

April 2017

# Highland Park

## Community Council Newsletter

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# A Letter from the President

## *Hello Neighbors!*

Spring is (finally) here! In Pittsburgh, that means three things: longer days, warmer weather, and Primary Elections. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 16th. This year, like all years ending in an odd number, is a year for local and judicial elections, so Highland Park residents who are registered with either the Democratic or Republican party will be choosing their party's nominees for Mayor, Sheriff, State Supreme Court, Superior Court, Commonwealth Court, Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, and Magisterial District Judge.

As primary day approaches, there are a few important dates to keep in mind. **The last day to register to vote in the Primary is Monday, April 17th.** Pennsylvania voters can register to vote online through the [PA Voter Registration portal](#). If you will be out of town or unable to make it to your polling place on election day, you can apply for an absentee ballot by [printing out an application](#) and mailing it to the Allegheny County Division of Elections, 542 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219. **The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, May 9th.** Speaking of polling places, if you are registered, but don't know where to go to vote, you can locate your polling place through the [PA Dept. of State website](#).

Unlike some other states, Pennsylvania requires voters to be registered with one of the two major parties in order to vote in the primaries, so if want to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary, make sure you are registered as a member of your party of choice before April 17th. Independent and third party voters will be able to vote for candidates for office in the general election on **Tuesday, November 7th.**

At this time, there are candidates from both major parties in all judicial elections, but no Republican candidates filed petitions to run for Mayor or Sheriff. Because of this, Republican primary voters will not see any candidates listed for these two offices, though they will have an option to write in a candidate if they so choose.

As a non-partisan, non-profit organization, the HPCC does not endorse candidates or engage in campaign activity, but we do strongly encourage Highland Park residents to vote and to participate in the electoral process to make their voices heard. In this spirit, we will be dedicating our **April 20th Community Meeting** to the subject of civic engagement and information on the upcoming election (stay tuned to the [ListServ](#), our [Facebook page](#), and [hpccpgh.org](#) for additional details).

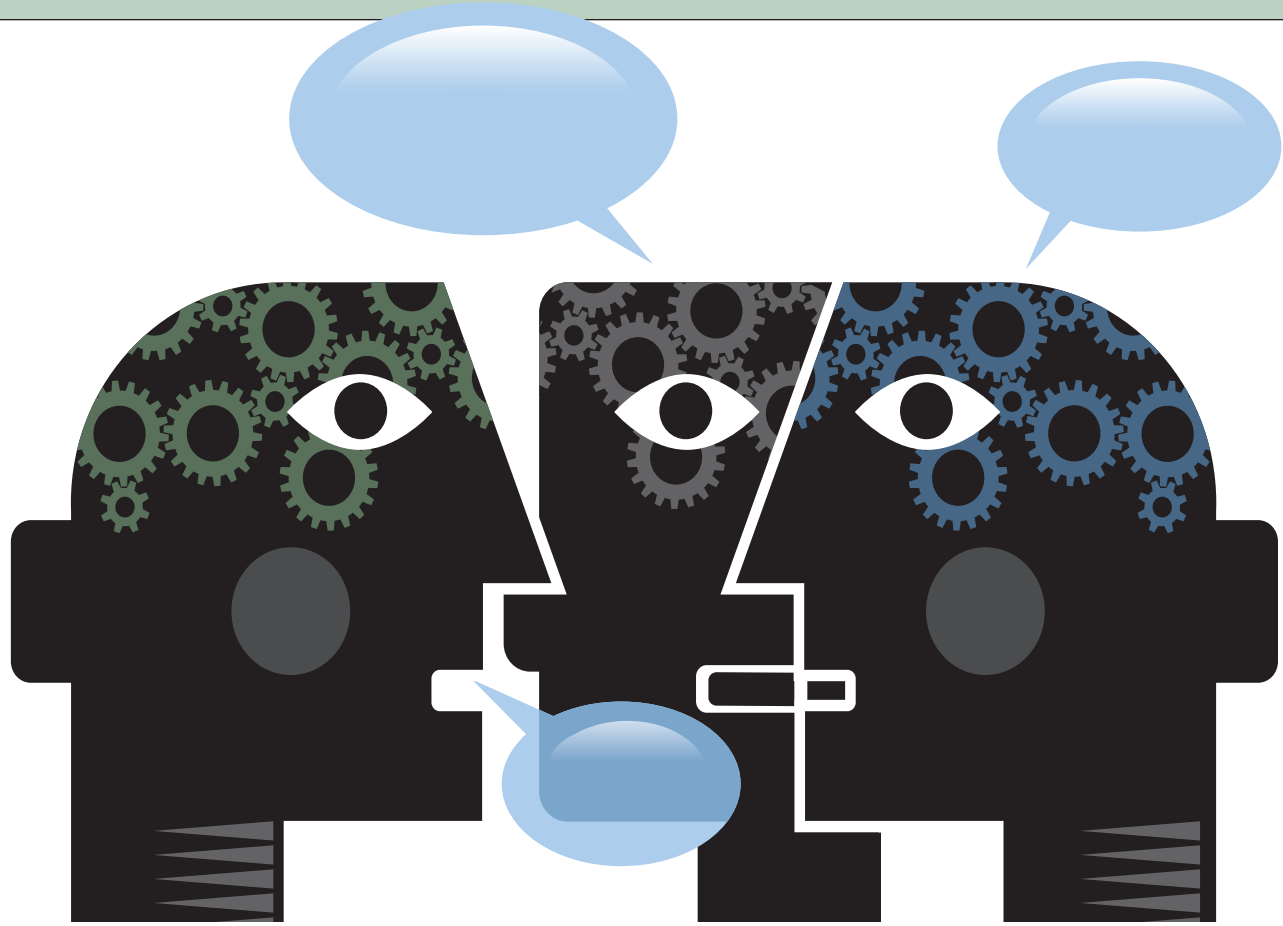
We hope to see you there!

Best,

**Jake Pawlak**

*HPCC President*





# HPCC March Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Jake Pawlak, HPCC President

- Provided overview of evening's agenda
- Introduced Zone 5 officers

## Police Zone 5 Safety Update by Karen McNeal, Community Resource Officer, Zone 5

- There was a burglary recently, but it turned out to be a landlord issue.
- A neighbor and her husband spoke up saying they saw hypodermic needles in the park by the water treatment plant. Officer Mc Neal said they will ask the 3 – 11 shift to do more drive-throughs of the area.

## Commander Cristyn Zett, Zone 5 Police Discusses the Police Firing Range

- Low-light training at the police firing range was discussed.

- This training is critical to ensure officers are proficient with their firearms in low-light situations.
- They have found that 70 – 80% of police shootings are in low light.
- There are also required qualifications the officers have to meet.
- Based on community concern and the impact that the range noise has on the homes at the top of the hill [above the range], the police will do all that they can to limit the exposure.
- The police are also looking at reconfiguring the range to take noise control into consideration.
- The need for moving the range was also discussed.
- Rich Fitzgerald also said the County's firing range could possibly be used, but they would have to look into the feasibility of it.
- Except for a few SWAT training days, they should be done with after-hours training by the end of March.
- There is no low light shooting planned over the summer. It will start back up in the fall.



**Port Authority Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)  
Presentation by Rich Fitzgerald Chief Executive  
of Allegheny County**

- The HPC is once again the location for the first community meeting being held on the subject.
- Rich Fitzgerald led the conversation.
- The goal is to connect the 2 largest work places in Pittsburgh - Connecting Uptown, Downtown, Oakland and potentially other East End neighborhoods
- Plan to apply for funding in the next 6 months
- Expected to cost \$200 million to \$240 million depending on the options chosen
- Vehicles powered by electricity would transport people to and from Oakland and Downtown, with possible expansion to Highland Park, Squirrel Hill, and Wilkinsburg
- 4 main options were discussed:



*Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East Busway-Wilkinsburg + Squirrel Hill branch*

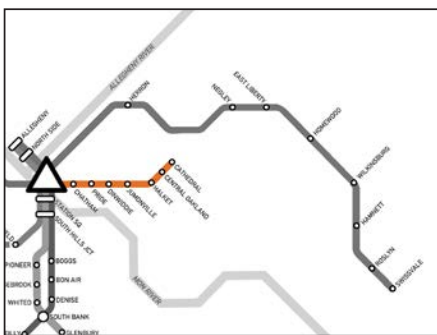


*Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East Busway-Wilkinsburg + Squirrel Hill branch + Highland Park branch*

- 100 person vehicles would leave every 3-5 minutes during peak hours
- Travel from Downtown to Oakland would be reduced to 10 minutes
- This project will also improve signaling, sidewalks, overall bike and pedestrian safety and take water management into account.
- An open house for the general public will be held at Alumni Hall in Oakland on April 5, followed by more workshops in the summer before an application for funding is filed with the Federal Transit Administration in September.
- They are looking for your feedback. Take the survey on the [Port Authority website](#).

**Bryant Street Festival/Yard Sale Survey Results-Paul Miller**

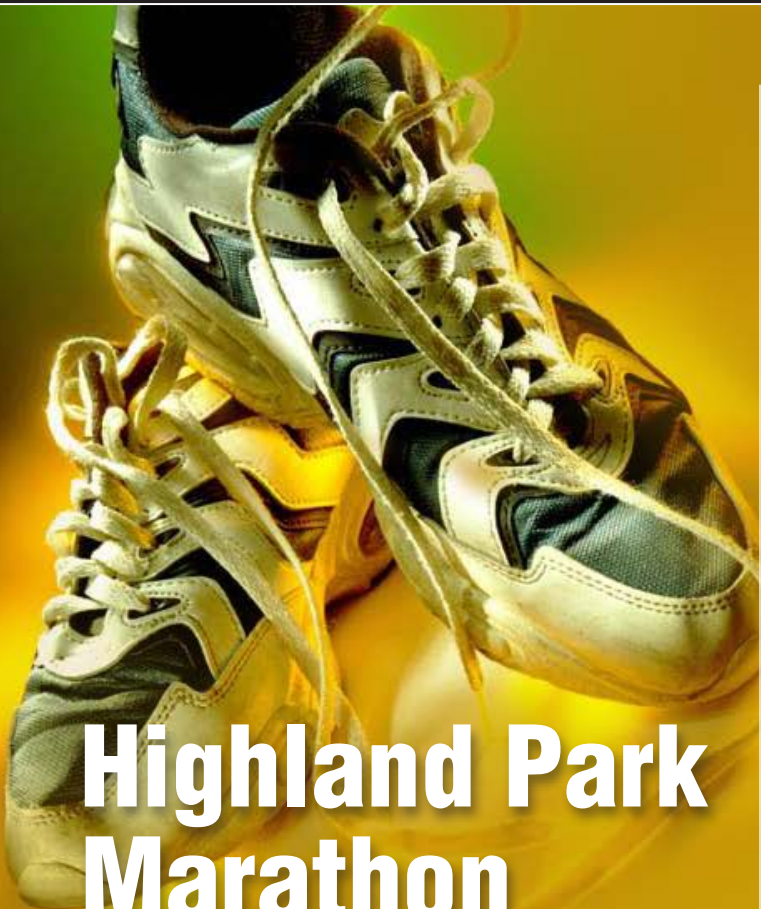
- Results from the survey were discussed.
- The decision was made to keep the festival and yard sale on the same day.
- Paul Miller, head of the Yard Sale Committee, also gave good tips on how to best write your sale listing for inclusion in the main map handout.
- He also asked for volunteers to help hand out the maps at key locations throughout the neighborhood.
- If you have any questions or would like more information, email Paul at [yardsale@highlandparkpa.com](mailto:yardsale@highlandparkpa.com).



*Downtown-Uptown-Oakland*



*Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East Busway-Wilkinsburg*



# Highland Park Marathon Weekend Festivities

*By Katherine Schouten*

**W**ith just one month to go, runners from all over the country are preparing to run the 2017 DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

In celebration of the marathon's new course this year passing by the homes of the legendary Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Steelers, the Marathon committee has asked each of the 13 neighborhoods that the course travels through to cheer the runners on with their finest Pittsburgh pride.

Highland Park Community Council knows its neighbors are up to the task and has planned some family-friendly activities so we can all be in tip-top shape as we cheer the runners from Mile 20 to the finish line. Residents of all neighborhoods are welcome!

## Highland Park Marathon Weekend Kick-Off Party

**WHEN:** Friday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Park Place Pub & Applewood Smoke Burger Company, 5719 Bryant Street on the back deck, weather permitting. (Rain location TBC)

Join the HPCC for its 3rd Annual Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend Kick-off Party on Friday, May 5th at Park Place Pub. Sign-making supplies will be provided to help race-lovers of all ages make signs to cheer on runners during the big race on Sunday while showing off their Pittsburgh pride.

Enjoy live music by local band Metacara, a free yoga demonstration to learn runner-friendly stretches to get ready for the race, and good eats with neighbors new and old.

## Highland Park Pep Rally Cheer Section

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 7, 7:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

**WHERE:** Bryant Street between N. Highland Ave. and N. Negley Ave.

Let's show off our Pittsburgh pride while cheering on the marathoners as they hit the 20-mile mark passing through Highland Park. Racers will enter from the corner of N. Highland Avenue and Bryant Street and run along Bryant Street to N. Negley Avenue.

**Sign making supplies and noisemakers will be provided**, courtesy of Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon. A **face painter** will also be onsite from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of the Bryant Street Market.

Enjoy race-day specials from local restaurants, live music by Hill Jordan & Slide Worldwide, and **free donuts and coffee** to help kick-start your morning (while supplies last.)

**We are grateful for the partnering businesses in our marathon celebrations including: Applewood Smoke Burger Company, Bryant Street Market, Park Place Pub, and Tazza D'oro.**



# MOTHER OF ALL POTTERY SALES IS BACK!



Work by participating artists: Ben Dames, Carina Kooiman, Jenna Venden Brink, and Mark Vender Heide. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Sun.



**Sunday, April 23, 2017  
from 10 am to 5 pm**

**A free, family-friendly event.**

**Local pottery sale + live demonstrations + hands-on clay activities**

Mark your calendar now for our annual Mother of All Pottery Sales, the biggest clay celebration in Pittsburgh that brings talented ceramic artists and pottery lovers together under one roof!

Join us for hands-on activities from the Mattress Factory in the studio, a live demonstration by professional ceramic artist Sharif Bey, and a sale featuring locally made pottery by the region's top ceramic artists.

## **2017 Mother of All Pottery Sales Participating Artists:**

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Blake Anthony     | Alyssa Ruberto                   |
| Molly Bee         | Mary Martin                      |
| Kimberlyn Bloise  | Nancy Smeltzer                   |
| Mary Briggs       | Antoinette Nero                  |
| Meghan Burke      | Talon Smith                      |
| Ben Dames         | Maeve and Maighread              |
| Frank Defabo      | Southard-Wray                    |
| Joe Delphia       | Three Rivers                     |
| Connie Finseth    | Clayworks                        |
| Jeff Guerrero     | Gloria Tsang                     |
| Keith Hershberger | Jenna Vanden Brink               |
| Autumn Hyde       | Mark Vander Heide                |
| Carina Kooiman    | Amanda Wolf (Wolf's Den Pottery) |
| Araina Marsden    | Reiko Yamamoto                   |
| Karen Mckee       |                                  |

*There's a lot going on around Old St. Andrew's this spring, as the Church Calendar brings us this year a mid-April Holy Week and Easter.*

May it be truly a season of refreshment and renewal for all in the neighborhood - in our homes and families, in our schools, and in all the places where we work or play.

Special musical programs in the season include a presentation on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 9, at 4:30 p.m., of a performance of Part II of G.F. Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, featuring the St. Andrew's Choir, guest soloists, and the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra under

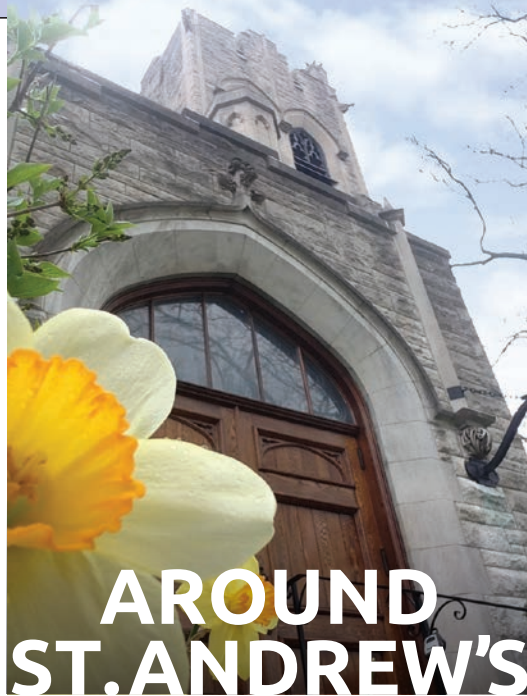
the direction of Tom Octave, Choral Director at St. Vincent's College.

The St. Andrew's Choir will also offer a collection of Passiontide Choral Music in the Third Hour of Good Friday, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. on April 14.

Choral Evensong in Eastertide will be sung by the St.

Andrew's Choir on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m., and violinist Barbara B. Lowenstein will present a brief recital immediately following

the service. On May 21st, Rogation Sunday, the Schola Cantorum will sing Evensong at 4:30 p.m., and the Rev. Arthur Dilg, Emeritus Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Indiana, Pennsylvania, will be our Guest Preacher. Finally, the combined choirs of St. Andrew's Church and



## AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

*By Bruce Robison, Rector*

Calvary Church in East Liberty will sing Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday evening, May 25, at 8 p.m., and the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, Rector of St. Thomas Memorial Church, Oakmont, will be our Guest Preacher.

Sunday morning services on Palm Sunday, April 9, and Easter Sunday, April 16, will be at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and we are reminded that an Easter Egg Hunt in the St. Andrew's Churchyard will follow the later service on Easter Sunday (weather permitting). The traditional Great Three Hours of Good Friday, April 14, will

be observed from 12 Noon until 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross at noon, the Liturgy for Good Friday, with Passion Gospel, homily, and prayers at 1 p.m., and the Service of Music at 2 p.m. At 3 p.m. the Great Bell of St. Andrew's will toll 33 times to observe the traditional number of years of our Lord's earthly life.

St. Andrew's has been on the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue and at the heart of our Highland Park neighborhood for over a century. If there is a pastoral need that we can help with - a baby to be baptized, a wedding to celebrate, a sick or shut-in friend or neighbor to be visited, a family to support at the time of a death - please feel free to be in touch. Or if you just need to find some space for a meeting or a family gathering, or to borrow a few chairs, we'll be glad to help if we can. Call us at 412.661.1245, e-mail [office@standrewspgh.org](mailto:office@standrewspgh.org), visit our website [www.standrewspgh.org](http://www.standrewspgh.org), and "Like" our Facebook Page. We're always glad to hear from you!



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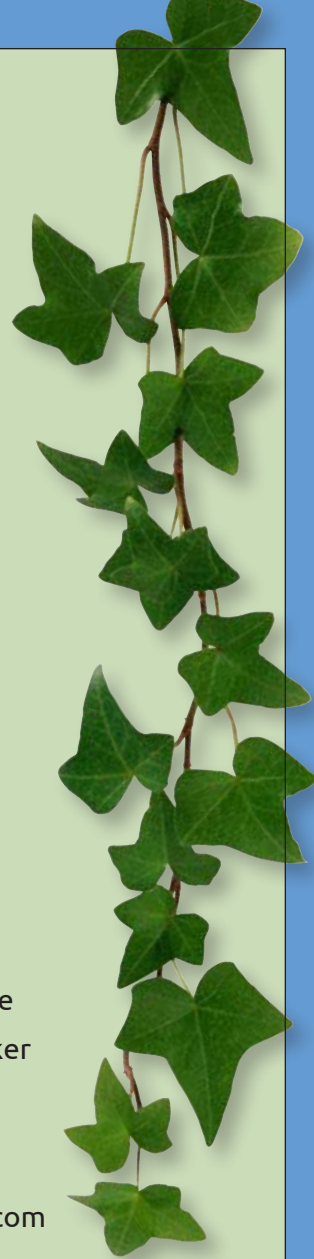
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# Gardening Classes

on Wednesday evenings!

A class for both beginners and experienced gardeners, From Planning to Canning meets Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30 p.m. It is set up as a come-as-you-wish class, with topics ranging from tree pruning to tomato canning, rain gardens to composting, and pest management to simple hydroponics.

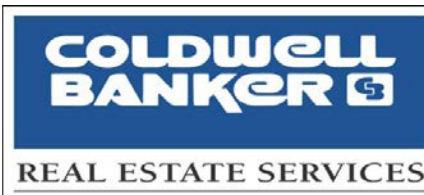
Cost is \$10/class with anyone on a fixed income or any kind of assistance invited to attend for free. Members of a garden club (any garden club) receive a 10% discount.

For more information, and location of meetings, please contact Rachel Kudrick: [rkudrick@live.com](mailto:rkudrick@live.com) or 412-251-9759 and reference "Gardening Classes."



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