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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday. The New Year, to me, is a time of reflection, to review the past to hopefully improve the future.

Over the last year we held our annual events and added some new ones. We had a party to thank our block workers. It was nice to show them that they are appreciated. We also had a very successful flea market. The proceeds went to the Light of Life Mission which fed over 100 people. When I heard that figure I couldn't help but be extremely proud of our neighborhood. It is such a pleasure to see the people in our neighborhood working together for a greater good. Our annual events such as the Memorial Day parade, Halloween parade, and our Christmas tree lighting were a success as well, bringing a smile to the many faces on Spring Hill. I'm sure I can speak on behalf of the board by saying that this truly makes all the work worthwhile.

My hopes for the New Year are to concentrate on making the events we already have even better, while possibly adding more. As always, your feedback is needed and always appreciated. We are here for YOU and we need to know what YOU want. You can do this by attending community meetings and/or by emailing us. I am

looking forward to hearing your ideas and I can't wait to start the New Year as your President!

Jackie Hoffman
President
Spring Hill Civic League

SPRING HILL MOSAIC PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Yet another mosaic mural is to be installed on Spring Hill and this one will be different. Financed by the Northside Microgrant Program as a Charm Bracelet Project, this mural project is designed to include the entire community of Spring Hill and to celebrate the neighborhood. Pending approval from the City of Pittsburgh the new mural will be installed around the Fire House at Damas and Homer Streets. The subject of the mural is yet to be determined.

All Spring Hill residents are invited to:

- participate in the after-school course at the Manchester Craftsman's Guild;
- make tiles at 2 evening workshops held in the community;
- assist in the installation process;
- celebrate the mural's unveiling at a community gathering.

The after-school course will be Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning January 14th with actual clay work to start February 11th. Spring Hill residents are encouraged to stop by the Guild at 1815 Metropolitan Street (across from UPS), meet the kids and teachers, and learn about the mosaic process with the students.

The community workshops will be held here on Spring Hill two evenings in April and/or May. Spring Hill folks will make their own tiles to be included in the project. Plans include *Picassiette* mosaic techniques plus molded tiles.

The installation of the mural is planned for June of 2009 with a large celebration to follow mid-June. Funding is available to keep Spring Hill residents informed of all activities and to ensure a professional installation and a memorable celebration.

Any questions about the project can be directed to Linda Wallen 412-323-0805 (lindawallen@gmail.com) or Justin Mazzei (jmazzei@mcg-btc.org).





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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UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN 2009

General Meetings are scheduled at the Spring Hill Elementary School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2009:

- Monday, March 2nd
- Monday, May 4th
- Monday, September 14th
- Monday, October 5th
- Monday, November 2nd

Mark your calendar for the March 2nd meeting. Although we do our best, the March/April newsletter may not have been distributed to the entire community by then!!!

SPRING HILL/CITYVIEW YAHOO CHAT GROUP

If you're not already a member, you might like to join the Spring Hill/CityView Yahoo chat group. This is a place for neighbors to share information about and of interest to Spring Hill and CityView residents. This includes names and contact information for contractors and other service providers you've had good experiences with, job postings, local community event announcements, lost pets, items for sale, local clubs, or any items of interest to residents.

To join go to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spring-hill/>.

If you have any trouble signing up call Pete McQuillin at 412-977-2207 while at your computer and he'll walk you through the sign up.

VOLUNTEER PARTY!



Do you know how special **Your** Block Worker is? These wonderful people deliver this newsletter to your door 6 times a year. They help collect your membership dues and help make sure the neighborhood children get a Halloween Parade.

The SHCL Board would like to thank all the block workers and other volunteers who helped this year with an appreciation meeting/party in late January/early February. All block workers and volunteers should watch the mail in the next few weeks for their special invitation.

Thank you for all Your Help!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy fourth birthday to Anthony Dulski in January, and happy seventh birthday to Jacob Gorham of Yetta Avenue in January!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

To the family and friends of Lorene Lofink formerly of Spring Hill, daughter of the late Edward and Anna Lofink. She passed away on October 29th... to the family and friends of Lillian R. (Dinkfelt) Horvath formerly of Spring Hill, wife of Elmer V. Horvath. She passed away on November 6th... to the family and friends of Dolores "Doris" (Hartman) Wujko of Spring Hill/CityView, wife of the late Edward Wujko. She passed away on November 10th... to the Frances Title family and other family and friends of Anna F. Dominek of Spring Hill, wife of the late Frank Dominek. She passed away on November 12th... to the family and friends of Frederick M. Tate of Spring Hill, husband of Betty Ehrenberger Tate. He passed away on November 15th... to the family and friends of George G. Banner of Spring Hill, husband of the late Vera M. Ehrenberger. He passed away on December 10th... and to the family and friends of Lillian (Hoffman) Hoover of Spring Hill/CityView, beoved wife of Paul J. Hoover Sr. She passed away on December 11th.

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

INTRODUCING PETE MCQUILLIN

Pete is a new board member of the Spring Hill Civic League. Pete is married to Dr. Nancy Chubb, a psychologist with a therapy practice downtown and in Shadyside. They live on Hunnell Street with Nancy's son, Nick, who is a senior at City Charter High School downtown. Nancy and Pete moved to Spring Hill in January 2007 and absolutely love it here. They can't believe the friendliness of their neighbors, and the many friends they've made in just two years here.

They are members of the Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church on North Avenue, where Pete is a facilitator for one of the church's small group ministries. Pete is also active in Northside United, an organization dedicated to obtaining community benefits agreements from the city and North Shore developers, similar to the one recently obtained in the Hill District, which will help Northside residents obtain living-wage jobs.

In addition, Pete is executive director of Green Burial Pittsburgh. This is a nonprofit group seeking to establish woodland burial grounds in Allegheny County that combine the two goals of land conservation and "green" burial, an environmentally friendly burial method that uses no toxic embalming chemicals or burial vaults and requires that coffins be biodegradable.

You can contact Pete at p_mcquillin@yahoo.com or 412-977-2207.



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU LETTER

I just wanted to tell you how beautiful the tree lighting was on Sunday. In one way it's kind of sad that not a lot of people show up for these types of things, but in another way....it made it more special.

I grew up right here on Spring Hill and live on the same street that I grew up on. I remember as a child all of the community events that we had and how much we kids looked forward to them and waited for them. In 1979 when I was in 4th grade, I had a young cousin who died unexpectedly 9 days before Christmas. I remember Mary O'Toole of Rockledge Street taking care of me while my family was at the funeral home on the night of the tree lighting. I can remember looking through the eyes of a 9 year old, seeing all of the decorations and what seemed like throngs of people and feeling so important that I was helping with the hot chocolate that Mary made for the people. There were carolers and just so many people. The memory of that night stays with me, to this day.

I love being able to take my son to these local functions so he can also have these memories. He was so excited to go to the tree lighting (even though he wouldn't look at Santa), and he savored his hot chocolate like it was the best thing in the world! I have to admit, it did taste extra sweet and the cookies were extra yummy.....the memories that make tradition special!! Thank you for another beautiful holiday celebration!

Kristen Dulski

HAPPENINGS AT THE NATIONAL AVIARY

Fly the Coop Days
 Monday, January 5th through
 Tuesday, January 27th
 10:30 a.m.

Escape the cold and meet one of our silkie chickens during our Little Peepers program, a kid-focused program for ages 2-5. Fly The Coop Days is a special Little Peepers program during January only, on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Party with the Penguins
 Monday, January 19th
 All day

Help us celebrate Sidney the penguin's first birthday with free admission and special penguin encounters. Visitors will also be able to see the new penguin exhibit under construction! FREE admission all day

A Tweetie for Your Sweetie
 Sunday, February 1st through
 Saturday, February 28th

Adopt a bird for your sweetie during your visit to the Aviary in February and you'll get a special gift.

Flamingo Day
 Saturday, February 14th
 All day

Celebrate Valentine's Day with our baby flamingos. Half-price admission to guests who wear pink.



National Aviary
 Allegheny Commons West
 700 Arch Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15212
 412-323-7235
www.aviary.org

THE ELLIS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Ellis School, a preK-12 grade private girls school located at 6425 Fifth Avenue in Shadyside is hosting an Open House on Thursday, January 15th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. For details, call 412-661-5992 or email: admissions@TheEllisSchool.org

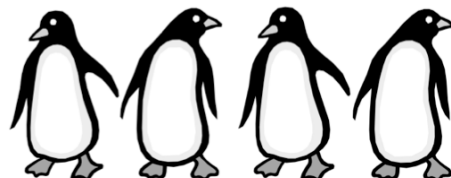
PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR PARENTS

Free public program
 Monday, January 12th

The Ellis School is proud to welcome Nancy Schulman and Ellen Birnbaum, directors of The 92nd Street Y Nursery School in New York City. Schulman and Birnbaum draw on their fifty years of combined experience as educators, parents, and respected leaders in early childhood education to give parents the guidance they need to feel confident and empowered. RSVP by January 8th at 412-661-4880 or email admissions@TheEllisSchool.org

Join us for a light dinner and lively discussion with two gifted educators: Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Program: 6:00-7:30 p.m. Childcare available upon request.

Come grow with us - The Ellis School is located at 6425 Fifth Avenue in Shadyside.



AMANI INTERNATIONAL COFFEEHOUSE & CAFE

Stop by Amani at 507 Foreland Street between Middle Street and Cedar Avenue in the East Allegheny neighborhood.



Enjoy a hot fresh cup of java, pastry, or a panini. We welcome and can accommodate groups of less than five to more than 30. If your church group is looking for meeting space or maybe you are looking to plan your class reunion, Amani is your meeting central!

Upcoming Events:

Mondays – Yoga
 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays – Worship
 Beginning January 14th
 Jubilee International Ministries, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursdays - Pilates
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays - Open Talent
 Beginning January 17th
 Whatever your talent is come and share, \$3 cover, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DON WALKO REPORTS

New Pennsylvania Laws Designed to Protect Public Safety

Several new laws passed toward the end of the recently concluded 2007-08 legislative session should improve protections for public safety in Pennsylvania. These new laws are in addition to my legislation, now signed by Gov. Rendell, that will give common pleas judges more authority to tackle the problem of abandoned and blighted properties.

As chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, I am pleased to report that the General Assembly also has passed the following measures and the governor has signed them into law:

- Fighting gun crimes: Act 131 contains many important common-sense law enforcement measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, and to punish those who help criminals illegally obtain firearms. The measure received bipartisan support.

This law will strengthen penalties for causing death or injury to police officers and for possessing a firearm with an altered serial number. One of the problems we have in prosecuting defendants is the use of untraceable firearms during the crime. By tightening the loophole that lets criminals slip through, we have a better chance of prosecuting them and getting them off the streets.

- Strengthening Megan's Law: Act 98 clarifies the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, so offenders convicted of solicitation or conspiracy involving a minor are subject to Megan's Law registration and restrictions. The new law makes conspiracy or solicitation for a sexually violent crime an offense, requiring residential registration with state police for 10 years. This will help authorities better crack down on sexual predators who target child victims, including through the use of the Internet.

- Prison reform: A set of new laws, that will effectively reduce county prison populations while providing incentives for incarcerated non-violent offenders to receive drug treatment, received broad bipartisan support. Acts 81, 82, 83 and 84 address a glaring need in the criminal justice system to promote the rehabilitation of non-violent offenders

and aid their re-entry, so they can become responsible, productive citizens of this Commonwealth.

Housing prisoners can cost tens of thousands of dollars per inmate, which can put a real strain on taxpayers. The new laws will help with prison overcrowding and cut down on expenses, while allowing non-violent offenders to begin making their way back into society.

- Helping police officers returning from military service: Act 105 will allow police officers whose certifications have expired while they are on military duty to return to work until they can take their recertification tests. These officers are well trained and can do more for their community by performing their jobs than by waiting for in-service training or a certification test to be offered. We also have a responsibility to protect the employment rights of our military service members.

If you have questions on a state-related issue or subject, please visit www.pahouse.com/Walko or call my office at 412-321-5523.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS

Possibly the most serious need in the City of Pittsburgh is eliminating the violence which continues to take lives. We all have a stake in this. This is our city. And we each hold a portion of the solution and have a responsibility to take a proactive stand.

In the North Side, Commander Brackney has made reduction of violence a top priority. Many of our neighborhood organizations have been operating block watches for quite some time now, and have been working on increasing neighborhood participation. Here in City Council we also have been taking the matter seriously, seeing that security cameras are put up in some neighborhoods, and supporting programs that help reduce criminal activity.

Back in March, Council unanimously adopted a resolution urging the state legislature to pass legislation mandating the reporting of lost or stolen

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**CITY OF PITTSBURGH COUNCILWOMAN
DARLENE M. HARRIS**

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handguns. This resolution was bolstered by similar support from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. Pittsburgh Police Chief Nathan Harper and the Pittsburgh Fraternal Order of Police have also been publicly advocating such a law.

Council has introduced legislation creating a city ordinance which mandates reporting of any lost or stolen handgun. After final approval in committee, I hope the legislation will have been signed into law by the time this newsletter goes to print.

One would think that there would be no controversy about this. When something is stolen, you should report it. I do come from a family of hunters and gun collectors, and I support the right of individuals to own guns – I support the Second Amendment. What I do not support is the right of individuals to buy guns and then suddenly to “lose” them into the hands of those with malicious intent. There is a difference between the right to own a gun and a “right” to conceal the theft of a gun. In other words, I support *legal* gun ownership. Once a gun has been stolen, its possession becomes *illegal*. While we do not wish to interfere with legal gun ownership, we do wish to control illegal gun ownership.

We have received letters of support from Philadelphia and Reading, Pennsylvania. Similar legislation has passed already in Allentown and Pottsville, and is pending in Easton, Bethlehem, Reading, Lancaster, and York, Pennsylvania.

This is a timely law to pass. It is also only one step in our march toward eliminating violence. Let’s all do our part. Together we can make our city a bit more livable every day.

I do want to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful, and bright holiday season! Merry Christmas and a happy 2009 to all!

Please feel free to contact my office at 412-255-2135. You can also communicate with me via email at: darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us.

SPRING HILL MOSAICS

A mosaic mural about Puerto Rico and Philadelphia was installed last June at 1200 Yetta Avenue. A collaboration between Spring Hill resident Linda Wallen and the students of the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, this mural depicts the favorite places of the homeowners. The ceramic pieces were sculpted or molded, painted, and fired at the Guild's ceramic studios at 1815 Metropolitan Street under the direction of teaching artists Amanda Wolf and Justin Mazzei.





CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbor,

As we begin a new year, we are continuing to put our residents and our neighborhoods first. In response to the many resident public safety concerns that came into my office, we worked to create and implement a new Rental Registration Ordinance and Disruptive Property Ordinance.

The City of Pittsburgh has over 62,000 rental properties. The Rental Registration Ordinance is designed to keep rental properties from falling into decay and causing blight in our neighborhoods. Landlords must register rental properties before renting or leasing units in the City. Landlords have until April 1, 2009 to register or they may face a fine of up to \$1,000. The Registry will ensure that we know who our City landlords are, and that they maintain and correct any violations against their rental property. To register a rental property, please contact the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI) at 412-255-RENT.

Adding an additional layer of enforcement to protect our residents against neighbors that are engaging in disruptive activities, the new Disruptive Property Ordinance holds both the residents and owners of rental properties and owner-occupied housing accountable. The City's Department of Information Systems created the technology in-house to integrate data from the Bureau of Building Inspection, Police and Animal Control in order to flag disruptive properties. Property owners are now subject to a fine if their properties are cited as disruptive three or more times in a 60 day period. To learn more about the Disruptive Property Ordinance, please contact BBI at 412.255.2175.

You can play a critical role in both of these processes. It was a citizen complaint driven investigation that resulted in the Director of Public Safety, Michael Huss, and the Nuisance Bar Task Force to temporarily shut down a bar in the South Side in November. While the bar has since proven to be in compliance with code and re-opened, the Police will continue to keep a close watch. Please report any nuisance bar activity to the Bureau of Police Vice Unit at 412.323.7761.

While the City has also hired a quality of life attorney and a disruptive property administrator to provide the legal and administrative support to ensure the success of this ordinance, we are unable to knock on every door to find out if it is a rental unit. Please continue to call 9-1-1 to report neighborhood criminal activity and 311 for building and maintenance violations. Let's continue to work together to improve our neighborhoods!

Please contact my Department of Neighborhood Initiatives for more information on these and other initiatives at 412.255.8680.

Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Ravenstahl".

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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KNOW YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS

Sky Vue Terrace Offers Brochure to Take the Confusion Out of Medicare Benefits

The experts at Sky Vue Terrace have updated their easy-to-read brochure called *Capture Your Benefits From Medicare – 2009*, that takes the guess work out of what is and what is not covered by Medicare Part A & B. “Many people are familiar with the terms Medicare Part A & B, but very few people understand what these terms really mean,” says Amy Trevino, Sky Vue Terrace. “Together with our parent company, HCR Manor Care, we have developed this brochure in an understandable format to educate everyone about the coverage available.”

Much of the confusion of Medicare benefits comes from the difference between Parts A & B. Medicare Part A, or hospital insurance, covers some of the in-patient costs incurred at the hospital, including nursing care, meals, drugs, and ordinarily furnished lab and x-ray services. Medicare Part B, or medical insurance, covers services from outside providers, such as physicians and surgeons. Patients are eligible for Medicare if they are 65 or over, are eligible for Social Security, or if under 65 have a valid HIC number.

According to Amy Trevino, patients can recover in skilled Medicare certified facilities as long as they have fulfilled Medicare requirements such as a minimum three day stay in the hospital (not including

day of discharge). “If the person has been in the hospital for three consecutive days, and they are transferred to a nursing center for further care of the same condition, their stay will likely be covered by Medicare,” says Amy Trevino. “At Sky Vue Terrace, many of our patients are eligible for Medicare funding, so we are always keeping up-to-date on changes. The *Capture Your Benefits from Medicare* brochure is just one way that we can help provide specifics about services covered and not covered by Medicare.”

If you would like a copy of the brochure, or if you would like more information about Heartland, ManorCare facilities, call 412-323-0420 or 1-800-736-4427.

Sky Vue Terrace is part of HCR ManorCare, a leading provider of short-term post-acute services and long-term care. The company’s nearly 60,000 employees provide quality care for patients and residents through a network of more than 500 skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, assisted living facilities, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, and hospice and home care agencies. The company operates primarily under the respected Heartland, ManorCare Health Services and Arden Courts names.



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.

HOLY WISDOM FOOD BANK

This vital ministry serves many in our community who are having hard times. The food bank is not government-funded and depends upon donations and volunteers within Holy Wisdom parish and our community. This means that the donations you make go *directly to your neighbor*, not anywhere else in the city. Please help your neighbors in need.

ESB Bank has been collecting food and gift cards all year and will continue to do so. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Bank during normal business hours. Checks or gift cards can be sent to Holy Wisdom Food Pantry, 1025 Haslage Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

The food bank at Holy Wisdom (St. Ambrose School) is held every third Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. *To register for the food bank or to volunteer call 412-231-1116.*

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Despite the freezing temperatures, more than fifty residents came out to see the annual Christmas Tree Lighting held on December 7th. As the residents lined up outside the old orphanage lot they were handed candles and programs for the ceremony. In the meantime the Santa Truck drove an abbreviated route throughout the community. Volunteers rode on the truck with Santa braving the cold and arrived on time for the 7:00 p.m. ceremony.

The festivities started with the new Spring Hill Civic League president, Jackie Hoffman, welcoming and thanking all for attending. Pastor Patricia Bonds from St. Michael & All Angels' Lutheran Church led everyone in prayer and song. As the participants were singing *Silent Night* the Christmas tree was lit. The Nativity set looked heavenly nestled between the sparkling trees. It was a beautiful sight for all to see. The presentation of gifts was made by Lisa Eberz, representing ESB Bank, to the Holy Wisdom Food Pantry and the Tri-Hill Valley Meals on Wheels. The Civic League matched ESB bank's donation of \$100 each.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Eileen Back and Mary O'Toole handed out hot chocolate donated by Steve Brady, and cookies donated by Lou and Dorothy Flore. Santa was there for those children who wanted to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wishes! The board also made sure that those in line for Santa had a hot chocolate to keep them toasty. A wonderful time was had by all!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make this event a success. They include Steve Brady, Leeann Sherman, Ivan Grenier, and Courtney Russo of Brady's Memorial Home, Jackie Hoffman, Dianne Burns, Ben Soltesz, Karen McLellan, Pete McQuillin, Eileen Back, Mary O'Toole, Pastor Patricia Bonds, Mary Herman, Lou and Dorothy Flore, Lisa Eberz, Jim and Lois Hurray who put the Nativity set together, Shawn and Beth Herzer, Jan Herzer, and Phil Hatherly who put the lights on the trees, Scott Morrissey who worked on the electrical, "Buzz" Back who salted the walkways, and Jim Hurray who took pictures of the event.

A special "Thank You" to Brady's Memorial Home and ESB Bank who partnered with the Civic League to make this evening very special for the community.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

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**CHILDREN’S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION
January/February 2009**

EXHIBITS

Tough Art Through January 18th
The Children’s Museum presents its second year of this exhibit series, showcasing interactive art works by four artists who got the chance to make their art “tough” enough to withstand kid handling during a three month summer residency. Featured artists are Wendy Osher, David Butts, Rick Gribenas, and Ben Bigelow.
Tough Art is supported by a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Exploring Trees Inside and Out January 31st – May 17th
This unique interactive exhibit allows children to experience the many wonders of the outdoors in an indoor environment. Children will begin to understand and appreciate trees for the role they play in the world. See a video of the exhibit components at www.arborday.org/explore/travelingexhibit.
The “Exploring Trees Inside and Out” Traveling Exhibit is a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. This exhibit is touring nationally through 2010 thanks to the generous support of Doubletree.

EVENTS

Family Yoga Fridays in January and February, beginning January 9th, 12:15-12:45 p.m.
Stretch and breathe midday with a special Family Yoga class geared for all ages from infancy up taught by yogi Bridgett McNally-Javid. Parents and children will learn collaborative poses to increase flexibility, focus, and connection. Individual adults are also welcome in this class which is customized each week for all ages. Mats are available, first come first served. Family Yoga is free and open to the public. Museum admission is not included.

Chinese New Year Celebration with Silk Screen February 7th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Celebrate Chinese New Year with Silk Screen by building your own Chinese lantern, enjoying a live performance by the Oriental Star Dancers and vocal students of Miao Ge: Annie Liu and Anjie Wang. At 1:00 p.m. in the Theater. March in a parade through the Children’s Museum at 3:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Father/Daughter Dinner Dance February 15th, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Have a grand time with Dad at our 3rd Annual Father/Daughter Dinner Dance! Wear your favorite party clothes and enjoy a buffet dinner along with dancing with Dad. You'll enjoy a keepsake photo to take home, a buffet dinner, craft making in our Studio...and of course, dancing! To make a reservation call 412-586-6032.

Reel Fun Workshops

Join us Sundays in February. Each of the three workshops will engage the whole family in the historical, mechanical, and social relevance of movies and viewing in today’s culture.

The Science of Silents February 8th, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Reel Life: Documentaries February 15th, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Animation February 22nd 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

We Can! Events

We Can! Events are presented as part of the national program designed to help children maintain a healthy weight. They are organized by UPMC in partnership with the Children’s Museum, Children’s Hospital, H.J. Heinz Co., Children’s Community Pediatrics, and the City of Pittsburgh.



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION

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Life is full of reasons to MOVE! **Attack Theatre** presents a movement dialogue between dancers, children, families, and works of art. Join the dancers for a brief conversation about a work of art, then put on your dancing shoes to help the dancers bring your ideas to life in movement. The only requirement for this fun and physical experience is the ability to MOVE!
Saturday, January 24th, 1:30 p.m.

Dance your heart out when we transform the Theater into a **Family Dance Party** with DJ RawZ's zany tunes!
Saturday, February 14th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Pull on a pair of snowshoes and see if you can keep your footing on a simulated snow terrain track to explore and **learn about snowshoeing with Venture Outdoors!**
Saturday, February 28th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Family Favorites

Laugh along with the zany storytelling and live cartoon illustrations of Joe Wos and **Once Upon a Toon!**
January 4th & 10th and February 21st, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.

Play with **Professor MiGooch**, Professor of Fun, as he roams the Museum with games and songs. Don't miss his musical Stuffedie Show at 3:00 in the Theater!
Sundays, January 11th & 25th and February 1st & 15th, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

YouthArtworks performs "**Pittsburgh: Big Adventure!**" a choose-your-own-adventure interactive puppet show exploring Pittsburgh neighborhoods. Make your own puppet between shows.
Saturday, January 17th, 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.

Groove to the live jazz saxophone of **Lee Robinson** as he roams the Museum!
Sunday, January 18th, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Sing and dance to all your favorite tunes with **Betsy & Pals!**
January 27th and February 16th, 1:00 p.m.

Meet Krumholtz the 8-foot talking tree and see his starring role in the "Bearly Spring" puppet show by **We're Holden Puppets.**
Saturday, January 31st, at 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00 p.m.

Tails aren't just for scratching and wagging! Join therapy dog Duke while your family shares a **Ruff Writer's Heart Tale.** Tales from picture books--and our own lives--can help children through "Ruff" (Respect-Reading-Riting Using Fact and Fiction) times.
Saturday, February 21st, noon - 1:00 p.m.

See the childhood classic **Prokofiev's Peter & the Wolf** performed by CMU's School of Music, as part of CMU's community outreach program, and conducted by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Jeff Turner.
Saturday, February 28th, 2:00 p.m.

The Children's Museum is located at 10 Children's Way, Allegheny Square, North Side - Visit www.pittsburghkids.org for more information on upcoming events and ticket information or call 412-322-5058.