

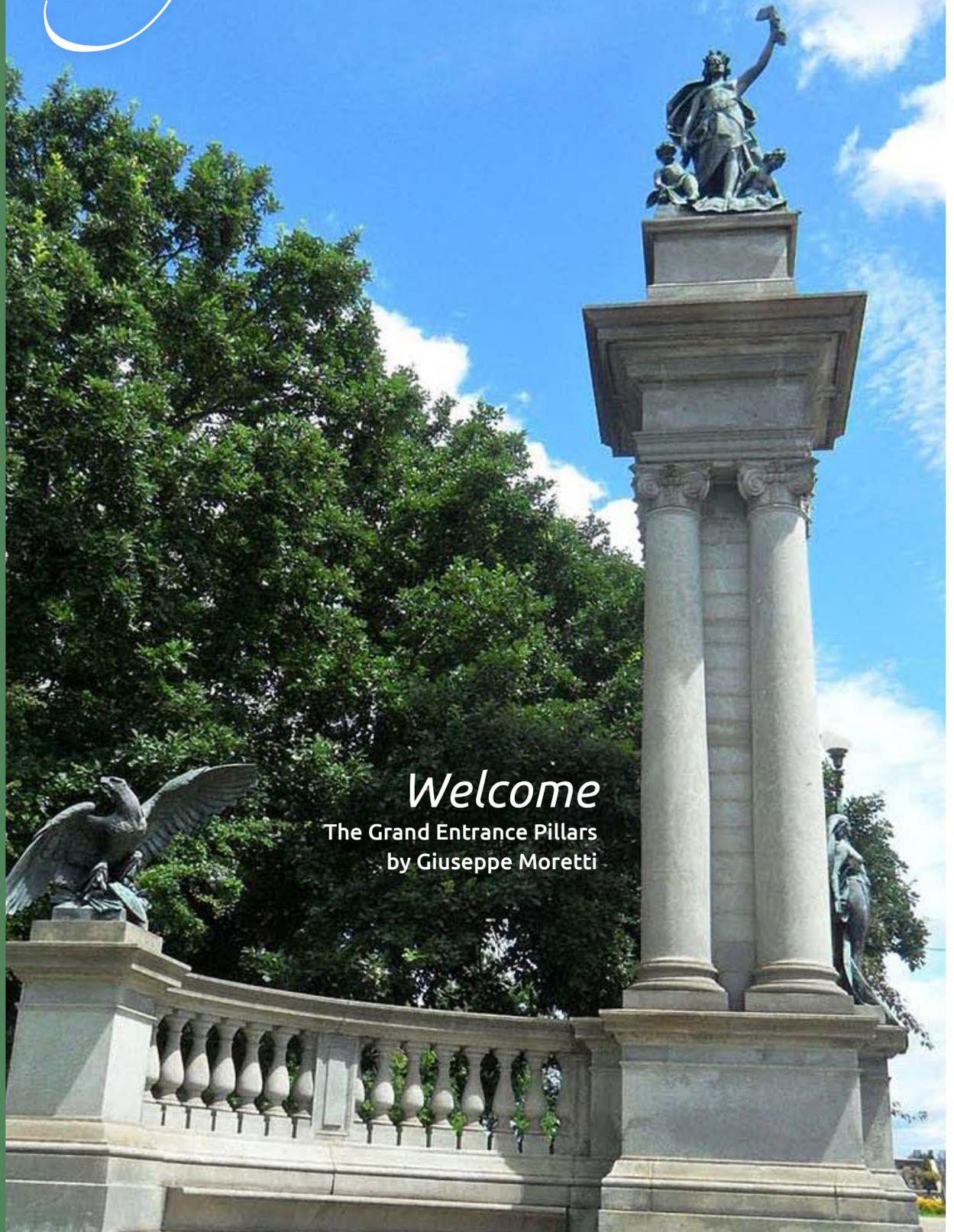
March 2021

# Highland Park

## Community Council Newsletter

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*Welcome*

The Grand Entrance Pillars  
by Giuseppe Moretti

# A Letter from the President



## *Hello Neighbors,*

A year ago this month COVID-19 became real. My kids were sent home from school one day and never went back; books, jackets, food and other mementos of the life of a teenager languished in their lockers for months. We stayed glued to the news and social media for daily updates on what was being learned. We wondered if we should cancel summer travel plans. We went online looking for people with whom to trade toilet paper and eggs, puzzles and coffee. We developed a whole new vocabulary: social distancing and masking; flattening the curve and sheltering in place; herd immunity, pods, PPE and N95s.

At the time of the March 2020 President's letter, there had been 2 known cases of COVID-19 in Allegheny County. Since then, there have been 79,154 cases, 5,350 hospitalizations and 1,722 deaths. That's nearly 5 deaths per day for an entire year. The scope of that much loss is hard to process.

The good news is that there's reason for cautious optimism: multiple effective vaccines have been developed in record-breaking time, and despite an unorganized roll-out, more people are getting vaccinated daily.

We are all fatigued. We are tired of life via Zoom, long for in-person time with our friends and family, and wistfully recall going to the movies, walking to Tazza D'Oro for coffee, dropping in to visit a neighbor, and a million other things that we once took for granted. However, the need for caution remains. It will be months until most people are immunized. We need to keep social distancing, masking, and avoiding getting together with those outside of our pod to limit the spread of the virus and the additional loss of life.

To paraphrase Robert Frost,

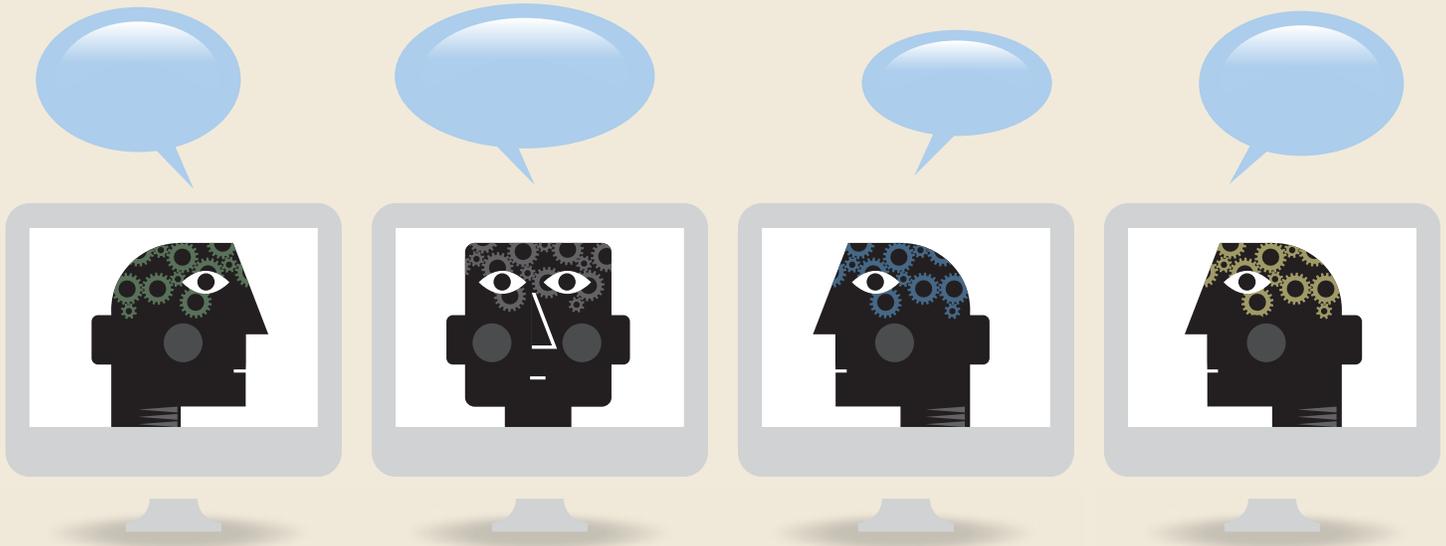
*“ The only way out  
is through. ”*

Be strong, trust science, and be a good neighbor; in other words, wear a mask, get immunized, and keep your distance. We will get through this one way or another. Let's do our best to get through it with as little additional loss as possible.

*Warm regards,*

**Stephanie Walsh**

Highland Park Community Council President



# HPCC Monthly Community Meeting

*(via Zoom)*

**February 18, 2021**

32 Participants in Attendance

## **Zone 5 Update by Commander Stephen Vinansky**

- No felonies were reported this month
- 10 thefts from vehicles, most were unlocked. Please remember to lock your vehicle. Good lighting around the outside of your home can be a deterrent to criminal activity. Further, avoid leaving your car running when not in the car, i.e., picking up take-out, warming the car, etc.
- Please report all suspicious activity to 911

- There was a question from a participant about an FBI bust at Highland Tower. Commander Vinansky will follow up. The Commander noted increased police activity at a Collins St. apt complex, but no details are available at this time
- The shooting range is again active even though the community was informed there would be no shooting range activity until Spring 2021. The Commander will send an updated schedule & check on any sound-study updates.

**HPCC will post a mechanism on its website so residents can record shooting range activities; more information will be provided soon. Please see <https://hpccpgh.org/public-safety/>**

## **HPCC activities update presented by Stephanie**

- Re-designed membership postcards were mailed out this week; a shout-out to Betsy, Sabrina, Marybeth and Monica for design and completion of the membership postcards
- Rolling memberships are now available to residents
- You can renew or join using the postcard or on the website: [HPCCPgh.org](https://hpccpgh.org)
- A shout-out to Monica for her continuing great job on the newsletter
- A special thank you to board member Chris Worley for his service and assistance on many projects & events. Chris and family are moving out of state and we wish them all the best!

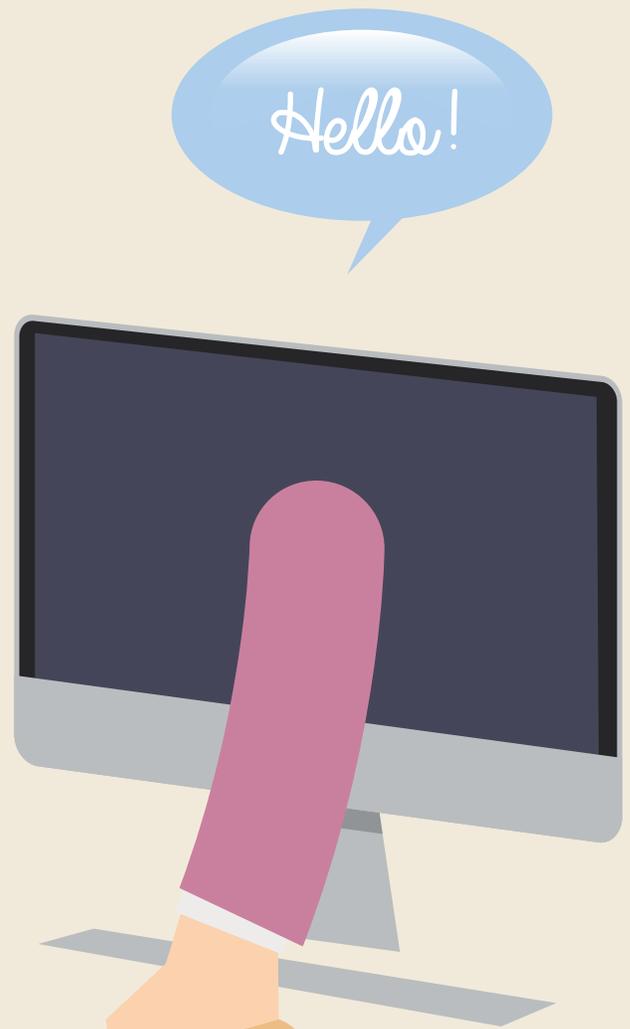
## Mik Pappas, District Magistrate

- His office will open on Bryant Street later this year
- Construction is underway and he hopes to move in during May 2021
- Judge Pappas introduced Kyle Holbrook, a local mural artist who has created works around the world. His organization is Moving the Lives of Kids (MLK) Community Mural Project: <https://www.mlkmural.com/>
- He is seeking community engagement in the design and creation of a mural for the new court.
- Community members from all neighborhoods in the District are invited to reach out and submit design ideas, and there is a design contest for kids
- Judge Pappas' presentation and information on the design contest are posted on the HPCC website

## Reminders

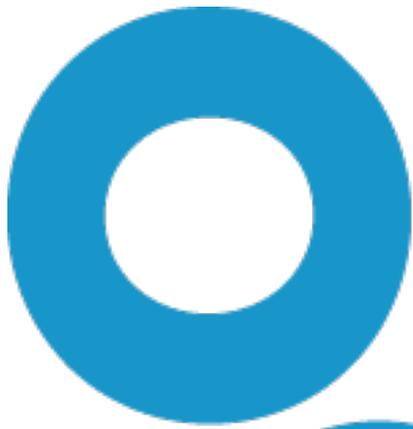
- Please clear your sidewalks
- Please renew your HPCC membership
- February is Meet-a-Neighbor month

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Hello!

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## Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority

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# PLANNING UPDATE

It is important to understand how your monthly bill is invested in your community. Our work to maintain and renew our water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure is made of operating expenses and capital expenses.

Operating expenses include routine maintenance and repair work that allows the water and sewer system to run smoothly. Our operating budget funds things like water and sewer main repairs, catch basin cleaning, water treatment chemicals, vehicles, and employee salaries. Given the age of our water system, investing in maintenance is not enough. For this reason, we have a capital improvement plan to replace and upgrade our infrastructure, ensuring reliable service to our customers now and in the future. Our plan lays out the specific projects and their estimated costs for the coming years. This is a prioritized roadmap for designing and building the major projects that our ratepayer dollars fund.



## HIGHLAND PARK RISING MAIN AND PUMP STATION

To modernize our water infrastructure and add redundancy and resiliency throughout our drinking water system, we will construct a new pump station and rising main in Highland Park. These projects will serve the Highland Reservoir service area.

### PROGRESS & STATUS

- Redeveloping the pump station located in Highland Park near Mellon Terrace
- Installing a 48-inch new rising main to connect the new pump station to the Highland Reservoir System, which serves approximately 50% of our customers
- Replacing the original supply main that carries water from the Highland II Reservoir to the pump station

These projects are currently in their design phase. We are coordinating with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, the Port Authority of Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Zoo, the Highland Park Community Council, and the Highland Park Community Development Corporation.

In November 2019, we received approval from the Pittsburgh Art Commission for the architectural design of the new Pump Station near Mellon Terrace.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [Project Sheet](#)
- [October 2019: Presentation to the Highland Park Community Council](#)

### LOCATIONS & SCHEDULE

**Start Date:** Design started 2018

**Completion Date:** Design anticipated completion 2021



# HIGHLAND II RESERVOIR: LINER AND COVER REPLACEMENT

The Highland II Reservoir Liner and Cover Replacement includes the demolition and removal of the existing liner and cover and installation of a new reservoir liner, floating cover, and supplemental equipment such as the rainwater removal pumps and associated piping on the floating cover.

## PROGRESS & STATUS

- PWSA contracted with Arcadis, a leading design and engineering firm, to develop the plans to replace the liner and cover in October 2019.
- PWSA completed design in 2020 and submitted the permit application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in June 2020. PWSA received final PA DEP Construction Permit approval in January 2021.
- PWSA issued the construction bid documents on February 10, 2021 and anticipates starting construction in 2022.

- The replacement of the liner and cover is part of our Water Supply and Storage Reliability Plan. It will meet water safety and regulatory requirements and create greater reliability within our water distribution system. The reservoir will be used as a temporary clearwell while the new clearwell is being constructed.
- The replacement of the liner and cover is the largest project of this type happening in 2021 and 2022.

## ABOUT THE HIGHLAND II RESERVOIR

- The Highland II Reservoir was constructed between 1897 and 1903 with a capacity of 125 million gallons of water.
- The Highland II Reservoir supplies water to portions of Squirrel Hill, Downtown, South Side, and West End. Water is pumped from the reservoir and stored in elevated tanks to store water at higher elevations such as Mt. Washington.

## LOCATION DETAILS:

The Highland II Reservoir is located near Mellon Terrace and Bunker Hill Road.

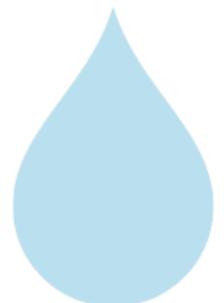
**Start Date:** Design Started: October 2019,  
Construction Anticipated to Begin: 2022

**Completion Date:** Design Completed:  
June 2020

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# City Investing \$800,000 in Public Art This Year

The City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning Public Art and Civic Design (PACD) division announced there will be a series of calls for artists in 2021 to commission new public artwork as the City has dedicated over \$800,000 for public art projects across 18 neighborhoods for the largest introduction of new public art in the city for decades.

The projects are being funded through grants and a percent of art funding as part of city projects, coming at no additional new cost. In 2021, the City of Pittsburgh will begin an expansion of its Art in Parks program, with the implementation of high-impact public artworks in the City's five regional parks: Frick, Schenley, Emerald View, Riverview, and Highland. This program is made possible by the RADical ImpACT Grant, which was launched in celebration of the Allegheny Regional Asset District's 25th anniversary with the intention of funding bold, forward-looking, creative projects that will have a radical impact on the region.

Pittsburgh's five Regional Asset District Parks together make up around 2,000 acres, accounting for much of the City's forest and green space. They also provide numerous recreational and cultural amenities and hold much of the City's collection of public art and memorials. Maps of each park can be found at the [Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy](#) website.

Highland Park sits on what was once farmland owned by the Negley family. One of its most



famous features, the reservoir, was built in 1879, and people soon began gathering in the area around it for recreation. It opened as a City Park in 1893, with many of its key features being built in the following decade, including the entrance gate, Lake Carnegie, and the first picnic shelters. The Highland Park Zoological Gardens (now the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium) also opened at this time and remains one of the area's best-known attractions.

Public art & memorials in Highland Park include:

- Giuseppe Moretti's *Horses* on Stanton Avenue and *Welcome*, the grand entrance pillars
- Laura Jean McLaughlin and Bob Ziller's *Animal Adventures* mosaic wall near the zoo
- Ben Grubb's arched metal sculpture by Lake Carnegie
- Eliza Miller's cut-steel sculptural awning at the swimming pool
- A historic stone monument to the Negley family and other early settlers

To see an interactive map of the City's public art, click here: <https://pittsburghpa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0e722020832a43afac1e28674bf4791e>

Also available are podcasts highlighting a few of Highland Park's artworks including Giuseppe Moretti (Podcast 7) and Frank Vittor (Podcast 5). <https://pittsburghpa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=34da9e7603c249278ba383686ed3e111>

Preservation Pittsburgh presents

# Landmark Lectures: People & Place

April 15, 2021 | 6:30 p.m. EST

## Herron Hill Pumping Station

Jeff Slack, AICP, Principal of  
Time & Place Preservation Services

*Presented in collaboration with the  
Bellefield Area Citizens Association (BACA)*

*The Herron Hill Pumping Station, Oakland, Pittsburgh.*



**J**oin Preservation Pittsburgh's for their third virtual lecture People & Place on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The free virtual lecture is on the historic Herron Hill Pumping Station and will be presented by Jeff Slack, AICP, Principal of Time & Place Preservation Services, whose work includes documenting the significance of little-known architect William S. Fraser and his design of the Herron Hill Pumping Station in Oakland. Learn more about one of Pittsburgh's newest landmarks and Pittsburgh's oldest working water infrastructure.

Jeff Slack is an accomplished planner and historical researcher who has led preservation projects in the Pittsburgh area for the past fifteen years.

Registration for this free event is required to receive the Zoom link. The virtual program will run approximately one hour, with time for questions and conversation.

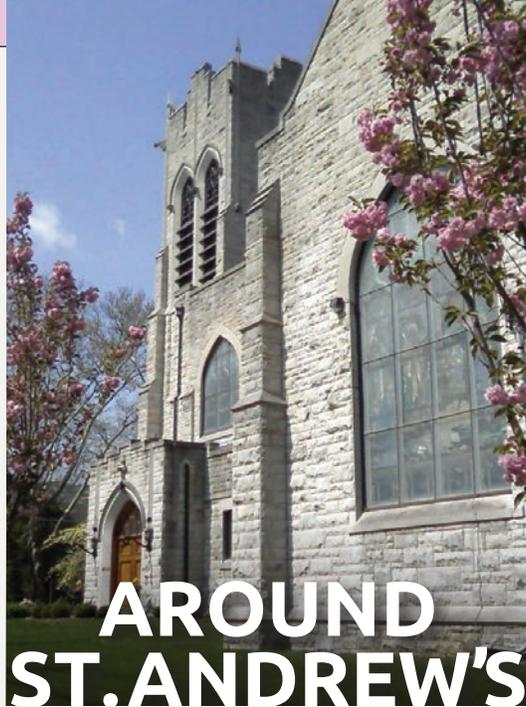
Preservation Pittsburgh is dedicated to education and advocacy surrounding Pittsburgh's history and architecture. Their work often centers around landmarking sites, buildings, and structures to become officially designated at the local and national level. As the complementary public engagement and education component related to their work, they launched **Landmark Lectures: People & Place**. Given that inherent in the landmarking process is collaboration and public outreach, their talks will reflect some of their partnerships.

*Landmark Lectures will be held on the Third Thursdays of February, March and April, and ongoing.*

*Christians around the world are in the midst of observing Lent. This year like so many things Lent is a little different at St. Andrew's.*

As of the writing of this article we continue to remain closed for in person worship however all of our services (Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and Evensongs on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m.) are live streamed on Facebook and later available on YouTube. The links on the first page of our website are now live. All services should be available on YouTube within a half an hour of their completion. Also, every Thursday during Lent we will be offering a service of Sung Compline at 8:00 p.m. Again, those services will be available on Facebook and YouTube. We have not yet made a decision regarding Holy Week services so please be on the lookout for that. As always please check our website, Facebook page and outgoing phone message for the very latest information. I will also post information through messages on the list serve.

There are several ways to give back during this Lenten season. The first two weeks of Lent in February saw us collecting new towels, washcloths and potholders for Off the Floor Pittsburgh. Off the Floor Pittsburgh provides used furniture to local families in need. All pick-ups and deliveries are made by volunteers.



## AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

*By Becky Marinov*

Any family that receives a delivery of furniture gets a set of towels. Thank you to all of you who dropped items off on the front porch of the Rectory.

During the month of March, we are collecting food and non-food items for the EECM. Please no glass or expired items. All donations can be dropped off on the porch of the Rectory. Please note that all donations are taken in every evening. Please see the list below of items we are collecting.

In April, we will be collecting non-food items for the families with children enrolled at the Neighborhood Academy in nearby Stanton Heights. Please see the list of things needed. Again, we will be collecting on the front porch of the Rectory and all items will be taken in each evening.

Thank you so much to those who have already contributed. Updates and reminders will be posted on our webpage and through emails on the list

serve. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or for more information. Our goal is always to be a good neighbor so if you need anything please let us know. Remember you can always reach us at [www.standrewspgh.org](http://www.standrewspgh.org). Here is the link for the YouTube videos [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnSoc6Lqg09s\\_6k5F5xmAPw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnSoc6Lqg09s_6k5F5xmAPw)

### East End Cooperative Ministry: March 1 – 31

Non-perishable food and dry goods:

#### FOOD ITEMS

- Canned tomato sauce
- Spaghetti and macaroni pasta
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned soups
- Canned fruits in water
- Oatmeal and whole grain cereals
- Mac & Cheese boxes
- White and brown rice

#### NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Ziploc bags, any size
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Brown paper bags, for bagged lunches
- Take-out boxes
- 60-gallon trash bags

Please check the sell by/ use by date  
No glass containers, please!

### 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

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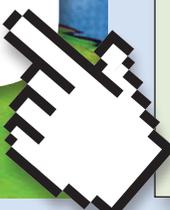
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