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CITIZENS REPORT

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BHCF Dues to Increase Starting In 2017

By Suzanne Smolin, Treasurer

At the November 10, 2016 General Membership meeting, I made a motion to increase dues for membership with the BHCF starting in 2017. We presently have approximately 400 dues paying members and there has not been an increase to the dues for many years. A vote was taken by the members in attendance and the motion passed. If you are unsure as to when your membership expires, check the mailing label on your newsletter.

The former and new dues structure is as follows:

Membership	Former	New as of 1/1/2017
Social	\$2	\$5
Senior	\$3	\$5
Individual	\$5	\$7.50
Family	\$7.50	\$10
Business	\$10	\$20

We will keep the pay in advance benefits:

- Pay for 3 years, get 4 year membership
- Pay for 5 years, get 7 year membership

Some benefits of membership are clear-cut:

- You receive our newsletter (news and information about the neighborhood and events);
- You have a voice by being able to vote in annual elections; and
- You can be on the Board.

The primary benefit of paying dues and being a member of the BHCF, however, is that you are supporting a local organization that enhances YOUR community through its activities (Halloween Parade, Bright the Night, Memorial Day service, clean-up days, House Tour, gardens and welcome committee) and its endeavors for the betterment of the community where you have chosen to live and raise your family.

In the three years that I have been Treasurer, I have witnessed many things that the BHCF has done for Brighton Heights, such as:

- Prepare applications for public and private grants for the good of the neighborhood (City of Pittsburgh, Buhl Foundation, Sprout Fund and Casino funds);
- Provide logistical, financial and/or other support for the Kaboom playground and Pittsburgh Morrow art projects;

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**Next General
Membership
Meeting**
Thursday
January 12th, 2017
7:00 PM
Morrow
Auditorium

President's Report

Vince Pallus

We had another successful Halloween Parade again this year. Thank you to Stacey Roa, Carol Gerner and the committee. A lot of work goes into planning this event and they did an amazing job. All of the children had a blast and the weather cooperated once again. Our annual Bright the Night was held on Saturday, December 3rd. BHCF would like to thank Jessica Schubert for chairing the committee and all of her hard work to coordinate the event. We had vendors, raffles, singing/dancing and of course Santa. The Law Office of Goodrich and Geist once again hosted Santa's winter wonderland.

I am looking forward to 2017. I hope that BHCF can have another successful year with our events and projects. We need community members help though. The projects and events take a lot of hard work and we can always use volunteers from the neighborhood. Please contact BHCF to see what volunteer opportunities are available. With the cold weather upon us remember to dress warm and check on your elderly neighbors. I also wanted to remind everyone to support your local businesses. We are looking for newsletter articles from members of the community. Have a story or article? Send it to submissions@brightonheights.org. Hope to see you at the next general membership meeting.

From Darlene Harris

Happy New Year, Pittsburgh! I hope everyone enjoyed taking a break from work and school for the holidays. The few days I took off to spend with my family were relaxing and refreshing, and this year promises to be extremely productive. Currently, we have plans to introduce legislation dealing with the well-being of exotic animals housed in Pittsburgh homes, and we have many other projects underway.

I would like to remind everyone to please be careful while driving, as the harsh month ahead of us promises to bring snow and ice. Beware of black ice, and please look out for children as school is back in session. For those of us seeking good spots for winter sledding and sports, Observatory Hill is a wonderful place for a family outing. Enjoy the winter weather, and always feel free to contact me.

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- Coordinate with URA and GTECH on studies and potential plans for the former St. John's Hospital site;
- Work with the City and County regarding vacant and/or dilapidated properties and vacant lots;
- Work on making our citizens and neighborhood safer (obtaining funding for cameras; communicating and coordinating with the Pittsburgh Police & Public Safety Council regarding criminal activity in our area and traffic/safety issues at Pittsburgh Morrow & Pittsburgh Rooney);
- Build working relationships with City and State representatives;
- Participate in the North Side Leadership Conference (which provides both exposure to the entities with whom they work and insight on how to be an effective and productive organization); and perhaps most importantly
- Be a unified voice for Brighton Heights in the larger community of the City of Pittsburgh.

Additionally, individuals or business owners who are members can receive the support of the BHCF when applying for their own grants (often a requirement of charitable organizations and entities such as the URA). Some neighbors who have benefited in this way from their membership are Matt Yurkovich (California & Benton garden & city steps projects); Kate Kelley (Kaboom playground & Pittsburgh Morrow projects); Larry Crouser and John Bratton (California Cycle Path expansion); David Clinton (start-up of a hauling & demolition business); and Lauren Stauffer (California Markets).

Neighborhoods with active community organizations are more likely to thrive, not stagnate or decline. That is ultimately the goal of the BHCF – to make this community THRIVE. Join us in our efforts: Renew your membership, join a committee, volunteer for any of our activities, attend a board, committee or general membership meeting, make a donation. Get involved in any way that you see fit – we welcome your participation!

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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 February 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACT: Dave Lebec, Editor
EMAIL: submissions@brightonheights.org



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 September.
- 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 January.

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

2017 CALENDAR

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Jan. 1New Year's Day
 Jan. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jan. 12General Membership Meeting
 Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Jan. 20Inauguration Day

FEBRUARY						
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Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
 Feb. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb. 20President's Day

MARCH						
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Mar. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Mar. 9General Membership Meeting
 Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day

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Apr. 6 Board of Directors Meeting
 Apr. 16Easter Sunday
 Apr. 22 Earth Day Clean-up

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May 4 Board of Directors Meeting
 May 11General Membership Meeting
 May 13 Garden Prep Day
 May 14 Mother's Day
 May 20 Spring Flower Planting
 May 26 Flag Planting Highwood Cem.
 May 29 Memorial Day

JUNE						
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Jun. 1 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jun. 18 Father's Day

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Jul. 4 Independence Day
 Jul. 6 Board of Directors Picnic
 * NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING *

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Aug. 3 Board of Directors Meeting

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Sep. 4 Labor Day
 Sep. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Sep. 14General Membership Meeting

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Oct. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Oct. 9 Columbus Day
 Oct. 21 Fall Clean-up
 Oct. 28 Halloween Parade
 Oct. 31Halloween

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Nov. 9 . . . Gen. Membership Meeting/Election
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
 Nov. 23Thanksgiving

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 2 Bright the Night with Santa
 Dec. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec. 25 Christmas
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Thanks to Joan Bellisario, we have a new activities calendar for 2017.
 If you have any events that you would like to include on 2018 calendar, please send them to us at the end of this year.

Dirt Doctors Cleaning Services Wish You a Wonderful Holiday Season!

To help make this winter a little more bearable, we would like to offer a few tips on how to keep your home or office cleaner and a little safer. After 22 years of cleaning homes and many other facilities, we have learned a few things along the way. To keep your home safer during inclement weather, the most effective action is to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks and steps, or at the very least throw down some salt. Over the years we have had quite a few slip and fall accidents with employees due to negligence in snow removal. Luckily, no one has been seriously hurt. If you are physically unable to shovel, just ask a neighbor to help you out. I know on our street there are a few elderly folks who have their sidewalks and steps shoveled by others. That's what neighbors are for!

To help keep snow and salt out of your home or office during the winter, we recommend having an entry way mat. As people use the mat some of the salt is left behind and not on your floors or carpeting. I know many

people take off their shoes when they enter their home and that is the best method to keep salt out of your home. You usually can't do that in an office though!

If you do have salt on your hard surface floors, we recommend cleaning your floors with vinegar and water. Add a half a cup of white vinegar to a gallon of very warm water and use a flat mop system to mop the floors or wipe up on hands and knees. The reason vinegar is effective is that salt is highly alkaline and vinegar is an acid, which cuts through the salt. Most floor cleaners are PH neutral and just don't do a good job of removing salt.

We hope these tips help you have a cleaner and safer winter season. If you ever have any cleaning needs, we would love to help! You can contact us at dirtdoctim@msn.com.



State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

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

Lawrenceville Tech Center, Ballet Theatre Awarded \$1 Million Expansion Grants

*Latest State Investments Follow Financing for Strip District,
Midwife Center*

HARRISBURG, Nov. 2 – State Rep. Adam Ravenstahl, D-Allegheny, today said the Lawrenceville Technology Center and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre have been awarded \$1 million expansion grants by Gov. Tom Wolf.

The funding follows recent awards of \$4 million for infrastructure improvements to the former produce terminal along Smallman Street in the Strip District, and \$1 million for The Midwife Center for Birth & Women's Health Center expansion project.

"I congratulate all for their efforts that will provide significant upgrades in their distinctive and respective ventures," Ravenstahl said. "I thank Governor Tom Wolf for his support, the \$7 million investment in Pittsburgh and enabling such important initiatives to advance."

Ravenstahl said the Regional Industrial Development Corporation of Southwestern Pennsylvania will use the \$1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant to expand the robotics initiative at the technology park situated next to Carnegie Mellon's National Robotics Engineering Center.

"The site already is home to some of Pittsburgh's fastest-growing firms such as RedZone Robotics, nanoGriptech, and Helomics and the 230 jobs they provide," Ravenstahl said. "New buildings -- including a parking garage, and infrastructure improvements -- are being eyed with the grant."

Ravenstahl said the RIDC has transformed the former site of Geoffrey Boehm Chocolates and Heppenstall Steel into a sought-after location for high-tech research, design, manufacturing and engineering firms since the corporation began purchasing properties in the area 20 years ago.

Ravenstahl said the ballet theatre plans to build a 21,540-square-foot annex to include two new studios, locker rooms, restrooms and space for wellness programs to serve residents of the Strip District, Lawrenceville and Polish Hill and the 13,000 residents who commute there for work.

The funding follows a \$4 million grant awarded to the Pittsburgh Redevelopment Authority in early October to convert the produce terminal into office, retail and residential space. The \$70 million project also would include new sidewalks, traffic signals and crossings and a Market Square-like public plaza.

Another RACP award earmarks \$1 million for The Midwife Center to enhance its "Transformation, Metamorphosis, Change" expansion at its facility at 2825 Penn Ave. The expanded center, featuring new birth suites, exam rooms, a large classroom and bicycle and vehicle parking, is expected to open in the spring.

RACP is a grant program administered by the governor's Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects.

Grants Approved for Heinz Lofts, Strip District Office Complex

Gov. Wolf Awards \$2.5 Million for Three Crossings, Apartments

HARRISBURG, Dec. 1 – State Rep. Adam Ravenstahl, D-Allegheny, today announced that two state grants totaling \$2.5 million have been approved to transform a vacant food-processing plant into upscale apartments in the Troy Hill neighborhood and to develop an office complex in the Strip District.

"Pittsburgh's resurgence is given a welcome shot of adrenaline with this funding, and I thank Governor Tom Wolf for supporting these projects," Ravenstahl said. "The city's livability and intensifying reputation as a business hub will benefit as we continue to enhance private investments."

Ravenstahl said a \$1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Heinz Lofts II Project will help convert the old Heinz food-processing plant along the north side of the Allegheny River.

"The renovation will help build 173 market-rate apartments, including single-bedroom units, to the existing Heinz housing complex," Ravenstahl said. "The energy-efficient, cutting-edge housing will maintain the historic features of the former plant, which has been part of the Troy Hill neighborhood since the 1930s."

Ravenstahl said a \$1.5 million RACP grant was awarded to develop the Riverfront Office complex, consisting of two 4-story buildings of 125,000 square feet.

"The office complex is part of the Three Crossings mixed-use development located between 25th and 27th streets," Ravenstahl said. "It's another cog in the exciting rebirth of the Strip District."

Earlier this month, \$1 million RACP expansion grants were awarded for the Lawrenceville Technology Center and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. In October, a \$4 million RACP grant was approved for infrastructure improvements to the former produce terminal along Smallman Street in the Strip District, and a \$1 million grant was awarded for The Midwife Center for Birth & Women's Health Center expansion project at its facility at 2825 Penn Ave.

RACP is a grant program administered by the governor's Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects.

From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

Start your year off right at the library!

Did you receive a Kindle or new tech gadget for the holidays? Bring it to us so we can get you started reading free eBooks from the library! We can also show you how to set-up an email account, organize your online photos, and more! To sign up for one of these 30 minute sessions please call or e-mail us for an appointment. We will answer your questions so you can get the most out of your computer/device.

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

We hope to see you at the library this winter!
Marta Honores, LIBRARY SERVICES MANAGER, CLP-WOODS RUN

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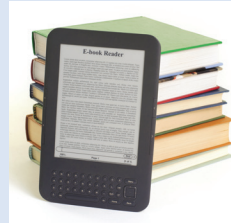
PHONE: 412-761-3730

EMAIL: woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org

WEBSITE: www.carnegielibrary.org



Did you receive a Kindle or new tech gadget for the holidays? Bring it to us so we can get you started reading free eBooks from the library! We can also show you how to set-up an email account, organize your online photos, and more! To sign up for one of these 30 minute sessions please call or e-mail us for an appointment. We will answer your questions so you can get the most out of your computer/device.



**ONE-ON-ONE
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE**
Mondays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Wednesdays 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
and Thursdays 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
30-Minute Sessions by
Appointment

Ready to go back to school after the holiday break? Every Thursday, kids and teens are invited to join our Homework Club, a place for students of all ages to study together and get help with their homework. Walk-ins welcome; no appointment necessary. Afterwards, stick around for Chess Club!



HOMEWORK CLUB
Thursdays 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
CHESS CLUB)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Laura Herrmann is returning to CLP-Woods Run in February for one of our favorite toddler programs: Children's Yoga & Creative Movement. Yoga helps develop body awareness, improve posture and encourage good listening skills. Using play, stories, and singing, Yoga Instructor Laura Herrmann will lead children through breathing exercises, stretches and yoga poses. Recommended for children age 2 - 5.

CHILDREN'S YOGA & CREATIVE MOVEMENT
Tuesdays in February (2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

November 10, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Minutes from the September 8, 2016 General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Public Schools Police – Michael Piasecki

Assistant Chief Piasecki introduced himself and addressed the traffic safety issues at Morrow school. He offered suggestions and answered member questions.

North Side Public Safety Council – Denise Pierce

Denise came to the meeting to highlight support for police officers that were injured and killed in an incident in Canonsburg today.

Mayor's Office – Ernest Rajakone

Ernest made announcements for the City's annual Light Up Night on 11/18 and for new software applications for residents to use. They can use Building Eye for zoning and building permits and Burghs Eye for 311 and public safety issues.

Council Person Darlene Harris

Darlene answered member questions.

Pittsburgh Police – CRO Larry Crawford

Officer Crawford distributed the latest crime statistics for the neighborhood and reminded residents of the Stuff For Love program, which supplies those in need of Thanksgiving Day meals.

Pittsburgh Public Safety – John Tokarski

John expressed the Public Safety Department's desire to cooperate with the organization on trainings and public events.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report — Vince Pallus

Vince thanked the Halloween committee for a successful event. He reported that the Board has authorized a contribution of \$200 to a scholarship fund at NSLC in memory of neighborhood resident Stella (Yia Yia) Kalaris.

Vice President – Brendan Schubert

Brendan reported on the upcoming

Bright the Night event on 12/3, the new Pittsburgh Public Schools superintendent interest in attending a future meeting and that we have received our \$10K Sprout grant for additional security cameras.

Corresponding Secretary – Brendan Delaney

Brendan had no report. Vince appealed for article submissions for our newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Suzanne Smolin

Net Worth Report – As of 10/31/2016

Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts	
Monument	1,637.63
Operating Account	1,074.81
SSB OP Acct	9,456.94
State Grant Account	916.24
United Way	1,353.31
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$14,438.93

The Treasurer's report was approved. Suzanne presented a motion already approved by the Board to increase membership dues as of January 2017. She reported on the reasons and that they have not been adjusted in over 20 years. The new dues amounts would be \$5 for social and seniors, \$7.50 for adults, \$10 for families and \$20 for businesses. The multiple year discounts would remain. According to our bylaws this motion needs to be approved by membership at the Annual GMM in November. The motion was approved by those present. Suzanne will write an article for the January newsletter on this subject.

NSLC — Vince Pallus and John Belch

Vince and John reported the Auberle Foundation's outreach for foster families and on housing projects in Observatory Hill and Brightwood. Pete Galinowski reported on the newly forming Monument Initiative Committee, which will spearhead restoration of public monuments on the Northside. Its next meeting will be 1/12/17 at the NSLC.

Neighborhood Safety Committee – Donna Kramer

Donna reported on last month's Public Safety Town Hall and City-Wide Public Safety meetings. She also stated that a Student Police Academy class is being prepared for high school students in Fall 2017.

Gardens and Greenspaces – Mark Kirby

Vince thanked Mark for his work and complimented all who tended the public gardens this year.

Education Committee – Kate Kelly

Kate had no report.

Housing Committee – Jessica Mooney

Vince reported on the latest collaborative efforts on the St Johns site. Partners include GTECH, URA, PWSA, ALCOSAN, and the Design Center.

Clean-up – Tim Maloney

Vince thanked Tim for a successful cleanup event last month which included 51 Pitt students for their Pitt Make A Difference Day.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be January 12, 2017.

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$10 was won by Dave Lebec and donated to the Federation.

Approximately 25 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

Little boy to father: "Pop, can we get another dog?"

Father to the little boy: "Harry, the last two dogs we had got lost."

Little boy to Father: "But that won't happen if we get a Dalmatian, Dad."

"Why not?" asked his Father.

"Didn't you know, Dad?" said Harry. "When a Dalmatian gets lost, he's easy to Spot."

