting hosted by DOMI is scheduled for Sept 30th, 2020 at 6pm  
     [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkfuuhajgrELji7GB6wiP9OmunySQCnrP7E](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkfuuhajgrELji7GB6wiP9OmunySQCnrP7E)
   - Both links are posted on the HPCC website and ListServ

3. East Liberty Bike Lanes
   - This project is currently on hold to integrate community input

**Garbage Olympics (Stephanie)**

- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2020 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**
- To volunteer for team Highland Park, please contact Justin Sandherr at  
  [justin.sandherr@gmail.com](mailto:justin.sandherr@gmail.com)

**Plans for Public Parklet at 5902 Bryant St. (Stephanie)**
- Will be looking for volunteers for community involvement/design suggestions

**Super Duper Playground Project Update (Sabrina)**

1. The first community input session is kicking off with a public survey. Fill out the survey at:  

2. There will be a virtual workshop at the next Highland Park Zoom Community Council meeting on October 15th at 7:00 p.m.  
   Pre-register for the October workshop at:  
   [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYofu2urjosG9cepzSL0Qzd_0bFdu3yD439](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYofu2urjosG9cepzSL0Qzd_0bFdu3yD439)

**Membership Committee Update (Sabrina):**

1. Broadening outreach to residents
2. Researching how to identify new residents - there is a new added “Highland Park New Neighbor” on the HPCC website
3. Possible sales of welcome bags in addition to given to new residents as gifts
4. Possible renters’ committee.

Brainstorming ideas for possible Fall social events - send ideas to HPCCPgh@gmail.com

**Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.**
The City of Pittsburgh welcomes upcoming trick-or-treating this Halloween but urges residents to follow safety protocols during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The official trick-or-treating hours will be 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, but following guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention many behaviors will have to change this year.

Residents are urged to:

- Trick-or-treat only with family members
- Wear cloth face masks under your Halloween masks
- Carry hand sanitizer
- Distribute candy by leaving it outside and not have in-person and face-to-face interactions at the door
- Follow social distancing on sidewalks and when approaching homes where others are getting candy
- Do not attend indoor costume parties

Like any other year, motorists are asked to be especially vigilant on Halloween night, decrease speeds and increase awareness of trick-or-treating children and families.
Have you heard about the Spotted Lanternfly? It is an invasive species native to China, Bangladesh and Vietnam that has spread throughout Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. An infestation was identified in Allegheny and Beaver counties in 2020 and we have been added to the state’s “quarantine list” which means extra caution needs to be taken when moving items out of our county. If you visited eastern Pennsylvania recently you may have noticed how serious the Spotted Lanternfly is to agriculture and quality of life.

If not contained, Spotted Lanternfly potentially could drain Pennsylvania’s economy of at least $324 million annually, according to a study carried out by economists at Penn State. The Spotted Lanternfly uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants including grapevines, maple trees, black walnut, birch, willow, and other trees. The feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death. As Spotted Lanternfly feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below the feeding insects.
This is the time of year that the adult Spotted Lanternfly are laying eggs which overwinter and hatch in the spring. Look for an egg mass anywhere and everywhere outdoors:

- In trees
- Wood piles
- Camping equipment
- Home siding
- Tires
- Under garden equipment
- Lawn furniture
- Etc.

Egg masses are covered with a protective substance that is light when first laid and turns gray as winter wears on. These photos show egg masses on the left and adult Spotted Lanternflies on the right. It’s important to kill any egg mass that is seen either by scraping it off into a container with alcohol or by smashing the eggs. You can hear them pop as you smash them similar to bubble wrap. Or you can call the Penn State Extension hotline at 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1.888.422.3359) for further advice. We will follow up with more information in March about how to spot them as they hatch.

If you have a group of 5 or more people who would like to learn more about this invasive species contact the Highland Park Garden Club at hpgcpgh@gmail.com.

The Highland Park Garden Club will be meeting by Zoom in October with a talk on dealing with garden pests (both insects and weeds) by Dr. Ryan Gott on October 17th. On November 21st, I will talk about composting and straw bale gardening. To learn more about the Highland Park Garden Club, feel free to email us at hpgcpgh@gmail.com, or our website at www.hpgcpgh.org or our Facebook page at Highland Park Garden Club Pittsburgh.
At 7 p.m. on October 29 and October 30 we will enjoy a “Moonlit Modern” tour of Downtown Pittsburgh’s modern and postmodern buildings.


The Pittsburgh Modern Committee is pleased to invite you to join us for an open-air, nighttime experience of modern & postmodern sites and sights throughout Downtown Pittsburgh, focused on the Point and the ‘Golden Triangle.’

Through a special collaboration between the Pittsburgh Modern Committee and Pittsburgh Tracks, this immersive walk experience is guided entirely by an original curated audio-soundtrack.

On Thursday, October 29th at 7 p.m. and Friday, October 30th at 7 p.m. we welcome guests to register to meet for a brief introduction to the project, followed by a group walk, celebrating our launch of this unique resource.

Thereafter, Moonlit Modern: Downtown Pittsburgh will be available for download and online access for those who prefer to explore on their own.

Registration is required, and limited to 10 guests per tour. Participants are asked to please wear a mask for the duration of the walk, which will consist of exterior sites only. Safety guidelines and a basic waiver will be provided to guests upon registration. Rain or Moon-shine.

With registration/donation, guests will be automatically entered to win a copy of a publication we suggest for every bookshelf: Imagining the Modern: Architecture and Urbanism of the Pittsburgh Renaissance (The Monacelli Press, 2019). Through original documentation, photographs and drawings, as well as essays, analytical drawings, and interviews with participants, authors Rami el Samahy, Chris Grimley and Michael Kubo explore Pittsburgh’s ambitious modern architecture and urban renewal program that
made it a gem of American postwar cities, and set the stage for its stature today. You may also purchase the book for $35 when registering for the tour. Proceeds will be received as a donation supporting the work of Preservation Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Modern Committee.

1970s architecture is turning FIFTY. We’re proud to be a part of Docomomo US National Tour Day 2020, devoted to the appreciation of modern architecture in the United States. We join the organization and participants around the country in exploring this year’s theme, the 1970s turn 50. ...Read more

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COVID-19 and THE PARKS

By the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

What we’ve learned during this unprecedented time of quarantines, public masking, and months of home schooling is that public parks and green spaces have never been more important for our physical and mental well-being.

We can’t underestimate the power of parks. They’re here for us during times of uncertainty when little else is available. They are sanctuaries in the center of chaos. They serve as a place of peace and comfort for our minds and spirits. They keep us healthy and active with endless trails for hiking and biking and wide green spaces to throw a frisbee, kick a ball, or dance like nobody’s watching.

Click here to explore The Parks Pack, a guide to safely exploring Pittsburgh’s parks during the COVID-19 global health emergency or click here to visit our COVID-19 response page.
I came across their Furniture at the Firehouse resale shop in Valencia. As with a number of St. Barnabas’ varied business ventures, this one grew out of a desire to help their new residents transition into their new retirement home. Much of the inventory comes from couples who are downsizing, taking the place of an estate sale by offering gently used furniture, lighting, home décor, etc. in a retail shop environment.

I called and spoke to Shelli, who said they had a few desks and were expecting another larger one at the end of the week. Apparently, they constantly get new pieces. It was a beautiful sunny day and I decided to take the 35 minute drive up Route 8 to check it out. It was an easy drive and a very pretty one with the leaves just beginning to change color. Needless to say, I am glad I did. Not because I found the perfect desk, but because I found the perfect china set. It was a full set with place settings for 12 that match my dining room perfectly. And for only $40! I was beyond excited and completely forgot about needing a desk.

I am sharing my story with the neighborhood for two reasons. I often see people looking to purchase and/or relieve themselves of various household items on the HPCC ListServ. I, myself, have done it many times. If my item doesn't sell and I don't feel like waiting for the HPCC Yard Sale in June, I have dropped smaller items off at Goodwill in the past, but I thought it was helpful to know that there are other options available - especially for furniture. And all proceeds from the sales at Furniture at the Firehouse (and The General Store which is also in the same building) benefit the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund that provides over $7 million in free care each year to residents and patients in need.
The second reason is just for fun. If you want to take a nice drive in the country, see some foliage change and you enjoy estate sales, you might also find something that makes your day.

Just a note if you decide to visit Furniture at the Firehouse, my GPS took me in the back way, down a short, steep one lane road. I thought I was lost for a minute when I made the turn, but my destination was only a quarter mile ahead. Be sure to also check out the barn behind the main building as it has most of the larger furniture.

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