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CITIZENS REPORT

November 2020

BRIGHT THE NIGHT

Bright the Night 2020 is going to look a little different this year, but we are excited to bring some joy and sparkle to the neighborhood in a safe, physically distant way!

We will Light the Tree at Legion Park which you are invited to watch live on Facebook (and possibly Zoom, details TBA), or from your car, AND we are offering a Let's Get Lit! Decorated House Tour!

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SAVE THE DATE!
DECEMBER 5
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Visit brightonheights.org for meeting details.

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing the beautiful fall foliage our City Parks and area greenspaces has had to offer, especially the wooded areas of Riverview Park.

Before temperatures turn too cold I would recommend those able to take advantage of any mild days to walk a park, see a BHCF greenspace or plan a social distancing visit to a friend or neighbor in need. Here in Brighton Heights we are blessed with a great community and many spaces to enjoy.

One area the BHCF will bring some light to again this year is Legion Memorial Park and it's nearly 60-ft. pine tree at the intersection of Brighton Road and Shadeland Avenue. The lights shining from the tree are made possible by many hands. Board member Donna Kramer has requested funds to purchase new energy efficient LED holiday lights to decorate the tree this year. Councilman Wilson has used funds allocated to Legion Park to provide a new electrical outlet at the base of the tree to make the operation much easier and more accessible. For a second year in a row resident and business owner Rick Quigley has volunteered his crew and the use of his bucket truck to string the lights from top to bottom of the tree. I'd like to thank everyone involved for supporting the BHCF!

At the BHCF Board of directors meeting on September 3, 2020, a motion was approved to form a new committee. The new committee will be a voice for those who, at times, cannot speak for themselves. The new committee is the

"Animal Wellness Committee". The chairwoman is Dina Serpa, Brighton Heights resident and Animal Control Officer with the City of Pittsburgh. I thank Dina for stepping into this role and ask individuals interested in joining the Committee to contact the Federation by phone or email to be added to the list. The Committee is in its beginning stages and will be discussing the greatest needs for animals and owners in our neighborhood.

In addition, the BHCF will be holding its Election process for Board of Directors. Please find your ballot and return envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Instructions to vote for your candidates are provided on page 7.

On the subject of the newsletter, I want to acknowledge a pair of dedicated individuals whose names are listed on page 3. Dave Lebec, our Editor, is tasked with receiving all article submissions, reviewing articles for appropriate content, and making any corrections. Erin Marie Yourd, our Copy Editor, is also responsible for corrections and revisions as well as the crucial task of putting everything together electronically. Erin's IT proficiency produces a final product the BHCF can distribute and be proud of! Five times a year they work together to help guide our letter to success every time it's printed.

Last, I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving on November 26 as well as a blessed Holiday Season this year. As always never hesitate to contact the BHCF for any community issue or if you find yourself in need.

I'll see you in the neighborhood!

Neighborhood Crime Information

If any member of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation would like specific information regarding the criminal activity in or neighborhood, you have two sources at your disposal:

- You are invited to attend regular meetings at the Northside Public Safety Council held the first Thursday of each month. They are held at the Manchester Citizen's Corporation Building located 1319 Allegheny Avenue. You may also obtain this information by logging onto the Police website at <http://communitysafety.pittsburghpa.gov/>. The next meeting will be held in November.

- You are invited to attend the Federation general membership meetings every second Thursday usually located in the auditorium of John Morrow School. Police officers from Zone 1 provide a comprehensive list of every crime that occurs within our neighborhood. The next scheduled meeting will also be held in November.

The best way to prevent crime in our neighborhood is to become involved.

Do You Have a New Neighbor?

If so, let us know, BHCF will give them a one year free membership and send them a newsletter for a year. And if you would like to write something about Brighton Heights, please feel free to send your article to:

BHCF Newsletter
3629 California Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Or E-Mail it to Editor, Dave Lebec
submissions@brightonheights.org

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The United Way #188

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation is a United Way agency. You can make a donation to the Federation by choosing #188 on your donation form. All United Way donations are used exclusively for children's activities such as the Halloween Parade.

Any member making a United Way donation receives free membership in the Federation. Usually paperwork does not catch up to us until the year after the donation.

Membership Renewal

Check the date after your name on your mailing label and make sure your membership is up to date. If it is not, please renew your membership now, either by sending in a renewal with the form on the back of the newsletter, or by going to our website online and renewing it by PayPal.

BHCF Information List	
BHCF Answer Line:	412-734-0233
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ALCOSAN (odor control)	412-766-9445
Allegheny Co Health Dept	412-578-8390
Animal Control	412-255-2036 (before 3 p.m.) 412-255-2935 (after 3 p.m.)
Building Inspection	412-255-2176
Building Permits:	412-255-2175
Burned Out Street Light	412-255-5483
City Council Office	412-255-2142
City Council Rep for BH	412-255-2135
City Planning	412-255-2200
Emergency	911
Environmental Services	412-255-2780
Graffiti in the neighborhood You are a direct victim Graffiti Busters (will remove it) Graffiti Watch	311 911 412-255-2872 412-255-2272
Litter Hot Line (PA State)	888-548-8372
Mayor's Office	412-255-2626
Mayor's Response Line	311
Organized Crime, Narcotics, and Intelligence Division (ONI)	412-665-4300
Parking Authority	412-560-7275
Pittsburgh School Police Police - Zone 1	412-622-3520 412-323-7201
Public Works	412-255-2790
Refuse/Recycling	412-255-2773



Neighborhood Safety

Please remember to close and lock all windows and doors when you are away from home. Call 911 to report any suspicious person, activity or vehicle to the police. Do not leave anything of value within eye sight in your car especially money, cell phone, camera, keys, wallet or purse. Always remember to lock your car. Take valuables with you when leaving your car.

Nextdoor Pittsburgh

Have you joined our online neighborhood? Nextdoor is a private community network that let's you meet and coordinate with neighbors, the Mayor of Pittsburgh, and other community resources. Check out how Brighton Heights and its members are using Nextdoor to create volunteer engagement and change in the neighborhood on our website at brightonheights.org

Interested in Sharing a Story with Your Community?

Submit your story in less than 250 words using the submission link on the brightonheights.org homepage.

Newsletter Submissions Deadline

This is a reminder that the deadline for your entry to the Brighton Heights Newsletter is approaching. Please submit your article to me as a Word doc attachment no later than December 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACT: Dave Lebec, Editor

EMAIL: submissions@brightonheights.org

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Subscribe to our e-newsletter and receive your Brighton Heights updates by email. You can either go to <http://eepurl.com/R7xc5> and fill out the form, or you can email us at bhcfpgh@gmail.com with your name, email, home address, and phone number, and we'll add you to the list! If you are fancy, scan the QR code to the right and fill out the form.



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.

Gardens and Greenspaces

by Ed Gergerich

Happy November! It is late September as I write this. I expect that during October we were able to pull out our spent annuals and attack the worst of our weeds before they went to seed. With 2020 winding down, it's not too early to begin planning our gardens for 2021:

1 We will do our Spring Flower Sale again in 2021. Details will follow in the March newsletter, but expect that the assortment of flowers available will be similar to this year with an order deadline in April and delivery in mid-May. The flower sale is a nice fundraiser for BHCF and also allows us to purchase our community garden annuals at wholesale price, to say nothing of the benefits to our home gardens. Also, keep your eyes out for a BHCF fundraiser of holiday wreaths and poinsettias. Info should be available soon if not in this very newsletter.

2 Expect that May will be a month of preparation and planting activity at our gardens, but also expect that some prep work will occur as soon as the weather breaks. It's never too early to clean up litter and, if the weather allows, transplant perennials, trim shrubs and grasses, or dig weeds that overwintered.

3 We do need people to step forward as stewards for some of our gardens. A steward doesn't have to do everything but rather serves as the go-to person for that garden. A steward generally decides the type of plants for the garden, does as much or as little of the physical labor as they want, and schedules others to help if needed. Currently, Kim Larson serves as steward for Legion Park and coordinates a dedicated group who plants, weeds, and waters our garden gem. I handle the three Termon & California Avenues and PA 65 Gardens. Susan Benn handles the Goe Garden and coordinates the Harvard Circle plantings. Sue and Tim Maloney are my go-to people for Corona Corner. Recently, Cas and Steph Olszewski of California Avenue have stepped up to steward the Allegheny Mountains Garden at California Avenue opposite Benton Avenue. Someone (?) also appears to be taking care of the Antrim Street Rain Garden. Please let me know who you are so we can provide transplants if needed and let you know when things like the Phipps bulbs or Drew Mathieson hydrangeas and hibiscuses or other donations become available. That leaves the Great Wall along Brighton Heights Blvd. (mostly organizing litter cleanup and occasional weed control as a community project),

the planter boxes at the Kaboom Playground and the McClure Garden opposite Young's Tavern. Ideally, the steward lives near the garden to keep an eye out for what is needed, but this is not a requirement as our former steward for the McClure garden lived in Ross Township. Gardening expertise is also not required, just a desire to get involved.

4 Due to job changes, Stacey Roa is leaving the BHCF Board. I can generally attend a Board meeting if necessary, but it is nice to have a Board member on the G & G committee to keep us posted on general business and/or concerns. Stacey expects to stay involved with the flower sale and other events as her work allows. Thank you, Stacey, for all that you and your family have done for our gardens over the past several years.

5 We could use somebody with some plumbing skills to help with a few minor repairs to our water sources at our 3 T & C gardens.

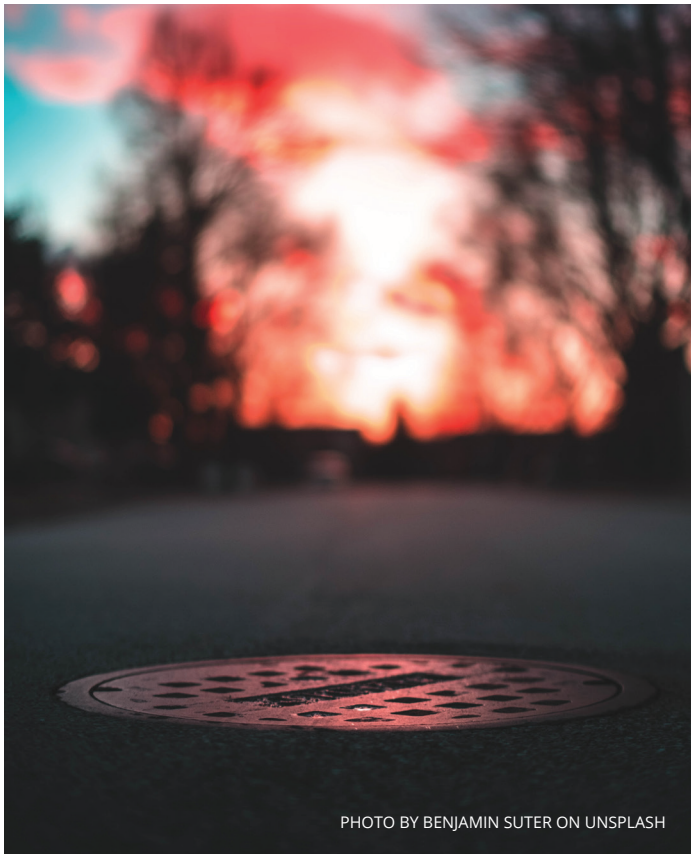
6 Since I am a hunt and peck typist with over 19,000 unread e-mails, we could also use someone to send out work day notices and the like to volunteers via Facebook, Next Door, etc. If you are interested, I promise to not make you dance on TikTok.

Finally, with the gardens down for the winter, you may need to do something for fresh air and exercise to keep those gardening muscles toned. How about cleaning snow from your neighbor's sidewalk? We have a lot of school kids and pedestrians in BH. I'm sure they and their pooches as well as your neighbors will appreciate it.

Be safe, be green.



PHOTO BY NESLIHAN GUNAYDIN ON UNSPLASH



Land Use Update

by Alex Carrera

On Monday, October 5, Joe Glassbrenner and I joined Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Watershed Task Force to walk through Woods Run. Starting at the site of the defunct SCI Pittsburgh, we discussed issues ranging from uses for the SCI site to storm water handling in the Woods Run Corridor.

At the event, PWSA representatives explained the impact of Alcosan’s approved Consent Decree on PWSA’s planned CSO (combined sewer overflow) projects, which includes the St. John’s site on McClure Avenue. With the approval of the Alcosan Consent decree, PWSA’s projects are no longer deemed necessary to prevent sewage overflows due to inclement weather and PWSA’s plans for the McClure Ave site have been put on hold for the time being.

While Alcosan’s Clean Water Plan is expected to improve their ability to handle larger inflows of water, there is the potential that localized flooding and stormwater backups still exist in Brighton Heights. In order to determine the current impact of sewage issues in the area, PWSA has created a survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7KTZBKM>, to gather feedback from residents of Brighton Heights. Please go to the link and fill out the survey, as we need responses to enable discussions with PWSA to finalize plans for the site and other watersheds.

REAL ID Is Back — And Here’s What You Need To Know

by Representative Adam Ravenstahl

Hello. I’ve received a number of questions on this topic, and so I wanted to let people know the latest about REAL ID.

This program was suspended during the worst of the COVID pandemic but is now back open for applications.

The new deadline to obtain a REAL ID is now October of next year (2021). REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states, like Pennsylvania, issue driver’s licenses and ID cards if they’re going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic airline flight or entering a military base or federal facility that requires ID.

Beginning on October 1, 2021, you will need to have a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or ID card, a valid U.S. Passport or military ID in order to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a secure federal facility (including a military installation).

You DO NOT need a REAL ID to enter the post office. REAL ID is optional; it is not required for any Pennsylvania resident. You can obtain a REAL ID driver’s license or ID card or a standard driver’s license or identification card through PennDOT.

More information on REAL ID can be found at www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID or by contacting any of my district offices.

As always, if you have questions about this or any other state-related matter, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

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





November BHCF Board of Directors Election

At the September General Membership meeting, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors election, which is to be held in November. Those nominated were Bill Goodrich, Donna Kramer, Danielle Graham-Robinson, Janice Johns-Engelman, Robert Haller, Daniel Phistry and Stacey Berkebile. Nominations from the floor were requested and none were presented, closing the slate. This means that there are six candidates for five Board of Director positions.

At the October Board of Directors meeting, there was a discussion regarding how to conduct November's Board election. At that meeting, the Board of Directors passed a motion to have the November election conducted by mail using a ballot contained in the November newsletter. The adopted motion also provided that the ballots must be postmarked by November 19 and will be counted by the Nominating committee the week of November 30.

Please look for an insert in this issue of the newsletter to obtain and submit your votes for the November BHCF Board of Directors election.

PLEASE Refrain from Feeding Squirrels

by Ester White

Squirrels can travel within a 5-mile radius. They bury nuts in yards and flower pots. Since toddlers pick up everything and many children have nut allergies, please refrain from sharing any nuts with squirrels in your neighborhood.

Bylaws

Please be advised that the Bylaws Committee will be proposing a vote to amend the bylaws so we can hold meetings and votes remotely. All dues-paying members can vote. The vote will take place during our next General Membership meeting by roll call vote.

Get Stuffed with Love at Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving 2020

Rotary Clubs of Bethel-St Clair and Northern Allegheny and Holy Assumption of St. Mary Orthodox Church are partnering again this year to cook and assemble meals while Pittsburgh Police officers will deliver food on Thanksgiving Day. Over the past 17 years, this event has gone from feeding 250 people who are homeless, shut-ins, disabled, and in need to over 3,800 people and the numbers keep growing!

If you need a meal, just contact your local police zone officer! ***Deadline date to call in a meal is Friday, November 20, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS so please call now!***

If you don't need a meal, but would like to donate, please make checks payable to "The Rotary Club of Bethel-St Clair" and write "Thanksgiving" in the memo. Checks should be mailed to ***SSB Bank, Attn: Heather Dieckmann, 8700 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.***

Zone 1	Officer Sylvester Wright Officer Darrick Payton	sylvester.wright@pittsburghpa.gov darrick.payton@pittsburghpa.gov	412-323-7201
Zone 2	Officer Antoine Davis Officer Eldridge Kimbrough	antoine.davis@pittsburghpa.gov eldridge.kimbrough@pittsburghpa.gov	412-255-0782 (sub station from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.) or 412-255-2828
Zone 3	Officer Christine Luffey	christine.luffey@pittsburghpa.gov	412-488-8425
Zone 4	Officer Victoria Butch	victoria.butch@pittsburghpa.gov	412-422-6559
Zone 5	Officer Michael Gay	michael.gay@pittsburghpa.gov	412-665-3770
Zone 6	Officer Bill Deschon	william.deschon@pittsburghpa.gov	412-937-3051

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE ...

We will distribute a map, which will also serve as your ballot. The maps will be offered for free, and for donation levels as a fundraiser for the BHCF. All returned maps/ballots will be entered into raffles for all kinds of fun prizes! YOU will be able to drive around the neighborhood, take in the sights, and vote for your faves!

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- Favorite Individual Home
- Favorite Apt Windows
- Favorite Business/Church
- Favorite Block
(Yes, get your entire block involved!)
- Grand Prize: The Griswold Award
(For the most lights!)

TO ENTER

To enter the decorating contest, please fill out the form attached on the next page and drop it off in the mail slot at our office located at **3629 California Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212**. Or you can visit our website (www.brightonheights.org) or Facebook page to fill out a Google form.

SPONSORS

We are looking for sponsors to help us light the tree at Legion Park. If you are interested, please contact Donna Kramer at **412-766-6546**.

ADVERTISING

If you'd like to purchase ad space in the map/ brochure, contact Danielle Graham Robinson by phone (text preferred) at **412-818-7326**. Half page ad is \$50, full page \$75, Website posts and Social Media mention on our boosted Facebook posts from November 5 to December 5 are \$100 each.

UPDATES

Please check our Facebook page at facebook.com/brightonheights or our website at www.brightonheights.org for updates!

In the meantime ...

SAVE THE DATE!

December 5, 2020

- 6:00 p.m.
Tree lighting
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Let's Get Lit!
House Decorated
House Tour!





LET'S GET LIT! DECORATED HOUSE TOUR!

SPREAD JOY AND CHEER! NOT GERMS!

**SIGN
UP
HERE**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Competition Category: (circle all that apply)!

*House

*Apartment

*Business

*House of worship



**DROP OFF OR MAIL THIS FORM TO THE BHCF OFFICE
AT 3629 CALIFORNIA AVE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15212**

**You can also sign up using google forms:
<https://forms.gle/DAS5QLqpbY7dwcM6A>**

DEADLINE IS NOON, NOV 21, 2020

It is Time to Come “Clean” About Coronavirus and Transmission from Hard Surfaces

by Tim Maloney

You have probably seen an article or two about the Coronavirus and how it can be transmitted from a hard surface to a person. This could happen if an individual touched the surface and then touched their eyes, nose, or mouth. Is this really occurring or is it just speculation? I think it is time we examine the facts about how likely this could actually occur.

A chart posted in August by the Cleveland Clinic showed how long the virus can stay on a surface: Glass – 5 days. Wood – 4 days. Plastic and stainless steel – 3 days. Cardboard less than 24 hours. Cloth surfaces or carpeting – possibly hours.

At first glance, this seems to be alarming. Dig a little deeper and you will find that it is very unlikely that the virus will be transferred from a hard surface to a person. “Viruses cannot survive without a living host and the virus starts to die very quickly on a hard surface”, says infectious disease expert, Dr. Esper. There may be a trace of the virus after a few hours or days, but it is thousands of times less than what was originally deposited on the surface from the start. If you want to dig even deeper to see this study, visit <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2004973>

Just because the virus is detectable on a surface does not mean there is enough of it to make someone sick. Scientists are still trying to figure out what the infectious dose requirement is to cause an infection. Stay tuned for more up to date facts as they come out.

We should continue to clean and disinfect hard surfaces on a regular basis. There is no reason to stop doing that. We want to be as safe as possible. We just don't need to go overboard when it comes to disinfecting, especially when it comes to soft porous surfaces like carpeting and cloth-covered surfaces. I see too many companies trying to take advantage of people during this crisis by playing on their fears. Some of the advertisements that I have seen with workers in full hazmat suits spraying everything down is an example of what I am talking about. This is unnecessary and a waste of time and resources.

The bottom line is that the cleaning industry needs to be more educated and transparent about the virus and communicate this information accurately to their clients, so they can make an informed decision about what to do.

If you would like to discuss the issue further or learn more, please contact me.

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

Garbage Olympics

by Tim Maloney

We had wonderful weather for this year's fall trash pick-up event. Believe me, that is not always the case! There were approximately 20 volunteers who came out for the Garbage Olympics. This is an event created several years ago by the Clean Pittsburgh Commission and is held throughout the city to encourage residents to participate in beautifying their neighborhoods. We were able to cover the main streets, greenspaces and many side streets.

Altogether, we picked up around 25 large trash bags along with various objects. We did not win the prize for most trash, which means the people of Brighton Heights are picking up trash either on their own or through the Adopt-a-Block program. This is one Olympics I am happy we didn't win!

All in all, it was a successful day. We could have used a few more volunteers as we were not able to get all the streets picked up. We did get 3 new volunteers for the Adopt-a-Block Program and a few folks interested in joining the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time on a Saturday morning!

I would like to encourage everyone who lives in Brighton Heights to do their part by picking up trash as you see it. **(Contact Tim Maloney at dirtdoctim@msn.com to participate in the Adopt-a-Block program or get more information.)** If each of us does a little bit, we can keep our neighborhood looking beautiful throughout the year!

A special thank you to the volunteers from Bridge City Church who picked up Brighton Heights Blvd. They also pulled weeds and trimmed bushes and trees. It is a noticeable difference! If you would like to learn more about this church, here is the web address: <https://www.bridgcitypgh.com/brighton-heights>.

See you in 2021 on the Saturday nearest to Earth Day in April for our spring clean-up event. Mark it on your calendar now so you don't forget.



PHOTO BY EIRIK SOLHEIM ON UNSPLASH



Northside Leadership Conference

City Announces Three Neighborhood Hard-to-Recycle Collection Events This Fall

TVs, computers, paints, batteries, light bulbs, chemicals, OH MY! In partnership with Environmental Coordination Services & Recycling (ECS&R), the City of Pittsburgh will host three neighborhood events on Saturdays this fall for the collection of electronic waste and household hazardous waste (e.g. TVs, computers, paints, batteries, light bulbs, chemicals and more).

One last event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Southside; advance registration is required. Registration for a five-minute appointment can be done online at ecsr.net/pittsburgh-recycling and selecting the preferred event, or by calling the City's 311 lines.

SOUTHSIDE COLLECTION

(CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3)

DATE: November 7, 2020

LOCATION: Three Rivers Heritage Trail Turnaround, 15203

Participants are required to drive to the event location and must remain in their vehicles for the duration of their visit. Social distancing guidelines will be followed for this event and face masks are required.

Each event will be able to serve up to 240 people.

The City subsidizes the cost of recycling electronics and household hazardous waste, but fees do apply for most items. Accepted materials and fees can be found here on ECS&R's website.

The Clean Pittsburgh Commission is sponsoring financial assistance, available upon request by contacting 311.

From The Carnegie Library

Dear Neighbors,

With autumn in full swing, we're excited to be able to welcome you back into our buildings. All branches are now open for limited in-person services, including 30-minute-long computer sessions, printing, picking up and placing holds, and applying for a library card. When visiting the library, we ask that you please practice social distancing and wear a face covering at all times. Curbside service is still available for those who prefer a no-contact approach. Please stop by — we can't wait to see you!

We've had to adjust to a lot of new normals this year, and returning to school has been a big adjustment for many. Whether your kids will be attending school in person, at home or online, the Library is here to support you. Access free homework assistance with your CLP card at [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com), where you can work with a live tutor. More homework help resources, research databases for kids and teens, and remote learning support can be found at www.carnegielibrary.org/homework-help. If you don't have a library card, you can stop by your local CLP branch or apply for one online. And you can always schedule a one-on-one telephone appointment with a librarian by calling our number below.

While our locations may look different on the inside, the heart of the Library hasn't changed. We look forward to connecting and discovering with you in new ways. Together, let's have a great fall!

Best Wishes,

Your Friends at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

PHONE: 412-622-3114

EMAIL: info@carnegielibrary.org

WEBSITE: www.carnegielibrary.org



Spiced Honeycrisp Apple Fritters with Vanilla Coffee Glaze

by Kara Donehoo

If you are heading out apple picking this fall, make these fritters!

Fritter Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour (or gluten-free flour)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp salted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup whole milk (more if needed)
- 1 Tbsp real maple syrup
- 3-4 Honeycrisp apples, peeled (if desired) and chopped

Vanilla Coffee Glaze Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 1-2 tablespoons real maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2-3 teaspoons instant coffee
- flaky sea salt



Instructions:

1. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Add the eggs, butter, milk, and maple syrup, and mix until just combined, being careful not to over mix the batter. If the batter feels thick, add up to 1/4 cup milk to thin. Fold in the apples.

2. Heat 1-2 inches of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat (375° - 449° F). Drop tablespoon size balls of batter into the oil for 4-5 minutes or until golden and crisp on all sides. Remove and drain on a wire rack with paper towels underneath.

3. To make the glaze, whisk together the powdered sugar, milk, maple syrup, vanilla, and coffee powder. Add a pinch of flaky sea salt. Drizzle the glaze over the warm fritters. Eat warm. And enjoy.

Reducing Outdoor Contaminants in Indoor Spaces (ROCIS)

Funded by a grant from Heinz Endowment and administered by Allegheny County Clean Air Now

by Kathleen Krebs

Pittsburgh has an air quality particle problem. However, there are actions you can take to protect your indoor air quality.

You can learn more in a no-commitment-to-participate introduction meeting to the low-cost monitoring program by contacting Linda or Kathleen this month.

If you like what you hear, we will drop a kit off to your door step, provide virtual meetings to support the participant through the one month monitoring process.

The following will be monitored: particle counts, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, humidity and radon. Data will be assessed and interventions for improvement will be presented.

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WEBSITE: www.Rocis.org

FACEBOOK: Rocis Environmental

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(Brighton Heights resident and participant in the ROCIS study)

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You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people homeschooled by day drinkers...

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone.

He asked me what I was wearing...

2019:
Stay away from negative people.

2020:
Stay away from positive people.

This virus has done what no woman had been able to do: cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!

Extra Laughs from Quarantine

Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole!" would become a national policy, but here we are!

Since we can't eat out, now's the perfect time to eat better, get fit, and stay healthy.

We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweatpants – I say we use them!

Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

Me:
Alexa, what's the weather this weekend?

Alexa:
It doesn't matter – you're not going anywhere.

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.

September 10, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the May 14, 2020, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Sgt. Mike Burford

Sgt. Burford reported on criminal activity in the neighborhood this past month and took questions from residents concerning increased car break-ins and the success of the Shot-Spotter network.

City Councilman Bobby Wilson

Councilman Wilson and his staff member Sally Stadelman briefed members on the almost completed restoration of the monuments at Legion Park and electrical work to be done this fall at the Park. He gave an update on paving issues on Brighton and elsewhere. He also toured Marmaduke and Jack Stack Parks to detail maintenance issues. He encouraged members to complete the US Census. He took questions from residents concerning additional paving issues and the traffic calming study process both for the already submitted California Ave project as well as Davis Ave.

Pittsburgh Public Safety

John Tokarski

John reported that the fall city-wide public safety meeting has been canceled and the National Night Out that had been moved from August 2 to October 6 has also been canceled. Neighbors who wish to hold small events that night are asked to let him know. The fall Citizen Police Academies are being held virtually and registration ends on 9/19.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

Joe reported that he received a large donation of copies of the book *Architecture of Benno Janssen* by Donald Miller from Marilyn Pitz of the PG. These can be used at our discretion for gifts or fundraising with the house tour. A new BHCF committee has been formed for the advancement of animal wellness in the neighborhood to be headed by Dina Serpa. A steward for the Allegheny Mountain garden lot has been found as we have renewed our lease with the City for three years.

Vice President

Brendan Delaney

Brendan had no report.

Corresponding Secretary

Kate Kelley

Kate had no report.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Serra

Net Worth Report – As of 8/31/20

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

<i>Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	
Monument	1,637.63
Pay Pal On Line	28.83
Wesbanco OP Acct	12,900.65
SSB OP Acct	16,562.02
State Grant Acct	915.81
United Way	1,123.38
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$33,168.32

A motion to accept was approved.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

John Belch and Vince Pallus

John reported that Implicit/Anti-Bias training for member organizations will be held on 9/26 via Zoom. Those interested can email Kelly at the Conference. A final push for the Census is being made. Senior high-rises were noted as an area of concern. The NSLC will be moving out of MCC in 6-8 months to a commercial space in Observatory Hill. A virtual ALCOSAN Open House will be available on the web on 9/12. The Pittsburgh Tamburitzans will be occupying the former Holy Ghost Center on Superior Avenue.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

Donna Kramer

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

Families, Youth and Children Committee

Kate Kelley

Kate reported that the committee is still working on having a Halloween parade on 10/31 without the festival. So far the route has yet to be approved. Announcements will be made when possible. She is also working to create safe outdoor activities for small groups of children. Any ideas or assistance is welcomed.

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich and Stacey Roa

No report.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

Tim reported on the Garbage Olympics litter pickup event that will be held on 9/26 from 9-11a.m.

House Tour

Seth McClarey and Daniel Phistry

Joe reported that this year's tour has been canceled and the committee is looking toward a May-June 2021 date for next year.

Land Use

Alex Carrera

Alex reported that the committee has approved design plans for the two rehab housing projects on Fleming and California with the architects and will be following up with the NSLC on the next steps in the process.

By-Laws

Danielle Graham Robinson

Absent.

See current newsletter for first notice of new by-law language to be voted on at the November GMM.

Nominating

Brendan Delaney

Brendan as chair, with members A. Carrera and R. Robinson, presented a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors election, to be held at the November GMM. Those nominated are Bill Goodrich, Donna Kramer, Danielle Graham-Robinson, Janice Johns-Engelman, Robert Haller, Daniel Phistry and Stacey Berkebile. Nominations from the floor were asked for and none were presented, closing the slate.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Bright The Night – D. Kramer reported that the traditional event will not be able to be held this year but planning is underway to have a neighborhood light-up event including the Legion Park tree and business district as well as residences.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be November 12, 2020.

Unfortunately no 50/50 raffle was possible.

Approximately 30 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh

By Tom Kaylor

Why did the best auto repairman in town close up his business?

He never got any *wreck-a-mendations*.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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DATE

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ZIP CODE + 4

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Membership for _____ years

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

Pay 3 years >>> get 4 years!

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THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

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

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