



# BRIGHTON HEIGHTS

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## CITIZENS REPORT

January 2020

### Here for You

By Joe Glassbrenner

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is always available for resident's needs. This organization is fueled by a reliable network of volunteers and resources. Our resources are always in motion. Volunteers check emails daily, US mail bi-weekly, and return all phone messages by the end of the week.

Please support these efforts by subscribing a new neighbor, recommending our services to a friend, or maybe leaving a read newsletter in the laundromat or coffee shop for another resident to pick up and hear about us. If you prefer the electronic route, you could "like" or share our BHCF Facebook page with a friend or on a community page. Above all, please don't hesitate to contact the organization for assistance with community issues or to know more about what we do.

We are here for you!



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## President's Report

Joe Glassbrenner

I hope everyone who attended the Bright the Night Celebrations last month enjoyed the festivities. It was great to see the community get together for some holiday cheer. I'd also like to wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year. The New Year has brought a new President in myself as well as newly elected board members. I am happy to continue working with our previous board members and excited to start with our newly elected. I would like to thank Vince for his service to the community over the past 8 years and the contributions he made to the BHCF during his time. I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve and work with the community of Brighton Heights.

I welcome all those able to attend the next BHCF general membership meeting on **January 9, 2020, at 7 p.m.**



## From Councilman Bobby Wilson



Happy New Year Brighton Heights! As we ring in 2020, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to District 1 and specifically

Brighton Heights for electing me to serve as your City Council Representative. I intend to serve in this capacity with everything I have, to ensure that the Northside is a vibrant, safe neighborhood with opportunities and amenities for everyone who calls this collection of neighborhoods "home."

As your City Council person, I will make every effort to be transparent and accessible to you. I plan to attend or have a representative from my office at BHCF General Membership Meetings, and I will have community-based office hours to help meet your needs and concerns. We are still working out the details, so stay tuned!

As I embrace this new role as your Council Person, I ask that you embrace the possibilities of what we can accomplish together. I intend to work with all of you to preserve what makes the Northside great, and to improve the things that need to be improved. I look forward to building and cultivating relationships that lead to success in our neighborhood!

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## 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 January.

- 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
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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](http://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](http://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 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.

## 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](mailto:ons@buhlfoundation.org).

## FYI Bulletins

The Northside Chronicle recently published in the November 2019 newspaper a featured story about Brighton Heights. *"A BURGEONING BUSINESS DISTRICT DEFINES BRIGHTON HEIGHTS"* by contributor *Amanda Andrews* Readers may also find the story at [www.nschronicle.com](http://www.nschronicle.com). Pick up your free, community newspaper each month at the shops on California Avenue and the newspaper box at the 5-point intersection on Brighton Heights Blvd.

### ----- *Looking for an opportunity to serve your community?*

The Northside Chronicle is now taking spring internship applications for students interested in journalism and photojournalism.

As a free community resource, our newspaper bridges the digital divide with accessible information and reliable news that impacts the neighborhoods we serve.

Mail CV and cover letters with 3 writing or photo samples to:

The Northside Chronicle  
922 Middle St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

## Being Neighborly in the Frigid Cold

By Stacey Berkebile

The cold months are upon us, and no matter how close our homes are, it's the season where we start to see our neighbors less and less. Everyone stays inside and there are fewer people sitting on porches and walking to see one another. Rather than hibernating and waiting until spring to connect with your neighbors, how about you try one of these ideas for staying plugged in!

**START A BOOK CLUB:** In late 2018, several of us started a book club that has been going strong for a year. We rotate host homes and chat about the book, eating food and drinking mimosas every 6-8 weeks. It is a great time to socialize and spend time with friends in the neighborhood. If you decide to start your own, be sure to stop by the library to check out their book club kits which have multiple copies of the books for you to borrow.

**PLAN A PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Get a couple of friends together to plan a progressive dinner, visiting each of your homes for a different course. Each person will make one element – appetizers, salads, entree, dessert, cocktails. There are no rules, so do whatever you want to make it fit your attendees. Pick a theme and have everyone make food to compliment that theme.



**HOST A SOUP EXCHANGE OR CHILI COOK-OFF:** It's time for cozy foods that warm you from the inside out. Have all of your friends prepare a big pot of soup, and divide it up into travel containers for friends to take some home. If you freeze the soup from your friends, you will have a yummy soup to pull out each week to warm your bones from the cold, and warm your heart with something prepared by your neighbor. You could also throw down the gauntlet and have an all-out Chili Cook-off. Make score sheets and judge one another's chili to determine who the Chili Champ is!

**DO SOMETHING NEIGHORLY WITHOUT BEING ASKED:** If you're out shoveling snow and have a couple of extra minutes, take care of your neighbor's sidewalk too. Check on your elderly neighbors and see if you can pick up something at the grocery store for them. When you're making a pot of soup, set some aside and drop it off with some good bakery bread for them to enjoy. Also check on your neighbors with kids if we have a couple of snow/cold cancellation days in a row. If those parents are trapped indoors with the kids for a couple of cold days in a row, they are NOT OK and will need a break and some adult interaction! (Hint – bring some spiked cider with you!)

On top of all of the ideas above, make sure to follow the normal rules of good neighborhood living in the winter months – even when they aren't convenient. If a neighbor has worked hard to shovel out their parking spot on the street, don't take it if you haven't also shoveled out a spot. If your dog goes to the bathroom in a neighbor's yard, don't leave it for the spring thaw to be discovered in a couple of months. Pick it up even if it's hidden by the snow. If you're putting out salt on your sidewalk, maybe drop some for the neighbors as well.

It's easy to hide out indoors all winter long, but there's warmth to be found in Brighton Heights ... even in the subzero temperatures! If you do any of these activities, share pictures and stories on the neighborhood Facebook pages to inspire others!



## Chocolate House Tour

By Joe Glassbrenner

For those of you who missed the 2019 Chocolate House Tour photos were made available by The Northside Chronicle at <https://www.thenorthsidechronicle.com/on-the-scene-15th-annual-brighton-heights-chocolate-house-tour/>. The photo album can also be accessed by visiting The Northside Chronicle website under the Brighton Heights neighborhood tab. Thank you to Northside Chronicle staff and especially the day of Photographer Noah Manalo.

The House Tour planning committee is in search of volunteers for the 2020 Chocolate House Tour. Volunteering on the house tour committee could be as small as providing a hand on the date of the tour or as committed to planning and organizing the year's printed booklet. This committee has roles for any volunteer. Contact the Federation by phone or email to join the committee, volunteer a home to be on the 2020 Tour, or with any questions.

## Bright the Night

By Danielle Graham Robinson

Dear Neighbors,

You've done it again. A Bright the Night for the books! Thank you for everyone who came out, and all who helped put the BRIGHT in Brighton Heights!

First, I want to thank an amazing group of volunteers who were committed and ALL IN this year! Each volunteer brought something different and came together to raise money, gather basket items, decorate, defy gravity and overcome fears to string lights, petition vendors, get permits, raise money, post on social media, brainstorm, and so. Much. More! Without you, Bright the Night is a mere flicker.

Second, I want to thank all the community members who came out and shared the joy, support local businesses, sang carols, and marched with Colonel Eagleburgers, the BEST high stepping, good time band in town!!

Then of course, I must thank our sponsors. You all went above and beyond to make this happen. Millers Seafood House, OrionVega Media, Howard Hanna Shadyside, eXp Realty Wexford, Let's Cut a Deal Tree Trimmers, California Cycle Path, California Coffee Bar, Adam Ravenstahl's office, Emmanuel Christian Church, Greater Allen AME Church, and Cheryl Cappelzutti and all the individuals who donated time and treasures! (This is when I panic over the possibility of forgetting someone!)

In short, none of this happens if we don't come together!! Thank you for making my last go of this such a blast!

## Welcome, Monique Flowers!

By Danielle Graham Robinson



A few months back, I met Monique while taking care of some office duties. She came in to the BHCF office

and in the first five seconds of meeting her, I could sense her dynamic and hospitable personality. When you often find yourself in the position of looking for fellow volunteers and community leaders, you know what I mean when I say that my first reaction to her was, "We need you here." As it turns out she was visiting the Federation office to meet with the president and to learn more about what we do. She was born and raised on the Northside, had just moved back to Brighton Heights, and wanted to make sure she was in the know.

Monique also told me that she was the director, producer and host of Informing Pittsburgh, a local community talk show that promotes positive change in our neighborhood and city (It airs on PCTV, channel 21 or Verizon channel 47) which put my "We NEED her here!" radar on full blast. Our board president gave her the one year membership as a new resident, and we chatted some more. During that time I did ask her to consider volunteering with Federation. I might have even asked her to join the board at that time, I can't remember. I told her that she'd need to attend meetings and have a current membership (she already had that). Over the course of the next few months, she came to every meeting. She became acquainted with the ins and outs of our general membership meetings and she was very open to getting more involved.

When it came time to nominate new board members, nominating Monique was a no-brainer. What neither of us realized at the time she was nominated or voted, in was that Monique made history on the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation as the first Black Woman to serve on the board ever in its 52 years of existence. The BHCF has done some amazing things for this neighborhood. We've helped accomplish a lot of things in Brighton Heights but we haven't always represented everyone who lives here. My hope is that this new day for the Federation marks a trend that inspires all of our neighbors to get involved, attend meetings, become members, volunteer on a committee, and join the board!

Congrats Monique on this amazing FIRST!!

# From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Here's a sample of some of the programs and services available at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Woods Run.

We hope to see you soon!

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

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**PHONE:** 412-761-3730  
**EMAIL:** woodsrun@carnegielibrary.org  
**WEBSITE:** www.carnegielibrary.org/clp\_location/woods-run/

*For a complete schedule of all events, please see our online calendar: [www.carnegielibrary.org/clp\\_location/woods-run/](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/woods-run/)*

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

### CHESS CLUB

**THURSDAYS | 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

Play a competitive game with your peers or learn the game from the beginning. Chess Club is for all ages and skill levels.

### GAMING WITH VIRTUAL REALITY!

**FRIDAYS | 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

Get your game on! Relax, connect with friends and show off your mad gaming skills.

### 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](http://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

### STORYTIME: TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL TALES THURSDAYS | 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Get up and get moving with interactive stories, songs and rhymes. Children and adults will actively explore vocabulary and expand the imagination. For children 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers.

## FOR ADULTS

### COMPUTER HELP: ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE MONDAYS | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Get computer questions answered! Staff can provide assistance whether you need help using Microsoft Office, creating an email account, searching the internet or using an eReader. This service is by appointment only. Ask a librarian or call 412-761-3730 to make an appointment.

### LOCAL MUSIC

Discover music from Pittsburgh's vibrant, diverse local music scene with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's STACKS. STACKS offers a continuously growing collection of music from Pittsburgh artists for streaming. Tracks are available for download with a valid library card.

<https://stacks.carnegielibrary.org/>

## State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

(D) Allegheny | [www.pahouse.com/Ravenstahl](http://www.pahouse.com/Ravenstahl)

### Don't Be Left Out in the Cold: Help Available This Winter Season

We recently marked the holidays, and I hope yours were a time of joyous celebration with those you love. While the holidays mark the high point of the year for many, they also remind us of those in our community who are less fortunate.

Unfortunately, winter often brings the challenges these families face to the front. Winter heating bills, bad weather and unexpected circumstances can make it hard to make ends meet or can force a family into difficulty.

But help is available with home heating bills or water issues, and my district office can help connect families or individuals to programs that can assist with these challenges.

For example, did you know that two years ago the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority began offering help to customers with their water bills during the winter months?

Among the services offered by the program is assurance that water service will not be shutoff between December 1 and March 31 for unpaid bills. The authority also offers a bill discount program of 75 percent on fixed water and sewer charges.

There are eligibility requirements for these programs (more info at [www.pgh2o.com](http://www.pgh2o.com)), but the authority has stated that only a fraction of those who are eligible have taken advantage of these programs.

The second program I wanted to highlight is LIHEAP, which offers cash grants to help with home heating bills and crisis grants to help with emergency situations, such as a broken furnace or an unexpected fuel shortage.

Renters and homeowners who qualify can have a cash grant – which does not need to be repaid – sent directly to their utility company or fuel provider. Grants range from \$200 to \$1,000 based on household size, income and fuel type. Crisis grants are also available.

Again, this program has eligibility requirements and more information can be found at [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov), or by contacting my office.

Please, if you know of a family or someone who could benefit from one of these programs, consider sharing this information!

*Remember: my office is always here for you to help you with any state-related issues you may have. Please feel free to stop by the district office on California Avenue or call us.*

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## Christmas Tree Recycling Program

By Sarah Steers

Artificial Christmas trees are easy (some of them even come pre-lit), but some of us love the smell of the real thing – even if that means vacuuming pine needles off the carpet every day for weeks. If you're reading this newsletter, we're already well into 2020. So what can you do if you bought a fresh tree for the holidays and now need to get rid of it?

If you put your Christmas tree on the curb, it will be taken to a landfill. But the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works runs a Christmas Tree Recycling Program and it runs from December 26, 2019, through January 26, 2020 (seven days a week) from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. It provides a "sustainable alternative for residents to dispose of their trees."

First, you must remove all decorations. Then, bring it to a drop-off location. There's one right here in Brighton Heights at the Jack Stack Parking Lot (600 Brighton Woods Road). There's one more on the North Side, in Deutschtown (at the Sue Murray Swimming Pool Parking Lot).

Yes, it's a hassle to drag your tree to another location when you've already spent hours packing up all the ornaments. But every tree brought to a recycling location will be wood chipped into mulch and the City will offer free mulch to residents for four Saturdays in the spring. Participating in this program will keep a tree out of a landfill – over 21 tons of trees were diverted last year. And gardeners will be thrilled to use your Christmas mulch in the spring!



PHOTO BY NIKA AKIN ON UNSPLASH



# 2020 CALENDAR

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Jan. 1 ..... New Year's Day  
 Jan. 2 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Jan. 9 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 Jan. 20 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Jan. 25 ..... Lunar New Year

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Feb. 2 ..... Groundhog Day  
 Feb. 6 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Feb. 14 ..... Valentine's Day  
 Feb. 17 ..... President's Day  
 Feb. 26 ..... Ash Wednesday

MARCH						
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Mar. 5 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Mar. 8 ..... Daylight Savings Begins  
 Mar. 12 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 Mar. 17 ..... St. Patrick's Day  
 Mar. 19 ..... First Day of Spring

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Apr. 2 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Apr. 5 ..... Palm Sunday  
 Apr. 8 ..... Passover Begins  
 Apr. 10 ..... Good Friday  
 Apr. 12 ..... Easter Sunday  
 Apr. 25 ..... Earth Day Clean-up

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May 2 ..... Rt 65 WPACons Planting  
 May 7 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 May 9 ..... Prep Day Flower Planting  
 May 10 ..... Mother's Day  
 May 14 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 May 16 ..... Spring Flower Planting  
 May 22 ..... Flag Planting Highwood Cem.  
 May 25 ..... Memorial Day

JUNE						
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Jun. 4 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Jun. 20 ..... First Day of Summer  
 Jun. 21 ..... Father's Day

JULY						
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Jul. 4 ..... Independence Day  
 \* NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING \*

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Aug. 6 ..... Board of Directors Meeting

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Sep. 3 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Sep. 7 ..... Labor Day  
 Sep. 10 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 Sep. 22 ..... First Day of Autumn

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Oct. 1 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Oct. 12 ..... Columbus Day  
 Oct. 17 ..... Fall Clean-up  
 Oct. 31 ..... BHCF Halloween Parade  
 Oct. 31 ..... Halloween

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 1 ..... Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Nov. 3 ..... Election Day  
 Nov. 5 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Nov. 11 ..... Veteran's Day  
 Nov. 12 ..... Gen. Membership Meeting/Election  
 Nov. 26 ..... Thanksgiving

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 3 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Dec. 12 ..... 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 2020.  
 If you have any events that you would like to include on 2020 calendar, please send them to us at the end of this year.

# MINUTES

## Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

### November 14, 2019

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the September 12, 2019, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

### Special Guests:

#### Pittsburgh Police

##### *Sgt. Mike Burford*

Sgt. Burford presented crime statistics for the recent month, updated members on several burglaries and took member questions concerning several issues.

#### State Representative

##### *Jake Wheatley*

##### *Boyd Graham*

Boyd reported on the Pathway to Pardon event coming up on 11/25 to help some citizens expunge their criminal records under certain circumstances.

#### State Representative

##### *Adam Ravenstahl*

##### *Vince Pallus*

Vince reported on the process for seniors to receive their new Connect Card bus passes and that the 2018 PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate program application is extended until the end of the year.

#### Carnegie Library – Woods Run

##### *Katy Critchfield*

Katy reported on new library services as well as job and career programs. She distributed flyers for these and other programs.

### BHCF Board Elections

President Vince Pallus was thanked for his eight years of service on the Board with the last six years holding the President position.

The office of President was contested by two candidates as outlined by last meeting's slate. Eligible members were given ballots as they signed in for the meeting. Danielle Graham-Robinson and Joseph Glassbrenner were each allowed to address the membership, informing them of their backgrounds and intentions for the office.

Two Board members, Bill Goodrich and Stacey Roa, who were not up for re-election this year were chosen to collect and count the ballots. The results were:

#### Officers

##### *President*

Joseph Glassbrenner

##### *Vice President*

Brendan Delaney

##### *Recording Secretary*

John Belch

##### *Corresponding Secretary*

Kate Kelley

##### *Treasurer*

Gretchen Serra

#### Directors

Alex Carrera

Monique Flowers

Elaine Gloeckner

Tim Maloney

Ray Robinson

### Report of Officers and Others:

#### President's Report

##### *Vince Pallus*

As this was Vince's last GMM as President he thanked all members and volunteers for their efforts and support over the years.

#### Vice President

Vacant.

#### Corresponding Secretary

##### *Danielle Graham Robinson*

Danielle asked for volunteers to update our membership and mailing database. New Board member Alex Carrera volunteered. She also thanked those that helped with the newsletter mailing and additional help is welcome. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 1.

#### Treasurer's Report

##### *Gretchen Serra*

Net Worth Report – As of 10/31/2019

<i>Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	
Monument	1,637.63
Operating Account	1,059.67
SSB OP Acct	12,505.09
State Grant Account	910.81
United Way	854.90
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$16,968.10</b>

A motion to accept was approved.

## Report of Committees:

### NSLC

#### *Vince Pallus and John Belch*

Vince reported that the NSLC passed a motion made by John to have the Conference write letters of support for Pittsburgh City Capital Budget items relating to Riverview Park. The projects are: Mairdale entrance renovation and stormwater retention; designing a new Division 1 Public Works depot so that it can be moved out of the park; and the initial work to design a bicycle/ pedestrian bridge to replace the old Davis Avenue bridge. A separate public meeting will be held concerning this possible bridge in the future. The annual AGH Holiday Party will be held on 12/14 and names of any neighborhood children who could benefit from this event are encouraged to be forwarded to Vince.

### Neighborhood Safety Committee

#### *Donna Kramer*

Donna reported on safe holiday shopping tips and encouraged volunteers for next year's Memorial Day committee.

### Families, Youth and Children Committee

#### *Kate Kelley*

Stacey Roa reported on the success of this year's Halloween Parade/Pumpkin Fest collaboration with Brightwood Civic Group. She is stepping down as chairperson for the parade and volunteers are always welcome.

### Gardens and Greenspaces

#### *Ed Gergerich and Stacey Roa*

Danielle Graham-Robinson presented Ed Gergerich with a certificate of appreciation for all his hard work on our neighborhood gardens. Since the Pitt student volunteers are so helpful in the gardens Kate Kelley asked for any indoor ideas for a day of service on MLK day in January.

Danielle also presented Judy Bendtsen with a certificate of appreciation for all of her volunteer hours in the BHCF office and at our special events.

### Clean-up

#### *Tim Maloney*

Earlier in the meeting Tim awarded Jessie Altman a certificate of appreciation and a gift card for his continuing Brighton Heights litter clean-up efforts, even as a nonresident of the neighborhood.

### House Tour

#### *Joe Glassbrenner*

Joe reported on the success of our tour in September and that house volunteers will be sought for next year's event.

### Bright The Night

#### *Danielle Graham-Robinson and Donna Kramer*

Danielle reported on the many activities planned for this year's festivities, to be held on December 14, including a lighted parade from Legion Park, Santa's arrival, pop-up market, karaoke contest and much more.

### Welcome

#### *Amy Zuraski-Carrera*

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

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

Joe Glassbrenner introduced traffic-calming applications which can be made to the City for problems on streets with speed limits of 25mph or less.

Cindy Ward asked about the possibility of garbage cans for the Rt 65/Brighton Heights Boulevard area which will be directed to the state and PennDOT.

### Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be January 9, 2020.

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$26 was won by Bob Haller.

Approximately 42 persons attended.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

### Respectfully submitted

*John Belch*

## Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

World-famous French biologist, Louis Pasteur, often stayed up very late doing his medical experiments, thus prompting his Mother to say, "Louie, go to sleep, it's past your bedtime."



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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New Member     Renewal  
Membership for \_\_\_\_\_ years

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

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Pay 5 years >>> get 7 years!

Family (\$10)  
 Individual (\$7.50)  
 Senior Citizen (\$5)  
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Additional Donation  
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**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
AT JOHN MORROW AUDITORIUM ON THE CORNER OF DAVIS AND FLEMING AVENUES.**

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