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Community Council Newsletter



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A Letter from the President

There is often a pet project or desire to make a change that gets people involved in their neighborhood organization or city government. For me, it was the “Welcome to Highland Park” signs. The old signs were in fair condition, but I felt like they did not reflect the architectural character of the neighborhood and could be improved upon. I had seen a similar design to what we have now in Beaver, PA and fell in love with it. Needless to say, I tracked down the person who bought the Beaver sign, the shop that made it and requested pricing. It took a long time and the combined efforts of a number of different people to make it come to fruition, but the signs were eventually approved and a grant from the City made their installation possible. After watching the process work, I was hooked and my path to community service was paved.

For as much as I am trying to impact our corner of the City, I was recently reminded how new I am to community service and that my efforts have only just begun.

There are many, many people in the neighborhood who have been working for decades trying to positively impact our surroundings. Their efforts often go unnoticed by the masses, but have been crucial to maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood.



A rendering of the future Heth's Run Park.



as a sea of asphalt, with an open green space including amenities like a trail network that would connect the upper Heth's Park to the new lower section, continue under the bridge to the river and eventually to downtown, a regulation size soccer/ball field and green infrastructure that will help manage storm water runoff, much needed in our corner of the city.

It will take time for the design phase to be completed and funding will need to be appropriated to bring the next phase of the project to completion, but the ribbon cutting on the bridge has set the plan in motion.



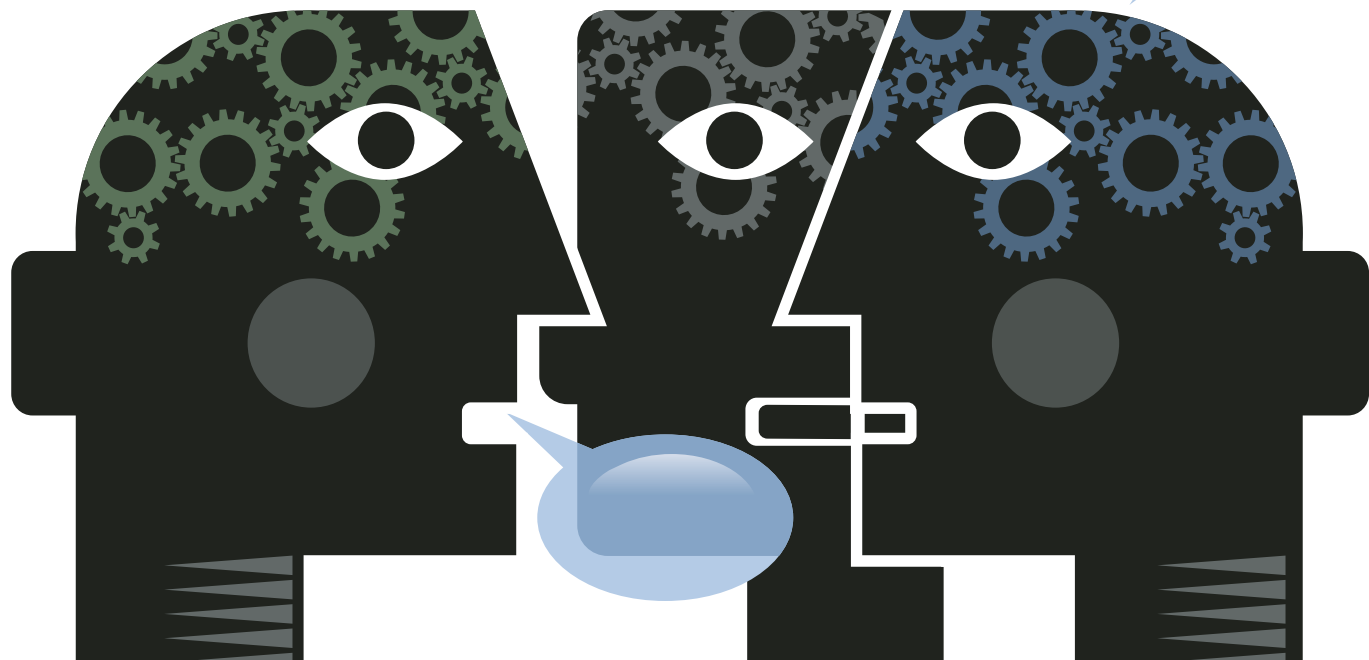
I was pleased to attend the dedication of the new Heth's Run Bridge this week. Listening to Senator Jim Ferlo and HPCDC President David Hance speak, I was in awe of their decades-long quest to not only replace the bridge, but to challenge PennDOT to make the new structure architecturally aligned with the bridge they were replacing, including decorative balusters, urns and period lighting.

The completion of the bridge project in itself is impressive, but what the replacement of the bridge has set in motion is community changing. The Heth's Run Ecological and Recreational Restoration Project is a plan to replace the lower portion of the Zoo parking lot, often referred to

Officials and residents attend the dedication of the new Heth's Run Bridge. The original bridge was built in 1915. In the foreground, Bruce Klein, the founder of Photo Antiquities on the Northside, takes a picture of the ceremony. Senator Ferlo asked him to attend so that 100 years from now, people can look back and maybe point to a family member or someone they know.

Photo courtesy of Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette.





HPCC September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by David Atkinson, HPCC Vice President, at 7:10 pm.

Glen Schultz, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the HPCC had a good year, with the popularity of the House Tour and Yard Sale, in addition to money raised by the 50/50 raffles at the Reservoir of Jazz concerts. The committee created a 2014-15 budget, which will be voted on at the October meeting. We are still waiting to hear about the 501(c) status from the IRS.

Janine Seales, Welcoming Committee Chair, reported that she is looking for assistance with gathering materials and delivering the welcome bags to new homeowners.

Paul Miller, Treasurer, reported that the two CDs that the HPCC had, and which were earning very little interest, were cashed in when they matured. An investment policy is being created, and some of the current checking account balance will be transferred to interest-bearing investments.

Paul also reported that the Marathon is interested in helping the HPCC with more activities, as the neighborhood is at the 20 mile mark and is important in boosting the runners as they come thru. Someone has volunteered to chair this project for the 2015 marathon.

David Atkinson spoke about the website (hpcpg.org). Ticket sales for the House Tour and sign-ups for the Yard Sale were run thru the website with good results. Members can now renew thru the site, along with new member sign-ups.

As the Education Chair, David reported that there is a new Principal at Fulton, and the opportunity to mentor middle school students at Obama is available with the start of the new school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next HPCC meeting will be Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 pm, at St Andrews Church, 5801 Hampton Street.



Calling all Ghosts and Goblins!

By Teri Rucker

The Highland Park Community Council's annual Halloween parade and festivities will take place Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We've moved things back a day because Halloween falls on Friday this year and we want everyone to have ample trick-or-treating time. Besides, who doesn't want to dress up and continue the party for another day?

We will begin at Oak Grove in the Park, just to the right of the park entrance, in the trees. Kids (and parents) will parade

from the grove to the fountain, where the kids can decorate homemade cookies and have Halloween snacks.*

In years past, it has been just too difficult to decide which costume is the best, so the Highland Park Children's Committee decided to dispense with the costume contest this year.

**All snacks and cookies will be nut free.*



How to Roast Pumpkin Seeds

Courtesy of foodnetwork.com

Pumpkin seeds, when roasted, make a great snack and can be used to add crunch to salads and soups. While you can buy pumpkin seeds at the store year-round (they're called pepitas), they're so much better when freshly roasted.

Seed the Pumpkin

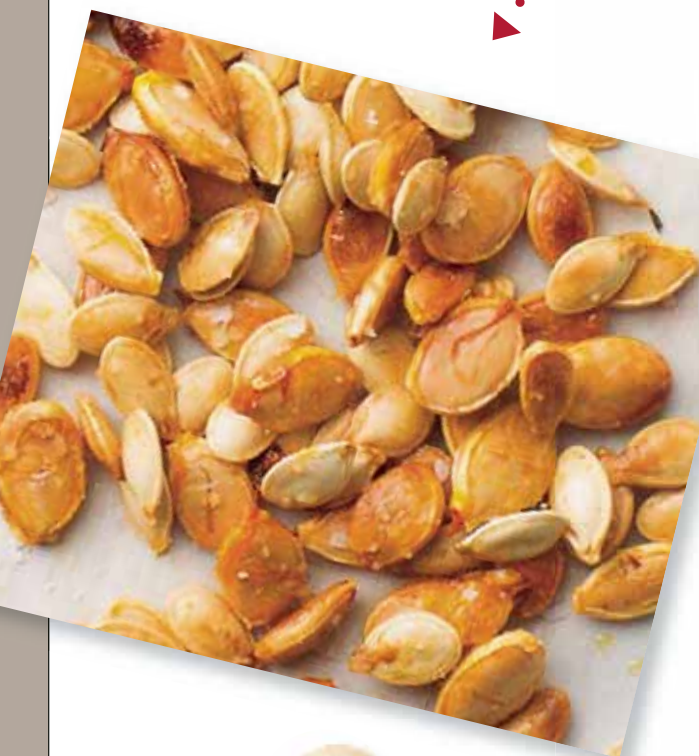
Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Using a spoon, scrape the pulp and seeds out of your pumpkin and into a bowl.



Taste

Clean the Seeds

Separate the seeds from the stringy pulp, rinse the seeds in a colander under cold water, then shake dry. Don't blot them with paper towels as the seeds will stick.





Dry the Seeds

Spread the seeds in a single layer on an oiled baking sheet and roast 30 minutes to dry them out.



Add Spices

Toss the seeds with olive oil and salt. Return to the oven and bake until crisp and golden, about 20 more minutes.



Bon Appetit



“ 58% of mentored students improve their grades. ”

Source: Career Beginnings



Middle School Mentoring at the Obama Academy

By Dave Atkinson

Can you think of someone in your life who had a positive and lasting impact on your life? Perhaps it was a teacher who helped you with homework. Perhaps it was a coach who stayed late to give you a few extra tips. Perhaps it was a supervisor who helped guide you through your first job. All these people acted as mentors – offering a little extra support and encouragement. They helped you be your best and work to achieve you goals.

The coach, the teacher and the supervisor were all mentors, and now you can be a mentor for a local middle school student.

The United Way’s Middle School Mentoring Program is the largest mentoring project in Southwestern Pennsylvania and has helped thousands of students.

Research shows that mentoring helps kids:


- Become more engaged in school
- Get better grades
- Make attendance a priority
- Enjoy time with their mentors
- Learn about a wide variety of things

Please consider giving a week of your time to mentor a Middle School student. Sessions are held Thursdays at 12:30 pm at the Obama Academy 6-12. Visit www.hpccpgh.org and

click on ‘Be a Middle School Mentor’ to learn more. *Middle School is much more fun the second time around!*

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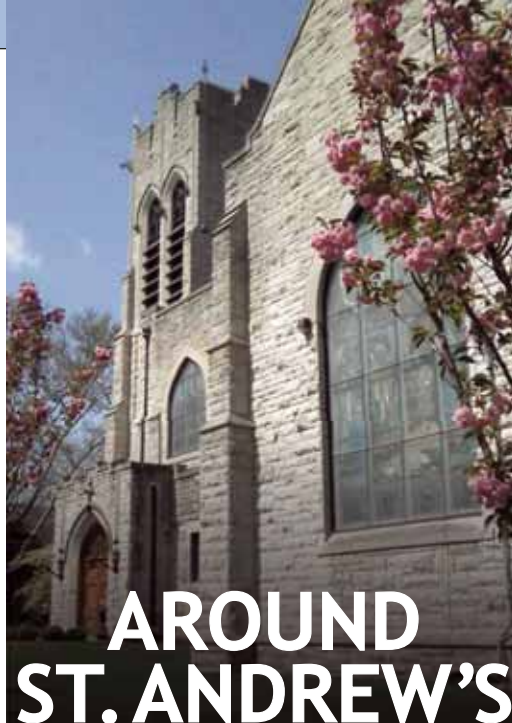


What a beautiful beginning to the fall season here in our Highland Park neighborhood!

As folks will immediately notice as they drive down Hampton Street, the dumpster that sat out in our 5800 block is finally gone. At the beginning of September our "Renaissance Sunday" Church Picnic featured the dedication of more than \$1.5 million of renovations and improvements to our historic church. The final bells-and-whistles are gradually being completed, and as this season rolls along we're glad to see a resumption of parish and community activities around St. Andrew's. Certainly to our third Thursday Highland Park Community Council neighbors - we are glad this month finally to say, "Welcome home!"

Sunday services at St. Andrew's during the fall include Holy Communion at 9 a.m. in our Chapel and a choral service of Holy Communion (traditional Anglican Choral Morning Prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month) at 11 a.m. Our Church School programs for children, youth, and adults meet during the 9:45 – 10:45 Sunday morning hour, and nursery care is available 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Our regular service schedule also includes a midweek service of Holy Communion, in the Chapel at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings, and the traditional Anglican service of Choral Evensong at 8 p.m. on the "First Thursday" of each month and



AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

By Bruce Robison, Rector

at 4:30 p.m. on the "Third Sunday." The Thursday evening services are usually followed by a brief musical recital and a dessert reception. The Sunday afternoon services include a sermon by a guest preacher or by one of our parish clergy.

Some highlights coming up in the musical department include a festival of services and recitals associated with the Feast of All Saints. On Sunday morning, November 2, the 11 a.m. service will be an orchestral service of the Holy Communion, with St.

Andrew's Parish Choir and the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Tom Octave, offering F.J. Haydn's "Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo." Then on Monday evening, November 3, at 8 p.m., the traditional "All Souls Day," we will have a service of Holy Communion recalling All Faithful Departed. St. Andrew's Choir, under the director of our Organist and Choirmaster Peter Luley, will sing the well-known "Requiem Mass" by Maurice Durufle, accompanied by our Associate Organist, Ethan LaPlaca. On Thursday evening, November 6, at 8 p.m., the St. Andrew's Parish Choir will sing Choral Evensong in the Octave of All Saints, with a recital following by Carrie Smith, French Horn. Finally, on Saturday evening, November 8, at 8 p.m., we will host a Candlelight Concert, "Music for a While," featuring soprano Sara Botkin.

All are indeed warmly invited!

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The Rev. Dr. Bruce Monroe Robison, Rector
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Clean Water Starts in Your Own Backyard.

By PWSA



I noticed some newly painted signs near the sewer drains in Highland Park and reached out to the City and PWSA to find out what it all means...

You may have seen volunteers in the neighborhood helping to protect our source of drinking water by putting special markers on storm drains. We're letting residents know the drains are only for rain water, not dog waste, motor oil, paint, trash or other pollutants. Everything that goes into the storm drain eventually goes into our rivers – the source of our water for drinking, cooking, bathing and just about everything else. Please help become a source of clean drinking water by keeping our storm drains clear.



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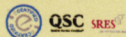


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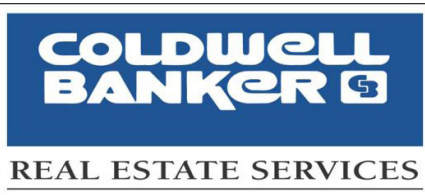
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