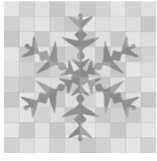


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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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### Spring Hill Civic League Mission Statement

With the 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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### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Happy New Year! The Spring Hill Civic League Board of Directors and I hope that your holidays have gone well.

The year 2007 is here. I still remember the turnover to 2000, when everyone wondered if their computer would even run on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are certainly past that and much more since then. Please take time to reflect on the past as we move on to the future.

Although people the world over must cope with things beyond their control, everywhere there is a sense of "community". Neighbors around the world feel the same closeness and respect for each other and to their community as we do on Spring Hill.

When I listen to the local and world news most of what I hear is tragedy. I try to look beyond that and find the stories that hold people together who need it the most. Recently, I watched a story about a group of people who left their homes to live in the distant hills of their country that was in turmoil. It was their sense of "community" that brought them together again in one place. Although they left their houses, jobs, and places of business, they came together in what they hoped was a safer place for their families and friends in order to physically build a new community.

So please keep in your thoughts throughout the New Year that "community" is as important on Spring Hill as it is around the world. I am thankful to be part of the Spring Hill community.

Donna Allison  
President  
Spring Hill Civic League

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2007

**General Meetings** are scheduled at the Spring Hill Elementary School auditorium at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

You can read the newsletter online by going to [www.shcl.org](http://www.shcl.org)

### UNITED WAY GIVING

The Spring Hill Civic League has been a United Way's Contributor's Choice group for the past several years. Your generosity has helped to fund community activities and defrays routine overhead expenses. Thanks to all of you who choose to support the community through the United Way. The Civic League's Contributor's Choice code number is **207**.

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...A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER...



## RAVENSTAHL AGENDA PUTS NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

Growing up on the North Side, I know how hard my family and neighbors worked to ensure a safe and clean environment for my brothers and I. Looking back on it, I cannot imagine my community thriving without my fellow neighbors taking ownership of it. With active communities as Pittsburgh's foundation, we can begin to build a better future for Pittsburgh.

I thank you for the dedication you bring to the City of Pittsburgh and as Mayor, I am excited to do my part by continuing to invest in Spring Hill/Cityview. In October, I launched the City's first-ever 3-1-1 Response Line making it easy for city residents to file non-emergency complaints with a live person. By dialing 3-1-1, you can report your non-emergency problem, and we, the city, will immediately direct the request to the appropriate department. Now, more than ever, concerned citizens have an effective way by which to solve the problems that plague their neighborhoods. By streamlining this process, 3-1-1 is just one way my administration is putting neighborhoods first.

Shortly after 3-1-1 was up and running, I announced my 2007 budget, in which I proudly honored Bob O'Connor's commitment to safe and clean neighborhoods. If anyone knew Pittsburgh's neighborhoods and people, it was Bob. He made everyone proud of their neighborhood and their city. This budget doubles our dedication to the Redd Up program by increasing it to \$500,000, so that we can touch every neighborhood in the City. My administration will work to increase our police force to a responsible and optimal 900 police officers and invest in new public safety vehicles. This budget will also include \$2 million for building demolition which will eliminate vacant buildings and their associated dangers. We have also reinstated the Rodent Control Department and increased our street resurfacing and bridge repair allocations by 76.5%, something every driver will appreciate.

We will also continue putting neighborhoods first by promoting economic and housing revitalization projects throughout Pittsburgh's communities. Some of these include \$8 million in City funding to the Urban Redevelopment Authority to support neighborhood business and housing initiatives. Additionally, my budget allows for the creation of the Mayor's Business Assistance and Retention Team. The BART initiative will coordinate efforts to ensure that City government is creating a business friendly climate that will allow our neighborhood business districts to thrive.

In addition to my commitment to safe and clean neighborhoods, I am also dedicated to creating a 21<sup>st</sup> century government that invests in Pittsburgh's future. Establishing a vibrant city requires a government that is run efficiently and effectively. We will utilize technology to aid us in streamlining permitting functions for new businesses and increasing service to residents by collecting refuse in a more timely and efficient manner.

I am also proud to announce that I have created a new position in my administration that is solely dedicated to serving the needs of our neighborhoods. Please join me in welcoming Kim Graziani, the new Director of Neighborhood Initiatives, to my administration. Kim brings first hand experience of working in Pittsburgh's neighborhoods and will be a tremendous resource to all our communities. She can be contacted directly via phone at 412-255-2792 or via email at [kim.graziani@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:kim.graziani@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).

My 2007 budget includes significant initiatives that reinvest in our neighborhoods. These neighborhood initiatives will maintain our communities as safe, clean, and attractive places to live, work, and play. From increasing the amount of police on our neighborhood streets to demolishing vacant buildings, my administration is committed to putting our neighborhoods first. Our goal now is to continue to improve, to innovate, and to build a Pittsburgh that in the end is better than how we found it. That is my mission. I ask you to join me in building Pittsburgh's future, today.

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

To Sara Radelet of Rescue Street... to Heather Derbish and her family who recently moved to Walz Street.

*If you would like to welcome a neighbor on your street, submit the announcement to [joanrussell@aol.com](mailto:joanrussell@aol.com).*

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

**GET WELL WISHES**

To Christine Nagle of Yetta Avenue who is recuperating after a serious car accident... to Gabriella King of Itin Street after a severe flu in November... to Fred Scott of Leister Street after a recent hospitalization... to Dolly Lennertz of Yetta Avenue recovering after a recent home accident... and to Marge Hilty of St. Ambrose Manor who is recovering after a recent surgery.

*Our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery!*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Darlene Harris of Buente Street who was elected to fill the balance of the term on the City Council District One office. Darlene has pledged to be accessible to the community for its needs and concerns. We anticipate seeing improvements in the North Side neighborhoods during her tenure! She can be reached at 412-255-2135 or [darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).

To Janet and Bill Seitz of Rockledge Street on the recent birth of their first grandchild, Joseph William, who was born to Mark and Amy (Seitz) Majzyk on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

To Chris Forney and Carolyn Thornton of Rhine Street, the proud new grandparents of Sujata Andres Thornton. Sujata is 1 years old and was adopted by Brenda Sue Thornton of Washington, D.C. Sujata arrived in the U.S. on November 30<sup>th</sup> from Nepal.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...**

To the family and friends of Dorothy Sladic of Rhine Street. Dorothy was a life-long resident and a past member of the Spring Hill Senior Citizens group. We send our sympathy to Frank and Millie of Yetta Avenue, her son and daughter-in-law, who cared for her during her later years... to the family and friends of Ray Hamm of St. Ambrose Manor, who passed away Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>... to Jim and Lois Hurray of

Damas Street on the passing of Jim's mom, Ruth Hurray, in mid-November... to Doug and Sue Lippert of Harbor Street on the passing in late November of Doug's brother, Howard, of Shaler Township... to the family and friends of Clare Pail Weis, formerly of Serene Street, who passed away in late November... to the Weber family of Rescue Street on the passing of mom, Marie Zieger Weber, on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of mourning.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**January Birthdays**

To Anthony Dulski of Harbor Street who will be 2 years old on January 21<sup>st</sup>... to Agnes Dunn... and Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Tina Lippert.



**February Birthdays**

To Lee Kimbel and Hilda Fohl.

**Belated December Birthdays**

To Olive Traupman of St. Ambrose Manor and Gary Hancock who celebrated their birthdays in December.



### LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

#### Free Wellness Seminars

The Lunch and Learn Series returns for a great new year. These FREE monthly Seminars are held at the China Bistro, 4779 William Flynn Hwy (RT 8). A special discounted lunch buffet is available at 11:30 AM. Speakers start at 12:00 Noon.

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – "How to Stay Young, Your First 100 Years!"  
Speaker: Dr. Gina Agostino

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – "Men's Health and Nutrition"

March 14<sup>th</sup> – "Women's Health - Changes in Attitude"

Please call for reservations or additional information.  
Dianne Burns  
412-231-7718  
[www.shaklee.net/dburns](http://www.shaklee.net/dburns)  
[www.cinchplan.com/dburns](http://www.cinchplan.com/dburns)

### AMANI INTERNATIONAL COFFEEHOUSE & CAFE

Stop by Amani at 507 Foreland Street between Middle Street and Cedar Avenue in the East Allegheny neighborhood. Enjoy a great cup of coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage, also wraps, salads, and soups, while celebrating a great new neighborhood business.

For more information see [www.amaniinternational.com](http://www.amaniinternational.com)

### MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Michael's Meals on Wheels program on Spring Garden Avenue needs volunteers, particularly drivers and kitchen help, for their weekday lunch program. This program covers a large area of the North Side, including Spring Hill, Troy Hill, Spring Garden, and part of Reserve Township with many of the elderly in those areas depending on Meals on Wheels for their weekday sustenance. Unless the number of volunteers increases, this important program could be in jeopardy.

The program is also seeking neighbors to serve on the steering committee.

Please contact St. Michael's Church office if you can assist with this vital program. The number is 412-231-2183.

### YOURS AND MINE: TALKING OUR HISTORY

#### A Community Project by Artists Emory Biko and Maritza Mosquera

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend with Us! People of all ages, diverse backgrounds, religions, and ideals are welcome to view an exhibition of works by artists Emory Biko and Maritza Mosquera, and take part in conversations on the subject of "Race in America."

The exhibition of silkscreen and digital prints were created by the artists using photographs of objects from the Museum of The African's Experience in America owned by E. Biko. These objects will also be used to

launch community dialogues about our own personal experiences, ideas, and visions.

Friday, January 12, 2007  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Opening Reception  
Saturday, January 13, 2007  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Exhibition  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Community Dialogue

Artists Image Resource  
518 Foreland Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
gallery : 412-321-8664  
more info: 412-362-5976

### DOWNUNDER COFFEEHOUSE

#### Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church

On Saturday Jan 27, 2007 at 7:30 PM, the DownUnder Coffeehouse will host Molly In The Crowd, performing Scottish, Irish, and English traditional music on traditional and some very non-traditional instruments, including the tuba and Turkish cumbus. Molly In The Crowd, a relative newcomer on the Pittsburgh music scene, has performed on the Saturday Light Brigade radio show, at the Bloomfield Bridge Tavern, for the Guthrie Arts Guild in Grove City, and has been heard on WRCT.

The DownUnder Coffeehouse is open one Saturday each month in Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church, 416 West North Avenue, North Side. Suggested donation for this month's show is \$10. Desserts and coffee will be available. Call 412-322-4261 or see [www.alleghenyuu.org](http://www.alleghenyuu.org) for more details.



### STATE REPRESENTATIVE DON WALKO REPORTS FROM HARRISBURG:

#### State Home Heating Assistance Program Begins Taking Applications

The state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which offers residents help with heating bills, has begun taking applications. **The deadline to apply for LIHEAP is March 22, or when funds have been depleted, whichever occurs first.**

Even with energy prices dropping a bit, home heating bills are still the biggest expense many people face over the winter months. These bills can be especially hard to pay for low-income residents and senior citizens on fixed incomes.

LIHEAP can help pay for regular heating bills and for heating emergencies like a broken furnace. You don't have to be on welfare and you don't have to have unpaid heating bills to qualify, so I encourage anyone struggling to pay his or her heating bills this winter to see if he or she qualifies for LIHEAP.

I want to stress that no lien is placed on LIHEAP recipients' property. Assistance is available in the form of cash grants to help with regular heating bills and crisis grants to address emergency situations.

Eligibility for LIHEAP is based on household size and income. For example, a family of four must have an annual income of \$30,000 or less to qualify. Eligibility for other family sizes may be calculated by adding or

subtracting \$5,100 for each additional or fewer household member.

Last year, I helped to pass legislation that added nearly \$20 million in state funding to the federal funding the state receives for LIHEAP. During the 2005-06 winter season, more than 385,000 families in Pennsylvania received cash grants and nearly 154,000 families received crisis assistance through LIHEAP.

If you have questions about the above or any other state-related matter, please call my North Side office at 412-321-5523.

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### HOLY WISDOM FOODBANK

The foodbank at Holy Wisdom (St. Ambrose School) is held every third Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. This vital ministry serves many in our community who are having hard times. The foodbank is not government-funded and depends upon donations and volunteers within Holy Wisdom parish and our community throughout the year.

To register for the foodbank or to volunteer, call 412-231-1116.

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### SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

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 [schmittdl@stargate.net](mailto:schmittdl@stargate.net).

### SAFETY TIPS

- When at home, keep doors secured and locked.
- Do NOT let a stranger into the home. Instruct children not to talk to strangers nor to let them into the home.
- If someone comes to the door and states that he or she is from a utility company, ask for identification. You can call the utility company to see if they have people in your area or call 911.
- Leave lights on when out for the evening.
- Carry a flashlight in your purse and in your car.
- Have keys out and ready when entering a car or your home.
- The largest key on a key-ring can be used as a weapon if placed between the pointer and middle fingers and held tightly. If in this situation, aim for the face.
- Beware of home improvement contractors that you do not know. Always look for a reputable contractor. Ask family, friends, or neighbors about contractors they have used. As well, beware of contractors who offer financing. These people come into neighborhoods offering services and financing on roofing, decks, painting, and other major work. What they really are seeking is mortgage opportunities. Oftentimes the job goes unfinished, but the homeowner is left with a loan on which he or she is obligated to pay.



**PRIME STAGE THEATRE PRESENTS**  
***To Kill a Mockingbird***

In conjunction with its' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season of "bringing literature to life" for families, students, and educators, Prime Stage Theatre presents the classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, at the New Hazlett Theatre on Pittsburgh's North Side. The play will run weekends beginning February 24 through March 4, 2007. The 1960 Pulitzer Prize novel from which the play is drawn is a coming of age story about the power of truth featuring Atticus Finch, a lawyer in Depression-era Alabama, and his children, narrator Scout and her brother Jem. Finch compassionately defends a black man against a rape charge and his children against prejudice in this timeless story. Richard Keitel, professor of theatre at Point Park University Conservatory will direct. This is very much a play for our times.

As an added attraction, Prime Stage will host Mary Badham, the actress who portrayed Jean Louise "Scout" Finch. Ms. Badham will participate in the teachers' workshop on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. She will also be involved in an extended post-performance chat session after the evening show on that day. Commenting on her experience as Scout, Ms. Badham says, "To Kill a Mockingbird is a sensitive look into the lives of a single-parent family headed by a father who is kind, loving, and sensitive, but firm. Looking at life through the eyes of children at simpler times leaves us hopeful for the future."

Friday and Saturday performances are 8:00 PM, Sundays are 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$8 for youth and are available through ProArts at 412-394-3353 and [www.proarts.org](http://www.proarts.org), or through Prime Stage at [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com). Visit the Prime Stage website for information about student matinees and the Act 48 Teachers Workshop. Student matinee tickets are available through our Student Matinee Box Office Coordinator at [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com). Prime Stage teaches theatrical etiquette and encourages students, families, and educators to become subscribers to the arts. Prime Stage Theatre is committed to entertaining, enriching, and educating adolescents and families in the discovery of live theatre by producing adaptations of literature, new plays, and other works which celebrate the achievements of young people and adults. A member of The American Alliance for Theatre and Education, Prime Stage networks with national and international theatres for young audiences.

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**HAPPENIN'S AT THE NATIONAL AVIARY!**

**Breakfast with the Birds**

Saturday, February 3, 2007  
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Join the National Aviary for a Breakfast with the Birds! Enjoy a continental breakfast and meet some of your favorite, feathered friends. Then accompany our keepers on a guided tour. Take photos, ask questions, and learn what over 600 exotic and endangered species prefer for breakfast.

Reservations and prepayment required. For details and reservations, call 412-323-7235 extension 249. Space is limited!

Fee: Individual rates  
Adults - \$18  
Seniors/Children - \$15

**"Love is in the Air" on Valentine's Day**

Wednesday, February 14, 2007  
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your "Tweeheart!" Enjoy a romantic evening with your lovebird or a flock of your feathered friends.

- Martini bar and desserts
- Tarot card readings by Cree Armesta
- Mingle and dance to Faiella's Guitar and Mandolin duo
- Guided tour – Learn about mating and courtship in the bird world

Call 412-323-7235 ext. 213 or register online.

Fee: \$20 per person. Adults only.  
Includes 2 drink tickets.

## VALENTINE'S DAY HISTORY

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14<sup>th</sup> to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14<sup>th</sup> became the date for exchanging love messages, and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. Sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers marked the date. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's, and now the date is very commercialized. The town of Loveland, Colorado does a large post office business around February 14<sup>th</sup>. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.



## EASY NO-BEAT FUDGE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

- 1 1/3 cup Sugar
- 2/3 cup Evaporated milk (small can)
- 3 tb Butter or margarine
- 3 pk Semi-sweet chocolate pieces (6 oz each)
- 3 cup Miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup Chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup Candied cherries, halved

Combine sugar, milk, and butter or margarine in a medium-size heavy saucepan; heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly; cook for 6 minutes, or until candy thermometer reaches 227F.

Remove from heat; add chocolate pieces and marshmallows; stir until chocolate and marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth; quickly stir in walnuts and cherries.

Spoon into buttered 8x8x2" pan and let stand until set; cut into squares.

Makes about 3 pounds.



## VALENTINE'S DAY CUSTOMS

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

In Wales, wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Hearts, keys, and keyholes were favorite decorations on the spoons. The decorations meant "You unlock my heart"!

A love seat is a wide chair. It was first made to seat one woman and her wide dress. Later, the love seat or courting seat had two sections, often in an S-shape. In this way, a couple could sit together -- but not too closely!

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## BE MY VALENTINE

Be my Valentine, for I  
 Each day have thought of you.  
 My whole life couldn't manage  
 what  
 Your ready smile can do,  
 Vanquishing my loneliness  
 As though all light were new.  
 Let me be your Valentine  
 Even as you're mine,  
 Needing what I have to give  
 That each might each define  
 In friendship and in harmony,  
 Now you, now I the melody,  
 Each helping each to shine.

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## PRETTY PRETTY PITTSBURGH

Kai is experiencing our city for the first time and was inspired to write this poem by the view from his bedroom window on Spring Hill.

### Pretty, Pretty Pittsburgh

By: Kai Marcus Sachon

Pittsburgh is a triangle with rivers on both sides.  
That's why we have so many bridges for all the cars to ride.

At the point there is a fountain where children splash and play.  
Their moms and dads work "dahntahn" Monday through Friday.

We even have a castle made of shiny glass.  
If "yinz" visit in the winter, you can ice skate around real fast.

The Strip is fun for shopping where we buy cheese and lots of fruit.  
The tugs & barges pass right by there and we can hear them toot.

From Station Square up to Mt. Washington, the incline climbs the hill.  
The view is just incredible; the ride is such a thrill!

The Pirates and the Steelers play games on the North Shore.  
If I listen closely, I can even hear crowds roar.

We see fireworks each Friday, or if a hit is a homerun.  
4<sup>th</sup> of July is amazing cause Zambellis make each and every one.

The Carnegie Museums have science, dinosaurs, and art.  
If we visit often, I think I'll be very, very smart☺

At the Aviary, birds fly roun' & roun.'  
It belongs to our whole nation, but it's right in my hometown.

Our neighborhoods are colorful, like Polish and Squirrel Hill.  
But when we want the best spaghetti, we go into Bloomfield.

My house sits on a hillside way up near the stars.  
This is why I can see that Pittsburgh is the prettiest by far.



## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

A clear, cold evening was the backdrop for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Tree Lighting. The Santa Truck drove throughout the community before the Lighting ceremony, greeting neighbors of all ages and encouraging them to come along and participate in the event. Ten volunteers rode on the truck with Santa and had a great time.

Afterward, neighbors attended the ceremony at the Rockledge Street lot where the manger scene was lit for the first time this Advent season. Spring Hill Civic League President Donna Allison M.C.'d the event. Susan Lippert led the crowd in carol singing. Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and District One Councilwoman Darlene Harris were our special guests.

With great pleasure Mayor Ravenstahl and Darlene Harris representing the community, and Jan Orr representing ESB Bank, presented checks to Marlene Stecklein of Holy Wisdom Food Pantry and Pastor Joshua Reinsburrow of St. Michael's Lutheran Church for Tri-Hill-Valley Meals on Wheels. The Rhine Street office of ESB Bank partnered with the community again this year in a matching-funds effort for these ministries. Each ministry received a total of \$200. After the ceremony, cookies donated by Dudt's Bakery of North Hills and hot chocolate were enjoyed by all. Children then had a visit with Santa and received a treat.

Twenty-six volunteers helped with the Christmas Tree Lighting. They are Donna Allison, Steve Brady and his staff, Dianne Burns, Mary Herman and daughters Kelly and Kaylie, Jim and Lois Hurray, Gabby and Faith King, Lynn Ledergerber and sons Adam, Austin, and Andrew, Susan Lippert, Katrina Morrissey, Diane Schmitt, Shaina Smail, Lou Snyder, Ben Soltesz, and Alex and Harley Tew. Thanks to all of you; your willingness to help made this event a success!

A hearty "Thank You" to Brady's Memorial Home, Dudt's Bakery, and ESB Bank, who all partnered with the civic league to make this evening very special for the community.





## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION

### **Jump to Japan: Discovering Culture Through Popular Art, January 20 through May 13, 2007**

Jump into the richness of Japanese culture and art forms in this fun, hands-on exhibit which introduces kids and families to a fascinating culture and its blend of traditional and contemporary, urban and rural, and fantasy and reality.

You can learn about anime by making your own animation out of still images using a zoetrope and explore a magical "Cat Bus" from the popular animated film *My Neighbor Totoro*. Visit a manga (comic book) store where you can play both customer and shopkeeper, learn Japanese numbers and words, and create your own manga characters. Then step into a traditional Japanese home where you can try on a yukata, kimono or zori, play the ancient Japanese card game *karuta*, and make your own traditional scrolls and woodblock prints. A ride on a shinkansen (bullet train) will whisk you to the snowy island of Hokkaido and beloved Mount Fuji!

#### **Opening Weekend! January 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Try your hand at traditional Japanese art forms such as decorating paper with paint marbling and wood block printing.

*Jump To Japan: Discovering Culture Through Popular Art* is presented by the Freeman Foundation Asian Exhibit Initiative. Administered by the Association of Children's Museum's, and created by Minnesota Children's Museum and The Children's Museum, Seattle, in partnership with The Ghibli Museum, Mitaka City, Japan.

### **Puppet-Palooza Weekend! January 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

Enjoy a puppet-themed weekend with *We're Holden Puppets!* Create your own wooden marionettes, silkscreen puppets and more, and see incredible puppet shows.

### **Giant Eagle Child Development Series**

Join us for these informal sessions for parents and caregivers led by local experts; free with Museum admission. Held in the Nursery, where children can play nearby.

#### **Help! My Child Won't Eat Vegetables, Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Presented by Judy Dodd, MS, RD, LDN, University of Pittsburgh, Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition

#### **Let's Learn About Healthy Eating, Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Presented by Judy Dodd, MS, RD, LDN, University of Pittsburgh, Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition

#### **Young Children, Learning Through Block Play, Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Presented by Yvonne Atkinson, Children's Museum Child Development Specialist

### **See You, See Me Day: Children's Vision Screening Program, Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

Children receive a free vision screening by a professional ophthalmologist from UPMC's Eye Center at this fifth annual event. Mother Goose will be on hand with storytelling and parents receive their children's screening results and information on vision health.

Presented by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Eye Center and Eye & Ear Institute, and Blind & Vision Rehabilitation



## CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER – PARTY ON THE ROAD

Celebrate your special day in a special way when Carnegie Science Center comes to your house... or wherever you decide to have your party! Your party package includes a Carnegie Science Center T-shirt for the birthday girl or boy, 45 minutes of interactive science demonstrations, and Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream made right before your eyes. It's great for kids up to age 12. Choose any theme from the list below.

Time required-1 hour

Fee: \$225 includes activities and Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream for up to 15 guests. \$10 for each additional guest (maximum 25 guests)

A variety of gift bags are available. Call 412-237-3431 for prices.

### Party Themes:

Magician's Apprentice: Become a magician and discover how to predict the outcome of a tic-tac-toe game, transfer a knot from your arms to a rope, and make a glass pass through a solid table. Add a magical gift bag to this party on the road for an additional \$3.79 per person. Includes a special magic trick, a twinkle lollipop, and a CSC diffraction pencil. Grades 1-7

Mad Mixtures: Chemistry made happy! Make play-dough, bubble cups, and experiment with tie-dye. Grades 1-7

Sweet Science: Create your own candy treats while learning about changing states of matter. Make lollipops and gummy treats and experiment with chocolate molds. Grades K-2

Science-N-Toys: Construct your own toys and find out how they work. Make play dough, slime, and bouncy balls. Grades K-7

Science with a Sparkle: Compound science makes you glamorous! Mix up your own lip-gloss, sugar scrub, and body glitter. Grades 3-5

Wizard School: Graduate from wizard school with actual flying colors. Make sandy candy wands, shrinky dinks, and capture the dragon flip sticks. No muggles please! Grades 3-5

Crime Solvers: Be a criminologist and learn how real crimes are solved. Experiment with different types of fingerprinting and six mystery powders. Grades 5-7

You can party at Carnegie Science Center, too! Birthday party packages include general admission to Carnegie Science Center and UPMC SportsWorks®, two-hour use of a private party room, pizza, soda and ice cream, a gift bag for each child, and optional themed science demonstrations. Call 412-237-3431 for more information.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts is one of the ingredients in dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.