

April 2021

Highland Park

Community Council Newsletter

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Winter's Last Hurrah...



A Letter from the President



In the meantime, don't lose sight of the fact that the pandemic isn't over. Even those who are vaccinated still need to take precautions, such as wearing masks in public when social distancing isn't possible. And our local businesses still need your support. Please patronize our shops and restaurants so that they can remain open and we can continue to have a vibrant business district!

Hello Neighbors,

Spring has finally sprung, literally and figuratively. The park and neighborhood are in bloom and people are out cleaning their yards and prepping their gardens. But not only is the weather fair and the air fresh, spirits are lighter as more and more people get vaccinated and begin resuming life as (new) normal.



“ *No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.* ”

Happy spring, Highland Park!

Stephanie Walsh
Highland Park Community Council President

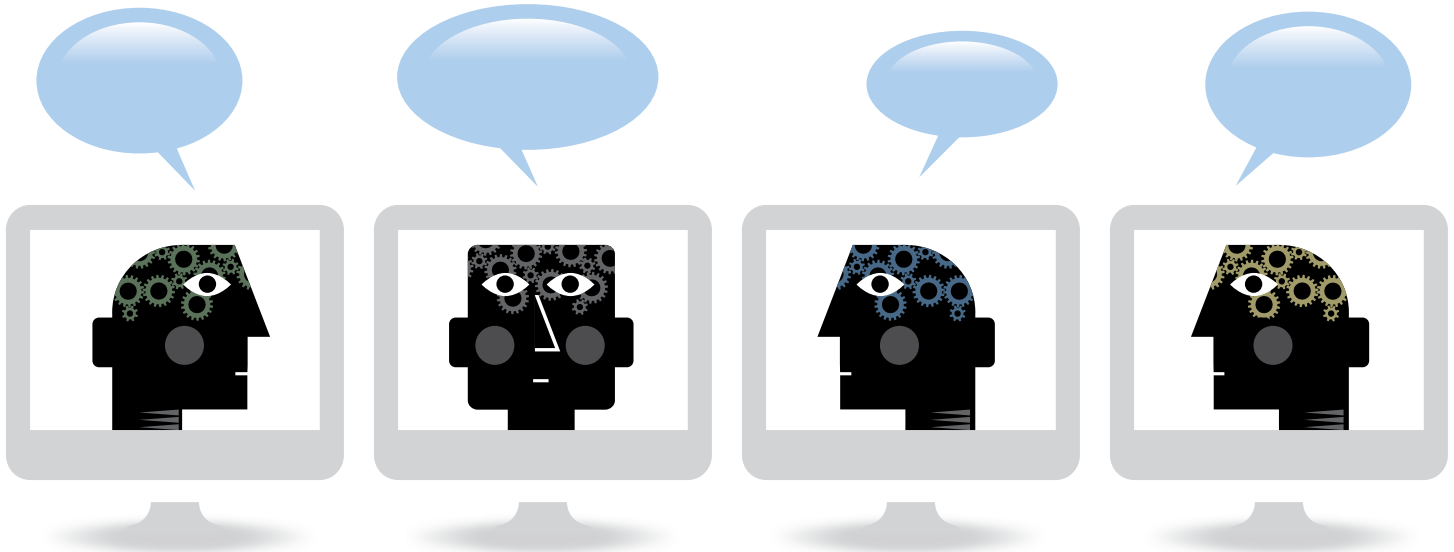
The HPCC has been busy figuring out which spring and summer events feel safe enough to hold. Unfortunately, we are not planning to have the **Bryant Street Festival** this year, and the city has not announced if it's holding the **Reservoir of Jazz** and the other summer concert series.

However, you can look forward to:

- Sidewalk Chalk-a-Palooza - late May or early June
- Summer Porch Concerts - Sunday evenings, June through September
- Garden Tour - July 11
- Yard Sale - delayed to September 19

Mark your calendars now! We'll post more details on the events as the dates get closer.





HPCC Virtual Meeting Minutes

3/18/21

**Moderated by Stephanie Walsh
and Howard Degenholtz**

27 individuals in attendance

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Walsh,
HPCC President, at 7:05 p.m.

Announcements:

- Stephanie has consulted with the two individuals who organize the annual HPCC Yard Sale and Bryant Street festival regarding possible dates for these events this year. Due to COVID-19, our annual June date is not a possibility. However, August/September look promising - Stay tuned!
- Redesign of the Highland Park Super Playground
 - The final Community Workshop for the Super Playground redesign will take place on Tuesday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m. This will be the FINAL public workshop for input into the new design. At the workshop the City and project designers will share images of the planned layout and equipment.
 - There will be time allotted for public comment and input.
 - A preview of the design will be shared on the City's Engage website for this project.

- Advance registration is required
Visit the City's Engage website
to register and see a preview
of the proposed design:

**[https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/
highland-park-super-playground](https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-super-playground)**

Update from Zone 5 Police presented by Officer Michael Gay:

- Emphasis was placed on issues involving unlocked vehicles. Theft from vehicles continues to be the most prevalent crime in our neighborhood. Most vandalized vehicles were unlocked.
- Two individuals were arrested for vehicle break-ins last week. The number of reported break-ins seems to have decreased since the arrests.
- Two thefts of vehicles were reported.
- Both vehicles were left running, one by a delivery person, the other by someone stepping away from the vehicle momentarily.
- A question regarding the Police Shooting Range was raised by a participant. Officer Gay responded that a sit-down meeting is anticipated with the Commander, City police officials, and other parties from the City regarding the noise issue. He expressed uncertainty as to the specifics of the meeting.

- Stephanie provided input regarding the ongoing sound study that the City is conducting. The sound study is not part of the HPCC Shooting Range Noise Log. The log is a tool to track the noise in real time. It will be of benefit when discussing possible options going forward. The Shooting Range Noise Log can be found here: <https://hpccpgh.org/public-safety/>
- Another participant asked about the increased volume of ATV's on neighborhood streets. Officer Gay assured participants that Zone 5 has placed a careful but close eye on this activity.
- Officer Gay stressed that with school openings, school buses will again be on the road. Please be aware and cautious.

COVID - 19 Vaccines: What, When, Who, How - Your Questions Answered:

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Glenn Rapsinski, MD, Ph.D, Fellow, Infectious Disease, UPMC Children's' Hospital

Dr. Johanna Vida - Phelan, MD MBA, FAAP
Senior Medical Director - Pediatrics UPMC Insurance Division

Dr. Kaitlyn Brennan University of Pittsburgh School of Education Neighborhood Collaborative

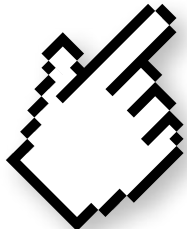
A very interactive and informative conversation occurred. The speakers provided links to numerous resources:

COVID-19 Resources Shared at the March 18, 2021 HPCC Community Zoom Meeting

- <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>
- <https://www.wtae.com/article/covid-19-vaccine-allegheny-county-health-dept-to-expand-vaccine-eligibility-requirements-starting-friday/35867120>
- <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx>
- UPMC Registration: <https://vaccine.upmc.com/>
- Your Turn DHS PA Website: https://covidportal.health.pa.gov/s/Your-Turn?language=en_US

- Differences between vaccines: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine/comparing-vaccines>
- CDC - Additional information about COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines.html>
- How does an mRNA vaccines work? <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/mrna.html>
- Moderna study and children: <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/03/16/moderna-covid-trials-children-031621>
- Moderna study and children: <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/03/16/977778462/moderna-gives-first-vaccine-shots-to-young-kids-as-part-of-covid-19-study>
- Pfizer: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/standing-orders.pdf>
- COVID19 and Schools: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>
- CHOP Policy Lab and Return to Schools: <https://policylab.chop.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/publications/PolicyLab-Policy-Review-Evidence-Guidance-In-Person-Schooling-COVID-19-Dec-2020.pdf>
- CDC recommendations and schools: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/ventilation.html>
- Pediatricians advocate to allow students to return safely to school: <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/01/05/covid-school-safety-010521>
- Ventilation recommendations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/ventilation.html>
- ASHRAE: <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/ashrae-standards-and-guidelines>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Stephanie Walsh



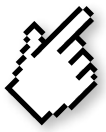
CELEBRATING PITTSBURGH VIRTUALLY

DOP Stories are weekly armchair virtual storytelling presentations celebrating Pittsburgh – the famous and infamous, communities, arts, and general interest.

All the live DOP Stories have been recorded and are available in our catalog, so you can continue to explore the history of Pittsburgh’s remarkable landmarks, neighborhoods, and people.

Viewing is on-demand.
Cost is \$5 per story. Length is 45-55 minutes.

HERE IS THE NEXT INSTALLMENT:



Kennywood Behind the Screams

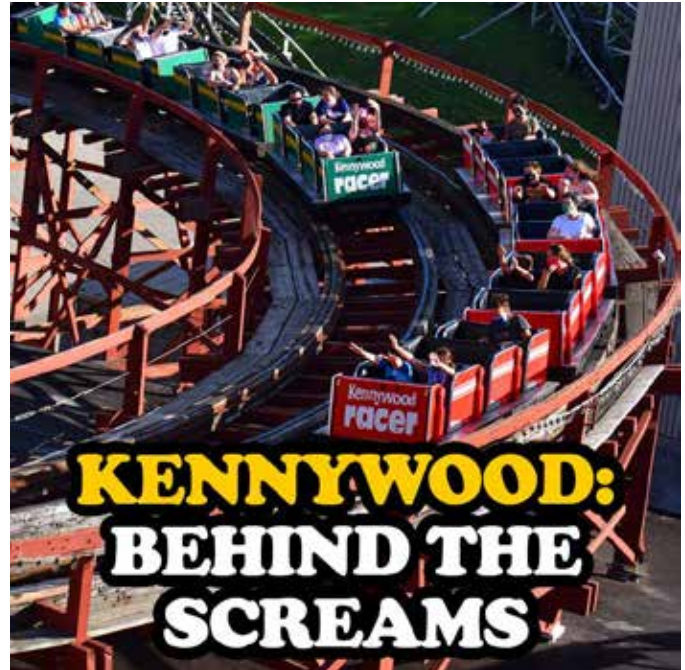
April 26, 7:30 pm

Kennywood Park has been Pittsburgh's playground since the 19th century, when baseball games, track races and pony rides were more common than Potato Patch fries and amusement rides!

One of only two amusement parks recognized as a National Historic Landmark, this little trolley park has outlasted all the trolleys and is recognized by amusement enthusiasts worldwide for its tradition of preservation, highlighted by three classic wooden roller coasters that date back to the 1920s.

But while the park is a time-honored tradition and civic institution for the region, so much happens behind the scenes — or, behind the Screams! — that you may not realize.

Presented by DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh



Hosted by Kennywood spokesperson Nick Paradise and Heinz History Center Director of Publications Brian Butko, author of multiple Kennywood books, to peek inside several Kennywood spots rarely seen by the average Jack Rabbit rider.



[More Info](#)



[Get tickets](#)

ADDITIONAL SAMPLES FROM OUR CATALOG:



Abandoned Pittsburgh: Gears & Ghosts

Join photographer Chuck Beard for a look inside some of Pittsburgh's iconic and historic sites, including Duquesne Steel Works, Carrie Furnace, St Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church, Overholt Distillery, Hazelwood Brewery, J&L Roundhouse and Pumphouse, Western Penitentiary and more.

This will be a curated presentation by Chuck of some of the most popular and interesting photos and sites from the Abandoned Pittsburgh project. RECORDED 1/4/2021



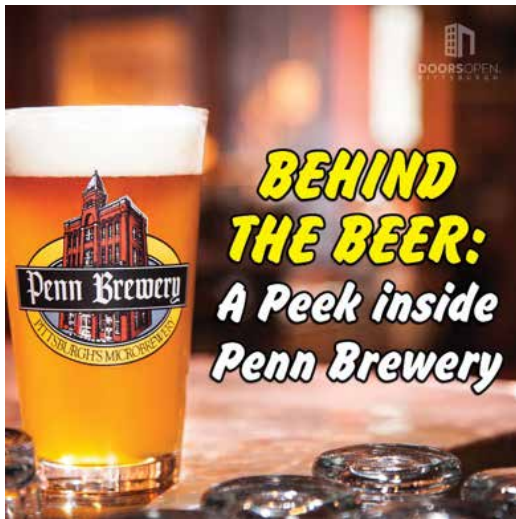
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Bayernhof Museum: Music Boxes & Other Obscure History

We invite you for an on-location peek inside one of Pittsburgh’s most unusual mansions – the Bayernhof Museum. This mansion contains a world-class collection of music boxes and other antique automatic music machines, as well as many other fascinating items. Join us for this truly one-of-a-kind adventure, that will leave you wanting to see more in-person later! RECORDED 12/14/2020

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Behind the Beer: A Peek Inside Penn Brewery

Let us take you on a behind-the-scenes tour of Penn Brewery where you will learn the fascinating history behind our 19th-century building, as well as show you how we make our award-winning brews.

We will also give you a brief “Penn Beer 101” so you can enjoy the brew that is right for you! RECORDED 3/2/2021

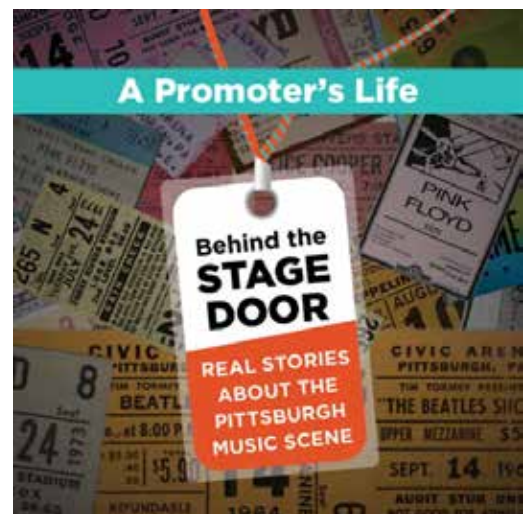
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Behind the Stage Doors: A Promoter’s Life

Do you enjoy large-scale concerts in the 70’ and 80’s here in Pittsburgh? Ever wonder who makes that happen? Meet one of Pittsburgh’s prominent concert promoters, Rich Engler, of DiCesare-Engler Productions. Rich will give you the “real” stories about the concert business – including anecdotes about some of the most iconic bands and solo artists in the industry. RECORDED 11/2/2020

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City Stairs: Stepping Back into Pittsburgh's History One Staircase at a Time

City steps were the first mass transportation system, designed to bring workers from the hills to the mills. Did you know that Pittsburgh has the most stairways of any other city in the U.S.? Step back through Pittsburgh's history of these staircases with author Laura Zurwoski.
RECORDED 11/23/2020

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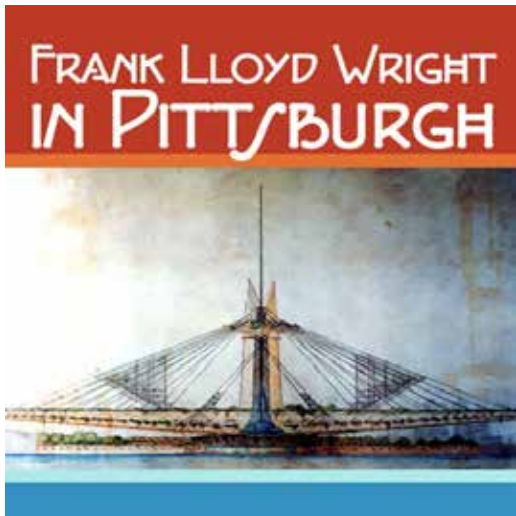
Clemente Museum: Telling the Humanitarian Story

We commemorate MLK Day 2021 by celebrating Roberto Clemente, a black Latino, known as The Great One. Incensed by the injustice, inequality and racism, Clemente extended his humanitarian activism to the African American community.

His impact beyond baseball is best depicted by the inscription on his cenotaph, "Son of Carolina, Exemplary Citizen, Athlete, Philanthropist, Teacher, Hero of the Americas and the World." Clemente, a black Latino, regarded his career in baseball as an opportunity to help disadvantaged Latin Americans and serve as a role model to Latin American children and baseball players.

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Frank Lloyd Wright in Pittsburgh

Frank Lloyd Wright was the most talked about “starchitect” of the mid-20th century and inventor of Prairie style architecture. He had a twenty-year relationship with Pittsburgh. Fallingwater was only the beginning.

Wright’s on and off friendship with retail magnate Edgar Kaufmann yielded innovative designs—and plenty of controversy. Apprentices who trained at FLW’s Taliesin program carry on his legacy into the 21st century.

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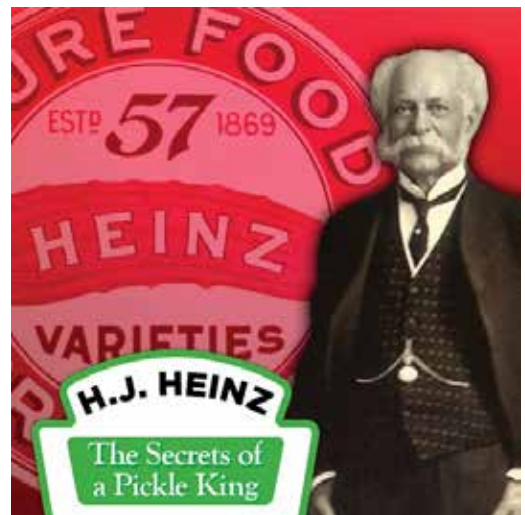


H. J. Heinz: Secrets of a Pickle King

We all know about the ketchup and pickles. But what do we know about H.J. Heinz the man? Sunday schools and opulence, alcohol and purity, love, and betrayal. This is that story. Grab a pickle, take a seat, and join us for the story behind the man. RECORDED 11/16/2020



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Lost Treasures of Pittsburgh



Lost Treasures of Pittsburgh

Get nostalgic and reflect on the lost treasures of Pittsburgh with local author Rossilynne Culgan who is writing a book about the lost treasures of Pittsburgh. Rossilynne shared her research on five beloved Pittsburgh places lost over the years—Raywell’s Restaurant in the Skinny Building, the iconic Isaly’s around town, the Syria Mosque’s original location, Kaufmann’s Downtown store, and Market Square in an era you won’t recognize. RECORDED 3/15/2021.



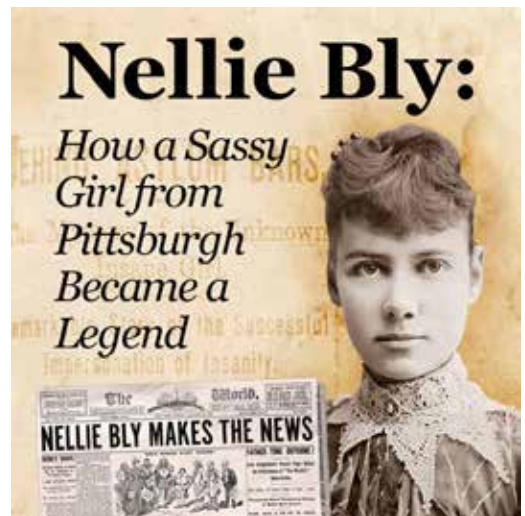
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Nellie Bly: How a Sassy Girl from Pittsburgh Became a Legend

This is the story of a girl from Pittsburgh who proved her mettle one front page headline after another. She took on prickly social issues. She went undercover when undercover was only "for the boys." This is the story of how one woman changed the world.

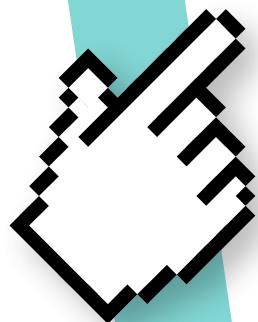
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Pittsburgh's First Pandemic: The White Plague

The inside story behind the White Plague that ravaged Pittsburgh at the turn of the century.
RECORDED 7/25/2020

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Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

MORE THAN MORELS - SPRING MUSHROOMS IN PITTSBURGH PARKS

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

When most people think of spring mushrooms, their attention is fully on the prized edible morel species found throughout the region. But there is a whole world of spring fungi beyond these prized morsels for the curious observer exploring a spring woodland. Join Naturalist Educator Stephen Bucklin to learn about some of the different species of fungi you might find on your next hike in a Pittsburgh park.

[Buy Tickets Here](#)



Happy Spring from St. Andrew's. We hope that you are able to get out and enjoy bright skies and beautiful flowers. A quick trip around the neighborhood reveals God's work in some gorgeous flowers.



AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

By Becky Marinov

As of the writing of this article, St. Andrew's is once again open for in person worship for a limited number of people. We ask that anyone coming to St. Andrew's please pre-register online via a link on our webpage. If you do plan to attend in person you must pre-register by Thursday for a Sunday service. Everyone is asked to wear a mask, use the Hampton Street door to enter and try to arrive ten minutes prior to the start of services. When you pre-register you will be asked to leave contact information to help with contact tracing should the need arise. All of our services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and available about a half an hour after the service on our YouTube channel. There are convenient links available on our website.

As of now we are offering Sunday morning services at 10:00 a.m. and the first Thursday of each month is Evensong at 8:00 p.m. As always please check our website, standrewspgh.org, our Facebook page or our outgoing phone message for the very latest information.

We have recently upgraded our wireless service to help improve both the visual and audio quality of our live-streamed services. So, if you haven't tried us in a while, you may want to join us again.

Thanks again to all of our neighbors for donating towels, potholders, dish and wash clothes for Off

the Floor Pittsburgh. This was the largest donation that we have ever been able to make to Off the Floor Pittsburgh and they are deeply appreciative of all of your efforts. Every family who receives furniture from Off the Floor Pittsburgh gets a gift of towels and potholders.

Every Lent we ask our parishioners to collect non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank at the East End Cooperative Ministry. This collection culminates on Palm Sunday where we all process to the Alter with our gifts for our neighbors

in need. Like so many things this year we had to change what we could do. We could not process to the Alter with our gifts, but we did extend the invitation to donate to the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who has dropped off food on the Rectory porch. We so appreciate your generosity.

In April we are collecting for the families of the Neighborhood Academy. We are asking for donations for non-food household items that are not covered by EBT cards. These include bath and dish soap, detergent, paper products, garbage bags, hand-sanitizer, cleaning and disinfecting products, deodorant and shampoo. The bins will once again be on the St. Andrew's office porch and donations will be taken in daily. As you shop for these things for yourself please consider helping those in need. Thank you again for your support.

As always, we strive to be a good neighbor here at St. Andrew's. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for any need no matter how small it may be. God Bless.

Editor's note: If you were struck by the word "process" used in this article, please click [here](#).

Neighborhood Academy: April 1 – 30

Non-food household items not covered by EBT cards, such as:

- bath/dish soap
- detergent
- paper products
- garbage bags
- hand sanitizer
- cleaning/disinfecting products
- deodorant
- shampoo

Donation Barrels on St. Andrew's Office Porch



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