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CITIZENS REPORT

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Zone 1 Police Gift Card Donations

by Elaine Gloeckner

I would like to thank our Board members and members of the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation for the awesome job in donating to our Zone One City of Pittsburgh Police Officers gift cards for the holiday season. We reached our goal of \$830 and increased it to \$910.

In addition to the above, we were blessed with an anonymous benefactor, who donated \$300 in gift cards.

- 10 for \$10 for Yinz Coffee
- 10 for \$10 for Happy Day Ice Cream
- 10 for \$10 for Giorgio's Place

A GRAND TOTAL of **\$1,210.00** was donated!!

We delivered the beautiful gift card baskets on December 10, 2022, to our Zone One Police Officers!

I hope you all had a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year!!!



NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

John Morrow Auditorium

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

Happy New Year Brighton Heights! I hope everyone had a great 2022 and a joyous holiday season. You may have seen the lights at either Legion Memorial Park or the lights on the poles in the business district this year. The BHCF provided the lights again for the Legion Park pine tree and Nelson Tree Service volunteered the bucket truck to get around the 40' tree. The light poles in the business district were decorated by volunteers from the Northside Assumption Catholic School. Thank you to both groups for making the neighborhood a little brighter.

As you saw on the cover of this Newsletter, the Zone 1 appreciation gift card drive was very well supported. Thank you to all who donated, Cheryl Capezutti who designed the art for the card, Seth McClarey and Ryan Yesenchak for decorating gift baskets, and Elaine Gloeckner who received the donations and purchased the gift cards.

The support our community has been shown by Zone 1 goes far beyond responding to calls, making arrests, investigating crime, and patrolling our streets. It goes deeper than having Officers present at the BHCF General Membership meetings to give reports and answers any questions from residents. It's as deep as seeing Officers like Derrick Payton unexpectedly on Thanksgiving Day in Brighton Heights. I did not see Officer Payton in a patrol car, at the Zone, or at any community meeting. While walking my dog Mia on Thanksgiving Day I spotted Officer Payton and he spotted me on the 3600 block of California Ave. He drove by smiling and waved from the passenger side window of a white box truck full of Thanksgiving Day meals for the needy. He and other officers were taking part in their annual "Stuffed with Love" initiative. Thank you Officer Payton and the entire Pittsburgh Police Department for your support, dedication, and the protection you provide our residents.

I have less to report this month than in previous months but can leave you with one new initiative in the works and some friendly reminders. I have been working with The Emma Munson Foundation, New Life Family Worship, Carpenters

Local Union No. 432, and Electricians Local Union No. 5 to bring a "Food Fridge" to the New Life Family Worship Church Property across from Legion Park. The fridge has already been donated, artists commissioned and painted, construction services provided for installed volunteered by these unions, and the go ahead from Pastor James of New Life. The purpose is to reduce food insecurity for our residents by maintaining donations of fresh food to be used by anyone in need of food. I have many of the cost and logistics of installation completed but I am in need of a committee to organize donations and maintenance of the fridge once installation is completed there are so far a few individuals on committee but could use more. Planning meetings will start at the end of January with more details to come.

Please see the notice below for the two upcoming Development Activities Meetings the BHCF is hosting for renovations to Engine House 35 and the long anticipated meeting with the architect of "Termon Ave Gardens LLC" who will present a residential housing development for the former Three Rivers Youth property at 2051 Termon. These meetings are your opportunity to learn about upcoming projects, give feedback, make requests, and voice concerns. The last reminder is to provide any street requests for resurfacing as soon as possible. The BHCF makes 3 street requests to Councilman Wilson's office for recommendation to DPW for the 2023 street paving list on or by Jan. 15. The two streets requested so far were Morrell St and Cooper Ave.

Lastly, I will welcome anyone interested in volunteering on a committee or with any projects to get in touch with myself or a board member to learn more and discuss any ideas you may have. I'll take this chance to welcome all to the January 12, 2023, General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and remind you to please pay your membership dues for the 2023 year if you have not already done so. Thank you for supporting the organization.

And as always, I'll see you in the neighborhood.

Development Activities Meetings Notice

The BHCF will host two Development Activities Meetings this month. The first DAM will be held on January 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled General Membership meeting located at John Morrow School, 1611 Davis Ave. Representatives from the City of Pittsburgh will present upgrades to Engine House No. 35, located at 1519 Orchlee St.

The second DAM will be a stand-alone meeting held on January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Healthy Active Living Center, 3515 McClure Ave. Please enter the door to the

left lower sidewalk. Residents will hear a proposal for a residential housing development by developer "Termon Ave Gardens LLC". The proposed development is at the site of the former Three River Youth Group located at 2051 Termon.

Please join us for either meeting to hear about upgrades planned for the firehouse as well as learn about one of the largest housing developments in Brighton Heights in decades.

Do You Have a New Neighbor?

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

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The United Way #188

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

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

Membership Renewal

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

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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
State Rep. - District 20	412-321-5523

Northside Chronicle Seeks Input from the Public

by Sean P. Ray

Hello, Brighton Heights! For those who do not know me, I am the managing editor of *The Northside Chronicle*.

As part of some changes we've been instituting at the paper, *The Chronicle* is creating new ways for residents of the Northside to interact with and submit content to us for publication.

One way we're doing so is by opening up *The Chronicle* for the first time to letters to the editor. These letters can be a great way for you to have your voice heard and bring attention to issues that matter most to you.

Have a concern going on in your neighborhood? Write a letter. Have you had a particularly good experience with a community organization or business and want to let other people know? Write a letter.

Better yet, submitting a letter is very easy. Just follow these handy guidelines.

- Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must not contain falsehoods, personal attacks or vulgar language.
- Authors should include their name and home neighborhood with their letter. These will be published alongside the letter in the paper.
- The writer should also include a phone number and email in case *The Chronicle* needs to follow up with you for any additional details or information. Your phone number and email will NOT be published in the paper.
- Letters can be emailed to either editor@thenorthsidechronicle.com or sent by mail to "The Northside Chronicle ATTN: Letter to the Editor" at 3925 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15214.
- All letters are subject to editorial review and *The Chronicle* reserves the right to print or not print any letters received.

So get writing and take advantage of this opportunity to see yourself published in the Northside's premiere news source.



Reuben/Beckham Hillside Clean-Up

by Tim Maloney

After many years of wanting to clean up this hillside, we finally got started on Saturday, October 22! If you are driving down McClure between Gass and Woods Run Avenues, look up to your left and you will see the hillside to which I am referring.

We couldn't have done this without teaming up with Erica Pasquali and Allegheny Cleanways! They brought their knowledge and supplies to pick up trash from the hillsides. They also weighed the trash and counted the TVs, etc. We picked up close to 2 tons of trash, along with 8 tires and 18 televisions and a trampoline, amongst other interesting items.

For the first time since 2019, we had help from Pitt students as part of their Civic Action Week. They were small in numbers, but we appreciated their help. Two of the students assisted Ed Gergerich and Susan Benn plant some perennials at the Termon Avenue Garden, and another student assisted John Belch scrape and sand the sign to the Ravenstahl lot. The other four helped with the hillside clean-up.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we had a contingent from Pittsburgh Hash House Harriers, thanks to neighbors, Jess Marecic and Mark Pekor. And thanks to the rest of the neighborhood volunteers who gave up some of their beautiful Saturday to help make Brighton Heights a better place to live!

You are probably reading this on a cold, snowy day, but spring is coming. We were not able to finish the job, so we will be doing this again in April 2023. If you like this sort of thing, plan on joining us near Earth Day! Stay tuned for more details...



Helping our Mental Health

by Joseph Glassbrenner

The holidays have come and gone and to no surprise they brought the cold and occasional snow. But the good news is by the time you read this we will already be more than halfway through the winter season. The winter does bring a holiday season of parties, special foods, closeness of friends, decorations, and more but it can bring challenges as well. Winter brings the physical challenges of snow, ice, staying warm, and the cold and flu season. Along with the physical challenges we should acknowledge “mental health” challenges some can face. The shorter days, lack of sunshine, limited interactions with others, and a decrease in healthy activity can get anyone feeling down.

In my past, I have allowed the stressors of life and some negative emotions to weigh heavily on my mental health. I often suffered anxiety and when I did not seek, help had bouts with depression. Some may read this and ask “What does this have to do with community?” My mission is to help our residents live a safer, healthier, stronger, and happier day to day life. I'd like to provide a few resources to help do so. One local resource we are fortunate to have is the availability of many spiritual support options from our many church communities in Brighton Heights. Emmanuel Christian, St. Georges Ukrainian, All Saints Episcopal, Christ Our Savior, New Life Family Worship, Destiny of Faith, Bridge City, Brighton Heights Lutheran, Greater Allen AME, and The Most Precious Blood of Jesus are all available to offer support with prayer, sharing your conflict, or joining on a more regular basis. In addition, a number of these churches host drug and alcohol support meetings almost every night for those struggling with addictions. Do not

hesitate to contact the churches directly or contact the BHCF office if you need a more intimate introduction.

A more professional approach can be provided by contacting Compass Counseling. This Northside resource can provide quality one-on-one counseling for those who need it. Most recently they were featured in *The Northside Chronicle* paper for their mobile counseling center. You can visit www.compasscounseling1on1.com and contact Doreen Upshaw to learn more or check out the October NS Chronicle business brief here: www.thenorthsidechronicle.com/october-2022.

The last I have to share is a crisis support and suicide prevention phone number that's service is now available 24/7 by dialing “988”. This number will connect you directly with a real person trained to listen and help prevent a crisis situation. No one should deal with mental health challenges alone. Hopefully with these resources and more we can help ourselves or another person live our lives a bit healthier.



Gardens & Greenspaces

from Ed Gergerich

First, an update on me: If you hadn't heard, I fell from a wall on October 28 and fractured my left hip socket. Apparently, Humpty Dumpty never had the Mercy Hospital Ortho team to put him back together again like I did. My hip is getting better every day. I want to thank all my friends and neighbors for the support, cards, and prayers they have given me. It is greatly appreciated.

Fortunately, the week before, we planted a lot of shrubs including two large Redstem Dogwoods from Legion Park to the Green-up Lot. Thanks to Susan Benn, the Green-up Lot also received four new Burning Bushes and about 20 Hydrangeas.

The “mailbox” corner and the areas around the Kunzak monument and bench should be transformed next year. Not to be outdone, Legion Park got four new Hydrangeas and Corona

Corner received three. We trimmed some of the Green-up Lot rose bushes but, as always, there is more work to do.

On nice days during the winter, anyone can dig weeds or pick up litter on any community garden. On not-so-nice days, you can assist your neighbors by clearing snow from the sidewalks near our community gardens or at a neighbor's house near you. If you hadn't noticed, we have a lot of pedestrians in Brighton Heights.

On a sad note, I checked with Mussig's Greenhouse and, due to an on-going labor shortage, they will not be able to serve fund-raising flower sales again this year. Due to their excellent quality, and to keep in touch, I expect we will still purchase our community garden annuals at Mussig's next May.

Stay safe, stay green.

BHCF 2022 Halloween Parade

by Taylor Glassbrenner

Photos by Sean P. Ray, courtesy of The Northside Chronicle

The BHCF Annual Halloween Parade was held on October 29, 2022. The parade was led by the Pittsburgh Mounted Horse Police, followed by Engine House No. 35, a local Pittsburgh Ambulance crew, and a Military Vehicle provided and driven by Brian Stephans. There were around 150 kids in attendance. The parade marched from Kunsaks Funeral Home down Davis Ave to Legion Park where a fun fall festival was held. The festival included candy bags for each child, booths and activities provided by Northside Assumption Catholic, Emmanuel Christian Church and Representative Kinkead. DJ Matt kept everyone in the Halloween spirit with fun and scary tunes. There was also a photo booth set up to take pictures. The costumes were excellent, from princesses, to animals, Army men, cupcakes, and some creepy creatures. Prizes for the costume contest were awarded by age group and included 2 scooters, Urban Air passes, Scoops gift cards and Target gift cards. There were raffle ticket prizes including a Build-A-Bear, Floral arrangement by Johannas Garden, and a family pass to the Pittsburgh Children's Museum. Special thanks goes out to all that helped make this event possible.

Halloween Committee: Kaitlyn Yakish, Stacey Roa, Mary Atkins, Gwen Kelly, and Cindy

Judges: Becky Hunt, Mohammad Burney, and Chris Corbett

Thanks to:

- Northside Assumption Catholic; especially Cherise Rossmiller for face painting, craft and cider tables
- Emmanuel Christian Church-Pastor Rick with craft and games booths
- Kunsaks Funeral Home-Ronnie Hunt for providing registration space for the parade
- DJ Matt Noll
- Build-A-Bear donated by Donna Kremer
- Floral Arrangement by Johannas Garden
- Scoops Bellevue for their gift card donation
- Good Lovin'-Free for their cookie coupons
- Urban Air for their swag bags and passes

A special thank you to: all those who donated candy and helped fill candy bags.



From Senator Wayne D. Fontana

As we begin 2023, I'd like to wish the residents of Brighton Heights a healthy and happy New Year!

As the calendar turns into 2023, a new two-year legislative session in state government is upon us. All legislation that was introduced in the previous two-year session (2021-22) that did not pass both the Senate and House, needs to be re-introduced if that legislation is to be considered again.

I have introduced legislation for a third time that would establish a system in our Commonwealth for the implementation of Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO). An Extreme Risk Protection Order grants family members and law enforcement the ability to petition a court to temporarily suspend an individual's access to firearms if there is documented evidence that an individual is threatening harm to themselves or others. The person subject to that order must surrender their guns to police and will not be able to buy, sell, or possess other firearms with a judge determining the time frame of this suspension not to exceed one year. ERPO are modeled after Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Protection Orders which gives due process and standards for evidence.

I am also once again introducing legislation that would implement a "Green Alert" system in Pennsylvania which is designed to warn the public if an at-risk veteran is missing. My bill would be very similar to an Amber Alert for missing children. After returning home from protecting our nation and working to keep Americans safe, secure and free, far too many veterans struggle with mental health conditions. In fact, 20 veterans take their life everyday.

Another bill I will re-introduce would require carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to be installed in childcare facilities licensed and regulated by the Commonwealth. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels from items like portable generators, vehicles, power washers as well as malfunctioning fireplaces, furnaces and water heaters. I have introduced this bill, and several companion bills that address other buildings, for nearly a decade. This legislation passed the Senate unanimously in September but did not move in the House. It did not advance there despite the October incident in the City of Allentown where a carbon monoxide leak at a day care center sent 27 children and eight adults to the hospital. I will continue pressing forward on this common sense piece of legislation that will protect our children and grandchildren.

I am again introducing legislation that would help the City of Pittsburgh address blighted properties. In the City of Pittsburgh, there is an inventory of more than 125,000 total parcels of taxable property with nearly 20 percent or just

under 24,000 being considered vacant, which contributes to an annual loss of \$4.8 million in property tax revenue. My bill would allow a more efficient and inexpensive means of foreclosing municipal claims and tax lien powers of the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Law (MCTLL), which governs Sheriff Sales, to the City of Pittsburgh and the surrounding municipalities and their land banks. Currently these powers are only available to Philadelphia.

These are common sense proposals, and I will continue advocating for them as well as any and all legislation that benefits the constituents I represent. To that end, I encourage all constituents to keep in touch with me with your thoughts and questions on any state matter. You can email me at fontana@pasenate.com. I publish a weekly electronic newsletter which is filled with information about legislative activity in Harrisburg and local news from the district and a monthly edition that focuses on jobs. You can sign up to receive these editions in your inbox by visiting my website at www.senatorfontana.com. I can also be followed on Twitter at [@WayneDFontna](https://twitter.com/WayneDFontna).

As I begin my fifth full term in the state Senate, I look forward to working with the incoming Shapiro administration and my colleagues in the Senate and House to move Pennsylvania forward. I am proud to represent the Brighton Heights neighborhood and all the Northside as your state Senator and I look forward to hearing from, and speaking with, residents throughout the year.

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From Councilman Bobby Wilson

I hope you and your family had a healthy and happy holiday season. A new year is an exciting time for my office as we reflect on all we accomplished in the last year and set new goals for this year.

At the time of writing this article, City Council reviewed about \$6.2 million in proposals for capital projects on the Northside, including construction of the Davis Avenue pedestrian bridge and renovations to the Brighton Heights Healthy Active Living Center. In addition to those city funds, the Brighton Heights Healthy Active Living Center received \$730,000 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) to activate and update its 2nd floor to make it a better senior center and community space. I was proud to have submitted a letter of support for this project and am glad to have great partners like State Representatives Emily Kinkead and Aerion Abney and Senator Wayne Fontana in Harrisburg advocating for Brighton Heights and the broader Northside.

Just before Thanksgiving, the City of Pittsburgh's STOP the Violence office announced six Northside awardees of its first round of STOP the Violence grants. This office attempts to promote, assist, and connect the anti-violence activities sponsored by the City of Pittsburgh with other governmental and private anti-violence activities and with citizens who want to eliminate violence in their neighborhoods. City-sponsored activities include Community Violence Intervention (CVI), the Pittsburgh Police Community Engagement Unit, and youth and adult diversion programs. On the Northside, the STOP the Violence office awarded over \$90,000 in grants to six recipients: Mike Dixon's Basketball Dreamz, Cecelia Ware's Infinite Lifestyle Solutions, Audie Chapman's Northside Steelers Youth Athletic Association, Project Destiny, Northside Partnership Project, and PROMISE.

As we start this new year, I am happy to share with all of you that we've added a new staffer, Julianne Hluska, representing District 1 as the new Community Relations Manager. Many of you have likely already met Julianne at Brighton Heights's most recent monthly meeting. With over a decade of experience in the communications field, Julianne will be instrumental in helping us share resources and updates from the City of Pittsburgh with all the neighborhoods in District 1. As a native Northsider who previously worked in the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Special Events, she brings a valuable and unique perspective and skill-set to our office. If you would like to discuss any concerns you have about City services, please contact her directly at julianne.hluska@pittsburghpa.gov.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact us below. My staff and I look forward to working together to make 2023 a great year for Brighton Heights!

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From State Rep Emily Kinkead

Happy New Year! I am excited, and beyond grateful to serve as your State Representative for another term! As we move into 2023, we have a plethora of new things to share! Hopefully you received notice from my office announcing our new office location! We have officially moved from our E. Ohio Street location and are now at 658 Lincoln Avenue in Bellevue. Even though our address is on Lincoln, our entrance faces the side street of Florence Ave. If you travel by bus, PRTs 13 or 16 will take you to the front of our building! We also have plenty of parking available, and a much bigger office to accommodate you! Our phone number is still 412-321-5523.

Part of the reason for our move is that our district has changed. I no longer represent many parts of the city that I previously had, but I gained a bigger chunk of northern suburbs. Our new map includes most of Brighton Heights, Observatory Hill, all of Ross Twp, Bellevue, Avalon, and Westview. We moved to be more conveniently located to those in the new map. We will miss serving all the residents that are no longer in the district, but I have a feeling we will see you around! My team will continue to assist all who call our office, whether that is to refer you to Rep. Aerion Abney or Rep. Sara Innamorato, or to continue helping with an in-progress case. Our commitment is to make sure you don't skip a beat!

The new year also means that it is Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) season! PTRR is a state program that provides rebates on property tax or rent paid the previous year by income eligible seniors and people with disabilities. Please be advised that the booklets have been ordered and we expect to receive them no later than the end of February. Whether you are a seasoned pro or a newcomer to this helpful program, we will help you apply in whatever way you need! Applications can be completed and submitted in paper form or online. Call our office for more information and to schedule an appointment for in-person assistance. My office will also be scheduling on-site PTRR events at area senior centers and residences. If you live or work in a senior living facility, call our office if you'd like us to host a PTRR event.

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For updates on what I am doing in Harrisburg, please scan the QR code and sign up for my weekly e-blast. It is the best way to stay informed!

2023 CALENDAR

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Jan. 1 New Year's Day
 Jan. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jan. 12 General Membership Meeting
 Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Jan. 22 Chinese New Year

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Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
 Feb. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb. 20 President's Day
 Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

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Mar. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Mar. 6 Purim
 Mar. 9 General Membership Meeting
 Mar. 12 Daylight Savings Begins
 Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Mar. 20 First Day of Spring
 Mar. 22 Ramadan Begins

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Apr. 5 Passover
 Apr. 6 Board of Directors Meeting
 Apr. 6 Maundy Thursday
 Apr. 7 Good Friday
 Apr. 9 Easter Sunday
 Apr. 14 Orthodox Good Friday
 Apr. 15 Orthodox Holy Saturday
 Apr. 16 Orthodox Easter
 Apr. 22 Earth Day
 Apr. 22 BHCF Spring Clean-up
 Apr. 29 Rt 65 WPA Conserv Planting

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May 4 Board of Directors Meeting
 May 6 Prep Day Flower Planting
 May 11 General Membership Meeting
 May 13 Spring Flower Planting
 May 14 Mother's Day
 May 27 Flag Planting Highwood Cem.
 May 27 Gardening Day
 May 29 Memorial Day

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Jun. 1 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jun. 18 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. 4 Labor Day
 Sep. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Sep. 14 General Membership Meeting
 Sep. 15 Rosh Hashanah
 Sep. 16 Garbage Olympics
 Sep. 23 First Day of Autumn
 Sep. 24 Yom Kippur

OCTOBER						
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Oct. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Oct. 9 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
 Oct. 14 Tentative Fall Clean-up
 Oct. 21 BHCF Halloween Parade
 Oct. 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov. 7 Election Day
 Nov. 9 Gen. Membership Meeting
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
 Nov. 23 Thanksgiving

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Dec. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
 Dec. 7 Hanukkah Begins
 Dec. 9 Bright the Night with Santa
 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 2023.

If you have any events that you would like to include on the 2024 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)

November 10, 2022

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by Joseph Glassbrenner; followed by Pledge of Allegiance; Vets stayed standing as we gave them a round of applause for their service. Old Meeting Minutes were reviewed with a Motion to Approve by Tim and a 2nd by Art. Passed with no Abstains and no Opposed.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police and District Attorney's office

Commander Shawn Malloy, Sgt. Mike Burford, Officer Payton

- 1020 Davis Avenue – 2 arrests for homicide and 2 arrests for firearms.

- 3963 Brighton Road – officers keeping an eye on this property.

- Destiny of Faith church shootings at funeral service – 5 people shot. 2 young males arrested that day on October 28.

- Police chase from downtown to Cornell Street, where the vehicle was abandoned. Male/female apprehended. Homicide charges not related to Brighton Heights.

- Commander Shawn Malloy said to send him an email to report any suspicious activity: Shawn.malloy@pittsburghpa.gov.

- Officer Payton was the third officer to speak. He mentioned the onboarding of 2 new police classes who will graduate in 2024.

- Discussed "Stuffed with Love" Thanksgiving dinners for those in need.

- BHCF board members collected donations from area businesses and individuals to purchase \$10 gift cards for 83 members of Zone 1 police force. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

- BHCF board member, Joe Russell, brought awareness to the Neighborhood Watch group that started meeting a few months ago. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, keep an eye out for the next meeting, which will be held in January, 2023.

Mayor's Office

Rebecca Renalo

- November 17 – Children's Museum Lab Space; admin will be sharing initiatives to reduce crime and will be looking for input from the community for ideas.

- Healthy Active Living Center – There is \$4 million dollars from the city, state and grants allocated to restore building, interior and exterior. The city said there will be a \$6 million dollar commitment.

- Reminder to sign up for Snow Angels to help our elderly neighbors.

Councilman Bobby Wilson

- Discussed post-shooting trauma meeting at Destiny of Faith church.

- BH resident and BHCF board member, Parker Goolsby, was appointed to Disruptive Property appeals board.

- Termon Avenue traffic calming to be applied soon.

- California Avenue (Robert McAfee Bridge) will get complete renovation in 3 years. It is a state-maintained bridge.

- Davis Avenue walking bridge is slated to begin construction in 2024!

- Introduction of new staff member, Julianne.

Elections

- Brendan Delaney was chairperson for the Board elections. The slate of 4 board members was motioned by Elaine Gloeckner and seconded by John Belch for approval. It was passed unanimously.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

- Nov 9 - Tree Pittsburgh planted trees along Termon Avenue.

- Any resident of BH who pays for a permit to block a street for a neighborhood event is eligible to be reimbursed for cost of the permit.

- Nelson Tree Service will be hanging Christmas lights on the large coniferous tree in Legion Park.

- Nov 12 – Northside Assumption school will have volunteers stringing lights on poles on California Avenue.

- Longtime resident and champion of community gardens, Ed Gergerich, fell and broke his hip early November. He is recovering well.

- New Life Family Worship will be placing a public food fridge on their property. Anyone interested in helping to keep it stocked, contact Pastor James.

Vice President

Brendan Delaney

- Discussed 2 letters of support the BHCF sent for 2 local businesses.

Corresponding Secretary

Elaine Gloeckner

- Discussed gift cards for the cops

Treasurer's Report

Bob Haller

- Financial update:

- \$19,000 in our bank accounts.

- We took in \$1,200 from dues and \$6,000 from house tour in 2022.

- Donna Kramer motioned to approve and Stacy Berk seconded to pass budget. It was passed unanimously.

Report of Committees:

By Laws

Bob Haller

- Presented changing the wording in by laws regarding board membership from "up to 21 members and 9 members to make a quorum" to "simple majority of members for a quorum."

NSLC

Joe Glassbrenner and Monique Flowers

- Attended the meeting in November. The organization is undergoing consulting to reorganize.

Halloween Parade

Taylor Glassbrenner

• Joe reported that his wife, Taylor, took over the duties of coordinating the parade with a couple of weeks' notice. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed themselves. 150 attendees.

Land Use

Brendan Delaney

• Reported that we are still looking for contractors to restore the property on Fleming Avenue and California Avenue. Hopefully, there will be good news to report for the next meeting.

• 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.

Welcome

Elaine Gloeckner

• Reported 88 welcome packages given out to new neighbors in 2022! We have 400 members who get the newsletter.

Trash Clean-up

Tim Maloney

• Presented that the Reuben Street hillside event on October 22 was a success!

• We gathered almost 3 tons of trash and debris, 18 TVs, 8 tires, a trampoline and other assorted goodies.

Old Business:

• Most successful clean-up 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.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

• The next General Membership meeting will be January 12, 2023.

• Approximately 48 persons attended.

Adjournment

Motion was made to close the meeting made by Donna, seconded by Elaine; all approved.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Maloney

Last Page Laugh

by Tom Kaylor

Letter to a friend from a friend:

*"Thanks for the corny jokes, Ed.
They were good with my corn flakes.
They almost bowled me over ---
every lovin' spoonful."*



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S)

DATE

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE

ZIP CODE + 4

PHONE

EMAIL

New Member Renewal
Membership for _____ years

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

Pay 3 years >>> get 4 years!

Pay 5 years >>> get 7 years!

Family (\$10)
 Individual (\$7.50)
 Senior Citizen (\$5)
 Social (\$5)
 Corporate (\$20)

Additional Donation
(optional) _____
for: _____

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Make checks payable to BHCF, INC.

Send to: BHCF TREASURER

PO BOX 99602

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

Membership is also available online at www.brightonheights.org

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

MEETING WILL BE LOCATED IN JOHN MORROW AUDITORIUM. VISIT WWW.BRIGHTONHEIGHTS.ORG FOR DETAILS.

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