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Halloween Parade 2010

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Brighton Heights welcomed 170 children to the 2010 Halloween Parade. Saturday, October 30th, turned out to be a beautiful, sunny fall day, even if the weather was a bit brisk. The judges, John Belch, Judy Bendtsen, and Kelly Shesko, had a hard time picking out fifteen winners from all the terrific homemade costumes, but they did come up with the following list:

Blayne Younger	Stink Bug
Timothy Kunsak	McDonald's Happy Meal
Isabella Kunsak	"
Anthony Kunsak	"
Alaina Kunsak	"
Nikolai Kunsak	Fire Mario
Maria Swab	Betsy Ross
Layla Nichols	Barber Pole
Travis Novotny	Santa's Workshop
Olivia Jackson	Free Range Chickens in Wagon
Ethan Jackson	"
Lucia Lazzara-Goodrich	Hermes (Mercury)
Alectra McNeal	Fancy Nancy
Trinity Bowker	Deal or No Deal
Ji Little	Ghost Busters Mobile



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Halloween Parade 2010 continued...

We had help stuffing the treat bags from some of our generous neighbors. ALCOSAN printed the flyers and provided the candy bags and gummy fish. Our Brighton Road Giant Eagle gave us the pretzels and drinks for the bags. Council President Darlene Harris contributed peanut butter crackers, and State Representative Adam Ravenstahl donated the coloring books. Darlene, Adam, and Judge Marmo helped give out the prizes by pulling the tag numbers at the parade.

The Kunsak Family once again generously let us have the use of their parking lot for the registration and provided tables, chairs and traffic cones. Many neighbors volunteered their time to make the parade happen. Stuffing the treat bags on Thursday, October 28th were:

John Belch

Pete & Joan Bellisario

Jeanne Buchmann

Roy & Janice Engleman

Teresa Harris

Irene Jakubowski

Tom Kaylor

Cathy Kernan

Donna Kramer



Federation President Pete Bellisario organized the parade line up and called out the winning numbers at the park. Bill Goodrich and John Belch helped take down the traffic barriers after the parade.

For more photos of the fun day go to

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**The next Membership Meeting will
be held at 7 PM on Thursday,
January 13th at the John Morrow
School Auditorium.**



Volunteers on the day of the parade working at Kunsak's parking lot included:

Diane & Hillary Fehl guiding the lines and taking pictures of each child, Jo Harding, Teresa Harris, & Roy Engleman manning the registration table, Peggy Urzua dividing time between both locations and wearing one of Cheryl Capezzuti's large puppets, (the RABBIT), Susan Benn taking candid shots of the children, the parade and the Park.

The parade was led by the County Mounties, followed by the fire engine, then the Oliver High School Jr ROTC detachment and the Oliver High School Band. Leading the children and carrying the banner were: Dontaghe Hawkins, Luke Hoss and Martel Nelson.

More workers up at Legion Park included Jeanne Buchmann, Tom Kaylor, Cathy and Tim Kernan, Gert Long and Giant Eagle Team Leader Bob Tamburi.



Christmas Tree Light Up 2010

The ceremony was held in Legion Park on Saturday, December 4th. We were fortunate to receive a grant from Duquesne Light Company for two bucket trucks, to help hang the lights on the 20-foot tree.

Donna Kramer chaired the program and donated a *Build-A-Bear* reindeer which was raffled off and won by one of the children. Giant Eagle and team leader Bob Tamburi provided the candy for Santa to give away. And Darlene Harris distributed candy canes. Bill Goodrich and the firemen from the Orchlee Fire Station made sure that Santa arrived on time. Children from Saint Cyril's School led the crowd in singing Christmas carols and welcomed Santa with song.



The singers were:

<u>3rd-Grade</u>	<u>4th-Grade</u>	<u>5th-Grade</u>	<u>6th-Grade</u>
Rachel Bowman Lydell Glaanton Timmy Marker Gina Mastele Madison McBurney Samuel McClendon Devin Rankin Julia Steele Shayla Stiegler Michael Tharp Nathan Tunstall Pierce West Molly Westbrook	Alex Baron Nicole Blazer Jennifer Brophy Ryan Hartle Dominic Mazzarese Nikko Rankin <u>7th-Grade</u> Paul Boyce Olivia Horgan Samantha Palmerie Sierra Ungerman Bryce Williams	Erin Holland Chuckie Stiegler Amanda Ungerman The children were led by teacher Mary Angela Ogg.	Shelby Guckert Jaycee Prescott O Holy Night solo was sung by Saint Cyril mom Gretchen Marker.



2011 Board of Directors

Officers:

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Directors Emeritus:
Helen Wehner & Gert Long

Fall Flower Pull-Up and Clean-Up

Thirty-two volunteers worked very hard to clean up the flower beds and the wall along Brighton Heights Boulevard on Saturday, October 23rd. Heading the task force were the representatives of Saint Cyril's eighth-grade class who have been taking care of the flower beds all summer long. They included moms and dad, Jo Braun, Terri Jackson, John Matschner, Carol Nyman, Shelly Onorato and Kim Zangara. Eighth-graders included Tom Braun, Juan Camilo, Gwen Jackson, Jake Matschner, Danny Onorato and Brooke Zangaro.

Neighborhood volunteers included Joan and Pete Bellisario, Judy Bendtsen, Susan Benn, Tom Fodi, Bob Hartman, Tom Kaylor, Cathy Kernan, Art Kreisel, Helen Lorinc and Peggy Urzua.

Showing up from The Academy were leader Tracy Copeland and Jasmine Brown, Kalleja Carson, Jamila Dees, Aquilla Ellison, Jalene Goods, Beverly Guy, Charontel Leslie and Angel Thomas.

Before you know it, Spring Planting 2011 will be upon us. We haven't set the date for that planting yet, but we will be publicizing it.

The President's MESSAGE

A Successful 2010. And optimism about McClure Avenue and Brighton Heights Boulevard.

The new year is with us and it is a good time to speak of some of our accomplishments. First off, we are very happy that we had volunteers to fill the vacant Board of Directors positions. John Belch, who recently joined our Board as a Director is our new Corresponding Secretary. And Joe Shields will be the Recording Secretary. We are grateful to both Becky Spevack and Jessica Mooney for the years that they served as Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Both young ladies will remain on the Board. New Board members also include Mariah Passarelli and Benjamin Ryan.

We had many activities that we felt were our best so far. Our flower beds were much improved with the continued growth of many perennials. The 8th-graders from Saint Cyril's provided the effort for maintaining the beds over the summer. We also put in some extra work at the Grenada Street wall. We are hoping that this spring we can add trees along this wall.

The house tour was our most successful effort to date. We had well over 600 tour-goers. We participated in the citywide cleanup on Earth Day weekend. The Halloween parade went very well with great weather. Our Christmas tree lighting ceremony was a huge success, due in no small part to a grant of services from Duquesne Light. They provided two bucket trucks that helped string the lights on our tree in Legion Park. We had almost 100 adults and children signing songs. Santa arrived via a fire truck and was a huge hit. We continue to work housing issues at the former Saint John's Hospital site on McClure Avenue. The City of Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority will issue a Request For Proposal to interested developers and we will hopefully receive a successful bid.

We have the same goals for 2011 but hopefully we will be able to add more projects to help improve our quality of life. There is a need for volunteers to regularly rid Brighton Heights Boulevard of weeds. The City of Pittsburgh has listed repair of that sidewalk in their program and we anxiously await the improvement. I am looking forward to seeing you at the January 13th meeting. It will be our first at John Morrow for quite a number of years.

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation
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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.

Description of the Problem	
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?	
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
Complaint Submitted by	Name _____
	Address _____
	Phone Numbers:
	Day _____
	Evening _____
E-mail address (optional) _____	

Minutes of the BHCF General Membership Meeting of November 11, 2010

Pledge of Allegiance:

Called to order at 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: approximately 35

Previous minutes approved with no corrections.

Guests: none.

January 2011 meeting will have Carolynn Wiest from City of Pittsburgh School District to discuss the future of Oliver High School.

Report of Officers:

Pete Bellisario, President:

December 4th at 7 PM: tree lighting ceremony in Legion Park. Music, refreshments and Santa. Children from Saint Cyril's are going to sing carols. We hope to have LED lights next year.

Halloween Parade: 170 kids, good weather, everything ran smoothly. Most successful to date.

Application has been submitted to use John Marrow Elementary for future General Membership Meetings. Likely to be permitted. No charge for using the space.

Treasurer's Report, Joan Bellisario:

Account Balances: Bank CD: \$0.00 Housing Account: \$0.00 Monument Account: \$1723.53	Operating Account: \$19,826.51 State Grant Account: \$905.30 United Way Account: \$2091.82 Total: \$24,547.16
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Treasurer's Report approved by the membership.

Crime and Safety Report, Donna Kramer:

Big sweep through the city concerning drugs. Arrests were made on the North Side.

Recent local helicopter search for a juvenile tied to burglaries. He was found.

Activity has mostly been criminal mischief by youth. Eight arrests in Brighton Heights in October for drugs. Six burglaries.

Remember to call 911 if you see or hear anything within the neighborhood.

Crime Watch meetings have been stopped until March/April 2011.

Nuisance Property bill up and running – property causing problems, after two warnings, can be fined on the third time.

Education Committee, Joan Bellisario:

When it was announced that the school district would be changing/closing some schools, including John Morrow, the neighborhood voiced concern and met with the superintendent. The district has divided the North Side into quadrants, and hopes to have an elementary and a middle school in each quadrant.

One-third of children don't go to public schools, city-wide. On the North Side, half don't go. They are hoping to reopen Rooney, creating a K-8 school, continue to have schools within the community, walkable, et cetera. First priority currently is construction of a school in Northview Heights. They hope to bus the children elsewhere for one year while it is reconstructed.

Minutes of the BHCF General Membership Meeting continued...

Housing Committee, Pete:

Saint John's site: used to be a hospital, tried to create a senior living facility, no funds, it was torn down and is currently owned by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA.) Working with them for 12 years to try to figure out what can go there.

Housing committee met with URA to put their feet to the fire. That part of the neighborhood needs help, needs energy. A proposal has been put together to reach out to developers. A Request For Proposal asking for a site plan, execution of the plan, and then development of housing there. Proposals should be in by New Year's Day. The new house on the corner of California and Termon recently sold to the Housing Authority for \$244,000. Discussion has been brought up to see if there is a way to avoid such modular homes from being built in the neighborhood in the future. How can we try to influence the architectural design to be more in line with the feel of the neighborhood? The BHCF will work on a letter to the mayor to express our displeasure in the way that the building on that lot was handled.

New Business:

Leaf collection this Saturday, November 13th

Friends of the Library – Woods Run, meets the second Tuesday of each month. Hopes to raise funds to help support the library.

Residents John and Larry have volunteered to take over the house tour!

Elections of Directors: acclamation vote for the whole ballot. All voted in.

Old Business:

Legion Park: some residents around Legion Park want to submit to the City a suggestion for the use of the park, how it should be used. Due to recent activities at the park, it is thought that use should be limited, dedicated as a 'memorial park.' But it has always been a community activities park. This shall be discussed more in the future.

Davis Avenue Bridge: no news. Design should be done in 2011, money to build the bridge in 2013 or 2014.

The Bellevue Bridge should reopen December 7th as a one- lane road.

Dedication of the soccer field site on Mairdale Street in Riverview Park took place last month. Once the field is built, they hope to build a community center.

The new dek hockey field on Marmaduke Park is up and running. There is some concern about the amount of traffic now going in and out – is there any way to have a different egress from the parking lot?

Blumer's (the lot next to Miller's Seafood House) will be a new auto repair shop. There is also some interest in putting a GetGo somewhere in the neighborhood.

Tree planting has been taking place along the Brighton Road corridor. Will get to side streets, et cetera in the next month.

Thanks to Art Kreisel for work on the newsletter and website. He has volunteered to take over these pieces.

2011:

January 6th – Board Meeting

January 13th – General Membership Meeting at John Morrow 7:00

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM.

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Yearly Calendar 2011

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Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Meetings are circled on the calendar. They are the second Thursday of January, March, May, September, and November. Meetings start at 7:00 PM and are held in the John Morrow School auditorium at Davis and Fleming Ave's.

**'Tis the Season, Let it Snow!
Darlene Harris, President, City
Council of Pittsburgh**



This is Pittsburgh: a City with four distinctly different seasons. Our challenge is to keep up with the results of those changing seasons. I'm talking about snow.

We all remember the problems we had getting around in the Big Snow Storm of 2009.

Hospital workers lived at the hospitals to give optimum care, people got together to dig out neighbors and we were here.

Cleanup from the storm caused many problems. I put together a Council Task Force to research, inquire and come up with suggestions toward a snow removal plan. We expect faster and more efficient snow removal in the future. As the flakes have begun to fall, the snow removal emergency plan will include the following:

Better, more effective communication between City Departments and the City and the people. City officials will constantly monitor weather reports throughout the snow season. If you look around the City, you will notice new "Snow Emergency Route" signs. These streets will be the first to be plowed. If at all possible, stay on these roads.

The City increased the number of smaller, hill top trucks specifically designed to plow our hilly terrain, plowing and salting trucks and personnel available to run them during a storm. Larger trucks will be assigned to major roads at the same time as smaller trucks will be clearing secondary streets.

Other Public Works staff will be clearing City sidewalks, steps, crosswalks, senior centers, recreation centers and other City facilities. According to Public Works officials, our salt, calcium chloride and anti-skid supplies are all ready at maximum capacity.

If your street is not cleared in a timely manner, please call the City's 311 hotline or my office at 412-255-2135

Don't forget to check on your neighbors during these cold days and nights. Make sure they have needed supplies.

And, it's important to keep your sidewalks clear of snow. A slip and fall can really hurt. If you can't shovel by yourself, ask for help, call neighbors, talk with your community groups or call our office.

Be careful out there! Snow is silent when it falls, beautiful to look at, but can really be a problem.

**In the Winter, Everybody
Needs Heat
Jim Ferlo
Pennsylvania State Senator**



Heating assistance available through LIHEAP.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps low income people pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants that are paid directly to your utility company. You need not have an unpaid bill to receive home heating energy assistance. If you or someone you know is finding that money is tight this winter, help is available.

You can receive this money without being in the Cash Assistance program -- a family of four with an annual income of up to \$35,280 can qualify for assistance. This year the minimum grant has been increased to \$300 (from \$100) to provide significant relief to households and minimize the need for CRISIS services.

The fastest way to apply is by applying through www.compass.state.pa.us or by calling Allegheny County at 412-565-2146 for an application. To apply, you will need names of people in your household, dates of birth for all household members, Social Security numbers for all household members, proof of income for all household members and a recent heating bill.

If service is currently off to your home or an emergency repair is needed due to broken heating equipment or leaks, you can apply to CRISIS by contacting Allegheny County Department of Human Services at 1-800-851-3838

My office is available to help you to prepare applications and I would encourage eligible residents to apply. No one should go without heat this winter, and by applying early and getting help quickly, I hope our residents will remain safe and warm throughout the coming winter. Contact my office at 412-621-3006 with any questions or find more information on LIHEAP at www.senatorferlo.com. You can find more information and email me on my website at www.senatorferlo.com, or call my office at 412-621-3006 to learn more. I hope to hear from you

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Why not "book mark" it?**

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	Brighton Heights	To: Northside Leadership Conference
Brightwood	Calbride	Scholarship Committee Attn: Kelly MacKay
Central Northside	Charles Street	4 Allegheny Center, Suite 601
East Allegheny	Fineview	Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Manchester	Northview Heights	**PLEASE NOTE Please submit an electronic version of your essay also.
Observatory Hill	Perry Hilltop	Email to: kelly@pittsburghnorthside.com
Spring Garden	Spring Hill	
Summer Hill	Troy Hill	

NORTHSIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

2011 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

GO GREEN, \$AVE GREEN

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl



Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Winter's short days and cold temperatures often bring higher energy bills, but there are opportunities year round to reduce your energy consumption and save money without sacrificing comfort. Make your New Year's resolution to save energy and money. Here are some tips, and organizations that can help:

Take small steps such as weather-stripping to seal leaks at the edges of windows or doors; caulking to seal gaps that don't open and shut (for example, where a fireplace or an air vent is built into the wall); and insulating to keep the warm air in and the cool air out!

In an effort to increase home energy efficiency, the U.S. Department of Energy recently announced a pilot Home Energy Scoring Program. Similar to the government rating for fuel efficiency of vehicles, a standardized home energy score is expected to help Americans know how many "miles to the gallon" their homes get. Allegheny County was chosen as one of ten areas selected for this pilot project. The Pittsburgh region pilot will partner with existing neighborhood house tours to highlight the score of energy efficiency improvements. If your neighborhood association is interested in learning more, please contact Efficiency PA's program manager John Horchner at 412-428-9533. Homeowners interested in the House Tour with a Home Energy Score, may visit www.efficiencypa.com/housetour for more information.

Other loan and utility assistance programs for residents:

***Home Improvement Loans:** the Urban Redevelopment Authority offers low- and no-interest loans for home renovations and repairs, including energy.

***Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** a federally-funded program that provides cash assistance with residential heating bills. Contact: 412-562-2146. LIHEAP Crisis Assistance assists with termination notices, service restoration, delivery of heating fuel (oil, kerosene, wood, propane) and emergency repairs/replacements to a heating system or to gas or fuel lines. Contact: 1-800-851-3838

* **\$1 Energy Fund:** provides utility assistance to customers who "fall through the cracks" of other programs or still have a critical need after other resources have been exhausted. Contact: 412-431-2800

For more information on these programs and other sustainability updates, please visit <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/green/updates.htm>

Wishing you a warm and safe New Year,

Luke Ravenstahl

Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Ohio River Access Point at Westhall Street

Friends of the Riverfront is a group who maintains the water trails in our area. On October 23rd, they opened a non-motorized access point on the Ohio River off the bike trail on Westhall Street next to the prison in Brightwood. This site has a ramp to facilitate getting crafts in the water, and even has a rack to lock up the kayaks while people hike or bike the Heritage Trail. There are 20 access points presently, and 23 more are planned in the area.

Be sure to check out the Heritage Trail and the Water Trail access point when you get a chance. In the summer, you can even rent a kayak and give the river a try at another of the access points located under the Clemente Bridge.

Another Notice of Meeting Space Change

The next General Membership Meeting of the Federation will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, January 13, 2010 at the Pittsburgh Morrow building (the former John Morrow Elementary School) in the auditorium. Many of you will remember that we used to meet there regularly until the cost became prohibitive. It's once again available for our meetings at no cost to the Federation. Many thanks to the Emmanuel Christian Church for hosting our November meeting.

The guest speaker at the January meeting will be Caroline Wiest, the Project Manager for the "Gateway to the Promise" at Oliver High School. She is working hard to make sure that Oliver continues to improve. Come welcome her.

THANK YOU

A special Thank You to Carrie Richards, a former board member and the Bayer Foundation for allowing us to sit in on a couple of their very helpful classes on volunteer organization.

The Board of Directors

The Board of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation consists of five officers and the members of the Board who serve on and chair some of the various committees and activities. The number of members of the board has varied in recent years from as few as 14 members to as many as 25.

Each year half of the members of the Board of Directors are up for re-election, with the officers being part of the group which is elected in the odd numbered years. In practice we have found that a lower number of board members means fewer people involved in the many activities. So our current Board consists of five officers and 17 board members.

This year the election included replacing four resigning board members, Matt Haberman, Autumn Keller, Jill McGlothlin and Ray Meyer. We thank them for their many contributions to the Board. Two of our officers have moved over to regular board positions with Jessica Mooney going from Corresponding Secretary to Chairman of the Housing Committee and Becky Spevack moving from Recording Secretary to Chairman of the Flea Market Committee.

We were fortunate to have volunteers for the vacant positions, so the following slate of nominees was uncontested and therefore elected by acclamation:

Re-elected were:

John Belch moving from Director to Corresponding Secretary

Susan Benn **Kelly Day**

Bill Goodrich **Janice Johns Engelmann**

Donna Kramer **Beth Lazzara**

New members of the board are:

Joe Shields as Recording Secretary

Mariah Passarelli and Benjamin Ryan

Congratulations and welcome to the Board!
Everyone who serves on the board, be it for one year or ten, contributes his or her valuable time and efforts to attend meetings, serve on committees, and do physical and mental labor on behalf of the Brighton Heights community.

It is at times a fun job, and at times frustrating, but almost always inspiring as the members energize each other. Everyone brings a little of themselves to the table.

We have had many members of our community serve on the Board in the past, and we are grateful for the contributions of each one of them. They have all felt that they had something to contribute to make our neighborhood a better place. We are also thankful for the many people who help out with the various activities the Federation sponsors, and usually they are the source of recruitment for the board. We hope that many neighbors will continue to consider taking on this responsibility of helping out and being on the board in the future, so that the Federation can go on helping Brighton Heights be such a nice place to live.

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Info Quick List

Answer Line (412) 734-0233

Website www.brightonheights.org

E-mail brightonheights@yahoo.com

Building permits (412) 255-2175

City Council Office (412) 255-2136

City Council Representative (412) 255-2135

Mayor's Office (412) 255-2626

Report a burned-out street light (412) 255-5483

(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

ALCOSAN (412) 766-9445 (Odor Control Hotline)

Organized Crime, Narcotics and Intelligence

Division (ONI) (412) 665-4300

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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

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Emergencies

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