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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...

As we enter the warmer months of the year and spend much of our free time outdoors, I hope that you take notice of the flowers blooming around the neighborhood and in the community garden near the firehouse on Homer Street. It's great to see residents outside caring for their yards and gardens, and enjoying their home and where it is located – Spring Hill. Young children playing, families strolling, and friends mingling on the sidewalk – that's what we like about Spring Hill.

We have many new and wonderful neighbors which demonstrates that Spring Hill is a neighborhood that has a lot to offer. Many people still don't know where Spring Hill is even though it is easy to find and to see from the highways.

There is, however, much to attend to. Whether you are a new or old resident, please consider getting involved in your neighborhood. Getting involved ranges from talking to your neighbors, working with the Spring Hill Civic League Board of Directors, and many opportunities in between. Volunteers are necessary to carry out the many events during the year.

You are also involved if you make 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 calls as necessary. Please call 3-1-1 to report non-emergency services. You can report anything that seems like a property or

code violation, even weeds that need cutting. Please call 9-1-1 for emergency help, to report an emergency or to notify police of an illegal activity in progress. There are also anonymous forms that you can send to the Zone One Police Commander McNeilly. Please call me at 412-337-0388 if you need a form, or you can pick one up at Spring Hill Civic League community meetings or at the Zone One Police Station on Brighton Road.

I look forward to hearing from my neighbors over the summer. Enjoy the great weather and your community!

Sincerely,
Donna Allison
President
Spring Hill Civic League

Newsletter Articles

Please submit articles for the September/October edition by August 15th to:
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2007

General Meetings are scheduled at the Spring Hill Elementary School auditorium at 7:00 PM on the following dates:
Monday, September 10th
Monday, October 1st
Monday, November 5th

Flower Garden Weeding:
1st Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM, Community Garden across from the Homer Street Firehouse.

You can read the newsletter online by going to www.shcl.org

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

ESTABLISHING A COLLECTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

By: City Councilwoman Darlene M. Harris

Neighborhoods and the organizations that guide them are the lifeblood of our City. I marvel at their accomplishments. I am saddened by their disappointments and optimistic concerning their collective future.

Those of you who know me are aware that community organizing is a part of my make-up. I understand just how much work goes into sponsoring events, compiling community action plans, and promoting the good things about our communities.

With this in mind, I have been thinking about the feasibility of sponsoring a "Neighborhood Summit" this fall, in an effort to bring all the neighborhoods of District 1 together for the purpose of devising a blueprint for our future. More details will follow in the months to come; but, I am asking if you are willing to make a commitment to share your ideas, your opinions, and your neighborhood needs at a meeting this summer. At this proposed gathering we can begin to craft an agenda for the summit.

It is very important to keep in mind that one of the vital components of this collective effort is to get reacquainted and connected to one another while having fun. Volunteering in the neighborhoods is a wonderful

means to see your ideas come to life. The summit can take on whatever form you feel would be most beneficial to you and the people at the table. Do we have guest speakers on topics you choose? Do we conduct several workshops and share experiences that may help another group avoid problems we have already encountered? This is a very fluid process and you have the opportunity to set the stage for an enjoyable and valuable experience.

If you are willing to help plan the event and have an interest in serving on the Steering Committee please call 412-255-2135. I need you to help me help you. I believe we all need a reaffirmation of just how great our neighborhoods are and how spectacular they can be.



NORTH SIDE CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

The North Side Celebration in the Park 5 is Saturday, July 28th, from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM in Allegheny Commons Park near Cedar Avenue.

See and participate in the giant historical "Women of the North

Side" themed puppet parade. There will be crafts and children's activities all day. Children can ride the trackless train and play in the bouncy playground. The Allegheny City Society is providing a "History of the North Side" tent. AGH will be providing a health fair tent. Various public safety organizations will be represented. You can try your hand at karaoke or listen to music on the main stage. Food vendors and exhibitors will also be in the park.

For additional information about the event call the NorthSide/NorthShore Chamber of Commerce at 412-231-6500.

DARLENE HARRIS REQUESTS PICTURES OF "THE SPRING"

Councilwoman Darlene Harris is working on a project to get "The Spring" restored. For those of you who are new in the community, the spring is located across from the fire station on the corner of Homer and Damas streets.

Anyone who has a picture of the old spring prior to its demise is requested to contact Darlene. You may send your picture by email to darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us. Or you can mail your picture to Darlene Harris at City County Building Suite 510/Floor 5 414 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Your picture will be returned if requested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays

To Larry Daugherty who will be 66 on July 10th... to Carol Hamm on July 18th... to Cathy Wilson of St. Ambrose Manor on July 18th... to Helen Gerst on July 26th... and to Shawn Felsing who will be 39 on July 30th.



August Birthdays

To Deborah Lorenz of Goehring Street on August 3rd... to Ron Hamm on August 9th... to Doug Lippert on August 21st... to Dave Brown on August 29th... and to Mary Ann Stamos of St. Ambrose Manor who will be 86 on August 11th. Mary Ann has belonged to the Spring Hill Civic League since it started.

Belated Birthdays

Happy belated 85th birthday to Helen Struver of St. Ambrose Manor on March 8th. Helen is known for singing the Indian Love Call!

To Michelle Lippert on May 5th and to Kristy Lippert on June 3rd.

GET WELL WISHES

To Dick O'Toole of Rockledge Street who is recuperating after a recent hospitalization.

Our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 30th Anniversary to Doug and Sue Lippert on July 15th... and Happy 12th Anniversary to Deb and Jerry Lorenz of Goehring Street on August 19th!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Jessica Lenz of Sophia Street who received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh on April 29th. She is currently employed by the Pittsburgh Trade Alliance and is planning on pursuing her Masters degree in the future.

To Todd Stillwagon of Bader Street who graduated May 5th with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Thiel College. He will be attending graduate school at Edinboro University.

To Wanda Long and Mark Miller who were married in St. Boniface Church on June 23rd!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

To the family and friends of Richard Havern, who passed away on June 3rd. His daughter, Diane Schmitt of Yetta Avenue, has served on the Spring Hill Civic League Board for many years as President and later Secretary... to the family and friends of Herb Mohr, formerly of Bader Street. Herb passed away on May 26th. We especially remember his widow Elsie, who recently celebrated 77 years of marriage with Herb... to the Schmidt family of Spring Hill on the May 1st passing of brother, father, and grandfather, Karl A. Schmidt, formerly of Woesner Avenue... and to the Staudt and Marous family on the May 10th passing of sister and mother Rita Staudt Marous, formerly of Mina Street.

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

HELP US SPREAD YOUR NEWS!

To the neighbors of the community...

We are interested in announcing weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, special achievements, recipes, garden hints, church announcements, birth announcements, obituaries, new neighbors in the community, etc. Please send your input to

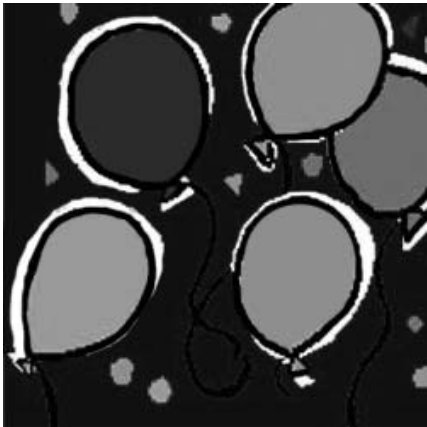
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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

To Nancy Chubb and Pete McQuillin of 1713 Hunnell Street.

If you would like to welcome a neighbor on your street, submit the announcement to joanrussell@aol.com.

New neighbors, if you would like to be informed of meetings and other community information via e-mail, please contact Ben Soltesz at bensoltesz@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



**HOLY WISDOM PARISH
PRESENTS
NORTHSIDE SUMMER
CELEBRATION**

Holy Wisdom Parish, located at 2208 East Street, Pittsburgh, presents its' NORTHSIDE SUMMER CELEBRATION from Wednesday, August 15, to Saturday, August 18, 2007.

Special events each night are:

Wednesday: features include cheerleaders and entertainment by the "Mahajibee Rockin' Blues Band."

Thursday: Oldies Night features include the Classic Car Cruise and entertainment by "The Vogues."

Friday: features include the Skydiver Lottery, and entertainment by "Johnny Angel and the Halos" sponsored by Think First National Injury Prevention Programs.

Saturday: features include 4:00 PM Festival Mass, Spaghetti Dinner served from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and entertainment by "Corbin/Hanner" sponsored by ESB Bank.

There is an ATM on site, No Smoking Bingo, Games and Amusement Rides by C & L Shows, a great variety of food, a bakery, and a DJ nightly. Check out this years' 1993 40th Anniversary Limited Edition Ruby Red Classic Corvette Convertible. There's something for everyone! Come and enjoy "the biggest thing to come through the East Street Valley since I-279!"

For more information on this event call 412-231-1116 or visit our website at www.holywisdomparish.org

**SKYVUE TERRACE
OFFERS TIPS FOR
PREVENTING INJURIES**

Poor eyesight, decreased hearing, and impaired balance are all common causes of unnecessary accidents. In fact, in-home trips and falls are the most common cause of serious injury in the aged causing 6,500 deaths each year. However, many of these accidents are preventable with simple, inexpensive modifications to the home.

Avoiding falls starts with taking care of yourself. "Seniors need to have their vision checked yearly," say nursing consultants at Skyvue Terrace. It takes more light for older adults to see as they did when they were younger. Depth perception decreases, as does the speed at which the eye adjusts from bright light to darkness. "While the changes are gradual they

can impact daily routines. Simple accommodations, such as increasing the wattage in light bulbs is an easy first step to ensuring proper lighting" say nursing consultants. Assess whether the lighting sources are in the appropriate places, such as above the kitchen counter where food is being prepared.

Stairs can be a particularly tough obstacle. Poorly lit obstructed stairways can be hazardous at any age. We suggest illuminating stairways and having light switches at the bottom and top of the stairs. You are asking for problems when you navigate dark halls and stairways. We also recommend a night light for late night trips to the kitchen and bathroom.

Falls in the bathroom are also particularly troublesome. One recommendation is using a non-skid mat or chair with rubber suction cups to hold in place to avoid slipping. Always use the hand rails getting in and out of the tub, and watch for slippery floors outside the tub as well.

For a free brochure of additional safety tips, call Janelle Meyers, Admissions Director at the Skyvue Terrace, 412-323-0420, located at 2170 Rhine Street. Skyvue Terrace is operated by HCR Manor Care, an integrated health care provider with broad capabilities in long term care, assisted living, specialty rehabilitation, and home health services.



UNITED WAY GIVING

The Spring Hill Civic League has been a United Way's Contributor's Choice for the past several years. Your generosity has helped to fund community activities and defrays routine overhead expenses. **A grateful Thank You** to all who support the community through the United Way. The civic league's Contributor's Choice code number is 207.

VOTING

Please be assured that there are people to help you at the polls if you are not familiar with using the new computerized voting machines!

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.

MOSAICS ON YETTA

In May a new mosaic mural appeared on 1214 Yetta Avenue, home of Diane and Denny Schmidt, thanks to 25 students from the Manchester Craftsmans Guild and their teacher, artist Casey Droege. Ms. Droege grew up on Spring Hill and wanted to expand on her mother's efforts to beautify the neighborhood. Mom Linda Wallen's mosaics are located at 1208 and 1212 Yetta Avenue. Linda's inspiration for her mosaics was a trip to Barcelona, Spain in 1995.

The students spent six weeks designing and making their ceramic pieces based on the theme "Jungle in the City." They cemented their creations to the front wall of the house and added broken tile and mirror as background. Installation took two days. Casey and several of her fellow teaching artists returned to grout and seal the mural the following week.

Rhoda Sommer is having Ms. Wallen create a mosaic on three walls in the garden of her Haslage Street home. If you are interested in a mosaic mural please contact Linda at 412-323-0805.



**REPORT FROM MAYOR
LUKE RAVENSTAHL**

Dear Neighbors,

The summer is here, and with the great weather comes opportunities to get out and enjoy all that our city has to offer. Whether you attend a community festival, catch a movie at one of our Cinemas in the Park, or follow our riverfront trails, there are plenty of fun-filled ways to get out and enjoy Pittsburgh's summer. While experiencing each of our neighborhoods this summer we cannot forget to do our part in keeping our neighborhoods safe, clean, and thriving.

To best understand the needs of our eighty-eight neighborhoods and how to meet those needs, it is imperative that I get into the community to meet with you. You who live and work in our neighborhoods are the experts on what is and isn't working, and what issues need to be addressed. I also want you to be aware of all of the services available to you. I am here to serve you, and the first step in doing so is making sure you know of all the ways my administration can help.

I will be holding meetings, "Neighborhood Forums," throughout the city during the summer and fall. I have organized meetings at key locations within the neighborhoods where we can get together to discuss policy issues, to address concerns or issues that you see facing the neighborhood, and to celebrate and build upon your community's strengths and assets. Our city has been

named the most livable in America, but I want to make each and every community within our great city livable, and I am asking for your help in finding ways and using our resources to achieve this.

In addition to working together to revitalize our neighborhoods, we can work together to set the course for our children's future. The program that I established, Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program (PYSEP), will give our youth working opportunities during the summer months. Reaching out to local youth by providing them with job opportunities and work skills sets them on the road to a lifetime of success. We have secured positions for 232 applicants. This program will help keep youth safe during the summer months while also providing them with opportunities to earn money, to gain experience through on-the-job training, to develop a strong work ethic, and to gain a sense of community. This program will also help to foster a sense of community pride for the participants and at the same time will help to fight blight throughout the city of Pittsburgh. This program will make a difference for these children, and for the city as a whole. PSYEP is one of the many ways we are taking back our communities, creating a sense of community pride while making our streets safer and cleaner.

We are confronting and tackling major issues within our communities by teaming with Port Authority Security, District Attorney Steven Zappala, and local business owners, to close

criminal businesses and to help put an end to the nuisance behavior that inhibits positive change in our communities. We have done this in Market Square and in the Southside, and the results have been astounding. What has been accomplished in these two areas is just an example of the change occurring throughout the city.

While cleaning up the city, we are also greening up the city. As part of my Green Up Pittsburgh program we are turning city-owned vacant lots into parks and gardens. In partnership with the ReddUp Pittsburgh crew, the Penn State Cooperative Extension, and various community groups, we are turning blight into beauty by clearing out these lots and planting grass, trees, and gardens. The benefits of this program are endless in terms of safety and our environment. With the creation of the community gardens and our efforts in reducing gas emissions and promoting green building, our city is becoming the city of black, gold, and green.

I wish you a safe and happy summer and encourage you to enjoy the summer by enjoying Pittsburgh.

For more information on initiatives discussed in this article, log on to pghgov.com, or call 412-255-2694.





State Representative Don Walko Reports from Harrisburg:

WALKO BACKING EFFORTS FOR PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SAVINGS

As I write this, the General Assembly continues to work on the budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. With high gas prices and instability in the Persian Gulf region that supplies much of America's oil, I am supporting efforts to invest more in homegrown energy to create jobs here in Pennsylvania and help us reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

The Energy Independence Strategy is an ambitious plan that gives us an opportunity to expand upon the successful marriage between environmental protection and economic development. It would enhance our reputation as a national energy leader, and it would elevate Pennsylvania to the top tier of states taking steps to cut consumer energy costs and significantly expand fuel alternatives. That would be a major boost for our economy.

A cornerstone of the plan addresses the urgent need to cut energy costs and increase conservation. This plan is designed to help with the challenges people and businesses face every day, and it would give them tools to increase energy efficiency and lower their bills, including:

- Requiring utilities to make strides toward equipping consumers with "smart

meters." This technology encourages people to reduce demand at peak hours thus lessening the need for power plants, particularly ones that are only called into service during extremely hot or cold weather.

- Providing rebates to replace old, inefficient air conditioners and refrigerators, two of the biggest energy-using appliances in the home, with new models that use at least 15 percent less energy. Replacing a 10 to 20 year old refrigerator with a new "Energy Star" certified model can save up to \$110 per year.
- Creating a "Pennsylvania Sunshine" program to help pay for up to 50 percent of the cost of installing solar panels on homes or small businesses. At current electricity rates, the average household could save about \$600 a year with solar panels that generate about two-thirds of the electricity consumed in the home.
- Allowing businesses to enter into long-term contracts with energy providers that offer cheaper and more stable rates.

These are a few of the common-sense initiatives in the Energy Independence Strategy legislation that I am supporting.

For more information on this or other state-related concerns, please visit my Web site -- www.pahouse.com/walko -- or call my office at 412-321-5523.

NORTH SIDE FARMER'S MARKET

The North Side farmer's market is held in East Park (East Ohio Street and Cedar Avenue). The hours are Fridays, from 3:30 until 7:30 PM.

LOOKING FOR PICTURES

I am continuing my search for pictures of the Spring and the City Steps opposite the Fire House, the earlier the better. If you have such pictures or know of anyone who does, would you please contact me?

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CORRECTIONS TO "DID YOU KNOW?" FROM MARCH/APRIL EDITION

St. Peter's Orphan Asylum, located on the empty lot at the intersection of Rockledge Street and Asylum Street, was a Protestant home for boys and girls, not Catholic. Homer Street was once known as Humboldt Street.



Basil-Cucumber Salad

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 medium cucumbers, peeled
- 3 Tbs. rice vinegar
- 2 tsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. finely shredded lime peel
- ½ tsp. grated fresh ginger
- ¼ tsp. crushed red pepper
- 2 Tbs. thinly sliced fresh basil

Directions:

Halve cucumbers lengthwise. Seed and slice crosswise into ¼ inch-thick-slices.

In a medium bowl combine cucumbers, rice vinegar, sugar, salt, lime peel, ginger, and crushed red pepper. Let stand for 15 minutes. Stir in basil. Serve with a slotted spoon.

Serves 5

Banana Bread

Estimated Times:

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 50 minutes

Ingredients:

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| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup mashed ripe banana (2 to 3 medium) |
| 1 cup sugar | ½ cup margarine or butter, softened |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 3 Tbs. milk |
| ½ tsp. baking soda | 2 eggs |
| ¼ tsp. salt | 1 cup toasted walnuts |

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl combine 1 cup of the flour, the sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add mashed ripe banana, margarine or butter, and milk. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed until blended. Beat on high speed for 2 minutes. Add eggs and remaining flour; beat until blended. Stir in walnuts.

Pour into two greased 8x4x2 inch loaf pans. Bake in a 350 degree F oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the centers comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pans; cool thoroughly on wire racks. Wrap and store overnight for easier slicing.

Makes 2 loaves



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANTING AND LITTER PICK UP A SUCCESS

Wow!! What a great bunch of volunteers we had to help clean up the garden and plant our new perennials! A big "thank you" to all who helped.

On May 5th, approximately 30 people showed up to pull weeds and clean up the streets. Rhonda Wozniak and Heather McDonald coordinated the garden while Ben Soltesz coordinated the trash pick up. Donna Allison and Dianne Burns worked hard to get everyone organized and make sure all the necessary tools were available. Deb Weiss from His Place brought over 15 kids to help weed and pick up trash while learning what a community is all about. We also had two little ones from across the street who just had to come over and help. What great kids they are. Pete McQuillin, David and Cynthia Russell, Lisa Eberz, Charlotte and Alex Soltesz, Rick Skrocki, and Gavin Strauss were some of the other volunteers that day. With their help and a few I might have missed, 40 bags of trash and weeds were collected.

On June 9th, Chris Farber from the Conservancy brought all the perennials. Gavin Strauss and his two daughters from Florida, Megan, Alex, and Charlotte Soltesz, and Dianne Burns helped to plant all the flowers. We are still looking for some additional perennials to fill in some of the lower spots. Please contact Dianne Burns if you have any perennials you would like to donate.

Tammy Leistner, owner of Tammy's Place on Goettman Street in Troy Hill, donated enough pop and water to keep our volunteers going on both days. She is our good neighbor from Bader Street. Tammy's serves a great breakfast and lunch at a very reasonable price.

Page Thomas, a wonderful new neighbor from over on Harbor Street, donated the landscaping felt that is the foundation of our new perennials garden. Thank you so much.

The Reserve Bar & Grill treated all of our planting volunteers on June 9th to great fish sandwiches, stead hoagies, wings, and lots of cold beverages. Guy Schutzeus, who owns the bar on Spring Garden Avenue also owns some property on Spring Hill. He has been a good neighbor and we appreciate the great food he supplied. It was definitely the best fish and wings around here!

The landscaping felt will help tremendously in keeping the weeds under control. However, we will still need volunteers to pull weeds. ESB Bank has generously offered to weed once a month. It would be greatly appreciated if a small group of neighbors could stop by and pull weeds on a regular basis. Please let me know if you can help. Any one with extra perennials can contact me as well. This is the beginning of a beautiful garden that will be with us for years to come. Thanks again to all our volunteers and to everyone who donated!!

Dianne Burns, 412-231-7718

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2007 ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

The community turned out on a beautiful Memorial Day at Brady's Memorial Home on Southside Avenue to commemorate our veterans. Last year we presented Senior Airman Tina Marie Lippert of Harbor Street with a special commendation for her dedicated service to our country, including tours in Afghanistan and Qatar. In Tina's absence, her parents accepted the award. This year Tina, who is now living on Spring Hill, was introduced by Donna Allison and asked to say a few words. Tina expressed her deepest appreciation for the award and is proud to have served her country.

Johanna Leonard led us in singing The Star Spangled Banner. Bob Lynch laid the wreath at the monument, and the Color Guard and Firing Squad of American Legion Post 565, and VFW Post 7090 led by Commander Ed Ambrose honored our deceased veterans by firing a 21 gun salute and playing Taps. After Bob made closing remarks, we ended with a benediction and the singing of America The Beautiful. With the conclusion of the ceremony, the gathering enjoyed grilled hotdogs and cold drinks as a community.

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with set-up, food, and clean-up that day. Especially responsible for the day's success was the staff of Brady's Memorial Home, Mary and Ivan. A special thanks to Jim Hurray who photographed the event for posterity. A very special Thank You to the men and women of American Legion Post 565 and VFW post 7090 for their faithful participation in our annual commemoration. They truly make our ceremony as special as it is and go to each of the four war monuments in our community every Memorial Day to properly commemorate their fallen comrades.







CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION

EXHIBITS

Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog™

Through September 23, 2007

Board the Birdwell Island ferry and journey to the world of Clifford™, America's beloved big red dog with a heart to match. Meet his owner Emily Elizabeth™ and many of the residents of Birdwell Island including Clifford's canine friends Cleo, T-Bone and Mac. You can slide down the tail of a nine-foot high Clifford, find "bone"-ified treasures at T-Bone's Beach, dress up as Cleo, T-Bone, Clifford or Mac, and much more!

Don't miss **Breakfast with Clifford** presented by RIF Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 7, 10:00 AM – Noon. Meet Clifford, hear Clifford stories and receive a free book while supplies last.

Inspired by the top-rated TV show Clifford The Big Red Dog on PBS KIDS, the exhibit offers numerous immersive "paws-on" adventures that reinforce "Clifford's Big Ideas"—ten simple tangible life lessons designed to help young children navigate their world, including Share, Play Fair, Believe in Yourself, Be a Good Friend, and Help Others.

How People Make Things

June 16 – September 9, 2007

Curious about how familiar, everyday objects are made? How People Make Things brings to life the people, processes, and technology used to make the stuff you play with, eat with, and use all the time. Use an injection molding machine, a vacuum former, and a die cutter to make your own cup, spoon, and bowl, and a box to put them in. Assemble the body panels, dashboard, and steering wheel of a real golf cart, and see if you can assemble a replica of Mister Rogers' trolley faster than a robot! Along the way, check out Mister Rogers' factory tour videos and see lots of locally-made products.

How People Make Things was created by the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Family Communications, Inc. and the University of Pittsburgh Center for Learning in Out-of-School Environments, with support from the National Science Foundation and The Grable Foundation. Sponsored in Pittsburgh by the Bayer Foundation, Catalyst Connection, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

The Charm Bracelet Project

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is sponsoring The Charm Bracelet Project, an international ideas program for improving connections between the numerous cultural assets on Pittsburgh's North Side. See the presentations of four multi-disciplinary teams in the Museum lobby.

EVENTS

Meet the Maker Series

As part of the How People Make Things exhibit, we've invited a variety of local artisans and craftspeople to demonstrate their crafts at the Museum:

Blacksmithing - Learn about the historic art of metal forging with master blacksmith Gary Grandstaff at his anvil.
July 1, Noon – 4:00 PM
July 2 -3, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Piano Building – Watch piano specialist Michael Mezinsky do live custom work and demonstrations on the Museum's newly donated piano.
July 9, 11, and 13, Noon – 2:00 PM
July 16, 18, and 20, Noon – 1:00 PM

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Stained Glass Restoration - See how the beautiful colors and designs of stained glass are created and restored with GlassAction, a social enterprise project of the Union Project.
July 14 and 15, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Violin Making - Watch master violin builder Phillip Injeian build and play his world-class violins.
July 23, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sheet Metal Forming - Build your own mini toolbox out of sheet metal and learn about metal forming from real sheet metal workers.
August 8, Noon – 2:00 PM

Engraving & Forging - Hammer your own work of metal art alongside a master die engraver and production specialist from the Wendell August Forge.
August 17, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Gemstone Cutting – See how raw stones are cut into gems by Don Laufer of Headwaters Lapidary.
August 18, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Old-fashioned Toys - Delight in the antique toy collection of old-fashioned toy builder Bill Spoonhoward. Then join Bill in the Workshop to try building a toy yourself! Toy kits are \$1, no registration or workshop fee required.
August 19, Demonstrations from 1:30-3:30 PM, "Build a Toy" Workshop at 3:30 PM

Kaleidoscopes – Learn how kaleidoscopes are made with award-winning maker Marcia Clark.
August 20, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Robotics- Join a workshop in robotics programming to learn how robots, like those used in manufacturing assembly, are told to do their work! Presented by the National Robotics Engineering Center of Carnegie Mellon University. For children 6 and up, must be accompanied by an adult. Register at the front desk, \$5 fee per child.
August 25, 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 12:30 PM

Pottery Making – See lumps of clay become beautiful bowls and other familiar objects on a pottery wheel with Union Project Potters.
August 25 and 26, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Theater Boot Camp

Sunday, July 8, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Learn the basics of theater arts in a fun and interactive crash course for children ages 6-9 with actress Stacey Vespaziani of Odds & Ends Productions. A two hour workshop culminates in a mini-performance in the Museum's Black Box Theater. \$8 per child, Museum admission not included. Limited to 12 children. Pre-registration required by July 1, call 412-322-5058, x201.

Playwriting: Page to Stage

Sunday, July 22, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Learn the basics of writing for theater in a fun and interactive crash course for children ages 10-13 with actress Stacey Vespaziani of Odds & Ends Productions. You'll learn to create characters, write dialogue, develop plot, and more in a three hour workshop. Then perform a scene written by the group in the Museum's Black Box Theater! \$10 per child, Museum admission not included. Limited to 12 children. Pre-registration required by July 15, call 412-322-5058, x201, to register.

The Children's Museum is located at 10 Children's Way, Allegheny Square, North Side - just one block from the National Aviary and 3 blocks from PNC Park. For more information, please call 412-322-5058 or visit www.pittsburghkids.org.