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CITIZENS REPORT

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Bright the Night 2023!

After a multi-year hiatus, Bright the Night is returning to Brighton Heights on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 4-7pm at Legion Park. This event is intended to kick off the holiday season for children, families, friends, and neighbors, and unite our community for a magical evening of music, caroling, a vendor market, food, and festivities.

An event schedule, more details, and vendor/ sponsor spotlights will be released in the coming weeks, please see the BCHF Facebook page for the event link.

We are still accepting vendors for the market. If interested, please reach out to Gabrielle Sikora (gabisikora@gmail.com). If you are a business or organization interested in partnering with us, please reach out to us.

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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

John Morrow Auditorium

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

What a fall the BHCF has to recap for the November newsletter. Our fall committees were the House Tour in September and Halloween Parade in October. Both events were very successful and had weather that cooperated for these outdoor events. On the subject of outside events and committees, I want to remind everyone the BHCF is hosting one final event for 2023. Please join us on Saturday, December 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Legion Memorial Park, as new committee chairs Stacey Slie and Ali Fischer present "Bright the Night". Please see the article by Stacey and Ali in this newsletter and contact them if you would like to be involved. Thank you to Stacey and Ali for organizing this event and providing us a place to come together and foster community during the holidays.

On a capital budget update, the Mayor released the first Capital budget draft in October. The first draft did not include upgrades for Marmaduke Park as requested by many of you. In response, the Board of Directors motioned and approved a letter be sent to Mayor Ed Gainey, Councilman Bobby Wilson, and DPW Director Horstein, supporting the addition of Marmaduke Park to the 2024 capital budget before it's voted on by Council. The letter outlined a lack of investment and the areas in need to increase the safety of the park. Public comment meetings concluded in October but you can still contact your councilperson to request funding for Marmaduke or any other project. The Capital Budget for 2024 will be voted on by Council in December.

The Termon Ave. Gardens housing development is still on schedule to begin demolishing existing structures in early 2024, underground work end of 2024, and home construction in 2025. I spoke with residents on Termon about trucks and equipment arriving and blocking the street. One truck also damaged a resident's sidewalk and grass. I immediately got in contact with the developer and made sure any damage will be repaired and more communication should be given to notify residents when these trucks are arriving and if any cars are requested to be moved. I will continue the updates and provide more details when ground-breaking dates are set.

As November BHCF elections take place at our next meeting, I look back on what our organization was when I begin as a board member, what the BHCF has accomplished over the past 4 years, and look forward to what is in planning for the next 4 years. As you may have learned at the September General Membership Meeting, the BHCF is organizing a strategic plan. This plan will serve as a guide for our community to focus our goals, ideas, direction, and investment. Nick Petrillo is leading the strategic plan under the Land Use committee. Please look for input meetings or contact Nick to join the planning.

I want to thank Board Member Gretchen Serra for the time she served as a board member, as well as the terms as treasurer. Gretchen is not seeking re-election. She served the community for years and should be recognized for her dedication. Also, House Tour Chair Judy Flaherty announced the House Tour Chair seat will be open for next year. After she organized a spectacular tour for 2 years in a row, she can now hopefully enjoy the Tour next year. Thank you Gretchen and Judy.

The next BHCF General Membership Meeting is on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at John Morrow School. At this meeting we will have a Representative from PWSA to discuss past outages and current operations. We will also recognize any Veteran and present them with a small gift. Have a safe winter season.

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

November 2023 Elections of Board and Officers

At the November 9 General Membership Meeting, the membership will vote to approve the following Board of Directors and Officer Positions unopposed. The following are for (1) two-year term beginning on January 1, 2024:

President: Joseph Glassbrenner

Vice President: Brendan Delaney

Treasurer: Robert Haller

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Gloeckner

Recording Secretary: Todd McCollum

Director: Judy Bendtsen

Director: Tim Maloney

Director: Seth McClarey

Director: Ray Robinson

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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Directors

Judy Bendtsen, Stacy Berkebile, Bill Goodrich, Parker Goolsby, Janice Johns-Engelman (Emeritus), Regina Kolodziej, Donna Kramer, Tim Maloney, Seth McClarey, Raymond Robinson, Gretchen Serra, Soo Yi Thompson, Ryan Yesenchak

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
State Rep. - District 20	412-321-5523

Big FREEdge Update

What happens when a local foundation, the Emma Munson Foundation, comes to the BHCF with a proposal for funding a free food fridge for the neighborhood? Of course, young people getting their start in trades build the shelter, the New Life Fellowship Church donates space, and the generous members of our community fill it. I can hear ET saying, "If you fill it, people will come."

The BHCF Big FREEdge project is up and running. Thanks to the generous support of BH citizens, the fridge is being regularly stocked with perishable items, and the pantry is being stocked with non-perishable items and hygiene products. Tom Fridays has donated frozen meat, Christ Our Savior Church donates what is left from their monthly food pantry day (donations from St. Vincent DePaul's Spark of Hope program), a generous neighbor has agreed to keep the pantry stocked with women's and dental hygiene items, people have donated gift cards and food during a Friday night porch party, and other neighbors have been donating to keep it full. We have been getting emails from people grateful that the FREEdge is there, so we know it is getting put to good use.

What can you do to help? Please remember Big Freeedge when you go to the grocery store. If everyone reading this article bought one item per week, we would be set. Items that seem to be very popular are macaroni and cheese, ramen, rice, cereal, milk, eggs, cheese, frozen meat, peanut butter, lettuce, and soups. What we cannot accept is home cooked meals. We need to know the expiration of food and the ingredients (for those folks with food intolerances). We ask that meat be frozen so it lasts longer. You can take the food directly to the pantry or bring it to the BHCF meetings. You can also mail a check to the Brighton Heights Citizen Federation address with "EMF Free Food Fridge" in the memo, P.O. Box 99602, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. If you want to be more involved – join the BH Freeedge Working Group – Big Freezy Facebook group. One can also contact Lia Milgram or myself, Lilian Akin through the BHCF. And please check the expiration dates of anything you donate. We cannot accept any food that is expired.

Who can take from the fridge? Anyone. Please spread the word around so that anyone who is experiencing food insecurity can have a safe place to grab some food.

Where is it located you ask? It is located at the back of the New Life Fellowship Church property located at 1301 Davis Avenue. You enter from the rear of the property off Shadeland Avenue.

Thanks for helping get us to where we are today, and let's keep donations rolling in!

Our Halloween Parade

by Taylor Glassbrenner

The BHCF annual Halloween Parade was held on October 21, 2023. Over 40 children from the neighborhood attended. Engine 35 led the parade with the Fire Chief vehicle.

Candy was passed out at Emmanuel Christian along the parade route down Davis Avenue to Legion Park. Kids received candy bags and were able to enjoy booths from various community groups.

The costume contest had many winners with prizes including gift cards donated by Judge Leah Williams Duncan, the Pittsburgh Zoo, the Children's Museum, the Carnegie Science Center, along with a scooter.

A Build-a-Bear donated by Donna Kramer, and a mum flower arrangement donated by Johanna's Garden, were raffled during the event.

Special thanks goes out to the judges: Leah Williams Duncan and from zone 1, Officer Payton, and from the Woods Run Library, Julie. Free pumpkins were also given away thanks to a donation from the Northside Pumpkinfest.

Thank you to the Halloween committee for their help in planning and day-of event and everyone who attended!



Brighton Heights House and Garden Tour Review

by Judy Flaherty

September 16 was a beautiful day in our neighborhood with a red trolley that drove the route of the tour for the 17th Annual Brighton Heights House and Garden Tour. Legion Park was busy with artists, a musician, food trucks, and the Allegheny City Society. One of the goals of the Brighton Heights House and Garden Tour is to showcase not just the largest and the most beautiful homes, but a sampling of the variety of homes in our neighborhood. These homes are all part of our history. They housed the owners of iron, steel, and glass businesses and those who worked in those businesses. We have Victorian homes from the late nineteenth century to Craftsman Style homes built in the 1930s.

There were eleven houses on this year's tour and three gardens. Most people who agreed to show their houses did not have to think about it. They were enthusiastic and willing to take a risk without thinking of three hundred people walking through their homes. I am grateful to these people who painted rooms and railings, tiled porch floors, decorated Christmas trees, nurtured their flowers to bloom through September, and

gave up vacations: Tom Yargo, Patrick Brannan, Matt and Susan Pesselato, Bill Bosiacki, Chris and Jess Boette, Kristy Kutschbach, Eric and Rachel Newman, Tony Esoldo, John Basinger, Jason and Trish Fay, and DeShelle Taylor.

A special thank you is extended to those who volunteered on the tour committee: Tim Maloney (advertising and set-up), Sue Maloney (volunteer organizing), Kevon Copeland (advertising), Allie Petonic (publicity and ticket sales), Seth McClarey (volunteer scheduling), Judy Bendtsen (marketing and ticket sales), Tom Flaherty (logistics), Bill Bosiacki (publicity), and Megan Ward (Eventbrite). Additionally, there were many other volunteers who were greeters and docents in the homes and volunteer guides at the Church of St. Cyril of Alexandria.

The sponsors for the tour were Allegheny General Hospital, SSB Bank, and WesBanco. These generous organizations contributed to tour book printing, banner printing, and the cost of the Molly's Trolley.



Engine 35 Appreciation Gift Card Drive

The BHCF board has launched its 2023 Public Safety Holiday Gift Card Drive. This year the gift card drive will show our appreciation to The Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire Engine House No. 35, who serve our residents in Brighton Heights. The work and dedication the Bureau has put forth day and night for the safety of our residents is deeply appreciated. To show our appreciation, the Board is asking for donations in one of three forms:

- 1) \$10.00 gift cards to local shops on the Northside;
- 2) You can mail a check to:
PO Box 99602, Pittsburgh, PA 15233;
- 3) You are a business interested in donating gift cards.

Donations will be accepted until the first week of December. At that time, the BHCf will present Engine 35 with a gift card basket for all regularly scheduled workers to choose a \$10.00 gift card. Please consider donating and adding your name to the Holiday Gift Card Drive.

Garbage Olympics

We had a cool, dry morning for the 7th annual Garbage Olympics. This event was created by the Clean Pittsburgh Commission and is held throughout the City on the third Saturday in September to encourage residents to participate in beautifying their neighborhoods and get to know each other.

There were 20 volunteers who came out to clean up our neighborhood. Last year we had almost 40, so not sure what happened this year. We were few, but strong! We were able to cover the main streets and some of the greenspaces. Altogether, we picked up 22 large trash bags, along with tires, a grocery cart, antique and very heavy fire extinguisher, a broken gnome, a back scratcher and other interesting things. It is always fun to see what we can find!

There was an after party at Threadbare Cider House, who did a great job of serving delicious food and beverages. If you volunteered, but did not attend, I recommend you do so next year. Brighton Heights did not win any prizes, but we held our own with the number of volunteers and amount of trash picked up!

I would like to encourage everyone who lives in Brighton Heights to do their part by picking up trash as you see it. Contact Tim Maloney if you're interested in becoming a part of the Adopt-A-Block Program at the information



listed below. If each of us does a little bit, we can keep our neighborhood looking beautiful throughout the year!

A special thank you to Bill Goodrich and California Coffee Bar for providing pastries and coffee. Thank you to Dirt Doctors for providing bagels and bananas!

Thank you to the following people who donated their time to helping Brighton Heights look great: Judy Bendtsen, John Belch, Susan Hillman, Peter Bianchi, Ed Gergerich, Wayne Cox, Sean Bossert, Tom and Judy Flaherty, Bill Goodrich, Kristen Priestly, Gabrielle Sikora, Emmanuel Christian Church/Pastor Rick Weiss, Cheryle Lambert, Tim Hartman, Larry Koppelman, Cindy Billisits, Brendan Delaney, Allie Petonic, Olivia Maloney, Tim and Sue Maloney.

See you on Saturday, April 20, 2024 (the Saturday before Earth Day) for the Spring Clean-up Event. Mark it on your calendar now so you don't forget!

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Unity in the Community

A crisp fall morning brought in the last day of September. By 11 a.m., sunshine and warm air temperatures made for a perfect gathering in West Park as area churches gathered for an Interdenominational Prayer Rally for Peace.

Christ Our Savior parish, a Roman Catholic community on Pittsburgh's Central Northside, hosted the peace rally. Deacon Michael Fekete was the Master of Ceremonies, kicking off the rally recalling the deadly Tree of Life Synagogue shooting, school children being shot on a sidewalk outside of school, and other acts of violence within our community. Deacon Fekete encouraged the nearly 100 people gathered for the event, from 1 year-old Christine Laneve to 86-year-old Mr. Yockel, to listen, unite, and pray for peace.



From the first "Amen" to Pastor Parker Kantos's (Brighton Heights Lutheran Church) opening prayer, followed by the choirs from Christ Our Savior and the Destiny of Faith leading those gathered singing Amazing Grace, to the final "Amen" in response to the closing prayer by Reverend Deryck Tines (Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church), the reflections and music selections had the crowd on their feet!

Reverend Dr. Brenda Gregg, Senior Pastor of Destiny of Faith Church reflected on the senseless violence, acts of hatred, and killings not only here in Pittsburgh but remembering the heinous church shooting in Charleston, SC. Reverend Gregg also reflected on one of the most

devastating moments in her life, when gunshot rang outside Destiny of Faith Church during a funeral ceremony. She encouraged all of us to stand together, united in faith, men and women, children and adults, black and white, to pray for peace. Love will conquer all violence.

Fr. Nicholas Vaskov, Pastor of Christ Our Savior Parish and Director of Shrines of Pittsburgh, spoke about his time as a child, being guided in prayer from family and the love and guidance from not only his family but the community. Fr. Vaskov proclaimed some simple steps for peace. We need to have peace in our heart which leads to peace in our home. Peace in the home will naturally lead to peace in the community and eventually peace in the world.

Reverend Aisha Tate, Senior Pastor of Brown Chapel AME church, spoke passionately about our youth. Rev. Tate recalled her grandmother saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." She implored we ALL take an active role in developing our children today - mothers, fathers, grandparents, neighbors, friends, community - together we can instill a firm faith-based, loving, peace-filled foundation in our youth. Our youth will know that violence is not the way to resolve conflict. They will be able to emulate our actions of unity in the community. Following Reverend Tate's reflection, her daughter, Ayesha Porterfield gracefully and joyfully mimed to a beautiful spiritual song that lifted every heart in the audience.

Reverend Deryck Tines, Allegheny Unitarian Universalist church, in his closing led those gathered singing in prayer followed by Deacon N. Eric Williams, Destiny of Faith Church Choir Director and the combined church choirs wrapping up a successful Prayer Rally for Peace singing Let There Be Peace on Earth.

If you would like to be involved in planning future community faith-based activities, please contact Christ Our Savior Parish Office at 412-761-1552, ext. 3 and leave a message for Fr. Nick Vaskov or email office@christoursaviorpgh.org.



From State Rep. Emily Kinhead

Dear friends and neighbors, it's hard to believe the year is already coming to an end. As we wrap up 2023, I want to take some time to reflect on the work I've done in the state legislature this year, the first year Democrats have held the majority in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in more than a decade! Under the new Democratic House Majority, we've passed numerous bills to move Pennsylvania forward on issues like raising the minimum wage, common sense firearm safety, establishing safe staffing standards for hospitals, and more.

Of the many bills passed by the PA House this year, I was proud to author two of them. My bill to help fight blight in Allegheny County by cutting red tape obstructing the Pittsburgh Land Bank passed the House in June, and its companion bill in the Senate, S.B. 202, was signed by Gov. Josh Shapiro in July! This new law took effect in early September and is ready to help our local land banks revitalize neighborhoods and communities stricken with blighted and abandoned properties.

My second bill to pass the House this year, H.B. 897, would require Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education schools to apply credits earned at a Pennsylvania community college toward a parallel Bachelor's degree program. It would also guarantee junior-level admission into the PASSHE system for all Pennsylvania community college students who earn an Associate's degree from a college or university accredited by the Council for Higher Education. The current process for transferring credits earned at community college is often complicated and unpredictable, which drives too many Pennsylvania students to out-of-state universities. This legislation is now in the Senate for consideration. I'm hopeful my Senate colleagues will support this bill that would create a more affordable pathway to a four-year degree for Pennsylvania students.

I'm also excited about several bills I'm working on now, including H.B. 589, which would create a landslide insurance program to address the financial impacts landslides have on residents, and H.B. 1417, which would restore Medicaid coverage to essential dental procedures like root canals so that teeth are no longer treated like luxury bones.

You can learn about these and all the other bills that I am working on, as well as more about how I'm working for you, by visiting www.RepEmilyKinhead.com and by subscribing to my weekly email updates. What issues are important to you? I would love to hear from you.

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From Senator Wayne D. Fontana

INVESTING IN SAFE DRINKING WATER

In late summer, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) announced that its most recent testing showed that lead levels in drinking water are the lowest they've been in over twenty years, and well below the threshold for state or federal action.

This is real achievement that benefits our entire community and is the direct result of a coordinated effort at all levels of government.

PWSA's commitment to ridding its system of old lead pipes continues and I will continue to support its effort, as well as the effort of every water system, to upgrade our water infrastructure.

It was my commitment to this cause that led me to introduce Senate Bill 656 back in 2017.

I wrote the bill to allow municipalities and municipal authorities to apply for state public infrastructure funding to replace the aged lead lateral pipes — the pipes that connect homes and businesses to the main water distribution lines.

Replacing these hundreds of thousands lead pipes could be costly and fell to the homeowner to pay for. But I fought to have the language from my bill amended into budget-related legislation that passed and became Act 44 of 2017.

Over the next five years, millions in state funding have come to Allegheny County water systems, including the PWSA in the City of Pittsburgh, to replace these dangerous pipes.

I am proud that this state investment is producing tangible results for my constituents in the City of Pittsburgh and for citizens across the commonwealth.

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From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Hello everyone! I want to share two important legislative bills that recently passed in City Council which will impact the Brighton Heights neighborhood and the entire City of Pittsburgh.

In late September, I passed legislation to permit registration and inspection of all rental properties in the City of Pittsburgh. Following the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court's March 2023 ruling challenging the City's prior ordinance creating a registry of rental properties, this legislation addresses those concerns by eliminating several challenged features.

These eliminations include the following challenged requirements:

1. inspections of rental units occur without the permission of their owner and tenant,
2. PLI inspectors check for lead,
3. owners of rental properties to hire a responsible local agent,
4. landlords follow industry-wide best practices,
5. owners of rental properties attend landlord academies, and
6. owners of rental properties have their registration and inspection information published on a public online database.

This latest ordinance permitting rental registration in Pittsburgh now also encompasses short-term rental properties, which are commonly listed on platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo. Once this legislation goes into effect, owners of rental properties in Pittsburgh would be expected to apply for a permit through the City's Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI), contingent upon an inspection of the property. Owners would be granted a provisional permit after submitting their application, valid until the inspection is completed. The inspection will aim to ensure a minimum level of safety for tenants based on the International Property Maintenance Code.

The permit would have to be renewed annually, but an inspection would only be required every three years. The goal of having owners apply annually for a permit is to ensure the City has up-to-date records for a point of contact with the owners of all rental properties within its borders.

If a rental unit fails an inspection, the PLI inspector would supply the owner a list of deficiencies within 10 days. The owner would then be granted a specific period to fix the problems. However, if serious safety and habitability issues are found during the inspection, the provisional permit would be revoked. If the owner of a rental unit does not

apply for a permit, or fails to fix identified problems, PLI would issue a request for compliance. If that was ignored, owners could face a fine of \$500 per unit per month until they secure a valid permit from PLI.

Registering rental properties in the City of Pittsburgh, whether they are short-term stays or long-term leases, has been a public safety priority for me and for my colleagues on City Council. This program, which will be implemented by PLI, will provide for systematic registration and inspection of residential rental properties so that all tenants and visitors in Pittsburgh can be sure they are living in safe and permitted rental properties.

Also, in early September, City Council passed legislation that amended the City's code to allow for the implementation of a deer management program in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This pilot program includes archery-controlled hunts in Frick and Riverview Parks during the 2023-2024 deer archery season. Selected archers had to pass a criminal background check and fulfill the following criteria: be a resident of Allegheny County (priority will be given to City of Pittsburgh residents), have a clean criminal background check, including a clean PA Game Commission record, and have purchased a 2B Antlerless Tag (or plan to do so).

Upon passing a criminal background check, selected archers were required to attend an accuracy test. If the accuracy test is passed, each hunter will be assigned a Hunter ID number and a specific location within Frick Park or Riverview Park where they are permitted to hunt. Various program stipulations include a zero-tolerance policy in that any hunter who violates the guidelines outlined in this program or commits a game-law felony will result in immediate expulsion from the program. Every archer is REQUIRED to take a doe first which must be donated to a food bank program, such as Hunters Sharing the Harvest, and absolutely no gutting is allowed on-site. Full details about the program can be found here: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/pittsburgh-deer-management-pilot-program>.

If you have any questions or concerns about these bills or any other City issues, please contact us via the methods below. My staff and I look forward to hearing from you!

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MINUTES (Review of Previous General Membership Meeting)

September 14, 2023

- Approximately 52 persons attended.
- Meeting called to order 7:01 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Wave the reading of the Minutes from May.
- Motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter made by Millie; second by John. Motion passes.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

Sergeant Burford

- Last 3-month stats .
- Discussion on the last two homicides.

Mary Byrnes

- Spoke on the upcoming Prayer for Peace on September 30 at 11 a.m.; can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

Matt Reitzell

- Spoke on the condition of Brighton Rd. and asked for a petition for a traffic-calming study.

Elected Officials:

City Councilman

Bobby Wilson

- Jordan is a new member of the office.
- Update on the Davis Ave. bridge.
- Update on the California Ave. bridge; council has increased the budget for that project.
- Update on the medic 4 building; \$7.45 million towards that project includes demolition of the old building.
- No change in the agreement with Bellevue and City fire.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report

Joseph Glassbrenner

- June 15, attended Northside leadership conference dinner for an award received from Brighton Heights Citizens Federation.
- Capital Budget is due now.
- No details about Termon Ave. Gardens.
- 3810 California Ave. Court actions are happening.
- 1712 Termon: no change in occupancy; the Federation has zoning questions.

Vice President's Report

- Deer hunting will be happening in Riverview Park.

Corresponding Secretary

- In the past two years, there have been 180 welcome bags given out.

Treasurer's Report

- The Land Use account has \$9,846.
- The General Account has \$10,637.
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Donna Kramer; second by Nick Petrillo. Motion carries.

Report of Committees:

Halloween Parade

- Event will be October 21 at 12:00 p.m. at Massachusetts and Davis; the parade will start at 1:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch

- Will make the request of the new Chief of Police to come to the November meeting.
- The Neighborhood Watch night was a success; there are churches already asking to host next year's event.

Clean Up Committee

- Garbage Olympics will be September 23 at 9:00 a.m.; volunteers are still needed.

Land Use Committee

- Four properties and two empty lots being sold to developers by the end of the month.
- Rising Tides did a walk-through of the California and Fleming Ave. property.
- Moving forward we will develop a strategic plan for Brighton Heights Citizens Federation.

Nominating Committee

- Explanation of officers that are up for re-election and those officers that have been nominated.
- Event was held on May 15; food fridge housing and additional lighting put up at the church.

Old Business:

- Fire department issue that was covered with Councilman Wilson.

New Business:

- No new business.

Adjournment:

By Donna Kramer
Second: Todd McCollum
Motion carries.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

50/50 pulled for value \$25.

The next General Membership Meeting
will be September 14, 2023.

Minutes by Todd McCollum



Last Page Laugh

by Tom Kaylor

*What is a man referred to when
he spends countless hours at
work behind his desk?*

A "Desk-Perado".

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

ZIP CODE + 4 _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

New Member Renewal
 Membership for _____ years

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

Additional Donation
 (optional) _____
 for: _____

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

Pay 3 years >>> get 4 years!

Pay 5 years >>> get 7 years!

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Make checks payable to BHCF, INC.
 Send to: BHCF TREASURER
 PO BOX 99602
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