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CITIZENS REPORT

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Brighton Heights Citizen's Federation 2022 BRIGHTON HEIGHTS HALLOWEEN PARADE & FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 29th 2022

**Candy Bags, Craft Tables,
Games & Prizes**



Kaitlyn Yakish to volunteer at
BHCFpgh@gmail.com

Parade route and festival location TBD. Details will be posted on social media and our website at www.brightonheights.org.



NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

John Morrow Auditorium

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

With the business of the summer season coming to a close, I want to wish everyone an enjoyable fall.

Hopefully we can enjoy the cooler temperatures with each other in a park, on the street, block party, backyard fire, or a BHCf event.

Despite the break from the General Membership Meetings during the summer months, the BHCf board continues monthly board and committee meetings throughout the summer. This summer was a particularly busy one with the return of the House and Garden Tour on July 30. The tour was well supported by the majority of board membership. The tour was guided by Daniel Phistry and Judy Flaherty. This year's tour brought people from all over the City to showcase our beautiful homes and vibrant gardens. Thanks go out to Judy and Daniel and a congratulations on organizing such a successful event.

On another note of congratulations, it is my duty to inform you of the five 2022 high school Brighton Heights seniors who applied to the Northside Leadership Conferences Scholarship Award and were all awarded a \$1000 scholarship for continuing education/training expenses. They are: Luna Plaza, Niya Tyler, Roman Frankovich, Liliana Harrison, and Desirae Nance. Brighton Heights received the most scholarship awards of all Northside neighborhoods. This was thanks in part to efforts by resident Debbie Kutchbach and Perry High school teacher and Coach, Mr. Chuck Linhart. Thanks for finding us seniors and getting the word out at Perry High School.

A virtual Development Activities Meeting (DAM) was hosted by the BHCf on June 27, 2022, for the Davis Ave Bike and Pedestrian Bridge design. The meeting shared similar information as a prior Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy meeting, but with more accurate timelines and more definitive layout. The bridge design proposed was a truss-supported weathered steel construction type. The artwork design was commissioned to Lori Hepner who was awaiting a contract from the City of Pittsburgh. A separate DAM will be held to propose and review the completed art design. If you would like to know more about the Davis Ave Bridge, there is a PPC meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. The platform and location is TBD. We will have a report at this month's GMM.

As far as general updates, I can share a handful of items the BHCf has advocated for, requested, or supported. The Rite Aid clock at the intersection of Benton/Brighton has finally been repaired. After many failed attempts for Rite Aid to repair the

clock, I called on Board Member Bill Goodrich. I provided Bill a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Owners and BHCf from early 2000 when the store was built. Bill provided the store a notice in writing of its obligations to the Community group and residents. He was successful in forcing action from management to repair the clock in time for the start of the school season. This intersection uses the clock for a quick display of time for Port Authority and School bus riders, as well as crossing guards and those passing by.

Utility work on Brighton Rd is now completed. Brighton Rd has been resurfaced to repair a severely deteriorated road that was exasperated by utility digging and heavy equipment. Thank you for everyone's patience while these gas line infrastructure upgrades were being completed (and ran a full year over). It was an inconvenience but necessary to continue safe and reliable service of natural gas with the key word on "safe" for us.

The BHCf was successfully awarded an \$83,305 URA grant in partnership with the Allegheny Land Trust for the St. Johns greenspace project. As reported in May, multiple state and local grants were being sought to complete funding for the project. At the time of this writing, only this one Urban Redevelopment Authority Neighborhood Initiative Funds Grant has been announced. The grant will be used to fund the community's portion of the site: bike repair station, 8' long benches, natural stone seating area, and repair/replacement of existing wooden stairs. Thank you to the URA, Jamie Piotrowski (URA Neighborhood Business District Program Analyst and St Johns Project Manager), and Alyson Fearon (Allegheny Land Trust Senior Director of Community Conservation and Resiliency) for aiding this project's grant application.

It was nice to host the rescheduled "Movie Night" at Jack Stack Pool on August 16. Families, friends, and neighbors were treated to a big screen display of Disney's *Encanto*. Drinks, chips, and sandwiches were also enjoyed. Board Member Soo Yi Thompson initiated this effort to double down on the community response to a safer City by engaging our residents and youth in a safe and familiar place.

I will conclude by wishing everyone a Happy Labor Day and remind all to attend the next General Membership Meeting at John Morrow School Auditorium (Davis Ave) on Thursday, September 8, 2022. I am working to secure a microphone hook up at the school for those who have been having trouble hearing the reports.

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:

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Or E-Mail it to Editor, Dave Lebec
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The United Way #188

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

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

Membership Renewal

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

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Graffiti in the neighborhood You are a direct victim Graffiti Busters (will remove it) Graffiti Watch	311 911 412-255-2872 412-255-2272
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Gardens and Greenspaces

by Ed Gergerich

What a crazy summer: not enough rain, too much rain, and August heat and humidity in July. Still, we planted our annuals in May, and most plants survived the dry spells.

A major highlight was the July 30 BHCf Home and Garden Tour. It featured our three community gardens at Termon and California Avenues, as well as several home gardens (including mine). If you missed the tour, the T&C3 are always open, so you can do a garden walk-through on your own schedule. See if you can find the two bear statues on the appropriately named Bears Lot. They get shy and hide in the summer but would probably appreciate a visit.

Thanks to our volunteers Judy Bendtsen, Danika Chapman, Bob Haller, and Tony Ocepek. An extra special thanks to Susan Benn and our rookies-of-the-year, the Martin family, mom Janet, son Connor, and daughters Ginger, Eden, and Autumn. Not only did these folks come out for the May prep and planting days, they each came out several additional days on their own to weed and water. They also served as docents on the Adams Lot during the Garden Tour. These folks restored my enthusiasm for our gardens when I was feeling overwhelmed. I really appreciate the comments and compliments about our community gardens, but actions shout louder than words.

I also want to acknowledge the excellent work by Kim Larsen and her cadre of volunteers on the gardens at Legion Park. Kin and Megan Graham also organized our May 21 Plant Exchange. We have a bunch of sunflowers at PA 65 and the Adams Lot thanks to seed packets donated at the Plant Exchange.

Our Corona Corner Garden has prospered thanks to the efforts of Sue and Tim Maloney, Judy Flaherty and other neighborhood volunteers.

Street construction work around the traffic island at Goe Avenue and Wapello Street disrupted our Goe Garden this year. Our smallest garden needs an infusion of top soil if you know of any available.

In early August, Bob Haller divided the plants in his iris beds and donated the extras to our gardens. You'll see the results of Bob's generosity next spring when irises bloom in gardens across the neighborhood.

This fall, weeding and watering will go on until cold weather sets in. Trimming of shrubs and litter cleanup will continue on nice days throughout the winter, so you'll still have plenty of opportunity to get your hands dirty in the garden of your choice. It'll make a difference to the neighborhood and yourself.

STAY SAFE, STAY GREEN!

CONTACT: Ed Gergerich (*Gardens and Greenspaces*)

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Plant Swap Or Adopt 2022

This year's Swap or Adopt Event was a wonderful success. Kudos to Megan Graham for this wonderful idea — now in its third year — and to the stewards of Legion Park for all their hard work prepping the park and being available to help during the day.

The idea is definitely gaining traction as folks are planning ahead with their plantings-to-share and sharing their successes and tips.

This year's event also brought new faces — we shared the day with visitors from Bellevue, McKees Rocks, The Mexican War streets and the Southside.

Thanks to everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you next May!



The Little Sisters of the Poor Anniversary Celebration

The Little Sisters of the Poor, located on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights, is celebrating their 150th anniversary of serving the elderly and poor in Pittsburgh in 2022. This July 4th, the Residents, Sisters, volunteers and staff gathered in the front parking lot for a flag raising and prayer service. The weather was perfect and everyone was dressed in red, white and blue. The Residents then gathered for a picnic in the auditorium and a patriotic sing-a-long.



Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Annual House and Garden Tour

by Judy Flaherty and Dan Phistry

We could not have asked for more perfect weather on July 30th for a very successful Sixteenth Annual Brighton Heights Citizens Federation House and Garden Tour! The tour showcased Brighton Heights' architecture and neighborhood gardens and attracted many new visitors to explore our beautiful neighborhood.

Included in this year's tour were gardens, an artist market, a Molly's Trolley, and food trucks. Two historical societies were also present at Legion Park: The Allegheny City Society and the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society. The Queen Anne style home and garden of Douglas and Jessica Baker was featured in the Post-Gazette's July Homes and Gardens section. Neighbors who graciously hosted their homes were Emily and Carlos Ramos, Jen Shumar and Joe Rubenstein, Tim and Sue Maloney, Brian and Richelle Wallace, Conrad Hampton, Jeff and Myka Bertrand, Tom Yargo, Joseph and Nathan Russell McDermott, and John and Soo-Yi Thompson. Martha Forman, Ed Gergerich, and Bill Boziacki opened their gardens for the tour.

The planning of the tour began in April and included many volunteers. Tim Maloney and Jess Marecic sold the ads, Megan Ward orchestrated Eventbrite, Sue Maloney and Seth McClarey organized docents, Bob Haller wrote the checks, Donna Kramer set up the Molly's Trolley, and Joe Glassbrenner secured our sponsor. Ticket volunteers were

Elaine Gloeckner, Judy Bendtsen, and Melanie Panutsos. Docent volunteers were Lilian Akin, Kevon Copeland, Camilla Pearce, Wayne Cox, Susie Smolin, Donna Spohn, Olivia Maloney, Colin Flaherty, Heather Costello, Seth McClarey, Marianne Zahren, Bob Haller, Jena Bish Simpson, and Diane Thomas. Also, a special thank you to Keith Younger who delivered our trash containers!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Co-chairs Danny Phistry and Judy Flaherty; John Canning, historian with the Allegheny City Society; and Joe Glassbrenner, President of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation

Healthy Active Living Center (HALC) and Firehouse No. 35 Development Activities Meeting Notice

The BHCF will host a hybrid Development Activities Meetings (DAM) on September 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The in-person meeting location will be the HALC at 3515 McClure Avenue. Please enter the building at the door to the left lower sidewalk. A virtual Zoom link will be sent out via email to all BHCF members in the directory. This Zoom meeting link will also be available on the BHCF Facebook page. If you would like a Zoom link sent to you, please request it by calling or emailing the BHCF.

Development Activities Meeting

WHEN:
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

WHERE:
Healthy Active Living Center;
3515 McClure Avenue

TIME:
7:00 p.m.

This DAM will:

1. Present renovations and upgrades to Engine House No. 35, located at 1519 Orchlee Street
2. Review a proposal by the City of Pittsburgh to renovate the 1st and 2nd floor of the current Healthy Active Living Center, located at 3515 McClure Avenue

Please join this meeting if possible to hear about upgrades planned for Engine House No. 35 as well as give your input on a significant investment proposed for the Healthy Active Living Center.

Build Your Wealth in the Trades

by Joseph Glassbrenner

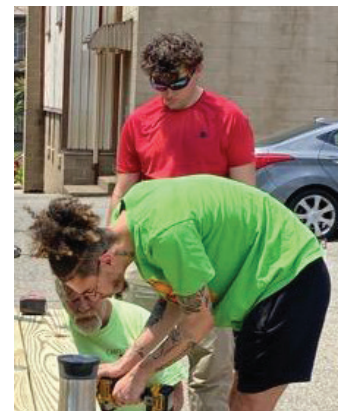
The second annual BYWITT teen and young adult trades initiative was held on May 12, 2022. Despite the high temperature of 90 degrees for the day, a number of participants showed up to take part in the building. This year the trades learned were carpentry and electrical. Volunteers from the IBEW Local Union No. 5 and the Carpenters and Joiners Local Union No. 432 instructed sessions. The carpenters guided a session on wooded construction and built an outdoor wooden picnic table. The table was donated to our event space sponsor New Life Family Worship Center. A special thanks to Mery Womack and Pastor James who worked with the BHCF to provide a spacious outdoor venue with indoor space to host food and restrooms. The learning and instruction would not have been possible without the skills of the carpenters who volunteered. Thank you for giving your time and talents.

The electrical portion was led by volunteers from the IBEW Local Union No. 5. Participants installed various electrical components to wire a switch, light, and basic receptacle.

They became familiar with the tools, materials, and safe installation methods.

Following the skills session outdoors, participants and all volunteers were treated to pizza, pop, and sandwiches. They heard from tradespeople about the careers and opportunities available in the building trades. Apprenticeship applications and information from over 12 different local unions were available and distributed.

Last but not least, I want to recognize our financial sponsors who donated two years in a row: The United Brotherhood of Carpenters, New Life Family Worship, Modular International Lighting Supply, Mistick Construction Co, Mascaro Construction Co, Cardello Electric Supply, and IBEW all donated to our cause. I look forward to working with everyone on this initiative for Northside's teen and young adults next year. If you are interested in planning or volunteering, contact the BHCF by phone or email.



Riverview Park Day

Join the Friends of Riverview Park this October 2, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to celebrate Riverview Park Day! For the first time back since 2019, this year's Riverview Park Day will feature tons of free programming, including live music, family-friendly games and activities and adventure hikes, as well as food vendors and much more!

This event is organized by the Friends of Riverview Park, the Northside Leadership Conference, and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

More information about this event can be found soon on the Friends of Riverview Park and Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy websites.

If you'd like to get in touch with event organizers, please email rpd@pittsburghnorthside.com. Come out on October 2 to celebrate this treasured jewel of the Northside and show your Northside pride!

Riverview Park Day

WHEN:
Sunday, October 2, 2022

WHERE:
Riverview Park;
159 Riverview Avenue

TIME:
11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Day

by Joseph Glassbrenner

On May 30, the Memorial Day Salute returned in-person to Legion Memorial Park. The event was again the joint planning effort of the BHCF, American Legion, and Brightwood Civic Group. The event began with an introduction at 10:00 a.m. that was temporarily interrupted by a scheduled C-17 flyover by The 911th Airlift Wing. The flight offered spectators lower than usual flight altitudes, loud engines, and precision flying with a tip of the wing over Legion Park by Major Szczypinski. The flight was also boarded by Airforce Reserve 911th Air wing Loadmaster and former Brighton Heights resident Jared Schwartzbauer. Thanks to you both, the 911th, and the FAA for assisting in the flyover request application.

Following the introduction were letters of recognition, songs, Color Guard, the playing of taps, and a gun salute. Rev. Brenda Gregg offered an invocation. The TAPS were played by Termon Ave resident Maria Sassani. The playing of taps was a solemn reminder and thanks to those who offered the ultimate sacrifice. Maria performed in perfect tune for the near 100 in attendance. The Colors were presented by the Perry High school Jr ROTC. They also honored all those from domestic wars of our nation.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered the day of, Franks Photography, and a special thanks to the planning committee. If you are interested in being part of the planning for next year, please contact the BHCF by phone or email with any questions. Planning meetings start in March.

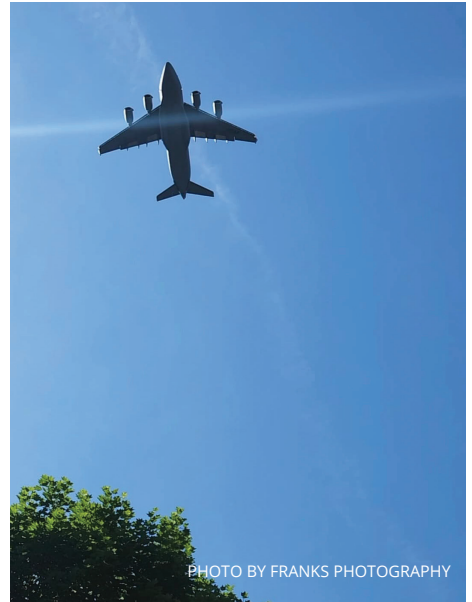


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Garbage Olympics

WHEN:

Saturday, September 17, 2022

WHERE:

Starts at All Saints Church;
3577 McClure Ave

TIME:

9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the event coordinator below.

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The Clean Pittsburgh Commission will be holding their annual Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics on Saturday, September 17, 2022. We will be picking up trash and debris throughout the entire neighborhood. Last year we had an amazing turnout for this event, so let's do it again in 2022!

In addition to picking up trash from every street and greenspace in Brighton Heights, we are going to tackle Reuben Street hillside along with Allegheny CleanWays. We will need around 10 volunteers for this alone. To understand the section we are referring to, if you take Beckham to Reuben Street towards Gass Avenue, there is a hillside that sits above McClure Avenue. This hillside is covered with litter and has been on our radar for years to clean-up. We are so excited that we are finally going to be able pick up this eye sore of a hillside!

We will be competing against other neighborhoods for Most Trash Picked Up, so with this hillside, we have a great chance of winning this year. There are prizes for the Most Unusual Find and Most Volunteers as well.

Plan on attending the post-event party at Threadbare Cider House with free refreshments and prizes. This is always a fun time and a nice payoff for your hard work!

From Councilman Bobby Wilson

This month, I would like to provide some information about infrastructure projects in Brighton Heights and an update about my office as we head into the fall.

Recently, after years of work by utility companies on Brighton Road, Columbia Gas began the restoration of this major neighborhood road in mid-August. PWSA also began working on several roads in Brighton Heights in mid-August. In both cases, my office learned from many of you that these utility companies did not provide proper notice for planned work and failed to identify where the road surface had been milled, creating steep drops for drivers navigating these roads and potentially damaging their vehicles. I have begun a conversation with the Director of the City's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to determine what DOMI asks these utility companies to post in order to properly notify residents of the work they can expect to see on their neighborhood streets. I want to ensure that in all cases where work is happening in the public right-of-way, whether by the City or by utility companies, Brighton Heights receives proper notice so that they are inconvenienced as little as possible while this work is getting done.

In my last column in this newsletter, I mentioned that I had passed a bill to direct DOMI to reduce the speed limit on Pittsburgh park roads to 15 MPH. I am proud to announce that DOMI recently installed five new signs on Riverview Avenue — the loop in Riverview Park — that state this lower speed limit on one of the biggest park roads on the Northside. Riverview Avenue is the first park road in the City of Pittsburgh to get these signs and I am looking forward to their installation on park roads across our city. We know that many of these roads lack sidewalks and are shared by both vehicles and pedestrians. Until the installation of these new lower speed limit signs, the default speed limit on these roads was 25 MPH. That speed creates potentially unsafe conditions on park roads shared by cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and discourages residents and visitors from enjoying our city's beautiful parks. Reducing the speed limit on park roads is a major step towards ensuring our safety in these greenspaces.

I am excited to announce that there will be a community meeting to share updates on the design of the new Davis Avenue Bridge. This meeting will take place on Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m. You will be able to attend this meeting both in-person and virtually via Zoom. I will share more information about this meeting on my office's Facebook and Twitter pages as we get closer to the date. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to see more information about this bike-pedestrian bridge that will connect Brighton Heights to Riverview Park, please visit the project's page on Engage PGH at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/davis-avenue-bridge>.

Finally, I would like to share with all of you that Mohammed Burny is now serving District 1 as my new Chief of Staff. Mohammed has been my Legislative Aide since I took office in January 2020 and is well-versed in the legislative agenda of the Northside. If you

would like to discuss any legislative or scheduling matters, please contact him directly at mohammed.burny@pittsburghpa.gov. I would also like to thank Sally Stadelman for her years of service to the City of Pittsburgh and for the two and a half years she served District 1 as my first Chief of Staff. Her deep knowledge of our City's government has been invaluable to our office during her time here, and I look forward to seeing the great things she will do next for the people of our City.

If you have any thoughts about any of these updates, please feel free to call, email or find us on Facebook and Twitter. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Carnegie Mellon Research Study is Looking for Volunteers!

I'm Sarah Troise, a Ph.D. student at Carnegie Mellon's Department of Engineering and Public Policy. For part of my thesis work, I am conducting a series of group exercises looking at public opinion about what technologies we should use to replace fossil fuels to achieve a zero carbon electricity grid. As a part of the exercise, I will explain each of the different technologies (wind, solar, hydro, etc.) and you will be asked to think of your ideal technology mix (ex. 20% solar, 30% wind, 40% nuclear, 10% wind). You will also be asked to think about some estimations about how zero carbon could change everyday life.

I would very much appreciate it if members of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation would participate in my research study.

There is no prior knowledge or expertise needed to participate. The only requirements are that you are over 18, located in the US, willing to listen to the presentation, and willing to discuss your thoughts and opinions with the group.

The exercise can take up to 3 hours and will take place in small groups. The workshop can be done in person or on Zoom depending on your preference. Scheduling times for the exercise are flexible and will depend on the schedule of all participants in a group. Weekend and evening times will be available.

When you finish the exercise, each participant will be eligible for a \$50 visa gift card. Participation is voluntary. If you are interested in participating, please email me by Sept. 15th. I will coordinate with volunteers to find a time that works Thank you so much!

CONTACT: Sarah Troise

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From Senator Wayne D. Fontana

WHOLE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

There are more than 280,000 occupied residential structures in Pennsylvania that have moderate to severe physical inadequacies. In many cases, homeowners can't afford to make repairs to their homes which can cause them to ultimately get less when they go to sell their home. Additionally, older residents and those on fixed incomes may live in a home that is not safe due to repairs that have not been made over time.

As part of the 2022-23 state budget that passed the General Assembly in early July, a new program is being implemented that will allow homeowners to get help to pay for home repairs.

Legislation I was proud to co-sponsor, Senate Bill 1135, was adopted as part of this year's budget and will create the Whole Home Repair Program. The program, which received bi-partisan support, will receive an allocation of \$125 million and be administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Individual homeowners will be eligible for a grant of up to \$50,000, and landlords can get a repayable loan for up to that same amount. Homeowners are eligible if they earn up to 80% of the median income in their area. Loans are only available to small landlords, and they carry additional restrictions on how much that landlord can charge in rent.

The Whole Home Repair Program should be rolled out later this year. I will provide information on how to apply for funds, eligibility requirements and more in my weekly *News and Views*, which can be subscribed to via our website.

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From the Nominating Committee

Think you have the time, commitment, and passion to be on the BHCF Board!? Now is the time to speak up! Nominate yourself or a neighbor who may lead the community well! The commitment requires the attendance of 11 Board Meetings and 5 General Membership Meetings each year. You will also need to participate in the functions that the Federation sponsors. Being a board member is a commitment that involves giving of your time and energy, but it is a most rewarding job.

Nominations will be presented by the Nominating Committee chair at the General Membership Meeting on September 8, 2022, for Recording Secretary and board positions. Nominations may also be proposed from the floor at the General Membership Meeting at that time. The election will take place at the November General Membership Meeting. To run or vote, you must be a dues-paying member of BHCF in good standing. If you are interested in running, you may either reach out to Brendan Delaney, the Nomination Committee Chair by calling **412-690-0918** and leaving a message, or sending an email to bhcfpgh@gmail.com



MINUTES

Review of Previous General Membership Meeting

May 12, 2022

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the March 10, 2022, General Membership meeting were not reported.

Special Guests:

Senator Fontana

Keith Wehner

- Redistricting passed.
- Provided an overview of the redistricting.
- Visit redistricting.state.pa.us for more information of all levels .

State Rep Emily Kinkead

Danielle Graham Robinson

- High level review of redistricting.
- Satellite office hours in Avalon and in Westview hubs. Call the office for these hours if you need to do something in-person.
- Women's Empowerment series. Check the Facebook page for details: Rep Emily Kinkead.
- There will also be a Women's Resource fair; details also on Facebook. July 30th at Ross Community Center.
- Sign up for their newsletter with Danielle Graham Robinson.
- Unclaimed property efforts; call the office for help.
- Board of Elections; call them if any issues with voting.

Councilman Bobby Wilson

- Rental registration for anyone who owns a property at One Stop Pittsburgh. Must register this year.
- Short-term rental legislation hearing on May 19 at 1 p.m., virtual and in-person. Can send questions or comments to Bobby.
- Capital budget season. Call his office if you have a project you would like to see done in Brighton Heights.
- Street paving update: Brighton Road will be paved this summer!

Mayor Ed Gainey

Rebecca Ranallo – Neighborhood Services Manager

- BH has the biggest crowd she's seen so far!
- Capital budget vs Operating budget: Public Safety falls under Ops budget
- Lifeguards are in huge demand to open our pools – if you know anyone, please refer them to the City.
- 80 positions open at the City
- Love Your Block program: reimbursement grant program up to \$5,000. Applications due June 15, 2022.
- Dates for virtual informational meetings: 5/23 and 6/2 at 4:30 p.m. 5/24 and 6/3 at 10:30 a.m.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

- Police door hanging effort.
- St Johns site update: moving forward slowly.
- City planning: neighborhood planning funding update – up to \$150,000. What do we want to see done with this money?
- Poll workers needed.
- Discussed possibility of Safety Center in Brighton Heights.
- Gulf gas station nominated for Business of the Year in Brighton Heights award.
- One Northside grants available – up to \$1,000.

Vice President

Brendan Delaney

Absent.

Corresponding Secretary

Elaine Gloeckner

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

Bob Haller

- Financial update: \$21,478 in our bank accounts.
- Elaine motioned and Tim Seconded to pass budget.

Report of Committees:

NSLC

Brendan Delaney

Absent. No update.

Land Use Committee

Brendan Delaney

- Joe reported for Brendan Delaney.
- St Johns project starting January 2023. There is \$1.5 million in grants and foundation money to do the project.
- BHCF renovations projects: working with potential contractors and getting City approval.

Build Your Wealth in the Trades

Joseph Glassbrenner

- Event is on May 21, 2022, at New Life Worship Center.

Welcoming Committee

Elaine Gloeckner

- Reported 44 new neighbors since 2021.

Communications Committee

Stacy Berkebile

- Let Stacy know if you have anything for Facebook or email.

Neighborhood Safety

Donna Kramer

Absent.

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich

- May 14 at 9:00 a.m.: weeding and cleanup.
- May 21: planting date for all community gardens at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; corners, Legion Park, Corona, etc.
- May 21: Plant Swap at Legion Park at 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Day

Commander Pete Galinowski

- May 30 at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- First full service since Covid began.
- No picnic
- May 27: Flag planting at Highwood cemetery

Old Business

- Most successful cleanup we've had in 20 years.
- Saturday July 30: pre-House Tour clean-up event
- Rite aid clock update: MOU form sent to Rite Aid corporate to remind them they are obligated to keep clock running.

New Business

- Northside business, Lane Home Care, requesting community approval for a loan; board members voted after the meeting to send letter of support to NSCDF.
- 2051 Termon meeting update .

Anything for the Good of the Federation

- House Tour set for Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Starting point is Legion Park with music, food and art. Need volunteers for the park and docents for the homes.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine. Seconded by Stacy. All approved.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Maloney

Last Page Laugh

by Tom Kaylor

After pulling the tooth, the dentist asked the politician "What hurt most, Jim? Losing the election or losing your tooth?" Said the politician to the dentist, "I'll answer that when I see your bill."



Davis Ave Bridge Development Activities Meeting

June 27, 2022

Discuss Engine House 35 renovations and Davis Avenue Bridge updates:

- Engine House people did not attend, so nothing to report.
- Presentation of Davis Avenue pedestrian and bicyclist bridge by Zachary Workman.
- The purpose for constructing the Davis Avenue Bridge is to reconnect Brighton Heights and Marshall-Shadeland neighborhoods to Riverview Park. Zachary had a slide show showing renderings of what the bridge will look

like, the materials that will be used in the bridge and the potential plants that will be used at entry points.

- Final design planned Summer 2022 to Fall 2022. There will be one final public meeting this Fall to present final details.
- Construction: begin spring 2023 with completion Fall 2023.
- Part of this project includes a public art display with Lori Hepner (Brighton Heights neighbor) chosen as the resident artist.
- If you would like to see the full details, visit <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/davis-avenue-bridge>

We are excited to finally see this project come to fruition. Spring of 2023 will be here before we know it!

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