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CITIZENS REPORT

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SUPPORT — THE — BHCF



From Danielle Graham Robinson

You've probably seen it described BHCF, heard it referred to as the Federation, or more formally understood that the name of the group that puts out this newsletter as the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation, but do you know what this group is about? Do you know how important it is for YOU, (yes, you!) to get involved in it?

It all started in 1967, "...through the efforts of the Brighton Road Kiwanis Club. At their request, a meeting of the civic and religious leaders of the community was held at the Faith Lutheran Church on February 14." Two weeks after the idea to create such a group was presented, "The Federation" was formally organized.

The purpose of the BHCF is to "foster and encourage the advancement of neighborhood improvements and a greater sense of community." Over the years, this goal has been accomplished on an ongoing

basis through the volunteers who have led efforts to beautify, address safety concerns, bring families together, provide activities for youth, connect neighbors to resources and address housing concerns in our neighborhood.

We have a board that meets monthly, and we hold public meetings for members and non-members. The BHCF provides opportunities at the public meetings for neighbors to interact with local leaders, law enforcement, local businesses, and local organizations that promote the overall health and well-being of our neighborhood.

We have an active Facebook page and website, are working to increase our presence on Instagram, and often post events and announcements on Nextdoor. We also send emails.

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**Next General
Membership
Meeting**
Thursday
January 10th, 2018
7:00 P.M.
Morrow
Auditorium

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President's Report

Vince Pallus

Happy New Year! 2019 is going to be a busy year for Brighton Heights Citizens Federation. We have lots of activities, events and projects planned. Please consider joining one of our committees, we always welcome new members. I would like to take a moment and thank anyone that helped make 2018 a successful year for Brighton Heights Citizens Federation. There is a lot of work and commitment involved and we appreciate all that everyone does for the neighborhood.

At our November General Membership Meeting, we re-elected the following board members to serve a two (2) year term: Janice Johns Engelman, Bill Goodrich, Donna Kramer, Dave Lebec, Stacey Roa and M. Kate Kelley. Thank you to all the board members that serve on BHCF board.

Don't forget to pay your membership dues. Your membership expiration date is listed after your name on the newsletter label.

I encourage everyone to attend our next General Membership meeting on **Thursday, January 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at John Morrow Auditorium.** Hope to see you all there.

From Councilwoman Darlene Harris

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope 2018 was great for all and 2019 turns out to be even better. The holiday season is coming to a close, but the joyful spirit in the Northside continues. The beautiful winter snow is still here and Valentine's Day is around the corner. Also, remain safe on the roads in icy conditions. I will continue to post information about road plows on my social media, so stay tuned! Please check on any elderly or disabled neighbors that may need help with anything, such as shoveling snow. Keep our furry friends warm when taking them outside, because the cold temperatures of the sidewalks and streets are uncomfortable for their paws! Be sure to wash their paws if they encounter any salt.

The budget season at City Council has come to a close, but our staff members are still hard at work serving the Northside. For any information regarding upcoming events or local happenings, check with your community group, Brighton Heights Citizens Federation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Have a great start to 2019!

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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 December.

- 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.

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 February 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACT: Dave Lebec, Editor

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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.

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The BHCF is made up of committees led by volunteer committee chairs who are primarily responsible for spearheading all efforts within that committee like finding more volunteers and delegating tasks when needed. Our committee chairs are made up of people who took initiative and ran with it! Many have professional backgrounds/ experience in the area they are volunteering in, and some are motivated by an interest or hobby. Our most active committees are Bright the Night, Communication, Clean Up, Family & Youth, Halloween Parade, Garden, House Tour, Land Use, Office Stewards, Memorial Day, and Welcome Committees. The work these committees do, and the number of volunteers needed is beyond what I have the time and space to explain here, but let me just say, it's A LOT! That's actually why we've decided to publish this! We hope that as this New Year begins, any resolutions you may have include making a difference in your neighborhood by joining the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation, and being part of our mission!

For starters, join us on January 10, 2019, for the first meeting of the year. Location: John Morrow Elementary School in the auditorium at 7 p.m. (enter through courtyard on Davis side).

A neighborhood that is worth living in requires more than talk, more than complaints, and more than suggestions. It involves your time, effort, and work. It involves diverse voices and perspectives, who represent the whole community. Let's do something together this year!

If you are unable to join us on the 10th, please like/ follow us on Facebook, become a member (or renew your expired membership) by filling out the form on the back of this newsletter and mailing it in. The nominal fee helps us keep the lights on and ink in the printer. Becoming a member will ensure that you are not only included on all communications, but also guarantees that you will receive pertinent information regarding your neighborhood, volunteer opportunities and more!

[https://www.facebook.com/brightonheights/
www.brightonheights.org](https://www.facebook.com/brightonheights/www.brightonheights.org)

From Danielle Graham Robinson

Earlier this year, I listed a house in Brighton Heights for a couple who lived and raised a family there for the last 43 years. The home was over 100 years old, and while it served three generations of their family well, it needed significant repairs both inside and out. The couple was of retirement age, and was also looking to downsize. Coincidentally, they started to receive postcards from investors offering cash, the appeal of quick closes, and no fees to sell their home. The max offer they were quoted was about \$40k. Convinced they could get more, they sought the help of my brokerage.

Long story short, we listed the property, had it under contract in 7 days, and sold it for \$65k. Even after my commission and standard seller fees, the seller's net was about \$15,000 more than it would have been had they sold to the investor who dangled the lure of a cash offer, no fees, and a quick close to my clients.

In addition to sending postcards and asking to buy your house, wholesalers and investors are also illegally posting signs on telephone poles with sayings like, "WE BUY HOUSES!" Their goal is to obtain properties at a low cost that have the potential to sell high once renovated. At best, these types of buyers have the ability to renovate homes in bad condition, and inject higher property values into neighborhoods plagued with blight. At worst, they can be predatory, can cause property values to rise quicker than the demand (when they over-renovate), and can lead to the displacement of current residents, and a lack of affordability. They can also prevent vulnerable sellers from receiving the best price for their properties, as evinced in the example I shared, which hurts families

Most importantly, when these buyers try to buy your house directly, meaning with no agent or real estate attorney on your side, you have no one advocating or negotiating on your behalf. Know this; they definitely do!

They have REALTORS and attorneys who represent their interests, and they tend to profit most when you don't! This isn't a judgment on investors. It's a fact. It doesn't mean that their desire and interest to turn a profit is bad. What is wrong, is when you the consumer do not receive the full picture of what is in your best interest. There are only two types of professionals who are required by law to give you that full picture; a licensed real estate agent, or a real estate attorney. The job of an investor is to make money, not help you get the most money for your house!

If you are in a bad situation with your home or if you owe more than you think you can sell or if you have repairs you simply can't afford or for whatever reason you need to sell fast, you can and should STILL work with a licensed real estate professional who will guide you through your

options in a way that protects your best interest. And if you see the "WE BUY HOUSES" signs littering our neighborhood telephone poles, you can rip them down, call 311 to have them removed, and/or call Councilwoman Darlene Harris's office for assistance at 412-255-2135.

If you have any questions about real estate, visit my website or email me with your name, number, and best time to reach you.

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From Sarah Steers

The holiday season – from Thanksgiving until after New Year's – can sometimes worsen the feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression. Moreover, seasonal affective disorder ("SAD") is a type of depression that often corresponds to the fall and winter months. If you're reading this, we're just past the holidays and smack-dab in the middle of winter. Here are some small tricks to help manage your mood if you're feeling tense and overwhelmed.

Eating a well-balanced diet and getting enough exercise are old standbys for a reason! Try low-impact movement or breathing exercises, like yoga or tai chi. Mindfulness (a new term for relaxation and focusing techniques) is simple and easy to learn – check out videos on YouTube. Try not to retreat when it all feels like too much; remember to connect with empathetic, calming friends and family. If you're dealing with SAD, you can also try bright light therapy (but check with your doctor first, because it could interfere with certain health conditions or medications).

None of this is meant to replace the advice of a doctor. If you've lost interest in activities you once loved, noticed changes in your sleeping habits or appetite, can't concentrate, or are withdrawing from loved ones, call your doctor right away. And if you're scared you might hurt yourself or are having any thoughts of suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or chat with a professional online at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat>. You can also text someone using the Crisis Text Line below.

CONTACT: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

PHONE: 1-800-273-8255

CONTACT: Crisis Text Line

TEXT: HOME to 741-741



Bright The Night A Success

From Chris Old, C&S Photography
Photos by Chris Old, C&S Photography

Brighton Heights had a fantastic Bright the Night on Saturday, December 1, 2018! Many local residents came together in a very event-filled night! BHCF Board Members Danielle Graham Robinson and Donna Kramer planned the event this year with the help of many volunteers who worked tirelessly and prepared for the event months ahead of time. Whether it were children, adults or new families or current residents, this was all done so that the great neighborhood of Brighton Heights could come together for a winter celebration that supported local businesses, local organizations, and local cultural institutions!

A parade of volunteers, holding hand-crafted lantern puppets made by Cheryl Capezzuti and her puppet making team along with Colonel Eagleburger's Highstepping Goodtime Band, marched from Emmanuel Christian Church, with the beautiful puppets lighting up the shiny asphalt from the cold winter rain as they marched. The parade paused at Legion Park to sing Christmas carols led by Maria Sassani around the Legion Park Christmas Tree, (lights sponsored by Goodrich and Geist P.C.) while the marching band played.

Local Zone One Police officers and the Orchlee Fire Department Station 35, escorted the parade, with volunteers keeping traffic at bay. They then marched, sang and played music down to the local business district, where there was a multitude of activities to participate in. There were a few Grinches in the neighborhood complaining about noise. The rainy weather did not stop Brighton Heights from having a great time!

The California Coffee Bar was highlighted by the visit by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, where good little girls and boys would tell Santa what was on their Christmas list.

Continuing further down, you reached the shining jewel of California Avenue, the Brighton Heights Citizen's Federation! The inside was generously decorated by Sherry and Jerry

DiCicco; and a hand full of other volunteers in the community put the lights up outside and along the street. They were purchased through a One Northside mini-grant. The office was brightly lit in blue twinkling icicle lights, setting off the businesses that surround the amazing neighborhood! As one walked into the building, visitors were able to buy local crafts and support the artists and vendors in our community. In the back, visitors could learn about DJ, the adorable African penguin visiting from the Pittsburgh Aviary, sponsored by Danielle Graham Robinson (REALTOR with eXp Realty).

To celebrate the season of giving, the Greater Allen AME Church PGH hosted activities. Downstairs where wings were sold and free cookies and drinks were offered to the residents by Trey's Laundromat and Brighton Cafe LLC. Upstairs were activities for children such as free books from Reading is FUNdamental, a variety of Christmas crafts with Emmanuel Christian Church, popsicle light bulb crafts sponsored by The Mattress Factory, bracelet making sponsored by Communities In Schools of Pittsburgh, and a fingerprint Christmas light activity sponsored by the Woods Run Branch of the Carnegie Library. So many people came together to make this event happen. Let's keep up the fantastic work in our community and make next year even better! Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!





To see the Bright the Night photo gallery, go to: <https://csphotographystudio.shootproof.com/gallerybrightthenight>



Special Thanks to...

Photos by Chris Old, C&S Photography

The Bright the Night Co-Chairs, Danielle Graham Robinson and Donna Kramer are full to the brim with gratitude for all the ways people came together to Bright the Night!

 One Northside mini-grant for making this evening financially possible; (and Kate Kelley for suggesting it!); and Vince Pallus, President of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation.

The children's activities providers: The Mattress Factory, Communities in Schools, Emmanuel Christian Church, Reading is FUNdamental, The Woods Run Library.

Our participating local businesses, and their commitment to special causes: California Cycle Path (Western Pennsylvania Humane Society), California Coffee Bar (Toy Drive), Doggone Delightful (Pet Adoption), Metro PCS, Chubby's.

Our sponsors/material donors; Goodrich & Geist, PC, Personal injury lawyers; Danielle Graham Robinson, REALTOR; Felix Krynicki Team, eXp Realty; Trey's Laundromat & Brighton Cafe; Hilary Brown; Lisa Burns Doran.

Our Fire Department and Zone 1 police for ushering us down Davis!; Cheryl Capezzuti and her puppet making team!; Maria Sassani for leading our carols!; Colonel Eaglebergers High Stepping Good Time Marching Band; Council Person Darlene Harris's office.

Chris and Samantha Old for capturing memorable photographic moments of the evening!

Santa, Mrs. Claus and the trusty elf!

Greater Allen AME Church for hosting the children's activities, wing night, and the cookie table!

The National Aviary for bringing the crowd-pleasing DJ the Penguin!

Our Volunteer Team (and the husbands who helped wherever we asked them to help!!):

- Robyn Aguzzi
- Arden and CeMonne
- Sherry and Jerry DiCicco
- Raymond Robinson
- Amy Zuraski-Carrera and Alex Carrera
- Ashley Fernandez and Preston Comfort
- Beth Smith and Scott Smith
- Amanda Burkhart and daughter!
- Lauren Shalek
- Amla Wisniewski
- Emma Stapleton

The decorating volunteers:

- Josh Nard
- Raymond Robinson
- Sherry and Jerry DiCicco
- Chris Old
- Lester (don't know Lester's last name!)
- Vince Pallus
- Stacey Roa
- Gretchen Serra
- John Belch

And last but not least, ALL of the people who braved the rain with their umbrellas, rain boots, and ponchos and marched in the parade with puppets, light up rings, glow bracelets, and tons of good vibes to Bright the Night!

I really hope I didn't forget anyone! My sincerest apologies if I did!!! Please let me know! See yinz next year!

Riverview Park Visitor and Education Center

From Nancy Schaefer, Ranger

Located on the right side of the park entrance on Riverview Avenue, the Riverview Park Visitor and Education Center is open year round, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. most days, closed on Mondays. Stop in and you will find:

- Smokey the Bear
- Drinking water
- Warm bathroom
- First Aid & AED kits
- Lost & Found (currently includes a boy's coat, keys, glasses, hats and mittens)
- Moses Carper Memorial Library (you are invited to explore, borrow and/or keep any book from the library)
- Hiking guides (trail maps, scavenger hunt suggestions, animal track pictures, guide to historic sites and buildings)
- History of Riverview Park
- Allegheny Observatory tour information
- Nature Touch table (skulls, pine cones, feathers, seeds n 'at)
- Guide to the Geology of Riverview Park brochure
- Memories of Wissahickon Nature Center scrap book
- Memories of Riverview Park (pictures of historic park landmarks)
- Kickballs, hula hoops, Frisbees (available for use in the park)
- Doggie bags for your use

Get in touch if you'd like to organize a program, meet up or group. Park Rangers are available to support, lead or guide initiatives that get people outside, ranging from service projects to fun outings including geo-caching, tree planting, themed hikes and/or educational programs. Monthly updates on park events are emailed to interested parties; let us know if you'd like to be added to the list.

CONTACT: Riverview Park Visitor & Education Center

PHONE: 412-616-0383

EMAIL: Riverviewpark.pgh@gmail.com

ADDRESS: 1 Riverview Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15214

HOURS: Most days, Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy at BHCf Meeting on January 10th

From Erin Tobin, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Wherever you live in Pittsburgh, we want to hear your thoughts about your parks! From late 2018 through early 2019, the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy are embarking on the Parks Listening Tour. At the January Brighton Heights Citizens Federation community meeting the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy will be gathering feedback on what you and your neighbors like you love about your parks, and what you would love to improve! For more information, reach out to Erin Tobin.

CONTACT: Erin Tobin

EMAIL: etobin@pittsburghparks.org





State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

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Legislative Highlights from 2018

New laws enrich life for commonwealth residents

The year 2018 was a productive one for the state legislature, as we passed a number of bills designed to improve life in the commonwealth. I'd like to briefly highlight some newly enacted laws I supported.

One such law expands seniors' access to PACENET – the state's prescription drug assistance program – by raising the income eligibility guidelines. (You can learn more about the program by visiting www.aging.pa.gov and following the "prescriptions" link under "Aging Services.")

Another new law overhauls Pennsylvania's organ donation law, which will help more than 7,500 residents on the state's waiting list gain access to lifesaving organs.

Keeping residents safe and protecting the vulnerable

Other new laws help protect some of the most vulnerable among us. For example, a new "safe harbor" law I supported immunizes minor victims of human trafficking from prosecution and ensures that they are diverted from the criminal justice system and into a protective human services environment.

A stronger anti-hazing law protects students by making "aggravated hazing" – hazing that results in serious injury or death – a felony and by requiring post-secondary schools to institute anti-hazing rules.

To help protect those struggling with addiction, a new law mandates that prescriptions for controlled-substance medications be in electronic format, rather than handwritten, to prevent prescriptions from falling into the wrong hands.

Another new law extends protections for pets by permitting police, humane officers and other emergency responders to rescue animals left in hot cars if the officer believes the animal is in imminent danger.

Helping crime victims and those wrongfully convicted

Several new laws I supported make it easier for crime victims to obtain justice. One such law helps victims of domestic abuse by requiring that convicted domestic abusers turn over firearms within 24 hours, as opposed to the 60 days permitted under prior law.

Another new law helps speed justice for sexual assault victims by establishing or reinforcing guidelines governing when health care facilities must notify law enforcement of the existence of sexual assault evidence, when police must pick up the evidence, when the evidence must be sent to laboratories, and when the labs must complete their analyses.

For those wrongfully convicted, a new law makes it easier to challenge those convictions by making DNA testing more accessible.

Giving young Pennsylvanians the best chance for success

Other new laws help protect the welfare and interests of young Pennsylvanians. One new law, for example, makes it easier for grandparents or other family members to obtain temporary guardianship in 90-day increments, up to a year, when the child's parents are not able to care for them.

Another new law provides high school students with a graduation alternative to the Keystone Exams. The law was prompted by concerns from parents, teachers and school administrators that high-stakes testing requirements are not a one-size-fits-all solution for students.

Finally, other new laws passed last session will spur community revitalization.

In the year ahead, I'm looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and working to pass additional laws that will make life healthier, safer, more productive and more satisfying for residents in our district and throughout the commonwealth. It should be a busy – and productive – 2019.

As always, feel free to stop at my district office in Brighton Heights or give us a call with any state related questions or concerns.

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PHONE: 412-321-5523

ADDRESS: 3689 California Ave., Pittsburgh 15212

2019 CALENDAR

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Jan. 1 New Year's Day
 Jan. 3 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jan. 10 General Membership Meeting
 Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
 Feb. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb. 18 President's Day

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Mar. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Mar. 10 Daylight Savings Begins
 Mar. 14 General Membership Meeting
 Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Mar. 20 First Day of Spring

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Apr. 4 Board of Directors Meeting
 Apr. 14 Palm Sunday
 Apr. 19 Good Friday
 Apr. 19 Passover Begins
 Apr. 20 Earth Day Clean-up
 Apr. 21 Easter Sunday

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May 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 May 9 General Membership Meeting
 May 12 Mother's Day
 May 18 Spring Flower Planting
 May 24 Flag Planting Highwood Cem.
 May 27 Memorial Day

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Jun. 6 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jun. 16 Father's Day
 Jun. 21 First Day of Summer

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Jul. 4 Independence Day
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Aug. 1 Board of Directors Meeting

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Sep. 2 Labor Day
 Sep. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Sep. 12 General Membership Meeting
 Sep. 22 First Day of Autumn

OCTOBER						
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Oct. 3 Board of Directors Meeting
 Oct. 14 Columbus Day
 Oct. 20 Fall Clean-up
 Oct. 26 BHCF Halloween Parade
 Oct. 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov. 5 Election Day
 Nov. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
 Nov. 14 . Gen. Membership Meeting/Election
 Nov. 28 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Dec. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Dec. 7 Bright the Night with Santa
 Dec. 21 First Day of Winter
 Dec. 25 Christmas
 Dec. 26 Kwanzaa Begins
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Thanks to Joan Bellisario, we have a new activities calendar for 2019.
 If you have any events that you would like to include on 2019 calendar, please send them to us at the end of this year.

MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

November 8, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Tree of Life shooting.

The Minutes from the September 13, 2018, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Commander Chris Ragland, Sergeant Mike Burford, Officer Payton
Commander Ragland updated residents on recent shooting incidents, their investigations and the group violence initiative. He also answered questions on a neighborhood nuisance bar. Sgt. Burford presented crime statistics for the recent month and reported on the progress of the installation of the Shot-Spotter system for Zone 1. Officer Payton reminded residents of the "Stuffed With Love" free Thanksgiving dinner program.

Mayor's Office

Oliver Beatty
Oliver updated members on the progress of the McClure Avenue senior center building evolving into a full community center and that a Unity Commemoration will be held in Point State Park on 11/9.

City Council

Councilwoman Darlene Harris
Councilwoman Harris continued the discussion of the Shot-Spotter system and additional security cameras. She also encouraged more participation in the senior center activities and free rides for residents in Zone 1 to the center are available.

Pittsburghers for Public Transit

Alison Keating

Alison asked members for support for PPT's efforts to get the Port Authority to adjust cash fares to match card fares.

BHCF Board Election:

Nominating Committee member Brendan Delaney presented the Board member slate as approved at the GMM in September. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate and was passed. Current Board members that were re-elected for a two year term were: Janice Johns-Engelman, Bill Goodrich, Donna Kramer, Dave Lebec, Stacey Roa and M. Kate Kelley.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Vince Pallus

Vince reported on additional police and security camera issues along with the Northside Public Safety Council. He also called for more volunteer support for our varied activities.

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. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 1.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Serra

Net Worth Report – As of 10/31/2018

Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts	
Monument	1,637.63
Operating Account	1,059.15
SSB OP Acct	2,371.67
State Grant Account	920.81
United Way	1,044.78
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$7,034.04

A motion to accept was approved. Vince thanked Councilwoman Harris for her financial support.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

Vince Pallus and John Belch

Vince reported that children in need are welcome to attend AGH's Christmas Party on 12/15. Destiny of Faith church will hold a resource fair on 11/10 and health programs as part of the Health Angel program will be held in January.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

No additional report.

Families, Youth and Children Committee

Kate Kelley

Kate reported that committee meetings are being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at both 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. The sewing class for middle school students has started and will continue until January. Parents with child security clearances are invited to volunteer.

Gardens and Greenspaces

No report.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

Tim thanked the Pitt students who helped clean the neighborhood and gardens on 10/20.

Land Use Committee

Jessica Mooney

Vince reported on progress of our development projects at the St Johns site itself, the 3800 block of California Avenue and in the area surrounding the St Johns site. The Federation has issued an RFP for a vacant lot it owns in the 3600 block of California Avenue

Memorial Day Ceremony

Joe Brown

Joe announced next year's commemoration will be held on May 27 and the next committee meeting will be January 28. Additional volunteers are needed for this event.

Bright The Night

Danielle Graham- Robinson and Donna Kramer

Danielle detailed the planning for this year's event to be held on December 1. A \$1,000 mini-grant has been awarded to help this project. A volunteer meeting will be held on 11/10.

House Tour

Joe Glassbrenner

Joe thanked all those who volunteered their time and homes for the success of this year's tour and encouraged residents to patronize the advertisers who helped make this a fundraising success.

Welcome

Amy Zuraski

Amy reported the renewed efforts of this important committee in order to increase awareness and membership in the Federation.

Old Business

Halloween Parade: Stacey Roa thanked everyone who participated and volunteered for this fun event.

Monuments Committee: Joe Brown gave an update of the activity of the NSLC committee that repairs and refurbishes war memorials across the Northside.

New Business

None.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

Emmanuel Christian Church pastor Rick Weiss asked for community participation in a neighborhood Living Advent Calendar program it has started.

The next General Membership meeting will be January 10, 2019.

The 50/50 Raffle prize was won by Darlene Harris and donated to the Federation.

Approximately 40 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

This just in: The Best Selling Book among spiders: *WEB*ster's Dictionary.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S)

DATE

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE

ZIP CODE + 4

PHONE

EMAIL

New Member Renewal
Membership for _____ years

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

Pay 3 years >>> get 4 years!

Pay 5 years >>> get 7 years!

Family (\$10)
 Individual (\$7.50)
 Senior Citizen (\$5)
 Social (\$5)
 Corporate (\$20)

Additional Donation
(optional) _____
for: _____

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Your canceled check is your receipt. Your membership renewal date will be printed after your name on your mailing label.

Membership is also available online at www.brightonheights.org

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2018
AT JOHN MORROW AUDITORIUM ON THE CORNER OF DAVIS AND FLEMING AVENUES.

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