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CITIZENS REPORT

September 2024



Brighton Heights House Tour on September 7, 2024

Brighton Heights Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that two years have already passed since we joined this wonderful community. The warmth and friendliness we've encountered from our new neighbors has truly made us feel at home. Our first introduction to Brighton Heights was at the 2022 House Tour, just before we finalized the purchase of our home on Fleming Avenue. At the recommendation of our friend and real estate agent, Jess Baker, we attended the Tour to get a sense of the neighborhood. Meeting so many wonderful people that afternoon affirmed our decision to choose Brighton Heights. It is with great pride that we now help organize this year's House Tour and contribute to this cherished community tradition.

This year's tour, scheduled for Saturday, September 7, will celebrate the 18th anniversary of this event. We are particularly honored to

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WHEN:

Saturday, September 7, 2024

WHERE:

Starts at Legion Memorial Park, at the corner of Brighton Road and Davis Avenue

TIME:

11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

John Morrow Auditorium

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. This summer was quite the year to use a swimming pool or one of the city pools with double-digit days hitting 90° temperatures and long stretches with little or no rain. I'm glad

to see the temperatures let up some and brought rain in August for our plants and to make outdoor activities much more comfortable.

This summer was the first go at the Summer Series music and community time hosted with the Allegheny City Brewing in Legion Park. I was able to attend the majority of the events and share in the good music, food and vendors. I'd like to thank the sponsors to date who covered the cost of the porta-john rental, which was our largest expense: thank you to Malick Brothers Roofing, Modular International Lighting Supply, California Ave. Gulf Station, and Goodrich and Geist Attorneys. Thank you to all the residents who came out to support and enjoy these events. As a reminder, the next one is September 7 and the last one will be October 5.

The Brighton Heights House Tour returns again on September 7 with a great line-up of homes. It will start again in Legion Park. For additional details, please see the article in this newsletter or visit our website. A sincere thank you goes out to the entire House Tour Committee and the chairs Jon Ebeck and Ray Carter. Please support the Tour if you can by volunteering on the day of or purchasing tickets and enjoying the showcase.

You may have noticed clean-up efforts in July at the PA-65/ Brighton Heights Blvd. intersection. Trees and years of overgrowth were cut down, cleaned up and removed by the Allegheny County Department of Public Works. This work was initiated by Sean O'Brien, who is a Brighton Heights resident and the new regional maintenance supervisor of Allegheny County Public Works District Two. Sean contacted me to share with the Brighton Heights, Board and residents of his initiative to better maintain the areas in his district which included this area of route 65. Upon completing the removal of the Japanese knotweed growing over the north wall, he asked if any other areas were in need. After receiving requests from residents over the past year, I recommended the trees growing over the Brighton Heights tree sign and arbor vitae spruces be pruned back. His department had also received requests and this work was completed in August. A special thanks goes to Sean and the Allegheny County Public Works Department workers who are making this entrance to Brighton Heights a priority.

A final recognition should be given to Chadelle Collins who accepted the vacant Children Youth And Family Chair earlier this year. Chadelle planned a book bag giveaway with New Life Family Worship on August 25. It had food, fun and raffles for a first-of-its-kind event by the BHCF. We look forward to supporting her with future initiatives and thank her for what she provided our youth!

I will take this time to remind you of our next General Membership Meeting on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Morrow school auditorium. At the time of this writing, I am working to have elected officials share updates on: the Davis Ave. Bridge construction, HALC construction plan, Marmaduke Park upgrade kick-off meetings, PPS consolidation plans and the 2024 capital budget. I hope to see you there.

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

Question: Category Form

by Tom Kaylor

While playing Wheel of Fortune on TV, how much does a contestant have to pay for a vowel, if he or she buys one?

Hopefully, the correct answer will be submitted and it will appear in the next BHCF newsletter.

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

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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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Building Inspection	412-255-2176
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City Council Office	412-255-2142
City Council Rep for BH	412-255-2135
City Planning	412-255-2200
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Graffiti in the neighborhood You are a direct victim Graffiti Busters (will remove it) Graffiti Watch	311 911 412-255-2872 412-255-2272
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feature the home of Ed Gergerich on Termon Avenue. Ed's house was the highlight of the inaugural house tour in 2006. His dedication to preserving the history of Brighton Heights and his deep affection for this neighborhood epitomize what makes our community so special. In addition to Ed's home, seven other properties showcasing the rich history and architecture of Brighton Heights will be included, along with a stunning native garden.

In conjunction with the House Tour, the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and Allegheny City Brewery will present the "Summer Series" festival. After exploring the unique homes on the Tour, we invite you to join us at Legion Memorial Park for a special gathering. Enjoy a debut beer from ACB featuring a custom Brighton Heights label, live music, and the chance to connect with fellow neighbors as we celebrate our vibrant community.

We look forward to seeing you on September 7 for a day of exploration, celebration, and connection. Let's make this year's House Tour and "Summer Series" festival an unforgettable celebration of our community!

Jon Ebeck and Ray Carter
Brighton Heights House Tour Committee Co-Chairs

PHOTO BY ALEX BRINKMAN ON UNSPLASH



Garbage Olympics

WHEN:

Saturday, September 21, 2024

WHERE:

Starts at All Saints Church; 3577 McClure Ave

TIME:

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 p.m.

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

CONTACT: Tim Maloney

PHONE: 412-726-0800

EMAIL: dirtdoctim@msn.com

The Clean Pittsburgh Commission will be holding their 8th annual Garbage Olympics on Saturday 21, 2024. We will be picking up trash and debris throughout Brighton Heights. Last year we had a low turnout, which is not normal for our amazing neighborhood. I am hoping this year we have at least 40 volunteers so we can get to every street and greenspace!

We will be competing against other neighborhoods for the most trash picked up, as well as prizes for the most unusual find and most volunteers.

We will provide refreshments to get your day going, plus gloves, vest and trash bags. Just bring your wonderful self!

Plan on attending the post event party at Velum Fermentation on the Southside with food, drinks and prizes. This is always a fun time and a nice payoff for our hard work!

Board of Directors Election Nominations

Nominations for the November Board of Directors Election will take place at the September General Membership Meeting. Board member positions are up for elections this year. Each term is for 2 years and begins on January 1, 2025. If you are interested in a Board position, please contact the Nominating Committee Chair Brendan Delaney via email at brdst11@hotmail.com.

Peace Rally

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone could join together to pray and sing for peace? YOU CAN! Please join us for a chance to make a difference, to show *unity in our community*.

Christ Our Savior Roman Catholic Parish, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church, Destiny of Faith, and Riverview United Presbyterian churches are joining together for an Interdenominational Prayer Rally for Peace at St. Cyril Church at 3854 Brighton Road (outside the parking lot area) on September 28 at 11:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the inside of St. Cyril Church.

The goal of this event is to bring local churches and the community together in solidarity, praying and singing for peace to be restored in our city, country and the world. Speakers include: Pastor Parker Kantos of Brighton Heights Lutheran Church, Reverend Brenda Gregg, Senior Pastor of Destiny of Faith Church, Reverend Steve Werth, Senior Pastor of Riverview United Presbyterian Church and

Reverend Nicholas Vaskov, Pastor of Christ Our Savior Parish. Deacon Michael Fekete of Christ Our Savior Parish will facilitate this event and Dr. Josie Merlino, Director of Music at Christ Our Savior Parish and Dr. Eric Williams, Director of Music at Destiny of Faith will lead the music and selection of hymns. All churches of all denominations and everyone in the community is invited to attend this event. All are welcome! Please bring your own comfortable chair if needed (we will provide folding chairs) and a friend. Additional parking is available on Parviss Street, (the first left going up Benton Ave. from Brighton Rd.); then walk down the steps into main parking lot.

In case you missed it last year, it was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! From the first to the concluding "Amen", Destiny of Faith choir had the crowd on their feet with uplifting joyful music! We believe in the power of prayer, that collectively we are stronger, and know that love will conquer all violence.

SAVE THE DATE, PLEASE!

Saturday **SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**



INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER RALLY FOR PEACE



Christ Our Savior Parish – St. Cyril - outside courtyard

Speaker



Reverend Nicholas Vaskov
Pastor
Christ Our Savior Parish

Speaker



Reverend Brenda Gregg
Senior Pastor
Destiny of Faith Church

Speaker



Reverend Steven Werth
Senior Pastor
Riverview United Presbyterian Church

Speaker



Pastor Parker Kantos
Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

Facilitator



Deacon Michael Fekete
Christ Our Savior Parish

Music provided by:



Dr. Josie Merlino & Destiny of Faith
Director of Music
choir
Christ Our Savior Parish & choir

*Please join us for a special event promoting peace uniting
our community through prayer and song!*

BYOC-Please bring your own comfortable chair if needed. We will provide folding chairs.
Additional parking on Parviss Street (1st left up Benton Ave. at Brighton Rd.)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

PWSA Kicks off Water Main Replacements in Brighton Heights

Starting at the end of this summer, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) will continue their ongoing effort to improve water service reliability and improve water quality with a new water main replacement project in Brighton Heights, which will be completed over the next year or so. Contractor crews from Independent Enterprises, Inc. will complete the work.

The project will upgrade aging infrastructure in the system, including lead service lines connecting homes to the public water main in the street. Replacing lead service lines, which PWSA does at no cost to the resident, will improve water quality and provide the home with a new, reliable service line for years to come. Lead line replacements will take about one day to replace and, barring any complex circumstances, will be completed with a trenchless method, avoiding impact to front yards. To date, PWSA has completed 98% of its 8,100 private-side lead line replacements using a trenchless method.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Construction will follow a typical schedule, Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Road closures, no-parking, and some detours will be in place as needed to complete the work. PWSA is required by the City of Pittsburgh to place “no parking” signs no later than 48 hours before work begins. Please be mindful of these signs as they are placed throughout the neighborhood. If cars are in the no-parking area on the day of work, crews will make all possible efforts to identify the owner of the car and have it moved.

Asphalt and sidewalk paving work will often take place at a later date after a large volume of construction work is complete. It is to be expected that sidewalks and street patches will be filled with temporary restoration until paving and concrete crews come to complete the work.

To track this work and find out if your neighborhood is slated for upcoming lead service line or water main replacement, visit pgh2o.com and browse the “Water Main Replacement” page for information on Brighton Heights and other neighborhoods.

Gardens and Greenspaces

by Ed Gergerich

What a crazy growing season! We started weeding in the garden at PA-65 in April. In May, the Western PA Conservancy prepared the garden bed and provided mulch, bedding flowers, and some new perennials. May 4th was planting day. Thanks to our planting crew: Susan Benn, Bob Haller, Janet Martin, Riley Martin, Connor Martin, Ginger Martin and Kristen from the WPC.

In July, crews cleared out overhanging trees along PA-65 and cleared the encroaching Japanese Knotweed behind the WPC Garden all the way back to the retaining wall. This uncovered a sidewalk and fire hydrant along the wall which had long been hidden by the knotweed. (The knotweed roots are still there so it'll be back in the future.)

During May, the three gardens at Termon and California Avenues were weeded, prepared and planted. Thanks to Susan Benn and Amanda Doyle for their hard work and support throughout the season. The high heat and lack of rain during June and July made things tough. This was especially true at the Adams Lot which no longer has a water source. During dry times, we have to cart jugs of water from the Greenup Lot, since running a hose across the traffic on Brighton Heights Blvd. is not an option.

A special shout-out to Kim Larsen and Megan Graham and their volunteers who keep Legion Park looking great and organize our annual Plant Swap-or-Adopt.

Stay safe, stay green.

Brighton Heights Land Use Committee

BHCF continues to make progress on the final two properties we own. At 3328 Fleming Avenue, we will begin roof and porch replacement soon with the eventual goal to sell the property to someone who would like to live there. At 3829 California Avenue, we are working with Rising Tide to renovate and turn this house into affordable housing.

Additionally, we are still working on our Strategic Plan for the neighborhood. If you haven't yet, please fill out the survey so that BHCF knows what you'd like to happen in Brighton Heights! You can find the survey at brightonheights.org. If you are interested in being involved, please reach out to Nick Petrillo at npetrill@gmail.com.

Annual Halloween Parade

RAIN OR SHINE!

WHEN:

Saturday, October 26, 2024

WHERE:

Starts at Kunsak Funeral Home;
ends at Legion Park

TIME:

12:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the event coordinator below.

CONTACT: Danielle Graham Robinson

TEXT: 412-818-7326

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Meet at the Kunsak Funeral Home parking lot between noon and 1:00 p.m. to register for the Costume Contest. If you don't have a costume, come anyway! We'll have some costume bins available on a first come, first serve basis, and we'll have face painting at the start point! Parade will launch at 1 p.m. and we'll end at Legion Park with a variety of family-friendly activities!

Costume contest categories will be based on age groups, and we'll be adding a category for your furry family members! Yes, we welcome your costumed pets as long as they are friendly and leashed!

We will need volunteers to help with logistics on the day of the parade, securing candy donations, stuffing treat bags, and face painting!

Scan the QR code for real-time parade updates!

Hope to see you there!



BRIGHTON HEIGHTS

HALLOWEEN PARADE



26 OCTOBER

FRIENDLY, ON LEASH PETS ARE WELCOME!
COSTUME CONTEST * GAMES * PRIZES

Registration at 12p. at the corner of Massachusetts and
Davis Ave (Kunsak parking lot)

Festivities at Legion Park following the parade!



Celebrate

RIVERVIEW PARK DAY

With the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Northside Leadership Conference, Friends of Riverview Park, and the City of Pittsburgh

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
FROM 12:00-3:00 P.M.**

Meet at Activities Building

Bounce house, facepainting, balloon making, live music, beer by Allegheny City Brewing, and free hot dogs!



Memorial Day at Legion Park Review in Photos



Exciting News: St. John's Green Protected by Allegheny Land Trust!

I'm thrilled to share some fantastic news: St. John's Green has been officially protected by Allegheny Land Trust! After years of dedicated planning and coordination, the community's vision for this beautiful greenspace is now set to become a reality.

What Does This Mean?

- Preservation for Future Generations: St. John's Green is now safe and secure for generations to come.
- Community Projects and Initiatives: We can move forward with exciting projects and initiatives that align with the community's values and aspirations.

Build Your Wealth In The Trades Review

by Joseph Glassbrenner

The fourth annual Build Your Wealth in the Trades teen and young adult trades initiative was held on May 18. Volunteers from the IBEW Local Union No. 5 and the Carpenters and Joiners Local Union No. 432 ran sessions. A wooden ADA handicap ramp was built into the main entrance of the church and camera wires ran for a future camera system. A special thanks to New Life Family Worship and Bishop James who worked with the BHCf to provide a spacious outdoor venue with indoor space to host food and drink after. This would not have been possible without the skills of the carpenters and electricians who volunteered. Thank you for giving your time and talents. Following the skills session outdoors, volunteers were treated to Tom Friday's sandwiches and pop. A good time was had by all.

I want to recognize our financial sponsors who all donated to our cause: The United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Modular International Lighting Supply, Mascaro Construction Co, IBEW Local # 5 and Carpenters Union # 432.



Improvement Timeline

We are currently working on obtaining all required permits from PWSA and the City. We expect to complete this permitting process by the end of August. Once permits are secured, we will collaborate with Ethos Collaborative to issue a request for proposals from contractors. Our goal is to hire contractors by the end of fall, allowing work to begin this winter. Early efforts will focus on invasive species removal, hazard tree removal, and surface grading throughout the site.

Special Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who joined Allegheny Cleanways on August 11 for a site cleanup! Together, we removed 1,431 pounds of trash and litter, 13 tires, and one broken and abandoned camper.



Summer Series Review

by Brendan Delaney

This summer, our neighbors at Allegheny City Brewing have held their Brighton Heights Summer Series events on the first Saturday of the month at Legion Park. At these events, Brighton Heights residents are able to enjoy ACB's beer and local food trucks while listening to music, including a performance by Brighton Heights resident Clinton Clegg (pictured here). The next Summer Series event will take place on September 7 at Legion Park, coinciding with the Brighton Heights House Tour.



Safety Resource for People with Autism

I want to let everyone know about a new safety resource being offered by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). They are encouraging individuals with autism to take advantage of this free safety resource designed to enhance their interactions with law enforcement officers. Beginning in June, the PSP began distributing an informational card that should be carried by people with autism and presented during any encounter with police.

The informational cards alert law enforcement officers that the individual has autism and therefore may be nonverbal, bothered by loud noises, hyper-sensitive to touch, and unresponsive to commands or questions. The officers are directed to be patient, use a calm and direct voice, and keep their questions and commands simple.

PSP's Office of Community Engagement developed the informational card, which is available on the Safety Resources page of PSP's website, www.psp.pa.gov. Individuals may print the card from the website and carry it in a wallet, or they can choose to save it on their phone. Troopers will also distribute the cards at public community events.

The PSP encourages individuals with autism to present the informational card during interactions with any police officer. The officer does not need to be a Pennsylvania state trooper.

As we move into the fall months, stay informed on state issues, legislation and other developments by signing up for my weekly e-newsletter on my website.

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We've attached the autism information card download here for your convenience.

A graphic showing a template for an autism information card. The card has a white background with a colorful infinity symbol logo on the left and right. The text on the card reads: "I'M AUTISTIC MY NAME IS", "Please be patient with me.", "Loud noises may bother me.", "I may not like to be touched.", "Use a calm and direct voice.", "I may not be verbal and may need pictures to communicate.", "I may not respond to verbal commands.", "Please keep verbal commands simple." Below the text are two sections for contact information: "MY CONTACT INFORMATION" with fields for ADDRESS and PHONE, and "EMERGENCY CONTACTS" with fields for NAME/RELATIONSHIP and PHONE. The card is set against a background of colorful abstract shapes. At the bottom left is the Pennsylvania State Police logo, and at the bottom right is the text "Pennsylvania State Police".

From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Hello Brighton Heights! As fall begins, I have a few updates I'd like to share about projects in Brighton Heights as well as citywide initiatives that affect us all.

I'm happy to share that Brighton Heights is getting new sidewalks near Marmaduke Park! After hearing the concerns from residents about the lack of safe spaces to walk to and from the park, I reached out to the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to see how to improve this heavily trafficked area. Through DOMI's Critical Sidewalk Gaps Program, new sidewalks will be added along Perrott Avenue, Oswald Street, and Hiawatha Street at Marmaduke Street. More details can be found on the Engage Page, <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/critical-sidewalk-gaps-program/marmaduke-park-sidewalk-connections>. These sidewalk improvements, along with the \$400K allocated to the spray park and playground reconstruction project from the 2024 Capital Budget, will allow Marmaduke Park to continue to be a great place for families to visit and enjoy.

Last September, City Council passed legislation to permit registration and inspection of all rental properties in the City of Pittsburgh, which includes both short and long-term rentals. This program, which will be implemented by the City's Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI), will provide for systematic registration and inspection of residential rental properties. I'm happy to share that PLI is now accepting public comment for the Residential Housing Rental Permit Program, which ends on September 30, 2024.

To submit commentary, please visit this website: <https://bit.ly/RentalRegCommentary>. Once the comment period closes, PLI will review the feedback and will submit a final version of the Rules and Regulations of the Program to City Council before the end of the year.

Now that City Council has returned from recess, we will enter budget season when the Mayor's Office and the Office of Management and Budget present preliminary budgets for both operating and capital expenses to City Council early this fall. I would like to note that earlier this summer, I submitted over 20 capital budget requests totaling \$11 million dollars for District 1. Over \$2 million of those requests were for projects in Brighton Heights, including Jack Stack Playground, the California Avenue 5 Points Intersection, and Marmaduke Park. I look forward to reviewing the preliminary budget and advocating for all the pressing needs in Brighton Heights and all the neighborhoods in District 1.

I'm happy to share that the CitiParks Office of Special Events is bringing back the Riverview 5K! This is the fifth and final event of the 2024 City of Pittsburgh Community Footrace Series presented by Allegheny Health Network and will take

place on Friday, October 18 at 6 p.m.. To learn more about the race and to register, visit <https://pittsburghpa.gov/events/riverview/index.html>.

Finally, I would like to share that Julianne Hluska is now serving District 1 as my Chief of Staff. Julianne has been the Community Relations Manager since November 2022 and has established positive working relationships with many D1 community groups and organizations as well as internal City departments. If you would like to discuss any community needs or scheduling matters, please contact her at julianne.hluska@pittsburghpa.gov. This change also means that my former Chief of Staff, Mohammed Burny, has moved on from the office to pursue his career in Law. Mohammed has worked for D1 since I took office in January 2020 and has been instrumental in crafting numerous legislations that have positively impacted residents of the Northside and the City of Pittsburgh. I look forward to seeing the great things he will do next for the people of our City.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at a method below. My staff and I look forward to hearing from you!

CONTACT: Bobby Wilson, Councilman, District 1

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X (FORMERLY TWITTER): @Dist1Pgh

FACEBOOK: Office of Councilman Bobby Wilson

INSTAGRAM: @councilmanbobbywilson



From State Rep. Emily Kinkead

As summer comes to a close and schools get back to business, I wanted to take the time to highlight an incredibly important change for many families in our region that we hoped would roll out earlier, that is now finally ready. The last of the pandemic programs are coming to an end and as a result, families with students ages 6-18 will no longer automatically be receiving Summer EBT (or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)) benefits. But there is a permanent replacement program that you should know about.

SUN Bucks is a federal child nutrition program that continues to be aimed at keeping kids fed during the summer months by providing \$40 per summer month per child via a summer-specific EBT card. However, this program requires families or students to meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- Receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Medical Assistance with qualifying income, including families with home-schooled and cyber school students;
- Meet income eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price school meals;
- Be a foster child or migrant; or
- Be experiencing homelessness.

During the pandemic, all students in school districts like Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS), which qualify for the federal Community Eligible Provision (CEP) program and, therefore, provide free meals to all students, automatically received Summer EBT without needing to qualify. SUN Bucks, unlike the pandemic program, requires students to

be individually qualified for the program through income eligibility or participation in an income-based program like SNAP. Some income-eligible families may need to apply directly for this benefit.

It is important for any family that would qualify for SNAP or other assistance programs but who are not enrolled in those programs to apply now in order to ensure that you and your family can receive the SUN Bucks support. Folks can receive help enrolling in SNAP by filling out a form on the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank website (pittsburghfoodbank.org), by calling **1-833-822-SNAP (7627)**, or by texting SNAP to **412-435-4446**. While we know this benefit would have been most helpful during the summer months, we hope that it's still a welcomed relief. We anticipate that the new program will have an earlier roll out next summer

And, as always, you can reach out to my office and we will be happy to help you to identify and sign up for any state services for which you may qualify. Please call, email or stop by my district office in person.

CONTACT: Emily Kinkead, State Representative, District 20

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SUN BUCKS



New summer grocery benefit for eligible kids



Supports well-rounded meals at home



Can be used with other benefits like SNAP



dhs.pa.gov/sunbucks

Apply by August 31 for Summer 2024 benefits!



MINUTES (Review of Previous General Membership Meeting)

May 9, 2024

- Approximately 54 persons attended.
- Meeting called to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Motion to accept the March GMM minutes by Stacy; second by Parker. Motion passes.

Special Guests: Pittsburgh Police

- Recent crimes: multiple stolen vehicles, criminal mischief, stolen gun from car, assault.
- Violence Prevention Unit spending time in neighborhood to help with vehicle break-ins. Reminder to lock your car doors.
- Donna asked about sex-trafficking and there is a special unit that helps with that.
- Stacy talked about crimes from social media. White Dodge Durango flying around the neighborhood. Police suggested to contact 311 in the future.
- Lt. Watts introduced himself as Executive Officer out of Zone 1. Thanked police for walking The Stations of the Cross.
- Lilian asked about dirt bikes and they told her to 311 as well.

Mayor's Office Rebekah Ranallo

- Showed up with several resources: Mayor's newsletter; farmer's market info.
- Judy asked how to sign up for vouchers; Rebekah replied that the State Rep should have answer.
- There is an International Conference Parade on June 8 in Market Square.
- HALC getting a bid for procurement system construction on schedule for summer.
- Crossing assistance at California and Davis but not California and Termon according to Donna.
- Application for Love Your Block program has (8) \$2,500 mini-grants for improvement projects. Everyone that qualified for City

cuts were admitted. If you know anyone, add them to the waitlist.

- No pool schedule yet. Lifeguard training started May 8.
- Peter Bianchi asked about a house on 1400 Termon Ave. to have the hedges trimmed. Rebekah said she would expedite an inspector to come out to see.
- Judy is curious if city cuts does hedges; a 311 request for the hedges was put in.

Bobby Wilson Julianne

- Crossing guard at California and Davis bid awarded May 16. Lilian said the five-way intersection is hard for kids. Donna asked about Brighton and Legion Park. They both said the five-way is much worse than all the rest. Encourage people to apply for position (a driver's license is no longer necessary.)
- Paving has started in the neighborhood. DOMI has listed the paving schedule. They are also working on a safer entrance to Marmaduke Park.
- PWSA is having a community meeting May 14. CEO will attend the meeting at Allegheny Center Alliance Church at 7:00 p.m.
- Landslides at Riverview. They are being worked on over the next few years.
- Donna asked about the stove at the Riverview community building and its working condition.
- Capital budget opens soon in June. Let Bobby know our requests.
- Stacy asked about the five-point intersection again so we can enter it to capital budget. Narrow down to one request for that intersection.
- Stacy also asked for clear instruction at that intersection. Bobby can ask DOMI what works best for that intersection and where it lies on DOMI's list of projects.

Termon Ave Gardens Circle Kristie Martin, Exp Realty

- Proposed some meeting dates.
- Streets assigned which will be Termon Gardens Circle. Their goal is 34 new homes to make Brighton Heights even greater.
- There will be food and drink at the HALC at 7:00 p.m. on May 30. 3 weeks to get your questions together.

Riverview Park Erica Hiede, Senior Park Ranger

- She works out of Frick Park. Talked about new Park Ranger program, job duties and Riverview Park.
- There are 16 rangers for over 100 parks. Focus on enforcement but also respond to emergencies. Job description is broad, including planting trees.
- Saturday is Ultimate Play Day at Riverview Park; it's free and some rangers will be there.
- Deer management has killed 108 deer. 55% has been donated and almost 10,000 people fed. High Lyme disease and deer vehicle collisions were reasons to kill the deer. Deer killing is archery only.
- Judy brought up Friends of Riverview Park. They talk about the Park and usually meet last Monday night of the month.
- Donna wants to know what to do about the deer in the neighborhood in our yards instead of the park.
- What do the park rangers do at National Night Out? Suggested a Riverview ranger come to event.

Report of Officers and Others:

President's Report Joseph Glassbrenner

- Attended Davis Ave. Bridge groundbreaking; been working on this for 5 years. Going bring back 5k Run in the Park when Bridge is completed.
- Procurement meeting in process to keep advocating for capital projects. Received 400k for

Marmaduke Park. Asked for more idea submissions.

- Low-income seniors can get \$50 Farmers Market vouchers on Tuesday, June 25 at HALC from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and then 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. They aren't mailing them; you must go to a location.
- Morrell, Bonaventure and Cooper St. have been paved and Brighton Heights Blvd. getting paved today.

Vice President's Report

Brendan Delaney

- Development Activities Meeting mural going in front of Woods Run Library.
- Northside Leadership Annual Dinner on June 24; awards scholarships to local seniors; encourage applications. Must attend the dinner and live on Northside.

Corresponding Secretary

Elaine Gloeckner

- We are up-to-date on welcome bags. Renew your membership.

Treasurer's Report

- Cash on hand May 2: \$14,436 compared to \$15,093 last year. \$1,500 Build Your Wealth in the Trade donations; the plant sale earned \$4,100 in sales and \$2,100 in profit. Additional plants for sale this Saturday.
- 15 people purchased flowers that were not active memberships.
- Joe makes motion to approve; Donna seconds.

Report of Committees:

Gardens and Greenspaces

Ed Gergerich

- 22 flats planted and continued work on the gardens. Perennials and sunflower seeds planted on Monday.
- Plant Swap this Saturday.
- May 16 will be planting in Termon Garden and Legion Park.
- Final Saturday of May is catch-

up weekend to make everything look good for Memorial Day.

- Someone asked to develop the lot across from Wine and Spirits on California for a greenspace. It's called the Bear's Lot. Allegheny Land Trust is a resource for this.

St. John's Greenspace

Tom Mullholland, Allegheny Land Trust

- Just closed on the process and they own the deed to St. John's property; working on permits and MOUs with contractors.

Memorial Day

Donna Kramer

- Friday, May 24 at Highwood Cemetery will need help to put up flags at 9:00 a.m. until they are done. Come see them on Memorial Day at Legion Park.

House Tour

- We need houses; planning for September 7.
- Committee Meeting on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at 3628 Fleming Ave.

Clean-up

Tim Maloney

- Good turnout; ran out of garbage bags.

Build Your Wealth in the Trades

Joseph Glassbrenner

- May 18: 4th annual Build Your Wealth; will be two sessions. Electrical will build a camera system for the church. Construction will create an ADA ramp to the Food FREEdge. Event includes free lunch. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for ages 12 - 21.

Food FREEdge

Lilian Akin

- We get regular donations from Light of Light Food Pantry and 412 Food Rescue, between 1-3 deliveries a week.

Plant Swap

Mel

- May 9, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Soil Sisters.

Land Use

Nick Petrillo

- Sold 2 vacant lots to Termon Gardens developers to be built on. Working to sell California Ave house to Rising Tides for affordable housing.
- Working on Fleming house.
- Thanks for taking strategic plan survey. Next we are going to meet with community leaders. Survey had 120 responses: most important is to attract business and then traffic-calming. Want to turn Shadeland Ave into Market Square. Want to implement traffic-calming and public art. Our value statement is Brighton Heights is beautiful and we should amplify that when we can.
- Improve California Ave business district.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- Bernie O'Brien died; please give support to his family. (Moment of silence.)
- ACB Summer Series coming to Legion Park.
- Memorial service for John Bassinger on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Sewickley Academy
- 50/50: \$12 bucks 660 were donated to the Food FREEdge.

Anything for the

Good of the Federation

- Meeting adjourned.
- The next General Membership Meeting will be May 9, 2024.

Adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Ryan Yasenachak

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

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