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CITIZENS REPORT

March 2023



Brighton Heights and Brightwood Spring Clean-up Day

WHEN: Saturday April 22, 2023 (Earth Day)

WHERE: Starts at All Saints Church; located at 3577 McClure Avenue

TIME: 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

AFTER PARTY: Free BBQ and drinks (parking lot of Young Brothers on McClure Ave.)

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and Brightwood Civic Group will be holding their 4th Annual Spring cleaning of their neighborhoods on Saturday, April 22nd. The goal is to pick up the majority of trash and debris throughout both neighborhoods, so we need many volunteers to make this event a success! We will meet at the basement fellowship hall entrance of the church. The Citizens Federation will provide gloves and trash bags as well as coffee, fruit and donuts to jump start your day! There will be drawings for prizes at the BBQ for all who volunteer!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this 4th annual collaborative spring clean-up of our neighborhoods.

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

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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

John Morrow Auditorium

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

I'm happy to see March here along with the higher temperatures and longer days. Despite the groundhog seeing his shadow and his prediction of 6 more weeks of winter, it seems like the worst of winter should be behind us. For more than a handful of days in February, temperatures were much above average and allowed for some outdoor or early spring activity. Let's hope we can be like our spring flowers and get a jump start into the coming season.

Speaking of jump start: the BHCF has really jumped into 2023 with a strong line up of spring and early summer events for everyone this year. The details are in this newsletter but I would still like to list what opportunities are upcoming to volunteer on committee or attend. They are: Spring Cleanup on April 22, Build Your Wealth in the Trades on May 13, Plant Swap & Adopt on May 13, Flag Placing on May 26, Memorial Day Service on May 29, and House Tour on June 17. More details will be in the May newsletter but I wanted to get the dates on everyone's radar. As always, please contact the BHCF by phone or email to volunteer or for more information.

I'd like to thank everyone who donated to the Lakeeia Harpool Family at our January General Meeting and throughout the month of January. On December 17, Lakeeia suffered a tragic fire where the lives of her son Dijion Hutchinson and twin grandchildren Elijah & Eliah Gonzales were lost on McClure Ave. With the generosity of the Board and membership, we raised \$500 for the family who are still staying in a hotel. I ask you to continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to recognize our 3 most recent board members who accepted nominations and were appointed to the BHCF Board. Seth McClarey and Ryan Yesenchack were appointed as Board members in January. Both have been active in numerous committees, including: Halloween Parade, Newsletter, Free Food Fridge Initiative, Zone 1 Gift Card Drive, Neighborhood Watch, and regularly attendance at membership meetings. The 3rd member is Todd McCollum.

Todd stepped up to fill an important role of Recording Secretary. This position requires a commitment to meeting attendance and attention to detail in all Board and General Membership Meetings. I am confident in Todd's abilities and look forward to the insight he can provide from his experience in law enforcement.

As it pertains to our youth, I must remind everyone the Northside Leadership Conference Scholarship Program application deadline is March 31. It's open to any Northside resident in 12th grade who performs service to the community and is planning to attend any college, technical school, or training program after graduation. \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to those who are selected.

One youth initiative that has most recently been completed for Brighton Heights is a Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 348 Eagle Scout Project by Eddie Adams. I was approached by Bill Kunz, the pack leader, looking for any projects the BHCF were in need of help to complete. I offered the idea to repair and repaint the Green Up Lot signs and extensively clean up the Green Up Lot for spring. The project was accepted and approved by the Boy Scout authority. It was overseen by myself and Ed Gergerich. Thank you to Eddie and the entire troop for considering Brighton Heights for your Eagle Project.

I'm in the process of scheduling The City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) as our guest for the March 9 meeting at the John Morrow School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. I would like DOMI to present the Termon Ave Traffic Calming Project proposal that's scheduled for installation Spring of this year. Many residents have contacted me with concerns over increased response time it could create for our Emergency response vehicles. Please consider attending the March 9 meeting to hear from DOMI and all other reports. I look forward to seeing everyone.

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

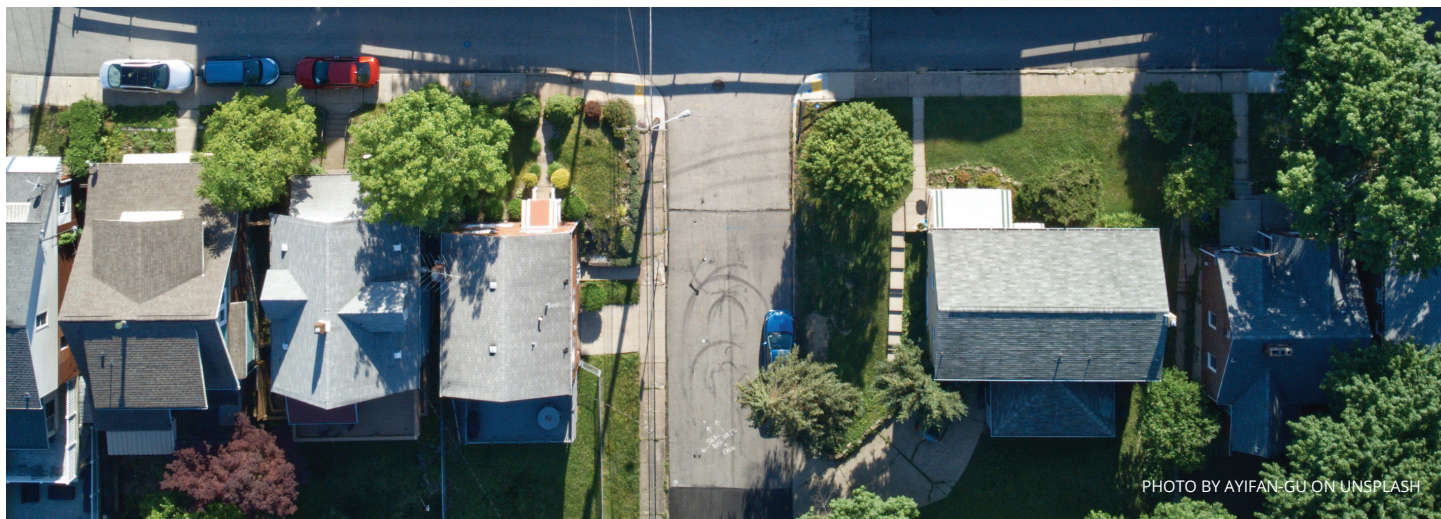


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Do You Have a New Neighbor?

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
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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.

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

from Thomas Mulholland

Good things are happening regarding the St. John's site in your neighborhood. Allegheny Land Trust (ALT), Ethos Collaborative, and the Brighton Heights community have been working together to deliver a natural stormwater management area on the site, and we are making great progress! I wanted to introduce myself, provide a project funding update, and share the expected timeline for the project this year.

If you haven't seen my name before, that's because I just joined the St. John's team. I was recently hired as the Community Conservation Director for ALT. In the coming months, I will be assisting Alyson Fearon, the Project Manager for the St. John's site to move this project forward. Previously, I worked as the Director of Programming at Grounded Strategies. In that role, I supported community place-making projects across the City of Pittsburgh. I am excited to join this team and support the involvement of the Brighton Heights community in this project.

We are pleased to announce that we recently received funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Department) Growing Greener grants program at \$282,953. This brings us to a total of \$629,408 in funding, or 70% of our overall goal for the project. This will supplement the funding we received from the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program, the Urban Redevelopment Authority's (URA) Neighborhood Initiatives Fund, Heinz Foundation, and the URA design grant.

At this stage, we are optimistic that we can start work in early Winter of 2023. Work will begin with the installation of the amenities at the old circle drive on the northern side of the site, facing McClure Ave. In the meantime, we will continue to work with Ethos Collaborative to advance the site through the URA's disposition process which includes getting the necessary Planning and Zoning approvals for the project, as well as finalizing the plans and financing.

To stay up to date on this project, you may contact me at thomas@alleghenylandtrust.org, keep an eye on this newsletter, or check <https://alleghenylandtrust.org/stjohns/>.

Literacy Pittsburgh

Career, GED, and English classes

If you or a loved one need help getting into the skilled trades, getting your GED, or learning English, Literacy Pittsburgh can help. We are involved in union pre-apprenticeship programs, which build skills and certifications and lead directly to union applications. We've got free GED and English classes. We also have Math brush-up for apprenticeship exams. In addition, we have connections with other opportunities in Tech, Healthcare, and other sectors. All our classes are free, and many of these programs will pay you a stipend or a wage for your training time. You can ask about these programs at careerhelp@literacypittsburgh.org, or by calling or texting 412-350-9920.

Building Trades Learning

Opportunity to explore a career as a union electrician!

BSA Explorers Post #5 would like to invite any high school junior or senior, who is interested in exploring a career as a union electrician, to join our post. We meet on the third Thursday of every month during the school year, from 6-8:30 pm at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall, 5 Hot Metal Street on the Southside. Topics include job site safety, employer expectations and electrical theory. Please RSVP to rachelhienz@yahoo.com.

Save The Date: Build Your Wealth in the Trades

The 3rd annual BYWITT will be held on Saturday, May 13, starting at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the New Life Family Worship Center located at 1301 Davis Ave. This year participants will learn construction techniques and the proper use of tools. Instruction will be led by volunteers from the Local Trades Unions: The Carpenters Local Union No. 432 and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 5. Participants will assist with the construction of a wooden structure to house the fridge and dry pantry for the Free Food Fridge Initiative. The food fridge will then be operated by the BHCF with donations from a number of sources. Electricians will be teaching how to install an electrical outlet, replace an exterior light, and add an exterior light. The purpose is to expose our attendees to the opportunity in the Building Trades and learn some skills that can be used at home. We are in need of committee volunteers as well as donations to fund the cost of building materials and lunch. Please contact Joseph Glassbrenner by calling the BHCF office or by email. Last but not least, if you know a teen interested in participating, please register via the Eventbrite page that is on the BHCF Facebook page or by website, call, or email. We look forward to seeing you on May 13!





NORTHSIDE Baseball & Softball



2023 Registration

**Open now through
end of March**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**



Baseball

- Tee Ball (5-6)
- Coach Pitch (7-8)
- Junior (9-10)
- Senior (11-12)
- Pony (13-14)
- Colt (15-16)
- Super Colt (17-18)

Softball

- 8U (7-8)
- 10U (9-10)
- 12U (11-12)
- 15U (13-15)
- 18U (17-18)



northsidebaseball.org

Find us on Facebook: Northside Baseball & Softball Association



Food Fridge Initiative

Brighton Heights Citizen Federation is starting a new Food Fridge initiative. Our goal is to bring food to anyone who needs it in our neighborhood. The refrigerator was donated by the Emma Munson Foundation, whose mission is to promote charitable activity to improve the quality of life. The refrigerator will be decorated by an artist

to bring a welcoming experience as well. Pastor James with the New Life Family Worship center on the corner of Shadeland and Davis has donated the space and electricity. On May 13, through another Federation sponsored event, Build your Wealth through the Trades, they will be building the pantry and creating an enclosure for the refrigerator. Our goal is to reach out to local businesses, as well as the community, for donations to make sure the refrigerator and pantry is stocked for the members of the community that need it most. While the refrigerator will be stocked with perishable items, we will be accepting items for the pantry as well. Some examples would be toilet paper, feminine products, toothpaste, diapers, etc. If you are interested in donating, you can bring the donation to any of our public Federation meetings that happen every odd-numbered month (except July) on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. If you'd like more information or would like to make a monetary donation, please email bhcfpgh@gmail.com. We'd also welcome additional volunteers or any other information that might help the project.

CPR Classes

Anyone interested in taking a "Stop the Bleed Class", Adult CPR Class" and "Infant and Children CPR Class", please call Donna Kramer at 412-766-6546 and leave your name and telephone number. Donna will get back to you with the date of the classes, provided there is enough interest.

Vehicle Violation

Also, there is a city ordinance that you cannot park an 18-wheeler commercial vehicle in a residential area from 10 PM to 7 AM. If you see one, please call 911 to report it they can be cited with a fine and ticket.

Registered Community Organization (RCO) Feedback Survey

The Department of City Planning launched the citywide Registered Community Organization (RCO) program in 2019 with the dual purposes of creating a framework to improve cooperation between the City and community organizations, and to have inclusive participation from as many neighborhood stakeholders as possible in current development activities and long-range planning efforts.

After four years of the legislation and subsequent programming being in effect, DCP is performing an exploration of the efficacy and success of the RCO legislation and program. This effort is largely in response to the amount of informal feedback we've received from various stakeholders and user groups over recent months.

Residents, community organizations, stakeholders, and development-related professionals are encouraged to take the RCO Program survey to share what is working well, state concerns, and provide any ideas for improvement. This may result in changes to the program administration and/or the City Code. Your input is extremely valuable to us! Please set aside about 10-15mins to complete the survey.

Feel free share this with your networks so we can hear from as many stakeholders as possible.

We are accepting feedback through March 13, 2023. Take the survey here: [Registered Community Organizations Program | Engage Pittsburgh \(pittsburghpa.gov\)](https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/engage).

Thank you!
Sharonda L. Whatley, MCRP





Gardens & Greenspaces

from Ed Gergrich

As I write this in February, it's been a strange winter. Other than some extreme cold near Christmas, the weather has been much milder than usual. Local snowfall to date is roughly half of what we normally get. Unless I just jinxed it, we may be able to get an early start in the next few weeks on our spring gardening. (Take that, Punxsutawney Phil!)

Nice days in March and April are always a good time to get started. We still have some cleanup of last year's plants, and the weeds have yet to be established. The ground is usually wet enough to make them easier to get out by the roots. Shrubs can be trimmed. Overwintered ornamental grasses will be cut back, and overgrown grasses can be divided and transplanted. If you are like me and anxious to get an early start with Mother Nature, give me a call (412-779-9222). There is always something to do. I also appreciate comments and suggestions on how our gardens will be done this year. We already have a group of Boy Scouts lined up to help on an upcoming Saturday.

As a reminder, we will not be able to have our annual flower sale this year.

Our first scheduled garden date will be Saturday, May 6, when we will plant and mulch the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Garden at PA 65 and Brighton Heights Blvd. WPC provides the flowers and mulch and they turn over the garden bed for us. We provide the planting and mulching labor at our gateway portal. On subsequent Saturdays in May, we will work on the gardens at Legion Park, Termon and California Avenues, and others. Look for specifics in the May newsletter.

Stay safe, stay green.

2023 Brighton Heights House and Garden Tour

by Judy Flaherty

Do you have a story to tell about living in Brighton Heights? Maybe some old photographs? In this summer's Brighton Heights House and Garden Tour booklet, I would like to include paragraphs describing memories of people who grew up in Brighton Heights or have lived here a long time.

The planning has begun for the 17th Brighton Heights House and Garden Tour. The date is Saturday, June 17, Father's Day weekend. The charm of Brighton Heights is its diversity of houses reflecting Pittsburgh's industrial heritage. A few neighbors have already committed their homes to be on the tour. We would also like to partner with one or two churches.

Legion Park will be central to the tour as the location for ticket sales, an artist market and food trucks. The artist market is free to artists. Last year's participating artists were interested in coming back this year, but if you know any artists who would like to set up a display, spread the word. We will also be searching for food trucks.

If you think you would like to add your house or garden to the tour, purchase an ad for your business in the tour book, or become a volunteer, send a message to the email below. Volunteers will be needed as docents, house greeters, ticket sellers, and other helpers. More tour information will be available in the newsletter's May issue. This tour is Brighton Heights' largest fundraiser. It is a great way to meet your neighbors!

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From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Hello everyone, I'm happy to share that at the start of this year, I passed legislation to eliminate Pittsburghers' medical debt by allocating \$1 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). We estimate that this \$1 million could forgive up to \$115 million of Pittsburghers' medical debt.

According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 58% of debts recorded in collections were for a medical bill. This makes healthcare debt the most common form of debt on consumer credit records and the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States of America. Many Pittsburghers with healthcare debt are uninsured or under-insured and are experiencing financial hardship in the wake of COVID-19. In addition, black and brown communities in Pittsburgh have been disproportionately impacted both financially and medically by COVID-19 and resulting healthcare debts.

The legislation states that City Council will enter into an agreement with a vendor chosen through the City bid process for the purpose of purchasing and discharging eligible healthcare debt owed by Pittsburghers. The chosen vendor shall seek to buy dischargeable healthcare debt directly from hospitals in bundles. Beneficiaries of healthcare debt relief through this initiative will no longer owe their specific healthcare debt(s) and will not have to pay taxes on this discharge of their healthcare debt.

I also co-sponsored recently passed legislation that creates a specific, ordered list for what types of athletic groups get permitting preference when applying to use city-owned sports facilities. The priority list is as follows:

1. Pittsburgh Public Schools Interscholastic Athletics during the school year, Monday through Friday, between 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. Private school interscholastic athletics located within the City of Pittsburgh whose roster contains a majority of city resident participants.
3. CitiParks and CitiSports affiliated programs, upon verification of status as such through the Department of Parks & Recreation.
4. Any youth sports leagues or organizations that do not fit the above criteria but consist of a majority of City of Pittsburgh residents.
5. Any adult sports leagues or organizations that do not fit the above criteria but consist of a majority of City of Pittsburgh residents.
6. Any youth and adult sports leagues which do not fit the above criteria.

As you may know, the passage of a new Reapportionment Plan for City Council districts in Pittsburgh last summer led to the creation of new maps for each City Council district. The goal of this reapportionment plan was to ensure that each Councilmember has as close to an equal number of constituents as possible. This is based on the principle that the voting power of each citizen should be equal to that of any other citizen under the "one person, one vote" standard. Due to the reapportionment, a portion of the Brighton Heights neighborhood now falls in District 6, represented by Councilman Daniel Lavelle. You can verify your council district by entering your address into the map at this website: <https://gis.pittsburghpa.gov/pghcouncil/>. If you now live in District 6 and need assistance with City services, I encourage you to reach out to Councilman Lavelle's office at (412) 255-2134. Additionally, District 2, represented by Council President Theresa Kail-Smith, covers a non-residential portion of Brighton Heights.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact us using the information below. My staff and I are looking forward to working with you this year!

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PHOTO BY RAYMOND KOTEWICZ ON UNSPLASH

From State Rep Emily Kinkead

Hello Brighton Heights! As your State Representative, one of my responsibilities is to do everything in my power to keep you informed of state-related issues, and advocate on your behalf when decisions are made that cause undue or unexpected burdens for my constituents. As we continue to weather the impact of increasing costs of goods and services, we are now faced with the unpleasant reality that those of you who rely on food assistance, may see some drastic cuts. My district office staff and I are acutely aware of the ripple effect this will have on our community, so I want to take this opportunity to explain the issue and offer some relief.

End of SNAP Emergency Allotments

Since the pandemic started in 2020, households receiving SNAP benefits have been getting an additional payment in the second half of the month known as an Emergency Allotment (EA). These payments brought households to the maximum monthly payment for their household size or, if they are already receiving the maximum, they received a \$95 each. The Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 will end states' authority to issue EAs by the time you read this. This means that starting in March 2023, SNAP households will receive just one monthly SNAP payment, reducing federal food assistance and reducing income to SNAP grocers and food retailers by more than \$200 million statewide. This will affect Pennsylvania's entire SNAP population – 1.94 million Pennsylvanians as of December 2022.

Given the continued impact of inflation and supply chain challenges on food prices, we are deeply concerned about the impact of immediate reduction in SNAP benefits on individuals and families.

SS Cost of Living Adjustment

Social Security benefits have also increased, but that has had a negative impact on many people who collect Social Security benefits because SNAP eligibility requirements were not adjusted in tandem. That means that many people will actually have a net loss to overall benefits.

What Can You Do?

To be sure that all SNAP recipients are receiving the maximum benefits for their household size and individual circumstances, I want to STRONGLY encourage you to keep your case information up-to-date and report any changes to your income, expenses, and/or household size. Monthly SNAP benefits can be adjusted if households report:

- Medical costs over \$35 per month for anyone age 60 or older or disabled that they did not have or report before;
- Increased housing costs since they last contacted DHS;
- Child or disabled adult care costs that have changed since they last told us about what they had to pay.

SNAP recipients who know they have had changes to the number of people in their household, income, or expenses should report any changes at:

- dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS;
- The myCOMPASS PA mobile app; or
- By calling DHS's Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930.

Assistance Available to People Experiencing Food Insecurity or Additional Hardship

- Call 211 or visit www.pa211.org to connect with various local food resources.
- Visit www.feedingpa.org to find local food banks and other food assistance programs.
- Go to www.dhs.pa.gov/ending-hunger and www.agriculture.pa.gov/foodinsecurity for information on assistance programs and other resources.

Households with Children

SNAP recipients who are pregnant or have children under 5 may be able to get help buying food from PA WIC. You can call 1-800-WIC-WINS or apply online at www.pawic.com.

Seniors

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides eligible seniors with vouchers redeemable at more than 800 farm stands and more than 200 farmers' markets in Pennsylvania. The Senior Food Box Program can also provide eligible seniors with additional shelf-stable groceries. Learn more about these programs from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

More information on these changes can be found at www.dhs.pa.gov/SNAP.

I hope that the information shared here serves as a lifeline for those of you who depend on SNAP benefits. As always, if you need help navigating the resources that are available to you, please contact my office for assistance.

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Our new office is located at 658 Lincoln Avenue in Bellevue.



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!

MINUTES (Review of Previous General Membership Meeting)

January 12, 2023

Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Old Meeting Minutes were reviewed with a Motion to Approve.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

- 60 calls to the area, 10 arrests
- 9 firearms recovered (6 in the 3500 block of Brighton Road AirBnB – including 1 assault rifle
- Catalytic converter theft ring
- Several OD's
- Regarding the delivery driver shot by Marmaduke Park – no resolutions
- Citizens police academy starts March 8th

Bobby Wilson's Office

- Grant for \$150,000 score board to be placed in Marmaduke Park
- California Avenue bridge is stable, netting/shielding placed to catch debris, repair work to begin in February
- Davis Ave. walking bridge construction to begin in the Spring of '23;
- Asking for possible stop sign at Davis and Shadeland (both streets appear to have the right of way and there has been several accidents at that intersection); traffic calming request submitted.

Pittsburgh Dept. of City Planning

Principal Planner, Stephanie Joy Everett, Registered Community Organizations and Development Activities Meeting Notice for January 17, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Healthy Living Center at 3515 McClure Avenue to hear a proposal for a residential housing development by developer "Termon Ave. Gardens LLC". Regarding the proposed development at the site of the former Three Rivers Youth Group located at 2051 Termon Ave. A flier has been distributed and posted on community website.

Pittsburgh DPW

Claire S. Mastroberardino
Architect Division, Sr. Project Manager
Development Activities Meeting presented from the Architect Division, Sr. Project Manager, Claire S. Mastroberardino, on the Engine House No. 35 at 1519 Orchlee St.

Handouts provided at meeting, info only.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

Idea of a Food Fridge at the church at the intersection of Davis and Shadeland Ave. Donations taken and available to BH residents in need.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Haller

Senior Scholarship for high school Seniors due March 31.

Report of Committees:

North Side Leadership Council

Brendan Delaney and Stacey Berkebile
Leadership of the council is changing. The Deutchtown Music Festival is also changing. Probably will still happen, but with a new name. The festival benefits all of the Northside.

Nominating

Brendan Delaney

Recording Secretary position is vacant.

Memorial Day

Pete Galinowski

Donna gave reminder to the group that volunteers are needed for putting flags on gravestones of veterans in multiple cemeteries.

Neighborhood Safety

Donna Kramer

Advocating for all of BH safety. Arranging for CPR class (adult/child/infant) and Stop the Bleed class. Concerns with tractor trailer trucks parking in residential area. This is prohibited. Neighbors can call 911 and the police will ask them to move to a commercial area. Keep our residential areas quiet and safe.

Neighborhood Watch

Peter Bianchi and Seth McClarey

Group recently brought together to develop a Watch group. Their first general meeting is February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Healthy Living Center on McClure Ave. Aligning with the National Night Out group. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Welcome

Elaine Gloeckner

Welcoming bags and BHCF information given to 16 new residents of BH.

Old Business:

NA

New Business:

Proposal is to change the attendance required to hold a Board of Directors meeting. It has been very difficult to meet the requirements of 2/3 board members being present to hold a meeting. The Board membership fluctuates and so does attendance at meetings. The proposal is to change the requirement from 2/3 to 50% +1. 35 members voted and the proposal was unanimously approved.

Donation for the Lakeeia Harpool Family; on Saturday December 17, the family of Lakeeia Harpool suffered a tragic loss in a fire at their residence on McClure Ave. Lakeeia lost her son Dijion Hutchinson and 2 grandchildren, Elijah and Eliah Gonzales, in the fire. The family is still staying in a hotel. Donations can be made in cash, check or Venmo. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

- The next General Membership meeting will be March 9, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion was made to close the meeting.

MINUTES (Review of Development Activities Meeting on January 17, 2023)

Boards and/or Commissions Request(s):

Project is more than 4 homes and seeking setback variance before the Zoning Board of Adjustment

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Approx. Number of Attendees: 74

Explained roles and studies they are working on. Owner has explored a few ideas and landed on redeveloping site with housing. Showed project site and elevation of the site. 5-6 acres. Former use is a youth center. 4 small buildings on property. All sidewalks along Termon Avenue will be replaced to city standards with street trees. Planning over 200 trees throughout site. Proposing 34 lots/houses. Each home will have a garage for a single car and driveway for 2 cars. Showed preliminary conceptual designs of homes and renderings. No sidewalks along private streets. Showed floor plans. Some homes will have decks on back of home. Providing 7 visitor parking spaces. 20 front yard setback. Fine tuning design to save as many trees as possible.

Questions and Comments from Attendees

Are you grading the site where you are removing the wall along Termon?

No, it will be a gradual.

Private road?

Yes.

NO street parking on private road? My Issue is that parking needs won't be met.

No response from applicant.

What are the prices of the houses?

Unknown. Market rate. Will Ask developer and get back to the RCO.

Are these HOA?

Yes, utilities and roads will be private so the HOA is necessary for maintenance.

Expected traffic patterns for this number of new homes?

Going through city process and DOMI will review the traffic study as required by City.

What lot size? They are going to be tight.

Meet zoning requirements.

Section 8?

No.

Another development has 88 units and it does not cause a traffic issue.

No response from applicant.

Fire department access?

We are working with the Fire Chief. The fire truck can turn around and adding a hydrant that is central to the site.

I think the parking issue will be a problem.

No response from applicant.

Are these condos or will they be privately owned.

Privately owned.

How long will construction take?

Permitting through Zoning, then building permits. Probably won't start until spring 2024. 2-3 years of development.

Are you aware of the problems with Millerton?

No, we're not familiar. We can bring it up to the City.

Can you tell us about the funding, local?

Developer is from New Jersey, owns Superior Frames. He works with investors from New Jersey.

That is concerning. I would like to know more about them.

Let's gather questions about developer and send those to him to answer.

Are you responsible for geotechnical survey?

Yes and the investigation including soils.

There will be no settlement issues?

Soils are very suitable for development, no fill.

How many curb cuts on Termon?

Two. One is existing but we will be changing the location of existing.

The new construction won't face Termon Avenue? That does not promote safer streets as the homes don't look out onto Termon.

Correct. The side of 4 homes will all be along Termon.

There are no back yards for the homes?

The homes in the middle will have some back yards. There is a rear setback to City code.

How close will new houses be to the residents on Termon?

Showed existing site map.

Will there be landscaping?

Yes, there will be new trees. We will heavily vegetate along Termon.

Could you ask developer to put up a fence?

Yes, we can ask.

Are you touching the hillside?

No, not at all.

Is this going to turn into public housing?

Market rate. No government housing.

Separate properties?

Yes. We are subdividing the property. The individual lots will be sold.

Is this the developers first project or have they done others we can look at.

Two other smaller projects – Warton Avenue downtown – 8 units.

Communication plan? What can we expect to hear in future?

Applicant will coordinate with RCO. BHCF will provide updates in newsletters.

Will new houses look into my back yard?

No, there will be setbacks and there are slopes.

I'm next door. There is a rather large house and wildlife there. I'm curious what happens to the wildlife? I don't want rats moving into my yard. Will you trap?

Thanks for bringing that to our attention. The wildlife will move. PNDFI has cleared us to develop the site. No, we will not trap.

Hours of construction?

City rules on that. Will be worked out in construction management plan.

Will they build in phases?

Yes. Utilities and roads first. The homes will be built as sold over 2-3 years.

There are no parking places on Termon Avenue and if a resident has a party, there will be very few spaces for their guests to park. The developer should sacrifice a few units to appease the neighbors.

No response from applicant.

Last Page Laugh

by Tom Kaylor

While you're considering buying that cute outfit in a smaller size --- consider this, will it be exercise for the smaller size?

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