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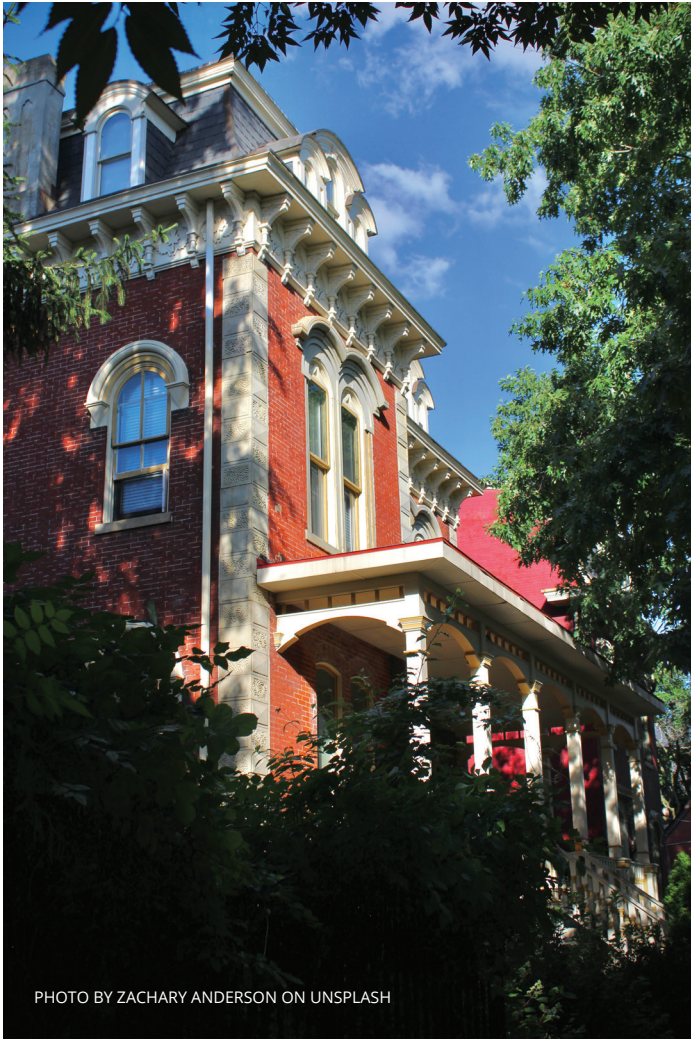


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2019 Brighton Heights Chocolate House Tour

The summer has come and gone but we still have a great House Tour this fall to look forward to enjoy. Please consider joining the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation as we celebrate our 15th annual Chocolate House Tour. The tour will begin at Legion Memorial Park and as always is featuring a robust line up of homes. In addition to the homes, the committee has coordinated "Just Roll'd Up" Sushi and Poke Bowls food truck to have food on sale at Legion Park during the tour. I hope you could join us for a day to be in the park, tour homes, and be with friends. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone, or mail (see form on page 5). Thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
House Tour Committee



Starting Point:

Legion Memorial Park
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

**Next General
Membership
Meeting**
Thursday
September 12th, 2019
7:00 P.M.
Morrow
Auditorium

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From Councilwoman Darlene Harris

As we fall into the last months of summer, I hope you are all still out enjoying the wonderful weather. Although fun is important, be sure to keep safety in mind. Keep yourself and your furry friends hydrated in the heat of the summer. Check on your neighbors, especially seniors, and drive carefully as children may be playing outside.

Now that August is here, it's time to start preparing students to head back to school. Best of luck students for this upcoming school year. Be sure you and your children have all of the back to school essentials and are prepared to have a great year. Also, go out and check out any community school drives happening this summer!

In the office, we are working towards improving Brighton Heights, as well as other Northside neighborhoods. For more information about your neighborhood, contact Brighton Heights Citizens Federation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Have a great rest of fall!

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

Memorial Day Dedication May 27, 2019 | Andrew A. Gondek

by Donna Kramer

My father, Andrew A. Gondek was born on November 29, 1915. He was the second of six children born to Joseph and Mary Gondek. They resided at 1330 Island Avenue on the North Side of Pittsburgh in the 27th ward.

He was drafted into the Army on March 14, 1941, and was later joined by his two brothers, Steve and Joseph, who also served in the Army. He served as a General Clerk and performed a variety of clerical tasks in connection with the operation of medical units. As a Technician Fourth, he supervised the work of ten people. He coordinated the admission and the evacuation of the sick and wounded patients, both British and American, to and from the various beachhead hospitals. His diligence, administrative ability and steadfast devotion to duty provided an appreciable contribution to the successful completion of the medical mission at Anzio in Italy.

He was in the following campaigns: Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines and Po Valley. He was a recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and Five Bronze Stars. Andrew served his country until September 15, 1945.

He joined the Catholic War Veterans of St. Gabriel's Post #1365 and VFW after returning home from the service and remained active until his death in August 2001. He left my son Bryan and I with the feeling that he carried in his heart about the country that he served – to love and appreciate all of the things that our men and women fought for to make our country the land of the free and home of the brave.

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 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 September.

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 lets 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 October 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.

I Always Knew That I Wanted to Move to Brighton Heights

by Stacy Berkebile

I used to volunteer with high school students at Allegheny Center Alliance Church, and I would often drive kids home to the neighborhood. As I grew closer with several of the students and was invited to parties and meals by the families, I fell in love with the old houses and the feel of the neighborhood. I loved driving down Termon Avenue and admiring the big trees, and the idea that most of the houses were close to or more than 100 years old. I had no idea the sense of home and belonging that would come from living here.

In May 2015, I bought my dream house. I met my immediate neighbors, but other than that, I kept to myself in the neighborhood. It wasn't until two years later, when an old friend of a friend moved in that I got involved. She invited me to a party at her house, shortly after she and her husband moved in. I wasn't aware that we had a Citizen's Federation, or any other neighborhood organizations. I had no idea that there were neighbors gathering, if for no other reason than being neighbors. When this old friend and her husband moved into their home in 2017, we reconnected and I was introduced to a group of welcoming, warm, and often times, silly neighbors.

I found myself getting invited to more events and gatherings at homes around the way. Over the next several years I had a close friend and her family move in down the street. Then a couple of former high school classmates from where I grew up moved in. And another friend of a friend, who I had met several times over the years. Some of these people who I have met have become good friends.

We have impromptu dinners and ice cream trips. We go to the farmer's market in nearby Bellevue together. We have given one another rides when there's car trouble, helped job searches and prepare for interviews, consumed so much food and drink together, and hung out until the wee hours of the morning. We've bonded over our dogs and our remodeling projects. Somehow, we even convinced a number of men to show up wearing rompers to a party this summer. To quote the movie *Bridesmaids*, "This is such a stone-cold pack of weirdos, and I am so proud."

I am not sure when it happened, but this place ... this piece of land nestled between Bellevue and Downtown Pittsburgh ... it became more than where my 100-year-old dream house sits. It became more than a convenient place to live to both get to work, and to visit my family in the northern burbs. It became more than city living that I can afford. It became home.

And there's no place like it.



Pre-House Tour Trash Pick-up Event

WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2019

WHERE: Starts at Brighton Heights office
3629 California Avenue

TIME: 9 – 11 a.m.

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation will be hosting a pre-house tour clean-up event for our neighborhood on Saturday, September 21. We will meet at the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation office starting at 9 a.m. (located next door to California Cycle Path). We will assign teams streets to pick up, so that we can get all the major thoroughfares covered. There will be gloves and trash bags provided as well as coffee and donuts for those who volunteer.

This is a great way to get in volunteer hours for schools, churches, etc. and it is a truly hands-on project that almost anyone can participate in. With hundreds of people attending our annual House Tour, this is an opportunity to make Brighton Heights shine! Come join us!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this major clean-up of our neighborhood.

If you have any questions, contact the event coordinator:

CONTACT: Tim Maloney
PHONE: 412-726-0800
EMAIL: dirtdoctim@msn.com



Brighton Heights Citizens Federation 2019 House Tour Reservation

DATE: Sunday, September 22, 2019

TIME: 1-5 p.m.

COST: \$15 individual;
\$25 for two (non-refundable)
if received before 9/15/19

\$20 individual;
\$35 for two on day of tour

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

E-NEWS LIST: Y____ N____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NO CASH, PLEASE.

Send check to:
Brighton Heights Citizens Federation
2019 House Tour
3629 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

ONLINE payments through Eventbrite at:
www.brightonheights.org/news/housetour
(LOOK FOR "BUY TICKETS HERE")

From Sarah Steers

A typical Brighton Heights conversation among neighbors usually goes a something like this:

"Have you seen that fluffy brown one? The new cat roaming around? I've never seen that one before."

"I know – won't be long until we see five more kittens right behind it."

It's wonderful we have such a soft spot in our hearts for animals. They make our lives better in so many ways. I should know – I have two cats and a dog myself! It's better for owners, the animals, and the neighborhood to spay or neuter our pets when they're the right age. But it can be an expensive vet appointment.

Did you know that Pittsburgh residents can receive up to five spay or neuter surgeries for their pets courtesy of the City's Animal Care and Control department? There's a form available online (https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/dps/SpayNeuterAppUpdated_6-17.pdf). You need to attach certain documentation with the completed form to confirm you live in the city and pay taxes (not to mention prove your pet is licensed and actually belongs to you), but after 3-4 weeks, the city gets back with the next steps you need to get your pet spayed or neutered. More information can be found here: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/spay-neuter>.

Animal Friends (right in our backyard on Camp Horne Road) has a low-cost spay and neuter program specifically for Pit Bulls. They offer the surgery for as low as \$30. If you own a Pit Bull, and are looking for an affordable vet to spay or neuter your dog, please contact the organization below.

PHONE: 412-847-7004

WEBSITE: www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org/

November Elections 2019

Think you have the time, commitment and passion to be on the BHCF Board!? Now is the time to speak up! Nominate yourself or a neighbor who may lead the community well! The commitment requires the attendance of 11 board meetings and 5 general membership meetings each year. You will also need to be willing to participate in the functions that the Federation sponsors. Being a board member (a director or officer) is a commitment that involves giving of your time and energy, but it is a most rewarding job. It's amazing how much the board does every year to make the neighborhood a better place for all of us!

Nominations will be presented by the Nominating Committee chair at the General Membership meeting on September 12 for 5 Officer positions and 5 director positions. Nominations may also be proposed from the floor at the General Membership meeting at that time. The election will take place at the November 14 General Membership meeting. To run or vote, you must be a dues-paying member of BHCF in good standing, and you must have been to two General Membership meetings this year.

If you are interested in running, you may either reach out to Brendan Delaney, the Nomination Committee Chair by calling **412-734-0233** and leaving a message, or sending an email to bhcf@brightonheights.org.



**3 RIVERS
PROUD**

ALCOSAN's Annual Open House Returns September 21

Saturday, September 21, 2019, marks the return of ALCOSAN's annual award-winning Open House event, FREE and open to the public from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine!**

Join us for the region's largest watershed and environmental festival, featuring hands-on environmental exhibits, treatment plant and laboratory tours, microbiology and watershed life demonstrations, and educational activities for all ages!

From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

With free summer lunches, thousands of books read in the Summer Reading Program and awesome parties like National Night Out, it was a busy, vibrant season. Thank you for spending the summer with us at the library! As things wind down and students return to school, here's a taste of what you'll experience at the Woods Run Library this Fall.

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

FAMILY PLAYSHOP

TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER | 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Children learn and grow through play! Laugh, discover and explore with your child during this special playtime that supports healthy development. Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers will make friends and use toys to learn about their world. For children birth – age 5 and their parents and caregivers.

SCIENCE STORIES WITH DR. SPARKS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Learn about STEM concepts like orbit, thermodynamics and sound with the Bill Nye the Science Guy-esque Dr. Sparks. For kids in grades 1-5.

KIDS CREATE: MARBLE PAINTING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 12:00-2:00 PM

Painting with marbles as your brush shows new ways of adding color and texture to an abstract work. Enjoy this quick method of making paintings that are bold and full of energy.

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!

FOR TEENS

FUNDING YOUR FUTURE: SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH AND APPLICATION ASSISTANCE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Worried about the rising cost of college and trade school? We can help! Teens (and their families) can make appointments for help finding scholarships, writing application essays and learning about programs that can help fund your education. Call 412-761-3730 to make an appointment with our Teen Specialist and start planning for your future today.

FOR ADULTS

ISHA KRIYA: GUIDED MEDITATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Daily practice of Isha Kriya Meditation is a powerful tool to cope with the hectic pace of modern life. Come to this introductory session to learn the practice, whether you're a seasoned meditator or just a beginner.

DISH!: GIADA'S ITALY BY GIADA DE LAURENTIS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Join us for Dish!, a cookbook club with the Library. Foodies unite at various CLP locations and out in the community to talk cookbooks, share stories and cultures and explore all things culinary. Come ready to discuss the recipes you tried and sample a dish prepared by staff! This month we will be discussing Giada's Italy by Giada de Laurentis.

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

Garden Committee

From Ed Gergerich

As we approach the end of summer, I hope you are enjoying our community flowers. Most should be around until Jack Frost gets them in late fall. This article is an almost-year-end report.

Many thanks are in order. Thanks to ALCOSAN and Vince for major donations to the flower fund. (Apologies to any others that I was unaware of). This year we went directly to the grower to buy our BH flowers at wholesale, so not only did we get a better price for the BH flowers, we were able to offer folks the opportunity to tag onto our order to buy flowers for their own gardens.

Thanks to the many members who ordered through the Federation. With the grants and private orders, I think the gardens turned a small profit for the BHCF. Look for info on next year's sale by next March.

Thanks to our Saturday volunteers: three at the WPC Garden at PA 65 on May 5, 24 on the May 11 cleanup day, 11 on the May 18 planting day, and 6 on the May 25 mulching day.

A special shout out goes to our cadre of Legion Park volunteers, whose numbers are not included above. In addition to getting the Park planted for the Memorial Day

program, these loyal folks have been meeting every three weeks to keep Legion Park weeded and watered.

A great big "thank you" goes to Richard Antonelli, who for the past few years has been keeping the grass mowed on the Bears Lot, the Green-up Lot and the BHCF Lot on the 3600 block of California Avenue.

You may have noticed several new trees on the Green-up Lot. These and their green water bags are the work of tree tender Doug Baker, one of our newest Termon Avenue residents.

Speaking of the Green-up Lot, we've made an effort to clean up the thistles and weeds on the "mailbox" corner on lower Termon Avenue and add some ornamental grasses, canna lilies, and zinnia seeds; and we added some buttercups and hostas to the "point" closest to the bridge on Brighton Heights Blvd. At this writing, these are works-in-progress but should improve these areas in the future.

Finally, thanks to anyone who has stopped to pull some weeds or pick up some litter at any of our community gardens. It makes a difference.



The BHCF
Halloween Parade
has a
NEW ROUTE!!

Halloween Parade & Pumpkinfest

Saturday, October 26th.

FREE for All and All are Welcome!

We are taking the BHCF Halloween Parade down Shadeland Ave and joining the Brightwood Civic Group Pumpkinfest at Horace Mann

FUN, FOOD, ARTS AND CRAFTS, PRIZES AND MUCH MORE!



2 Community Organizations
1 AMAZING EVENT



Please check with www.brightonheights.org for complete details.



State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

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

Supporting our senior centers; two save the dates

In today's fast-paced society I know how important our community senior centers are to the neighborhoods and people they serve. More than a social hall, these centers are an important resource for residents and a focal point for the community.

In almost every community in Pennsylvania, senior centers offer a wide variety of programs and resources that can include meal programs, educational opportunities, transportation services, financial and insurance counseling, exercise programs and more.

And I know there's always more work to do to keep them operating than there is money and resources available, which is why I was happy to support the Brighton Heights Senior Center in receiving a \$100,000 state grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging.

The grant will be used to renovate the center's main floor that will be used for senior events and programs. I was thrilled when I heard that Brighton Heights had been selected, and I look forward to the project's completion.

Also, I wanted to make you aware of two community events in October. On Oct. 18, I will be joining state Rep. Sara Innamorato to host a Senior Wellness Fair at the Ross Township Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. I hope you will be able to join us for flu shots, blood pressure screenings, wellness activities and more!

The next day, Saturday, Oct. 19, I will be hosting a free document shredding event at Avalon Community Park from 10 a.m. to noon. Unwanted items that should be shredded include credit card statements, credit card applications, bank statements, canceled checks, income tax information, insurance records and retirement or pension fund information. Documents will be shredded on-site.

I hope to see you there!

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

Brighton Heights HAL Center

WHAT WE DO: We offer a daily nutritious county lunch in any of our 14 city HAL centers. Additionally, we provide opportunities for socialization, dining, arts, fitness, education, and wellness. We have a pool table, a ping-pong table, shuffle board, and our own miniature golf course! We provide daily fitness opportunities with bone builders, stretch, chair yoga, tai chi and walking. Additionally, members are more than welcome to use the elliptical equipment in our fitness room. If Bingo or card playing is your thing, we have active groups to share in your interests. We also celebrate our friendships through socials and holiday parties.

SERVICES WE OFFER: In addition to providing a delicious, nutritious meal, we can also sign you up for Access and OPT. With OPT, you can join your friends on some of our fun dining, shopping or theater events at a fraction of the cost of other transportation.

SO WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO JOIN? Membership is absolutely free! Just complete the registration at our center and we will be happy to register you then. We also kindly ask that you call in or pre-register by 11:30 a.m. the day before you are joining us for lunch so that we can assure a meal is waiting for you.

Welcome to our family!!

CONTACT: Elizabeth Mitchell

EMAIL: elizabethmitchell@pittsburghpa.gov

ADDRESS: 3515 McClure Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15212

PHONE: 412-766-4656

HOURS: Monday – Friday | 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY BRANDON HOOGENBOOM ON UNSPLASH

MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

May 9, 2019

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the March 14, 2019, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Officer Wright

Officer Wright presented crime statistics for the recent month and updated residents on investigations and took questions concerning speeding in several areas.

Pittsburgh Public Safety

John Tokarski

John reported on the conclusion of the spring Citizen Police Academy and the last City-wide public safety meeting concerning hate crimes and groups. There are four free summer sessions scheduled for the Cops and Kids program for children aged 8-12. National Night Out will be held August 6 this year.

PWSA

Ana Flores

Ana gave an update on the 027 watershed stormwater project which will include the St Johns property. PWSA, Allegheny Land Trust, BHCF and others are developing a public amenity for the property while mitigating stormwater overflows. Ana will notify BHCF and leaflet the neighborhood when community input meetings are scheduled later this year.

State Representative

Adam Ravenstahl

Vince Pallus

Vince announced a document shredding effort in Lawrenceville on May 11 and a Real ID information session to be held in Avalon on May 28. He also reported that the City applied for a state grant to help renovate the senior center on McClure. It was awarded by the state in the amount of \$100k.

City Council

Councilwoman Darlene Harris

Councilwoman Harris reported on the status of street paving and took concerns from members over the process. Complaints to the mayor's office can be made at 412-255-2612.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Vince Pallus

Vince reported on the meeting held earlier today concerning the disposition of the SCI Pittsburgh property and the current due diligence agreement with Manchester Bidwell to take it over. He announced that the Board, after receiving a recommendation from the Nominating committee, appointed Ray Robinson to the vacant board position opened when J. Worsinger resigned. This term will end in November and Ray will stand for election then. Vince reported that we have received our reimbursement of 2016-2017 expenses from the City and thanked Councilwoman Harris for her appropriating this money through her office.

Vice President

Vacant.

Corresponding Secretary

Danielle Graham Robinson

Danielle asked for volunteers to help with newsletter mailings and to remind members to submit activities to her for publicizing. The deadline for the next newsletter is August 1. The Communication Committee needs volunteers to be on a call list to help fold newsletters and they need at least one person to help us with a small data entry project. Interested folks must be well versed in MS Outlook, Excel spreadsheets, and label making (using specific fields). Anyone who is interested can call Danielle at 412-818-7326.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Serra

Absent. Vince read her report.

Net Worth Report – As of 4/30/2019

Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts	
Monument	1,637.63
Operating Account	1,059.31
SSB OP Acct	1,335.52
State Grant Account	920.81
United Way	1,168.44
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$6,121.71

A motion to accept was approved.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

Vince Pallus and John Belch

Vince reported that today starts the Northside Sandwich Week event that highlights local eateries. This year's NSLC Scholarship dinner will be held June 13 and our neighborhood awardee will be California Coffee Bar.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

Donna reported that those who signed up last meeting for the Red Cross smoke detector program will have their contacts forwarded to the Red Cross for detector installation in the summer. Others may sign up using the 311 service. She also reported on the public safety meeting last month concerning hate crimes and groups.

Families, Youth and Children Committee

Kate Kelley

Stacey Roa reported on past activities that children and seniors worked together on and that they are looking for more this year. She also detailed collaboration efforts under way with Brightwood Civic Group, Carnegie Library and BHCF concerning a larger Halloween event that will include both neighborhoods.

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich and Stacey Roa

Ed reported on the garden dates for May: **May 11** – garden prep day, **May 18** – garden planting day. Additional volunteers are always welcome. He and Stacey distributed the hanging baskets that members ordered last month for Mother's Day.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

The spring cleanup day, held on April 27 was a great success with the collaboration of Brightwood Civic Group and the donated after-event picnic.

Land Use Committee

See PWSA report.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Pete Galinowski and Joe Brown

Joe announced that volunteers are needed May 24 for flag-placing at Highwood Cemetery. The commemoration will be held on May 27 at 10 a.m. The picnic following the event will be held at Emmanuel Christian Church.

House Tour

Joe Glassbrenner

Joe reported that neighborhood solicitation for homes will begin May 18 and the date of the tour will be September 22. Anyone wishing to volunteer or volunteer their home should contact him.

Welcome

Amy Zuraski-Carrera

Amy reported that she will try to welcome new residents on a quarterly basis and encourages all members to share new residents, both owners and renters, by emailing or calling the Federation.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

President Vince Pallus reminded all members that the BHCF is a non-profit organization and as such does not and cannot endorse any political candidates.

The next General Membership meeting will be September 12, 2019.

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$22 was won by Alex Carrera and donated to the Federation.

Approximately 40 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

At their annual meeting, why did the Director of the Bicycle Association of America get fired?

He SPOKE out of turn.



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