

HPCC Holds First “Love Your Home” Event

February 21st

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The HPCC is planning our first Homeowner Resource Fair on Saturday, February 21 to help educate the community on home improvements, general home maintenance, navigating City processes such as permitting and innovative approaches to enhancing the value of one’s residence.

The event is FREE for all Highland Park residents and will be held at Union Project, 801 N. Negley Ave., from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will include a traditional Resource Fair in the Great Hall with table stations guests can visit during the event and special breakout sessions in the Atrium with selected speaker panels for a more in-depth look at certain topics of interest.

We realize it might be more challenging for people with children to attend the event so to make it easier the Children’s Committee will have an activities table in the Great Hall where kids ages 5 – 12 can spend time while their parents speak with experts or attend a break-out session.

I would also like to thank the House Tour Committee (Janine Jelks-Seale, Christine Tosatto Adams, Amber Quick, Vernon Simmons, Shawn Aversa, James McAdams and Jake Pawlak) for all of their hard work. Without them, this event would not be possible.



The Love Your Home Event is sponsored by the Highland Park Community Council (HPCC) with generous support from RickJohn Roofing.

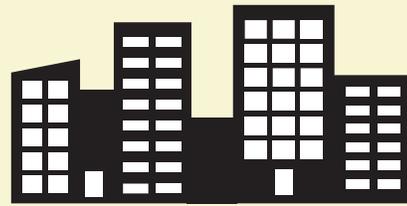
Resource Fair Participants in the Great Hall

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Public Sidewalks & Trees - Dept. of Public Works, Forestry Division
- Permits, Licensing and Inspections (PLI) - formerly Bureau of Building Inspections
- PWSA
- Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation
- Design Center
- Construction Junction
- NeighborWorks
- Roofing Expert - RickJohn Roofing
- Painting Expert - Home Depot
- Electrical Expert - Home Depot
- Plumbing Expert - Home Depot
- Plastering Expert - Michael Dell'aquila Plastering
- Stained Glass Restoration Expert - Kelly Art Glass
- Composting Expert - Shadyside Worms
- Landscaping Expert - Shadyside Nursery
- Realty Expert - Dan Landis, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
- Realty Expert - Kelly Meade, Howard Hanna
- Home Inspection Expert - Richard D. Malin & Associates
- Home Security Expert - Guardian Protection Services
- Restoration Expert - Zane Vaughan, Price & Vaughan Company
- "Ask Me Anything" Expert - Jeff Wetzel, Architect, AE7
- City Council District 7 - Deb Gross' Office
- Cookie Experts - The Girl Scouts



Breakout Sessions in the Atrium



Navigating City Services

10:15 – 10:40 a.m.

Navigating the different departments of the City of Pittsburgh can sometimes be overwhelming. This is the perfect opportunity for Highland Parkers to ask questions about which projects require a permit, where you can put a dumpster, how to apply for sidewalk replacement reimbursement caused by City tree roots and the latest reimbursement amount, what to do about a tree that is on a City right of way that is dead, unsafe, needs to be pruned, requires root pruning due to sidewalk issues or a request to plant a new tree. Departments on the panel include: Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI formerly BBI), Forestry, Sidewalks.



Who to Use & Where to Start

10:45 – 11:10 a.m.

Considering a home remodeling or renovation project and don't know where to start or which professional to choose? The Design Center, a non-profit organization committed to connecting community members with architects, landscape architects, and interior designers for affordable design consultations, will share their expertise on how to best approach projects and choose the contractor that is right for your project.



Maximizing Your Return on Investment (ROI)

11:15 – 11:55 a.m.

A panel of realtors in the Highland Park area will cover topics including making choices that maximize your return on investment, what works in the marketplace and re-purposing an area for better living and better resale (i.e. create a walk-in closet, powder room, etc.)



Sustainable Living

12:00 noon – 12:25 p.m.

A panel of experts in sustainable design, energy efficiency, and residential alternative energy will provide information and take questions on how to incorporate 'green' features, building materials, and systems into your home, either as a stand-alone project or part of your other renovation plans.



Ask Your Neighbors: Renovation Stories

12:30 – 12:55 p.m.

Hear renovation stories from fellow Highland Park residents that truly love their homes. Listen to first hand experiences of three neighbors who have gone through the renovation process on large and small projects and can share with you how they navigated the process.



Design Center Consultations

Sign-up for a FREE, 15-minute design consultation during the Love Your Home Event. In addition to a breakout session, the Design Center will provide on-site consultations to residents to discuss property improvement ideas and renovation options. During these FREE, 15-minute mini-consults, designers will provide advice and ideas to homeowners. To sign up for a FREE design consultation during the event, e-mail housetour@highlandparkpa.com and make sure you include your name and preference of meeting with an architect, landscape architect, or interior designer. Homeowners should bring in photos, measurements and questions about their renovation projects to the event. Attempts to accommodate preference will be made but are not guaranteed. Consultations slots are limited to one per resident.

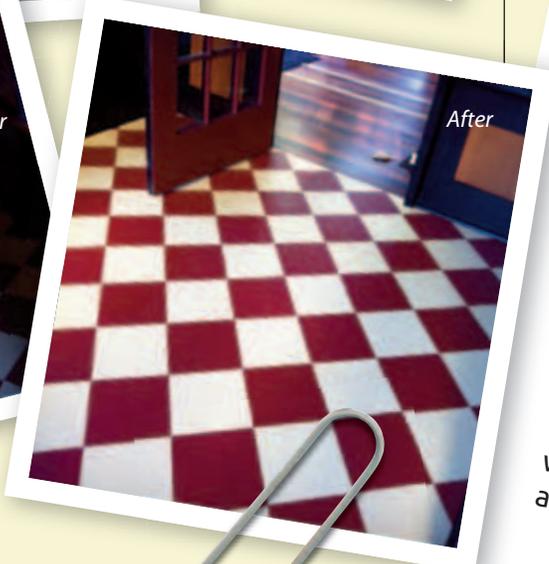
Looking for Inspiration?

Maybe one of these neighborhood projects will get you thinking...

PROJECT # 1: Sunporch Floor Restoration

Challenge: After spending years completing the rest of the house, the homeowner realized that the unfinished sunporch was one of the first things people saw when they entered the home. The sunporch itself is L-shaped with the long narrow side mostly out of view. The goal was to give the small space a bigger feel with more charm.

Solution: The homeowner painted a tile floor pattern on the wood floor and placed the tile design on the bias to make the room look larger.



PROJECT #2: Adding a Powder Room on the First Floor of an Old Victorian

Challenge: After purchasing the house in 2013, the homeowners decided to add a much needed powder room to their main floor. After consulting with an architect, they decided to repurpose a former side entrance to the house, which had been converted into a closet beneath the first floor staircase by the previous owner. Most importantly, the homeowner's primary goal was to design the bathroom to look as though it was original.

Solution: The homeowner identified a local artisan to create a custom-paneled door to match the existing wood paneling; they then converted the closet into a powder room by replacing the existing exterior door with a window, adding fixtures, period lighting, and unique design accents.



PROJECT #3: **Old Victorian Home Gets New Life**

Challenge: When the house was purchased in 2012, it was split into three poorly-maintained rental units. The homeowners immediately began renovations, tearing out drop ceilings and wood paneling to reveal hidden pocket doors, original moldings, and eleven-foot ceilings. The first floor kitchen was located in a small addition with no heat and a rotting exterior wall.

Solution: The homeowners re-imagined the first floor layout, removed a wall and installed a new kitchen in the main living area. A vintage Tappan stove and repurposed butcher block countertops paired with stainless steel appliances and timeless cabinets unites a modern feeling with the houses original details. In addition to the kitchen, the homeowners have had to tackle rebuilding box-gutters, replacing cedar siding, and updating plumbing and electrical in their effort to restore the integrity of the house.

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