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# Highland Park

Community Council Newsletter

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Summer  
is Here!

# A Letter from the President

*June has been a busy month for Highland Park.*

The streets were abuzz the first weekend of the month with hundreds of visitors to the HPCC Giant Yard Sale. Once again, the weather threatened to put a damper on the day's events, but it generously changed its mind and offered up a sunny, pleasant day - to the delight of many, including Paul Miller, our yard sale commander. Officially, the participating house count for the yard sale was a whopping 114 homes... the unofficial count is estimated at almost twice that amount, which simply means that many yard sellers decided not to sign up for inclusion in the official listing and map.

The Bryant Street Festival, held on the same day, also benefitted from the fine weather with a record crowd - the street was full of people enjoying the afternoon. My thanks to Kelly Vitti and Bob Staresinic for all of their efforts coordinating the event. And, kudos to Teri Rucker, the HPCC children's committee chair, for helping the kids make 62 painted birdhouses from scratch, just like Jack's, pictured here. Her fingers hammered endlessly while showing the children how to hit the nails while building the birdhouses.



The final confirmation that the day was a success was an email that I received from one Highland Park resident who said she and her 5-year-old niece had a great time at the festival and that it was the first time in at least 25 years that she had actually been on Bryant Street.

That is what it is all about. Helping to connect the neighborhood and hopefully make life a little better.

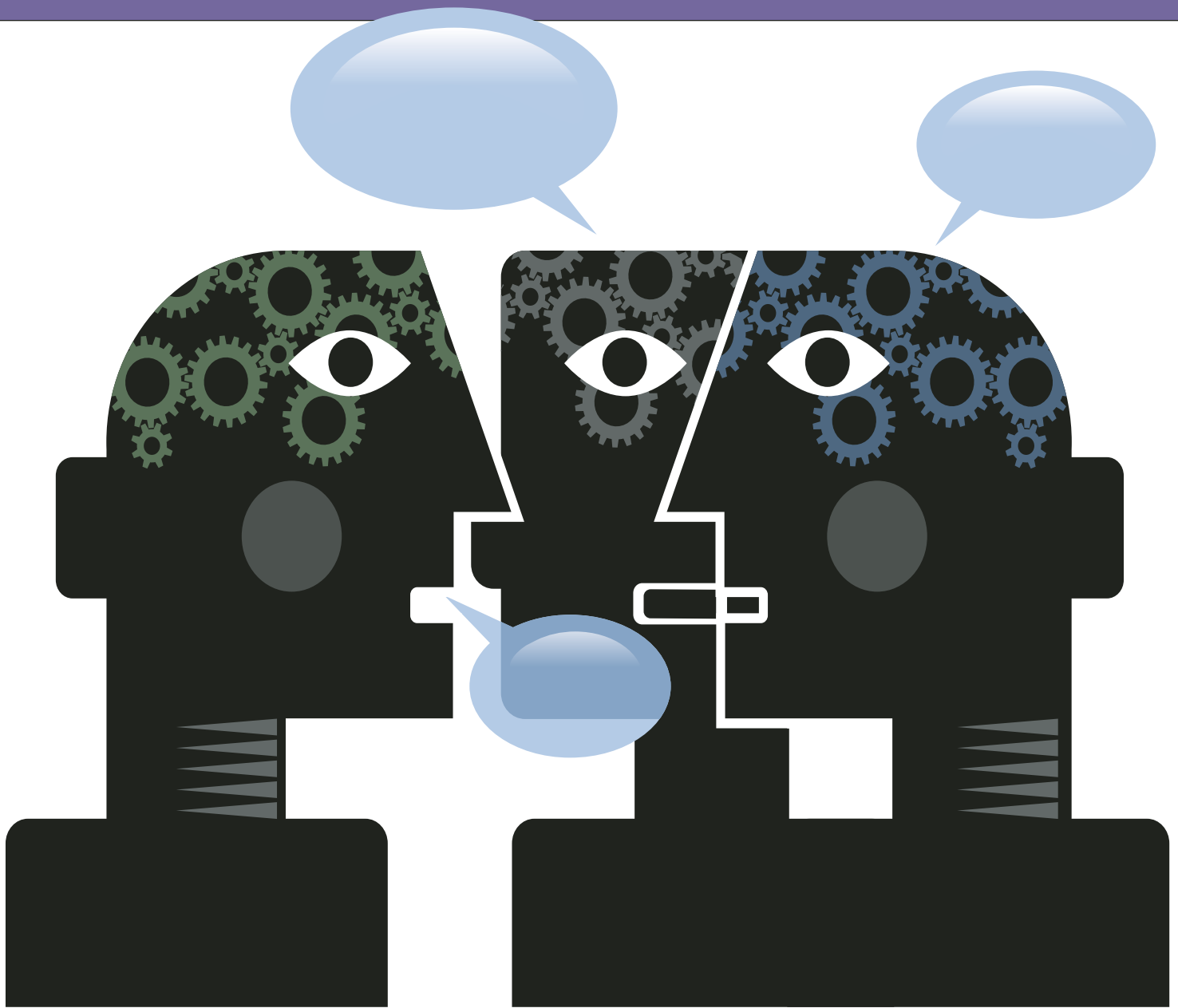
To round out the first week of June, David Atkinson, the head of the HPCC education committee, led a tour of Fulton, the French magnate preK-5 school in our neighborhood. I am happy to report that 30 parents came to tour the school, considered one of the best in the Pittsburgh Public Schools system.

Last but not least, if you haven't seen the June issue of *Pittsburgh Magazine* yet, it reads like my list of favorite restaurants - including four of Highland Park's very own! Congratulations to Joseph Tambellini and Park Bruges, who were chosen as two of the top restaurants in the city and to E2 and Teppanyaki Kyoto, who were highlighted as Editors' Pick's.

*I am looking forward to another pleasant summer in Highland Park and it looks like we are off to a good start.*

**Monica Watt - HPCC President**





## HPCC May Meeting Minutes

David Atkinson, HPCC Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm with a quorum present.

Paul Miller, Treasurer, reported that the CDs have matured and were rolled over for another year. Checks for the Yard Sale have been coming in. The Yard Sale will involve flea market space on Bryant Street for residents who do not have space at home.

Nate Hanson from City Councilman Patrick Dowd's office spoke about upcoming projects, including Promise Coach meetings, a possible dog park in Highland Park, Super Playground improvements, and some new trash cans in the neighborhood.

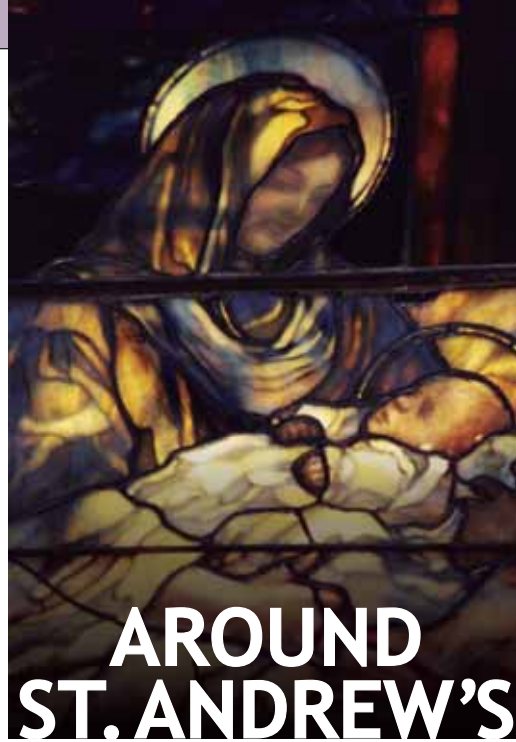
Chris Gmter, Carnegie Library East Liberty Branch Manager, spoke about our local branch. The 2009-10 renovations included L.E.E.D. certification. The East Liberty branch is the third busiest branch in the system.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next HPCC meeting is Thursday, June 20th at 7 pm. Due to the remodeling at St. Andrew's, the June meeting will be held at Union Project.



Summertime in Highland Park! Afternoons at the pool, Jazz on Sunday afternoons... what could be better?

Due to some really exciting steps forward in the renovation of our lovely and historic St. Andrew's Church, our summer worship schedule will offer one service of the Holy Communion each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For June, July, and probably some of August, St. Andrew's is "on the road," with services taking place at the Hicks Family Memorial Chapel of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Avenue. Nursery Care continues to be available each Sunday, and a special Children's Chapel program will be offered as well during a portion of the 9:30 a.m. service on designated Sundays. Cool refreshments and conversation follow each service, and we're all looking forward to a wonderful return to "old St. Andrew's" later this summer.



## AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

*By Bruce Robison, Rector*

In addition to Sunday services, the St. Andrew's parish family continues through the summer months with a rich (though perhaps somewhat more leisurely) schedule of social and educational activities for all ages. An afternoon together at PNC Park to cheer on the Bucs, for example. A couple of evening "cottage meetings" to discuss a book we're reading together. A Chorister Camp for children and youth involved in our highly-regarded Children's Music Program. Please give the office a call if you'd like to connect! (412-661-1245)

St. Andrew's with our Choir, Choristers, and Troubadours offering opportunities for learning and expression in sacred music for children, youth, and adults, and our highly regarded Children's "Godly Play" and "Tween" and Youth Group programs, our midweek services and adult Bible Studies, etc., will all resume our regular fall schedule on "Round Up Sunday," September 8 - a day traditionally celebrated with a Parish Picnic in the Hampton Street Churchyard. All are invited!

St. Andrew's has been on the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue, at the heart of the Highland Park neighborhood, for more than 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 need to find some space for a meeting or family gathering, or to borrow a few chairs: we'll be glad to help if we can.

Call us at 412-661-1245, check us out on the web: [www.standrewspgh.org](http://www.standrewspgh.org), and "Like" us on Facebook (search for "St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park.")





## 2013 BEST RESTAURANTS in Pittsburgh

### Joseph Tambellini Restaurant

Joseph Tambellini Restaurant is where Italians and non-Italians go when they want an excellent meal in a peaceful setting. Despite his restaurant's white tablecloths and elegant décor, chef Joseph Tambellini has a warm personality that's infectious, giving the place a homey feel. The food is straightforward and features simple ingredients — garlic, olive oil, lemon and tomato. Highlights include the seafood, meatballs (arguably the city's best) and housemade pasta. The pound cake with butterscotch sauce and ice cream is drool-worthy and definitely worth the calories.

# Taste



*As I mentioned in my president's letter, four of our beloved Highland Park restaurants were highlighted in the June issue of Pittsburgh Magazine - alongside some of the best restaurants in the city.*

I feel like a proud parent. Bryant Street struggled for decades, trying to find its place in the neighborhood. Today, it is fast becoming known in the city for its diverse food scene including Thai, Italian, Japanese, hint of French bistro, classic pub and rustic farm-to-table yumminess.

In case you have not had a chance to see the magazine, the following is what the editors at Pittsburgh Magazine had to say about each restaurant:

### Park Bruges

Park Bruges is a classic neighborhood bistro with a French influence, and it's the sister restaurant of beloved Belgian-inspired Point Brugge Café, another one of our Best Restaurants. The environment is simple, and the menu lists a nice selection of salads, poutine (twice-cooked fries topped with gravy and cheese curds), mussels and burgers. Brunch is popular, forcing folks to wait in line for sumptuous treats such as liege waffles and tarte flambé with chorizo and potato hash. Check out the website for Jazz Monday events, held the first week of every month.

A Food Column  
By Monica Watt





## EDITORS' CHOICE

### E2

With a motto like “bring your bottle; bring your mess,” you know the E2 crew is fun and laidback – the kind of people you’d befriend. The small gem in Highland Park provides an outlet for chef/owner Kate Romane to serve rustic food, featuring ingredients from the farm on which she lives, in an intimate setting. The famous OMG options (starters whose name stands for “Oh my gosh – I’m so hungry!”) range from the ever-popular Gorgonzola mess to the roasted red peppers. Weekend brunch brings sweet choices such as the doughnut menu offerings and savory treats starring Brussels sprouts. The monthly Sunday Sauce dinners allow loyal patrons to come in, enjoy a family-style meal and make memories.

### Teppanyaki Kyoto

Previously, sushi was the only thing that came to mind when Pittsburghers heard “Japanese cuisine.” Chef Kevin Chen changed all of that by serving authentic food that goes well beyond nigiri. You’ll want to try the “pancakes,” okonomiyaki and hiroshimayaki, which have been the topic of many discussions between local foodies. Decadent and filling, they are Japan’s answer to the potato pancake. Hiroshimayaki comprises the same ingredients as okonomiyaki (fillings typically include a few meats or veggies) – it’s just layered with egg noodles and topped with a grilled egg. This place is often packed, and regulars enjoy having a choice when it comes to seating – sitting at the grill watching chefs at work or kneeling on the floor while sharing food with friends. Grab a pair of chopsticks, and get ready for a memorable dining experience.



For the full Pittsburgh Magazine Best Restaurants in Pittsburgh 2013 article, go to [www.pittsburghmagazine.com/Pittsburgh-Magazine/June-2013/Best-Restaurants-in-Pittsburgh-2013/](http://www.pittsburghmagazine.com/Pittsburgh-Magazine/June-2013/Best-Restaurants-in-Pittsburgh-2013/)



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