

April 2018

Highland Park

Community Council Newsletter

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Happy
Easter!

A Letter from the President

Hello Neighbors!

Primary Election Day is almost here! Remember to head to the polls on **Tuesday, May 15th**. This year, the ballot will include elections for US Senator, US Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, as well as elections for positions on the State and County Committees of the Democratic and Republican parties.

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 16th**. 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](#)

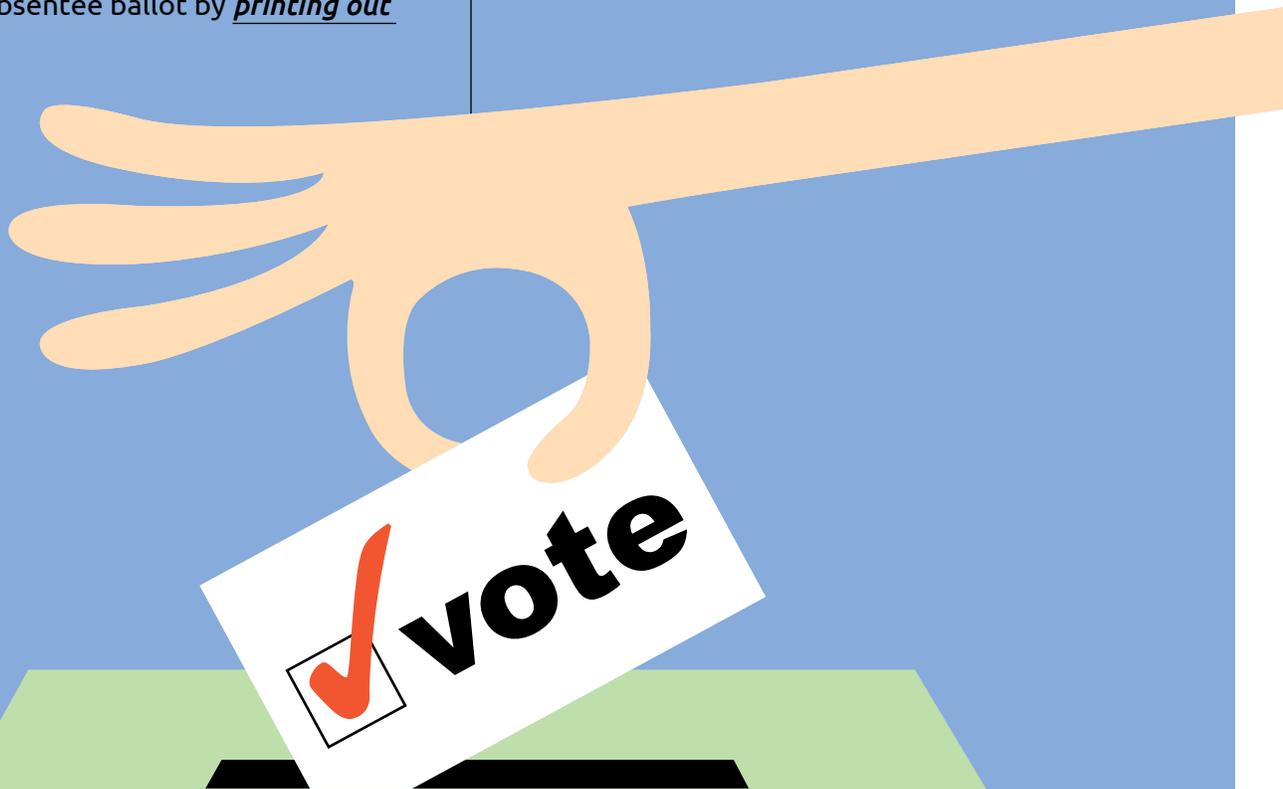
[an application](#) and mailing it to the Allegheny County Division of Elections, 542 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219. **The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, May 8th**. Speaking of polling places, if you are registered but don't know where to go to vote, you can locate your polling place through the [PA Dept. of State website](#).

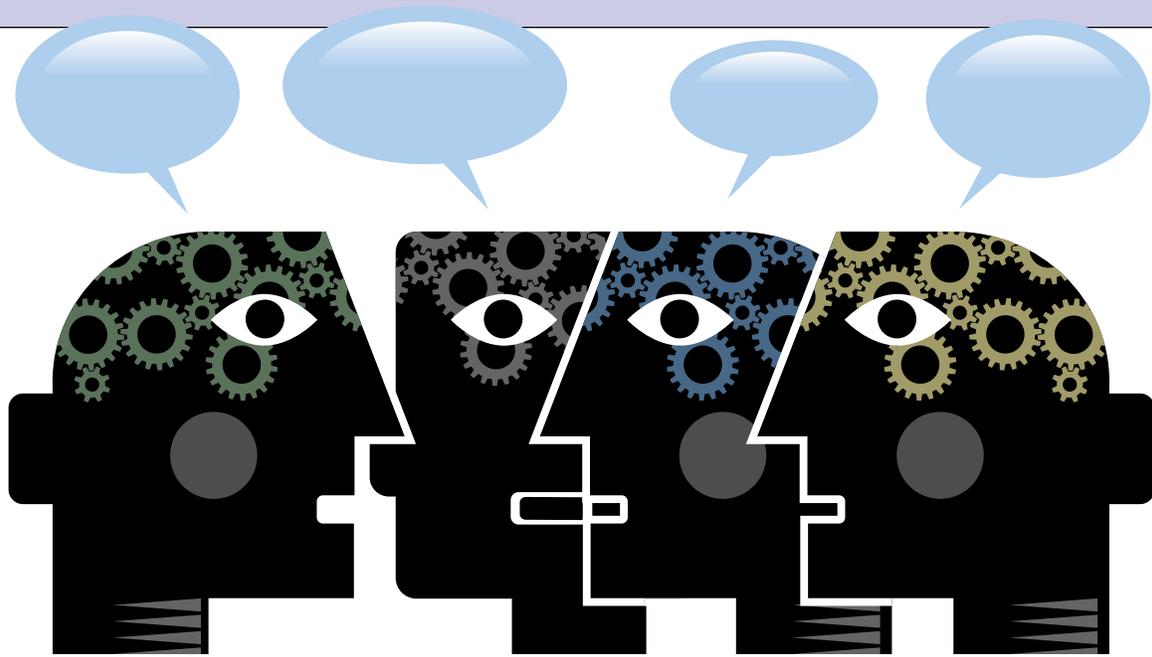
Unlike some other states, Pennsylvania requires voters to be registered with one of the two major parties in order to vote in the primaries, so if want to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary, make sure you are registered as a member of your party of choice before April 17th. Independent and third party voters will be able to vote for candidates for office in the general election on **Tuesday, November 6th**.

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, **so make sure to vote on May 15th!**

Best,

Jake Pawlak
HPCC President





HPCC March Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018

Meeting Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Karin Manovich, HPCC Secretary

Police Zone 5 Update - Sgt. Joe Lewis

Crime continues to be low in Highland Park with vehicle break-ins the primary reported activity. Most often the cases are crimes of opportunity where people have left their cars unlocked and occasionally unlocked and running. Night patrols have been increased since that is the primary time of the thefts from vehicles. There were some isolated smash-and-grab car break-ins in the reservoir area this month.

Pittsburgh Fulton PreK-5-Principal Karen Arnold

Fulton is proud of three new banners, which highlight the school's accomplishments and its French magnet program. Fulton has been named a "STAR School" by the district and is the only elementary school to achieve this status, which recognizes academic growth.

The school will be participating in the Pittsburgh Promise's "Promise Walk" on April 21st. The walk will begin and end at Pittsburgh Obama 6-12, and go past Pittsburgh Fulton, Dilworth, and Lincoln along the way. The walk raises awareness and scholarship funds for Pittsburgh children.

Pittsburgh Fulton is excited to welcome local ensemble NAT 28 for a free concert beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the March 20th PTO meeting. The musicians will perform a variety of selections - including original pieces composed with Fulton students.

The French program was discussed in detail. A Highland Park community tour of the school may be arranged in May if there is interest. Board member Dave Atkinson will liaise with Ms. Arnold to arrange.

Healthy Ride Pittsburgh - Adams Carroll, Director of Operations

The non-profit bike share organization, which launched in 2015, is expanding to increase access to public transportation via bikes. There are currently 50 stations and 500 bikes in operation. Expansion in 2018 will add 200 more bikes and 125 more stations and will increase both the density and the footprint of the system. The new stations will be smaller than the existing stations.

Healthy Ride Pittsburgh has been seeking input from neighborhoods in the planned expansion area. The Bryant St. area has received 5,500 requests.

Healthy
Ride



The HPCC House Tour Committee during one of their regular Sunday morning meetings at Tazza D'Oro.



Highland Park and vicinity will gain five stations, right now proposed to be installed at the following locations:

1. E. Liberty Blvd. and N. Negley Ave.
2. E. Liberty Blvd. and N. Highland Ave.
3. N. St. Clair St., just south of Bryant St.
4. Stanton Ave. and N. Highland Ave.
5. N. Negley Ave. and Stanton Ave.

Residents can provide input on these locations and suggest other locations by visiting www.healthyridepgh.com/expansion and clicking on the map. Legal parking spaces will not be eliminated at the proposed sites.

Healthy Ride Pittsburgh will approach adjacent property owners and engage nearby residents once locations have been identified. Installation can only occur once the Pittsburgh Council Representative for the area and the City's Traffic Engineer sign off on the locations. The installation of the Highland Park area stations will likely occur in early summer.

Safety is a priority for Healthy Ride Pittsburgh. The stations are intentionally placed near crosswalks and intersections as they frequently act as a traffic-calming device and allow greater traffic visibility to pedestrians crossing the streets. The bikes are sturdy and safe with always-on lights, big wheels, strong brakes, 7 speeds, and on-board locks.

Riders with Connect Card passes can link their cards to the system and receive unlimited free 15-minute trips. Fees for individual rides are \$2/30 minutes. Monthly passes are available for either \$12 (30 minute rides) or \$20 (1 hour rides).

Since its launch, Healthy Ride Pittsburgh has signed on over 64,000 people, who have made over 212,000 trips.

City of Pittsburgh - Leah Friedman, Community Affairs Liaison, Mayor's office

Leah Friedman, who grew up in Highland Park, was introduced as Corey Buckner's replacement as Liaison to the Mayor's office. The Office of Management & Budget is seeking input from citizens. Citizens can use a new online tool called "Balancing Act" to provide input or attend a yet-to-be scheduled public meeting in June. Residents are invited to a City-wide Safety meeting on April 18th.

House Tour Committee Update - Monica Watt, Co-Chair

The House Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018 (Mothers' Day Weekend). The committee is seeking volunteers for the tour.

- Date:** Saturday, May 12th – The Saturday before Mother's Day
- Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Ticket Sales:** Online at www.hpccpgh.com
- Ticket Cost:** \$35 in advance, \$40 day of tour
- Volunteers:** There are two shifts of volunteers at homes:
- Morning shift:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Afternoon shift:** 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- To sign up:** Email karin.manovich@gmail.com or call Karin at 937-620-9734.
- It's never too early to sign up!

Neighborhood Clean-up - Justin Sandherr, Highland Park Resident

- When:** April 21, 2018 at 10 a.m.
- Who:** Highland Park Neighbors, Businesses, and Friends (Adults and Children are welcome)
- Where:** Highland Park Entrance
- Interested in Participating / Donating Supplies:
Contact Justin Sandherr at Justin.Sandherr@Gmail.com

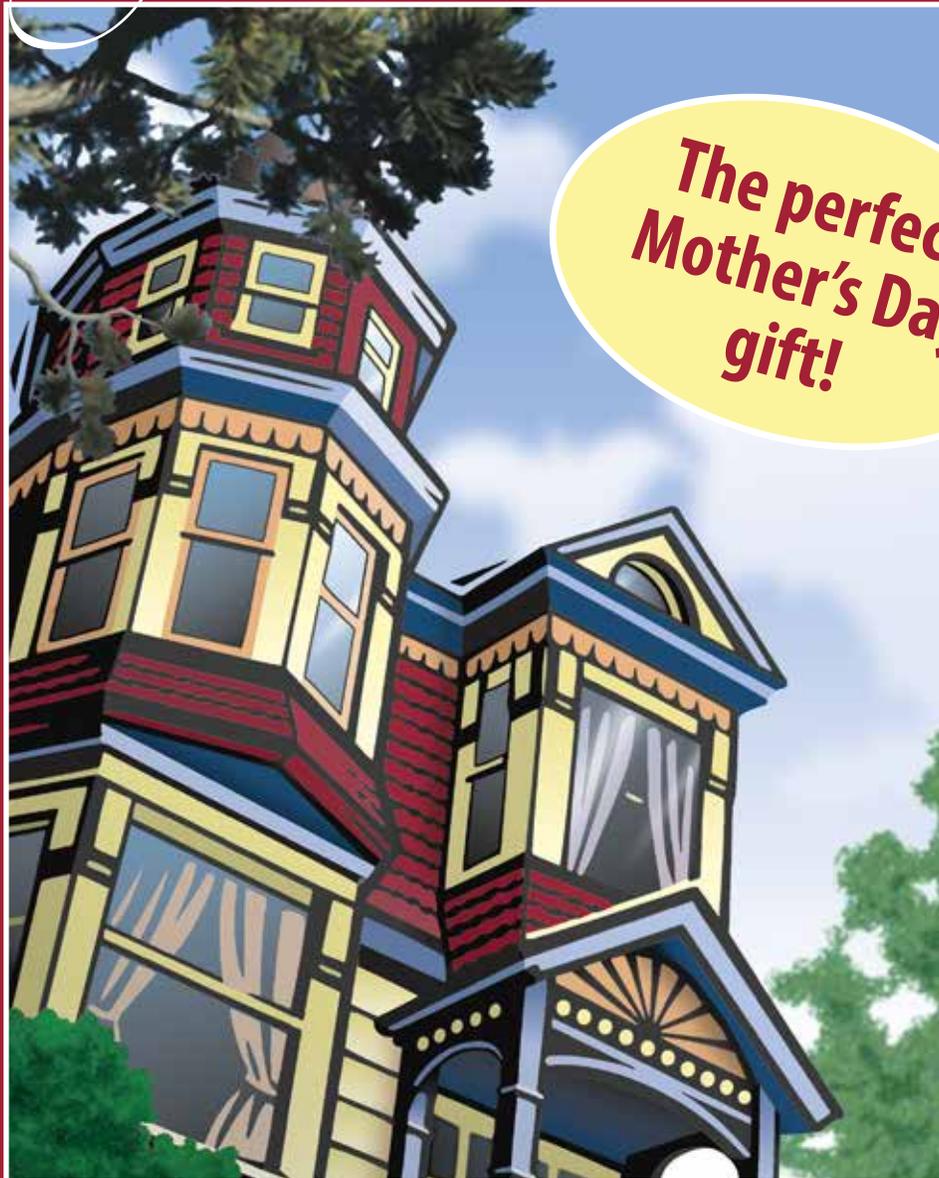
Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018 at St. Andrews at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Join us for the

Highland Park

House Tour



Saturday, May 12th, 2018 • 10am - 3pm

Tickets are now on sale • \$35 in advance, \$40 day of tour

For more information, visit www.hpccpgh.org

Tour starts at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, Pittsburgh, 15206

Proceeds benefit the Highland Park Community Council, a neighborhood, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



Destination Highland Park

Bryant Street Market

By Karin Manovich

Eight years ago, Rob Collins visited Highland Park and the now Bryant Street Market for the first time. It took two days to complete the ten-mile journey from his Allison Park home with his wife and three-week old baby. "We had to wait to be dug out," he explained. "It was during the massive blizzard that dumped over twenty inches of snow in Pittsburgh on Super Bowl weekend." It was a harrowing trip.



Collins was determined to visit the convenience store business that he saw for sale on Craigslist before someone else snatched it up. Two months later, the store was operating under his ownership. He spent a considerable amount of time cleaning up the store, which was adorned in miles of Christmas garland that surrounded each individual ceiling tile. Posters completely covered the plate glass windows, and the walls were painted faded shades of pink. Uncovering the windows and painting all the shelves and walls were the beginning steps in transforming the store from a "cigarettes, lottery tickets, and chips" establishment to what it is today.

The Bryant Street Market has evolved into a neighborhood jewel, providing residents with conventional groceries, as well as organic, natural, gluten-free, and local foods.





Prepared foods are also available, including the very popular deli sandwiches, house-made tuna and chicken salads and slaw, pizza, soup, and breakfast sandwiches.

Lunchtime is always busy at store, with lines forming for the oversized sandwiches on local bread from Allegro Hearth Bakery.

Collins has been in the supermarket business since he was 17 years old and spent eighteen years selling produce to chains prior to opening the Bryant Street Market. He reports to work at 3:00 a.m. each morning and has built up the business significantly since first opening in 2010. "We generally see about 300 customers a day, nearly all residents of Highland Park," notes Collins. He has transitioned the product line over time from convenience store fare to conventional grocery store offerings with a focus on local.

"I try to sell as many local products as possible"

says Collins. The store offers such favorites as Leona's ice cream sandwiches, Millie's ice cream, Axel's soft pretzels, Lux artisan chocolates, Enrico Biscotti, LaScola's Italian Ice, La Prima coffee, Allegro bread, and Bedillion Farm honey.



The market is serviced by the same distributor as Whole Foods and can get many of the same products. Collins often entertains requests from neighbors to stock special items and will do so if possible.

For Collins, the most rewarding part of operating the Bryant Street Market has been experiencing the gratitude of his customer base. He frequently hears comments like "We are so glad you are here." and "It is so nice to not have to leave the neighborhood." He has observed that people are very happy that he is open on Thanksgiving Day.

After eight years, Collins is no longer a stranger to Highland Park and feels that the neighborhood makes the store. He is happy to be part of the community, which he refers to as "Beautiful Highland Park" on his business card. "Highland Park has been very good to me. I am very thankful for the neighborhood's support."



BRYANT STREET MARKET
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www.facebook.com/BryantStreetMarket
 Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park Garden Club Presents:

TILLANDSIA

(Air Plants) and How to Care for Them



by Carol Papas, Allegheny County Master Gardener

Air plants are finding a place in home decor. Care is not difficult if you understand how they grow in their natural environment.

Tillandsia, commonly known as air plants, are of the moment in the gardening scene. A quick look

at popular design blogs including Design Sponge and Apartment Therapy, the social media sites Pinterest and Instagram, as well as trendy garden catalogs such as *Terrain*, feature *Tillandsia* in exciting and beautiful ways. They add a foliage surprise to bridal bouquets, make interesting wall art and add a touch of the exotic to vignettes in home décor.

In nature, *Tillandsia* species are epiphytes, meaning that they attach to other plants or rocky substrate as a means of support. Their roots are used solely for attachment — rather than absorbing nutrients or water via roots, air plants rely on the moisture in the atmosphere to grow and thrive. Trichomes are specialized structures on the leaves of air plants which trap moisture and dust, providing the plant with water and nutrients.

Air plants are divided into two categories: mesic and xeric.

Mesic

Mesic air plants hail from moderately humid regions such as South American rainforests. They thrive in a canopy of trees and prefer more filtered light than their xeric counterparts. The leaves of mesic types are deeper green, smoother and slightly cupped.

Xeric

Xeric air plants are from desert-like climates and are often rock dwellers. Their leaves have larger numbers of trichomes, resulting in a gray or fuzzy appearance. Often their leaves are wider to allowing a larger surface area to absorb water and light.

Tillandsias are forgiving indoor plants if given adequate amounts of light and water. They do best with bright, indirect light, preferably in an east or west facing window. In our region with its number of cloudy days, excessive sunlight is unlikely to be the demise of an air plant.

Misting, rinsing, or soaking are three methods of watering *Tillandsias*. Misting



air plants to the point of run-off may have to be done every other day with low household humidity. I have found rinsing to be the simplest watering technique. Twice a week I gather my air plants, hold them under the faucet, rinsing them thoroughly with tepid water. Lay them face down on a paper towel for a few seconds to drain off excess water. Other sources report great success by a submerging air plants weekly for 20 minutes to an hour, then draining them well.

Good air circulation is important to air plants. While they look great enclosed in glass, be sure to allow plants to dry at least 4 hours after watering before placing them back in a terrarium.

Air plants bloom but once in their lifetime. The flowers come in many shapes and in a range of color from coral, to pinks and purples. After *Tillandsias* flower, they produce “pups” or small offsets — new plants





emerging from the base of the mother plant. Once pups are one-third the size of the mother plant they can be gently separated from the main plant and grown on their own, or they can be left in place allowing the plant to form a clump.

Tillandsias will benefit by a monthly application of fertilizer formulated for bromeliads. Fellow bromeliads include an array of colorful tropical plants, orchids, Spanish moss and pineapples. Clemson University Extension recommends diluting liquid fertilizer to one-fourth the recommended rate and adding it monthly to the regular watering regime.

The fact that air plants thrive without the encumbrance of soil offers lots of options for their use in decorating. Many *Tillandsia* displays take advantage of this by suspending the plants on wire, hanging them on walls, dangling

their leaves from shells or simply plunking them into vases or pretty much anywhere they look interesting.

Most air plant displays feature them in contemporary settings with organic elements such as rocks, shells and driftwood. Try an updated spin on country by adding moss and air plants to a grapevine wreath. A vintage vase with a single *Tillandsia xerographica* tucked inside looks fun

and fresh. If you have a tall houseplant such as cactus or amaryllis, cover the potting soil with pebbles and place some tiny air plants at their feet for added foliage interest. It's easy to gather them up once a week, rinse them off and play with fresh placement without a speck of dirt to clean up afterward.

The Highland Park Garden Club meets every month in Highland Park. Contact jcontis@gmail.com for more information.



WHAT IS YOUR BIRTH FLOWER?

courtesy of HouseBeautiful.com

Much like birthstones, birth flowers signify the month someone is born and can predict something about their personality. It is up to you to decide if their symbolism holds true...



JANUARY:

Carnation

Carnations symbolize love, fascination and distinction (which explains

why they're commonly worn or gifted on Mother's Day!). A colorful standout during the cold month of January, carnations can express different things depending on their shade.

Your personality: You're genuine and down-to-earth. You're loyal and have a love for your friends and family that just cannot be matched.



FEBRUARY:

Violet

These purple blooms took on significance during the Victorian Era and were associated with modesty and

innocence (obviously, covetable traits in the late 19th century).

Your personality: You're wise beyond your years and can be a very private person, but you're also a bit of a dreamer. It takes a while for you to warm up to people, but when you do, you're extremely loyal.



MARCH:

Daffodils

Across cultures, daffodils, also called narcissus and jonquils, tell different stories —

but all of them center on luck. In Wales, it's said that if you spot the first daffodil bloom of the season, you'll have 12 months of luck.

Your personality: You're all about living a life of peace and happiness. You're extremely creative, and are kind to everyone you meet.



APRIL:

Daisy

A quintessential symbol of purity and chastity.

Beyond innocence, the daisy is also an indicator of secrecy. Daisy's were once called

"day's eyes," since they could close their petals at night, only revealing their bright yellow center, their little secret, when the sun came out to shine again.

Your personality: You are a happy-go-lucky kind of person. Like the flower of your birth month, you tend to brighten everyone's day by just being you.



MAY:

Lily of the Valley

When Lily of the Valley blooms, it's said to be the return of happiness — which makes sense, if you believe that April showers bring May flowers. The tiny bell-shaped petals signify humility and sweetness, but don't be fooled: the flower can be very poisonous.

Your personality: You're actually anything but toxic. You are pretty practical and tend to handle difficult situations well. Oh, and your friends just think you're the sweetest.



JUNE:

Rose

Although roses comprehensively symbolize love and passion, they differ in symbolic meaning depending on their color (red = passion, white = chastity, orange = desire, purple = love at first sight). Naturally, with such a long history of romance, roses also represent confidentiality.

Your personality: Obviously, you're a true romantic. You get along with people easily, and can adjust to new or difficult situations with ease.



JULY:

Delphinium

Derived from the Greek word for dolphin, "delphis," delphinium's conical shape is often likened to the aquatic creature's nose. Associated with openness and positivity, delphinium symbolize broad horizons, potential and better times.

Your personality: You're the funny one. Your charm and sense of humor make people feel welcomed and appreciated. You also value family over almost anything else.



AUGUST:

Gladiolus

Named after the Latin word that means sword (the same root gives us gladiator!), gladiolus were worn by Greek warriors in battle to protect them from harm and death — hence their symbolic association with strength and integrity.

Your personality: You're an intellectual who does whatever he/she can to succeed. You tend to find yourself in leadership roles at work, since like your flower, your strength and integrity are unmatched.



SEPTEMBER:

Aster

Greek lore says that asters, also a word for stars, were created by the goddess, Astraea, who wept when seeing too few stars in the sky — her tears then became the star-shaped flowers, asters. While Victorians associated the flowers with daintiness and patience, purple varieties are most commonly associated with wisdom and royalty.

Your personality: You're a bit of a perfectionist, but this shouldn't come as a surprise. Perhaps your need to have everything perfect is what makes you also a bit emotional. But hey, that's not a negative. In fact, that trait makes you a great communicator.



OCTOBER:

Calendula

Calendula's orange-yellow hues are thought to hold all of autumn's sunshine — as the year wanes, these sunny bursts keep summer's light. Known for its antiseptic, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial and anti-fungal properties, calendulas were (and still are!) used to prevent and heal infections.

Your personality: People born in October are often warm, friendly and easy-going. You also strive to live a peaceful and harmonious life.



NOVEMBER:

Chrysanthemum

The Japanese consider chrysanthemums a symbol of perfection — the orderly unfolding of the flower's petals inspired Confucius so much, that he recommended the blooms as an object of meditation.

Your personality: You're honest, kind and compassionate. You make friends easily, and are a bit of a people-pleaser.

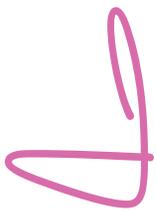


DECEMBER:

Holly

Said to represent domestic happiness, holly also represents defense and protection (its poisonous berries protect the rest of the plant). Along this vein, legend says that holly protects from thunder, lightning, witchcraft.

Your personality: You're someone who practices hygge, and can often be found rearranging things in your friend's house to make it more cozy. You can also become a bit defensive when someone critiques the way you do something.



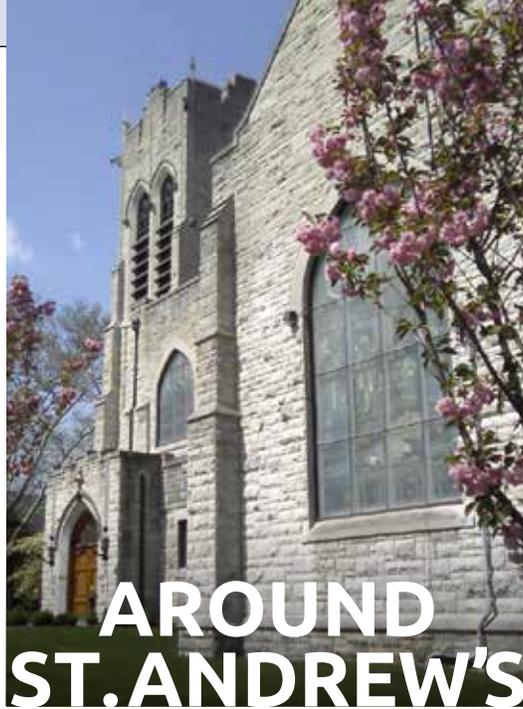
*In April, as we sail from
Winter to Spring and
in the Church from
Lent to Eastertide*

— and through it all we would wish all our neighbors a season of warm sunshine, blessing and renewal, healing and mercy, hope and joy.

Easter morning, April 1, is a festival day of celebration, with a 9 a.m. service of Holy Communion, including organ and hymns, and an 11 a.m. service with Choir and the Pittsburgh Ceremonial Brass. A Champagne Reception and fun Easter activities for the kids will follow the later service — in the Churchyard, weather permitting, or in the Parish House.

On Thursday in Easter Week, April 5, the Parish Choir will sing Choral Evensong at 8 p.m., followed by a brief musical recital featuring John Hall, cello, and Linda Morgan Ellison, piano. Later in the month, on Sunday, April 15, the Schola Cantorum will sing Choral Evensong for the Third Sunday of Easter, with the Rev. Sara Irvin joining us as Guest Preacher.

Families will also want to mark calendars for the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard at 2 p.m. on Holy Saturday, March 31, and for the April Family Movie Night, Friday, April 6, when the popular animated film, “The Neverending Story,” will begin at 6 p.m. Pizza and popcorn provided, and all are welcome! (But note, parents or adult guardians are to accompany and remain with children through the evening.)



AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

By Bruce Robison, Rector

St. Andrew's, in the 5800 block of Hampton Street, has been in ministry in the heart of this neighborhood of Highland Park for over a century. If you have a pastoral concern we can help with — a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, a sick or shut-in family member or neighbor who would appreciate a visit and a blessing, a family to comfort at the time of the death of a loved one — or if you simply would like to borrow a table or find some space for a family gathering too large for your living room, please feel free, whatever your religious background or heritage may be, to give our

Church Office a call at 412 661-1245 — or to check us out on the web, www.standrewspgh.org. We're always glad to hear from you, and to help if we can.



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REAL ESTATE SERVICES

**FAVORITE
LISTSERV
POST OF THE
MONTH**

Does anyone have plumber recommendation? My youngest flushed a toy down the toilet. It will be a funny story someday, but right now I just need to figure out who to call to fix it. :) Thank you.



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