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President's Message by *Pete Bellisario*

Spring Cleaning Means Spring is Coming. And so are New Gas Pipes. & More.

As the cold weather is waning and winter is finishing up its season, we look forward to the neighborhood waking up to a spring full of activities. The Great Pennsylvania Clean-Up will be on April 16th; flower planting will take place on May 14th; the seventh annual house tour will be on May 22nd; a Memorial Day ceremony in Legion Park on May 30th; and (no laughing now – the Pirates ARE coming back this season!) the Community Day at PNC Park on June 5th. Look for more on these affairs in this issue and the next of your newsletter.

We have invited representatives from Columbia Gas to speak at our General Membership Meeting on March 10th at Pittsburgh Morrow. These folks have been working with Councilwoman Harris on future gas line work in her district. They have a number of projects slated for our neighborhood and we thought it would be good for our members to hear directly from them. We are also discussing a "meet the candidates night" for those who are seeking election or re-election to District 1, City Council. We will send out notification of that meeting when it is arranged.

At one of our past General Membership Meetings, Mary Beth Parks, the librarian of Woods Run Carnegie Library, spoke to us concerning their activities and the re-establishment of a "Friends of the Library" group. Read about the library on pages 10 and 11, and support your library!"

April 16th is our annual spring clean-up as part of the Earth Day activities. There is an article, on page 10, in this newsletter concerning what we are trying to do, but I would like to stress a need that we have had a problem addressing in the past. The board of directors has been asked for years about the appearance of the entrance to our neighborhood from Ohio River Boulevard. There are weeds and undergrowth on both sides of Brighton Heights Boulevard and we are looking for folks who have gas powered weed whackers and blowers to clean up that area. This project would require for this effort to be repeated several times throughout the summer. I realize that this is a lot of work but if we had enough volunteers, it can be less work for everyone. Are you willing to help?

See you at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 10th!

Annual House Tour

The Annual Brighton Heights House Tour will take place on Sunday, May 22nd this year with expanded hours from noon to 5 PM. The focus of this tour will be houses on Shadeland Avenue and the surrounding area. The tour will begin at All Saints Episcopal Church on the corner of Davis and McClure Avenues and will once again feature a Chocolate theme.

Tickets for the tour are \$10 each if reservations are made before May 21st. The day of the tour, tickets will be \$15. So get your friends together and come on the tour.

You can help sponsor the tour by purchasing an ad in the booklet. Ads are \$50 for a quarter page, \$100 for a half page, and \$200 for a full page. Any ad entitles you to two free admissions to the tour.

You can make a reservation by sending in the reservation form below, or the attached sponsor form, or by going to www.brightonheights.org and completing the form (s) online by using PayPal or mailing it to us.

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS CITIZENS FEDERATION 2011 HOUSE TOUR RESERVATION FORM

Date: Sunday, May 22, 2011
Time: 12 - 5 PM
Cost: \$10 (non-refundable) if received before 5-21-11
\$15 day of tour

Tour Starts at - All Saints Episcopal Church
3577 McClure Ave
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212



Your Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Would you like to receive our free "E-Newsletter"? Y ___ N ___

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

No cash, please – send check to: BHCF, Inc
2011 House Tour
PO Box 99696
Pittsburgh, Pa 15233

PAYPAL soon available on our website at: www.brightonheights.org

2011 House Tour Advertising

We will be holding the seventh annual Brighton Heights House Tour on Sunday, May 22, 2011. Consider an ad in the 2011 House Tour program. The rates remain the same as last year. You may include a coupon in your ad if desired. All advertisers also receive two free passes to the house tour.

The House Tour is an extremely successful method of showcasing the Brighton Heights neighborhood. We have had a number of tour goers purchase homes in our neighborhood as a result of their visit on the day of the tour.

It is also an opportunity for you to reach new customers, as we have people from all over the county and beyond who attend the tour. We have had publicity in the two major Pittsburgh newspapers and many smaller venues. You can provide camera-ready copy for your ad, or we can help you design one.

This year we will also be offering the opportunity for you to sponsor the Chocolate at one of the houses with the ability for you to display your advertising material and business cards at the chosen house. The cost to you would be determined by the choice of chocolate offered with a minimum of 500 samples provided. You may choose the chocolate or we can offer suggestions.

Last year nearly 700 people read and appreciated the advertisers in the Tour Booklets.

Please return this form along with payment to:

Brighton Heights 2011 House Tour
PO Box 99696
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Forms need to be returned before April 1, 2011 in order for your business to be included in the printed tour booklet.

Full Page Ad	\$200	_____
Half Page Ad	\$100	_____
Quarter Page Ad	\$50	_____

I would be interested in:

_____ Along with my booklet ad, sponsoring the chocolate at a house on the tour and displaying my advertising material and business cards at the chosen house. [100% supporter]

_____ Only sponsoring the chocolate at a house on the tour and displaying my advertising material and business cards at the chosen house. [no booklet ad at this time]

Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting January 13, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance: Called to order at 7:07 PM

Preliminary remarks by President Pete Bellisario:

Pittsburgh Morrow Elementary is slated to move to Arthur J. Rooney Middle School building, leaving the area without a middle school. However, the ultimate goal is to expand the current facility at Arthur J. Rooney to accommodate grades K through 8.

Guest Speaker, Caroline Weist – Program Manager at Oliver High School of a new program, "Gateway to the Promise.": New school program installed at Oliver High School this past fall. Program is in its infancy and more refinements on the way. Approach is to better prepare students for careers beyond high school. The CTE (Career Technology Education) program, as it is called, will provide a robust option for students.

There will be regional and signature programs assigned throughout the Pittsburgh School District. Training will be available in the following areas: health fields, "be fit" programs, and culinary arts.

Additionally, Oliver High School will offer the "signature" programs of RHVAC (refrigeration, heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and welding. Signature means that any student throughout the district can attend Oliver for this training.

Additionally, as opposed to the method of separating students into vo-tech and college prep, students can explore both options.

For 9th and 10th grade, the focus will be on academic proficiency.

Career readiness courses, résumé building, organizational skills and other career building blocks will begin in grade 11.

The overall goal of this program is to instill a passion for a career and the idea of finishing a goal. Under the CTE program, students who do well on specific test scores can gain credits at technical schools and college.

Additionally, the program has outreached to various trades. For example, an agreement has been reached with the Steamfitters Union whereby, depending on test scores, students can literally achieve one year's credit toward an apprenticeship.

Minutes of the last General Membership Meeting: Approved as written.

Report of Officers:

Pete Bellisario, President:

Saint John's Hospital site: the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Board of Directors approved action to submit an RFP (Request for Proposal) to developers for site development.

Trees will be planted along the Brighton Road corridor.

Problem properties will be targeted.

Community Night: Andy McLaren:

Board selected a game during the Pirates/Phillies series in order to maximize interest.

Andy spoke with Pirates representative and the best deal would be left or right field boxes, normally \$24 for only \$21. Twenty-One is significant because along with a ticket comes a Roberto Clemente replica jersey for no additional charge. Sunday, June 5th is the proposed date.

The plan is to include a picnic prior to or after the game at possibly Jack Stack Park with bus transportation to and from the game.



Minutes from the General Membership Meeting January 13, 2011

Clean up day is set for April 16th at 8:30 AM. Brighton Heights Boulevard (Termon Avenue approach) will be the targeted area.

Our traditional Memorial Day program will continue this year. The date is May 30th and will begin at 10:00 AM. Christ Hope Church will be the meeting place after the ceremony. There will be food and refreshments prepared by the church. As a side note, it is worth noting that our very own Legion Park is the only park in Pittsburgh with three memorials.

Councilwoman Darlene Harris: From destruction comes solutions. This is exactly what happened when a vandal destroyed a memorial in Troy Hill. Awaiting a settlement from the court, Darlene created a committee and together they found funding streams not only for this specific memorial, but for future repair of damaged monuments. Currently an effort is underway to record via photographs the condition of every memorial in Pittsburgh.

The Davis Avenue Bridge continues to move up the list.

Steps have begun in the preparation for repairing the Wilkesboro Bridge, which is currently closed.

Complaint of nighttime noise (pile driver sound) will be investigated. Darlene stated that Alcosan told her that construction is only underway during daylight hours.

A winter storm emergency planning meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM at Allegheny Square (the old North Side library location.) The public is invited.

Treasurer's Report, Joan Bellisario:

Treasurer's Report	Memorial Fund \$1,726.35	State Grant \$905.42
Operating Account \$18,956.05	United Way Account \$2,028.25	Total \$23,616.07

Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion accepted.

No Corresponding Secretary report per John Belch.

Crime and Safety Report, Officer Hodges: Officer Hodges urged everyone to attend the Northside Public Safety Council meetings held the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM. The NSPSC represents all 19 NorthSide neighborhoods. He also urged all to check out the public safety website – www.communitysafety.pittsburghpa.gov. Darlene Harris provided the seed money to get this website up and running.

Officer Hodges reviewed specific forms – silent complaint form and the nuisance bar silent complaint form. Officer Hodges stated that the City and the Police were really aggressive about handling nuisance properties.

Officer Hodges is on the board that investigates and reviews these issues.

Crime statistics reviewed for the past three months. Zone 1 had a 12% decline for 2010.

House Tour Committee, Larry Crouser: Mr. Crouser is the new chairman for this year and the event will be held on May 22, 2011. The Shadeland Avenue and Gerber Street areas will be the setting this year.

Old Business: None New Business: Fifty / Fifty raffle of \$10

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew McLaren.

www.brightonheights.com

Baseball / Softball / Teeball Registration with Brighton Heights Athletic Association Continues

Registration for the 2011 baseball/softball/teeball season with Brighton Heights Athletic Association is under way. The program is based at the John Merry Field Complex, located at the intersection of Benton Avenue and Brighton Woods Road. Programs are available for boys and girls of all ages. Online registrations will be accepted at www.bhaabaseball.org through February 28th. Late registration inquiries for baseball and softball will be accepted through mid-March at bhaabaseball@comcast.net or by contacting Mike Gavlik, president, at 412-805-3209. Teeball registrations will be accepted through April.

2011 Registration Prices

Due to the rising costs of running the program, BHAA has found it necessary to increase registration prices by \$5 for 2011. BHAA also has added an additional \$5 to the refundable concession stand fee as a means to encourage more people to support concessions by working shifts. However, BHAA also is instituting a multi-player discount for families who have more than one child enrolled. Prices for 2011 are below:

Teeball (co-ed ages 3 to 6) - \$50 + \$20 concessions fee = \$70 total

Farm League Baseball and 8u Softball (ages 7 and 8) - \$80 + \$20 concessions fee = \$100 total

Junior Little League Baseball and 10u Softball (ages 9 and 10) - \$80 + \$20 concessions fee = \$100

Senior Little League Baseball and 12u Slowpitch/Fastpitch Softball (ages 11 and 12) - \$80 + \$20 concessions fee = \$100 total

Pony Baseball (ages 13 and 14) - \$80 + \$20 concessions fee = \$100 total
Additional fees may apply if teams compete in more than one league.

Colt Baseball (ages 15 and 16) and 15u Softball (ages 13 and 15) - \$80 + \$20 concessions fee = \$100

Supercolt Baseball (ages 17 and 18) and 18u Fastpitch Softball (ages 16 to 18) - \$95 + \$20 concessions fee = \$115

Please note that teams will be fielded only when 12 paid players are registered.

New Multi-player Family Discount

For 2011, families with multiple children enrolled will be discounted. The first two players in a family will pay full price. Each additional player will be discounted \$15 (players must be in the same household.) Please note that when registering online, families will pay full price for each player and be subsequently and promptly refunded by BHAA. This is due to electronic restrictions and cannot be avoided.

Fastpitch Expands to 12u and 18u

With the success of fastpitch softball in the 15u age group last season, BHAA will offer fastpitch and slowpitch programs in the 12u age group in 2011. Fastpitch play also will be offered for 18u players. BHAA's fastpitch teams will compete in City BIG League play, while our slowpitch teams likely will continue to compete within Greater Pittsburgh Girls Softball.

Baseball / Softball / Teeball Registration with Brighton Heights Athletic Association Continues

Player Patron Program

With the national economic downturn, many BHAA families have found it financially challenging to continue to enroll their children in summer sports play. Those families within the organization who have a little more breathing room in their budgets can contribute to BHAA's new Player Patron Program. Your minimum \$5 donation payable at registration will benefit BHAA families in need. Families interested in benefiting from the fund will be required to submit their request in writing to BHAA's Executive Board. Recipients will remain anonymous but be carefully reviewed by the board. For more information or online registration, visit www.bhaabaseball.org. Questions can be directed to bhaabaseball@comcast.net or to Mike Gavlik president, at 412-805-3209



Community Day at PNC Park

After a lapse of a couple years, the Federation is once again going to sponsor a Community Day at PNC Park. As part of the festivities this year, we have arranged for a bus to take the participants from our meeting point at Jack Stack Park to PNC Park at 12:30 PM. After the game, the bus will pick the fans up at PNC Park and transport them back to Jack Stack Park for a cookout. Also included in the price is a Clemente T-shirt for everyone in attendance and Pirate souvenir raffles for participating children.

This early publicity will enable you to save the date and help us to plan the event more efficiently. Hope to see you there!



BRIGHTON HEIGHTS CITIZENS FEDERATION PRESENTS: COMMUNITY NIGHT 2011 AT PNC PARK

Pirates versus The Philadelphia Phillies – Sunday June 5th at 1:35 PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

_____ Tickets X \$21 each \$ _____ + \$1. handling / order = \$ _____ enclosed

_____ Attendees will ride the bus _____ attendees will go to the cook out

Make checks payable to: BHCF

c/o Andy McLaren

PO Box 99696

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15233

Reservation Deadline: May 20, 2011

Questions: Cal (412) 761 - 0760

Planning Progress For the Citizens of Pennsylvania

Jim Ferlo

Pennsylvania State Senator, 38th District



On January 4th, I was sworn into my third term serving as your state senator for the 38th district of Pennsylvania. Thank you for the opportunity and the privilege.

In this session, I will serve as Democratic chairman of the Senate Law and Justice Committee. It is a real honor to be entrusted with heading this important committee. Issues of liquor control and enforcement will be extremely important as we head into this new session, especially with Governor Tom Corbett's calls to privatize the state liquor stores. Also of extreme importance are issues of law enforcement and public safety. It will be my pleasure to work toward strengthening legislation dealing with these issues.

The Senate Law and Justice Committee focuses on liquor control and enforcement issues, state and municipal policing matters and public safety and protection issues. I will also serve as Vice-Chair on the Senate Appropriations committee and a member on the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, Education, Finance and Policy committees.

I have recently submitted co-sponsorship memorandums to my fellow senators to re-introduce pieces of legislation that would ban texting while driving, expedite the ability of local officials to remove abandoned vehicles from vacant lots, improve the accessibility of homestead exemption applications and to clarify language on tax bills to deliver property tax reform to more Pennsylvanians and to place a one-year moratorium on natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale formation.

These are amongst the legislative priorities I have set thus far, and I am eager to hear from you about the changes that we need to grow our economy, protect our citizenry and improve our neighborhoods throughout our commonwealth. To learn more and to make your concerns heard, please visit my website at www.senatorferlo.com or contact my district office at 412-621-3006. I look forward to working for you and with my Senate colleagues in a bi-partisan matter on these very important issues.

War Memorials and Monuments

The City of Pittsburgh is embarking on a project to complete an inventory of war memorials, other memorials and monuments located on City of Pittsburgh property. Councilwoman Darlene Harris, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, Heinz History Center, Public Works and the Public Art Manager of City Planning are creating a complete inventory and conservation mechanism.

The Federation will be provided with a listing of more than 90 war monuments and we will complete the document for our neighborhood. You can help us with this project by thinking about where memorials are or were located and provide information to the Federation. We will also include monuments or memorials for firefighters, police, et cetera. We know that some war memorials with names and districts have been moved with the closure of churches or military oriented organizations such as the American Legion. Although these items are not on City of Pittsburgh property, we will include them in the inventory.

The Allegheny City Historical Society is compiling a list of all the names of veterans and monuments, so you can see that there is a tremendous effort to compile a comprehensive document with all this information.



Rep. Adam Ravenstahl
D-20th District
Allegheny County



Homeowners have until March 1 to sign up for property tax reduction.

A state report released last year found that hundreds of thousands of eligible homeowners were missing out on a school property tax reduction funded by gaming because they weren't aware they were eligible. The deadline to file for an Act 1 "homestead exemption" for a primary residence is March 1st. If you already receive the homestead exemption on your property tax bill, you do not need to re-apply.

Homeowners should check their previous school property tax bill and see if it lists a reduction for "homestead exemption." If so, nothing further needs to be done to continue receiving a reduction on future school property tax bills. It is a reduction on the school property tax bill and not a rebate check that comes in the mail.

This property tax reduction is available to homeowners of all ages and incomes. It is separate from other state, city and county property tax reduction programs.

If you are unsure whether your home is already registered, you can call the Allegheny County Assessments Office at 412-350-4600 or check online at

http://enews.pahouse.net/q/32KW1pUo4m2Gp4eYN9mFPL0MoUxgZ1F_RqjgugtMue3HYeGeEM3VpdST. The "General Information" tab for your property should show "YES" in the Homestead line on the left side of the web page if your application is on file.

My office can also assist you with questions about this. The average property tax reduction through this exemption is about \$200.

As always, I welcome your feedback on this and other state-related issues and concerns.

Columbia Gas Work

Columbia Gas has been working with Council President Darlene Harris on future gas line work in her district. They have a number of projects slated for our neighborhood, and we thought it would be good for our members to hear directly from them about the proposed work. The project may include replacing main gas lines, or replacing or relocating the natural gas meter. The company is installing Automated Reading Devices on the meters that will allow them to obtain actual meter readings every month, eliminating the every-other-month estimated readings and reducing the need to allow meter readers inside homes. All work is done with no charge to the customers.

If your house is to be affected, you will receive a letter of explanation and then a representative will notify you in person or with a door hanger about 3 days before your gas service is temporarily interrupted for about three hours. All company personnel have photo ID's that identify them as employees of Columbia Gas of PA. Homeowners should ask to see this ID before allowing anyone into their homes. You can also call 1-888-460-4332 for verification. For more details, visit their web site at www.ColumbiaGasPa.com and click on "Are You Working in My Community" and "Automated Meter Reading" under *Infrastructure Upgrade*.

This will give you a chance to have them address specific questions about your street. The proposed streets identified in this project are Brandon Road, Upper and Lower Termon Avenue, and Lower Davis Avenue.

Seen five years ago in the 2006 Nov/Dec issue of the Citizens Report:

* Approximately 45 runners and walkers participated in the 15th annual BHCF 5K Fun Run. This marked the first time that this event was held in the Autumn.

* The newly renovated Woods Run Branch of the Carnegie Library was officially opened at a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 5th.

* New minimum wage rates jump to \$6.25 an hour.

Great Pennsylvania Clean Up

Earth Day is April 22nd. The Great Pennsylvania Cleanup usually takes place on the Saturday closest to that date, but since Easter falls on April 24th this year, the Clean Up has been moved to Saturday April 16th. The Federation will once again be working with the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection to clean up our neighborhood that day.

How much of the neighborhood gets addressed will depend on you, our members, and anyone else you can recruit. If you would like to target a particular area, get some of your neighbors together and go for it. Through us, PennDOT will supply gloves, safety vests, and collection bags and pick up the trash collected. We will once again be focusing on Brighton Heights Boulevard and the areas around our flower beds. We will meet at 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 16th outside Representative Ravenstahl's office. Hope to see you there!

HOPE Brings Hope to Those Who've Loused Up

The HOPE mentoring program operates out of the Allegheny County Jail (ACJ). It seeks to match a mentor/life coach with a mentee prior to the mentee's release. This mentor would meet with their mentee while the individual is incarcerated inside the ACJ. The mentor would continue to walk with the mentee for a year following release.

Ultimately, inmates who participate in our program benefit from the guidance and mentors help reduce recidivism in Allegheny County.

Phone 412-321-3343 or e-mail
revgmhulse@gmail.com

(Editor's note: *mentee* is in the dictionary! You learn something new everyday.)

Woods Run Friends of the Library

This group of volunteers is a revival of one that served the library for years in the past. It is composed of your neighbors working to help the library with unfunded issues and services that are so important to our community. They recently voted to fund the purchase of a Wii game for the library with accessories. The game system can be requested from the Main Library, but its presence is sporadic, so a personal copy will be most helpful for the younger and older patrons as well. It provides a draw to the library, as well as many hours of healthy activities.

The Friends group will be selling water at the Brighton Heights 2011 House Tour to raise money for their projects. Neighbor Kathy Garrettson made up a huge basket of goodies which was raffled off in February and made \$113 for the Friends.

Friends helps to keep the Woods Run Library a vital part of our community. You are invited to join them at their monthly meetings at 6PM on the second Tuesday of each month at the library. You can also help by donating to the group at the library, and you can volunteer to help at the library? They have a great crew who are ready willing and able to good things for us. Check out the library article for a full schedule of programs.



Congratulations to our Board of Directors member Kelly Day and her husband Bill on the birth of their son

Thurston Patrick-Perry Day

Born Nov. 30th 9:48 PM

21.5 inches long and 9 lbs., 1 oz.

FREE Library Programs in March



-Wise Walk - Mondays at 9:30 AM

Wise Walk is a walking program geared toward adults 50+. Participants will receive a pedometer and a T-shirt and will record the number of steps they take each week. We will meet every Monday at 9:30 AM to walk the neighborhood. During inclement weather, we walk inside. This program is brought to you by the Allegheny County Library Association in partnership with AARP and the Highmark PALS (People Able to Lend Support) Program.

-Books and Brew Book Club - Saturday, March 5th at 10:00 AM

And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic by Randy Shilts
Begin your Saturday morning with this great book discussion!!

-Woods Run Knitting Club "The Knit Wits!" - - Tuesday, March 1st and 15th at 1:00 PM

All knitters welcome! If you are an experienced knitter or a beginner, you are invited to come to the Library and share your knitting skills or learn new ones. The Library has limited supplies. Please feel free to bring your own projects to work on.

-Book Discussion Group - Tuesday, March 8th at 11:30 AM

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert. Do you love to read? Do you wish you had someone to talk to about the books you read? If the answer is Yes to either of these questions, then perhaps it is time to join a book discussion group. Come to the library and join the book discussion group for adults today!

-Friends of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Woods Run - Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 PM

Want to be a Friend of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Woods Run? Please join us to learn how you can help support the Woods Run Library.

-Family Fun Story Time - Thursdays at 11:30 AM

Families are invited to the library for stories, songs and crafts.

-Junior Friends of the Woods Run Library - Wednesday, March 9th at 4:30 PM

The Junior Friends will be making Library support items to sell at the circulation desk and giving feedback about how they can help the library and the library can help them.

-Teen Board Games - Thursday, March 17th at 4:00 PM

Let's put the video games away for an afternoon and get out the good old-fashioned board games! We'll supply the games, you just bring your game face!

More programs may be added! Come visit the library or check out our website at <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/woodsrun/>

Another unique feature about Brighton Heights: An intersection that has a STOP sign and a GOE sign (at the intersection of Brighton and Goe Avenues.)

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Flower Planting May 14th

Time to think Spring! Bring your garden gloves and knee pads if you like, and join us for the annual spring flower planting on Saturday, May 14th at 8:30 AM on the corners of California and Termon Avenues. We like to have the gardens in before the house tour which is on Sunday, May 22nd this year, so this should work out well. We will also be working on the area beneath the Grenada Wall if the trees have been planted by then.

Volunteers are needed to help with the planting. Since our neighborhood flower garden is no longer funded by the City of Pittsburgh and the West Penn Conservancy, donations for this project are welcome.

BHCF Flower Planting
Saturday May 14, 2011

Donation for purchase of flowers: \$ _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Make Checks payable to: Brighton Heights Citizens Federation

And mail to:

BHCF Flower Planting
PO Box 99696
Pittsburgh, Pa 15233

Please do not send cash.



If you would be able to help with the planting on that day, return this form,
call our answer line at: 412-734-0233 or
email us at: brightonheights@yahoo.com.

Or just show up with your digging outfit on!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

We're helping Northside Kids who help their neighborhoods!

2011 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Name: Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

High School _____

Neighborhood in which you reside (please circle one):	Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 25, 2011
Allegheny West	To: Northside Leadership Conference Scholarship Committee Attn: Kelly MacKay 4 Allegheny Center, Suite 601 Pittsburgh, PA 15212 **PLEASE NOTE Please submit an electronic version of your essay also. Email to: kelly@pittsburghnorthside.com
Brightwood	
Central Northside	
East Allegheny	
Manchester	
Observatory Hill	
Spring Garden	
Summer Hill	
Brighton Heights	
Calbride	
Charles Street	
Fineview	
Northview Heights	
Perry Hilltop	
Spring Hill	
Troy Hill	

NORTHSIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
2011 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Late registration will be accepted until March 15th

Purpose of Scholarship: To recognize and award high school seniors who volunteer their time to improve the Northside community.

Eligibility for Scholarship: ANY Northside resident in the 12th grade, who performs volunteer service in their community and who is planning to attend a college or training program after high school.

Award: \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Candidates will be recruited through neighborhood groups and high schools, both private and public. The individuals must reside on the Northside but they need not attend a Northside high school.

Awardees: Will be selected by the NSLC Dinner Committee, which is made up of representatives of the neighborhoods and participating sponsors. The number of scholarships will be determined by sponsor commitments. (Generally 9-11 scholarships are awarded.)

Criteria for Selection: The student should prepare an essay of 500 words or less, which describe his or her volunteer activities and future educational plans. In reviewing the student essays, the Committee will take into account spelling and grammar and their overall volunteerism. Consequently, students applying for a scholarship should check their spelling and grammar. Students are encouraged to use the spell check on their computer, and/or to have a teacher, parent or friend review their essay. On the application form, the applicant should include their name, address, phone number, school, and neighborhood in which they reside. Your name, gender or reference to race should not appear on your essay. Also, include a copy of your high school academic records.

Letters of Reference: Two letters of reference are required. Your school principal, guidance counselor, or teacher should submit one letter. The second should be a letter from someone who is familiar with your volunteer activities (not a family member).

Applications: All applications must be submitted by Friday, February 25, 2011

Mail to: Northside Leadership Conference Scholarship Committee Attn: Kelly MacKay
4 Allegheny Center, Suite 601
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

13 Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house.. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)

Welcome Committee

Our Welcome Committee is up and running again under the direction of BHCF Board Member Janice Johns Engelman. If you know of new neighbors, or if you would like to help welcome new neighbors, contact us by email (brightonheights@yahoo.com), snail mail (PO Box 99696, Pittsburgh, PA 15233) or answer line (412-734-0233)

For a new neighbor, we need a minimum of the name and address, but a phone number and email address would be helpful, also.

Newsletter Reporters

The Citizens Report is looking for reporters to write articles for the newsletter. Do you like to write? Do you have stories of Brighton Heights of long ago? Do you have a vision of what you would like to see in Brighton Heights?

Would you want to write up stories of Brighton Heights activities? Let us know by email and you can join our volunteer staff! brightonheights@yahoo.com

Legislation Currently in Process



Darlene Harris, President, City Council of Pittsburgh

We are in the middle of putting together legislation addressing many quality of life issues for residents city-wide, but especially those in District One. Here are three examples: noise pollution, street lighting and urban agriculture.

Just about all City districts have issues with noise pollution, so I set up a task force co-chaired by Councilmen Patrick Dowd and Bruce Kraus. Also on the committee will be Council colleagues Theresa Kail-Smith and R. Daniel Lavelle. Their job is to review ordinances currently on the books and find the best way to enforce them. As an example, many neighbors of the new Children's Hospital in Lawrenceville have been complaining about loud sounds emanating from the hospital's heating and ventilating system. Other residents don't want to hear the sound of dumpsters being emptied in the early morning hours behind many restaurants across the City. City residents are losing sleep. We need to find the best way to measure the sound, determine the allowable limit and prosecute those who do not keep to those limits.

Last year, I put money aside to install lighting to properly enhance the District One business areas. Currently we are determining how best to use that money. We are looking at issues such as energy consumption, aesthetics, brightness, electrical upgrades, the manpower needed, and making sure that residents who live in those business districts are not affected in their homes by the new lights. Finding the correct product for each neighborhood may mean different fixtures for each or a few neighborhoods — neighborhoods may not have the same lighting fixtures. In neighborhoods where cameras are installed, we need lighting bright enough to make out images from the cameras.

Have you ever tasted fresh honey just taken from the hive? It's fantastic! Urban agriculture in the City of Pittsburgh includes growing vegetables on vacant lots for consumption by those who do the farming. It also includes taking care of chickens, roosters, horses, bees and other animals (other than domesticated animals such as dogs and cats.) We also have a lot of people in District One doing Urban Agriculture. It's a zoning issue. We are working with local organizations including Burgh Bees, the East End Food Co-op, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture and Pittsburgh Food Policy Council. This will enable us to determine the best ways to address permit and licensing and square footage for certain types of animals. Pittsburgh's urban agriculture community wants City Planning to consider changes in fee structure, and bees' flight paths rather than hive placement when considering square footage needed for bee hives.

We are always working on more issues, but we're running out of space here. Call me any time if you have any questions or comments. You can reach me at 412-255-2135

Membership

It's time to renew your membership.

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is now offering a special deal on membership: pay for three years and get a fourth year free or pay for five years and get two years free. Renewing for multiple years keeps you current for a longer time, and it cuts down on our bookkeeping, too. It's a win-win situation.

So take a look at the expiration date on your membership (after your name on the newsletter label) and renew now! A new / renewal application is included on the last page of this newsletter.

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 Pay 5 yrs – get 7 yrs \$10 Corporate/Group

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The next general membership meeting will be held at 7 PM on March 10, 2011 at the Pittsburgh Morrow Auditorium on the corner of Davis and Fleming Avenues.

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