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CITIZENS REPORT

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BRIGHT THE NIGHT

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is happy to announce Brighton Heights' annual Bright The Night! This event marks the start of the holiday season, encourages you to shop local, and experience all kinds of hands on activities for kids of all ages. We are expanding our reach this year and hope to include additional Brighton Heights and Northside gems, and will light the tree in Legion Park!

Vendors who wish to sell hand-crafted goods can do so for a suggested donation of \$10 toward the Brighton Heights Citizens Foundation. You will need to bring your own table and chairs, and are responsible for all set up and tear down.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle at 412-818-7326. Santa is going to need many elves to help us make this a really bright, Bright the Night!! We're specifically looking for helpers with the Santa line,

trustworthy elves for the 50/50 raffle, an elf who loves getting gift baskets donated (Richelle, we're looking at you!) Elves to make sure things are going smoothly, and elves to help decorate!

Please check in on the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Facebook page, or our website, www.brightonheights.org in November for more information.

SAVE THE DATE TO PARTICIPATE!

December 1
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

CALIFORNIA BUSINESS DISTRICT, BRIGHTON RD.
BUSINESS DISTRICT, LEGION PARK

Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday
November 8th, 2018
7:00 PM
Morrow Auditorium

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President's Report

Vince Pallus

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I want to take a moment and congratulate a fellow board member. Each year, the NSLC has an annual awards dinner that honors high school students with scholarship awards and community members on outstanding service. I am pleased to announce that John Norman was Brighton Heights Citizens Federation's awardee for this year's neighborhood award. John is a small business and responsible landlord in our neighborhood. He is the owner of Trey's Laundromat and Café on Brighton Road and numerous other buildings, including having the main office of his company EX Properties on Brighton Road. John has been a dedicated board member of the Federation for a number of years and is always willing to donate and contribute to neighborhood events when asked. We appreciate all the time and money that John has invested in Brighton Heights and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

I want to thank everyone for their participation in the annual Chocolate House Tour. It is BHCF's largest fundraiser and we want to thank all of the neighbors who opened up their houses for all to see and everyone that participated in the tour. It was a great day (and much cooler weather than past years). I want to thank Joe Glassbrenner for stepping up and chairing the committee this year and the great job he did.

Consider attending one of our upcoming events mentioned in this newsletter. **I hope to see everyone at our November General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018.**

From Councilwoman Darlene Harris

November is here, which means holiday season is right around the corner! Make sure to complete the grocery shopping, because in just a few weeks, everyone will be stuffing their turkeys and filling their homes with the delicious smell of pumpkin pie for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Although, do not take too much of a break, because then it is time to go shopping for presents! The holiday spirit in December is sure to fill everyone with joy. As winter rolls around and the temperature begins to drop, it is time to break out the winter coats and snow boots. Also, be cautious, because as snowfalls begin, the roads will turn slippery! Drive carefully, and be on the lookout for my postings about salt truck activity and road conditions. The Snow Angel program is now accepting applications for elderly and disabled citizens. To apply, call 311 or visit their website at <http://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels/>.

One of the most exciting events of the year is Light Up the Night in December. Come out and enjoy an amazing setup of holiday lights and decorations. Make sure to grab some hot chocolate to stay warm! In addition to this event, our office is continuously hard at work to push for pavements of the roads, so that everyone can have a smooth drive throughout the Northside neighborhoods. I will continue to post on social media platforms to keep all of the citizens updated. In addition, check with your local community group, Brighton Heights Citizens Federation, for more information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

CONTACT: Darlene M. Harris, Councilwoman, District 1
PHONE: 412-255-2135
EMAIL: darlene.harris@pittsburghpa.gov

Neighborhood Crime Information

If any member of the Brighton Heights Citizen's Federation would like specific information regarding the criminal activity in or neighborhood, you have two sources at your disposal:

- You are invited to attend regular meetings at the Northside Public Safety Council held the first Thursday of each month. They are held at the Manchester Citizen's Corporation Building located 1319 Allegheny Avenue. You may also obtain this information by logging onto the Police website at <http://communitysafety.pittsburghpa.gov/>. The next meeting will be held in November.

- You are invited to attend the Federation general membership meetings every second Thursday usually located in the auditorium of John Morrow School. Police officers from Zone 1 provide a comprehensive list of every crime that occurs within our neighborhood. The next scheduled meeting will also be held in November.

The best way to prevent crime in our neighborhood is to become involved.

Do You Have a New Neighbor?

If so, let us know, BHCF will give them a one year free membership and send them a newsletter for a year. And if you would like to write something about Brighton Heights, please feel free to send your article to:

BHCF Newsletter
3629 California Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Or E-Mail it to Editor, Dave Lebec
submissions@brightonheights.org

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The United Way #188

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is a United Way agency. You can make a donation to the Federation by choosing #188 on your donation form. All United Way donations are used exclusively for children's activities such as the Halloween Parade.

Any member making a United Way donation receives free membership in the Federation. Usually paperwork does not catch up to us until the year after the donation.

Membership Renewal

Check the date after your name on your mailing label and make sure your membership is up to date. If it is not, please renew your membership now, either by sending in a renewal with the form on the back of the newsletter, or by going to our website online and renewing it by PayPal.

BHCF Information List	
BHCF Answer Line:	412-734-0233
BHCF FAX:	412-734-0234
E-Mail:	bhcf@brightonheights.org
Web Site:	www.brightonheights.org
ALCOSAN (odor control)	412-766-9445
Allegheny Co Health Dept	412-578-8390
Animal Control	412-255-2036 (before 3 p.m.)
	412-255-2935 (after 3 p.m.)
Building Inspection	412-255-2176
Building Permits:	412-255-2175
Burned Out Street Light	412-255-5483
City Council Office	412-255-2142
City Council Rep for BH	412-255-2135
City Planning	412-255-2200
Emergency	911
Environmental Services	412-255-2780
Graffiti in the neighborhood You are a direct victim Graffiti Busters (will remove it) Graffiti Watch	311 911 412-255-2872 412-255-2272
Litter Hot Line (PA State)	888-548-8372
Mayor's Office	412-255-2626
Mayor's Response Line	311
Organized Crime, Narcotics, and Intelligence Division (ONI)	412-665-4300
Parking Authority	412-560-7275
Pittsburgh School Police Police - Zone 1	412-622-3520 412-323-7201
Public Works	412-255-2790
Refuse/Recycling	412-255-2773



Neighborhood Safety

Please remember to close and lock all windows and doors when you are away from home. Call 911 to report any suspicious person, activity or vehicle to the police. Do not leave anything of value within eye sight in your car especially money, cell phone, camera, keys, wallet or purse. Always remember to lock your car. Take valuables with you when leaving your car.

Nextdoor Pittsburgh

Have you joined our online neighborhood? Nextdoor is a private community network that let's you meet and coordinate with neighbors, the Mayor of Pittsburgh, and other community resources. Check out how Brighton Heights and its members are using Nextdoor to create volunteer engagement and change in the neighborhood on our website at brightonheights.org

Interested in Sharing a Story with Your Community?

Submit your story in less than 250 words using the submission link on the brightonheights.org homepage.



Newsletter Submissions Deadline

This is a reminder that the deadline for your entry to the Brighton Heights Newsletter is approaching. Please submit your article to me as an attachment no later than December 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACT: Dave Lebec, Editor

EMAIL: submissions@brightonheights.org



Go Green by Getting Your Newsletter by Email

Email newsletters contain links to related stories, additional stories not included in the printed copy and helps the Federation put more of our funding to local initiatives.

2018 Brighton Heights Chocolate House Tour Update

From Joe Glassbrenner

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federations would like to extend our warmest gratitude for everyone who participated in the 2018 Chocolate House Tour. We appreciate all the neighbors who graciously opened their lovely homes with hospitality and kindness, not only showing off beautiful architecture and decor, but also the spirit of this awesome neighborhood.

Thank you to all the people who purchased tickets and attended! Because of you, BHCF will be able to continue our mission of serving the needs of this community.

Last but not least, thank you the volunteers who made the magic happen. We could not pull off an event like this without you. Thank you for sharing your time and your talents!

From Donna Kramer

Schools are now in session; watch out for the kids either walking or waiting on their school buses.

Christmas shopping will be starting soon. Pack your car in a well-lit area. Never leave anything in your car visible. Put packages in your trunk. If you feel unsafe walking to your car at the mall, feel free to ask security to go with you to your car.

Please keep your eyes and ears open and report any suspicious person, vehicle or activity to 911.

November Elections 2018

At each November General Membership meeting (annual meeting), the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation holds elections for the Board of Directors. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote.

From Sarah Steers

The City of Pittsburgh, interested in creating a positive way forward during a time of intense development, recently assembled a Public Engagement Working Group through its Department of City Planning. Constituents from across the City's diverse neighborhoods will meet together this fall to review the City's planning process. By asking local people to get involved, the City is giving residents a voice, and a chance to help shape responsible and sustainable growth.

The Public Engagement Working Group will review community engagement practices from a number of other U.S. cities, and will brainstorm ideas to help the City include a wider variety of people. Eventually, the working group will develop written recommendations for the City to follow.

This is where we live, work, and raise our families – and the City is trying to take our wants and needs into account. Even though the members of the working group have already been selected, reach out to the Department of City Planning if you'd like to read the recommendations once they're developed. The main contacts are listed below.

CONTACT: Andrew W. McCray, Housing Specialist

EMAIL: andrew.mccray@pittsburghpa.gov

CONTACT: Sophia Robison, Project Manager

EMAIL: sophia.robison@pittsburghpa.gov

Garbage Olympic Results

From Tim Maloney

We had great weather for the fall clean-up day this year! This year we participated in the city-wide Garbage Olympics on Saturday September 22. We did not win most trash (a good thing) or most volunteers (we could use more next year) or weirdest find (we did find some weird things though), but we had a great time and made a big difference!

There were approximately 20 neighborhood volunteers. I want to express my gratitude for each person who took time out of their Saturday morning to help pick up the neighborhood. We were able to cover all the main streets, green spaces and many side streets. Altogether, we picked up around 30 large trash bags along with a tire, a cooler, a large jar of pickle juice, other strange items and money.

We will be doing our next clean-up on Saturday, April 27, 2019, which is the Saturday after Earth Day. Please come out and join us as the neighborhood gets very "trashy" over the winter.

Meanwhile, if you would like to get involved in keeping the neighborhood clean throughout the year, please contact Tim Maloney and get on the Adopt-A-Block list.

Thank you again to everyone who came out for the Garbage Olympics! The timing of our House Tour on the September 23 couldn't have been any better. Brighton Heights looked awesome!

CONTACT: Tim Maloney

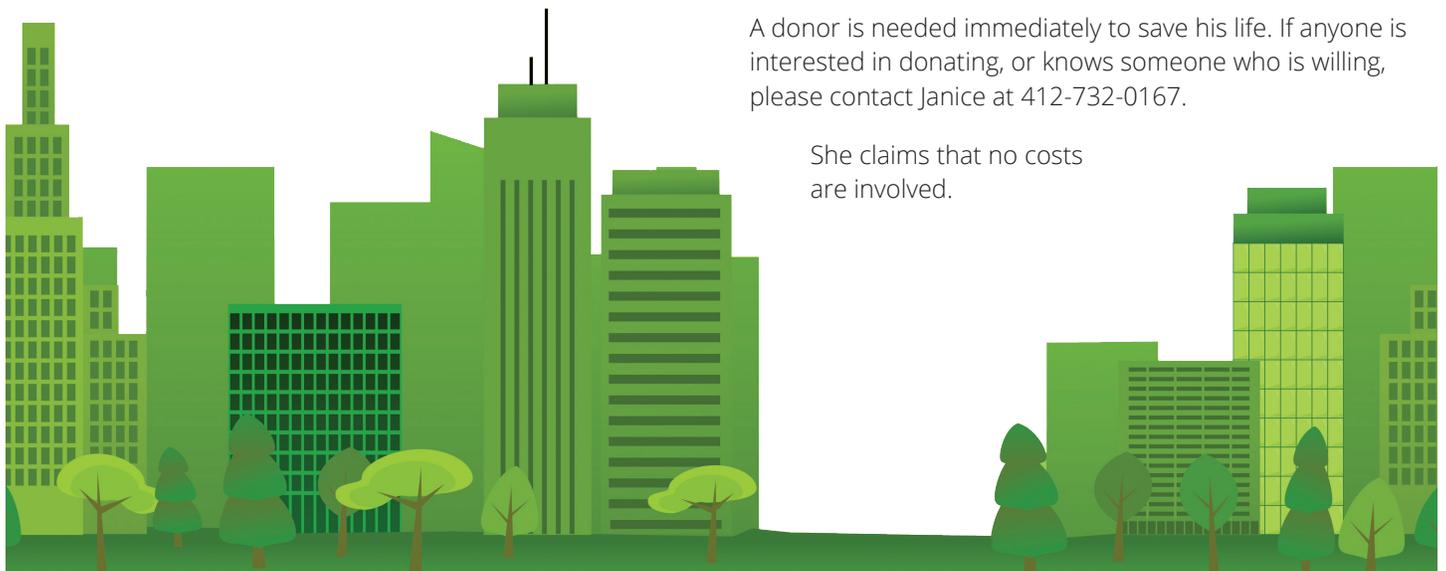
EMAIL: dirtdoctim@msn.com

Kidney Donor Needed

Janice Engelman, a longtime member of our Federation, is asking for a donor for her husband, Ray. He was born with only one kidney, which is beginning to fail.

A donor is needed immediately to save his life. If anyone is interested in donating, or knows someone who is willing, please contact Janice at 412-732-0167.

She claims that no costs are involved.



Northside Catholic Assumption Academy

From Rosanne Kwiatkowski, Principal

Northside Catholic Assumption (NCA) Academy, a merger of Assumption School in Bellevue and Northside Catholic in Brighton Heights, opened its doors on Monday, August 27, 2018, under their new name as part of an on-going regional education system within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The Diocesan regional education system is designed to ensure vibrant and sustainable Catholic schools as part of the On Mission for The Church Alive planning initiative. Regionalization is intended to reinforce Catholic schools' identity and mission, reallocate resources to enhance academic excellence, and stabilize tuition and enrollment. It also enables greater collaboration in curriculum, technology, professional development, athletics and fundraising.

With the merger of Assumption and Northside Catholic, there are six Catholic parish elementary schools in the North Hills region providing vital education ministries to 32 parishes in the area. Northside Catholic Assumption Academy welcomes children of all faiths to learn and grow in a safe and Christ-centered school environment.

Under my direction, the newly merged faculty of NCA Academy met on August 20 to plan for the exciting start of their new school year. Northside Catholic Assumption Academy is committed to excellence in its spiritual and academic goals. The faculty members of Northside Catholic Assumption School have backgrounds and

interests as varied as the students attending the school! Northside Catholic Assumption teachers give of themselves inside and outside of the classroom. All instruction, all learning, and all activities are directed to the full development of the student.

Ms. Kayla Quast, current 4th grade teacher at NCA Academy, acknowledges that the newly formed faculty, a blend of teachers from each previous school, have been able to work well together to build and foster a positive safe environment for NCA Academy.

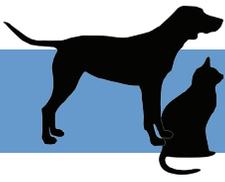
Ms. Quast states: "The fresh ideas from both schools is most exciting. Each school had a certain way of approaching different situations and activities. Within the first month or so of working together, I feel like the faculty has been able to find a healthy mix of both new and old traditions.

As a whole, I believe our staff has been able to listen to all ideas and suggestions, work together to find a reasonable way to approach and carry out ideas, and then collaborate to truly implement new activities and ideas in NCA Academy. "As for the students, Helena Schneider, and Alexa Glinski, former students at Assumption School agreed that meeting new people and making new friends has had a very positive impact on them. Receiving a warm welcome and even having younger students as their "Church buddies" has added to the excitement of being a part of a newly merged school.

Families interested in learning more about NCA Academy or those interested in a tour of the school please contact Mrs. Rosanne Kwiatkowski.

CONTACT: Rosanne Kwiatkowski
PHONE: 412-761-5043
EMAIL: rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org





Holiday Pet Dangers

From Tara Czekaj

We look forward to the holidays all year long. Time off from work and school, cherished memories with friends and family, and halls decked with boughs of holly keep us jolly in the throes of winter - but this season can pose serious threats for our furry friends. In fact, Nationwide Insurance estimates the average cost of holiday pet emergency vet visits is \$553.75. Here are some tips to keep your pets safe this Holiday season:

- Ensure your pet is micro-chipped before the holidays
- Securely anchor trees, menorahs, and Kwanzaa candles so they don't tip causing injury
- Store holiday foods away from pets (chocolate, grapes/raisins, xylitol/sweeteners, poultry bones, fatty meat scraps or skin, nutmeg, nuts, onions, garlic, rhubarb, raw dough)
- Don't use snow globes that contain antifreeze which can cause kidney failure if broken and ingested
- Be careful with cocktails – place alcoholic drinks where pets can't reach
- If relatives are overnighting – ask them to secure all medications
- Don't use tinsel or ribbon that can cause digestive tract obstructions
- Avoid toxic plants (mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, lilies, amaryllis, etc.)
- Don't leave potpourri or candles unattended
- Keep electric cords, holiday ornaments, and batteries out of paws' reach
- Check all mountains of wrapping paper and boxes before recycling - cats love to hide!
- Avoid New Year's confetti that can clog intestines

Don't forget that holidays can be overwhelming for our furry friends. If needed, give them a room of their own or a quiet place to retreat with fresh water, food, and blankets to escape the Holiday bustle – especially to escape New Year's Eve fireworks!

If you think your pet may have ingested foreign objects or toxic materials, contact the Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center (412-366-3400) or the 24/7 Pet Poison Hotline (1-855-764-7661) immediately.

Has a Lost Pet Found You?

From Tara Czekaj

Dogs are not permitted to run loose in the City of Pittsburgh, but occasionally our furry friends can find themselves lost in the big city. If a lost dog finds you and asks for help, you can call Animal Care and Control for assistance and guidance. They can help reunite a lost dog with its owner. Additionally, all shelters, and most veterinary clinics and police stations have universal microchip scanners to scan the lost dog for a microchip. If you feel you are in imminent danger, call 911 immediately.

If a lost, friendly cat finds you and has no identification, animal control officers can pick it up if it is contained in some way (carrier, cage, humane trap) and help reunite a lost cat with its owner. Animal Care and Control is not able to respond to calls regarding loose cats that are not contained. Again, all shelters, and most veterinary clinics and police stations have universal microchip scanners to scan lost cats for a microchip. If you find a cat that is scared, or will not tolerate handling, the cat can be trapped to avoid injury to yourself. Animal Care and Control is able to provide humane traps for residents needing to capture a cat on their property. Don't forget – when in doubt, have it scanned for a chip! If a feral working "eartipped" cat is accidentally trapped, it must be released back to its territory.

If you are injured or bitten while attempting to help a lost pet, seek professional medical help immediately.

The City of Pittsburgh Animal Care and Control partners with Humane Animal Rescue to help lost animals and reunite lost pets with their owners. Animal Care and Control can be contacted Monday - Friday (outside of the hours listed below, please call 412-255-2935).

CONTACT: Animal Care and Control

PHONE: 412-255-2036

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.



State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

(D) Allegheny | www.pahouse.com/Ravenstahl

Confused about REAL ID? You're not alone

You might have seen the news that Pennsylvania has been granted another extension for adopting the new federally mandated REAL ID cards. And there has been a lot of information about when they will be available, when they will be required, and why you will need one.

I'd like to cut through the confusion and noise, and let you know the facts.

First, the REAL ID is essentially a new form of driver's license or identification card that you will be able to obtain from PennDOT in order to meet federal requirements which were passed in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks. It will look like a regular Pennsylvania driver's license or ID card but will have a gold star and will require a few additional steps to get beyond visiting the driver's license center.

Getting a REAL ID is not required, but **starting October 1, 2020** you will need a REAL ID (or a passport, military ID or other form of federally accepted identification) to board domestic commercial flights and enter military bases or other federally-secured areas.

So if you are a frequent flier, or are considering flying somewhere and do not have a passport, you might want to consider getting a REAL ID when they become available.

However you will NOT need a REAL ID to visit the post office, to vote or register to vote or to receive federal benefits or to access hospitals and health clinics.

If you think you need a REAL ID, PennDOT intends to begin making them available **starting in March 2019**. However, if you want a REAL ID, there are a few things you can do now to make obtaining one easier. This summer, PennDOT began offering a pre-verification process for people interested in REAL ID.

If you received your first Pennsylvania driver's license, learner's permit or ID **after September 2003**, the department might already have your required documentation on file. And you can simply apply online for pre-verification.

If you received your first Pennsylvania driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID **before September 2003**, you cannot apply online. But you can bring the required REAL ID documentation to any PennDOT driver's license center for in-person pre-verification.

To apply in-person you will need one of the following: A U.S. birth certificate, passport, certificate of citizenship or a certificate of naturalization. You will also need your Social Security card and two documents proving you live in Pennsylvania. These can be a current driver's license, a utility bill, a W-2 tax form, tax records or lease agreements or mortgage documents.

All PennDOT licensing centers are now equipped to verify these documents for customers, and PennDOT is adding another REAL ID center in Pittsburgh to help process pre-verification applications.

If you don't want to go through the pre-verification process, you don't need to. If you decide you want a REAL ID later on, you can always get one after they become available at any PennDOT licensing center.

A REAL ID will cost \$30 plus a renewal fee of \$30.50 for a four-year, non-commercial driver's license or a photo ID. The expiration date of your initial REAL ID will include any time remaining on your current license plus an additional four years, unless you are over 65 and have a two-year license. After your initial REAL ID expires, you'll pay just the regular renewal fee.

I hope that this helps to clear up some of the concern people have about REAL ID and how it will be implemented in Pennsylvania. If you have any questions, or concerns, I suggest visiting the PennDOT REAL ID website: www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID or contacting one of my offices.

If you have any state related questions or concerns, stop in our district office located in Brighton Heights.

(Adam Ravenstahl represents the 20th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.)

CONTACT: State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

PHONE: 412-321-5523

ADDRESS: 3689 California Ave., Pittsburgh 15212

From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

As we gear up for the busy holiday season, take time out to spend with friends and family at the library!

We hope to see you soon!

ADDRESS: 1201 Woods Run Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

PHONE: 412-761-3730

EMAIL: woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org

WEBSITE: www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/woods-run/



LOW-CARB COOKING CLASS: A THANKSGIVING FEAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Learn how to make a Thanksgiving Feast that is both healthy and delicious! This cooking class focuses on techniques to reduce carbohydrates without reducing flavor. You will learn practical techniques, watch demonstrations, and sample delicious dishes including butternut squash latkes, turkey frittata, and bacon and Brussels sprouts. All recipes will be sugar-free and gluten-free. Registration is required.

DISH!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Join us for Dish!, a cookbook club at the Library. We'll look at cooking as a way to get creative, learn new skills, and engage with family and community. Come ready to discuss the recipes you tried and sample a dish prepared by staff. This month's book is *The Unofficial Downton Abbey Cookbook* by Emily Ansara Baines. Registration is requested.

KNITS AND KNOTS: A FIBER-ARTS MEET-UP

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 3 - 4 P.M.

Join this monthly fiber arts meet-up, featuring skill sharing, lively conversation, and light refreshments! Bring your own project or use some of our supplies to get started. Experienced knitters/crocheters and absolute beginners are welcome, as are crafters working on other portable fiber arts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are currently seeking volunteers to join our Reading Buddies program and support after school activities. Our Friends of the Library group would also love to see new members join. Please call the library if you are interested!

From our weekly storytimes to our monthly book clubs, we have something for all ages. For a complete schedule of all events, please visit: http://www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/woods-run

MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

September 13, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the May 10, 2018, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Sergeant Mike Burford

Sgt. Burford presented crime statistics for the recent months and noted that a youth mentor program was starting again for the school year. He reported on the progress of the installation of the Shot-Spotter system for Zone 1 and answered residents questions.

FYC

Donna Nyambe

As part of our Families, Youth and Children Committee, Donna will be leading an after-school sewing class for neighborhood youth aged 8-12. It will start in October and take place at the Senior Center.

Infinite Lifestyle Solutions

Cecelia Ware

Cecelia detailed her organization's violence prevention and conflict resolution program for children. It runs for 8 weeks and then includes other arts, exercise and cooking activities.

City Council

Jeff Martin and Council Woman

Darlene Harris

Councilwoman Harris was delayed so Jeff led a discussion on the West Ohio Bridge reconstruction project and the Norfolk railroad plans for increased train traffic through the Northside. He also reported on the many landslides due to wet weather this year.

Later in the meeting Councilwoman Harris updated members on the Three Rivers Youth zoning issue, Zangaro's nuisance bar status and took concerns about the cleanliness of the Legion Park bus shelter.

State Representative

Adam Ravenstahl

Vince Pallus

Vince reminded residents of the Representative's scheduled document shredding event on October 13 and detailed how his office can assist in state matters including the senior rent/tax rebate program.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Vince Pallus

Vince reported on the progress of receiving money budgeted by Councilwoman Harris for BHCF. He also called for more volunteer support for our varied activities. We received a certificate of appreciation from the 27th Ward Memorial Day committee for our longstanding support.

Vice President

Brendan Schubert

Absent.

Corresponding Secretary

Danielle Graham Robinson

Danielle reported on efforts of the Communications committee and her work on the website and social media pages. She asked members what types of media and social media they use and will try to tailor her efforts. She is soliciting more community-driven content for both the newsletter and the web and would like ideas on how to boost awareness of the Federation and its volunteering opportunities. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 1.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Serra

Absent.

Net Worth Report – As of 8/31/2018

<i>Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	
Monument	1,637.63
Operating Account	1,059.07
SSB OP Acct	1,246.35
State Grant Account	920.81
United Way	1,094.33
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$5,958.19

Vince gave the report in Gretchen's absence. A motion to accept was approved.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

Vince Pallus and John Belch

Vince reported on additional efforts the NSLC is making with their Bridge committee and Breath Project membership in the ongoing railroad issue. Also the first RP Day was held on September 8 to benefit Riverview Park.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

Donna reported that most reported incidents in the neighborhood concerned theft from autos. She is co-chair of our Bright The Night holiday event and it will be held the first Saturday of December.

Families, Youth and Children Committee

Kate Kelly

Kate reported on the efforts of Rivers Casino volunteers to clean up community gardens behind the senior center. Community projects can be submitted to the Pitt Serves program in which students volunteer. Also Buhl mini-grants are still available for this year. The committee will meet on the second Tuesday of the month alternating in the morning and evening. The Halloween parade and festival will be held on October 27.

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich reported on the success or not of our gardens due to a lack of volunteers for many of them. Fall clean-up days will be announced.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

Tim announced our participation in the city-wide "Garbage Olympics" clean up event on September 23. Volunteers are encouraged.

Land Use Committee

Jessica Mooney

Vince reported on progress of our development projects in the 3800 block of California Avenue and in the area surrounding the St Johns site.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Joe Brown

Joe announced that this year's ceremony will be held on May 28 with the placing of flags at Highwood on May 26. The planning committee will meet on January 25 and new volunteers are welcomed. He also reported on the efforts of the NSLC Monuments Initiative with Mark Fatla adding more detail.

House Tour

Joe Glassbrenner

Joe reported on the progress of our tour which will be held on September 23 and encouraged all to support our biggest fundraising event.

Welcome

Vince reported that new co-chairs for the new resident Welcome committee have volunteered to renew this important effort.

Board Nominations

Brendan Delaney

Brendan as chair of the Nominating committee presented the slate of Board candidates for the November meeting election. Discussion from members on the timeliness of notice to members was held. No nominations were made from the floor. A motion to approve the slate was passed. The slate includes current board members Stacey Roa, Janice Johns-Engelman, Bill Goodrich, Donna Kramer, Dave Lebec and M. Kate Kelley.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Alcosan's annual open house will be held September 15.

Vince discussed the progress of the transition of California Automotive back into a gas station and mini-market.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be November 8, 2018.

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$16 was won by Donna Nyambe.

Approximately 40 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

There was this guy who always wanted to be a comedian....but he was afraid people would laugh at him.



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