

Welcome to the March Community Meeting!

We will start the meeting shortly once our in-person attendees get settled.
Thanks for your patience!

If your name is not displayed on Zoom, please add your name to the chat for attendance.



2024 PHCA Membership - Time to Renew!

POLISH HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Become a Member

- COMMUNITY MEETINGS 1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR POLISH HILL RESIDENTS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- \$10 VOTING MEMBER (POLISH HILL RESIDENT)
- \$10 SUBSCRIPTION MEMBER (NON POLISH HILL RESIDENT)
- \$50+ SUPER SUPPORTER (FREE TOTE BAG!)

Phca@phcapgh.org

www.polishhillcivicassociation.org

(412) 467-6596

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PHCA Admin Updates

- 2024 Board Members

- Colleen Shuda, President
- John Carson, 2nd VP/Membership Chair
- Hollis Luffy, Secretary
- Erica Moulinier, Treasurer
- Gus Pionati, Director
- Matt Cotter, Director
- Shannon Dailey, Director
- Talon Smith, Director
- Dan Berg, Director
- Alicia Carberry, Director



PHCA Admin Updates

- **New Board Member**
 - **Welcome to Hollis Luffy as our Secretary!**
- **Board is completing documentation request from the State**
- **LLC Advisory Committee**
 - **Opportunity for community members to share knowledge/ideas with LLC.**
 - **Email phca@phcpgh.org with an explanation of why you'd like to join/what you'd like to contribute to the committee.**



Changes to PHCA member access to



Heinz History Center - New policy for 2024

Heinz History Center changed their policy. There is no longer free access with a PHCA membership card. There is now only one organizational access card for PHCA as an affiliate member of the Heinz History Center. This card admits up to 4 guests of any age for free.

System for borrowing card

The card can be borrowed from John Carson, PHCA Chair of Membership:

- **Email John at wjcarson@phcapgh.org** what day/time you wish to pick up the PHCA card.
- He will arrange for you to sign out the card from his home on Brereton and for you to return the card within 48 hours.

The original card must be presented for admission. Photocopies/digital images cannot be used.

PHCA Membership Boundaries



ARTICLE III

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

SECTION 3.01: The geographical area which is the focus of the PHCA and which is the geographical boundary by which voting membership will be determined in accordance with Article IV hereof shall be that area known as "Polish Hill" according to the City of Pittsburgh.

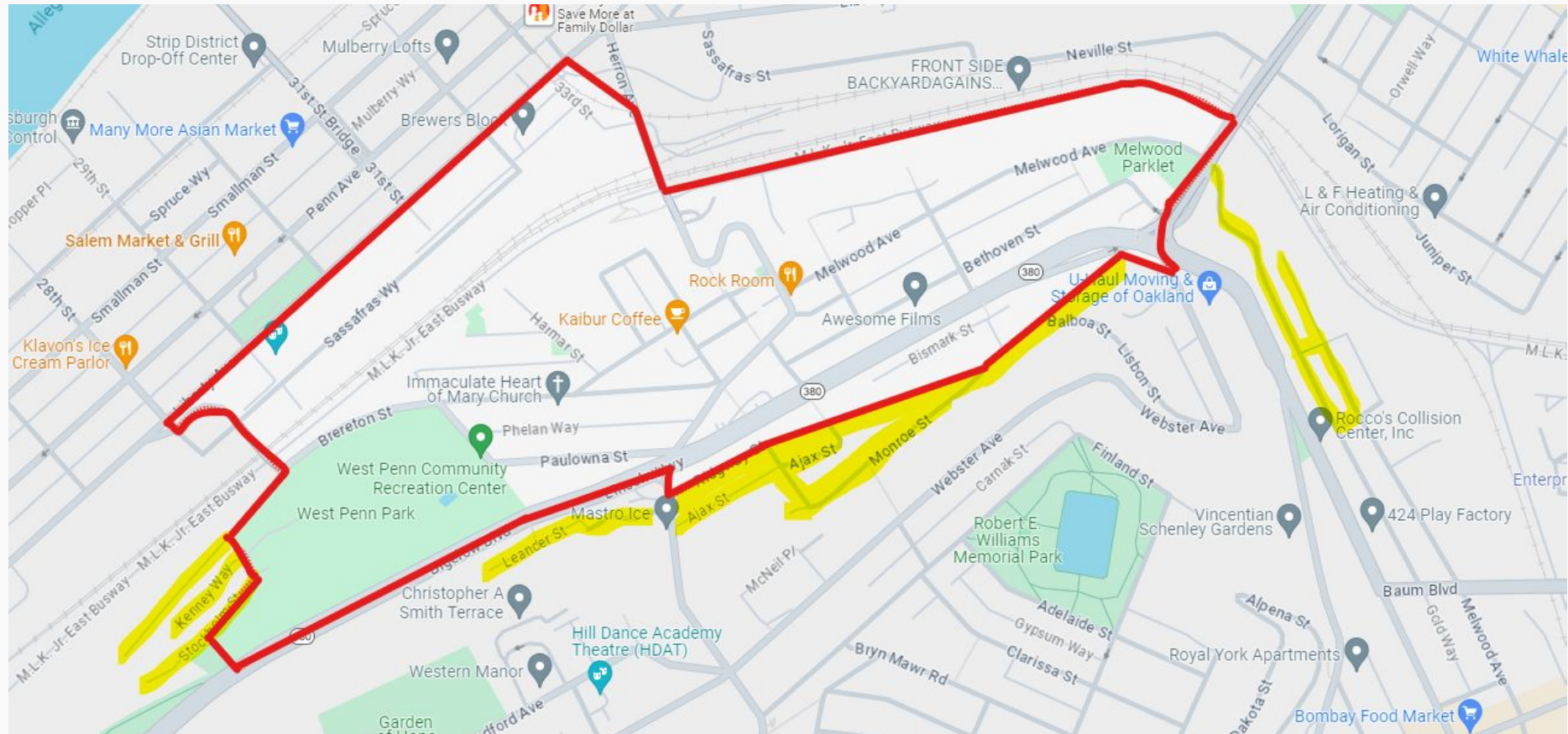
Bylaws Revision Request:

ARTICLE III - NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

SECTION 3.01: The geographical area which is the focus of the PHCA and which is the geographical boundary by which voting membership will be determined in accordance with Article IV hereof shall be that area known as "Polish Hill" according to the City of Pittsburgh. **In addition, the organization recognizes residents of the following areas to be eligible for voting membership:**

- **Lower Brereton Street, Kenney Way and Stockholm Street**
- **Lower Melwood Ave to Denver Street**
- **Monroe Street, Hancock Street, Ridgway Street, Ajax Street and Leander Street**

PHCA Membership Boundaries



Japanese Knotweed Treatment Calendar: Winter Task

CUT Dry Stalks



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- A few inches above the ground



Japanese Knotweed Treatment Calendar: Winter Task

CUT Dry Stalks

- **DON'T PULL**
- **Leave root balls undisturbed**
- **If pulled by mistake, leave on ground**



Japanese Knotweed Treatment Calendar: Winter Task

Before

After

CUT Dry Stalks



Japanese Knotweed Treatment Calendar: Winter Task

CUT Dry Stalks

- Do it soon!



Japanese Knotweed Treatment Calendar: Winter Task

CUT Dry Stalks

- Burn
- Compost
- City Yard Debris Pick-up (April 20th)



Having trouble paying your heating bill?



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Households in immediate danger of being without heat can also qualify for crisis grants. The cash grant is a one-time payment sent directly to the utility company/fuel provider to be credited on your bill. These grants range from \$300 to \$1,000 based on household size, income, and fuel type. Remember: This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

For more information, call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 or visit:
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

State Rep. Lindsay Powell's VA Assistance

Beginning on March 11 and for every subsequent second Monday of each month, Rep. Powell's office will be hosting a representative from the VA to assist veterans with accessing & signing up for service-related benefits.

(October 21 and November 18th are the only days that do not follow the second Monday of the month guidelines.)

STATE REP. LINDSAY POWELL'S
**VETERANS
ASSISTANCE**

10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

March 11 • April 8 • May 13 • June 10 • July 8
Aug. 12 • Sept. 9 • Oct. 21 • Nov. 18 • Dec. 9

5154 BUTLER STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA 15201

CALL (412) 781-2750 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

**A Veteran Service Officer
will be on hand to help with:**

- ★ Compensation and Pension Claims
- ★ Enrollment in the VA Health Care System
- ★ Burial and Survivors Benefits
- ★ Education Benefits
- ★ State Benefits
- ★ Obtaining Military Personnel and Medical Records
- ★ Other Questions





THE CITY OF
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Food Justice Fund (FJF) Governance Committee Seeking Community Members

Food Justice Fund

This community-led investment is leading to a more equitable, just, and sustainable local food system.



The City of Pittsburgh is seeking community members to join the Food Justice Fund (FJF) Governance Committee, which will recommend FJF grant awards for approval by City Council.

The nine-person committee includes one person from the Mayor's staff, one person from City Council staff, and seven community members. Each community member brings their own food systems expertise, lived experience, and community connections.

More info @ <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/food-justice-fund>

Upcoming Event!

**Come join the PHCA in
cleaning up under the
Bloomfield Bridge on
Melwood Avenue!**

**Sunday April 15th
12pm-3pm**



PHCA Community Marketplace

Do you have:

1: A Declaration?

(Announcement to share?)

2: An offer?

(How can you support your community?)

3: A request?

(How can your community support you?)



See you at our next Community Meeting on April 2, 2024!

