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CITIZENS REPORT

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BRIGHT THE NIGHT

It's hard to believe, but by the time you read this, the holiday season will be upon us! With the holiday season comes a very special event for Brighton Heights...BRIGHT THE NIGHT! This event brings our neighborhood together to celebrate the season, while supporting small businesses and organizations that serve our community. You are invited to help us put the BRIGHT in Brighton Heights with a Puppet Parade, led by Cheryl Capezzuti, Colonel Eagleburger's High Stepping Good Time Band, caroling, tree lighting,

a pop up market, Ugly Sweater Karaoke, Santa, and more! So mark your calendars!

We will have TONS of opportunities to volunteer for this popular event!

Visit our website at www.brightonheights.com for details! Or call/text Danielle at 412-818-7326.

SAVE THE DATE!
DECEMBER 14
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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President's Report

Vince Pallus

I can't believe it's November already, seems like we were just getting ready for spring. I wanted to let everyone know that I have decided not to re-run for the President position of Brighton Heights Citizens Federation. It was a difficult decision, but I realized it was time to focus and spend more time with my wife and family (3 children now). I am thankful and honored for the opportunity to serve the residents of Brighton Heights over the last eight (8) years. It was an amazing opportunity and I enjoyed working with my fellow board members, volunteers, residents, City Employees and elected officials. Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is a great organization and I encourage everyone to participate in the events they host and to volunteer when possible. Thank you and I will see everyone around the neighborhood.

The next BHCF General Membership Meeting will be held on **November 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.**



PHOTO BY AARON LEE ON UNSPLASH

From Councilwoman Darlene Harris

As we turn our calendars over to the month of November we get one step closer to the winter holiday season! Get those grocery lists started early, 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. 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 snow begins to fall, 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 Night in December. Come out and enjoy an amazing setup of holiday lights and decorations. Dig up your old ice skates and grab some hot chocolate! On top of all the upcoming holidays, our office is continuously working hard to push for pavements of the roads, so that everyone can have a safe and smooth drive throughout the Northside neighborhoods during the fickle winter weather. 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 Citizens 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 a Word doc 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.

Another Newsletter Available

Brighton Heights' residents should be aware of another Northside newsletter that is available to provide more information on Northside news and events.

Northside Happenings is now available for the general public. If interested, you may contact them at: ons@buhlfoundation.org.

FYI Bulletins

Allegheny County would like all county residents to take part in a health survey. If interested, contact them at: alleghenycounty.us/cha.

The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure would like to hear from you as well. To voice your opinion of the transportation network in our community, contact them at: pittsburghpa.gov/domi/transport-vision-plan, or MOBILITY2070@pittsburghpa.gov.

If interested in knowing how Pittsburgh Parks plan to restore our city parks, contact them at: www.pittsburghparks.org.

From The Mayor's Office

We are excited that fall is finally here and that we have had such a great summer! This summer, our Department of Public Works did some temporary improvements at Jack Stack field. In 2020, those improvements will be long-term when we regrade and level the field so that it's ready for summer sports.

The Mayor's Office released the first draft of the 2020 Capital Budget (available at pittsburghpa.gov/omb) that includes renovations to the entrance to Riverview Park on Mairdale Avenue. PWSA has received \$1.2 million from an ALCOSAN GROW grant for the stormwater management project near the entrance to Riverview. We're grateful to see improvements and green infrastructure coming to this gateway to the park!

While we take care of sprucing up the park entrance, don't forget that as you're sprucing up your yard, Environmental Services will have its bi-annual yard debris collection on November 16. Items should be placed where Environmental Services usually picks up your refuse in paper bags weighing less than 35 lbs by 6:00 a.m. For more guidelines, visit pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/leaf-waste or call 412-255-2773.

As always, we want you to keep in touch with us! For monthly news from the City of Pittsburgh about events, programs, projects and initiatives, sign up for our newsletter at newsletter.pittsburghpa.gov. To report any non-emergency concerns, contact 311 or 412-255-2611.

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.

Being Prepared with Pets

By Stacey Berkebile

Did you know that September was National Preparedness Month? In the month of September, all of the Emergency Agencies put out a ton of information about how to prepare for and stay safe in the worst of circumstances. It is worth checking out some sites for tips to keep your home and family safe: (Remembering, of course, that in an emergency situation, you should always call 911 first).

- Ready.gov
- FEMA.gov
- CDC.gov

There are a number of others, but these are good places to start.

I'm here to talk about a more specific type of preparedness today. Many of you know my sweet bulldog, Ferris Buller. He's my world; I love him so much and talk about him every chance that I get. He even has nearly 17K Instagram followers: @Ferris_Buller_Berk for those who want to jump on the Ferris train. Keeping him safe is so important to me, which is why I have checked out the Pet Preparedness sections of these sites to see how they recommend we keep our pets safe (yes, pets – plural. I also have an anti-social little black cat who hides in the basement from everyone but me).

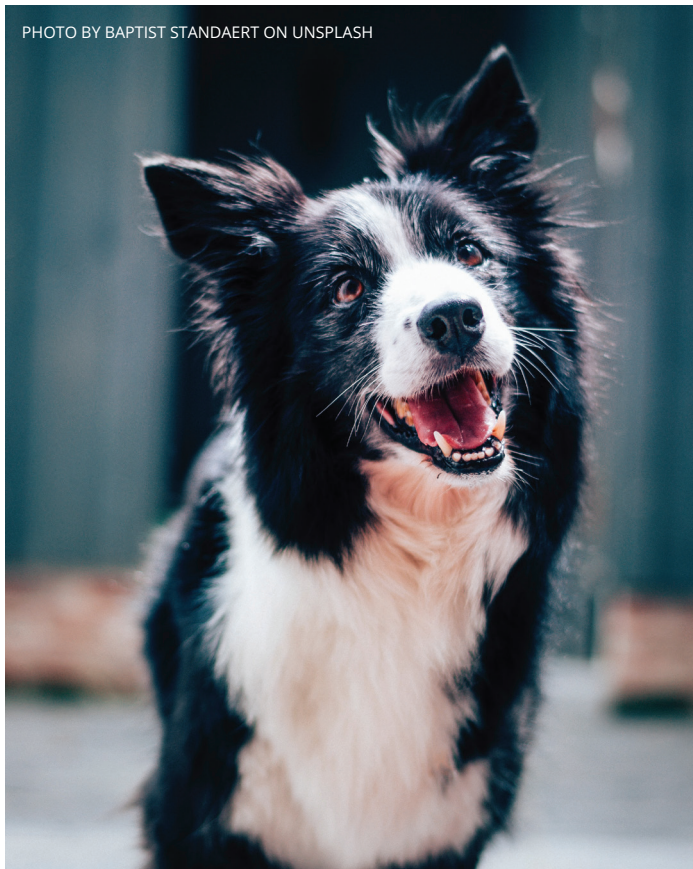
There are a number of ways to keep your pet safe day to day. Check out my list, as well as the disaster preparedness infographic from FEMA to prepare for the worst!

- Proper training. Humane Animal Rescue right here on the North Side is one great place to get affordable dog training.
- Ensure your home is secure and that your pet cannot get out where they could get hit by a car, or attacked by a wild animal. If you find that your pet is an escape artist, put in controls that will prevent it in the future.
- Pick up after your pet – this reduces the number of other critters coming to yards in Brighton Heights, potentially spreading disease.
- Fit your dog with a safe harness or collar that has up to date tags with your contact information. This is a tricky one, as collars are not safe for dogs to wear while they are home alone, as they become choking hazards. My Ferris wears a harness that fits in a way that he would not choke if he got caught on something. Quick release collars can also eliminate this risk.
- Microchip your pets and make sure their chip contact information is correct. Many think that microchipping is

enough, but you need to take the extra step to enter your information into the database so that whoever scans your chip can get a hold of you if your pet is found.

- Take your pets to the vet annually for a check-up and to get vaccines. If the worst happens and your pet gets out, it is a comfort to know that they are protected from rabies and other illnesses that could take them from you too soon.
- Network with your neighbors! Neighborhood social media groups have photo albums where you can add a photo of your pet so they can be easily identified if someone sees them loose and cannot get a hold of them. Post those pics out there!
- Keep food and plastic bags safely in the trash, secured in a way that pets cannot get to them and risk suffocation.
- Learn pet CPR. Neighbor Tara Czekaj has offered classes to neighbors in the past.
- Keep an emergency kit on hand. Not sure what to put in your emergency kit? Check out the FEMA infographic for some suggestions, along with some great ways to keep your pet safe in a disaster.

PHOTO BY BAPTIST STANDAERT ON UNSPLASH



Chocolate House Tour Recap

The 15th Annual Chocolate House Tour was held on September 22, 2019. Beginning at 1 p.m., participants began their tour in Legion Memorial Park. The park was this year's starting point. I was proud to show individuals from all sides of the City how clean and well-maintained our park and neighborhood was. It was the work of Garden Committee, Clean Up Committee, and City of Pittsburgh Public Works who were sure the park had beautiful flower beds, was free of trash, and grass freshly cut. The park looked spectacular and weather was great.

This year's Tour featured Legion Memorial Park, five homes, and one church. The volunteered homes were 1101 Etola, 3507 Corona, 1432 Davis Ave., 3620 Fleming Ave., and 1531 Termon Ave. The available church was Emanuel Christian, located at 1427 Davis Ave. Thank you to those who volunteered their homes and worked so hard to have the homes in immaculate shape for all to see. Without these volunteers, the House Tour is just not possible.

The 2019 Tour was enjoyed by more than 200 people. Individuals came from as far as Elizabeth Township to share in the charm of Brighton Heights. Many groups from areas outside the City of Pittsburgh learned of the Tour from a publication on the front page of the Real Estate section in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Marylynne Pitz authored the article in the Sunday, September 22 edition and featured 3507 Corona, a queen Anne-style farmhouse built in 1890. The article can be viewed online at Post-gazette.com under the "Home and Garden" tab.

Not only was this year's tour a success in terms of enjoyment but also a successful fundraiser. The proceeds are made directly available to subsidize operating costs and fund community events like the Children's Halloween Parade and Bright the Night. The Federation was able to raise these funds with income from: ticket sales, advertisements in booklet, and sponsors. I would like thank all of the organizations, businesses, and patrons who contributed to the 2019 Tour. A special thank you to Allegheny Health Network who donated the complete cost to print this year's Tour booklet.

The day-of raffle winners are as follows: 50/50 winner: Donna Kramer \$120.00; two Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Tickets: Brianna Tiptox; Home Architect Sketch: "Chelsea" could not be reached. ***If you know the Chelsea who attended the Tour, please have her contact the Federation this month or a new name will be pulled.*** If you missed the Tour, there are extra Tour booklets available for any members who wish to see the tour by booklet. Booklets will be available on November 14 at the General Membership Meeting. See you then!

If you are interested in volunteering a home for the 2020 Brighton Heights House Tour, please call 412-734-0233 and leave a message for Joe. I will return the call and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Joe Glassbrenner
House Tour Chairman



A House Tour Success

By Tara Czekaj

Way back in late winter/early spring 2014, my husband and I were looking for a new neighborhood, new neighbors, and a new place to live. We were driving around and looking at Deutschtown, Manchester, Observatory Hill, and Brighton Heights. We loved the architecture, diversity, and proximity to downtown in all of these neighborhoods.

Much to our delight and surprise, we met the Brighton Heights House Tour Committee that day. Dennis, Judy, Peggy, and Kristen were walking the neighborhood asking neighbors to display their homes on that year's tour, and they were so kind and welcoming - exactly what newcomers needed.

Three months later we purchased our new house on Davis Avenue. Fast forward five years and we were invited to display our home on the 2019 House & Chocolate Tour. We were so excited to be asked, and finally had an opportunity to pay it forward. Being on the house tour not only gave us a hard deadline to finish those ever lingering house projects, it was an amazing opportunity to meet neighbors, travelers from the South Hills, and folks looking to make Brighton Heights their new home.

Big thanks to the House Tour Committee, house tour home owners, and house tour sponsors for all of their hard work. This annual event does so much to serve our community and showcase our neighborhood in the very best light.

From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

The fall season is in full swing now, and there's always something going on at the library.

We hope to see you soon!

Best Wishes,
Marian Streiff
Interim Library Services Manager, CLP-Woods Run

ADDRESS: 1201 Woods Run Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

PHONE: 412-761-3730

EMAIL: woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org

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

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

A special program for kids and teens in costume. Enjoy games, activities, and special presentations while you show off your dressed-up self!

PROJECT ART

Project Art classes are held in 6 libraries across Pittsburgh, serving children ages 4 through 18. Children and teens can register for free art classes at the Woods Run Library. Register at projectart.org/enroll.

Tuesdays	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Ages 4-8
Tuesdays	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Ages 9-13
Thursdays	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Ages 14-18

FOR TEENS

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: ART JOURNALING WITH THE MATTRESS FACTORY

MONDAYS | 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Words and images come together for this creative art program, led by a Mattress Factory teaching artist. Watercolors, collage, weaving, and screen printing are just some of the mediums you will use to express yourself through personalized journals and more.

FOR ADULTS

JOB, CAREER, AND RESUMÉ SUPPORT: ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE

WEDNESDAYS | 6 – 8 P.M.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Are you in between jobs or looking for new opportunities? At the Library, we have resources to help you with job search skills and with overcoming obstacles to employment. Make an appointment today with a Job and Career specialist to:

- Write or improve a resumé
- Get help writing a cover letter
- Practice your interviewing skills
- Get advice on job searching
- Learn how to apply for jobs online
- Improve your computer skills.

Please call the Woods Run Library at 412-761-3730 to make an appointment.

For a complete schedule of all events, please see our online calendar: www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/woods-run/

Did you know that the library provides free online arts and crafts classes? Creativebug.com has more than 1,000 award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Find lots of holiday craft ideas with Creativebug. For more information, check out the library's web page <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/carnegielibrary> or ask a librarian.

One Boy's Ballet Journey

By Kelly Day

We received a robocall one evening from Pittsburgh Ballet Theater (PBT) around dinner time. I have no idea why or how we received the automated call, but we did. I initially thought it was the school district calling, so I continued to listen so I wouldn't miss anything important. Turns out it wasn't the district but Pittsburgh Ballet Theater announcing their Community Scholarship Audition for kids.

I then hung up and didn't think much of the recorded announcement. My son immediately asked, "Who was that, Mom?" I replied with a quick, "The local ballet school. Why? Do you want to do ballet?" A boy who had never demonstrated any interest in dance replied, "Well, what is it?" We took a pause on homework and started to Google "boy age 6 ballet" and "boy ballet class". We found a few videos where young boys spoke about why they dance and what ballet means to them. Thurston looked at me and said, "I want to audition." When I asked why, he simply said "Well, not many boys do". I thought it was such an interesting response from a 6-year-old that we went out that very night to a kids consignment shop and pulled together the basic requirements to properly audition.

A week later Thurston was accepted into their children's division, which offered an all-boys class for 6 to 8-year-olds with a scholarship. His first year was 45 minutes a week on Saturdays. He loved it. The second year he transitioned into the Student Division Preparatory level which is two days a week for one hour. In this level, kids are now exposed to the stage for the first time. Thurston was cast as a Monkey in the PBT Student Spring Performance of *Carnival of the Animals*.



PHOTO BY KELLY DAY VIA INSTAGRAM

Now that he is in Level 1, also two one-hour classes a week, *The Nutcracker* with the PBT Symphony at The Benedum Center gets added in addition to their annual spring show at the Byham Theater. For Thurston's first *Nutcracker*, he was cast as a clown which appears in Act 2, Kingdom of Sweets.

Now that Thurston is into his third year and has spent the last several years committed to the study of Ballet, there are no signs of him slowing down. He plans to audition this winter for a chance to participate in the ABT Young Dancer Summer Workshop in NYC among other summer opportunities. Thurston fell in love with New York City after attending The Male Dancer Conference for five days this past summer. He attended classes at Gibney Studios along with 140 other boys and worked with industry professionals closely and made friends to last a lifetime. They addressed the social stigmas and how to emotionally cope with setbacks, which unfortunately are still prevalent.

Thurston hopes to attend full-time ballet school at the age of 12 with high aspirations of someday being accepted to The Royal Ballet School in London or the National Ballet School of Canada in Toronto for professional training.

Ballet is celebrated in Brighton Heights by many. Elaine Blumenfield will play the coveted role as "Little Girl" in Act 1. Elaine is a 10 year old in the 5th grade and is in Level 3 at PBT. Jessica Palitti with the JP Gallery of Performing Arts teaches ballet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. to a group of nine kids with one talented student who is now dancing en pointe. To see inspiring photos of Thurston's journey, follow his Instagram account @thurstondaydance.

From the Nominating Committee

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation will be holding elections for the Board at the next General Membership Meeting on November 14 at 7 p.m. Only members who are current with their dues and who have been to two (2) meetings (must have signed in) in the previous 12 months are eligible to vote. Those who are eligible to vote will be verified at the meeting and will receive a ballot.

The slate this year is as follows:

President:

Danielle Graham Robinson
Joe Glassbrenner

Vice President:

Brendan Delaney – unopposed

Corresponding Secretary:

Kate Kelly – unopposed

Directors (Select 5)

Monique Flowers
Elaine Gloeckner
Raymond Robinson
Alex Carrera
Tim Maloney



State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

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Connecting seniors to transit options

When we're younger, we take our mobility – the ability to drive to the store, to church, or to visit relatives – for granted. As we age and grow older, we come to realize how critical in our culture it is to be able to move, to drive or to ride the bus, to navigate around our towns and neighborhoods.

One of the toughest challenges we can face is the loss of mobility, of the ability to order our lives and, in many ways, to lose our independence. That is one of the reasons I am a strong advocate for the Port Authority's new ConnectCard program for seniors 65-plus – a small plastic card that can grant someone the freedom to navigate our region and regain their independence.

The new ConnectCard replaces the old blue or yellow bus passes and allows seniors to travel on public transit for free. My office stands ready to help folks apply for these passes and fill out any needed paperwork. I've also personally been visiting seniors in our community to make sure they are aware of this program and how to apply.

I want to make sure that everyone who can has the opportunity to retain their independence, even if they can't drive.

Along the same lines, one of the fundamental benefits of living in a democracy is our right to vote, to have our voices heard at the ballot box. That is why I want to make people aware of a recent change to Pennsylvania's voting process, which I think will make it easier to ensure that everyone who is eligible and wants to can vote.

Starting this fall, Pennsylvania has launched an online application for an absentee ballot at votesPA.com/ApplyAbsentee. That means if you can't make it to your local polling place in person on Election Day you can still cast a ballot.

The PA Election Code allows registered voters to apply for an absentee ballot up until one week before an election. This year, the deadline to apply by paper or online is 5 p.m. on October 29.

This is an exciting new program which will help ensure all eligible voters have access to the ballot, one which I hope will encourage more voters to participate in our democracy.

Remember: my office is always here for you to help you with any state-related issues you may have.

PHONE: 412-321-5523

ADDRESS: 3689 California Ave., Pittsburgh 15212

Food Bank Update

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB) and 412 Food Rescue have announced a new collaboration in order to increase the impact they will have collectively in reducing food waste and hunger in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

As food rescue partners, the initiative combines both organizations' resources to expand upon current and identify new food recovery and distribution opportunities.

"412 Food Rescue is excited to forge this important partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to ensure that more fresh food reaches people who need it," said David Primm, Chief Program and Impact Officer for 412 Food Rescue. "We look forward to our collective work in reducing food waste and hunger throughout the Pittsburgh region."

The Food Bank and 412 Food Rescue will utilize joint logistical services, volunteers and refrigerated vehicles to pick up and deliver food and food-related products to housing communities with which 412 Food Rescue has an established relationship, with the potential to distribute beyond these locations.

"This is a wonderful first step in the partnership between our organizations," said Justin Lee, Chief Operations Officer for the Food Bank. "By leveraging the collective strengths of both the Food Bank and 412 Food Rescue, we can have a greater impact as we increase the provision of fresh and healthy food to our community."

As part of the collaboration, the Food Bank and 412 Food Rescue have established an Executive Committee to continuously explore new and innovative ways the organizations can work together now, and in the future to achieve their missions.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM FELKER ON UNSPLASH

MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

September 12, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the May 9, 2019, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

BHCF Board Nominations:

President Vince Pallus led off the nomination process by announcing that he will not be running for another term. Members showed their appreciation for his 6 years of leadership.

Bill Goodrich read the nominations collected by the Nominating Chair Brendan Delaney.

Officers

President

Joseph Glassbrenner and Danielle Graham-Robinson

Vice President

Brendan Delaney

Corresponding Secretary

Beth Galaska and Kate Kelley

Recording Secretary

John Belch

Treasurer

Gretchen Serra

Directors

(5 positions, 6 candidates)

Elaine Gloeckner

Monique Flowers

Thomas Poole

Tim Maloney

Raymond Robinson

Alex Carrera

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was passed by voice vote.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Sgt. Mike Burford

Sgt. Burford presented crime statistics for the recent month and updated residents on drug investigations and took member questions concerning several areas.

Pittsburgh Public Safety

John Tokarski

John reported on the start of the Fall Citizen Police Academy and the next city-wide public safety meeting which will be held on 10/16 in Carrick.

Auberle

Ashley Pesi

Ashley introduced members to their Employment Institute, Thrive 18 and Strive services which are available on the North Side in conjunction with the One Northside program.

Mayor's Office

Molly Onifer

Molly updated members on many City events and programs including the Great Race, Garbage Olympics, City Career Fair, Welcome Pittsburgh/World Square, Imagination Library and Hard To Recycle items.

State Representative

Adam Ravenstahl

Vince Pallus

Vince announced a senior wellness program on 10/18 at Ross Community Center and a document shredding effort in Avalon on 10/19.

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Heather Sage

Heather recapped the results of the Parks Listening Tour and detailed the upcoming ballot initiative which would raise property taxes to support the city parks. She answered member questions concerning the initiative.

City Council

Councilwoman Darlene Harris

Councilwoman Harris reported on the status of the Shot-Spotter system, the absence of the Reddup crew and the recent post-agenda meeting concerning the Parks Conservancy ballot initiative. Discussion with members followed.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Vince Pallus

No report.

Vice President

Vacant.

Corresponding Secretary

Danielle Graham Robinson

Danielle detailed promotional activities on our website, Facebook and Next Door platforms. She thanked volunteers which helped with the newsletter mailings. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 1.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Serra

Net Worth Report – As of 8/31/2019

Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts	
Monument	1,637.63
Operating Account	1,059.31
SSB OP Acct	10,236.89
State Grant Account	920.81
United Way	982.54
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$14,837.18

A motion to accept was approved.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

Vince Pallus and John Belch

Nothing to report.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

No additional report.

Families, Youth and Children Committee

Kate Kelley

Stacey Roa reported on this year's Halloween Parade/Pumpkin Fest which will be a collaboration with Brightonwood Civic Group. It will be held on 10/26 and start with costume judging at Kunsak's and then have the parade start at Legion Park and run the length of Shadeland Avenue to the Pumpkin Fest at Horace Mann.

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich and Stacey Roa

Vince extended his thanks to Ed Gergerich for his dedication of time and talent to the gardens again this year.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

As part of the city-wide Garbage Olympics and to "reddup" the neighborhood for the house tour the next day, a cleanup will be held on 9/21 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

House Tour

Joe Glassbrenner

Joe reported that this year's tour will be held on 9/22 and will start at Legion Park. New for this year will be food trucks as well as the customary treats. Volunteers will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the park.

Bright The Night

Danielle Graham-Robinson and Donna Kramer

Danielle reported that there will be a brainstorming session for this year's event to be held at the California Coffee Bar on 9/26. Details will be announced at the November meeting.

Welcome

Amy Zuraski-Carrera

Vince encouraged all members to share new residents, both owners and renters, by emailing or calling the Federation.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Beth Galaska rescinded her nomination for Corresponding Secretary.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be November 14, 2019.

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$25 was won by Donna Kramer.

Approximately 55 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

I know a guy who's a great Steeler fan. He's a bricklayer by trade but he's not very skilled at his job. At work he's known as "The Terrible Trowel".



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