

# The Citizens Report

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## President's Message

by Pete Bellisario

New Board Members, the Saint John's Property and More

Well, winter is here again. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas season. At our November General Membership Meeting, you re-elected and elected the Directors of the Board of the Federation. Jill McGlothlin and Bill Lazzara were newly elected for two-year terms. Welcome and thanks for volunteering.

The Board will continue to work on housing and commercial redevelopment. It has been slow going but the Board and Housing Committee will meet and discuss with appropriate authorities on how we can move ahead with our plans. No, we have not forgotten the former Saint John's property. Nor have we forgotten the business districts. As more information of our discussions becomes clear, we will have discussions at our General Membership Meetings as in the past.

See you on January 15th at the General Membership meeting.

Next General  
Membership Meeting  
Thursday, Jan. 15th  
7:00 p.m.

Brighton-McClure  
Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Brighton Road  
and Benton Ave

## This Low Pressure Article Won't Throw a Wrench into Our Newsletter. In Fact, It's Fitting

A special thanks to plumber Nick Hatala for his services to our water supply  
at the corner of Termon and California Avenues.  
It's appreciated, Nick!

# How You Can Help Keep Our Neighborhoods Peaceful

## **Mayor Luke Ravenstahl**



Dear Neighbor,

As we begin a new year, we are continuing to put our residents and our neighborhoods first. In response to the many resident public safety concerns that came into my office, we worked to create a new Rental Registration Ordinance and Disruptive Property Ordinance.

The City of Pittsburgh has more than 62,000 rental properties. The Rental Registration Ordinance is designed to keep rental properties from falling into decay and causing blight. Landlords must register rental properties before renting or leasing units in the City. Landlords have until April 1, 2009 to register or they may face a fine of up to \$1000. The Registry will ensure that we know who our City landlords are, and that they maintain and correct any violations against their rental property. To register a rental property, please contact the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI) at 412-255-RENT

Adding an additional layer of enforcement to protect our residents against neighbors that are engaging in disruptive activities, the new Disruptive Property Ordinance holds both the residents and owners of rental properties and owner-occupied housing accountable. The City's Department of Information Systems created the technology

in-house to integrate data from the Bureau of Building Inspection, Police and Animal Control in order to flag disruptive properties. Property owners are now subject to a fine if their properties are cited as disruptive three or more times in a 60-day period. To learn more about the Disruptive Property Ordinance, please contact BBI at 412-255-2175

You can play a critical role in both of these processes. It was a citizen complaint-driven investigation that resulted in the Director of Public Safety, Michael Huss, and the Nuisance Bar Task Force to temporarily shut down a bar in the South Side in November. While the bar has since proven to be in compliance with code and re-opened, the police will continue to keep a close watch. Please report any nuisance bar activity to the Bureau of Police Vice Unit at 412-323-7761

While the City has also hired a quality of life attorney and a disruptive property administrator to provide the legal and administrative support to ensure the success of this ordinance, we are unable to knock on every door to find out if it is a rental unit. Please continue to call 911 to report neighborhood criminal activity and 311 for building and maintenance violations. Let's continue to work together to improve our neighborhoods!

Please contact my Department of Neighborhood Initiatives for more information on these and other initiatives at 412-255-8680

Happy New Year!

## A New Pittsburgher, Clearing Snow From the Streets and More

There are many wonderful things going on here in our City. On October 31st, my wife, Erin, and I welcomed our son, Cooper Luke, into the world. As a new father, I recognize the importance of family in a whole different light. It is not only about support and unity, but also about maintaining a high quality of life for our loved ones.

In November I had the opportunity to share with community stakeholders and members of City Council Pittsburgh's proposed 2009 Operating and Capital Budget. I spoke about the past two years and the things we've accomplished - making our streets safer, rebuilding our neighborhoods, investing in our families and in our workforce.

Winter is upon us and I want to ensure that our citizens are safe, whether it's on their way to work or school, or while celebrating the holidays. I know that road conditions are serious concerns, so we have re-engineered the City's Snow and Ice Control Program. The City has increased its salting and plowing capabilities by 75 percent through an improved and expanded 42-piece small equipment fleet, up from 24 pieces. The most significant change will be the way resources are deployed, maximizing all manpower and equipment in response to a snow event. This year, the larger pieces of equipment will be fully

manned and will concentrate on primary streets; simultaneously, personnel will be assigned to small equipment, enabling snow removal operations to immediately begin on secondary routes.

Please note that calls to the City regarding plowing and salting should not be made during a storm. Calls will be accepted and logged in 24 hours after the end of the storm. If your roads are not cleared in a timely manner, please call 311 or 412-255-2621

Winter, as well as the holidays, can be tough on some folks. There is help out there to stay warm, nourished and safe. I would like to offer some tips that may help you or someone you know face the winter. Please visit our City of Pittsburgh web site at [www.pgh.gov](http://www.pgh.gov), and click on the "Helping Families Face the Winter" button to view the Holiday Safety Tips and other useful information. (Or you can glance at page 3, which contains most of what you'd find on the website.)

As always, if you have questions or need more information, please contact our Department of Neighborhood Initiatives at 412-255-8680

Have a safe and happy winter holiday!



# **HELPING FAMILIES FACE THE WINTER**

## **Utilities & Food & Nutrition Assistance for City Residents**

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

**Applications: Opens: November 3, 2008 Closing Date: March 2009**

**Location: One Smithfield Street Human Services Building, 1st floor**

**Call 412-562-0330 [www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/LIHEAP](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/LIHEAP)**

### **For Emergency Situations: LIHEAP II: Crisis Program**

**Emergencies may include: Having utility service termination-**

**Being without fuel-Having broken heating equipment**

**Call 412-350-5869 or 800-851-3838**

**[www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesProgram/LIHEAP](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesProgram/LIHEAP)**

### **For Shut-Offs and Terminations Only: Dollar Energy Fund**

**October 1, 2008 to February 2009**

**Call 1-888-282-6816 [www.dollarenergy.org](http://www.dollarenergy.org)**

### **Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank**

**For ASSISTANCE or to DONATE call 412-460-FOOD (3663)**

**[www.pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org)**

### **PA Department of Public Welfare, Public Assistance Office**

**For ASSISTANCE call 412-565-2146 [www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us)**

### **Hunger Services Network of the Urban League of Pittsburgh**

**For ASSISTANCE or to DONATE call 412-681-1121**

**[www.hungerservices.org](http://www.hungerservices.org)**



**Luke Ravenstahl  
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh**



## State Rep. Don Walko Reports from Harrisburg:

### **New Pennsylvania Laws Designed to Protect Public Safety**

*Don Walko, State Representative*

Several new laws passed toward the end of the recently concluded 2007-08 legislative session should improve protections for public safety in Pennsylvania.

These new laws are in addition to my legislation, now signed by Governor Rendell, that will give common pleas judges more authority to tackle the problem of abandoned and blighted properties.

As chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, I am pleased to report that the General Assembly also has passed the following measures and the governor has signed them into law:

- **Fighting gun crimes:** Act 131 contains many important common-sense law enforcement measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and to punish those who help criminals illegally obtain firearms. The measure received bipartisan support.

This law will strengthen penalties for causing death or injury to police officers and for possessing a firearm with an altered serial number. One of the problems we have in prosecuting defendants is the use of untraceable firearms during the crime. By tightening the loophole that lets criminals slip through, we have a better chance of prosecuting them and getting them off the streets.

- **Strengthening Megan’s Law:** Act 98 clarifies the Pennsylvania Crimes Code so offenders convicted of solicitation or conspiracy involving a minor are subject to Megan’s Law registration and restrictions. The new law makes conspiracy or solicitation for a sexually violent crime an offense requiring residential registration with the state police for 10 years. This will help authorities better crack down on sexual predators who target child victims, including through the Internet.

- **Prison reform:** A set of new laws will effectively reduce county prison populations while providing incentives for incarcerated non-violent offenders to receive drug treatment received broad bipartisan support. Acts 81, 82, 83 and 84 address a glaring need in the criminal justice system to promote the rehabilitation of non-violent offenders and aid their re-entry so they can become responsible, productive citizens of this Commonwealth.

- **Housing prisoners** can cost tens of thousands of dollars per inmate, which can put a real strain on taxpayers. The new laws will help with prison overcrowding and cut down on expenses while allowing non-violent offenders to begin making their way back into society.

- **Helping police officers returning from military service:** Act 105 will allow police officers whose certifications have expired while they

are on military duty to return to work until they can take their re-certification tests. These officers are well trained and can do more for their community by performing their jobs than by waiting for in-service training or a certification test to be offered. We also have a responsibility to protect the employment rights of our military service members.

*If you have questions on a state-related issue or subject, please visit [www.pahouse.com/Walko](http://www.pahouse.com/Walko) or call my office at 412-321-5523*

## Crimes Against the Elderly

This is the eleventh in a series on How We Can Protect Ourselves from Being Swindled. It is based on the booklet **A Consumer Reference Guide for Seniors**, published by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and provided by State Representative Don Walko.

An insurance agent might tell you that a policy that’s less costly with more benefits, compared to the one you have, is available.

And he might be lying (although most insurance agents are reputable.)

So be careful. Watch out if an agent:

1. Rapidly shuffles forms, each requiring your signature, in front of you.
2. Wants you to pay with cash, a money order or a check made out to him
3. Wants you to sign documents that have blank spaces
4. Discourages you from asking for others’ advice before you sign on the dotted line

If you sign up for an accident or health policy and then change your mind, you can return it by certified mail to the agent or company within 10 days. You’ll then get a full refund.



# Many Ways to Decrease Violent Crime

Darlene Harris,  
Councilwoman, City of Pittsburgh

Possibly the most serious need in the City of Pittsburgh is eliminating the violence which continues to take lives.

We all have a stake in this. This is our city. We each hold a portion of the solution and have a responsibility to take a proactive stand.

In the North Side, Commander Brackney has made reduction of violence a top priority. Many of our neighborhood organizations have been operating block watches for quite some time and have been working on increasing neighborhood participation. Here in City Council, we also have been taking the matter seriously, seeing that security cameras are put up in some neighborhoods and supporting programs that help reduce criminal activity.

In March, Council unanimously adopted a resolution urging the state legislature to pass legislation mandating the reporting of lost or stolen handguns. This resolution was bolstered by similar support from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. Pittsburgh Police Chief Nathan Harper and the Pittsburgh Fraternal Order of Police have been publicly advocating such a law, too.

Council has introduced legislation creating a city ordinance which

mandates reporting of any lost or stolen handgun. After preliminary approval in committee, I hope the legislation will have passed by the time you read this newsletter.

One would think that there would be no controversy about this. When something is stolen, you should report it. I do come from a family of hunters and gun collectors, and I support the right of individuals to own guns – I support the Second Amendment. What I do not support is the right of individuals to buy guns and then suddenly to “lose” them into the hands of those with malicious intent. There is a difference between the right to own a gun and a “right” to conceal the theft of a gun. In other words, I support *legal* gun ownership. Once a gun has been stolen, its possession becomes *illegal*. While we do not wish to interfere with legal gun ownership, we do wish to control illegal gun ownership.

We have received letters of support from Philadelphia and Reading. Similar legislation has passed already in Allentown and Pottsville, and is pending in Easton, Bethlehem, Reading, Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania.

This is a timely law to pass. It is also only one step in our march toward eliminating violence. Let’s all do our parts: together we can make our city a bit more liveable every day.

**I do want to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and bright holiday season! Merry Christmas and a happy 2009 to all!**

## Progress in 2008 for People and Animals

Darlene Harris, Councilwoman, City of Pittsburgh

The constituents of Council District 1 of the City of Pittsburgh are some of the best, most community-minded, hard-working citizens anywhere.

Together we have come far in the past year.

The Animal Control Department has been redesigned under Public Safety rather than Public Works. I like to say that we got Animals out of Garbage and into Public Safety. The Department’s new head, Gerald Akrie, and I have been visiting neighborhood meetings to discuss animals in our communities.

We have a newly remodeled off-leash dog area at Riverview Park which I understand the pups just love. I have received numerous thank-you notes, including some from dogs.

In the individual neighborhoods we have many things to be thankful for. We have seen Brightwood turn a nuisance bar into the Café ’N Creamery and we have begun building a splash park in Troy Hill. We have the wonderful new facilities at Marmaduke Park and the neigh-

borhood organizations and the City have been beautifying and cleaning all across District 1.

We have new businesses opening that we gratefully welcome to the community.

There are new housing developments being completed and new ones beginning.

Although some problems persist, many have been rectified. (Of course, we do not give up on anything.)

City Council has adopted legislation to address nuisance properties and to have landlords register tenants with the City. There is more work to be done in this area, and we are doing it.

We are working on legislation and initiatives to help curb the violence in our neighborhoods across the city.

We are not perfect yet, but there is plenty to be thankful for.

## Events at your local library!

### College Knowledge: College Planning Workshop

Thursday, January 22, 2009

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Meet with college admissions expert Eva Gelman to find out how to get into the college of your choice. Learn about researching colleges and universities, dates and deadlines, standardized testing, what colleges look for in applications, scholarship and financial aid information, and much more!

All high school students and parents are welcome.

Eva Gelman is a College Planning Consultant who brings over 15 years of experience in the college admissions profession, both as former Associate Director of Admission at Carnegie Mellon University, as well as former Director of College Guidance at Sewickley Academy. She has been selected to serve in both state and National Counseling Associations and has worked with hundreds of students on the college planning and selection process.

Presented by: Eva Gelman

### College Knowledge: Financial Aid Workshop

Thursday, February 12, 2009

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

“Planning on going to college or trade school but don’t know how to get financial aid?”

The Educational Opportunity Center of Southwestern PA will present information relating to federal, state, and campus-based financial aid-including grants, student loans, and scholarships- as well as address your questions about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

High School Seniors, Out-of-School Youth, and Adults planning to return to school are welcome!!!”

Presented by: Lisa Diehl

**Woods Run Library**  
1201 Woods Run Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
412.761.3730  
woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org

 **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**  
**Woods Run Branch**

## There is Actually a Program Called the Money In Your Pocket Coalition. Sound Interesting?

The Internal Revenue Service estimates that low-wage workers in Allegheny County left approximately \$38 million of federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) unclaimed last year. Moreover, they estimate those same workers in our county spent \$7 million on tax preparation fees and the fees associated with refund anticipation loans. This represents \$45 million that could have been in the pockets of local families.

United Way of Allegheny County is proud to be working with the Money In Your Pocket Coalition on this issue this year. The Coalition partners - Just Harvest, Parental Stress Center, United Cerebral Palsy and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania provide free tax preparation services to low-income adults and families and assure that taxpayers get the full refund to which they are entitled.

Families earning as much as \$41,646 could be eligible for refunds of up to \$4824

The United Way’s HelpLine (412-255-1155) will be available to answer general questions and to refer people to tax preparation sites in their area. Or go to [helpconnections@uwac.org](mailto:helpconnections@uwac.org)

Today, more than ever, it is critical that families are able to access all of the resources that are available to them.



**North Suburban  
Symphonic Band**  
Carl T. Iezzi, Conductor

*Into the Woods*

**Sunday, March 8, 2009 • 3:00 p.m.**

**The Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center**  
3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Cemetery Lane - North Hills • (I-279 - Exit 12 to Cemetery Lane)

For more information, call the NSSB Music Information Line at (412) 366-1983, visit the NSSB web site at: [www.nssband.org](http://www.nssband.org) or email us at [nssband@yahoo.com](mailto:nssband@yahoo.com)

 works here  
Allegheny Regional Asset District



# Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of Nov 13th, 2008

## I. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Attendance: approximately 40

Minutes yet to be distributed.

Motion to hold the passing of September's minutes until the next meeting, seconded, approved.

## 2. Report of Officers: President's Report

Ray Meyer substituting for Pete Bellisario

The Halloween Parade took place on October 25th. There were 147 kids in attendance. The Citizens Federation spent about \$1400. The weather was fairly awful, and prizes were given out in the basement of Emmanuel Christian Church.

## Treasurer's Report

Joan Bellisario

Account Balances	
Housing Account.....	0
Monument Account.....	\$ 1,616.45
Operating Account.....	\$28,122.01
State Grant Account.....	903.15
United Way Account.....	\$1267.23
Total .....	\$31,908.84

The Federation didn't use the United Way account for the Halloween parade, so monies from the operating budget were used instead.

The CD for the monument came due on November 14th. A decision was made to reinvest the CD at National City for 13 months, receiving 4.3%.

There was also discussion about putting some of the operating account into a CD as an investment. There was a motion and a second to put money into a 13-month CD. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report approved by the membership.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report

Andy McLaren

Nothing to report.

## 3. Special Guests

Darlene Harris and the new Animal Control Supervisor, Gerald Akrie.

Animal Control is working toward a no-kill shelter, a spay/neuter program and a feral cat program. It's working with the Humane Society and Animal Friends to work with feral cats on the North Side.

A new dog park in Riverview is now up and running – double fenced entrance, et cetera. A rule sign has yet to be posted. A fountain for the dogs will be put in after the winter.

An update on the Davis Avenue Bridge: engineering and progress to be started in 2012. It is officially on the books for forward progress.

A soccer park and recreation center is being looked into for Riverview Park. And the possibility of making the hockey field in Marmaduke Park regulation size is also being investigated.

There are 247 condemned houses in the district. A sweep of the North Side to evaluate this is to happen. The plan is to start taking them down in the spring.

Gerald Akrie:

He has been touring the neighborhoods to inform residents of the Animal Control Department. It is here to serve the community, to help with problems, resolve conflicts and to increase the quality of living. Animal Control is always open, someone is always on call. Office hours are 7 to 3, Monday through Friday. After hours, calls go through 911. Services include handling barking complaints, raccoons, groundhogs, rodents, cat problems and leash laws.

Questions / topics:

-Not legal to discharge a firearm (in other words, hunt) within city limits.

-Stray dogs – to report during office hours, call Animal Control at 412-255-2036. After hours, call 911.

-Domestic animals that are picked up from the street are taken to a shelter; wildlife varies—most are euthanized under state mandate (because of rabies concerns).

-Animal Control will lend traps to residents for small animals and pick up the animals once caught.

-If your pet is picked up, call Animal Control, or try the Humane Society at 412-321-4625 or the Animal Rescue League at 412-661-6452. (It's advisable to stop in to make sure.)

-If you do not find your pet in the first three days, it will likely be put up for adoption.

House Tour: May 17th, 2009

## Report of Committees: Crime and Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

Very busy in North Side and Brighton Heights. City-wide meeting on November 12, 2008 on gang awareness. Most gangs are copycat gangs. A lot of shootings recently, and all are being investigated. Not sure that they are all gang related.

Crime Watch meetings are being resumed at Riverview Manor in the spring.

Donna has been hounding the new commander of Zone 1 to visit the neighborhood. She will be here in January to attend the membership meeting.

Most of the recent crime has been criminal mischief. Crime is down in the city of Pittsburgh.

There have been some hiccups with the Citizen Observer website, but they are being worked on to ensure that everything sent out is accurate.

In April, Zone 1 will be holding the city-wide safety meeting.

## 4. New Business

Election of Brighton Heights Citizen Federation officers – last year the election of officers and five board members was held. There were 11 officers up for election this year. Bill Lazzara has volunteered to take the place of the deceased Anne Hemkie. Nominations were opened up from the floor. Cathy Kernan was nominated. A vote took place on paper ballot and the original slate was voted in.

The neighborhood is looking for volunteers for the flower beds at Termon and California for the spring. Please contact Susan Benn if interested.

November 18th: Brightwood Meeting. Donna Kramer will attend.

Don Walko's office: meeting to learn to save money on gas bills November 14th.

5. Old Business: None.

6. Adjournment: 8:10 PM.

# 2009

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
<b>JANUARY</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	← New Year's Day				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	← Independence Day (observed)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	← General Membership Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	← Martin Luther King Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	← Valentine's Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	← Presidents' Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	← Labor Day (7 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	← Ash Wednesday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	← General Membership Meetings 12 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	← Daylight Savings Time begins (8 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	← Saint Patrick's Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	← Rosh Hashanah begins	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	← Yom Kippur	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	← Columbus Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	← Easter	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	← Hallowe'en	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	← Daylight Savings Time ends (1 <sup>st</sup> )	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	← Mothers Day (10 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	← Vote (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	← General Membership Meetings 14 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	← Veterans Day (11 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	← Vote	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	← Thanksgiving	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	← Memorial Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	← Flag Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>JULY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	← Fathers' Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	
	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					← Christmas	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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Brighton Heights Citizens Federation **General Membership Meetings** The third Thursday of January. Then... The second Thursday of March May September November at 7 PM at the Brighton-McClure Presbyterian Church at Brighton and Benton

# Do You Have a New Neighbor?

If so, let us know and we'll add them for one year as a free "New Resident." And if you'd like to write something about Brighton Heights, please feel free to send your article to:

**BHCF Newsletter, Box 99696,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233**

Or e-mail it to Ron Lindow:  
rlindow45@comcast.net

Please include "Brighton Heights"  
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# Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Info Quick List

Answer Line	(412) 734-0233
Website	www.brightonheights.org
E-mail	brightonheights@yahoo.com
Building permits (Bureau of Building Inspection)	(412) 255-2175
City Council Office	(412) 255-2136
State Representative Don Walko	(412) 321-5523
City Council Representative	(412) 255-2135
Mayor's Office	(412) 255-2626
Mayor's Service Center	(412) 255-2621
Report a burned-out street light (Seven days a week, 24 hours a day) If you can, provide the closest address, side of the street, and SL number located on the pole.	(412) 255-5483
ALCOSAN (Odor Control Hotline)	(412) 766-9445
Organized Crime, Narcotics and Intelligence Division (ONI)	(412) 665-4300
Pittsburgh School Police	(412) 622-3520
Police, Zone One Station	(412) 323-7201
Mayor's Response Line Non-emergency services and government information Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm	<b>311</b>
Police Fire Ambulance Emergencies	<b>911</b>

# UNITED WAY # 188

Did you now that the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is a United Way agency? You can make a donation to the Federation by choosing # 188 on your donation form. All United Way donations are used exclusively for our children's activities such as the Halloween Parade. For the past few years, the donations have not covered the costs involved for these activities. Any member making a United Way donation receives a one year extension on their membership. Usually the paperwork does not catch up with us until the year following the donation.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT FORM

You may call the Mayor's Service Center at 412-255-2621 to report a problem you see in your neighborhood. You may also provide the Public Service Committee with this information by using this form. The Public Service Committee will send your complaint to the Mayor's Service Center on your behalf, or in addition to your complaint. You may drop this form off at the General Membership Meeting, or send it to the above address.

<b>Description of the Problem</b>	Address of problem location	
	Name of Property owner (if known)	
	Please circle one or more	Details:
	Health Concern	_____
	Safety Concern	_____
	Eyesore (Graffiti, etc.)	_____
	Other	_____
	How long has this problem persisted?	
<b>Dealings with the City</b>	Has this problem been previously reported to the Mayor's service Center, a specific city department or any other agency?	If "Yes," which department? When? How frequently?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
<b>Complaint Submitted by</b>	You may submit this form anonymously, or if you want a response from the Public Service Committee about your complaint, please fill in this box.	Name _____
		Address _____
	Phone Numbers:	
	Day _____	
	Evening _____	
	E-mail address (optional)	_____

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES	DUES AMOUNT	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.50	Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	Individual (Unmarried)	Enclosed Membership Dues are for ____ years	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2	Social (Non-resident)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Corporate/Group	Additional	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3	Individual over 65	Donation _____	

Please make your check payable to "BHCF, Inc." and send to:  
**BHCF Treasurer**

Box 99696  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
*Please don't send cash.*

**Thank you!!**

*Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Your membership renewal date will be reflected on your mailing label. For example, "12/09" means your membership expires in December 2009.*

**Next** General Membership Meeting **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

Brighton-McClure Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Brighton and Benton