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Your BHCF Board of Directors



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Brendan Delaney and Judy Bendtsen

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Joe Glassbrenner, Todd McCollum and Ray Robinson

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

John Morrow Auditorium

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From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

Another great year has went by for the BHCF. No one can argue 2024 was a very special year for our committees, organization, and neighborhood. We maintained the initiatives we launched over the past few years, continued to grow our membership, saw new investment from the City of Pittsburgh in many areas, and even added a new summer concert series that was well attended.

This time of the year is lighter on the reports as many of us take time with our family and friends for the holidays. Our final committee work with Bright the Night wrapped up and we continue to work on normal board business and operational items like this printed newsletter. So most of this report will be opportunities available for this upcoming year and recognizing individuals who helped us shine in 2024.

One person who will continue to be a star in Brighton Heights but will no longer shine as a formal board member is Bill Goodrich. After more than 16 years serving on the BHCF board, Bill has decided to step down but made it clear he will contribute his time and talents on committees and with his many sponsorships. Thank you, Bill, for the advice you have provided, the time you spent in and outside of the many meetings, and the passion you brought to everything we worked on.

On a holiday note, I'd like to credit board member Bob Haller and his son Nate who single-handedly decorated the California Ave. business district light poles this year with new lights and garland. The lights and garland looked great and shined some holiday spirit on the business district.

A new offering and fundraiser was available for this year's holiday season by Stacy Berk and Ryan Yasenachak. These two worked to design, have made, and distributed 200 tree ornaments for residents and beyond. It's a keepsake that people wanted, raising funds for the BHCF. Great work, Stacy and Ryan!

I could fill a notebook with the people and businesses who deserve thanks for volunteering but no one more than Stacey Slie and Ali Fischer, who for the second year in a row, pulled off a very memorable Bright the Night. The planning, coordination, and attention to detail was felt by the over 300 people who shared in the cheer on December 7. In addition to the event, they also coordinated volunteers for the decoration of Legion Park. Thanks to you two and a special thanks to the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure for assisting in decorating the pine tree at Legion Park.

Now that the holidays are concluding, I want to remind everyone who may have purchased a live Christmas tree you have a chance to recycle the tree and receive mulch later

in the spring. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the opportunities offered by the City of Pittsburgh.

I have two items that are on the runway for 2025 but could use a leader or a few more volunteers to help them really take-off. They are the "Run in the Park 2025" and the St. John's site community vegetable garden. In brief, the run in the park was a long-standing 5K run from Legion Park, down Davis, through Riverview Park and back that was halted sometime around 2008 when the Davis Ave. Bridge closed. But with the anticipated completion of the new Davis Ave. bike and pedestrian bridge this spring, it's possible to bring this run back for 2025. If interested, call, e-mail, come to a meeting, or tell a board member. There is a short list of runners who are already on the committee list but have not yet started to roll on the ideas.

Last is the vegetable garden committee that launched in 2024 with the mission of creating a vegetable garden in Brighton Heights. Support from Grow Pittsburgh was given and application information was provided on how the BHCF could be awarded funding, design, and maintenance insight by Grow Pittsburgh. Volunteers with garden interest are needed to bring fresh food to Brighton Heights via the St. John's site.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made everything happen this year. You are the engine that drives our success. As a reminder, our next meeting is on January 9 at the John Morrow Elementary School auditorium. I'll conclude by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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



PHOTO BY FRANK ROCHE

*My family and I with Santa at Bright the Night.
From L to R: myself, Leo (3), Santa, Felix (1), Gabriel (6), Taylor.*

Do You Have a New Neighbor?

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

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The United Way #188

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

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

Membership Renewal

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

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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
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Meet the Board: Donna Kramer

We are going to introduce a board member in each newsletter in 2025-2026. If you attend the General Membership meetings, you may have seen them or heard board members talk about projects, may have even voted

for their nomination/re-election to the BOD, etc. Our board is a varied group of people, from all walks of life. We thought you might be interested in learning a little more about us.

Donna Kramer is our most tenured board member. Her nomination to the BOD happened 33 years ago, in 1991. She got involved in her community after an elderly neighbor was mugged at the bus stop outside Donna's home. They started a block watch that continues in the neighborhood to present day.

This incident has led to 3+ decades of involvement in promoting safety in our neighborhood and a strong relationship with the police and first responders. Donna served on the board of the Northside Public Safety Council and was the president of the council for 7 years. In the past, she has led a Council appreciation day for the first

responders in Zone 1, worked with City and County and State officials to save our local fire station and helped to develop a communication plan in the event of a prisoner escape from Western Penitentiary. She was also in the first class of the Pittsburgh Citizens Police Academy.

Donna is just amazing, participating in activities that keep her young! She is the Judge of Elections for the 27th ward, has been awarded Woman of the Year, BHCF voted her Person of the Year and Pittsburgh City Council officially proclaimed January 29, 2013, as 'Donna Kramer Day' in the City of Pittsburgh.

Many of her involvement is from the past. However, Donna remains on the BOD for the BHCF, is the committee chair for Neighborhood Safety, participates in National Night Out and is very involved in her church. She attends community events in the neighborhood and works part time at Ross Park Mall (23 years) and says she may retire in 2 years.

Donna has been married for 46 years and has a son. She has been a Northsider all her life and is very proud of her relationships with the Zone 1 Pittsburgh Police Department. She enjoys going out to lunch and Bingo with her friends or attending a play at the Benedum. She said she tries to keep a positive direction in her life, enjoys meeting new people and loves to give back to the community and the kids.

Please remove all decorations, plastic bags, and tree stands. Don't leave your tree at the curb, it will be sent to the landfill.



TURN YOUR LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE INTO MULCH!

By bringing your used Christmas tree to one of our convenient drop-off locations, you'll be recycling it into usable mulch, available for use by all City residents in the spring!

December 26th - January 26th



Riverview Park Day Review

This year's Riverview Park Day was the most successful of all the years we've hosted. We had the highest attendance, most partners involved, and we collected 100 names of people who want to hear more about the work being done in Riverview Park. We had an insect hike, a mushroom hike, and a moon tree hike which were well-attended. There was fun for the whole family, and many of our partners got more exposure from those who attended the event. We promoted the beauty of Riverview Park and educated families and attendees about the importance of nature. We had two bands, free hot dogs, and beautiful weather! Thank you for your support!

Bright the Night Review

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation hosted its 2nd Annual Bright the Night holiday festival on December 7, 2024. Neighbors and community partners gathered together in Legion Park from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the season under the glow of holiday lights.

Neighbors enjoyed musical performances by JP Gallery Studio, Technique by Toni, John Morrow Elementary choir, Allegheny Traditional Academy choir and Northside Catholic Assumption Academy band, followed by our tree lighting. The event culminated with a memorable headline performance from Clinton Clegg of The Commonheart.

Santa made an appearance to greet young and old alike. Neighbors milled about sipping hot cocoa and exploring a bustling holiday vendor market full of unique custom-made gifts.

Neighborhood children enjoyed exploring the park with their family and friends, engaging with community sponsors in a number of free holiday activities such as cookie decorating, gingerbread house decorating and lantern-making.

This event would not have been made possible without the support of our generous community partners, our volunteers and our joyful community who came out to support the event. Lastly, a special thank you to our chairperson, Stacy Slie, and committee members for their hard work and dedication to our community and this event.

Bright the Night Review in Images

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2025 CALENDAR

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Jan. 1 New Year's Day
 Jan. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jan. 9 General Membership Meeting
 Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Jan. 29 Chinese New Year

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Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
 Feb. 6 Board of Directors Meeting
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb. 17 President's Day
 Feb. 28 Ramadan Begins

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Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday
 Mar. 6 Board of Directors Meeting
 Mar. 9 Daylight Savings
 Mar. 13 Purim
 Mar. 13 General Membership Meeting
 Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Mar. 20 First Day of Spring

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Apr. 3 Board of Directors Meeting
 Apr. 12 Passover Begins
 Apr. 13 Palm Sunday
 Apr. 15 Tax Day
 Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday
 Apr. 18 Good Friday/Orthodox Good Friday
 Apr. 19 Spring Clean-up
 Apr. 19 Orthodox Holy Saturday
 Apr. 20 Easter/Orthodox Easter
 Apr. 22 Earth Day
 Apr. 26 Rt 65 WPAConserv Planting

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May 1 Board of Directors Meeting
 May 3 Spring Flower Prep Day
 May 8 General Membership Meeting
 May 10 Spring Flower Planting Day
 May 11 Mother's Day
 May 23 Flag Planting Highwood Cem.
 May 26 Memorial Day

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Jun. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jun. 6 D-Day Remembrance Day
 Jun. 15 Father's Day
 Jun. 19 Juneteenth
 Jun. 20 First Day of Summer

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Jul. 4 Independence Day
 * NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING *

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Aug. 7 Board of Directors Meeting

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Sep. 1 Labor Day
 Sep. 4 Board of Directors Meeting
 Sep. 11 General Membership Meeting
 Sep. 20 Fall Clean-up/Garbage Olympics
 Sep. 22 First Day of Autumn
 Sep. 22 Rosh Hashanah

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Oct. 1 Yom Kippur
 Oct. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
 Oct. 13 Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
 Oct. 18 Flower Pull-up Day
 Oct. 28 BHCf Halloween Parade
 Oct. 31 Halloween

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Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov. 4 Election Day
 Nov. 6 Board of Directors Meeting
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
 Nov. 13 Gen. Membership Meeting/Election
 Nov. 27 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 4 Board of Directors Meeting
 Dec. 6 Bright the Night with Santa
 Dec. 14 Hanukkah Begins
 Dec. 21 First Day of Winter
 Dec. 25 Christmas
 Dec. 26 Kwanzaa Begins
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Thanks to Joan Bellisario, we have a new activities calendar for 2025.

If you have any events that you would like to include on the 2025 calendar, please send them to us by the end of this year.

All BHCf events noted here are subject to cancellation or change.

PFAs for Companion Animals

A Protection from Abuse (PFA) is a civil court order to help protect victims of domestic violence, providing relief from abuse by an intimate partner, family or household member. Under a PFA, the abuser can have no contact with the victim or the victim's children, must relinquish any weapons and must leave the home where the victim lives. However, it is no secret that abuse is often not just limited to humans in a home. Violent individuals often threaten pets to torment a victim or use them as a tool to keep a victim in a horrific relationship. With the number of PFAs filed statewide continuing to increase, animal advocates, domestic violence organizations, and law enforcement agencies have pleaded with lawmakers to eliminate a barrier that often prevents individuals from leaving dangerous situations.

Act 146, which was signed into law in November, gives judges the power to block a defendant from possessing or harming a victim's companion animal by including them in Pennsylvania's Protection from Abuse Act. The legislation defines "companion animal" as those not used in commercial agriculture. Until this recent passage, judges only had very limited authority to protect pets when issuing restraining orders. Many prosecutors and law enforcement officials found this to be a major problem.

Data shows a link between domestic violence and animal abuse. As many as 71% of domestic violence victims report their abuser targeted their pets. Unfortunately, more than half of victims who file for PFAs decide to remain in a home in fear for their pets' wellbeing, leading to prolonging suffering for both. Because of the new law, now no one is forced to choose between their safety and the safety of a beloved pet.

Prior to passage of Act 146, Pennsylvania was one of only 12 states that did not automatically consider the welfare of pets in protective orders. The new law will go into effect in mid-January.

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CITY OF PITTSBURGH RESIDENTS:
TO REPORT A PET LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

CALL ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL AT:
(412) 255-2036 (7AM - 3PM)
OR
(412) 255-2935 (OTHER TIMES)

Laws on Animal Safety Outside

When temperatures are 32° and below, dogs are only allowed out for 30 minutes before we can legally remove them. Dogs will be taken to Humane Animal Rescue in East Liberty on Hamilton Avenue. Owners can pick up dogs with proof of ownership and proper fee payment for shelter accommodation. City of Pittsburgh must pay for every animal brought into the shelter.

If you are unable to reach Animal Care & Control through the phone numbers listed (left), please call 911.

This is a state law and has not been made breed specific. City ordinance may be found by searching online the City of Pittsburgh ordinances Title 6 633.23 (2)a or State law 18 PA.C.S. s(s) 5531, Et Seq.

Fine(s) will be sent via mail and can be appealed by pleading "not guilty" on tickets received through mail.

From Councilman Bobby Wilson

Happy New Year Brighton Heights! I hope you and your family had a healthy and happy holiday season. I'm happy to share that at the end of 2024, Pittsburgh City Council passed the City of Pittsburgh's 2025 operating and capital budgets. Capital project investments in the Brighton Heights neighborhood include an additional \$100,000 investment towards paving work on top of the already allocated \$400,000 for upgrades to Marmaduke Park, \$1.5 million towards landslide remediation in Riverview Park, \$1.5 million towards construction of Engine 35 Fire Station on Orchlee Street, and \$60,000 towards an evaluation study at the California Avenue, Termon Avenue, and Brighton Heights Boulevard 5-points intersection. I'm grateful for the nearly \$12 million investment by the Mayor's Administration in the entirety of District 1.

The start of a new year is the perfect time to sign up as a volunteer with the City's Snow Angel Program. The Program pairs nearby neighbors with older residents or residents with disabilities to assist them with snow removal on their sidewalks and walkways. Along with fostering stronger community relationships and relieving some of the stress that comes from a snowfall or freeze, Snow Angels make the City's sidewalks safer for those who are outside during the winter weather, like postal carriers, firefighters, police officers, and other neighbors.

To request a Snow Angel, you must be at least 62 years old, or have a physical disability, live within the City of Pittsburgh, and do not have resources (financial or family and friends nearby) to assist with snow removal. Full details on how to become a Snow Angel or to request one, can be found online <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/snow-angels> or by calling 311. Residents can contact the Snow Angels Program directly at [412-255-2626](tel:412-255-2626) or snowangels@pittsburghpa.gov.

Earlier this year, City Council passed legislation to establish the city's first Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan is the expression of a holistic, community-wide vision of the city's future. This includes the creation of strategic goals, programs, policies, and actions to reach that vision.

The city's Comprehensive Plan will do the following: guide future development for all parts of the city; provide the overall foundation for all land use regulation in the city by developing a map of future land uses; consider the impact of physical and environmental conditions throughout the city (for example, topography, rivers, soil and air quality, etc.); set a planning horizon of about 20 years, a duration in which we can reasonably anticipate economic and population growth while also avoiding the pitfalls of short-term thinking; and inform and substantiates the development decisions of City Council and other municipal leaders.

Since this is the first Comprehensive Plan in the City's history, the Department of City Planning is putting together a Community Working Group (CWG). The CWG will consist of up to 20 community members who will serve as important connectors and leaders in the Comprehensive Plan engagement and planning process. This is a paid position that will run from May 2025 - May 2026.

CWG members will have the opportunity to collect ideas from neighbors, host events, and help create materials & final recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan. I highly encourage you to apply if this sounds like you - or share it with a friend! All applications are due by January 31, 2025. To learn more about the Comprehensive Plan, visit <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/citywide-comprehensive-plan>. To apply for the CWG, visit: https://pghcomplan.formstack.com/forms/cwg_application.

My staff and I look forward to working together to make 2025 a great year for Brighton Heights!

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

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PHOTO BY KELLY SIKKEMA ON UNSPLASH



From State Rep. Emily Kinkead

As 2025 gets off to a new start, it's an important time for state lawmakers in Pennsylvania to reflect on the 2023-24 Legislative Session and begin preparing for the next two-year-session. Throughout the 2023-24 Legislative Session, my colleagues

and I passed 428 bills out of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and delivered billions of taxpayer dollars to improve communities across the Commonwealth. While there will always be areas that we could have gone further, I'm proud of everything we accomplished in the legislature over the last two years and am eager to dive into another term as a State Representative.

A major highlight of this session for me was one of my bills being signed into law for the first time! My legislation to create more affordable pathways to higher education (H.B. 897) was signed into law as Act 69 of 2024 back in July. This new law is the most significant overhaul to our higher education system in over 50 years, requiring schools within the State System of Higher Education to apply credits earned at a Pennsylvania community college toward a parallel bachelor's degree program. Additionally, it increases transparency around tuition and the many fees associated with attending a university and expands access to dual enrollment programs for high school students. The law also established a new state Board of Higher Education that will create a strategic plan for higher education in Pennsylvania and a process to require institutions of higher education to provide greater notice to their students and communities if they decide to cease operations.

After years of work on this bill, it's so exciting to see it become law and benefit Pennsylvanians pursuing higher education! There are many other bills I have been working on throughout my time as a state lawmaker that didn't make it across the finish line this session – but are gaining momentum. I've drafted legislation to legalize adult-use cannabis, implement a universal school meals program in our public schools, create a landslide insurance program for Pennsylvania homeowners, help people successfully transition out of incarceration, and more. At times, attempting to pass a bill through Pennsylvania's divided

legislature feels insurmountable. But H.B. 897 and the hundreds of bills signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro this year are proof that it can be done. I look forward to continuing to build bipartisan support around my bills and creating changes on the issues that matter most to Pennsylvanians in the 2024-25 Legislative Session.

On top of crafting new laws, I've also been working hard to drive state investments back to our local neighborhoods in the 20th Legislative District. Since my first day in office, I'm proud to have helped bring tens of millions of state dollars to our corner of Allegheny County. This includes more than \$52 million to replace lead water lines, over \$15 million for various community projects, nearly \$5 million for school repairs, \$2 million for our libraries, and so much more.

A lot of these funds were awarded to local projects through state grant programs, with communities across the state applying for programs that have limited dollars to dole out. The competition for state grant money can be quite fierce! If organizations and entities in our community don't apply, that money will go somewhere else. Identifying grant opportunities and advocating for projects in the 20th Legislative District is one of the biggest ways I can help improve our region and I'm pleased with the significant investments my team and I have secured.

If you want to learn more state grant opportunities or the legislation I'm working on, please contact my office. My staff and I are always looking to connect with more people in our community. I wish you and your loved ones a safe and warm holiday season. It is my honor to continue working for you in the new year!

As always, if you have any questions about any legislation or state-related matters, please contact my office by phone or email below.

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BE A TAX PREP HERO

Volunteer tax preparers and greeters are needed now!



CONVENIENT

Choose from 20+ sites in Allegheny, Armstrong, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties.



REWARDING

Last year, volunteers saved taxpayers \$2M+ in fees and generated \$11.4M in refunds.



SHORT-TERM COMMITMENT

Volunteers commit to one, 3-hour shift per week during tax season.

No professional experience necessary.
Free training provided.



LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP AT
SWPAFREETAXES.ORG



Continuing education credits are available for volunteers.

HELLO

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Buscamos voluntarios bilingües Español/Inglés.



UNITED WAY
of Southwestern
Pennsylvania

FREE TAX PREP



Carnegie Library
1230 Federal Street
CoLab18 @ Nova Place
100 S. Commons

MINUTES (Review of Previous General Membership Meeting)

November 14, 2024

- Approximately 34 persons attended; attendance by sign-in.
- Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice President Brendan Delaney.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Motion to approve the general membership meeting minutes from September by Donna Kramer; second by Elaine Gloeckner; motion passes.

Special Guests:

Pittsburgh Police

- In the past two months there have been 46 reports and 9 arrests.
- Emphasis on burglaries: as a reminder to keep your doors locked o keep the valuables in your car out of sight.

State Representative Kinkead *Danielle Graham Robinson*

- Flyers available with numbers and information on what the Representative's office does.
- A reminder that the property tax rebate assistance deadline is Dec. 31.

Mayor's Office *Paul Scott*

- He is the senior acting manager for community relations. Phone contact is 412-977-8049.
- In response to the question about the police chief, there's no time frame.
- There will be an emphasis on the five-points intersection feasibility study.

Guests:

Two Dads Dog Training *Michael Cunningham*

- He gave a short presentation on safety tips for dog walking and strays.
- There's a page of tips available.

Exp Reality *Chrissy Martin representing Termon Gardens*

- Groundbreaking starts early Feb. First two homes in 6-8 months.
- Historical tour in the spring.

Report of Officers and Others:

President

- Marmaduke Park has new sidewalks for safety.
- Go to the Engage Page to input into upgrades at Marmaduke Park.

- HALC drawing was incomplete. They are being reworked.
- Community Homes Legislation being held on November 5. It will be broadcast on TV and Zoom for public comment.
- Grow PGH meeting about St. John's site. Application is being filled out. Assistance is needed.
- Looking for support for Davis Ave. Bridge Run in the Park 5K.

Vice President

- No report.

Corresponding Secretary

- Six new welcome bags; 272 total for new residents.

Treasurer's Report

- Land Use \$2,867.14
Operating \$20,279.73
- Explanation of payment procedures.
- Questions of payments for Police for Halloween Parade.
- Motion to accept the Treasure's Report by Stacey Slie; second by Stacy Berkebile; motion passes.

Report of Committees:

Bright the Night

- Will be held Dec 7, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Decorating the park Saturday at 10 a.m.

NSLC

- Asking for North Side Chronicle subscriptions.

Nominating Committee

- Motion to accept the slate of officers by Brendan Delaney; second by Donna Kramer; motion passes.

Neighborhood Watch

- Thanks for the dog safety presentation.
- Zoom meeting upcoming with One Northside.

Children, Youth and Family

- Halloween Parade distributed 146 candy bags.

Food Fridge

- No report.

Communications

- No report.

Land Use

- California Ave. properties have an agreement with Rising Tide pending federal funds that will be known next month.
- Fleming property options:
 - Money from casino and get URA grant to fix and sell.
 - Enter agreement with Rising Tide for Fleming and other houses to create larger loan abilities.
- Rising Tides prefers home ownership.
- Strategic plan being worked.
- Questions can be better answered after the proposed re-zoning is finished.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- Dec. 3 school meeting 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Alliance Church.
- 150 people not paying dues have received "Final Notice: in the most recent newsletter.

Anything for the Good of the Federation

- Gift for newsletter editor.
- 50/50 for \$40 was won by Ginny Rouse.
- Motion to adjourn by Stacy Berkebile; second by Donna Kramer; motion approved.

Adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Todd McCollum



Last Page Laugh

by Tom Kaylor

Q: What did the cow say to the farmer?

A: "Happy Moo Year."

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