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**President's Message by Pete Bellisario**

**Ice Cream, Flowers, The California Avenue Business District. And More.**

Have you noticed Bob Rhoden of the Java n' Cream House sweeping the street of the 3600 block of California Avenue each morning and afternoon? Did you know that Ivan Lambert, member of Emmanuel Christian Church, volunteered at our flower planting and was the force behind planting the day lilies on Ohio River Boulevard? I asked him where he lived since I didn't recognize him. His answer is that the flowers make coming to our neighborhood a treat and that makes us different. Why mention this to you? Because these are two men who are helping make a difference.

Have you stopped by either of our new ice cream parlors? Well, John Norman has added soft serve ice cream and blizzards at the Brighton Café, part of the new Laundromat! We have been looking for ice cream in the neighborhood for years and now we have it. You don't have to leave the neighborhood to enjoy the best summer goodies.

In a past newsletter there were errors in my report. I want to clear up the issue. A few years ago, we had a great addition to our neighborhood in the person of Dale Czonka. He purchased a couple properties in the California Avenue business district, along with the homes behind these storefronts, and remodeled them. Dale's last name was misspelled.

The second error was when I failed to pick up on another mistake involving the Hiawatha Apartments. These apartments are in two buildings on Hiawatha where it meets Morrell. Dale purchased the apartments, completely rehabbed them and now has them "For Rent." Bill Kristoff is handling the rentals. I think that you need to know this because for 15 years these units were owned by an absentee landlord and occupied by people who were a huge problem for the neighbors. There were several visits to Magistrate Ravenstahl to enable the purchase, but now they are completely remodeled and ready for renters. Check them out with Bill if you are in the market for an apartment.

# Minutes of the BHCF General Membership Meeting of May 12, 2011

Started at 7:07 PM

Previous minutes were approved.

Report of Officers and Others:

## **Pete Bellisario, President:**

The road cleanup was on the 15<sup>th</sup> and had a decent turnout and was a success. The roads only remain clean for a month before litter is everywhere though.

May 21<sup>st</sup> is yard debris removal day. Early in the morning.

## **Treasurer's Report, Joan Bellisario:**

Columbia Gas grant still has \$3000. Currently thinking that this will be used to refund homeowners who do improvements on their houses. Up to \$100 for \$300 or more of repairs.

United way account is very depleted compared to previous years.

Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information System: looking for people to come and learn how the census will affect our neighborhood. Pete and Joan plan to attend.

Net Worth of BHCF as of May 12,2011:

Columbia Gas Grant: \$3000.00	Monument: \$1730.03	Operating Account: \$18,130.24
State Grant: \$905.51	United Way: \$2584.52	Total: \$26,350.30

## **Peggy Urzua, North Side Leadership Conference:**

Pittsburgh Works is offering counseling for anyone who is rehabbing houses. Contact them if you're interested in more information.

Five dollars will get you a Pirates ticket to a game in July or August. Half of that money goes to the NSLC.

Current development in Brighton Heights is likely going to be the Cape Code Style house with both a bathroom and bedroom on the first floor.

## **Susan Benn**

New trees are being planted on Brighton Heights Blvd leading up from Route 65. Volunteers are always welcome and needed for flower planting days, which is happening the next Saturday after this meeting at 3:00 at California and Termon.

West Penn Conservancy has planted their flowers and other plants around their sign at the entrance to Brighton Heights (Termon and California Avenues.)

## **Larry Crouser, House Tour:**

Shadeland/Brighton/upper Termon Avenue is the location of the houses this year. Tickets are \$10. Looking for volunteers to help direct people during the tour.

And for volunteers to help clean up the day before. Meet at the All Saints Episcopal Church June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

## **Andy McClaren, PNC Park Day:**

Brighton Heights day at PNC Park Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:35 against the Phillies.

Tickets: \$21. Roberto Clemente jersey is the door prize and we're doing a cookout/picnic at Riverview Manor after the game.

Shuttle to and from the game will be provided at the Emmanuel Christian Church. Money must be given to Andy by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Brighton Heights website with Paypal or credit card.

## **Minutes of May 12, 2011** continued....

### **Tom Kaylor, Memorial Day:**

BHCF and American Legion post 261 will host the ceremony at Legion Park at 10 AM. There will be a flyover this year.

Bring your own lawn chair and honor the troops past and present.

Looking for help on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM to place flags on the veterans' graves.

### **Crime and Safety Report, Donna Kramer:**

The free CPR class went really well and the class that was canceled will be rescheduled the second week of June.

If there is enough interest there will also be an infant CPR class in the fall.

Talk to Donna about registering for the Block Watch training. The meetings will begin again sometime in June.

Still some drug arrests happening in Brighton Heights, though more arrests have been due to criminal mischief.

Don't be afraid to call 911 when you see something suspicious.

### **Old Business:**

Art Kreisel has offered to rebuild our website due to the fact that the old site has security concerns and was built with now out-of-date software.

The site will be transferred from Joomla to a standard html format, making it safer and more user-friendly. The site will be more interactive and you'll be able to submit information you find relevant to Brighton Heights. The new website will also contain a store.

We are looking into putting up a wayfarers sign on 65 to give drivers coming from 65 a better idea of where the entrance to Brighton Heights is located.

Davis Avenue Bridge rebuilding will begin sometime in 2012, according to Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

### **New Business:**

There is enough interest that there will be another flea market in Legion Park sometime in the fall.

The coffee shop is re-opened on California Avenue. It's under new management. It's called the Brighton Heights Java n' Cream House.

Anyone who knows of new residents in Brighton Heights should contact Janice Johns-Engleman as she has welcome bags to welcome them to our neighborhood.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

## **National Night Out**

National Night Out was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once again the Lynn Williams Apartments, at the corner of Goe Avenue and Brighton Road, spearheaded activities for the neighborhood. This was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We thank them for their efforts.

National Night Out is held during the summer each year and it is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
4. Send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In other words, it gets us out on our porches and together with our neighbors, bringing light to our communities.

# BRIGHTON HEIGHTS THIRD ANNUAL

# FLEA

# MARKET

AT LEGION PARK

Come one,  
Come all!

Bring your no longer needed treasures

To our neighborhood flea market.

Rent a 6 X 10 foot space in the park for \$10.00.

Artist and Crafters are welcome.

Reserve your space on line at

[www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org)

Or call (412) – 734 - 0233

**SATURDAY, SEPT 10**  
**FROM 9AM - 2PM**



## Memorial Day Celebration

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and American Legion Post #681 sponsored the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual 27<sup>th</sup> Ward Memorial Day ceremony at Legion Park on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. We had the largest crowd, over 200 attendees, in recent years.

The ceremony this year was dedicated to longtime chairman of the event George Lichauer, who passed away last year. His family was there to support all our efforts. Many local businesses in Brighton Heights and Brightwood supported the ceremony financially. William Haushalter, Esq. was the main speaker and resident veterans led the activities. Ted Bergfelt and the New Life Church Singers held the inspirational sing-along, and a picnic lunch, held at Christ Hope Church, was provided for all by the committee. The junior ROTC cadets from Oliver High School and Boy Scouts of America Troop #348 played an active part in the ceremony, and the 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing once again provided an exciting fly-over for our event.

This inspiring event would have been marred by the absence of the flagpole and monument that graced the corner of Legion Park had it not been for the efforts of Council President Darlene Harris, City Planning Art Director Mort Brown, and the City Public Works Department. An errant driver lost control of her car in the big snowstorm last January and took out the flagpole and the monument. Thankfully no one was hurt in the accident, but it left a gaping hole on that corner. After much research and eventual contributions by the insurance company, a new flagpole was installed the week before the ceremony. Our gratitude to Public Works employees Paul Abel, Rick DeCarlo, Joe James, Bill Killcrease, Dennis Sabo, Mike Schmidt and Rick Underwood who went above and beyond expectations to get the flagpole up and operational.

**Saturday, September 17, 2011**

**Award-winning alcosan Open House**

**Region's Largest Watershed & Environmental Festival**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm Rain or Shine!**

**FREE and Open to the Public!**

**Still Growing! Record-Breaking 2,500+ Open House Visitors in 2010!**

**Guided Tours of the ALCOSAN Treatment Plant and Laboratory**

**Microbiology & Watershed Life Presentations**

**Hands-On Environmental Activities & Exhibits**

**Games, Food & Fun For People of All Ages!**

**Located at 3300 Preble Avenue on the North Side - Just 1.5 miles from the West End Bridge via Chatusa Street**

**For more information, visit the ALCOSAN website at [www.alcosan.org](http://www.alcosan.org) or call 412-732-8002**

## A Refreshing Alternative

How green can Brighton Heights be? I'm sure that you're aware that we have periodic cleanups in the neighborhood, but it's a never-ending, somewhat discouraging project. What might be done to decrease the amount of litter on our streets? We're looking for ideas!

Are we as a community interested in a campaign to battle this problem? Can we as residents do a better job of taking care of the litter in front of our homes or on our block? How can we influence people passing through our neighborhood to take their trash and litter with them? Are you interested in being part of a team? Do we need a slogan such as this, or something better?:

Brighton Heights  
Green As Can Be  
Trash and Litter Free

Continued on the next page...

## A Refreshing Alternative continued...

We're going to take part in the city-wide cleanup on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, as noted on the next page. This is a perfect chance for you to clean up the trash accumulated on your front porch or backyard without incurring additional pickup costs. We will provide helpers for you to dispose of that accumulation on the cleanup day (construction materials not included.) Just call our answer line at 412-734-0233 or email us at [brightonheights@yahoo.com](mailto:brightonheights@yahoo.com) to schedule help on that day. If you have a neighbor (who might not get the newsletter) with this problem, let them know about this service.

Brighton Heights  
Citizens  
Federation's  
Annual  
**Hallowe'en  
Parade**

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

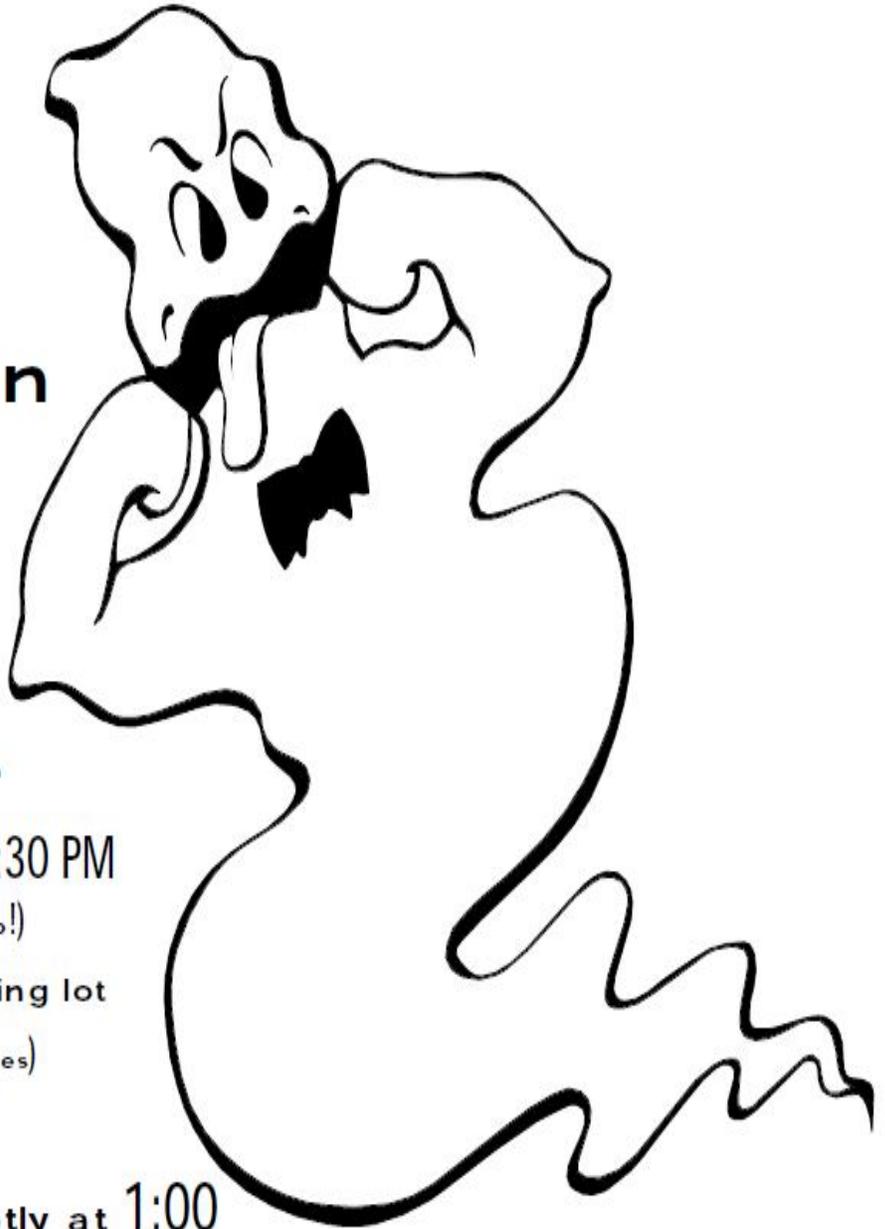
Registration: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

(Registration ends at 12:30 sharp!)

Kunsak's Funeral Home parking lot

(Davis and Massachusetts Avenues)

Parade will begin promptly at 1:00



## Fall Clean Up

We will once again be participating in a Fall Clean-Up along with Boris Weinstein and his "Citizens Against Litter" campaign. This year we have arranged to be a part of PMADD (Pitt Make a Difference Day), and have 22 Pitt students coming to the neighborhood to help us clean up. If you have a particular area of concern and could use help, please let us know so that we can point the volunteers in your direction. This is an excellent opportunity for our neighborhood, and a good time to attack that overwhelming concern. As an example, just think about this group working on the intersection of Ohio River Boulevard and Brighton Heights Boulevard. For this project, we must provide resident participants, so please roll up your sleeves and show up at the California and Termon Avenue intersection at 9:30 AM on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will provide safety vests, gloves and garbage bags. It's a "rain or shine" event.

We could also use some help providing lunch for the workers, so contact us if you can participate in that endeavor. Call the answer line at 412-734-0233 or email us at [brightonheights@yahoo.com](mailto:brightonheights@yahoo.com) to be a part of this project. A real solution to the litter problem is to prevent it. We must all be vigilant and encourage especially our youngsters to practice litter-free habits. It only takes a small effort from each person to make a big difference for all. If you have ideas on this subject, we'd love to hear from you!

We'd love to put up signs that say:

**BRIGHTON HEIGHTS**  
is a litter free neighborhood.  
Take your trash home with you!  
Don't dump it here!

A word about Boris Weinstein, to get a point across of what one person can do. Boris is retired and decided to pick up litter in his neighborhood. Soon others joined in and then we had a gaggle. An article was written about his efforts and soon other neighborhoods joined. The rest is history because the spring and fall clean-ups are accomplished in more than 80 communities. Pittsburgh Public Works folks pick up the bags of trash and other waste.

## Community Day at PNC Park

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, after a lapse of a couple years, the Federation once again sponsored a trip to PNC Park to see the Pirates play. This was arranged by super-fans Andy McLaren and Pete Bellisario. Two buses were hired to take the 63 fans to the ballpark and back. The group enjoyed shady seats on a sunny day. The only thing that would have been better was to have the Pirates win. All patrons received Roberto Clemente replica game shirts and all children under 13 received T-shirts.

On their return to Brighton Heights, they were treated to a picnic at the Riverview Manor shelter. This was prepared by Irene Jacobowski, Cathy Kernan and Gert Long. Many thanks to these ladies for all their hard work in cooking the hot dogs and setting up the refreshments. What do you think about trying again next year?

## Election 2011

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation will be having an election for Board members at the November General Membership Meeting. This will be Thursday, November 10, 2011. Five officer positions — president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer — will be voted on along with five directors at large. If you would like to serve on the Board in any capacity, or if you know someone else who would, please let us know at the September 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting.

## Brighton Heights Trivia

Where is the Sanguigni Field?

(answer on page 11)



## House Tour 2011

The 2011 Brighton Heights Chocolate House Tour was held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Homes on Shadeland Avenue and nearby were highlighted this year on a beautiful, sunshine-filled day. Pat Lowry of the Post-Gazette wrote a very complimentary article in the Saturday paper the week before the tour. Many tour-goers had the article in tow as they registered.

In preparation for the tour, chairmen Larry Crouser and John Bratton led the cleanup crew the day before. These workers included Ray Meyer, Bob Hartman, Peggy Urzua, Joan Bellisario, Cathy Kaut and Ben Ryan. There were more than 40 volunteers on the day of the tour, helping out in the houses, registering the crowd of more than 350 people and guiding participants on the route.

Once again, our hosts who provided the houses for the tour were most gracious as they displayed their lovely homes. We were fortunate to have John Belch, Ellen Botkin and Ben Chloros, Adam and Kristin Kampmeyer, Florian and Rose Kulczycki, Diane Lawhorn, Eric and Rachelle Newman and Mike Swain showcase their homes. People came to the tour who lived in those houses years ago and provided more history and even some old photos to those who live there now. This year included a house on Brighton Road that was under renovation, and it proved to be a very popular stop, as much discussion was generated as to how the home would look when completed. Our thanks to Jeff Dzamko and Allegheny Construction Management Company for participating. For the third year in a row, we were fortunate to have Dan Riegner donate his time and talent by contributing a pen and ink sketch to the winner of the raffle (of their home or another of their choosing.) The winner was Bob Greca.

The "Woods Run Friends of the Library" put up a tent and sold water to thirsty participants, demonstrating community involvement in the neighborhood and publicizing the outstanding library services available to us.

We're grateful to our sponsors who purchased ads in the booklet and provided chocolate in the houses. Please be sure to patronize these businesses and let them know you are aware of their ad support. They include:

Allegheny General Hospital print shop	Saint Cyril of Alexandria School (Northside Catholic)	Susan Benn, Kitten Care, Pet-sitter and Pamperer	Bistro to Go
Curves for Women	Dirt Doctors Cleaning Service	Emmanuel Christian Church	Emprint, Incorporated
Fidelity Bank	Friends of the Woods Run Library	Goodrich & Goodrich, PC	Hunt Stained Glass Studios
Kelly's Beer Distributor	Kristoff Agency	Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home, Incorporated	M. R. Lawnscape
Manchester Charter School	Candace Rymniak, Molyneaux Tile-Carpet-Wood	Northside Community Development Fund	Northside Leadership Conference
Produce Plus	Quest Diagnostics	Bellevue Wellness Center	Residence Inn
Salon Chic	Schatzman's Handyman Solutions, LLC	Stout Street Design, Incorporated	Surveillance Group
Sweet Time Café & General Store	Timeless Beauty	Tom Friday's Market	

This year, in addition to the support of the advertisers in the booklet, we were helped by businesses who provided the chocolate in the houses: Achieve Realty (Chris & Mike Hoss), "All in Good Taste" Chocolate, Dirt Doctor Cleaning Service, Fidelity Bank, Floral Magic (who also provided floral arrangements in one of the houses), Giant Eagle, Molyneaux Carpets, Spring Hill Suites North, and Starbucks.

## Spring Flower Planting and Summer Flowers

Typically for this very rainy spring, cloudy skies loomed menacingly as 35 volunteers braved the elements to plant flowers on the Termon and California Avenue corners on Saturday morning, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Miraculously, the rain held off until the afternoon, so the flower planting was completed just before the skies opened up for a good watering session.

The following volunteers pulled weeds, transplanted perennials and then planted more than \$800 worth of beautiful flowers. Hopefully you have had a chance to enjoy them all summer.



Joan Bellisario	Dorian Holland	Brandon Notaro
Pete Bellisario	Olivia Horgan	Deb Orr
Judy Bendtsen	Kaya Jones	Jim Orr
Susan Benn	Noah Kaiser	Roxanne Palmieri
Paul Boyle	Cathy Kaut	Samantha Palmieri
Ka'Dale Coles	Tom Kaylor	Bob Rhoden
Ashley DiGregorio	Ivan Lambert	Yolanda Rhoden
Ed Gergerich	Juan Lasso	Janet Shaw
Maura Gergerich	Helen Lorinc	Carrie Ungerman
Bob Hartman	Collin Murphy	Sierra Ungerman
Sue Hartman	Sean Murphy	Peggy Urzua
Jan Held	Allyson Notaro	



The gardens have been maintained through the summer by the eighth-grade class of North Side Catholic Elementary School (the former Saint Cyril of Alexandria School.) Many thanks to coordinator Carrie Ungerman and her helpers (along with their parents): Juan Lasso Bedoya, Paul Boyce, Billy Frauns, Dorian Holland, Olivia Horgan, Kaya Jones, Noah Kaiser, Jordan Mastele, Brandon Notaro, Samantha Palmieri, Sierra Ungerman, Bryce Williams and Dacian Williams.



### Our New Web Site

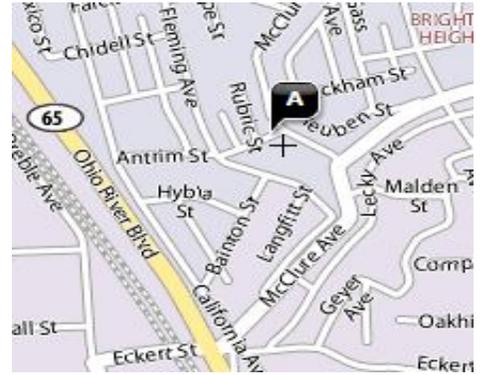
Have you seen our web site lately? [www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org)

There is more Brighton Heights information, more pictures, more maps, more games, more Brighton Heights trivia and best yet – plenty of chances for your input.

Much of the content includes a page specific e-mail link for your comments and suggestions. Use them to let us know what you think.

## Antrim Street Beautification Project

In mid-June, Board member Kelly Day submitted an application to the City for a "Love Your Block" grant of \$500. The Home Depot Foundation awarded Pittsburgh and four other cities \$10,000 each for beautification projects. Pittsburgh invited community groups to apply for the \$500 mini-grants. The Antrim Street submission was one of the 10 chosen from 32 applicants. Along with the money for supplies, the grant also involves help from the City Public Works Department, so we have great hopes for Antrim Street. Kelly, along with co-chairman Jerome Jackson, will be needing additional volunteers from members of the Federation the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (rain or shine.) This will involve street beautification and gardening help with the new proposed parklet slotted for the corner of Antrim and Richardson.



Love Your Block is a partnership of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and The Home Depot Foundation to beautify Pittsburgh - block by block. More details to come on <http://antrimstreet.blogspot.com>

## Calling All Reporters

Where are you Lois Lane or Jimmy Olson? We're looking for a few neophyte reporters, correspondents and photographers to help us keep up with the happenings in Brighton Heights.

We would also like to feature a business or two in each issue of the newsletter. Are you involved with a group that is doing some good in the neighborhood (Brighton Heights Athletic Association, Boy Scouts, et cetera)? Is there something that is bugging you or something great on the horizon? Write it up. We can help you get the word out – but we do reserve the editing prerogative. Sign on as a member of the newsletter team and have some fun! We'd like to be able to let our residents know what opportunities are here for them to get involved in and participate in events.



## Columbia Gas Grant

We've had 14 disbursements for the Columbia Gas Grant totaling \$1510.84 so far. One was a \$500 supplemental grant to the Antrim Street Beautification Project, approved unanimously by the Board of Directors. The process is still open for submissions, so follow the rules below and send in your application. This grant is available to residents for fixing up the exterior of their houses and will extend until the \$3000 is exhausted.

Please make sure you follow these rules:

1. The time period of the grant has been extended.
2. You will receive 25% of what you spend to beautify the exterior of your house, be it planting flowers, painting, siding, windows, et cetera up to a maximum of \$100 per house per year (as long as the grant lasts).
3. You must submit receipts (from no earlier than April 1, 2011) for the expenses, and submit before and after pictures of your project.
4. Labor costs are not included, only supplies.
5. Anyone can participate, owners or renters, but the structure must be in Brighton Heights.
6. The improvement must be visible from the street.

The improvements will be inspected before checks are issued. We will publish the grant recipients on our website.

So continue to spiff up your digs now and help Brighton Heights shine!

## Being Open to Possibilities Darlene Harris, President, City Council of Pittsburgh



As another school year begins, I find myself feeling like I did when I was back in school. Summer seemed to come and go in a flash and fall is already knocking at our door. Another Steelers season will be in full swing and Halloween will be here before we know it. This is shaping up to be another exciting year full of opportunities for children, parents, grandparents and those who choose to be a part of Pittsburgh's large educational community.

I define public service as looking after the best interests of the people of District 1, and the entire city. The ideal working relationship is to have open lines of communication, with the understanding that the executive and legislative are equal branches of City government. The legislative branch has the unique responsibility of being the branch of government that makes things possible. That is, through the ordinances we adopt, we enable the executive branch to implement initiatives, programs and guidelines. The biggest challenge and opportunity facing Pittsburgh this fall is balancing the budget. The City has projected a budget shortfall, and we are going to have to make tough decisions. But difficult choices can often lead to unseen possibilities. And I believe we have a real opportunity to do things more effectively and efficiently in Pittsburgh, and to better serve the people who live and work in our city.

Growing pains and change are sometimes overwhelming. As Pittsburgh continues to evolve there will be debate and discussion. But as I learned again while working with many folks on the Northside and the entire city, even those who normally can't agree on things can actually work together and stand together if they are willing to listen, share ideas and believe in each other.

Sometimes those feelings you had when you were a child getting ready for school are the same ones you get when you are faced with an adult challenge. It's a sign that good things can be ahead of you if you are just willing to be open to the possibilities. Having the courage to actually say, 'I choose to find a solution and will work well with others,' is actually a reminder of what we learned back in school.

## Trees...Trees...Trees

The West Penn Conservancy, along with Tree Vitalize, has planted a number of trees on Brighton Heights Boulevard. The beautiful mix of maples and serviceberry trees line the Grenada Wall, and dawn redwoods and serviceberry trees accent our Brighton Heights sign across the road. We have been working on this project for a couple years, and it has finally materialized.

Many thanks to the City Arborist Lisa Ceoffe and to the Conservancy's Gavin Deming for their perseverance in getting this job done. They are also working on putting new trees in Legion Park and along Brighton Road in our neighborhood. Our own board member and flower planting coordinator Susan Benn, and neighbor Ed Gergerich, worked for many hours. They moved some of the bulbs and grasses we had planted previously along the wall to make room for the trees and preserve the plants. Throughout the summer, Susan organized various cleanup and weeding "parties" to keep the area attractive. We are grateful for the participation of some of the kids from The Academy for their help.

We hope you will enjoy the natural panorama each time you enter the neighborhood from Ohio River Boulevard. They will get more beautiful as the years progress!

From page 7...  
**Where is the  
Sanguigni Field?**



It's one of the seven ball fields located off Benton Avenue in Northgate park along with Jack Stack Pool, a basketball court and playground.

## Representative Ravenstahl With Some Consumer News You Can Use

Adam Ravenstahl

Pennsylvania State Representative



For this issue we are including an out take from Representative Ravenstahl's website. The site's page is titled "Consumer news you can use" and includes three sections. The section we are presenting is "Chatting with your kids about being online."

New technology is reaching children at a younger age every year. Here are a few tips on how to chat with your kids about safe use of cell phones and computers.

### How to Talk to Your Kids.

Not sure where to begin? The best way to protect your kids online? Talk to them. Research suggests that when children want important information, most rely on their parents.

### Consider the following:

**Start early.** - After all, even toddlers see their parents use all kinds of devices. As soon as your child is using a computer, a cell phone or any mobile device, it's time to talk to them about online behavior, safety and security. As a parent, you have the opportunity to talk to your kid about what's important before anyone else does.

**Create an Honest, Open Environment.** - Kids look to their parents to help guide them. Be supportive and positive. Listening and taking their feelings into account helps keep the conversation afloat. You may not have all the answers, and being honest about that can go a long way.

**Initiate Conversations.** - Even if your kids are comfortable approaching you, don't wait for them to start the conversation. Use everyday opportunities to talk to your kids about being online. For instance, a TV program featuring a teen online or using a cell phone can tee up a discussion about what to do — or not — in similar circumstances. News stories about internet scams or cyber bullying, for example, also can help start a conversation with kids about their experiences and your expectations.

**Communicate Your Values.** - Be up-front about your values and how they apply in an online context. Communicating your values clearly can help your kids make smarter and more thoughtful decisions when they face tricky situations.

**Be Patient.** - Resist the urge to rush through conversations with your kids. Most kids need to hear information repeated, in small doses, for it to sink in. If you keep talking with your kids, your patience and persistence will pay off in the long run. Work hard to keep the lines of communication open, even if you learn your kid has done something online you find inappropriate.

<http://www.pahouse.com/ravenstahl/>

### Word Search Brighton Heights Churches

ALL SAINTS  
AVERY MEMORIAL  
BH LUTHERAN  
CHRIS THOPE  
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN  
GREATER ALLEN  
HOSANNA  
RISEN LORD  
ST GEORGE  
ST. CYRIL



## An Opportunity For You To Make a Child’s Life Better Mayor Luke Ravenstahl



Dear Neighbors,

Many children and families will soon begin thinking about the upcoming school year. And I’m asking you to give some thought to how you can help support Pittsburgh youth. I believe that Pittsburgh’s future is in the hands of its young people. That’s why I’ve committed to serving as a middle-school mentor during the 2011-12 school year - and I want you to join me. There are lots of great ways to get involved. One opportunity is through the *Be A 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Program*– the largest mentoring project in the region’s history. Simply by sharing your time, you can make a tremendous difference. In a recent study of mentoring relationships, youth with mentors were shown to:

- Get better grades
- Be less likely to get involved with drugs
- Be 86% more likely to go to college

Along with serving as a mentor myself, I recently established the Mayor’s Mentoring Initiative to help grow youth mentoring efforts in our City. The Mayor’s Mentoring Initiative provides City employees with the opportunity to serve as middle-school mentors in partnership with the *Be A 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Program*. It is my hope that other businesses and corporations will follow my lead and make mentoring opportunities available to their employees as well.

For more information about the *Be A 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor* project, please call 412-456-6770 or check out [bea6thgradementor.org](http://bea6thgradementor.org). To learn about the Mayor’s Mentoring Initiative, please call 412-255-4765 or check out [mentor.pittsburghpa.gov](http://mentor.pittsburghpa.gov). You can find additional mentoring opportunities at [www.mentoringpittsburgh.org](http://www.mentoringpittsburgh.org)

Sincerely, Luke Ravenstahl - Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

### Federation Governing Documents

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation are available for your viewing and print out at your Federation website, ([www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org)).

The Constitution is divided into three Articles. Article I is “Organization” split into four sections. Article II is “Structure” containing eight sections and Article III is “Operations” containing eleven sections.

From the federation’s history and territory covered, to our directors and various committees, all the way to types of meetings, amendments and clauses; all of your questions about running the federation are answered.

Taken from the “What is Brighton Heights?” section of your web site [www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org).

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## Emergency Help Is Available for Homeowners Facing Foreclosure.

Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Representative Jake Wheatley

19<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

Allegheny County



I would like to remind local homeowners that they can apply now for the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program if they are unable to make their monthly mortgage payments because of job loss or income reduction.

This federally funded program will only be available through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Homeowners facing foreclosure should call the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency right away at 1-800-342-2397 to get help.

Homeowners may be eligible for a loan of up to \$50,000 or 24 months of mortgage payment assistance if they:

- Have a loss of at least 15 percent of income
- Have missed at least three mortgage payments or received a foreclosure notice due to job loss, income reduction and/or illness
- Are likely to be able to start making payments again within two years
- Are at or below 120 percent of area median income
- Are applying for help with a mortgage on their primary residence, which is a one- to four-unit residence or condominium unit.

My office: 412-471-7760 or <http://www.pahouse.com/wheatley>

## Brighton Heights Businesses



Are you a business located in Brighton Heights?

Check out our website at [www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org) and make sure you are listed on the website. Let us help you bring in the customers!

Categories Used on the Web Site

Auto Sales & Service	Beauty	Food and Drink	Funeral Homes	Grocery
Medical	Merchandise	Real Estate	Services	Senior High Rise

Help us provide full and accurate information about your business. Do you have a web link you would like to include in your profile? Would you like to have your hours of operation or menu available there? Send any pertinent information to [admin@brightonheights.org](mailto:admin@brightonheights.org) and we'll get the information on the website for you.

Would you like to have a small feature article in the newsletter about your business? Send us your information in 200 words or less and we'll publish an article about you, subject to editing. First come, first served!

## **Putting the Care Back in Healthcare**

**Jim Ferlo**

**Pennsylvania State Senator, 38<sup>th</sup> District**



My office has fielded a number of calls and emails from people with serious concerns and questions regarding the current conflict between Highmark and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC.) Many are worried about where they will turn for health coverage and care if Highmark and UPMC do not reach an agreement.

Highmark is the dominant health insurance provider in Allegheny County and UPMC is the dominant health care provider. So if the two do not come to an agreement, it could be disastrous for health care consumers and employers in our region. Patients' access to healthcare should not be the rope in this tug of war.

As a core value, I believe everyone has the right of access to high quality, affordable healthcare. Under Pennsylvania Act 55 of 1997, both Highmark and UPMC are recognized as Institutions of Purely Public Charity — in other words, nonprofits. Their behavior is hardly charitable towards the needs of our citizens, and public officials are taking steps to hold them accountable. I will be convening a town hall meeting on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall ballroom. This forum will be open to community members and stakeholders who want to express their concerns and take action. Please join us.

Additionally, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will convene a public hearing regarding this matter on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Penn State McKeesport. To learn more, please visit my website at [www.senatorferlo.com](http://www.senatorferlo.com) or call my office at 412-621-3006.

## **Your Hedge Against Future Tuition Increases**

**Adam Ravenstahl**

**Pennsylvania State Representative**



The state budget pushed through by Republican lawmakers this year cut higher education funding by \$200 million. As a result, there have been tuition increases across the state. But residents have a hedge against future tuition increases through the Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan administered by the state treasury. The plan helps savings grow to meet the future cost of education. When used for qualified higher education expenses, contributions grow at the rate of tuition inflation. If you save enough for one semester today, you will have enough for one semester in the future, no matter when or how much tuition has increased. Families saving through the plan receive tax-deferred growth on earnings and tax-free withdrawals when funds are used for qualified educational expenses. To help more families save for higher education, the state treasury is offering free enrollment – a \$50 savings – for all new Guaranteed Savings Plan accounts opened through the end of September at [www.pa529.com](http://www.pa529.com). Use code SAVE50 when prompted.

Pennsylvania also offers a second 529 plan, the PA 529 Investment Plan, in which returns are based on financial market performance. Families saving in the PA 529 Investment Plan receive the same tax advantages as those using the Guaranteed Savings Plan.

A 529 plan may be used at any school that is accredited and eligible to accept federal financial aid. Nearly all colleges and universities, community colleges and career or technical schools are eligible. A complete list is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). It even includes some colleges located outside of the United States. These plans are affordable for working families. You can start a plan with as little as \$25 per month.

Complete information about the program, including enrollment forms, are available at [www.pa529.com](http://www.pa529.com). If my office can be of assistance with this or any other state-related program, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're at 3689 California Avenue, Pittsburgh. Our phone number is 412-321-5523.

## New Sustainability Coordinator Mayor Luke Ravenstahl



Dear Neighbors:

This June I announced the hiring of a new Sustainability Coordinator to oversee green initiatives in the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Energy Efficiency. As the new Sustainability Coordinator of Pittsburgh, Aftyn Giles has been chosen to continue the promotion of sustainable and green practices within City government and City neighborhoods. Over the next several months, Aftyn will be leading a collaborative effort to inspire new opportunities for involvement. Some things to look forward to include:

- A future green center connecting communities to local sustainable initiatives
- Easier access to sustainable resources and support
- Accessible guidelines to get your sustainable project moving
- Fresh programing inspiring those new to sustainability to join the green movement
- Opportunities for cross-community collaboration on sustainable projects

I would like to thank all of you for welcoming her to the City. We will be relying on each of you to continue to share your time and expertise to create the best possible sustainable future for Pittsburgh. I hope you'll continue to contact Aftyn with your ideas and give your strongest support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aftyn by phone: 412-255-2254, or email: [aftyn.giles@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:aftyn.giles@city.pittsburgh.pa.us). If you'd like to learn more about the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Energy Efficiency, go to [green.pittsburghpa.gov](http://green.pittsburghpa.gov).

### **Brighton Heights News:**

The Director of Public Works has entered into a co-op agreement with Columbia Gas-Miller Pipeline. This Agreement means that there will be full (curb to curb) restoration instead of one lane when the utility company is performing work. There will be full restoration on sections of Massachusetts, Davis, Termon and Atkins Avenues with additional streets pending throughout Brighton Heights. This will be not only a cost saving measure for City of Pittsburgh residents, but for Columbia Gas customers as well.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl - Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

## **Buy American**

Always read the labels on the products you buy. The front of the box or package doesn't usually say in what country it was made. Simply look for the bar code!

With all the food, pet and other products now coming from foreign countries, many goods no longer show where they were made, only giving where the distributor is located.

By reading the bar code you can track it's origin.

How to read Bar Codes - This may be useful to know when shopping. It's a great way to buy USA and Canada. Read the first three digits of the code. For example: when the first 3 digits of the barcode are 690 691 or 692, the product is Made in China. 471 is Made in Taiwan.

00 – 13 ... USA & Canada

30 – 37 ... France

40 – 44 ... Germany

45 or 49 ... Japan

50 ... UK

471 ... Taiwan

480 ... Philippines

489 ... Hong Kong

690 - 692 ... China

740 – 745 ... Central America



To buy USA & Canadian made watch for a "0" at the beginning of the bar code!

## The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Woods Run completed another successful Summer Reading Program! More than 850 children, teens and adults participated in the program at the Woods Run Library and more than 6500 books were read! Library staff would like to thank all participants!  
Thank You!!

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Woods Run offers FREE programs to children, teens and adults! Look for these exciting programs offered in September:

**Children's Programs:** Family Fun Storytimes, Thursdays at 11:30 AM  
Lego Club, Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

**Teen Programs:** Get Your Game On-Wii, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 4:30 PM

**Adult Programs:** Wise Walk, Mondays at 9:30 AM  
Knitting Club, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1:00 PM  
Book Discussions:  
Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM: *The Dressmaker of KhairKhana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon  
Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM: *The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner  
Spanish, Wednesdays at 4:30 beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Computer Classes, Saturdays at 10:00 AM  
Friends of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Woods Run Meeting-Come "Friend Us" and Support the Woods Run Library!, Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

For more information visit us at  
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/woodsrun/>  
Or Friend us at [facebook.com/clpwoodsrun](https://www.facebook.com/clpwoodsrun)  
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Woods Run  
1201 Woods Run Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
412-761-3730  
[woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org)



## Membership Renewal

It's time to check the expiration of your subscription. We hesitate to remove names from our mailing list, but we have many members whose membership expired at the end of 2010. Please check the date next to your name on the label of the newsletter and renew if you are due. It would also be a good time to renew even if your newsletter date is the end of 2011.

We have our bargain renewals in effect now: renew for three years and get four, or renew for five years and get a seven-year membership.

What else do you get for your membership besides the newsletter? Our dues income helps fund our various activities such as the flower planting, house tour, Community Day at PNC Park, Halloween parade, and any other activities that are undertaken. The house tour holds its own in the long run, but the treasury gets the event started from the permits to the advertising.

Be sure to let us know your email address if you have one, so we can send you updated and current information about neighborhood happenings in between newsletters. We do not share our roster with anyone, so you need not worry about your name getting on some other list.

Visit [www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org)

**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"/> \$5	Individual (Unmarried)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2	Social (Non-resident)		Additional
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Corporate/Group		Donation _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3	Individual over 65		

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, "12/10" means your membership expires in December 2010*

**Next Membership Meeting is September 8th 7:00 at the John Morrow School Auditorium**

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