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Mother's Day



Memorial Day



Father's Day



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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...

The Spring Hill Civic League is sponsoring the annual Memorial Day Commemoration for the community. In the same manner as previous years, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will honor those men and women who serve our country, past and present. Before arriving at the Southside War Memorial, the Color Guard will place wreaths on the Rhine, Overbeck, and Hesper War Memorials.

Please join us this year for the 21 gun salute, taps, and ceremony followed by a picnic lunch of hot dogs, chips, and soda. If you've never attended the event, it is a solemn ceremony with hushed children holding their flags and waiting patiently to gather the shells from the 21 gun salute. You will remember this time together with family and friends for years to come.

I personally invite residents and friends of Spring Hill to join us on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, for the annual Memorial Day Commemoration at Brady's Memorial Home on Southside Avenue at 12:00 Noon.

Refreshments, provided by the Civic League, Brady's Memorial Home, ESB Bank, and Sky-Vue Terrace will be available for all to enjoy after the ceremony. Participate with us as we honor our service men and women who have given their lives for us.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Community Litter Pick-Up and Flower Garden Clean-Up:**  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM ,  
Homer Street Firehouse.

**Memorial Day Commemoration:**  
Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon,  
Brady's Memorial Home.

**Flower Garden Planting:**  
Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM,  
Community Garden across from  
the Homer Street Firehouse.

**Flower Garden Weeding:**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.shcl.org)

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

### Cleanup and Planting

Happy Spring!!! It's time to get the community garden ready for the season. On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, we will get together to clean up the garden and prepare for our new plants. We need many hands to pull the weeds and set up the basis for our beautiful garden. Please bring your gloves and small gardening tools if you have them. Bring a friend or neighbor and don't forget the kids. We will supply water and a light lunch for all volunteers.

On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Western PA Conservancy will bring the perennials for us to plant. We will start at 9:00 AM and again need as many hands as possible. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

### Flowers Needed

With the help of the Western PA Conservancy, we are changing our community garden to a perennial garden. While the Conservancy will donate some plants, we need a few more to help fill the entire garden. Please think of our community garden while you are dividing your perennials this spring. If you have bought a few extra annuals, we could use those as well. It would be great if you could drop them off, but we will make arrangements to pick them up if necessary.

### Weeding Volunteers

We also need weeding volunteers. If you can get a small group of neighbors together once a month or even



just one day this summer, please let me know. When you are walking by, please feel free to pull a few weeds along the way. Every little bit helps!

If you just have a few hours to donate, stop on the first Saturday of each month. This is our official "community weeding day." We will start at 9:00 AM each first Saturday. This should keep our garden looking great all summer!

If you aren't able to pull weeds and don't have a green thumb, your cash donation will help us purchase the materials we need to get this garden off to a great start. Donations can be sent to: Spring Hill Civic League, 1129 Haslage Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Please make your check out to the Spring Hill Civic League and mark your donation for the community garden.

Contact: Dianne Burns at 412-231-7718. Help us make this the best garden ever!

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## COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Please join us on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, to "Redd Up" Spring Hill. We will meet at the Firehouse at 9:00 AM. Bring gloves if you have them. We will supply the trash bags. Our goal is to clean up the main roads coming into our community.

Water and a light lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Bring a friend or a neighbor. This is your community. Help us keep it clean!

## LETTERS THE EDITOR

A few issues back you asked for Meals-on-Wheels volunteers. I have been delivering food to Spring Hill residents 30 years. Can you imagine how many homes I have been in and wonderful people I have met? My parents helped me, my children when younger, my grandchildren, and now my husband. I wish more people would volunteer. They will need people to deliver Monday and Friday when school lets out at Pressley Ridge. The food is picked up at St. Michaels at 10:15, delivered to about six houses, and you are back at St. Michaels in 30 minutes. It's the easiest volunteer job to have. There are no meetings, no committees, and no selling stuff. Could you ask again for volunteers?

I enjoy reading the newsletter. Keep up the good work!

Marlene Dickson

### MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Michael's Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers, particularly 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.

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

**SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE SECRETARY NEEDED!**

The Spring Hill Civic League is looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Secretary for the remainder of the year. This would be a great opportunity to serve your community. If you are interested please contact Diane Schmitt at [schmittl@stargate.net](mailto:schmittl@stargate.net).

Pharmacy on the passing of his mother and his father within ten days of each other in mid-March.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Anniversary to Gary and Lisa Freiss of Lappe Lane on May 6<sup>th</sup>... to Dennis and Diane Schmitt of Yetta Avenue on May 13<sup>th</sup>... to Tom and Betty Dumrauf of Diana Street on their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 24<sup>th</sup>... to Clarence and Margaret Scholz on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 29<sup>th</sup>... and to to Shawn and Kate Felsing on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>!

**GET WELL WISHES**

To George Jelinek of Yetta Avenue after his recent hospitalization... to Dolly Leonard of Yetta Avenue after her recent hospitalization... and to Johanna Leonard of Admiral Street after her recent hospitalization.

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



**May Birthdays**

To Logan Waibel of Yetta Avenue who turns two on May 23<sup>rd</sup>... to William Gerst Jr. on May 29<sup>th</sup>... to Ron Mohr of Rockledge Street... to Jan Kufner of Bader Street... to Lisa Freiss of Lappe Lane... to Betty Rotherth of Diana Street... and to Lynn Kufner of Bader Street.

**June Birthdays**

To Elsie Mohr who turns 96 and her husband Herb Mohr who turns 99.... to Gert Karolyi of Yetta Avenue... and to Dorothy Feitl, Laura Nagran, and Mary Ann Lynch, all of St. Ambrose Manor.

**Belated Birthdays**

To Shawn Dugan of Haslage Avenue who celebrated his birthday on April 30<sup>th</sup>... to George Jelinek of Yetta Avenue on his St. Patrick's Day birthday... and to Mathilda Day of Itin Street who turned 93 on March 12<sup>th</sup>!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Doug Schmitt, formerly of Yetta Avenue, on his February 21<sup>st</sup> wedding to Jessica Stefkovich of Avella. The couple was married in Negril, Jamaica and is currently living in Glenshaw.



**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

To Alan Weidman of Rhine Street... and to the McQuillins of Hunnell 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 Ben Soltesz at [bensoltesz@gmail.com](mailto:bensoltesz@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

To the family and friends of Bill Baiertl on his passing on April 14<sup>th</sup>... to the Hays family on the passing of Lex Hays of Harbor Street in early March... to the Lorenz family of Diana Street on the mid-March passing of husband, father, and grandfather, Bob, Sr... and to Don Waltmire of Waltmire's

**A friend is one who knows us, but loves us anyway.**

**VOICE OF THE ANCIENTS**

**“Bill Baierl”**

Under the lamp post just outside Becky’s darkened doorway stood an obviously tall boy, face darkened in shadow. I asked, “Who’s the new kid?” “Name’s Baierl, and he might play for us,” whispered Bud Kimble in a voice anything but a whisper. “Kinda young to be hanging with us, don’t you think, Crash?” “He is headed for college and he can help us under the boards and I said play, not loaf.” That was a long statement for Kimble, but then Baierl stepped out from under the lamppost. Crash was right. This big youngster was not going to loaf in Steve’s after the game unless it was for a coke. When I last had lunch with Bill not long ago in his favorite little place near his places of business, I believe he had switched from coke to iced-tea. The waitress knew exactly what Mr. Baierl liked.

Bill showed good weight, young, about 16 I judged, and he did prove to be a solid basketball player who held his own regardless of the opposition. On Spring Hill, competitiveness was always first, and we all liked this youngster. It wasn’t long before I knew him at Pitt; solid student, well known, liked to loaf in The Commons which is unique to Pitt with its medieval flavor. Personally, I always liked the Scottish Room and the one that was like a ship’s cabin with a bench type table. It created interaction with the professor and a neat atmosphere for learning. Bill continued his basketball career at Pitt under the legendary Carlson who originated the

figure 8 offense. It infuriated opponents because in effect, it made basketball a defense game, and scores could result in single digits. Doc Carlson saw it as a way to win. I think he sold Bill on the idea that if the opponent never gets the ball he won’t score. Bill hated to give up the ball and in that era, his height was an advantage.

When I caught a temporary teaching assignment at Franklin H.S. just outside Wilkinsburg, Bill said, “Pitt can’t find me one; no one seems to need a phys-ed-coach, I may stick to my weekend job and see if my Uncle can’t put me on permanent.” The rest is history, Bill saved his money and bought in on a Chevrolet agency that looked like it was going to fade. His later moves were built on the success he found in Chevrolet. Our last conversation revealed he was moving into restaurants, particularly chain restaurants which captured his imagination.

Over the years Bill sold my family some great cars... Chevies, Hondas, and Toyotas, none better than the last Avalon which I drive today. He said, “I guarantee you will like this car, I drive one myself and it really performs.” Every time I leave one of our innumerable traffic lights in Florida and look in my rear view mirror, I smile and say, “Right again, Baierl.” No car for sheer beauty and delight, however, ever matched my ‘54 Chevy convertible, chartreuse, I think they called it. When I traded for the Avalon, Bill said, “I really would like to have that car personally; my first sale was a similar one in Belleview.” I smiled and said, “My kids will

have a fit as they all love that car.” Bill promptly replaced every part of that car, and the one in his showroom reflects the shell of the original that my wife and I took on all three honeymoons, Florida, New York City, and Erie. Bill said he might drive it to Erie. I think he seldom ventured farther than Erie. He never wanted to be very far from his first love, his business.

Perhaps the Lord meant for me to be the chronicler for the past and tell our families about when we were young. The Spring Hill Arrows with whom Bill Baierl played has Bob “Snoop” Ladesic, Dr. Herb Biernstein, and me left. I feel certain that Joe Fafata and the Kustes brothers, Dwaine and Fred, and Bud Kimble needed a fifth, and Bill Baierl will be a great addition. With his personality he will charm everyone up there. Keep playing defense, Bill.

Submitted by Al Schmittlein

**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.

**PRIME STAGE THEATRE PRESENTS**



**Jack and Rochelle: A Holocaust Love Story**, directed by Christopher Scott

This is a powerful true story of love, escape, and resistance as two Polish teenagers fall in love during World War II. Jack and Rochelle is, above all, a cry of victory. It is a testimony that memory, hope, and love can endure, even if they are formed in the absolute crucible of death.

**Weekend performance dates begin Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 PM; Sunday performances are at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15/Adults, \$13/Seniors, and \$8/Youth, and are available through ProArts at 412-394-3353 or at [www.proarts.org](http://www.proarts.org) or [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com). Prime Stage Theatre's performances are being held at the New Hazlett Theater on Pittsburgh's North Side.

For information contact Jean Dennison, Communications Director, Prime Stage Theatre at [communications@primestage.com](mailto:communications@primestage.com).

**WALK-FOR-RIVERVIEW**

**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Riverview Park Alliance "Walk-for-Riverview" will be held on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual fund raiser. There will be prizes for the most money raised, the most distance

walked by individuals, and trophies for the group that turns in the most money. There will also be special T-shirts and sport bottles with water for all walkers. Kits will be supplied to anyone interested. The kits will contain all the instructions and pledge forms and directions for the walk. There will be more information available on our website [www.rpainsc.mysite.com](http://www.rpainsc.mysite.com) in the next few weeks, as well as in our May/June newsletter and on posters in local stores.

You can pre-register for the event by letter addressed to Riverview Park Alliance, 845 Marshall Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-3023. You can also contact us by phone at 412-321-3626, e-mail at [rpainsc@juno.com](mailto:rpainsc@juno.com), fax at 412-321-3626, or see our website. If you are involved in a group, such as scouts or youth groups, let us know so we can send you additional information.

**YOURS AND MINE: TALKING OUR HISTORY**

**A Community Dialogue and Print Project by artists Emory Biko and Maritza Mosquera**

View new work, meet the artists, and take part in a community dialogue about race, images, and American culture at the Amani Coffee House on Foreland Street, Northside, phone 412-322-0647.

**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Dialogue 6:30 - 9:30 PM**

This dialogue will be on the subject of hair, skin color, and beauty, and is for women only. Bring your own objects and help

us launch community dialogues about your personal experiences, ideas, and visions using them.

An exhibition of silkscreen and digital prints created by the artists using photographs of objects from the Museum of The African's Experience in America and the collection of images from participants of previous dialogues will be on display all day prior to the talk.

For more information about the project email [maritza.mosquera@gmail.com](mailto:maritza.mosquera@gmail.com).

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONCERT**



**Featuring: The Fifth Dimension and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra**

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 PM at Heinz Hall**

Join us for a night of music with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Fifth Dimension (made popular in the 60s and 70s with hits like "Up, Up and Away" and "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In").

All proceeds from the concert benefit local non-profit organizations. 100% of the proceeds from tickets purchased through our website go straight to "His Place".

Tickets start at \$21.50

For more information and to order, go to [www.hisplacecc.org](http://www.hisplacecc.org).

**“CITIZENOBSERVER”  
PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS  
ON THE NORTH SIDE**

**Receive Free Alerts and  
Press Releases by E-Mail**

This month, Zone 1 Police Station became a “pilot” participant in “CITIZENOBSERVER,” a program that uses internet communications tools to provide citizen alerts, press releases, and crime prevention information via the internet and e-mail.

This new tool will allow officers from Zone 1, and soon the entire Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, to get critical information out quickly to the public. Alerts will notify anyone who registers with “CITIZENOBSERVER” of information on their community web page such as crimes in their area, fugitives, missing persons, and unsolved cases. Citizens can respond with tips and remain completely anonymous.

Anyone can sign up and registration is free. Simply go to the “CITIZENOBSERVER” website at [www.citizenobserver.com](http://www.citizenobserver.com). Once a person has registered, they can decide how they want to receive alerts via any wireless method (e-mail, cell phone, pager, or fax). Citizens will then know there is new information available on their community web page.

The North Side Leadership Conference, along with the officers from Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Zone 1 Police Station, encourage all residents living

within the boundaries of the North Side to sign up and start receiving vital information and alerts today! Remember . . . it’s free!

For more information contact Officer Forrest Hodges at Zone 1 Station at 412.323.7200 or email him at [forrest.hodges@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:forrest.hodges@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).

**TALES OF SPRING HILL**

Many here on the North Side are aware of the beautiful island located in the river near the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge. It’s called Washington’s Landing. On it are office buildings and luxurious town homes surrounded by beautiful landscaping.

It’s difficult to believe that in the 1920s and 1930s it was called Herr’s Island and was nothing but a big stockyard for cattle and pigs. During the summer months, while driving along the highway or over the bridge, the stench was quite unpleasant. At times the animals were herded across the road, up steep Rialto Street (we called it Pig Hill), up Troy Hill, and down Wicklines Lane to their destiny at Oswald-Hess Slaughterhouse and North Side Packing Company.

Occasionally, one of the animals strayed up to Spring Hill. One afternoon when I was leaving the Schwartz’s store on Walz Street, a very frightened lady pushed me away from the door and said, “little girl, don’t go out, stay here!” Just then, a huge black bull came charging down the street. That frightening sight was about eighty years ago, but

it is as vivid as if it happened yesterday! It’s one of my many memories of Spring Hill.

Submitted by  
Bee (Bergman) Fohl



There’s something about Spring Hill I like. I have lots of memories from my youth... playing with friends and cousins, visiting with Aunts and Uncles, and meeting friends of my mother. I no longer live there, but I do live near by.

On the morning of Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, I caught the 6B bus to Spring Hill. I went up Fabyan Street to see Dee, a lady my family knew long ago. Dee’s mother used to send her down to Pokey’s farm to buy a half gallon of milk for fifteen cents. I talked with my friend Dave Sinagra. We played baseball when we were kids at Spring View field. We rode our bikes down Homer Street and played cowboys and Indians in the woods. My cousin Cindy played hopscotch and roller skated. She liked to sled ride when there was snow. My friends and I played “rundown ball”. You threw a rubber ball against the wall and if the person behind you caught it, they got a point.

These tales of Spring Hill could have been true of many neighborhoods. But it was our neighborhood, and it was special.

Submitted by Frank Ventrosco



## URBAN GARDENER CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Lynne Weber and Joan Kimmel are proud to announce the Tenth Anniversary season of the Urban Gardener. Located at 1901 Brighton Road on Pittsburgh's North Side, this unusual garden center focuses on plants, trees, and shrubs that are especially adaptable to urban settings, on unusual garden art and tools, and on consultation and garden maintenance services for city gardens. In 2006, the Urban Gardener was singled out as "Best City Garden Center" by Pittsburgh magazine.

Starting on a vacant gas station/beer distributor's cement lot in 1997, Weber and Kimmel have planted several "guerilla gardens" (i.e., compost on black plastic on cement) surrounding open pergolas and colorful garden sheds, which have turned the site into a lush, green, flowerful oasis in the city. They focus on maintaining a large variety of unusual perennials and annuals, many of them being touted as "new" in garden magazines a season or two after they can be found at The Urban Gardener. They use almost exclusively local or regional growers and suppliers, which help to give their plants an edge in hardiness.

In addition to being surprised at the large mix of perennial and annual species found in so relatively small a site, customers most often comment on the unique and unusual garden accessories, art, and tools that decorate and enliven the garden center. As with new plants, many tools and garden decorations (such as chimineas, Barbecook grills, folding wheelbarrows, and beautiful glass birdbaths) will show up in fine gardening magazines several seasons after first appearing for sale at The Urban Gardener. The garden center also solicits and sells one-of-a-kind garden art from local artists and craftspeople.

To celebrate their Tenth Anniversary, Weber and Kimmel plan a series of special promotions and events throughout their April to mid-October season. The Urban Gardener also has a commitment to educate customers on good gardening practices and offers seminars throughout the season. Offerings this spring and summer include:

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon: Rainbarrel Workshop – Learn how to retrofit a 50-gallon drum to conserve water and collect non-chlorinated water for gardening – with Nancy Martin-Silber of the PA Resources Council.  
Fee: \$30/person; \$40/couple.

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Noon: Container Gardening – Tried and true techniques and exquisite combinations for gardening in pots – with Kathy Dies. Free.

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Noon: Healthy Homes Cleaning – Learn about environmentally-friendly products and techniques to promote healthier home cleaning, repairs and improvements, with Bethany Rule and Fiore Moletz.

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM: The Plant Doctor is IN! - Make an appointment to see Sandy Feather, Penn State consumer horticulturalist to look over your sick plants. Please bring all samples in sealed ziploc bags.  
Free.

Reservations for the first seminar can be made by contacting the PA Resources Council at 412-431-4449. Other reservations can be made by calling 412-323-GROW or emailing [info@UrbanGardenerPgh.com](mailto:info@UrbanGardenerPgh.com).

The Urban Gardener is open in May and June, Mondays through Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sundays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; and late Thursday evenings until 7:30 PM. From July through October they are closed on Mondays. After the April 21<sup>st</sup> opening, directions and more information is available at 412-323-GROW.



## REPORT FROM MAYOR LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Over the past month I have begun acting upon my pledge to create a new Pittsburgh today and a better Pittsburgh tomorrow. We've persisted in our efforts to produce fresh ideas and bold leadership to ensure our city's fiscal recovery. We are finding new ways to make the most out of every taxpayer dollar, through public/private partnerships and by addressing head-on, our city's largest budget dilemmas related to pensions and health care. At the same time, we are finding new ways to make sure our residents have state-of-the-art recreational facilities and enjoy living in one of America's cleanest and safest cities.

I've been visiting our neighborhoods, joining residents for community clean-ups, even repelling down Mt. Washington's hillside. On Earth Day I took the final steps to give our citizens another great regional park. The Grandview Scenic Byway Park, the first regional park located in Pittsburgh's south neighborhoods, has been talked about by local officials for years. We realized that the only way to ensure the park's existence was to work together with our non-profit organizations and foundations for funding, expertise, and resources. We also announced the opening of Schenley Park's new "Sportsplex." This new track and soccer field is another example of our strategy to revitalize our neighborhoods through public/private partnerships. We are the black and gold and green city and we recognize that our natural assets are as important as our great sports teams.

We are also making real strides in addressing our largest budget dilemmas. We cannot rely on outside organizations to fix a problem that is affecting every city in America. For that reason, I called together Pennsylvania's first Mayor's Pension Summit, gathering Mayors, government officials, and budget experts together for a day of roundtable discussions and problem solving. The summit signaled a first step toward creating a solution, not just managing a problem.

We have also been proactive in controlling our city's health care expenses. Both pension and healthcare are the largest strains on our city's budget and if not addressed, will deter our goal of continued fiscal recovery. As a result of our competitive bidding process for a new health care provider, we will save tax payers over \$17 million dollars while keeping our promise to city workers by maintaining their benefits at no additional cost.

These cost savings help to ensure fiscal security for our city, that in turn spurs investment and development throughout. I kept my promise to the residents of the Hill District by bringing \$90 million dollars of development into Oakhill, a project that had been stalled for more than 10 years. Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority implemented my Green Building Agenda, an agenda which celebrates sustainable building and living, offering local development economic advantages by positioning and marking Pittsburgh as the black and gold, and green city. By providing financial incentives

such as lower rates and extended payment deferral periods for development projects pursuing green building standards, we are encouraging that the money invested in green manufactured products be spent right here in our Pittsburgh. We need to be smart in utilizing as many economic development tools as we can and by doing this, we will give our developers more of a reason to build green, in turn strengthening the economic development of our city and ensuring our fiscal recovery. In order to keep moving this agenda forward, we will make certain that the implementation of green economic development principles are monitored by a new, full-time staff position with Pittsburgh's URA.

By providing new resources for our citizens and finding new ways to implement fresh cost-saving ideas, we are furthering the economic development climate in our city. We are staying focused in providing the most we can for our taxpayers so that companies will want to invest in our city and our youth will want to stay.

### 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.



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DON WALKO  
REPORTS FROM HARRISBURG**

**Walko Introduces Bill to Help PA Adults  
Who Lack Drug Coverage**

We have successfully provided prescription-drug coverage to hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians through the Children’s Health Insurance Program, PACE Plus Medicare for seniors, and the limited-scope adultBasic insurance program. But many working adults don’t receive prescription coverage through their employers, and we need to help them too.

I have introduced legislation to help Pennsylvania adults who lack prescription-drug coverage to obtain the medications they need. My bill (H.B. 877) is modeled on a program called Medbank that already operates in several other states. In Pennsylvania, Medbank would act as a clearinghouse for the more than 200 patient-assistance programs offered by drug companies.

Prescription drugs have never been more important, and the people who rely on them most are increasingly finding themselves uninsured or with coverage that is becoming more expensive. Medbank would offer these unique advantages:

- It can access more than 200 patient-assistance programs covering over 900 brand-name medications -- not just programs sponsored by companies that do business in Pennsylvania.
- It offers a highly cost-effective, one-stop shopping approach to qualifying and enrolling participants in all the available patient-assistance programs.
- It has a long history of performance. Since 2001, Medbank has reached more than 30,000 patients and delivered more than \$90 million in free medications.
- It has a built-in prescription renewal system to ensure continuation of medications to patients.

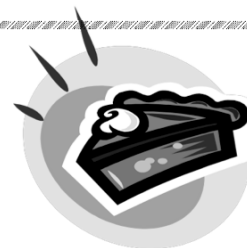
- The software developed by Medbank streamlines and consistently updates the new drugs available and, most importantly, it updates any changes to the more than 200 forms that these programs require for enrollment.

Medbank would continue to fill gaps in prescription drug coverage even if Gov. Ed Rendell’s health-care reform proposal is enacted. Medbank would be administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance.

My bill has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. For more information on this bill, please visit my Web site -- [www.pahouse.com/walko](http://www.pahouse.com/walko) -- or call my office at 412-321-5523.

**FREE 411 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE**

For those of you who call 411 and pay to get information, simply dial 1-800-FREE 411, or 1-800-373-3411 without incurring any charge at all.



**CHESS PIE**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup butter or margarine melted
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 unbaked 9” pie crust

**Directions:**

MIX brown sugar, granulated sugar, and flour. Beat in eggs, milk, vanilla, and butter. Stir in nuts and pour into unbaked pie shell.

BAKE for 45 minutes at 375° F.



## NORTH SIDE CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

The North Side Celebration in the Park Five is Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, in Allegheny Commons Park near Cedar Avenue. We will be featuring historical themed programming including Cheryl Capezutti's "famous historical women of the North Side" puppets. We are planning to have a history tent with old photos and stories about the North Side. We will also have our regular children's activities, crafts, and live entertainment.

Cheryl will be holding puppet workshops on the North Side to get ready for the event. We are also looking for old photos and story tellers for the history tent. If you can help with old photos or stories, please contact the North Side North Shore Chamber of Commerce at 412-231-6500.

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## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION

### Charm Bracelet Project, An Exhibition of Ideas

Through May 2007

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is sponsoring this international ideas program for helping define Pittsburgh's North Side as a family destination by improving connections between its numerous cultural, entertainment, and educational assets or "charms." Four design teams were invited to respond to the challenge and their responses are featured in an exhibit currently on display at the Children's Museum.

Ideas proposed include projecting quotes and photos on blank building walls, involving tailgating visitors in art and commerce, creating artistic gateways to the North Side, lighting the underpasses in creative ways, and installing solar "trees" in the parking lots that power lighting for cafes and farmer's markets nearby.

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### Adventures with Clifford, the Big Red Dog

May 26 – 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. Inspired by the top-rated television show Clifford the Big Red Dog, the exhibit brings Clifford, Emily Elizabeth, and her family and friends to life through educational hands-on activities. Activities include finding "bone"-ified treasures at T-Bone's Beach, sliding down the tail of a nine-foot high Clifford, filling Clifford's dog bowl with bones using a conveyor belt, dressing up as Cleo, Clifford, or Mac, making artwork in Clifford's Doghouse, and taking an order at Samuel's Fish and Chips. Younger visitors can explore Cleo's Backyard. The Norman Bridwell Art Retrospective provides an inside look at Clifford's character and story development over the past 40 years.

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### How People Make Things

June 16 – September 9, 2007

Every object in our world has a story of how it is created. How People Make Things, inspired by the Mister Rogers factory tours, shows how familiar childhood objects are manufactured, and the people, technology, and materials involved. Hands-on activities include operating a die cutter, 3-axis mill, and vacuum former, playing the role of foreman or factory worker, using an injection molder, and customizing a golf cart. You'll make and take home a cup, spoon, bowl, and a box using basic manufacturing processes. Local factories and their products are highlighted.

*How People Make Things was created by the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Family Communications, Inc and UPCLOSE with support from the National Science Foundation and The Grable Foundation.*



**CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF ART WITH CARNEGIE MELLON SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE  
PRESENTS ART AND ARCHITECTURE SUMMER CAMP 2007**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Gallery Play Dates for Preschoolers**

Ages 3–4 with one adult; ideal for children not yet comfortable separating from a caregiver  
June 19<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 AM  
Tuesdays (2 sessions each); no session July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
\$20 members/\$24 nonmembers, parent and child pair

**Art and Architecture Camps**

Ages 4–5\*, 6–7, 8–10, 11–13  
\* Half-day sessions: 9:00 – 11:30 AM or 12:30 – 3:00 PM  
Or create a full-day schedule by combining morning and afternoon sessions  
\* Full-day camp: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Full-day camps and combined half-day camps include supervised lunch hour  
\*Suitable for children comfortable without a parent or guardian present  
Half-day Camps for ages 4–13, \$87 members/\$95 nonmembers  
Full-day Camps for ages 4–13, \$175 members/\$190 nonmembers

**High School Workshops**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, lunch break on your own  
\$175 members/\$190 nonmembers -1 week  
\$350 members/\$380 nonmembers - 2 weeks

General Information

Request a brochure, print out a schedule of all 2007 Art and Architecture Camps, or print out a registration form at [www.cmoa.org](http://www.cmoa.org).

Children enrolled in full-day camps must bring a lunch. Lunchtime includes supervised activities. Drinks and snacks can be purchased from vending machines.

All camps and workshops run Monday through Friday. Camps are one week in length unless otherwise noted.

Scholarships are available.

Pre-camp for early drop off: 7:30 – 9:00 AM, \$25/week/child  
Post-camp for late pick up: 3:00 – 6:00 PM, \$50/week/child

Locations

Pre-camp, post-camp, and camps for ages 4–13 are at Carnegie Museum of Art. Pick-up and drop-off location: Sculpture Court entrance at the rear of the museum. Parking during pick-up and drop-off is free under 45 min.

High School Workshops are at Carnegie Mellon University's Design Studios, Margaret Morrison Hall. Pick-up and drop-off location: Margaret Morrison Hall. Architecture 101 meets at Carnegie Museum of Art.

Instruction and Supervision

Professional artists and art educators have the necessary clearances. Interns and volunteers serve as assistants and aid in the supervision of campers.