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CITIZENS REPORT

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Brighton Heights and Brightwood Spring Clean-up Day

WHEN: Saturday April 24, 2021

WHERE: Starts outside Brighton Heights office; 3629 California Avenue

TIME: 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

AFTER PARTY: Free BBQ (parking lot of Young Brothers on McClure Avenue)

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and Brightwood Civic Group will be holding their 2nd Spring cleaning of their neighborhoods on Saturday, April 24. The goal is to pick up the majority of trash and debris throughout both neighborhoods, so we need many volunteers to make this event a success!

We will meet at the Brighton Heights office starting at 9:30 am. The office is located next door to California Cycle Path. The Citizens Federation will provide gloves and trash bags as well as coffee, fruit and donuts to jump start your day! There will be drawings for prizes at the BBQ for all who volunteer!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this 2nd annual collaborative spring clean-up of our neighborhoods.

This year we hope to have an e-recycle drop-off location as well! The CDC guidelines for Covid-19 safety will be adhered to – we don't know what they will be as of the printing of this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact the event coordinator Tim Maloney or Jamie Younger.

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EMAIL: dirtdoctim@msn.com

CONTACT: Jamie Younger

PHONE: 412-292-7100

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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Visit brightonheights.org for meeting details.

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

This winter has felt longer than normal with the challenges of a pandemic, a few good snow storms, and days with temperatures

hitting single digits. Hopefully we continue the progress we are making on the current health crisis and can enjoy more sunshine and longer days this March. I know my family and I are ready to resume outdoor activities.

The BHCF has a number of activities planned this season and welcome everyone to become involved with the annual gardening events. They are outlined in the Garden and Greenspace sections and will surely provide an opportunity to enjoy the weather, help our gardens grow, and make new friendships with our neighbors. In addition to the outdoor garden days, I would ask you to consider purchasing your spring flowers from the BHCF Fundraiser rather than support the big box stores. Our flowers are greenhouse-quality and help us raise funds for various project throughout the year.

At the October 2020 Board of Directors meeting, a motion was presented and approved to launch a new initiative in the hope of expanding career opportunities for teens and young adults in our neighborhoods. The first committee meeting was held on January 21, 2021. The initiative name is "Build Your Wealth in the Trades". Its mission is to meet the needs of our young adults throughout the Northside of Pittsburgh by building a brighter future through careers in the construction trades. The event will be held in Legion Memorial Park on May 15, 2021. If interested in volunteering and contributing to the planning process you can contact the BHCF by phone at **412-734-0233** or email at **bhcfpgh@gmail.com**. Please enter "Trades Initiative" in the subject line.

Last, I want to share an image and message from the filming of "Archive 81", a Netflix Horror series at Tom Friday's Meat Market on February 1, 2021. The BHCF was contacted by phone in the month of January; after returning the call, I was able to meet with Location Scout Manager Phillip Pierre and allow Netflix to use the BHCF office space for cast and crew on the day of filming. Netflix was most gracious and thanked us with a momentary donation and the following email message the day after filming:

"It was an absolute delight to film in your neighborhood, and every single neighbor and business owner that I met with, and even randomly encountered, was so welcoming and friendly! The response that we get in a given neighborhood - whether from the businesses we work with, the businesses we impact, and especially the residents - can make our job one thousand times easier or one thousand times more difficult. We're always humbled and grateful to put one of our beloved Pgh neighborhoods on film, and Brighton Heights without a doubt was one of the friendliest we've worked in so far on this shoot."

I will finish by reminding membership to check the BHCF website for details and link to the March General Membership Meeting scheduled virtually for March 11, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

I welcome everyone to attend and as always I'll see you in the neighborhood.



Netflix movie trucks line the California Ave business district for the filming of "Archive 81" at Tom Friday's Meat Market on the morning of February 1, 2021.

Neighborhood Crime Information

If any member of the BHCF 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 March.

- You are invited to attend the Federation General Membership Meetings every second Thursday usually located in the auditorium of John Morrow School but recently via Zoom. 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 March.

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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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



From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Hello everyone,

During the 2021 Capital Budget deliberations, I worked to earmark \$80,000 for a joint neighborhood plan for Brighton Heights and Marshall-Shadeland. I'm happy to say, we were able to secure the funding, and am looking forward to starting this important community planning process.

What is a neighborhood plan? In a nutshell, when neighbors come together to decide on the future of their community, and commit that vision to paper, we have a neighborhood plan. Such a plan could include proposals for the built and natural environments of the community, like housing, business districts, streets, sidewalks, and greenspaces. It can also include the programs and activities that bring a neighborhood to life and sustain it for years to come. A neighborhood plan starts with a vision statement, where residents describe what Brighton Heights and Marshall-Shadeland should look like in ten years. Then, this plan should list the neighborhoods' goals, the roadmap of policies and programs to achieve those goals, the projects that we will have to execute to realize these goals, and the partnerships needed to bring our shared vision of Brighton Heights and Marshall-Shadeland to life.

As chairman of City Council's Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, I work closely with the Department of City Planning (DCP). The Northside's neighborhood planner from this department, along with a consultant, will manage the community process to develop this joint neighborhood plan.

Brighton Heights is the largest and most populous neighborhood in my Council District. Its size and stability make it one of the most important anchor neighborhoods not just in my Council District but in our city. We all want our communities of Brighton Heights and Marshall-Shadeland to be as thriving, vibrant, and safe as possible, and one cannot be successful without the other. One example of a focus point could be the Woods Run Corridor, the connection between the two neighborhoods and the gateway to Riverview Park.

Doing a neighborhood plan is important for both civic and practical reasons. The exercise of coming together to create a shared vision for your neighborhood ought to bring neighbors together to meet and talk to each other about themselves and the neighborhood they want to live in. The neighborhood plan will guide the City's capital investments in that neighborhood over the next ten years, and will influence private and institutional investment in the area over a long period of time.

I look forward to working with your neighborhood this year to launch the City's process for creating a neighborhood plan in Brighton Heights and Marshall-Shadeland. In the meantime, please feel free to contact my office if you have any other questions or concerns. 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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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 April 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACT: Dave Lebec, Editor

EMAIL: submissions@brightonheights.org

State Representative Emily Kinhead

Wow, what a busy start to the New Year it has been! Last month, I was sworn in for my first term in office at the state Capitol in Harrisburg, and since then, I was selected to serve on the House Agriculture, Appropriations, Human Services, and Judiciary committees.

So what does that mean for District 20? Well, the Agriculture Committee handles all things food-related and as we have seen record numbers of our neighbors become food-insecure in this pandemic, it matters now more than ever. And agriculture encompasses not just large-acre farms in rural areas, but also urban farming initiatives, farmers' markets, self-stabilization for produce, and introducing future generations to where our food comes from. As a part of the House Agriculture Committee, I will have a seat at the table to review bills that directly affect one of state's top industries. It oversees the state Department of Agriculture, the Farm Show Bureau, the Milk Marketing Board, the State Conservation Committee, and the Agriculture Land Preservation Board. This industry, like many across the state, has faced numerous challenges during the pandemic, and I will do all I can to ensure it has a strong, vibrant future.

I anticipate being rather busy with the House Appropriations Committee as budget season kicks into high gear. This Committee governs our spending priorities, reviews all legislation to evaluate the cost of enactment, and plays a pivotal role in the annual state budget process. It conducts hearings to review and evaluate the governor's executive budget proposal. The budget proposal itself is usually unveiled in early February of each year, and budget hearings are held in the weeks following the governor's budget address. In addition to holding jurisdiction over the state budget process, this committee also oversees the offices of state Treasurer, Auditor General, and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

The House Human Services Committee governs the social safety net programs on which many of our friends and neighbors have come to rely on to make it through these tough times – food and nutritional support, welfare, medical assistance, cash assistance, housing and utility assistance, mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, and many others. Human Services also governs the programs we provide to support persons with disabilities. On this Committee, I will ensure these programs are provided the support they need and deserve in order to help every Pennsylvanian.

Finally, as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, I am tasked with reviewing measures related to the oversight of our law enforcement agencies and our corrections system, as well as evaluating prison staffing, inmate populations, and housing conditions. Additionally, we handle all matters that relate to the operations of our judicial system.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on these committees, because we certainly have a great deal of work ahead of us. I am committed to making real, meaningful differences in the lives of our residents here in District 20 and statewide.

I will continue to keep you posted on my work and be your voice in Harrisburg. As always, if you have a concern or question, please reach out to me by email or phone – my team and I are here to help you!

Emily Kinhead, *State Representative, District 20*

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Neighborhood Safety

Hello Neighbors! I'm excited to have this opportunity to reach out and offer some options to help make our neighborhood a safer place: Donna Kramer and I would like to reinvigorate our Public Safety Committee! There has been a lull in interest for a while, but I really believe we're ready to get back down to business.

Did you know we have a neighborhood watch page on Facebook? It's a great place to pass on safety tips, find out what's going on in the neighborhood, and connect with neighbors who are concerned about our safety. You'll find that information at the bottom as well.

The last thing I want to talk about is a new initiative that I'm hoping will gain ground quickly. This is the brainchild of Joe Glassbrenner (Board President) and I, and we think it is a fantastic idea! I will be collecting information from as many neighbors as I can regarding surveillance available in the neighborhood. I will be compiling a list of security cameras. In this way, we can

help our police force quickly when there is criminal activity in the area. If you have security cameras, please use any of the contact information below to provide me with the following:

- Your Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Type of surveillance you have.

Your information will be stored securely and only be given to police if your cameras are on a street where they may be helpful with criminal activity. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me!

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FACEBOOK: Brighton Heights Watch

St. Johns Update

by Alyson Fearon

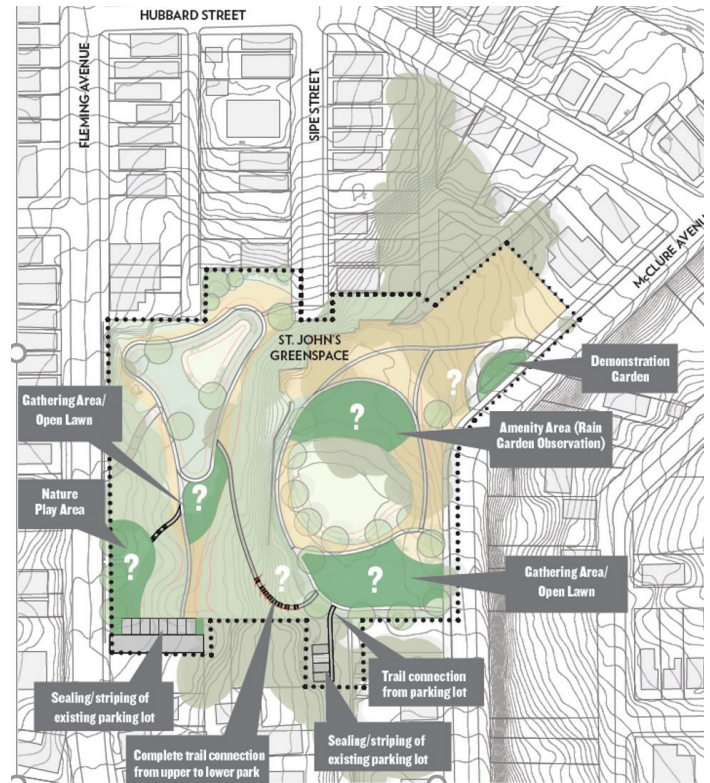
Hello BHCF members, I wanted to reintroduce myself to you and provide an update on the St. Johns site. My name is Alyson Fearon, and I work as the Project Manager for the St. Johns site within ALT, along with my other urban greening work. Since we got the news from PWSA last spring they wouldn't be able to participate, I've spent the last year working with Ethos Collaborative to determine a way forward for this project. We are happy to say, we feel strongly we can move forward with a modified version of the original plan that will still manage storm-water runoff that flows to the site.

So, for the next few months, we are going to work together to decide on some of the site amenities while checking with permit and ordinance requirements for the project. The goal is to complete the site plan and have construction drawings and preliminary permitting approvals by late summer to fall 2021. We are keeping the large rain garden on the McClure Ave side of the St. Johns site to manage the storm-water that naturally flows down the alley off Hubbard St. into St. Johns. We've planned a gravel trail that loops the rain garden to create a walking path on the site. The upper part of the site next to Fleming Ave will have more flexibility under the reduced plan, but currently, aside from cleaning up the old driveways, we will create a gentle depression and plant storm-water meadow in the three-lobed space on the drawing.

The current site design will renovate and rehabilitate the entire site, from the current parking areas to removing the last handful of demolition materials, while still reserving space for elements important to you and your community. We will preserve as many trees as are healthy and good for the site and have replanting of trees, shrubs, grasses and installing

gravel walking paths planned for everywhere else. Please look for a special mailer from BHCF in March where you can provide your input on what is important for you to see on the site.

Starting this spring, ALT will work with your leadership at BHCF to apply for a combination of local foundation and state grants, and other funding opportunities. 2021 is our major fundraising year to hopefully start construction in 2022.



Happy New Year, BHAA Families and Friends

The 2021 season will be here before we know it! We can't wait for the season to start.

We have a new online registration platform we are using called TeamSnap. There are no additional fees when registering/paying through TeamSnap. We also have Venmo and PayPal as options to pay, but using these options, one will have to submit a paper copy of the registration form. Check out our website <http://bhaabaseball.org/> for additional information.

Additional season updates:

- We removed the \$30 lottery calendar charge;
- We have applied a \$10 discount to all age groups;
- We are still offering the \$20 off additional household family members.

For any questions, please reach out.



**** BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ****

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/255050>

Land Use Projects

On the subject of land use, there are two updates on projects to present. Our real estate development projects on California Ave and Fleming Ave have hit a milestone. We have received, reviewed, and finalized construction drawings for our rehabilitation of two existing structures. The property addresses are 3829 California Ave and 3328 Fleming Ave. This March we release the drawings for bid and will award contracts to contractors this spring. It is likely we will begin construction and renovations this summer.



Brendan Delaney inspects banisters inside 3829 California Ave as Real Estate Director Darnell Jackson points out the architect of the Craftsman style home on February 6, 2021.

The second project is on McClure Ave. It is the old St John's Hospital site. The site is in design and ultimately will end with the BHCF and the Allegheny Land Trust partnering



Joseph Glassbrenner reviews construction drawings with Real Estate Director Darnell Jackson in the front living room of 3829 California Ave on February 6, 2021.

on a project to make the parcel a Greenspace amenity for residents to enjoy. Please look for a survey and larger conversation to seek community input in our May Newsletter and at the May General Membership meeting.



City of Pittsburgh Community Announcements

SNOW ANGELS

Volunteers and neighbors in need can register for the program online at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels> or by calling 311

UPDATES ON SNOW OPERATIONS

New snow operations procedures effective immediately to improve the City's response during winter weather <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4591>

CITY LAUNCHES CLEAN AND LIEN TEAM

If there is a private property that may qualify for this program, please call 311

ZONING CHANGES TO REDUCE SIDEWALK CURB CUTS

The Mayor has introduced legislations to Council that would reduce the use of sidewalk curb cuts by requiring side or rear access to parking at rowhouses <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4627>

BLUE BIN INFORMATION

Visit <https://pittsburghpa.gov/blue-bin-info>

PITTSBURGH RECEIVES \$7.5 MILLION IN STATE REDEVELOPMENT GRANTS

RACP grants for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, and historical improvement <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4580>

CROSSING GUARD AGREEMENT

Finalized a new contract for City of Pittsburgh crossing guards <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4614>

HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESOURCE PORTAL

A guide that offers housing-related resources to City residents at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/harp>

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, URA AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY COVID-19 RELATED ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Visit <https://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/covid-updates> or ura.org/pages/covid-19

URA COVID-190 BUSINESS RESOURCES

<https://www.ura.org/pages/covid-19-business-resources>

MAYOR PEDUTO'S A YEAR IN REVIEW

<https://mailchi.mp/9f344c2356a9/mayor-pedutos-newsletter-looking-back-on-2020?>

Gardens and Greenspaces

by Ed Gergerich

Happy Lion to Lamb month! Look forward to seeing our spring blooms as soon as the weather warms!

Before the weather turns, one of your earliest tasks is to prepare your order for our Spring Flower Sale. An order form is included in this newsletter. Despite a minor increase in our wholesale prices, we are holding our retail prices the same as last year. The selection of flowers is also the same as last year. As always, I tell people that you can find cheaper flats at a big box retailer or supermarket, but you can't beat the quality of our locally grown flowers. They are packed and delivered on the same day. Plus, the flower sale is a great fundraiser for Federation activities. As before, we are again offering the option to check a box to have hanging baskets delivered before Mother's Day (this year Sunday, May 9). I'll make a trip to Mussig's to pick up the Mother's Day baskets sometime the week before. Hanging baskets can also be delivered with the flats and pots on May 20.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

1. EMAIL YOUR ORDER

One big change if you are emailing your order, you must pay with PayPal FIRST, then email your complete order along with your payment confirmation to BHCForders@gmail.com. Our PayPal account is Brightonheights@yahoo.com.

2. SEND IN YOUR FORM

Or please send a clearly written full-sized order form with your check payable to "BHCF" to the Federation office (3629 California Avenue).

ORDERS ARE DUE BY APRIL 7, 2021.

Mussig's will deliver our order to BH on Thursday, May 20. We'll deliver your personal orders on May 20 or 21, depending on how much help we have to sort and deliver. *(Local delivery only please, within the Brighton Heights/Marshall-Shadeland area.)*

We set our May garden schedule to be ready for the Memorial Day Program at Legion Park. This year, Memorial Day is May 31, so our main planting day at our community gardens will be Saturday, May 22.

As always, we continue to look for volunteers to help with our gardens. Major work days will be every Saturday in May. Look for more specific dates and info in our May newsletter.

A lot of extra preparation will occur on nice days in April or weekdays in May. Let me know if you can help with any of the extra stuff. My cell phone is 412-779-9222. You will get fresh air and exercise in a socially responsible manner.

Be safe, be green.

Some of your order form options:

Flats



Baskets



Potted





BRIGHTON HEIGHTS CITIZENS FEDERATION

SPRING FLOWER SALE

All proceeds Go To Supporting
Brighton Heights Citizen's Federation
QUESTIONS? Contact Ed Gergerich 412 779-9222

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY Wednesday, APRIL 7th, **TWO WAYS to ORDER/ONE BIG CHANGE**

- Drop your orders at 3629 California Ave. Checks made out to Brighton Heights Citizens Federation
- Pay with PayPal @ Brightonheights@yahoo.com and (*this is the big change*) email your PAYMENT CONFIRMATION and COMPLETE ORDER to BHCFororders@gmail.com

Full Flat (32 plants) \$16 Half Flat (16 plants) \$8			FULL FLAT	HALF FLAT	Local delivery on , May 20th & 21st or contact Ed Gergerich for pick up location, days and times
AGERATUM	blue	S			S=Sun / SH = Shade / P=Partial Sun
ALYSSUM	white	S			
BEGONIA	mix	P			<input type="checkbox"/> YES I would like my hanging basket for MOTHER'S DAY (If box is not checked then regular dates above apply)
BEGONIA	pink	P			
BEGONIA	red	P			
BEGONIA	white	P			
CELOSIA	mix	S			10" Hanging Baskets \$18.00 ea - All Assorted Colors
COLEUS	mix	P			Calibrachos S
DAHLIA	mix	S			Fushias SH
DUSTY MILLER		S			Ivy Geraniums S
IMPATIENS	mix	SH			New Guinea Impatiens P
IMPATIENS	pink	SH			Non-Stop Begonias SH
IMPATIENS	red	SH			Vining Petunias S
IMPATIENS	salmon	SH			4 1/2" Potted Plants - \$4 ea
IMPATIENS	violet	SH			GERANIUMS pink S
IMPATIENS	white	SH			GERANIUMS red S
LOBELIA	blue	S			GERANIUMS salmon S
MARIGOLDS - Dwarf mixed		S			GERANIUMS white S
MARIGOLDS - Dwarf orange		S			NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS mix P
MARIGOLDS - Dwarf yellow		S			VINCA VINES green and white S
PANSY mix		S			DRACENA SPIKES green S
PETUNIAS	mix	S			WAVE PETUNIA pink S
PETUNIAS	pink	S			WAVE PETUNIA purple S
PETUNIAS	purple	S			3 1/2" Potted Vegetable Plants - \$1.75 ea
PETUNIAS	red	S			Peppers - Green Bell (Lady Bell) S
PETUNIAS	white	S			Tomato - Better Boy S
SALVIA	red	S			
SNAPDRAGON DWARF mix		S			_____ Full Flats @ \$16 = \$ _____
SNAPDRAGON DWARF pink		S			_____ Half Flats @ \$8 = \$ _____
SNAPDRAGON DWARF white		S			_____ 4 1/2" pots @ \$4 = \$ _____
SNAPDRAGON DWARF yellow		S			_____ Hanging Baskets @ \$18 = \$ _____
DOUBLE MARIGOLD orange		S			_____ Veggie Pot @ \$1.75 = \$ _____
DOUBLE MARIGOLD yellow		S			Total:

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.

January 14, 2021

The meeting was brought to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Special Guests:

Mayor William Peduto, City Councilman Bobby Wilson, Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert, Commander Victor Joseph, Commander William Fleske, Sgt. Mike Burford, City Public Safety Director Wendell Hissrich, City Public Safety John Tokarski, City Violence Prevention Outreach Cornell Jones, Talli Thompson

Due to the continuing increased gun violence activity, Mayor Peduto spoke first and assured residents that this situation is a priority and since the November meeting, and more resources are being assigned to the problem. Councilman Wilson led a 90-minute presentation and resident Q&A on crime and violence in the neighborhood. Police presented current statistics and outlined the additional processes they are using to work against these issues. Police were positive in their comments about the involvement of neighborhood residents and businesses who assist them in their efforts. Residents showed their concern over this increased activity and asked for definitive actions that the community

can do to help the police. Cornell Jones and Talli Thompson outlined their additional efforts in the City's Violence Prevention Outreach program since November and asked the community to trust the process as it goes forward. BHCF President Glassbrenner asked the Councilman and Safety Director Hissrich if funds could be provided to restart the security camera systems that BHCF had received from monies earmarked by former Councilwoman Harris.

City Councilman

Bobby Wilson

Councilman Wilson detailed the additional funding that the City and State have provided to renovate the Senior Center on McClure Avenue. A total of \$2.5 million is being spent to get the building into usable condition for the whole community. Brighton Heights will take part in the City's Neighborhood Master Plan which will involve input from residents. He also announced that the traffic-calming project for a section of California Avenue will be funded. He introduced DOMI traffic engineer Dan Ference, who detailed the process and what measures are being considered and took member questions.

PA Representative

Emily Kinkead

Emily introduced herself as the newly sworn-in State Representative for our neighborhood and reported on land use issues and her new office on East Ohio Street. The phone number is the same: 412-321-5523.

Public Safety

John Tokarski

John reported that the next Northside Public Safety Council meeting will be February 5, and how property violations can lead to changes in ownership that can reduce crime and violence.

Team Pittsburgh Dek Hockey

Don Gregory and Jeffrey Johnstone

Don and Jeff detailed the activities of Team Pittsburgh at Marmaduke Park and invited residents to experience the sport's season, which runs most of the year from March to December.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

Joe reported on Christmas tree recycling and street paving requests for 2021 to Councilman Wilson. A planning meeting for the Building Trades Initiative event will be held on January 21. This event will be held later this year in order to give students, young adults and minorities, an introduction to the employment possibilities of the building trades.

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 12/31/20

Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts	
Monument	1,637.63
Pay Pal On Line	21.55
Wesbanco OP Acct	12,903.91
SSB OP Acct	14,014.47
State Grant Acct	915.81
United Way	1,033.12
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$30,526.49

A motion to accept was approved.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

John Belch and Vince Pallus

John reported on the continued cancellation of NSLC-sponsored events due to the pandemic. Former BHCF President Vince Pallus was appointed as an At-Large board member for the NSLC and also sits on their Executive Committee as Secretary. An additional BHCF representative to the NSLC Board will be named.

Animal Wellness

Dina Serpa

Dina introduced herself as the chair of this new committee.

Bright the Night

Donna Kramer

Donna reported on the Legion Park tree lighting and Danielle Graham-Robinson detailed the Get-Lit Holiday House Decoration contest and prize winners.

Land Use

Alex Carrera

Alex reported that the committee is awaiting construction drawings on the two rehabilitation house projects and will have a meeting on Feb 2.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Danielle Graham-Robinson asked President Glassbrenner to clarify the contract situation for our security camera system. Joe reported that the contract was canceled by the Security Group due to the inaccessibility of several of our camera locations due to changes in ownership and other factors.

Danielle Graham-Robinson also asked John Belch for any update on the NSLC's involvement in the Norfolk Southern double-decked train issue. As reported by Mark Fatla, confidential mediation meetings are continuing and details could be forthcoming in the first quarter of 2021.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

The next General Membership meeting will be March 11, 2021.

Approximately 105 persons attended.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Belch

Last Page Laugh (QUARANTINE EDITION)

by Tom Kaylor

Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this coronavirus and be done?!

I feel like a kindergartner who keeps losing more recess time because one or two kids can't follow directions.



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