



# BRIGHTON HEIGHTS

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## CITIZENS REPORT

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### A New Year at Brighton Heights Citizens Federation

by Joseph Glassbrenner

The BHCF is starting off 2022 with many new changes. One of our biggest changes is moving away from our physical office. Effective December 1, 2021, the BHCF terminated its lease of the office in the California Avenue Business District. Despite not having a physical location, we have adapted to provide all of the services and help we have offered in the past. Members can still email, mail, and call our answer line to get in touch. Our new PO Box is: **99602 PITTSBURGH PA, 15233**. Our new answer line phone number is: **412-690-0918**. Our email address remains the same: **BHCFPGH@GMAIL.COM**. Please continue to contact us with any issue, concern, or questions you may have.

If in-person is your preferred method, the BHCF Board Meetings are open to the public. Board Meetings will now be held at The All Saints Episcopal Church, 3577 McClure Ave. We thank All Saints for making this space available to us! Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Residents are always welcome to join. The General Membership Meetings will still be held at John Morrow School Auditorium on Davis Ave on the 2nd Thursdays of January, March, May, September, and November at 7:00 p.m.

There is no time like the present to start volunteering with the BHCF. All of our events and opportunities are outlined on our website, publicized in our newsletter, posted on Facebook, and reported at our bi-monthly community meetings. Board Members, Officers, and Chairpersons are always available to listen to your interests and suggest the most enjoyable activity to get involved in. If time is a factor, many Members support our mission with a monetary donation. This helps fund our newsletter operations, flower purchases for community gardens, and Halloween Parade for the children. Even sharing our newsletter, Facebook page, or signing up a new neighbor will help us grow. Grow with us! I wish everyone the best 2022 and I hope to see you at a meeting or BHCF sponsored event.

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### NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

John Morrow Auditorium

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## From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable 2021 Holiday Season. As I look back on the past year, I can remember what January

looked like for all of us. A virus case count was hitting new highs in our community and nation, a limit was placed on gatherings with friends and family, and our restaurants were temporarily shut down in an effort to mitigate the spread of disease. Although life is not back to complete normal and we are still coping with many effects of the pandemic, I look to 2022 with much more optimism than the year 2021. This Holiday Season has much more cheer as we could resume our group activities, sporting events, parties, worship, and many activities we love to do together. Let's continue to spread Peace and Joy into this New Year with those around us, especially our neighbors in Brighton Heights.

On the subject of the Holiday Season, it is my duty to report this year the BHCf was unable to fulfill its obligation of lighting the Christmas tree in Legion Memorial Park due to circumstances out of our control. Thanksgiving night, November 25, there was a one-car accident on Shadeland Ave. Fortunately, no one was injured but a car entered the wrong direction on Shadeland Ave, lost control, jumped the curb, and completely disabled the electrical panel that provides power for the tree lights. The City has started the process to have this repaired. It is my hopes it can be available for our upcoming spring events, in particular the Memorial Day event to be held in May.

I would like to welcome two new board members who were elected at the November General Membership meeting. Bob Haller will serve a two-year term as our new Treasurer and Soo Yi Thompson will join the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Both members will represent us well. They have been active at meetings and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. I look forward to working with these newly-elected over the course of my next two-year term as President.

On November 3, BHCf Board Member Bill Goodrich, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, Councilman Wilson's Office, and residents held a meeting at the Healthy Active Living Center (Brighton Heights Senior Center) on McClure Avenue to discuss DOMI's recommendations on a traffic-calming application that was submitted for Termon Avenue. DOMI gathered input and took questions. They also shared their plan to increase safety at these intersections.

Newly painted crosswalks and painted curb bump out lines have already been installed with more measures to take place this year. On the subject of streets, the BHCf again asked residents for their suggestions of the streets in most need of resurfacing. This year the streets recommended to the DPW were: Massachusetts Avenue and Morrell Street. Many individuals suggested Brighton Road but as reported in September, Columbia Gas is replacing gas lines on this stretch and will be responsible for Brighton Road repair in the spring.

The City of Pittsburgh is holding its Tree Recycling and Mulch Giveaway again this year. Old Christmas trees are turned into free, natural, and environmentally friendly mulch for all City residents. In 2021, over 2200 Christmas trees were kept out of landfills. This was a total of 38 tons of trees recycled. DPW will accept trees at the Northern Division 1st Division at 300 Kilbuck Road until January 26, 2022. Mulch pick-up locations will be announced and posted by the BHCf in the early spring. Please visit <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/xmas-tree-recycling> for more information.

Please see the cover article for all things new for the BHCf in 2022, including the new office operations, phone number, and PO Box. **Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on January 13, 2022, at John Morrow School Auditorium.** We will have an update on the Old St. Johns site development project by Alyson Fearon of the Allegheny Land Trust. **I wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year and as always I'll see you in the neighborhood.**



## 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  
PO Box 99602, Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
Or E-Mail it to Editor, Dave Lebec  
submissions@brightonheights.org

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### Officers

President: Joseph Glassbrenner  
Vice President: Brendan Delaney  
Treasurer: Robert Haller  
Corresponding Sec: Elaine Gloeckner  
Recording Secretary: Monique Flowers

### Directors

Stacy Berkebile, Alex Carrera, Elaine Gloeckner, Janice Johns-Engelman, Tim Maloney, Raymond Robinson, Gretchen Serra, Soo Yi Thompson

## 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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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
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## Halloween Festival

by Monique Flowers

The 2021 Brighton Heights Halloween Festival and Parade Around the Park was on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Legion Park.

The Halloween Festival was full of festivities, from handed-out candy bags to all the children that came to join the fun. Craft tables were ready with games that gave a chance to win a lot of nice prizes. And there was also a chance to take part in a toy raffle.

A special appearance came from the Perry High School JROTC which was led by John Holtz (SFC Army JROTC Instructor).

We took a march around Legion Park, showing off all the most scary and creative costumes. After the parade, we celebrated the best in costume contest and ended the afternoon of treats and fun with a Build-a-Bear \$1 raffle won by Donna Kramer. (All proceeds went to support the BHCF.)

BHCF would like to thank the community for all their support. Hope to see you next year!



## November BHCF Board of Directors Election Results

by Bill Goodrich

As reported in the last newsletter, at the September meeting the membership approved a slate of candidates for the November board election. At the November meeting, the following slate was presented, and was approved by the membership:

**President:** Joseph Glassbrenner

**Vice President:** Brendan Delaney

**Treasurer:** Robert Haller

**Corresponding Secretary:** Elaine Gloeckner

**Recording Secretary:** Monique Flowers

### Board Members:

Tim Maloney  
Ray Robinson  
Soo Yi Thompson  
Gretchen Serra  
Alex Carrera



## New PA State Constable

from Charles R. Adkins

Thank You to everyone in the 27th Ward for electing me to serve as your next PA State Constable.

As a 25-year resident of Brighton Heights and having served as Deputy for the last 15 years to my

predecessor, PA State Constable Ronald J. Hunt, I am deeply honored and would like to wish him well in his retirement.

Although I was running unopposed, I received an overwhelming 2,218 votes, and appreciate all your support. I look forward to serving my community during this 6-year term in office.

For those of you that would like to work as the Election Day Constable at one of our polling places, please send me an email, including your name and phone number so that I can include you on the list.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2022!

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## Welcome, Gene Walker

Hello Brighton Heights Citizen Federation Members and fellow Brighton Heights residents. On November 2, 2021, the residents of PPS School Board District 9 elected me to represent you on the PPS School Board for the next 4 years. On Monday, December 6, I was officially sworn in and have already started working on behalf of our families and students.

I am excited to share a little more about myself and I look forward to sharing many of the successes and opportunities of the schools in our District with you on a more consistent basis. You can reach me at my district email below.

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Here is a brief overview of who I am:

I am a graduate of Pittsburgh's Peabody High School and received my Bachelor's degree in business and accounting from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. I have worked in finance, education, direct support, marketing, and nonprofit management.

After some time away in northeastern PA, I returned with my family to Pittsburgh in 2009 to work alongside the team at the Pittsburgh Promise in various capacities. In my role as Program Manager, I was responsible for the creation of numerous programs, including what is now the District's We Promise program, focusing on African American male mentoring, The Promise college tours, and The Promise ambassador program. In February 2015, I became the first Director of Workforce Development at The Promise.

I left The Promise in 2018 to launch a new nonprofit, Mission C. The goal of Mission C was to provide financial education and support for families facing eviction. Through partnerships with local property managers, Mission C set out to help individuals and families avoid eviction through comprehensive financial education. In 2019, I left Mission C to begin work supporting adults with intellectual and physical disabilities with Gene Cook Supports Inc.

In early 2019, I became an Accredited Financial Counselor. In this role, I provided affordable personal finance management counseling to individuals and families.

My wife Jenny and I have two children; Brady and Isabelle, both who are PPS graduates and currently pursuing post-secondary studies at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown and Waynesburg University respectively.

## From the Office of Community Health and Safety

Thank you for including the Office of Community Health and Safety in your newsletter. We looking forward to working with you and your organization to share our programs and initiatives with Brighton Heights residents.

Here are the items that you can include:

1. The Office of Community Health and Safety was established to address longstanding health, safety, and justice issues in the City of Pittsburgh. The office is tasked with redirecting city resources to better address community needs by housing social services, public health, and social work experts who can assist community members and first responders in situations that require longer-term support, harm reduction approaches, and other services. To learn more about the office, you can visit [pittsburghpa.gov/ochs](https://pittsburghpa.gov/ochs).
2. Subscribe to the office of Community Health and Safety Newsletter for the latest updates!
  - a. The City of Pittsburgh's Community Health and Safety Newsletter: <https://tinyurl.com/OCHSNEWSNov>
  - b. Here is the link to the newsletter sign-up form: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/ochs/ochs-newsletter>
3. We are launching a Community Listening Campaign to learn where you feel the strengths, skills, and assets might be in your neighborhood. This information and ongoing connection with you is critical to understanding where we are now as a City, where communities want to go in the future, and how we can develop a shared vision for a safe, healthy, and thriving Pittsburgh.

We appreciate you taking 5 minutes to answer the survey questions here: <https://tinyurl.com/OCHSlistens>

OCH&S staff will also be attending community gatherings to introduce the office, listen to your feedback, and identify neighborhood-specific focus groups in the coming months. You can send staff meeting invites or any questions to [ochspgh@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:ochspgh@pittsburghpa.gov).

If you have any question or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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## Brighton Heights Adopt-A-Block Program

Between September and April, we have a long stretch of no organized trash pick-up events. Unfortunately, the amount of litter doesn't decrease during that time. You can still help though. We have a program called Adopt-A-Block! It doesn't take a lot of time and has immediate results and instant gratification!

The Purpose of Adopt-A-Block Program: To organize individuals and organizations to keep sidewalks, curbs, parking lots and greenspaces free of litter and debris. We are looking for volunteers to clean-up one or more blocks or a section of a street on a weekly or bi-weekly basis throughout the year.

The majority of volunteers are needed for the main entry points to Brighton Heights: McClure Avenue, Brighton Road, California Avenue, Benton Avenue and Brighton Heights Blvd. If you can sign up to help with one of those streets on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, that would be a tremendous help!

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation will provide trash and recycle bags if requested. We can also provide safety vests and gloves.

Your participation in this litter pick-up initiative will improve the beauty and livability of our wonderful Brighton Heights neighborhood.

Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful!

To find out more or to get on the volunteer list, please contact Tim Maloney.

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## From Senator Wayne D. Fontana

In November, I announced the awarding of a \$125,000 state grant to be used as part of the rehabilitation of the former St John's Hospital site on McClure Avenue. The funds are awarded through Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Watershed Restoration and Protection Program, one of several programs that was created through Act 13 of 2012 which established the Marcellus Legacy Fund. Through this very competitive program, funds are allocated specifically for watershed restoration and protection projects.

Understanding how important this project was to the community, I was happy to advocate for this funding and was proud these efforts helped produce this award. As I mentioned, the programs established through Act 13 are extremely competitive and many deserving projects do not receive awards.

What helped this project ultimately rise to the top was the overwhelming community support it received. The BHCF working in conjunction with the Allegheny Land Trust and Urban Redevelopment Authority was critical to the successful awarding of funds. Without everyone working together and pushing in the same direction, this funding never happens, so I commend BHCF and all the stakeholders for persevering.

As many know, the St John's Hospital site has sat vacant for years. The community and partners Allegheny Land Trust and the URA collaborated on what the best use for this property would be and ultimately decided to implement a greenspace with a storm water management area. The project includes developing a rain garden, preserving existing trees, and planting new trees, shrubs, and grasses.

In addition to the environmental benefits of this project, this is also a quality-of-life project as outdoor community space will be a major component. Greenspaces, especially in more dense urban areas are critical to for residents of all ages, young and old, to being able to safely enjoy the outdoors.

Congratulations to BHCF and all the residents and stakeholders who played a role in developing this project. I was proud to support it and look forward to seeing the finished product. I am excited to continue working with the community on future projects and remain committed to do what I can to support the community's priorities.

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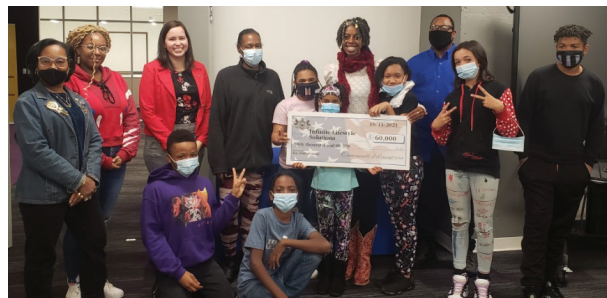
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## State Representative Emily Kinhead

Happy New Year! As I look back on my first year in office, I want to thank everyone in District 20 for giving me the opportunity to be your voice in Harrisburg. It is a responsibility I am honored to have, and one that I take very seriously. We have great highlights to share from 2021 and a positive vision for the year ahead!

I am pleased to share that I helped secure a \$60,000 grant through the Department of Human Services for Infinite Lifestyle Solutions, a nonprofit group based in Brighton Heights, and was named to serve on the ALCOSAN Board of Directors!



I also joined my colleagues in championing legislation to address serious problems affecting our Commonwealth. I have and will continue to advocate for our state to make the smart investments we need to forge ahead – investments in our schools, communities, workplaces, and most importantly, in the people of our Commonwealth.

My favorite part of this job has been connecting with thousands of constituents and taking immediate action to address your needs. Traveling the district, learning about all the things, people, businesses, and organizations, that make our community such a wonderful place to live is an incredible joy.

It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to serve you this past year, and I am looking forward to 2022 with a renewed sense of purpose, dedication, and hope. I wish you all a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

If you have questions or need assistance with any state program or service, contact me!

My team and I are here to help you!

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(Here, you can submit an email, comment, sign up for our weekly e-blast, and more!)

**PLEASE NOTE:** My office is currently able to assist seniors with Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications! Call for an appointment!

## From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Happy new year! I hope you and your family had a healthy and happy holiday season. At the start of this new year, I'd like to share some of the work my office has been doing in Brighton Heights recently.

First of all, I know many of you are eager to learn more about the status of the new Davis Avenue Bridge. Last July, I announced in this column that I had secured \$2 million from the federal American Rescue Plan to fully fund the reconstruction of this bridge. This was in addition to \$500,000 that Rep. Emily Kinkead also brought to the table from the state for this project. In mid-December last year, the City's Department of Mobility & Infrastructure (DOMI) and Friends of Riverview Park hosted the first community meeting to discuss this project. At that meeting, HNTB, an infrastructure design consulting firm hired by the City to design the bridge, kicked off the public conversation on this project by presenting a conceptual design and gathering feedback from neighborhood residents. Expect additional public meetings on the future of this important project for Brighton Heights and the Northside. Keep up with this project by visiting DOMI's Current Projects page, EngagePGH, and look out for updates we will publicize on my office's social media pages.

Neighbors who live on Termon Avenue, particularly between California Avenue and Brighton Road, have been deeply concerned about the number of cars and trucks that speed on that road every day. They submitted a traffic calming petition to DOMI and have been vigorous advocates for the installation of traffic calming measures on Termon Avenue. In early November, I co-hosted a meeting with DOMI so that the city's traffic engineer could meet with residents and explain the plan to reduce vehicle speeds on this stretch of Termon Avenue. As a result of the feedback they received, DOMI will draft a design for a traffic calming installation on Termon Avenue this winter. At least one more meeting will be held to share this draft design with Termon Avenue residents. Once DOMI finalizes a design, we are tentatively planning on installing this traffic calming project this spring. However, I did not want to let this winter go by without taking any concrete steps to make Termon Avenue safer, so after driving this area myself, I worked with DOMI to paint bump outs at the intersections to keep cars from parking too close to the corner, making it easier for residents, pedestrians, and drivers to see around corners.

I know that maintaining the greenspace at the site of the former St. John's Hospital is important to Brighton Heights residents. This space, located at 3339 McClure Avenue, is substantial, totaling about 162,000 square feet. In early November of last year, I worked with Councilmembers to approve the transfer of this land from the Urban

Redevelopment Authority to the Allegheny Land Trust. Allegheny Land Trust is a land conservation nonprofit that was established in 1993 to help local people save local land. It will now both maintain this greenspace and also improve it by adding natural stormwater management features.

Finally, I recently worked with your community organization, Brighton Heights Citizens Federation (BHCF), on a couple asks. I passed legislation to allow BHCF to store materials on the first floor of the Brighton Heights Senior Healthy Active Living Center, on McClure Avenue. I am also proud to report that we completed more restoration work in Legion Park. I want to thank the City's Department of Public Works bricklayers who repaired the flagstone beneath the 25-foot granite statue "Sacrifice" and the stone steps leading up to it in the center of the park.

If you have any thoughts or questions regarding these neighborhood updates, please feel free to contact my office. You can reach my staff at (412) 255-2135, email us at [district1@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:district1@pittsburghpa.gov), or find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

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# 2022 CALENDAR

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Jan. 1 ..... New Year's Day  
 Jan. 6 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Jan. 13 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 Jan. 17 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Feb. 1 ..... Chinese New Year  
 Feb. 2 ..... Groundhog Day  
 Feb. 3 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Feb. 14 ..... Valentine's Day  
 Feb. 21 ..... President's Day

MARCH						
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Mar. 2 ..... Ash Wednesday  
 Mar. 3 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Mar. 10 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 Mar. 13 ..... Daylight Savings Begins  
 Mar. 16 ..... Purim  
 Mar. 17 ..... St. Patrick's Day  
 Mar. 20 ..... First Day of Spring

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Apr. 2 ..... Ramadan Begins  
 Apr. 7 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Apr. 14 ..... Maundy Thursday  
 Apr. 15 ..... Good Friday  
 Apr. 15 ..... Passover  
 Apr. 17 ..... Easter Sunday  
 Apr. 22 ..... Orthodox Good Friday  
 Apr. 22 ..... Earth Day  
 Apr. 23 ..... Orthodox Holy Saturday  
 Apr. 23 ..... BHCF Spring Clean-up  
 Apr. 24 ..... Orthodox Easter  
 Apr. 30 ..... Rt 65 WPA Conserv Planting

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May 5 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 May 7 ..... Prep Day Flower Planting  
 May 8 ..... Mother's Day  
 May 12 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 May 14 ..... Spring Flower Planting  
 May 27 ..... Flag Planting Highwood Cem.  
 May 28 ..... Gardening Day  
 May 30 ..... Memorial Day

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Jun. 2 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Jun. 19 ..... Father's Day  
 Jun. 19 ..... Juneteenth  
 Jun. 21 ..... First Day of Summer

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

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Sep. 1 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Sep. 5 ..... Labor Day  
 Sep. 8 ..... General Membership Meeting  
 Sep. 17 ..... Garbage Olympics  
 Sep. 22 ..... First Day of Autumn  
 Sep. 25 ..... Rosh Hashanah

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Oct. 4 ..... Yom Kippur  
 Oct. 6 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Oct. 10 ..... Columbus Day  
 Oct. 29 ..... BHCF Halloween Parade  
 Oct. 31 ..... Halloween

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 3 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Nov. 6 ..... Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Nov. 8 ..... Election Day  
 Nov. 10 ..... Gen. Membership Meeting  
 Nov. 11 ..... Veteran's Day  
 Nov. 24 ..... Thanksgiving

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 1 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
 Dec. 18 ..... Hanukkah Begins  
 Dec. 21 ..... First Day of Winter  
 Dec. 25 ..... Christmas  
 Dec. 26 ..... Kwanzaa Begins  
 Dec. 31 ..... New Year's Eve

Thanks to Joan Bellisario, we have a new activities calendar for 2022.

If you have any events that you would like to include on the 2023 calendar, please send them to us by the end of this year.

All BHCF events noted here are subject to cancellation or change.

# MINUTES

## Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

*This meeting was delayed by one week due to the Veterans Day holiday. Masks and distancing were in effect due to the continuing COVID-19 health situation.*

### November 18, 2021

The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the September 9, 2021, General Membership meeting were approved without corrections.

### Special Guests:

#### **Pittsburgh Police**

**Commander Shawn Malloy,**

**Sgt. Mike Burford and Officer Eric Defeo**

Sgt. Burford introduced new Zone 1 Commander Shawn Malloy to the members who gave a history of his 27 years with the Pittsburgh Police. He stressed his view of community engagement and having officers "park and walk" to get to know the neighborhoods. Sgt. Burford continued with crime statistics and information on the Stuffed With Love Thanksgiving meal program. Neighborhood Resource Officer Eric Defeo outlined efforts to check on elderly or ill citizens as well as helping with those who are having utility shut-off issues. Citizens can contact him with information or concerns at his cell phone number (412-551-4976) or email (eric.defeo@pittsburghpa.gov).

#### **City Councilman Bobby Wilson**

Councilman Wilson reported on repair work concerning the monuments at Legion Park which was brought up at the last meeting. Efforts by the DPW to make these repairs are very appreciated. He also reported on the initial traffic calming meeting held with Termon Avenue residents. This project has been placed first for

completion in 2022. The transition of the BHCF moving from its office was assisted by the DPW providing a truck for trash and Councilman Wilson steered an agreement through Council which allowed storage of our office material in the McClure Avenue future Healthy Living Center. The BHCF will participate in the planning of the Center and it is planned that the BHCF will have space there. Councilman Wilson reported later that there is at least \$1 million in next year's budget for the continuing rehabilitation of the building. He also reported on efforts to mitigate the parent/school bus pick-up and drop-off traffic issues on Davis Avenue outside Pittsburgh Morrow. A question was asked about the status of the Davis Avenue pedestrian bridge and he stated that it is still on track for a possible 2024 completion.

#### **PA Representative Emily Kinhead Danielle Graham-Robinson**

Danielle provided flyers for the services that Rep. Kinhead's office can provide for constituents including tenant/landlord issues or LIHEAP applications. The phone number for the office is the same: 412-321-5523.

#### **Board Election**

John Belch presented the slate of candidates for this November's board election. Five officers and five board positions are up for election. Kate Kelley and John Belch have declined to run again and Gretchen Serra will step down as Treasurer. The September member-approved candidate slate was uncontested. A motion to accept the slate was made and passed.

Those elected are:

**President:** Joseph Glassbrenner

**Vice President:** Brendan Delaney

**Treasurer:** Robert Haller

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Elaine Gloeckner

**Recording Secretary :**

Monique Flowers

Tim Maloney

Ray Robinson

Soo Yi Thompson

Gretchen Serra

Alex Carrera

### Report of Officers and Others:

#### **President's Report**

##### **Joseph Glassbrenner**

Joe reported on streetlight outages on Route 65 and California Avenue that were repaired by calling the hotline listed in our newsletter. He also continued discussing the transition from our office on California Avenue. A new PO Box and phone number have been setup and mail will be forwarded. The new address is BHCF PO Box 99602 Pittsburgh, PA 15233 and the new phone number is 412-690-0918. Both of these changes will be prominently featured in our 2022 newsletters. He stated that the tree at Legion Park will be decorated for the holidays on 11/24 and thanked Rich Quigley of Let's Cut a Deal for this service. He also followed up on last meeting's Duquesne Light street tree removal issue. He stated that residents who receive a removal letter should contact Duquesne Light to state that they don't want it removed and then email Michael Kelly at Pittsburgh Forestry who will place the tree on a "trim-only" list.

#### **Vice President**

##### **Brendan Delaney**

Brendan reported on his attendance at the Friends of Riverview Park meeting where some concerns with the progress of the Davis Avenue pedestrian bridge and the incoming administration were aired. He asked Councilman Wilson to

check on the status of the community input planning meeting which was to have occurred this fall.

**Corresponding Secretary**

**Kate Kelley**

Absent.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Gretchen Serra**

Report read by Joseph Glassbrenner.

Net Worth Report – As of 10/31/201

<i>Assets — Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	
Monument	1,637.63
Pay Pal On Line	13.50
Wesbanco OP Acct	12,902.52
SSB OP Acct	3,266.36
State Grant Acct	915.81
United Way	1,596.23
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$20,333.05</b>

A motion to accept was approved.

**Report of Committees:**

**NSLC**

**Monique Flowers and Brendan Delaney**

Monique reported that the transitioning process is continuing with interim Executive Director Dana Fruzynski.

**Halloween Parade**

**Monique Flowers**

Monique reported on the success of this year's event and thanked all those who assisted making this a positive event for the children of the neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Safety**

**Donna Kramer and Ray Robinson**

Donna reported on holiday season safety tips.

**Land Use**

**Brendan Delaney**

Brendan reported that he and Joe Glassbrenner had a positive meeting with the new director at NSLC and she hopes to have a new real estate manager hired soon to guide our stalled projects. Councilman Wilson reported that Council has approved the URA transfer of the St. Johns property to Allegheny Land Trust. Joe reported that the ALT is expecting news of applied-for grants for this project sometime this month and that the ALT will update us in January on the progress.

**Cleanup**

**Tim Maloney**

Tim reported on the success of the September "Garbage Olympics" event and reminded all that "Every day is trash day."

**Old Business**

• Duquesne Light Tree Removal  
(see *President's Report*)

**New Business**

• A question concerning the future status of the former Three Rivers Youth property was raised. President Glassbrenner stated that when a sale closing occurs we would engage the owners on their plans.

• President Glassbrenner raised the issue of having some hybrid version of our General Membership meetings in the future. Possibilities include the live streaming of the meeting and monitoring for questions.

**Anything for the Good of the Federation**

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$13 was won by Elaine Gloeckner and donated to the Federation.

The next General Membership meeting will be January 13, 2022.

Approximately 30 persons attended.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted**

**John Belch**

**Last Page Laugh**

by Tom Kaylor

*While creating my "Last Page Laugh" jokes for our neighborhood newsletter, I find it's helpful to do so while eating a bowl of Corn Flakes.*





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 Individual (\$7.50)  
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**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022**  
MEETING WILL BE LOCATED IN JOHN MORROW AUDITORIUM. VISIT [WWW.BRIGHTONHEIGHTS.ORG](http://WWW.BRIGHTONHEIGHTS.ORG) FOR DETAILS.

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