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NEWSLETTER

"A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world"

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## Spring Hill Civic League Mission Statement

With a continuing goal of community strength and enrichment, and encouraging the participation of all community residents and business leaders, The Spring Hill Civic League accepts as its defining mission the responsibility to serve its neighborhood by assisting in the achievement of its many common goals

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### Newsletter

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## Coming Events

General Meetings  
Spring Hill School Auditorium  
**November 3rd.....7pm**  
Election of officers



## Christmas Tree Lighting

Be watching for the Santa truck to be driving around the community between 5:30 & 7 PM on Sunday, **November 30th**. Follow along to join us at the Rockledge St. lot that evening at 7 PM for the community's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Cookies and drinks will follow the ceremony.

In conjunction with the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Spring Hill Civic League will hold a Matching Funds donation to benefit the Holy Wisdom Foodbank and Tri-Hill Valley Meals on Wheels. The collection will begin at the General Meeting on November 3rd, and will conclude at the Lighting ceremony. Donations will be presented to both organizations that evening.

Mark your calendar to join us in this annual event, and parents, bring your camera, as kids will have a chance to visit with "you know who"!

A special Thank You to  
**Allegheny General Hospital  
Print Shop**  
for printing our newsletter.

## From The Desk of The President...

*So then, how shall we live?*

As we approach the holiday season, the crime and corruption of the world continues its spiraling descent. Our urban community is touched by this, as is every community on earth. Last year, pranksters hit a new low when the baby Jesus was stolen from the crèche in our community lot. This action was perceived by neighbors to be a sign of ultimate disrespect for a tradition that has been observed in our community for decades.

The figure is only a piece of plastic, but for many neighbors, the child is a symbol of the Judeo-Christian beliefs in which they have been raised and live. Even neighbors who observe different religious or cultural traditions respect the crèche scene. While the theft of the plastic babe might seem a small matter, not worthy of an editorial, it is symptomatic of the larger social ills with which we deal daily.

Each day that we awaken, we have the supreme privilege of making choices. Some choose the high road, keeping the positive attributes of society alive and well, while others choose to spend their lives in selfish pursuit of materialism, altered states of mind, greed, or power. We have been given the gift of free will, and as with all gifts, some use it very unwisely.

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## VOICE OF THE ANCIENTS

### "The Long Walk" Part 2.....*Continued from September / October newsletter*

Each of us who attended Latimer has different recollections and I wonder whom you remember? Were you in a play with "Betty Boop", Ms. Powers? Did you play in the orchestra for Ms. Alma Lind, a cellist? Did you write for LATIMER LIFE, directed by Ms. Kraus on the fourth floor? Food in the cafeteria was good: for fifteen cents one could have meat loaf, mashed potatoes, a fresh roll, milk, and a piece of pie or cake or even ice-cream. Do you remember R.C. Millikin, principal, or "Buck" Sterling, his tall assistant who handled the tough discipline problems? Lunch time meant a stroll on the street and perhaps a fast game of "Buck, Buck, how many fingers are up," where boys ran and flew up on the backs of others.

Germany had a strong curriculum that was in part predicated on learning a skilled trade regardless one's academic preparation, and a lawyer may very well be skilled in carpentry. Latimer had three fine shop teachers in the basement. Early on, I met Mr. Thomas who had us sit in a circle, hold hands, and taste what electric shop would be all about. Mr. Schroeder taught us lathes, saws, and finishing a woodwork project by following a plan. Mr. Gruber was metal, and Matt L., whose family lived in poverty, helped me as he lectured me on the necessity of changing America to Socialism. Bill Lignos, my best friend in homeroom, came from The Home of the Friendless on Pressley Street, and he echoed some of same as he told me how it was terrible to live in poverty. I learned to appreciate having a family and living on Spring Hill.

Walking home from Latimer meant climbing Itin and Rhine and maybe on a good day sharing a doughnut from one of the orphan home baskets. St. Peters Lutheran Orphanage on Rockledge reared a number of my Spring Hill classmates: Tommy Ross, a superb athlete; Fritz Doerffler who graduated Pitt and played a fine bass; George Rollenpage, Ellis Hoch. Ruth and Dot Fafata tell me there were a sister and brother, Jean and John, too, and Mary Ann Altenhoff. The basket was filled donation of day old leftovers from Hegel's Bakery on Chesnut St., and woe to him who carried a "light" basket to Miss Hess, the grand matron. Miss Hess had a very limited budget, and she and the orphans even made their own soap in the basement.

Latimer was home for many ninth grade students graduating from parochial schools, and I was glad to welcome friends coming from Spring Hill, St. Ambrose. Then we all went to Allegheny whose reputation, academic and athletic, was excellent. What do you remember about Allegheny?

**By Al Schmittlein**

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*Aside from being the first president of the Spring Hill Civic League, Al Schmittlein has spent a lifetime as a professor and writer, twice as a columnist (The Professor's Corner - Butler Eagle and Doc On Golf - The Keystone Golfer). He holds the Gold Key from Columbia for contributions to collegiate journalism and has served as a military correspondent with the US Navy and Marines.*

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## FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The Allegheny County Health Dept. is offering county residents free smoke alarms. The alarms are powered by a built-in lithium battery that lasts 10 years and have a button that enables them to silence a false or nuisance alarm.

Health officials recommend and will provide 1 smoke alarm for each level of the home. The alarms come with free installation and fire safety information, including the importance of a fire escape plan. To schedule an installation, call the health dept. at 412-247-7800.

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Happy Birthday!



To **Dennis Schmitt** on Nov. 8.  
To **Terry Lippert** on Nov. 16.  
To **Harold Dille** and **George Reis**,  
both on Nov. 21.  
To **Maryann Krupa** on Dec. 12.  
To **Wilma Reis** on Dec. 19.  
To **Diane Schmitt** on Dec 21.  
To **Derek King** on Dec. 31

**BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

To **Bill Gruber** of Harbor St. who turned 75 on July 30 and **Amelia Wallace** of Harbor St. who turned 92 on Sept 5th.  
To **Alex** and **Charlotte Soltesz** of Haslage Ave. who turned 12 and 1 respectively on Oct 1 and 22.



Engagement

Congratulations to the families of **Erin Feith** and **Luke Ravenstahl** on their recent engagement. Erin is the daughter of Ralph and Theresa Feith of Haslage Ave. She is the granddaughter of Ralph Feith, Sr., and the late Lorraine of Haslage Ave. and Ed Lorenz and the late Theresa of Goehring St.

Luke is the son of Robert, 26th ward District Magistrate, and Cynthia Ravenstahl of Observatory Hill. He is the grandson of former state representative Robert Ravenstahl and his wife, Joan, of McCandless Twp. and the late Robert and Lorraine Schauer of Reserve Twp.

Erin & Luke plan an August 2004 wedding.

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!**

Welcome to the following neighbors who have recently moved into the community.

*Karen Brindle of Diana St, Joseph Saunders of Yetta Ave, Charles Devine of Lappe Lane, Steve Kaczkowski of Woessner Ave, and Joe Valorie of Solar St.*

Welcome to Matthew and Lori Leonard and their daughters Gabrielle and Josephine. They moved to Admiral St. in May. We are happy to have our son and his family living next door to us!  
**Johanna and Ernie Leonard**

*If you would like to welcome a neighbor on your street, submit the announcement for publication to Spring Hill Times editor, Ben Soltesz, using the contact information found on the front page of the newsletter.*

**New neighbors**, if you would like to be informed of meetings and other community information via e-mail, please contact Diane Schmitt, President at [schmittdl@stargate.net](mailto:schmittdl@stargate.net). We look forward to hearing from you!



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Scott and Brooke Vogel of Yetta Ave. on their October 11th wedding. They were married among family and friends **in Somerset, Brooke's** hometown. Our best wishes for a long and loving marriage!

GET WELL WISHES

To **Rich Krupa** of Serene St. as he recuperates from a motorcycle accident this past summer.  
To **Ann Miller** of Yetta Ave. as she recovers from an early September illness.  
To **Ed Vogel**, a director of the Civic League and neighbor on Itin St., as he recovers after his September surgery.  
To **Laura Nagran** of Yetta Ave. after her September hospitalization.  
To **Rose Wilkes** of Lamar St. as she recovers after a September hospitalization.  
To **Mary Lou Gruber** of Harbor St. after her October hospitalization  
To **Lil McFadden** of Donora St. after an illness and hospital stay.  
To **Mary Frankovich** of Haslage Ave. as she recovers after an October hospitalization

**Golden Wedding Anniversaries**

Congratulations to **George & Wilma Reis** who will celebrate 50 years of married life on November 21st. Blessings to you both on your Golden Anniversary!  
Congratulations to **Bill and Mary Lou Gruber** who celebrated 50 years of married life on August 8th. Belated blessings to you!

**IT'S A BOY!**

Congratulations to **Greg and Bruce Bolar** of Yetta Ave. on the October 8th birth of their son, Grant Alexander. Grant joins brothers, Gordon and Gregory at home, and is the grandson of Eileen and the late Gordon Kroft of Yetta Ave and Steve and the late Jo Ann Bolar of Troy Hill.

## WELCOME TO "HIS PLACE" CONTACT CENTER

For over thirty years, **His Place Contact Center** has had an inner-city ministry on Western Avenue in Pittsburgh's North Side. The ministry has long since outgrown its small storefront property and has searched for a new building. Since many young people from the Spring Hill area attend our programs, we were thrilled to find a new, very large facility at 1911 Rhine Street.

We are currently in the process of getting the building ready for a projected Open House on Saturday, November 29th at 7:00 PM. Julie Nevel, a Christian musician, will give a concert, and a tour of the building will be offered. Light refreshments will be served. We would like to invite all of you to visit, check out the building, meet us, and get information on the programs we currently offer and those we plan to offer in the future. Weekly, our current programs include a Mom's Prayer Group, Wednesday Night Bible Class, Friday Teen Youth Group, and Saturday „Night-Before-Sunday School. Once a month we have a True Love Waits teen abstinence meeting and M & M Club, which promotes unity among all races. In the future we hope to offer a Story Time, Mom's Morning Out, After School Tutoring, A Boys Club, and Adult classes (computer and parenting skills). Please come visit us on Saturday, November 29th at 7:00 PM.

### ***HEINZ HOUSE OUTSTANDING MEMBER RECOGNITION***

The Recognition Dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association was held last April at the Magovern Center in Allegheny General Hospital. Distinct honors were bestowed on **Elizabeth Rettger** of Yetta Ave. and **Mark Trishler** of Rockledge Ave. in recognition of their outstanding records at the Sarah Heinz House. The Sons of the American Revolution also presented good citizenship medals to Elizabeth and Mark for their dedication and loyalty to Heinz House and its membership.

Elizabeth has been a member of Heinz House for eight years. This past year, she had four volunteer jobs and was a member of the Lead Team. She participated in dance and performed in the Christmas Play and Picnic Show.

Mark had perfect attendance in both Club and Swim/Gym this year. He had an acting role in the Murder Mystery Club. He also participated in the Hockey League and Judo Club. One of his major accomplishments was his leadership role in the Production Club directing many phases of the Christmas Play and dance recital.

This year, Elizabeth and Mark demonstrated helpfulness to the membership and a sense of duty to Heinz House. Congratulations to you both on your achievements!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

With the resignation of John Nolan from the Board of Directors, **Joe Seskey** has been appointed to the office of Vice President, And **Steve Brady**, owner of Brady's Memorial Home, has been appointed to Joe's unexpired general director term. Thank you, Joe and Steve for graciously filling these vacancies.

### Global Impact

For the second year, a group of volunteers from the Allegheny Missionary Alliance Church came into our community on Saturday, September 27th to help in cleaning up community flowerbeds. Volunteers worked in the community flowergarden at the intersection of Walz and Homer St. and the flowerbeds in the Spring Hill schoolyard. Although the weather was less than cooperative, the volunteers cleaned up as much as they could between torrential rains. The group at the firehouse assisted in some clean up in preparation of the opening date of Steel City Boxing organization. We thank all of the great people who helped that day, especially **Lisa Scalse** of Damas St. who secured the volunteers and **Joyce Welsh** who coordinated the clean up in the schoolyard.

## CHANGE IN BULK RUBBISH PICK UP DATE



Beginning October 13, 2003, bulk rubbish pick-up was changed to once every 4 weeks. Regular and recycling pick-up will remain the same. In November, Spring Hill bulk pick up will occur on the week of the 24th and in December, the week of the 22nd. The city has sent out new calendars to every home. Call Environmental Services at 412-255-2773 with any questions.

### ***PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY***

During the last few months, our community crime statistics have shown a sharp increase in vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles. In many cases, there were no anti-theft devices on the vehicles or items were in plain view in the vehicle. As well, with the holiday season approaching, there will be those people who canvass rubbish piles in search of boxes suggesting that people have purchased home items that are attractions to thieves.

It bears repeating that in this day and age, people must be proactive in protecting property. Placing purchases in a truck or other unobservable area of your vehicle, using a club or another anti-theft device on your vehicle, being wise about advertising (via packaging in your rubbish pile) items that tempt others to steal are all suggestions to spare you the grief and aggravation that comes with property crime.

The extra minute or two that these proactive steps takes are well worth the result of added security to your property.

Submitted by: Diane Schmitt

## From The Desk of the President...

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For all of the social woes that besiege communities, I remain full of hope for ours. Do we have crime? Yes, but we also have an abundance of neighbors who put aside their own priorities to serve their neighbor. I cite many examples of these folks throughout the year; now I say Thank You! Thank you for caring for that elderly neighbor, for caring about the safety and well-being of our children, for caring about the appearance of the community, for watching out for neighbors' property, for caring about preserving the traditions that have been benchmarks in American society; thank you for your thoughtful acts. Thank You to the neighbors who volunteer to do so many tasks that keep our community alive and healthy, for picking up litter, for planting colorful flowergardens, for going door to door and delivering this newsletter or collecting for the community organization. Thank you to the businesses, organizations, and residents that kindly donate money, goods, and services to our community.

Can you see the bigger picture? I can, and it is an honor to serve a community like ours. Continue on the high road, for it is the most worthwhile way of using your gift of life and free will!

May you and yours have a joy-filled and blessed holiday season!

In Service to God and the community-

Diane Schmitt,  
President



## SPRING HILL SENIORS NEWS

Spring Hill Seniors, Former and Present is planning its annual Christmas Party on December 2, 2003 at the Teutonia Mannerchor starting at 11 AM. Lunch will be served at Noon, and Santa will visit guests following lunch. The Banjo Club of Pittsburgh will provide entertainment.

The June picnic held at North Park was well attended and enjoyed by all. These annual reunions of past and present Spring Hill Seniors offer the opportunity to renew old friendships and talk about the "good old days".

Any former or present Spring Hill Senior not on the mailing list can contact Frank Buchman at 412-321-1312 or Fred Meyer at 412-366-0576.

### Down Under Coffeehouse

416 West North Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Phone: 412-322-4261

The Down Under Coffeehouse is open monthly on the third Saturday of the month, Sept through June. We are located in the newly renovated basement of the [Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church](#) on the corner of North Ave and Resaca Place, in Pittsburgh's historic North Side in the Mexican War Street neighborhood, near the National Aviary.

**Nov 15, 2003 7:30-9:30pm** *Monongahela Sheiks*- Pittsburgh's premier jug band returns to the coffeehouse. Come and listen to the acoustic blues, ragtime, and popular American music from the Early 1920s, '30s, and '40s

To link to more information about the coffee house go to: <http://www.trfn.org/auuc>

## State Rep. Don Walko Reports from Harrisburg .... State Benefits for Veterans

### Veterans Emergency Assistance

Veterans, their widows, infants or dependents are provided up to three months of temporary, emergency financial assistance. The aid must be used for food, clothing, fuel or shelter. To be eligible, honorably discharged veterans must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during established war service dates or during hostile fire or a terrorist attack in peacetime as determined by the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Upon the recent death of a veteran, the veteran's surviving spouse, children or parents may be eligible for assistance if the deceased veteran qualified prior to death and if the survivors meet dependent eligibility requirements.

### Real Estate Tax Exemption

Honorably discharged veterans who are residents of Pennsylvania and are certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as being 100 percent disabled from a wartime service are eligible for exemption from real estate taxes on a principal dwelling. The State Veterans Commission also must determine the need for the exemption. If the veteran dies, the exemption can pass onto the surviving spouse if he or she has not remarried.

### Paralyzed or Blind Veterans Pension

Honorably discharged veterans are eligible for a Paralyzed/Blind Veterans Pension of \$150 a month. The veteran must have been a resident of Pennsylvania at the time of entering the armed forces. Veterans qualify if they are residents for the state now and if they suffered an injury or disease resulting in the loss of use of two or more extremities or blindness during a war conflict or hostilities during peacetime.

### Birth and Death Records

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are issued to veterans and their dependents without cost by the Division of Vita Records, P.O. Box 1528, 101 S. Mercer St., New Castle, PA 16103.

For further information on the mentioned programs please call (800) 54-PA-VET.

### State Retirement

Honorably discharged veterans employed by the state for three years or more may buy back their time spent in the U.S. Armed Forces (not to exceed five years) for retirement purposes. *For information, contact your personnel department or the State Employees' Retirement System at (800) 633-5461. SERS will automatically connect you to the retirement counseling center in your county.*

If you would like more information on the above or any other state-related issue please contact one of my district offices.

Northside Office (412) 321-5523  
3880 Perrysville Avenue  
Observatory Hill  
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Lawrenceville Office (412) 621-2818  
204 37th Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## "DAD"

Part 2...Continued from September / October newsletter

There was no such thing as a computer or a hand held calculator; we were required to memorize the "Times Tables". Believe it or not, we were tested each week on our ability to perform mathematics with nothing more than a pencil and paper. We took a spelling test every day. There was no such thing as a "social promotion". If you flunked a class, you repeated that grade the following year. Nobody was concerned about your "self esteem". We had to actually do something praiseworthy before we were praised. We learned that you had to earn respect.

All newspaper deliveries were made by boys, and most all boys delivered newspapers. I did so six days a week. The paper cost seven cents a copy, of which I got to keep two cents. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were those who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed on the screen with their mouths shut. Touching someone else's tongue with yours was called French kissing and they just didn't do that in the movies back then. I had no idea what they did in French movies. French movies were considered dirty, and we weren't allowed to see them. You never saw the Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers, or anyone else actually kill someone. The heroes back then would just shoot the gun out of the bad guy's hand. There was no blood or violence.

When you were sick, the doctor actually came to your house. No, I am not making this up. Drugs were something you purchased at a pharmacy to cure an illness.

If we dared to "sass" our parents, or any other grown-up, we immediately found out what soap tasted like. For more serious infractions, we learned about something called, "This hurts me more than it hurts you" (I never did quite understand that one). In those days, parents were expected to discipline their kids. There was no Interference from the government. "Social Services" or "Family Services" had not been invented.

*Catherine Cargill passed this on. Its author isn't known, but he says his family got their first television 'set when he was 12, so he must be about 63 now and I'm sure he still likes pizza.*

## ALL STRESSED OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

FREE Stress Management Seminar  
Monday Nov. 17, 2003  
Kings Restaurant, Wexford exit of Rt. 79.  
Seating starts at 7:10PM. Program starts 7:30 sharp.  
Guest Speakers:  
Linda Berkheiser, RN, BSN  
Adrienne Kaper, Nutrition Counselor

This is a short, one hour, training session. You will learn simple techniques to help with everyday stress.

- How to turn off stress and turn on FUN.
- How to spot stress triggers and steer away from them.
- How to make the Holidays less stressful and more peaceful.

This is a FREE seminar, however, seating is limited. Please RSVP by Nov. 14 to Dianne Burns - 412-231-7718.

We will have other workshops scheduled throughout the area. If you're interested in Weight Management, Women's Health-PMS through Menopause *without* Hormones, Children's and Sports nutrition, please call Dianne Burns for schedule at 412-231-7718.

## YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW!

Pvt. Emma M. Wilson, daughter of Donna Allison - Spring Hill Civic League Board Director, will graduate from Basic Combat Training, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC on October 30, 2003. Emma has successfully transformed from civilian to military life and will continue her Advanced Individualized Training in Radio Operations Maintenance at Fort Gordon, GA immediately after graduation. Although she misses home, Emma is excited to be a soldier of the U.S. Army!

## PRIME STAGE PRESENTS...

### Holes

Running to November 15, 2003

By Louis Sachar

Commissioned by Seattle Children's Theatre

Directed by David Maslow

Millions loved the book and saw the movie. See it live and onstage with the East Coast Premier.

Stanley, Zero, and the characters from Camp Green Lake come to life in this true-to-the-book version.

"If you take a bad boy and make him dig a hole every day in the hot sun, it will turn him into a good boy." Such is the reigning philosophy at Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention facility that isn't a camp, green, or on a lake. Here, Stanley Yelnats spends his days searching for some sort of buried treasure, but ends up finding something much more valuable.

Based on Louis Satire's Newbery Award winning book. Appropriate for 5th grade to adult.

### The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

December 5-20, 2003

By Barbara Robinson

Directed by Lora Oxenreiter

The Herdmans are the worst kids in the whole history of the world. The only way to get away from them is at church, that is, until the Herdmans hear you can get free food at church. Now, all six awful Herdman kids are in the Christmas pageant, and everyone is afraid they will ruin it. But no one expects them to bring to light the true meaning of the Christmas story. Based on the critically acclaimed book by Barbara Robinson. Appropriate for 3rd grade to adult.

Prime Stage Theatre is located at 937 Liberty Ave. in the heart of the Cultural District. For pricing and showtimes, call 412-897-8249 or access Prime Stage's website at [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com)

<http://www.primestage.com/>

*Prime Stage Theatre: Bringing literature to life*

### PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Mercy Behavioral Health has groups in many Pittsburgh Public Schools for students who have been affected by changes in the family (divorce, separation, death), grief or loss (family or community), or substance abuse (family or community). For more information, call: 412-320-2321.



### Belated Anniversary Wishes

A belated Happy Anniversary to Harold & Ruth Dille of Hunnell St. as they celebrated 58 years of married life on July 7th.

Blessings to you both!



### WE GET LETTERS!



Hi Diane-

I would like to know why parents would jeopardize their young children's safety by sending them to school by themselves with so many reports of child abductions and other dangers in the news. Years ago, I walked my girls to Latimer every morning until I was sure that they had friends to walk with, and today's world is not like it used to be. It was bad then, but it is much more evil now!

Parents, make it a priority to walk your kids to school. If you have to work, arrange with other parents to insure that the kids have adult escorting. If you don't work, then what's more important, going back to bed, watching the hot morning TV show, or making sure your kids get to school safely?

Little ones need to be safe, and walking to school alone will not insure that. You do not want them to be one of the evening local news stories. Remember that their lives are in YOUR hands!

Angry Spring Hill Grandma



## 2003 HALLOWEEN PARADE

A sunny autumn day painted the perfect backdrop to this year's Halloween Parade. 145 children registered for the event with the vast majority of them attending in many beautiful and creative costumes. The parade lined up at Brady's Memorial Home where Steve provided cookies & Gatorade for the kids, then proceeded to the Rockledge St. lot where judges chose winners for 5 costume categories. Judges commented that the decision was difficult, as there were so many striking costumes!

Winners of the costume judging were Hannah Aguglia dressed as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz in the Prettiest category, Jake Gorham dressed as a skunk in the Funniest category, Andrew Ledergerber dressed as a little train in the Cutest category, Samantha Snyder dressed as a Heinz catsup packet in the Most Original category, and Bobbie Dumrauf dressed as a zombie in the Scariest category. Congratulations to the winners, and, to all who attended, great job on the costumes!

Special thanks to the many volunteers who gave time and effort in lending their assistance to the event, among them: Jan Bourquin, Jake Bourquin, Katie Bourquin, Steve Brady, Dianne Burns, Gary Freiss, Lisa Freiss, Liz Freiss, Beth Gallagher, Kalli Herman, Mary Herman, Marge Herman, Jim Hurray, Lois Hurray, Sue Lippert, Skip McCrea, Rose Morrissey, Dennis Schmitt, Diane Schmitt, Joe Seskey, Rich Stahl, Bernie Strahler, Jesse Stefkovich, Ruth Vance, Joyce Welsh, and Dee Witsch.

We certainly could not hold this event without the generous support of the many neighbors who donated money to purchase treats and the local businesses that kindly donated money or goods for the treat bags or provided a service in preparation of the event. Businesses or patrons that sponsored our event are: Brady's Memorial Home, Cookie Cutters, ESB Bank, Ham's Market, Holy Wisdom Parish, Ruth Vance, Sky-Vue Manor, National City Bank, Allegheny Center Alliance Church, Carnegie Science Center, Children's Museum, City of Pittsburgh 911 Communication Center, Father & Sons Pizza, Heinz House, National Aviary, PA Representative Don Walko, Pittsburgh Zoo, Sunfresh Food Service, and Waltmire's Pharmacy.

Your generosity of money, goods, and services provided a wonderful Halloween event for the children of our community, and once again, points to the teamwork and commitment that makes the Spring Hill/Cityview neighborhood one of the best places to live in Pittsburgh!

*Photos by Jim Hurray*



*Lining up for the Parade!*



*Costume Contest Winners*



*Planter Peanut even came!*



*Happy & Sad Clowns*



*A Visit from the Terminator!*



*Sparky & Friends!*

## Scouting is a Family Program

Families are the basis of our society. The family is vital to the future of our communities and our nation. Boy Scouts of America has a great interest in the strength of the family. Scouting aims to develop its youth into participating citizens of good character who are physically, spiritually, and mentally fit. The organization recognizes that it is the responsibility of parents and family to teach their children. Scouting is an available resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships with family members.

The Boys Scouts of America local Pack 24 and Troop 24, chartered by Most Holy Name Church, 1700 Harpster Street, invites you and your son to become a part of America's leading values-driven organization. During the month of November and December, you can come to one of the Tuesday Den meetings at Most Holy Name Church, 7:00pm to sign-up.

Boys in grades 1-5 can join any Cub Scout Pack in the area; boys in grades 6-8 can join a Boy Scout Troop. Scouting activities include games, field trips, campouts, fishing, canoeing, and much more.

For more information, contact Naudain Radcliff, District Executive, The Greater Pittsburgh Council, 1275 Bedford Ave. at 412-471-2927 or visit our website at [www.joincubscouts.org](http://www.joincubscouts.org).



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY



The Spring Hill/Cityview community extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Douglas J. Weismantle of Vista St., who was killed in action on Monday, October 13, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq, while faithfully serving his country. Douglas was the beloved husband of Christine (Lindenfelser) Weismantle; brother of Charles Weismantle, Jr., Linda (Dave) Moore, Maurine (George) Short, Ronda and Rick Neurohr, and Laurie (Mike) Hart; son of the late Charles and Gladys Weismantle; also was the son-in-law of Deborah (Lenny) Berent and Paul J. Lindenfelser; brother-in-law of Paul B. (Susie) Lindenfelser and Michael Lindenfelser. 12 loving nieces and nephews also survive him.

### AN UNTITLED MILITARY POEM

Every man who died for freedom, has a place with God on high,  
and beside our Heavenly Father, they will live and never die.

Every man whose name is written on a cross of snowy white  
is engraved in the hearts of people who are free from fear and might.

Every man who journeys from us, lingers closely still today,  
and we must preserve freedom so their trust we won't betray.

Every man who gave the fullest shall be honored through the years,  
and the ones they left behind them wet their graves with flowing tears.

So memorials brings memories of days that have gone by,  
and thoughts of those who dwell in heaven that our freedoms never die.

Author Unknown

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### SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

With winter weather right around the corner, snow removal is a chore with which some older residents have difficulty. If you find yourself in need of someone to shovel your walkway, please contact Diane Schmitt at 412-231-7948 or [schmittl@stargate.net](mailto:schmittl@stargate.net).

### THANKSGIVING

The year has turned its circle,  
the seasons come and go.

The harvest all is gathered in  
and chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared  
their treasures,

the fields, their yellow grain,  
so open wide the doorway

Thanksgiving comes again!

Old Rhyme

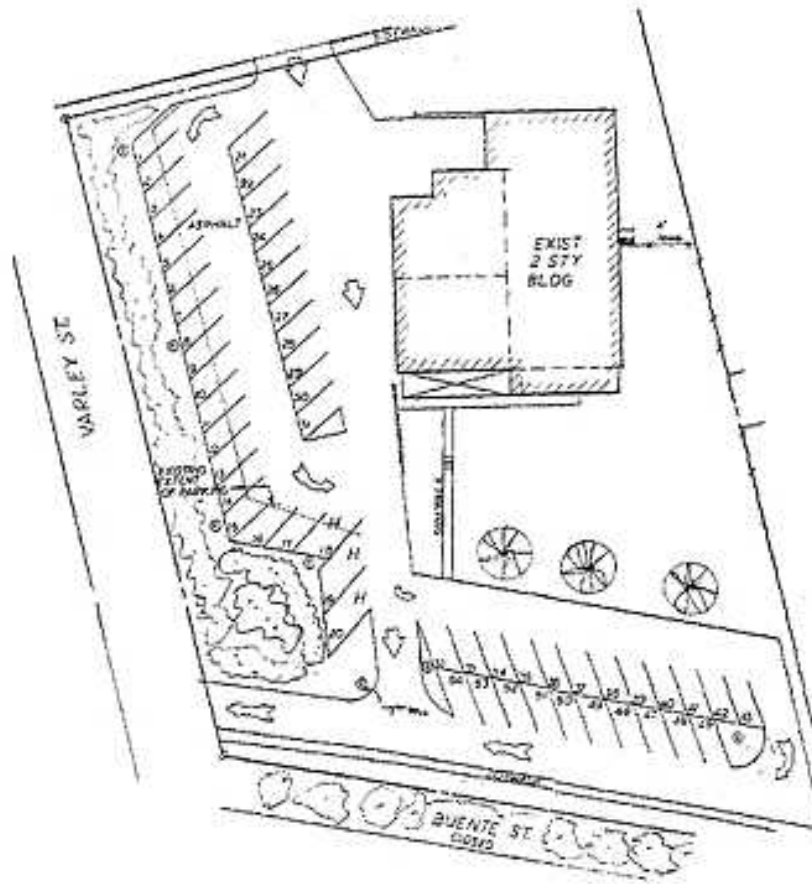
## Rescue! Rescue Street

The property where the former WBU Club was located needs the neighborhood's support. Are you interested in seeing the property at 1307 Rescue Street restored to a place where you could take your family to dine, bowl, and enjoy banquets, weddings, or more? We are looking to do just that; we are hoping to do an extensive renovation of this building while capturing its original appearance. It will also include a redesigned, well-lit parking lot (able to hold double the capacity of the former lot), beautifully landscaped with a privacy fence. Reopening a place like this can give the local residents a place to go for great family fun and entertainment. We were hoping for support from the community or some suggestions. You can mail your suggestions or ideas to:

Rescue! Rescue Street  
C/o Guy Schutzeus  
50 South 7th Street  
Pgh. PA 15203

Or

e-mail your comments to:  
[teamcons@telerama.com](mailto:teamcons@telerama.com)



Preliminary Drawing Of Redesigned WBU Parking Lot

## Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

### Go Figure!

November 1, 2003 - January 11, 2004

Step into a kid-sized world of popular children's books to join in the adventures of some of your favorite storybook characters! Sit in the three bears' chairs just like Goldilocks, whip up a batch of cookies with Ma in "The Doorbell Rang" and help Arthur weigh pet food in "Arthur's Pet Business." Five familiar stories introduce children to early math concepts through fun activities such as counting, measuring and matching, as well as encourage reading. Meet Goldilocks every Tuesday and Saturday at 12:30 pm for a special activity! Go Figure! is sponsored locally by Dominion.

### Gift Cards

Looking for a perfect gift for the holidays? Try a Children's Museum of Pittsburgh gift card! Available in all denominations, gift cards can be purchased for admission to the Museum or for purchases in the Gift Shop. Get one at the front desk or by calling (412) 322-5058.

### Volunteer Open House

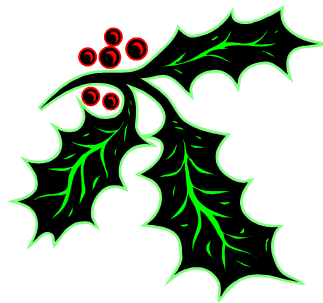
**November 6**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The Children's Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in a fun and creative atmosphere. Must be 18 years or older. To sign up for the open house, call (412) 697-0122, x15.

### A CHRISTMAS POEM

One baby born in the darkness of time.  
 One baby born for the good of mankind.  
 So small, so frail, so meek was He,  
 Who would have thought  
 The Son of God He would be?  
 One baby born to laugh and play,  
 One baby born to give us hope that day.  
 So small, so frail, so meek was He,  
 Who would have thought  
 His mission was to die on the tree?  
 One baby born to suffer for all,  
 One baby born, to die was His call.  
 So small, so frail, so meek was He,  
 Who would have thought He held the key  
 that opens Life's Gate to Victory?  
 One baby born in the darkness of time,  
 One baby born for the good of mankind,  
 So small, so frail, so meek was He,  
 A gift of Love for you and me.  
 By Brenda Bergen



### ***THE EXTRA ELECTRIC TRAIN***

Though money didn't flow as freely as the rain that winter, my parents worked with joyful anticipation to give my brother and me a Christmas present we would never forget. They scrimped for months and then spent more than they could probably afford for a Marx electric train.

Then the day before Christmas, a cousin stationed at a nearby military base pulled into the driveway. Opening the trunk of his car, he lifted out a large heavy box. My brother and I could hardly wait to see what it was. On Christmas morning, we opened it first. Eagerly we unwrapped an expensive new electric train set. Wow! You had to pull us down off the ceiling. A Lionel train, too! Then we opened the presents from our parents--another electric train. Ho hum. And not nearly as extravagant as the one from our cousin. Guess whose we played with most?

Mom and Dad were hurt. The outlay for an unmarried Air Force lieutenant was nothing compared to the sacrifice my parents had made. But all we saw was the glamour of an expensive train. We counted our parents' gift as merely a nice accessory.

Our heavenly Father spends many a disappointing Christmas. Amidst the glittering ornaments and flashing Christmas lights, the hurry and hustle of shopping, wrapping, and family get-togethers, parties and presents, trees and turkeys--who really cares about His gift? What gets more attention from us: our Father's gift of life in Jesus Christ or the quickly-wrapped department store gifts from our cousins?

Thank you, Father, for Jesus. Thank you for the abundant life that we, His disciples, can enjoy now. Thank you for sending us a most expensive gift--your own life. Thank you!

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## PARTY RECIPES



With the holidays fast approaching, people look for something a little different to serve their guests. The following are some ideas for those parties that you will hold or attend this holiday season.

### Flaky Deli Slices

- 1 (15oz.) package of Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts- soften as directed on package
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 lb. very thinly sliced cooked ham
- 1/4 lb. thinly sliced pepperoni
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese

-Heat oven to 450 degrees. Remove crust & unfold, press out the fold lines. Sprinkle each crust with Parmesan cheese.  
 -Top each crust with ham, pepperoni, & Cheddar cheese to within an inch of the edge. Loosely roll up each crust and place seam side down on an ungreased cookie sheet. Fold ends under.

### Eggplant Balls

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| 3 Tbs. olive oil                 | 1 cup bread crumbs             |
| 3 cloves garlic- minced          | 1/2 cup fresh parsley- chopped |
| 1 large eggplant- peeled & diced | 2 eggs-beaten                  |
| 1 Tbs. water                     | 1/2 cup grated cheese          |

In large pan, heat oil & gently sauté garlic until golden brown. Add diced eggplant and water. Cover and reduce heat to gently steam until eggplant is very soft.

Combine cooked eggplant, bread crumbs, parsley, eggs, & grated cheese in a large bowl. Mix well and let stand for 20 minutes. Form into balls and fry on all sides in olive oil OR place balls on greased cookie sheet and bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes.

These can be covered with marinara sauce and used as a main dish, or they can be dropped into spaghetti sauce and used in place of meatballs.

**Suggestions:** the size of the balls in both recipes will depend on your preference or use of them as an appetizer or to accompany a main dish. A melon or small ice cream scoop can be used to form the balls. Wet hands will help in rolling the balls if you choose to form them by hand.

Submitted by Dorothy Jelinek

### Swiss Treats

- 1 lb. Swiss cheese (chopped up)
- 1/2 cup onion- finely chopped
- 8 slices of cooked bacon- chopped into small pieces
- 1&1/2 cup Hellman's mayonnaise
- 2 Tbs. parsley
- 1 loaf of rye party bread

Mix ingredients together & spread on bread slices. Bake @ 400 degrees for 5 minutes.

Submitted by Diane Schmitt

### CHRISTMAS

Is more than a day at the end of the  
 year,  
 More than a day of joy and good  
 cheer,  
 Christmas is really God's pattern for  
 living,  
 To be followed each day by unselfish  
 giving,  
 Then peace on earth will come to  
 stay,  
 When we live Christmas every day.

Author Unknown



### December Anniversary

Happy 11th anniversary to **Faith**  
 and **Derek King** on December 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 May you be blessed with many more  
 years!



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### Christmas Word Search

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| CHIMNEY   | NORTHPOLE   | STOCKING    |
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| COMET     | PEACE       | TOY         |
| CUPID     | PRANCER     | TREE        |
| DANCER    | PRESENT     | VIXEN       |
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| DONNER    | RUDOLPH     | WREATH      |
| ELF       | SACK        |             |

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