



# BRIGHTON HEIGHTS

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## CITIZENS REPORT

March 2025



### Brighton Heights and Brightwood Spring Clean-up Day

**WHEN:** Saturday April 19, 2025

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

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

**AFTER PARTY:** Free BBQ and drinks (parking lot of Young Brothers at intersection of McClure Avenue and Woods Run Road)

The Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and Brightwood Civic Group will be holding their 6th Annual Spring cleaning of their neighborhoods on Saturday, April 19th. The goal is to pick up the majority of trash and debris throughout both neighborhoods, so we need many volunteers to make this event a success!

If the weather is good, we will have tables set up outside on McClure Avenue; if we have inclement weather, please sign-up in the fellowship hall at the side entrance of the church. Dirt Doctors Cleaning Services will provide gloves, trash bags and vests. There will also be coffee, fruit and donuts to jump start your day. Everyone who signs up to volunteer that day will be eligible for a free prize!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this annual collaborative spring clean-up of our neighborhoods. Many hands make light work!

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

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### NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

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## From the Federation President

by Joseph Glassbrenner

Woo hoo! March is finally here, Brighton Heights. This has been quite the winter with snowfall totals we haven't seen in over a decade and over a dozen days with single degree temperatures. Let's look forward to longer days and the arrival of spring. Just maybe we can call Punxsutawney Phil a liar and get away from winter for this year.

March ushers in the usual Committees, such as Garden and Greenspaces and Memorial Day. Both Committees are led by our more senior members, Ed Gergerich and Pete Gowlinolski. Both Ed and Pete have had more time as chairs than the amount of time many of us have even lived in Brighton Heights. Please consider volunteering for garden days this year starting in the beginning of May. You can learn more by calling Ed at 412-779-9222 if you have any interest in our May garden and flower planting days. Memorial Day planning meetings have already started; if interested in honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, please contact Donna Kramer at 412-766-6546, who can share meeting dates and coordinate day-of volunteers.

Some Committees, such as Land Use, has been meeting continuously throughout the winter and continues to work on our projects. We have been working to source funding and considering a union contractor to pay prevailing wage on these projects. The two units will be affordable housing and, at this point, URA funding seems necessary in some capacity to get them off the ground. If real estate is your game, contact Nick Petrillo by email to join the Committee.

All signs point to the likelihood of a second annual Summer Music Series in conjunction with Allegheny City Brewing. Last year, ACB approached the BHCF to coordinate a six-date event with music and beverages that would be available in Legion Memorial Park. The series is planning to run one Saturday per month, May through October. Please reach out via BHCF Facebook message to Stacy Berkebile if you know a band who may be interested in performing or you would like to help plan the 2025 series. Stacy is a board member, our Communications chair, and the acting Summer Series coordinator.

On February 18, I was honored to receive a One Northside champion resident award for helping lead One Northside's movement of supporting our communities with dedication, initiatives, and volunteer work. Thank you to One Northside and executive director Michelle Porter, who has made volunteering my time very enjoyable. In addition to this award, the One Northside 10-year celebration held at Acrisure Stadium hosted carnival-style games to raise funds for a project the BHCF submitted in January. After receiving the permission of the building owner, the Board submitted

an art mural project proposed for a building that's backdrop sits at the Allegheny Mountain lot at the intersections of California and Benton Ave. Brighton Heights came in fourth place and was awarded \$2,740 in initial funding towards the mural. We are grateful for the contributions from One Northside and The Buhl Foundation to jump-start our funding. We are continuing to work with a community art mural artist from the Pittsburgh Center for Arts who has a program offering to match funding.

As far as projects in Brighton Heights go, the Davis Ave. Bridge construction is set to start back up this month with ironworkers beginning to set the steel bridge trusses. I have communicated with Councilman Wilson a request to monitor the permits and process of DOMI to ensure the departments are working to move as quickly as possible given the Bridge completion date was already delayed from fall 2024 to spring 2025. I am looking to find out when the Healthy Active Living Center (HALC) renovations will begin and when community meetings will start for the reconstruction of the playground at Marmaduke Park.

Lastly, I want to thank all who offered your congratulations and best wishes to my family on the arrival of my son, Jeremiah Charles, who was born healthy and happy on January 25. I hope you have a great start to spring. I invite you to join our next General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at John Morrow school auditorium.

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



## 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  
PO Box 99602, Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
Or E-Mail it to Editor, Dave Lebec  
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## The United Way #188

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

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

## Membership Renewal

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

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ALCOSAN (odor control)	412-766-9445
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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
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City Council Office	412-255-2142
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## Gardens and Greenspaces

From Ed Gergerich

Happy March! If you haven't noticed, not much is happening in our community gardens over winter. We will start doing some prep work in late April, depending on the weather. I hope to be able to plant the PA-65 WPC Garden on Saturday, May 3, with work on the other gardens to occur throughout May so everything is ready by Memorial Day, May 26. Volunteers are always needed.

Most of you who know me think of me as the "garden guy," but before retiring, I worked as a transportation engineer, so I'd like to take the opportunity to give you some thoughts on a potential improvement at the intersection of Termon and California Avenues and Brighton Heights Blvd.

When you drive through the existing intersection, chances are that you will have to stop for the signal. Often no one is moving in the intersection due to the yellow and all-red clearances. The fastest moving vehicles passing through are those who run those clearances so they don't have to wait for the next cycle. Since the corners don't lineup, the crosswalks have to be on a diagonal, making for longer pedestrian crossings. A roundabout would eliminate these safety issues as well as eliminate the pollution from idling vehicles.

The small traffic circle in the middle of the Termon and McClure intersection is NOT a roundabout. Roundabouts are large, maybe 100 feet across, and most are not perfect circles. Instead, they are individually designed to fit existing conditions. An illustration from a PennDOT brochure shows the major elements of a roundabout. Ours would not look exactly like this. We have 5 legs, not 4 and more complex geometry.

Approaching traffic in a single lane yields to vehicles already moving in the roundabout. Splitter islands on each approach channel vehicles to the right and provide a pedestrian refuge. Pedestrians cross only one lane at a time from sidewalk to the island and then to the opposite sidewalk. In roundabouts, slow moving vehicles on different approaches can move simultaneously, so delays are less and conflicts are less frequent and much less serious. The geometry of roundabouts accommodates single unit trucks and buses. The occasional tractor trailer can travel over a slightly raised apron surrounding the central island.

By now you're probably thinking "Okay garden guy, what happens to our existing community gardens?" The Adams Lot and front of the Greenup Lot would be impacted, as they are in the right-of-way of BH Blvd. However, a roundabout provides a very visible large central island that could be the site of a sculpture, statue, or shrubbery. Still skeptical?

Many people who are not familiar with roundabouts are initially skeptical. Due to our topography, there are not many of them in Western PA. One of the best is in Rochester Borough in Beaver County about 15 to 20 miles north on PA-65. Check it out if you get the chance.

When might all this occur? The first step is a feasibility study which hopefully will occur this year. Design and construction would follow as funding allows. The entire process could take a few years, so don't let the future keep you from volunteering to help with this year's gardens.

**Stay safe, stay green.**

## Rankin Ave. Development Activities Meeting (DAM) Notice

The regularly scheduled March 13 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at John Morrow School Auditorium will serve as a Development Activities Meeting (DAM) for 1623 Rankin Ave. Currently, it is zoned as R1A Zone. An application to Zoning Board of adjustments to change to a two-unit dwelling was presented by the current owner. The owner will present the change of use to the public on this date and time.

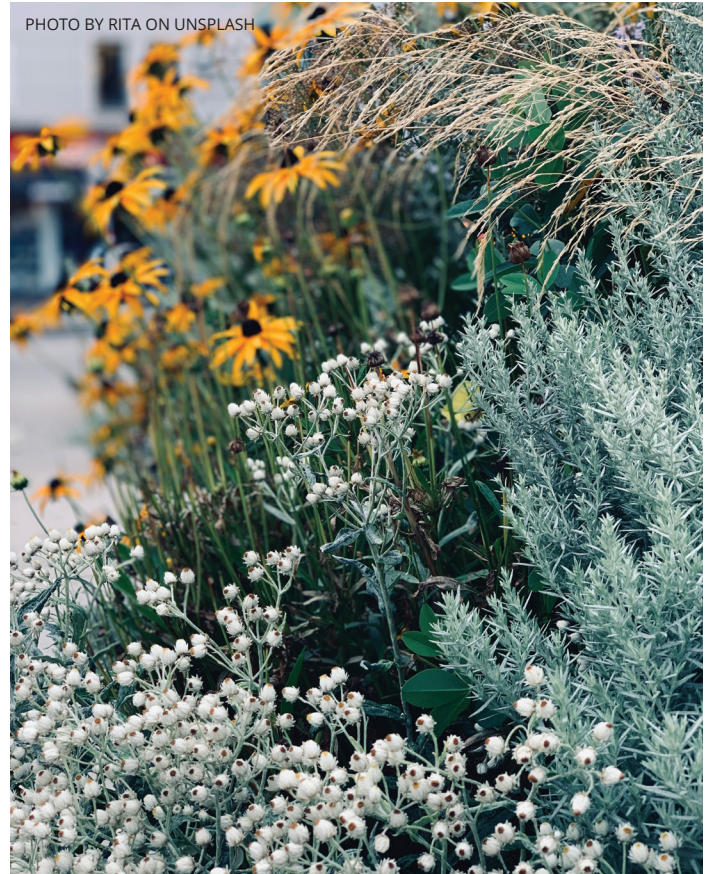


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# St. John's Green Restoration Plan Kicks Off this Spring!

From Tom Mulholland,  
COMMUNITY CONSERVATION DIRECTOR AT ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

The Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) is spearheading the redevelopment of the former St. John's Health and Hospital Center site, located at 3406 Fleming and 3335 McClure Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. This project aims to enact a longstanding community vision for this space, by creating a multi-use natural area that will incorporate stormwater capture and provide passive recreation options for the surrounding neighborhood.

After years of planning and fundraising, we are now nearly prepared to break ground on the site and begin the implementation of the St. John's Green restoration plan. After securing the property in June of last year, we have been diligently working on acquiring the necessary permits and refining our design materials. We are now in the final stages of selecting a contractor to manage the major site and infrastructure improvements, which include the construction of pedestrian paths, a rain garden, and meadow establishment. The work is expected to take place in a 2-3-month period this spring.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans for later in the year. We will be working with any interested community members to plan for a potential community vegetable garden on the site, and we will be inviting neighbors to join volunteer tree-planting days in the Fall. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to me at [tom@alleghenylandtrust.org](mailto:tom@alleghenylandtrust.org). Otherwise, you can stay updated by visiting our website for regular updates: <https://alleghenylandtrust.org/stjohns/>.



IMAGE 1. CONCEPTUAL DRAWING FOR ST. JOHN'S GREEN SITE REDEVELOPMENT IDENTIFYING MAJOR NEW FEATURES.



# Brighton Heights Spring Plant Sale



Fundraiser for:  
**Brighton Heights Citizens  
Federation**

Order by:  
*April 15, 2025*

*Pick up orders at:*  
**Legion Park**  
*May 3, 2025*  
*2.00 pm - 4.00 pm*

*Order at: [BrightonHeights.org](http://BrightonHeights.org)*

Annuals | Veggies | Herbs | Hanging Baskets

*\*\*For any questions, or local delivery, email: [BHCFOrders@gmail.com](mailto:BHCFOrders@gmail.com)*



Plants are supplied  
by local partners at:

**Gumto  
Greenhouses**

## Big FREEEdge 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 FREEEdge 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 FREEEdge 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 mac 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; the P.O. Box is 99602, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. If you want to be more involved – join the BH FREEEdge Working Group – Big Freezy Facebook group. Or, contact Lia Milgram or myself, Lilian Akin, through the BHCF. Oh, and please check the expiration dates on 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 Ave.

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





# Northside

*Baseball & Softball*

# Registration

**Tee Ball  
Baseball  
Pony & Colt  
Softball**

**Ages  
4-19**

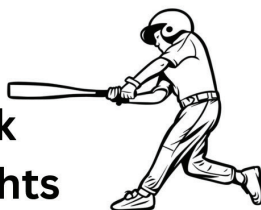
**Scan Here**



**To Register**



**Home Fields  
Jack Stack Park  
in Brighton Heights**



***Deadline  
March 2, 2025***

For more information visit our website

<https://northsidebaseball.org/home>



Northside Baseball & Softball Association



@northside\_baseball\_softball

## Legislative Priorities in 2025

During the 2023-24 legislative session, Governor Shapiro signed 217 bills into law, not including budget appropriations bills. The State House of Representatives passed 41% of the bills it received from the Senate whereas the State Senate only passed 28% of the bills it received from the House. Comparing these numbers to previous years, only the 1999-00 and 2007-08 legislative sessions were less productive. This can be attributed in part to the divided balance of power with the Democrats holding the majority in the House, along with the governor's office and the Republicans holding the majority in the Senate.

It is no secret that the Commonwealth is what is referred to as a "swing state" which is a state that has historically swung between voting for different political parties for statewide offices or the presidency depending on the election. The results of elections over the past decade-plus illustrate that point.

With legislative sessions in Pennsylvania being two years, the start of the 2025-26 session represents a fresh start for the General Assembly. I am hopeful that going forward the legislature can work together in a bipartisan manner so we can pass more meaningful legislation that will improve the lives of the people we serve.

To that end, I have introduced several pieces of legislation this session that I will work to advance through the legislative process. Some are bills that I offered in previous sessions while others are new. These priorities include:

- Enacting Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag Laws), which enables family members and law enforcement the ability to petition a court to temporarily suspend an individual's access to firearms if there is documented evidence that an individual is threatening harm to themselves or others.
- Protecting Insurance Coverage for Individuals with Preexisting Conditions, which prohibits health insurance companies from using an individual's pre-existing medical conditions to deny or exclude coverage under a health insurance policy. Also prohibiting health insurance policies in Pennsylvania from imposing either an annual or lifetime limit.
- Helping licensed nonprofits like volunteer fire companies, veterans' organizations and youth sports leagues raise money by allowing for mobile payments for small games of chance.
- Incentivizing the redevelopment of aging or deteriorating properties by expanding the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) cap from 10 years to 20 years.

- Requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in child care facilities, lodging establishments, college dorms, and schools.
- Uniform Property Assessments would require counties to conduct property reassessments on a uniform five-year cycle as well as enhance the enforcement power of the State Tax Equalization Board.
- Green and Purple Alerts would establish alert systems, similar to Amber Alerts, for at-risk veterans and individuals with a mental disability who go missing.
- Helping individuals affected by problem gambling by prohibiting the Gaming Industry from marketing to individuals on self-exclusion lists. A separate bill I've introduced would prohibit the use of credit cards for online gaming.
- A Casino Smoking Ban Compromise would allow a casino to choose between going smoke-free or completely enclosing a smoking area of the casino and installing an adequate ventilation system to eliminate the permeation of smoke into the non-smoking areas.

Stay connected during the year by signing up at [www.senatorfontana.com](http://www.senatorfontana.com) to receive my weekly E-Newsletter where I provide updates on legislative activity and other important news in the district and from Harrisburg.

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## From State Rep. Emily Kinhead

### PENNSYLVANIA PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATE PROGRAM: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If you're a Pennsylvania resident who is 65 or older, or if you're a widow or widower age 50 or older, or someone 18 or over with a disability, the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rent Rebate (PTRR) Program could offer significant financial relief. This program is designed to help eligible individuals who struggle to meet the cost of property taxes or rent, allowing them to receive a rebate based on the amount of property tax or rent they have paid in the previous year. Here's everything you need to know about the qualifications, changes in eligibility, and how you can apply.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the program, you need to meet a few basic criteria:

**AGE OR DISABILITY:** You must be 65 years or older, or at least 50 if you're a widow or widower, or at least 18 if you have a permanent disability.

**INCOME LIMITS:** Your total household income must fall below \$46,520 for renters and home owners. These limits apply to income from all sources, including Social Security, pensions, and other forms of financial support. However, there are exceptions that may allow for some income to be excluded, like for certain types of pensions or public assistance. Also, only half of your Social Security income is counted.

**RESIDENCY:** You must be a Pennsylvania resident for at least half the year, and you must have lived in the state during the year for which you're applying.

**PROPERTY TAX OR RENT PAYMENTS:** You must have paid property taxes on your home, or paid rent for your residence, during the previous calendar year. Rebate amounts are based on the amount of tax or rent paid.

#### WHAT'S NEW IN ELIGIBILITY FOR 2025?

Since we reformed the program last Session, the PTRR Program now undergoes annual adjustments. The income limits have increased, making more individuals eligible for the rebate. If you didn't qualify in the past, that doesn't mean you shouldn't check to see if you qualify this year. Additionally, the state has made an effort to streamline the application process, ensuring that more seniors and people with disabilities can access this important financial support. There have also been improvements in the accessibility of the application process. In previous years, some applicants had difficulty gathering the necessary paperwork or understanding the form's details. The state has taken steps to provide better support and clearer instructions.

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Property owners need their 2024 property tax receipts for the county, municipality, and school district they live in,

verification of all income received in 2024, and a valid state ID or driver's license to prove DOB for first time filers.

Renters need a Rent Certificate form filled out (available at our office), verification of all income received in 2024, and a valid state ID or driver's license, to prove DOB for first time filers. The rent certificate requires your landlord's signature. If your landlord is hard to reach, you have the option of submitting your rent receipts and having our in-house Notary sign off on your Rent Certificate. Call us for more details!

#### HOW TO APPLY FOR THE REBATE

You can apply for the PTRR Program online or through the paper application or you can have my experienced staff complete the application for you. We recommend applying online, whether through my office or on your own, because returns are often quicker and my office is able to track those applications if there are any questions, issues, or delays. We will be hosting in-person PTRR events in senior high-rise apartments and senior centers across the district, as well as scheduling appointments for individuals in our office. To make an appointment for in-person assistance, simply call my office to schedule an appointment at 412-321-5523. We are dedicated to ensuring that all qualifying residents get the help they need to take full advantage of this program.

#### REBATE AMOUNTS

The amount of your rebate will depend on your income and the amount you paid in property taxes or rent. Rebates range from a minimum of \$350 to a maximum of \$1000, depending on the circumstances. For example, if you are a homeowner, the more property taxes you paid, the higher your rebate may be.

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Applications for the 2024 year must be submitted by June 30, 2025.

The Pennsylvania PTRR Program is an important financial resource for seniors, widows, widowers, and individuals with disabilities in need of property tax or rent relief. With the recent changes in eligibility, even more residents are likely to benefit from the program this year. My staff and I look forward to putting more money back into your pockets!

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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# MINUTES (Review of Previous General Membership Meeting)

## January 9, 2025

- Approximately 39 persons attended; attendance by sign-in.
- Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Motion to approve the general membership meeting minutes from November by John Golden; second by Stacy Berkebile; motion passes.

## Special Guests:

### Pittsburgh Police

- From November 1 - December 31, 63 total reports, 10 arrests, one burglary, one street robbery.
- Recognize the officers for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- Discussion on traffic enforcement.
- Discussion on the status of the California Ave. bridge.

### State Representative Kinkead Rob

- Property tax rebate time.
- Upcoming shredding event TBA.

### Councilman Wilson

- The budget is complete.
- The five-points intersection will receive \$50,000 for study.
- Marmaduke Park received an additional \$150,000; community input still needed.
- The Davis Ave. Bridge is delayed because of steel availability.
- A list of streets have been received for paving.
- Question about the new traffic sign on California Ave. versus the old signal.

### Mayor's Office Paul Scott

- City will be starting a youth basketball league; age group will be 17-26; games will be played at the South Side Market House.
- A DOMI liaison was present. Questions on California Ave. Bridge; a light fixture fell from the bridge during a windstorm in late December; prompted an inspection of the bridge; one additional fixture was removed after the inspection.
- The additional inspection of the bridge was taken out of the engineering budget; preliminary study on the bridge rebuild project; an engineering study with construction in 2028. The project is PennDOT driven; inspection shows that the sidewalks are the worst and the bridge is on a regular inspection cycle; bridge is rated in FAIR condition.

## Guests:

### Bureau of Environmental Services Vanessa Reeves

- She gave a recycling presentation with handouts.
- Anna Bagwell, Environmental Enforcement Specialist, shared Code Enforcement in 2024 had three anti-litter inspectors; that will be increasing to 10.
- 7,000 311 complaints; 14,000 inspections.
- Illegal dumping cameras and no littering signs will no longer be put in place.
- Contact number is 412-495-1336; e-mail is Anita.bagwell@Pittsburghpa.gov.

## Report of Officers and Others:

### President

- Termon Ave. Gardens permits were approved; work begin in spring.
- Youth Home tour being planned with Historical Society.
- February 18 will be the One North Side anniversary event; the event is free; the Federation's project is a mural at California Ave. and Brighton Rd.

### Vice President

- No report.

### Corresponding Secretary

- 11 new welcome bags are going out.

### Treasurer's Report

- Report for the end of the year is \$18,125.10 in cash.
- The biggest income for 2024 is approximately \$12,000 from the House Tour; \$1,300 for the flower sale; \$1,500 for Bright the Night.
- Land costs for 2024 is approximately \$19,500.
- The flower sale will have a new vendor in 2025.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Donna Kramer; second by John Golden; motion passes.

## Report of Committees:

### Bright the Night Ryan

- Thanks to the community sponsors; thanks for the use of the bucket truck.

### Public Safety

- No report.

## NSLC

- We will be seeking clarification of the sub-committee duties.

## Neighborhood Watch

- No report.

## Food Fridge

- Donations are being received weekly.
- Volunteers needed to help pick up at the food bank.

## Communications

- No report.

## Memorial Day

- May 23 flag-planting at Highwood Cemetery.
- Next meeting is Feb. 3 at Saint Cyril.
- Volunteers needed.

## Land Use

- Rising Tide did not receive the Federal grant to purchase the Fleming Ave. property.
- A representative is coming to the next board meeting.
- City-zoning meets on Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Federation is interested in a business development point-of-contact position.

## Old Business:

- No old business.

## New Business:

- Update given on 3810 California Ave.

## Anything for the Good of the Federation

- Gift for newsletter editor.
- Motion to adjourn by Donna Kramer; second by Elaine Gloeckner; motion approved.

## Adjournment.

*Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Todd McCollum*



## Last Page Laugh

by Tom Kaylor

**Q:** Where did Mr. Bunny meet Mrs. Bunny?

**A:** At the Hop!

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S)

DATE

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE

ZIP CODE + 4

PHONE

EMAIL

New Member     Renewal  
Membership for \_\_\_\_\_ years

MULTIPLE YEAR BONUS:

Pay 3 years >>> get 4 years!

Pay 5 years >>> get 7 years!

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

Additional Donation  
(optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

Make checks payable to BHCF, INC.

Send to: BHCF TREASURER

PO BOX 99602

PITTSBURGH, PA 15233

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

Membership is also available online at [www.brightonheights.org](http://www.brightonheights.org)

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025.**

MEETING WILL BE LOCATED IN JOHN MORROW AUDITORIUM. VISIT [WWW.BRIGHTONHEIGHTS.ORG](http://WWW.BRIGHTONHEIGHTS.ORG) FOR DETAILS.

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