



Gardens and Greenspaces

by Ed Gergerich

What a crazy spring and summer! Due to COVID-19 and strange weather, our May Saturday work days didn't occur as planned. Fortunately, everything was planted, albeit later than usual. Our Flower Sale did go off as planned. I admit to being worried that we would be overwhelmed since the order form was printed in the newsletter but thanks to Stacey Roa, Tom and Marylou Kaylor, Helen Lorinc, Cheryl Capuzzi, and Jena Simpson, everything was sorted and delivered expeditiously. Thanks to everyone who ordered flowers. Look forward to ordering again next spring.



Cyclist pass the California Ave Gardens on Saturday May 30, 2020, as Garden Chairman Ed Gergerich (far) and Gabriel Glassbrenner (front) dump mulch. Volunteer Jenna Simpson (left) carries a bucket as Board Member Stacey Roa looks on.

The neighbors of the several side streets west of Brighton Road, below Legion Park have established a new community garden which they designated "Corona Corner". (Yes, there is a Corona Street in BH.) It looks great. Keep up the good work!

COVID-19 created some misfortunes for others that worked to our advantage. Phipps Conservancy couldn't hold their spring flower show so they donated a wealth of special tulips and daffodils. Since the bulbs had been refrigerated, many were still in bloom. The best is yet to come when they all bloom next spring.

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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Visit brightonheights.org for meeting details.

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

The speed at which time has passed this year has felt nothing but normal. At my last writing in May it felt as though each day was barely moving forward as we faced

so much uncertainty as a neighborhood, city, state, and nation. Now the heat of summer has turned up and flew right on by us into our fall season. This fall will not boast the usual BHCF happenings and events we are all so used to. With safety being at the forefront of our decisions in person meetings and events have all been canceled, postponed, or moved to a digital platform.

Meeting virtually may not be the preferred method for membership but with the technology afforded us it can provide some opportunity to still meet and share information with each other. The in person General Membership Meeting scheduled for September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm will be held again by the virtual zoom platform. With access to John Morrow School being restricted it is the best and safest way to meet. Membership may visit our

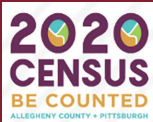
website at brightonheights.org to find a link and instructions on how to attend virtually. I thank everyone in advanced for their patience and understanding as we work to continue communication and obligations to members.

I would like to commend Stacey Roa and Ed Gergerich for directing another successful flower sale. The flower sale provided greenhouse quality plants and vegetables to many residents and offered a safer alternative to the big busy box stores as we worked to flatten the curve. This fundraiser also provided the BHCF with resources needed to purchase mulch for the community gardens during the months our city resources were unavailable due to the shutdown. I hope everyone enjoyed seeing Brighton Heights bloom.

I am proud to share Brighton Heights has led the Northside with the highest census completion rate! This shows how much our residents care and understand the importance of the 2020 Census. Our work is not quite completed until the end of September. Please continue to talk about the census to a friend or neighbor to be sure we all get counted!

Before I conclude I want to wish everyone a Happy Labor Day! I'd like to extend a thank you to all who work to make our civilized life possible. Especially those essential workers who will continue to put their own health and safety at risk in order to provide us with necessities this year.

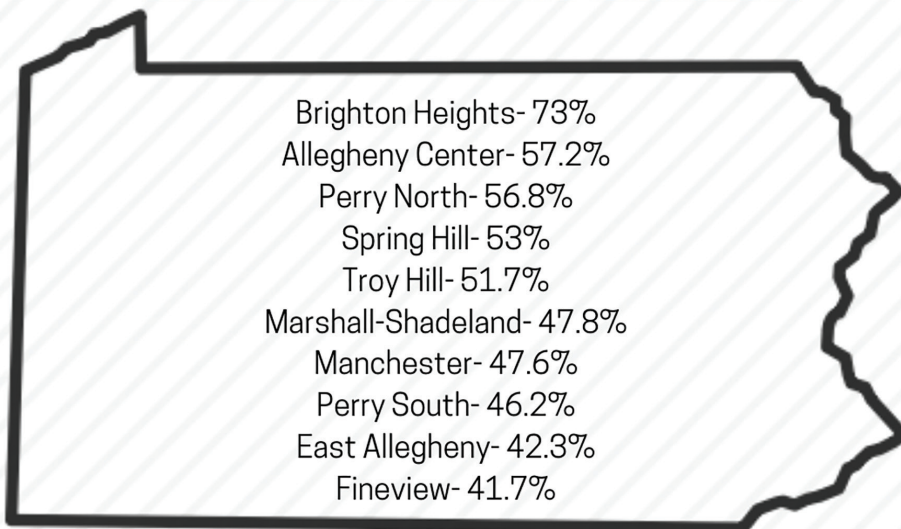
I'll see you in the neighborhood!



Northside Counts!

2020 Census Self Response Rate

Where does your neighborhood stand?



Visit 2020census.gov to fill out the 2020 Census today!

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:

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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.

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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 October 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACT: Dave Lebec, Editor

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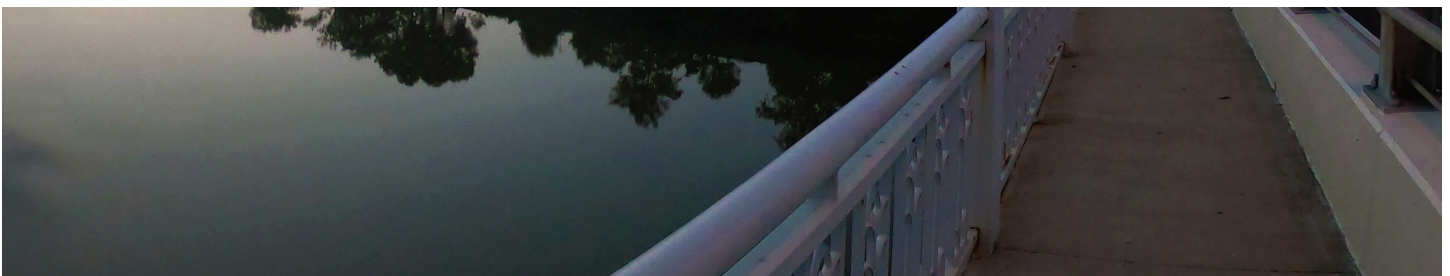
Go Green by Getting Your Newsletter by Email

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.



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The Drew Mathieson Center at Manchester Bidwell Corporation had a large cancellation of hydrangeas and hibiscuses, so they donated the flowers to non-profits like BHCF. These flowers have been added to our gardens at PA 65, Termon & California, Legion Park, Goe Avenue, and Corona Corner. The bulbs and flowers also allowed the neighbors on Harvard Circle to establish plantings at two areas on the Circle. Critical to picking these sites was a source of water and people to care for the plants. Hopefully, the tulips and hydrangeas will survive our local squirrels, rabbits, and deer. Fortunately, these critters do not find daffodils or volunteers to be edible. Special thanks to Susan Benn for transporting bulbs and plants and recruiting volunteers.

COVID has also taught me several things: If you are looking for fresh air and safe exercise, just start weeding on a community garden. Passers-by will complement you or the flowers (greatly appreciated) but maintain social distancing (heck, social isolation). Also, if you get your hands really dirty in a garden you don't have to sing "Happy Birthday" while you wash. It will take you longer than 20 seconds to get clean. I guess if you are still into music, you might try singing the national anthem, the Hallelujah Chorus" or the score from "Hamilton".

Seriously, we can always use more volunteers. Look for fall work days after the summer heat passes, times and dates to be determined. We will need to attack thistles and knotweed on the Greenup Lot before they get established, plus many other tasks as we put our beds to bed. You can also pick up litter or dig a weed at your own time and place. If you are looking for a "project", I'll be happy to show you tasks for any skill level at a community garden near you.

Be safe, be green.



Board Member Stacey Roa carries a bucket of mulch for Garden Chairman Ed Gergerich (kneeling) and volunteer Jenna Simpson to spread on Saturday May 30, 2020.

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.

From Senator Pat Toomey

CONFIRMING FEDERAL JUDGES

I am pleased the Senate has confirmed Pittsburgh native Scott Hardy to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania this week. His more than two decades of litigation experience will enable him to excel in this new role. I am confident he will be an impartial jurist who will serve the people of Pennsylvania with fairness and integrity.

Since 2011, Senator Casey and I have worked together, in a bipartisan fashion, to fill vacancies on the federal bench in Pennsylvania. Together we have now vetted, recommended, and confirmed 28 Federal District Court Judges for Pennsylvania. Only two states — New York and Texas — have had more district court judges confirmed to their federal benches during this time.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

Wearing a mask should not be controversial. Study after study affirms that wearing a mask reduces the spread of coronavirus. In late March, Senator Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and I began advocating for people to wear masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. In particular, I made direct appeals to the CDC, the White House Task Force, and even Governor Wolf to update safety guidance. Fortunately, these efforts paid off as the CDC, the Task Force, and the Wolf administration endorsed mask wearing shortly thereafter.

This week, I joined Senator Bennet in introducing a bipartisan resolution that highlights the growing evidence that wearing a mask, when social distancing is not an option, helps reduce spread of COVID-19.

As our economy continues to reopen and until a vaccine is available, wearing a face mask when you venture out is the most practical and cost-effective manner in which we, as Americans, can do our part to protect one another. Please, for the benefit of your neighbors, friends, and those who live in your community, wear a mask.

UPDATE ON COVID-19

To date, hospitals in Pennsylvania have not been overwhelmed with critically ill COVID-19 patients. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, across the state as of Friday, July 31, 2020:

- Nearly 25% of all hospital beds were available
- Over 40% of Intensive Care Unit beds were available
- 80% of ventilators were available

On that same day, positive cases in Pennsylvania numbered 112,048, roughly a 0.9% increase from the prior day, while

more than 1,104,824 tests came back negative. This means 90% of Pennsylvanians tested for COVID-19, had a result that came back negative. For the past two weeks, Pennsylvania's positivity rate has remained at roughly 6%.

While this data is encouraging, it remains important that people continue to follow CDC recommendations: adhere to social distancing guidelines, wash your hands often, and wear a mask if you are heading out. Remember: my mask protects you and your mask protects me.

For more detailed information about resources available to you, visit the COVID-19 resource page on my website: <https://www.toomey.senate.gov/?p=issue&id=62>

For further information, the [Centers for Disease Control](#) provides updates on the virus and safety information for the public and healthcare professionals. The [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) provides information on the virus and safety precautions.

I encourage all Pennsylvanians to take this situation very seriously and observe the recommendations developed by the CDC.



From the Mayor's Office

The Mayor's Office is promoting financial assistance programs for city residents and businesses affected by COVID-19 as well as establishing steps to drive real action and reform in Pittsburgh. Mayor William Peduto and the City continue to work hard to carry out these programs and other efforts that include:

- The City and the URA offering rental and business assistance programs
<https://www.ura.org/pages/covid-19>
- Allegheny County's COVID-19 financial assistance programs
<https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us>
- The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's financial assistance programs
<https://www.phfa.org/pacares>
- Keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 guidelines from the Mayor's Office COVID-19 website
<https://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/covid-updates>
- The Mayor's Community Task Force on police reform. This task force will bring diverse members with an unique lens to review current police practices, police-community-relations, state of safety in our communities, etc. They are charged with providing recommendations and implementation plans to Mayor Peduto by the fall. To provide feedback, go to:
<https://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/ctfpr-contact>
- The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) continues to outperform industry standards through its Lead Line Replacement Program. It has replaced more than 7,400 public lead service lines and more than 4,700 private lead service lines throughout Pittsburgh. PWSA is on target to replace all lead service in its water service area by 2026. For more information, go to:
<http://lead.pgh2o.com>
- The 2020 Census is happening now. You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone or by mail. To fill it out online go to:
<https://my2020census.gov>

You can complete the census online or by phone in 13 different languages. To learn how to fill it out by phone or by mail go to:

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

From State Representative Adam Ravenstahl

As always, I hope you and your family are healthy and well.

The unpredictable nature of this crisis has left many of us anxious and stressed over 'what comes next.' As we have seen, the coronavirus is not going away. After we successfully flattened the curve earlier this summer, the virus took hold in southern states, eventually returning to ours. As I write this, case numbers are again declining, leaving hope that this second wave is starting to ebb.

However, we simply do not know what lies ahead. And with an election looming in November, I am urging everyone who can to take advantage of voting by mail.

You can now apply at votespa.com for a mail-in ballot for the fall. If you are considering this (and I strongly urge you to do so), please apply sooner rather than later.

In June we led the state in the volume of mail-in ballots — more than 280,000 — and I expect that number to increase in the fall. That's a lot of ballots (and applications) for the county elections folks to process, so applying now can hopefully get you ahead of the eventual bottleneck.

In complete honesty, we don't know what November will bring in terms of the coronavirus. And just like wearing a mask, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. So please: avoid the lines, avoid the poll workers, avoid the voting booths and consider using a mail-in ballot.

It's safe, secure, simple, and simply a good idea.

Be well,
Adam

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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ADDRESS: 3689 California Ave., Pittsburgh 15212

EMAIL: RepRavenstahl@pahouse.net

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ADAM RAVENSTAHL REPRESENTS THE 20TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY.



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November Elections 2020

From the Nominating Committee

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 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.

Nominations will be presented by the Nominating Committee chair at the General Membership meeting on September 10 for 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 12 General Membership meeting which will be held remotely (details forthcoming). 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 either in person or remote. 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.

BHCF Elections and Voting Update

BHCF has held remote General Membership Meetings because of Covid-19 restrictions since May. As a result, the BHCF Board has unanimously decided to waive the requirement to attend 2 meetings prior to November to vote in our board elections. All dues-paying members as of September 10, 2020, are eligible to vote.

Bylaws Notice

As Brighton Heights Citizens Federation strives to adapt to the community's needs based on COVID -19 realities, we have had to evaluate our rules for engaging business remotely. As a result, we have proposed to amend our bylaws to accommodate these changes. Our bylaws require that General Members vote on bylaws changes and that you receive a 30 day notice prior to when the vote is to take place.

Here are the proposed changes which are in Article 3 of the bylaws, that we expect to vote on at the November General Membership Meeting:

SECTION 4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

A notice of each General Membership Meeting and each Special Meeting, stating the time and place, shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Notice can be given via newsletter, email, phone, social media post or any combination of such.

SECTION 5. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

A. Attendance at all meetings shall be open. However, voting privileges shall accrue only to Group and Individual Members whose dues have been paid for the current year, and who have attended two (2) or more regular meetings in the previous twelve (12) months. Recording of attendance at these meetings shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committee. (Board may use discretion or count virtual attendance as valid, in the event of extreme circumstances, or in the case where attending in person is not possible for the individual.)

B. Board of Director meetings and General Membership meetings may be conducted virtually with the same full privileges of in-person meetings as long as all board members and general members are included in the applicable meeting communication, and discussion on any votes to be taken can take place. Discussion on motions or roll call votes can occur over email, text, phone, or group video chat as long as a quorum is achieved.

Any questions can be sent to the Bylaws Committee Chair, Danielle Graham Robinson at bhcfpgh@gmail.com.

They Did!

by Danielle Graham Robinson

When a couple plans their wedding, it can be stressful. Finding the right venue, picking the cake design, putting the guest list together, and don't even get started on the colors and THE DRESS! For the most part though, it's a joy-filled time where friends and family come together in support of the happy couple, to send them on their new journey together.

Sometimes you may come across a global pandemic in your wedding planning, and everything you once thought or planned about your wedding goes out the window. That is what happened for Brighton Heights residents Hilary Brown and Matt Passarello.

Hilary and Matt met a few years back, and between their connections over craft cocktails, bonding over birding, and the undeniable ways they complimented each other, their friends (of which I am one) were over the moon to be part of the wedding. In March, their July 11th wedding date became an uncertainty. Eventually the original plans were canceled. The 200 invitations that were ordered were useless, and the besties had to kick it into high gear just to help the bride stay positive. This, after all, was not the way it was supposed to be!



The bride and groom decided to keep the original date, and shifted a large celebration to a small, CDC approved backyard wedding surrounded by the massive garden the couple has cultivated, filled with native plants, and their closest friends & family. There was no shortage of loveliness. Brighton Heights provided a perfect backdrop for these two love birds.

Friends came together to decorate, set up tables, do hair & make up, surprise the bride and groom with a band who played on the front street, and so much more. It was a bright spot for many in a time where bright spots are welcomed with open arms! ***Congratulations to Hilary & Matt!***



Social Distancing Plant Sharing Event

by Joseph Glassbrenner



Megan Graham delivers plants to residents Tom and Kathy Onyshko during a plant sharing event held on May 16, 2020.



Legion Park Garden Steward Kim Larsen shares vegetables with residents at a free plant sharing event on May 16, 2020.

Public Works at Marmaduke Park

by Joseph Glassbrenner



Pittsburgh Public Works Ironworker Mike (kneeling) secures grating as laborer Rich prepares hardware for repairs to the Marmaduke Park spray feature on June 15, 2020.



Pittsburgh Public Works Parks Division employee Jeff hangs a swing as Roosavonta uses a crimp tool to secure chains at Marmaduke Park when City parks reopened on June 15, 2020.

From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Hello everyone! It's that time of summer when we parents with school-age children are preparing our families for the start of a new school year. Due to the coronavirus, this school year is going to be very different for Northside families. Though a Pittsburgh City Councilman has no official role to play in the decisions made by the Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS), as a father of three young kids, I firmly believe that how we educate our children affects everything we do in City Hall to make our city a better, fairer, and more livable place for our children, our families, and our communities.

PPS faces a historic challenge: How do you safely re-open schools this fall for approximately 23,300 students, nearly 2,000 teachers, and about 1,900 full-time staff? As the coronavirus raged through southwest Pennsylvania this summer, PPS launched an "All In To Reopen Our Schools" campaign that brought together hundreds of students, parents, educators, health officials, and community organizations to make vital recommendations about this challenge. The central takeaway from these recommendations was the choice between a blended teaching model and a fully online teaching model. In the case of blended instruction, students would be split into two groups and attend classes in-person two days a week. Prior to coming to school, these students would receive a symptom screening, wear masks throughout most of the school day, and adhere to social distancing guidelines. The other three days of the week, these students' classes would be online.

Despite the best efforts of the campaign to prepare our public schools to safely reopen this fall, PPS administrators, educators, and health officials recognized that more time is needed to make a comprehensive plan for reopening schools safely and effectively. Kevin Carter, a Pittsburgh Public Schools board member, introduced a resolution to begin the first nine weeks of this school year entirely online. This resolution also asked PPS to develop a backup plan for students' parents who are essential workers and thus unable to support their child's remote learning, as well as for special education students who need specific support services and resources to succeed. At the end of July, PPS Superintendent Anthony Hamlet announced, following a unanimous vote in favor of the resolution by the PPS board, that in-person classes will be delayed for nine weeks at the start of the 2020-2021 school year and PPS would only provide remote online learning. PPS recognizes that a significant number of its households need help with childcare during the ongoing pandemic if these students are going to learn remotely. If you are a parent in this situation, I encourage you to fill out this survey for each of your children so PPS can identify and provide resources for the start of this school year.

All of PPS's education will occur via the online platform Schoology and the district will use Microsoft Teams to communicate virtually with students, teachers, and staff. PPS received federal CARES Act dollars that have allowed it to promise all students and teachers that they will each receive a computer or iPad on which to attend class and complete their work. If you are a teacher or parent of a PPS student who has not received a device from PPS by the start of this school year, please call **412-529-4357**. Please visit the website for PPS's "All In To Reopen Our Schools" at <https://www.pghschools.org/Page/5469> to see when and where to get your student's computer or iPad this month. Additionally, PPS is hosting a series of webinars for families with questions about remote online education during August. All webinars will be held on Zoom and streamed live on Facebook and PPS's website, under "Upcoming Events." Participants will get a brief presentation and have the opportunity to ask questions. These webinars will cover topics like technology, transportation, classroom safety, the mental health needs of students, and access to healthy food during this pandemic. I invite you to attend these webinars and learn how PPS is preparing to start the 2020-2021 school year online.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact my office if you have any other questions, concerns, or stories. You can call my office, email us or find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

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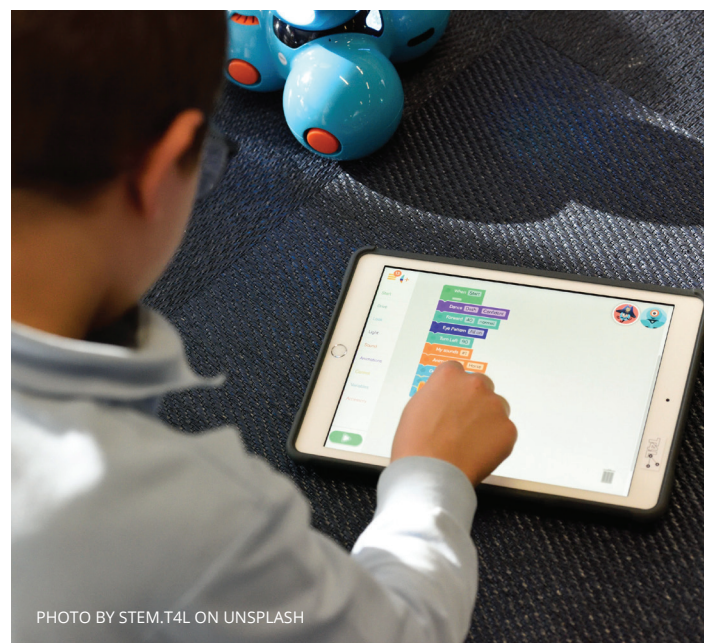


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A Cleaner Future

by Tim Maloney

I can guarantee you that a global pandemic was not on anyone's goal setting list for 2020. Sickness, death and economic disruption are here for the unforeseeable future. We are living in a crisis none of us has ever seen and there is no quick way out. You may have heard the quote, "You never let a serious crisis go to waste." During a time of crisis, we have an opportunity to do things that you could not do before. Working from home was always something companies discussed, but few participated in on a large scale. Now it has become normal and here is to stay in one form or another. There will be many benefits that come from this crises and improvements in the cleaning industry will be one of them.

The cleaning industry has never been in the spotlight like it is now. Everyone is concerned about their homes and offices being cleaned and disinfected properly. You can hardly read an article or watch a news segment without cleaning being mentioned. This is good news for everyone. With the hyper awareness of cleaning, it is forcing owners of cleaning businesses to re-examine their cleaning methods and improve their standards and best practices. Some cleaning companies won't survive this demand for better cleaning. They either don't have the desire or won't obtain the knowledge to make the necessary changes. It will be survival of the fittest making the next generation of cleaning services even better.

Cleaning companies will have to pay more attention to the various types of disinfectant products and how to properly use them. Most products that are disinfectant in nature will kill the Coronavirus. Pardon the dive into the weeds, but I think it is necessary to explain how to kill this virus.

"A Coronavirus is what's called an envelope virus and that means it has an outer envelope that's composed of proteins and a fatty material called a lipid, and it's that outer layer that makes it relatively simple to kill with most disinfectants, compared to other viruses that don't have that envelope."
– Dr Richard Lowe, a scientist for Clorox Industries

This is one good thing about the virus - it is easy to remove and kill. That doesn't mean you should settle for just any disinfectant. If you are using a disinfectant in food areas, daycare or animal facilities, you need to use a disinfectant that is safe for those areas. In addition to paying more attention to the type of disinfectant, cleaning companies will need to understand how to use the products. There is a "kill" time for all disinfecting products. This must be adhered to or it will be ineffective in killing the virus. It also depends on how the product is used. If you are using a microfiber cloth or cellulose/cotton blend and spraying the

cloth with the disinfectant, it doesn't need to sit for the kill time. The dampened cloth will remove the virus from the surface. However, one can only use the same cloth for a limited number of surfaces. A good rule of thumb would be changing the cloth every 15-30 minutes depending on the quantity of surfaces being wiped. After a certain point, the cloth becomes a mechanism to transfer germs and viruses from one surface to another rather than removing them.

Another area for improvement in the cleaning industry is employee training. This is long overdue. Now more than ever it is important that team members know how to properly use chemicals, cleaning cloths, mops and other products and equipment. This is especially true when it comes to disinfecting as discussed above. As an industry, we cannot risk spreading the virus by not properly training our team members on how to do so. Training should be done in a 3 -step process. First, as soon as you hire a team member, have them watch demonstration training videos either in the office or at their home. It should be easy for them to access either on a PC or Smartphone. Also, have them take a quiz as they watch the videos, so they learn it better and prove they actually watched them. Next, use in-person training by a supervisor or manager demonstrating what they would have seen on the videos. Finally, follow up a couple of weeks later and observe how they are doing things. Using these steps will reinforce the learning process and enable your team members to put procedures into practice with confidence.

Last, but not least, is the need for constant communication with your employees. This includes checking in with them and asking how they are doing, relaying information about any changes or requests from the client and reiterating your procedures and processes. Using a variety of methods to communicate is important as well: in-person site visits by a supervisor or manager, phone calls, texts and emails. Many employees in the cleaning industry are by themselves or with one other person and they don't have a lot of contact with management. I believe that touching base often is needed to keep your team members on track and feeling part of something bigger than themselves. Getting them to buy into what you're trying to accomplish is crucial to your success and meeting the needs of your clients.

If we take advantage of this crises, the cleaning industry has an opportunity to shine! It is going to take persistent effort and ingenuity to make it happen. We owe it to our clients, our team members and ourselves to do this. This is the time to implement good policies and procedures and change the bad ones. I am excited to be part of this "cleaner future" and hope you are as well!

From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

Though our buildings may be closed, the Library is still here for you! We are now open for curbside pick-up, materials return, printing and outdoor WiFi use. Curbside locations are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. You are able to search and request items through the Library catalog or by calling your local branch, so stop by to pick up something new!

From remote one-on-one assistance with career services and digital literacy to virtual storytimes, book clubs, genealogy help and social service referrals, CLP staff is here to help even if we can't be together in our physical locations. You can also browse CLP's eResources collection to stream and download eAudioBooks, eBooks, magazines, TV shows, comics, music and online learning services on your computer or mobile device. Go to carnegielibrary.org/services/virtual/ to see all the ways the Library can support you virtually.

CLP is committed to a slow and safe return to in-person services. Until our locations open again, we look forward to connecting and discovering with you, no matter where you are!

Best Wishes,
Your Friends at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

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Northside Food Pantry: Bags Needed!

The Northside Food Pantry serves food insecure neighbors from Pittsburgh's Northside neighborhoods, including Brighton Heights. Due to changes in COVID procedures, they are in need of reusable shopping bags. Do you have a stash of promotional reusable bags in your closet that you'd like to donate? You can take them to the Pantry during daylight hours (**1601 Brighton Rd., Pittsburgh PA 15212**) or do a contact-less drop off to the front porch of Linda Ehrlich (**3624 Fleming Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212**).

Besides reusable bags, the Pantry can use the silver insulated bags (Whole Foods delivery), thicker plastic bags (used by Aldi delivery and Target pick up), and the double stacked paper bags (Trader Joes shopping). The traditional, thin plastic bags are too flimsy and should not be dropped off.

Please direct questions to foodpantryadvisors@gmail.com

Thank you!

House Tour Committee Meeting

by Seth McClarey and Danny Phistry

A house tour committee meeting was held in mid-June and with safety in mind, the coordinators and committee members decided to forego a house tour for this year, following suit with other house tours in the area. Going forward, we decided that this opens a door to pick a new time of year for the 2021 house tour and future tours going forward, most likely in the mid- to late-spring. Moving it from September will allow us to plan a date much further in advance and also we will not have to plan around the Steelers' schedule as has been the case in recent years. The actual date is yet to be determined, but some ideas were tossed around such as the Sunday following Mother's Day, or the Sunday before or after Memorial Day. That being said, suggestions for dates are welcomed. As always, volunteers interested in having their home in a spring 2021 house tour are encouraged to reach out to us through contacting the BHCF office.



Dek-Hockey

by Rachel Rennebeck

Team Pittsburgh is a Dek-Hockey organization that enables competitive play for ages 4-21 and promotes two programs. We have a travel program that promotes competitive teams to tournaments both regionally and nationally.

We also provide an in-house program for kids who are just starting or who just want to get out and play the great game of hockey. Some of the USA's greatest Dek-Hockey players have grown up and developed in our organization, starting with the in-house program.

The Fall session will tentatively start around beginning of October. There is an early bird special of \$55 for Penguin-Freshman divisions until August 31 at 11:59 p.m. After August 31 the registration will be \$65. Please visit TeamPGH.com for details and to register for your division this fall.

MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

Due to the restrictions during the COVID -19 pandemic, this meeting was held online using the Zoom platform. The public was invited to participate via computer or phone by a notice in the newsletter, website and social media accounts.

May 14, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the March 12, 2020, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Sgt. Mike Burford

Sgt. Burford reported on the rise in thefts and mental health issues during the pandemic restrictions. He detailed arrests for theft from vehicles and took questions from members concerning how police resources are being used at this time. He reported that community officers Peyton and Wright are available for small deliveries of essential items to seniors and others who need assistance.

City Councilman Bobby Wilson

Councilman Wilson and his chief of staff Mohammed Burney briefed members on the City's response to the COVID -19 virus pandemic and resources that his office has to provide assistance. He also reported that the City View Church is responding to basic needs that low income seniors have. He gave an update on this year's paving schedule and encouraged members to complete the US Census. The Councilman also reported that money has been budgeted for the refurbishment of the

memorials in Legion Park. The work was to be completed before Memorial Day but has been postponed to the summer. He then led a discussion concerning abandoned cars on public streets and the removal process that was of interest to many members.

State Representative

Adam Ravenstahl

Representative Ravenstahl and his chief of staff Vince Pallus briefed members on the region's move to the "Yellow" phase of pandemic restrictions and the current budget process. He gave more information on the unemployment compensation process and stated that his office is ready to assist any resident in this area of concern. He also urged residents to apply for the vote by mail option as limited polling stations (1 site for 4 wards in the Northside) will create hardships on Primary Election Day.

Pittsburgh Public Safety

John Tokarski

John reiterated the rise in thefts during this time and reported that the Citizen Police Academies had just started when the pandemic hit. It is possible that a Zoom online version may be implemented to finish this class. All city-wide public safety meetings have been canceled and the National Night Out has been moved from August 2 to October 6.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

Joe reported that the Memorial Day event has been canceled as well as the cemetery flag placing prior to the day. A virtual Memorial Day will be held online, sponsored by the City and will stream from Soldiers and Sailors Hall.

Vice President

Brendan Delaney

Brendan had no report.

Corresponding Secretary

Kate Kelley

Not present.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Serra

Net Worth Report – As of 4/30/20

In Gretchen's absence, John Belch read the financial report.

<i>Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	
Monument	1,637.63
Wesbanco OP Acct	12,900.12
SSB OP Acct	22,182.12
State Grant Acct	915.81
United Way	933.34
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$38,569.02

A motion to accept was approved.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

John Belch and Vince Pallus

Vince reported that the past two board meetings had been canceled and a Zoom meeting has been planned for June. The office is staffed and working under the restriction guidelines. Deutchstown Music Festival, Sandwich Week and other events have been canceled. Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors but the annual dinner will be postponed if not canceled.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

Donna had no additional report after Police and Public Safety guests.

Families, Youth and Children Committee

Kate Kelley

Not present.

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich and Stacey Roa

Stacey reported on the spring flower sale deliveries occurring today and asked members to contact Ed and look for information on our website and social media on how to volunteer safely with our community gardens.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

Tim reported on an ongoing event on our website which encourages residents to "Adopt-A Block" and pick up litter through out the summer season.

House Tour

Seth McClarey and Daniel Phistry

Seth reported that a final decision for this year's tour will be made by the end of June. If it is canceled we will try to make a permanent move to a spring time date for this event.

Land Use

Alex Carrera

Alex reported that the PWSA has a preliminary site plan for their work on the St Johns site and the committee is working on finalizing rehabilitation plans for houses we own on California and Fleming Avenues.

Memorial Day

Joe Brown

As reported by President Glassbrenner the event is canceled for this year.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Board member Stacey Roa reiterated that those residents in need of assistance during this pandemic period should reach out and our office number and email will be checked for those requests.

Bridge City Church is sponsoring a food distribution this Saturday.

Allegheny Center Alliance Church has a lunch program for public school students Monday-Friday.

Also public school student families can apply for additional Pandemic EBT benefits for additional grocery help.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be September 10, 2020.

Unfortunately no 50/50 raffle was possible.

Approximately 36 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

By what manner did Dr. Brown cure his patient who had a bad hip?

Hypnosis.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S)

DATE

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New Member Renewal
Membership for _____ years

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

Pay 3 years >>> get 4 years!

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

Membership is also available online at www.brightonheights.org

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

MEETING WILL BE BROADCAST VIA ZOOM. VISIT WWW.BRIGHTONHEIGHTS.ORG FOR DETAILS.

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