



# SPRING HILL \* CITYVIEW TIMES

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**Independence Day**



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Follow your heart, but take your brain with you.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

#### NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL!!

**Disc Jockey  
Moonwalk  
Face Painting  
And More!!**

**Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 8:30 PM  
Rockledge Street Lot**

National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event. Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate with a variety of events. Last year several Northside communities took part. We thought it would be a nice event for Spring Hill to participate in.

The celebration will take place on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at the Rockledge Street lot. We will have a Disc Jockey and a moonwalk from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. We will have a face painter from 6:00 -7:00 PM. The cost is **FREE**. Hope to see you there!!



### SPRING HILL COMMUNITY FLEA MARKETS

**First Sunday of the Month  
JULY 5<sup>th</sup> and AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Brady Memorial Home  
1151 Southside Avenue**



The Spring Hill Civic League is sponsoring summer flea markets for the community. The June flea market was very successful. The remaining two will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> from the hours of 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM come rain or shine. Tables will be available in the parking lot of Brady Memorial Home at 1151 Southside Avenue for \$10.00 a table for one Sunday.

Bring your household goods, antiques, collectibles, baked goods, and other items. Vendors bring your crafts, Avon, Tupperware, or other products. If you have a business on Spring Hill bring your wares, brochures, or ideas. Promote your business and our community. To register call Brady Memorial Home at 412-321-1500 with your name, phone number, and which Sunday you are interested in. If you need additional information leave a message at 412-231-7718. We

### HELP US SPREAD YOUR NEWS!

**To the neighbors of the community...**

We are interested in announcing the names of new neighbors who have moved into the community in the past year, as well as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, special achievements, birth announcements, obituaries, etc. We are also interested in the history of Spring Hill.

#### Newsletter article submission...

Please submit articles for the September/October edition by August 15<sup>th</sup> by mail to:

Joan Russell  
2115 Rockledge Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212-3533

or by email to:  
[joanrussell@aol.com](mailto:joanrussell@aol.com)  
or call 412-322-9945.

are also looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for our bake sale, and helpers to pick-up the tables and return them.

The flea market will be advertised in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *Pennysaver* as well as other venues so it should be well-attended. All proceeds will benefit the Spring Hill Civic League. Come support your community and shop for those bargains!





**UPCOMING EVENTS  
IN 2009**

General Meeting

**Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**  
Spring Hill Elementary School  
auditorium

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

- Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Neighborhood Festival for  
National Night Out:**

**Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 to  
8:30 PM, Rockledge Street lot

**Community Flea Markets:**

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, 8AM-2PM  
**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 8AM-2PM  
Brady Memorial Home  
1151 Southside Avenue

**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.

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone is enjoying this  
wonderful summer weather we  
are having. It has been so nice  
to see everyone out and about.

We just had our first flea market  
of the 2009 year. It was nice to  
see so many familiar faces and  
we had a great turnout. You still  
have time to book a table for  
July or August, and even if you  
don't have anything to sell  
please come just to shop. Many  
thanks to Steve Brady and his  
staff, as well as the Spring Hill  
Civic League board members  
for their efforts in making this a  
successful event.

As summer draws to an end  
there is something more to look  
forward to, our August 4<sup>th</sup>  
National Night Out Festival. I  
hope everyone makes it out for  
this fun event. We will have fun  
games for the kids and great  
music for the adults!!

Next, we will be focusing on our  
general community meeting, on  
September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at the  
Spring Hill Elementary School.  
This is an important meeting  
since we haven't had one since  
late spring. We will be having a  
guest speaker at this meeting  
and you do not want to miss  
important information that  
affects Spring Hill and the  
Northside.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your  
summer and I look forward to  
seeing you at our many Spring  
Hill events!!

Jackie Hoffman, President,  
Spring Hill Civic League

**SPRING HILL CIVIC  
LEAGUE WEB SITE**

[www.shcl.org](http://www.shcl.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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**July Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Ava Marie Lippert on July 11<sup>th</sup>, to Catherine Wilson on July 18<sup>th</sup>, and to Helen Gerst on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**August Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Kelly Herman on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Abby Hamm on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Ron Hamm on August 9<sup>th</sup>, to Mary Ann Stamos on August 11<sup>th</sup> who is expecting her 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> great grandchild, to Doug Lippert on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and to Dave Brown on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through.

Taking out his 3-wood, he took another mighty swing; the ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer", to which the man replied: "Got here in two, didn't I?"

"By all means marry: If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." - Socrates

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. - Billy Crystal

To the family and friends of Mary G. (Bogolin) Yetter of Spring Hill, wife of the late Bernhard Yetter. She passed away on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the age of 99... to the family and friends of William A. "Buck" Schell of Spring Hill, beloved husband of Margaret "Peg" (Gsell) Schell. He passed away on April 27<sup>th</sup>... to the family and friends of Paul J. Hoover Sr., of City View, husband of the late Lillian S. (Hoffman) Hoover. He passed away on May 9<sup>th</sup>... to the family and friends of Mathilda M. (Woelfer) Day, formerly of Spring Hill, wife of the late William F. Day. She passed away on May 12<sup>th</sup>... to the family and friends of Sara C. Hunkele, daughter of the late James and Mary Hunkele. She passed away on May 16<sup>th</sup>... to the family and friends of Josephine M. Latin of Spring Hill, wife of the late George Latin. She passed away on May 21<sup>st</sup>... and to the family and friends of Dorothy R. Fafata of Spring Hill, daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine Fafata. She passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

To the family and friends of Scott Casson of Spring Hill, son of the late Geraldine Casson, father of Christopher Staub, Corey Casson, and Chelsea Casson. He passed away on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Scott was loved by his family and all of his friends. He would have been 40 on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Our thought and prayers go out to him at this time of mourning. *The Casson Family*

July 4<sup>th</sup>!

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency	911
Mayor's Response Line	311
Allegheny County Health Department	412-687-2243
Allegheny General Hospital	412-359-3131
Animal Control	412-255-2036
City Council Dist. 1 Councilwoman Darlene Harris	412-255-2135
City Jobline	412-255-2388
Dog Licenses	412-255-2575
Duquesne Light Power Outages	1-888-393-7100 1-888-393-7000
Narcotics Division	412-323-7761
North Side Chamber of Commerce	412-231-6500
Northside Community Development Fund	412-322-0290
Northside Leadership Conference	412-330-2559
Parks & Recreation	412-255-2539
Pittsburgh Parking Authority	412-560-2511
Public Works Division 1	412-255-2790 412-323-7209
Spring Hill Civic League	See page 2 of the newsletter
State Representative Rep. Don Walko	412-321-5523
State Senator Senator Jim Ferlo	412-621-3006

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...**



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to Bill and Terrv Gerst on

## GREAT PENNSYLVANIA CLEAN-UP April 25, 2009

Over 20 volunteers turned out for The Great 2009 Spring Hill Redd Up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's event was part of a larger "Great PA Cleanup" campaign with 85 of Pittsburgh's neighborhoods participating.

This is third year Spring Hill has participated in an event sponsored by the Pittsburgh-based Citizens Against Litter organization. This organization began with one individual, Boris Weinstein, and his efforts to rid his Shadyside neighborhood of an increasing amount of litter.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who included Bob Sobocinski, Mike Morgan, Darlene Harris, Andrew Petro, Mary and Kailey Herman, Mark Miller, Werner Krupp, Chris, Tammy, Tory, Kyle, and Jason Waraks, Ben and Charlotte Soltesz, Jackie Hoffman, Ryan Deloplaine, Joan Russell, Mark Schreibeis, Karen McLellan, Dee and Frank Witsch, and Glenna Karkaria. Special thanks to Mike Morgan who drove his truck around the neighborhood to pick up the full trash bags for deposit at the Firehouse and to our photographer, Jim Hurray.



**FRESH FRIDAYS  
AT THE NORTHSIDE FARMER'S  
MARKET THIS SUMMER**

*Fresh* produce cooking demonstrations by Northside chefs, *Fresh* live music performances by Northside youth, and *Fresh* family activities presented by neighborhood cultural institutions will begin July 10<sup>th</sup> at the new *Fresh Fridays* series at the Northside Farmer's Market.

*Fresh Fridays* at the Northside Farmers Market is sponsored by the Charm Bracelet Project Fund through the generous support of the Grable Foundation, with support from Allegheny General Hospital, Allegheny Center Alliance Church, Elm Street/Historic Deutschtown, and CitiParks Farmers Market. *Fresh Fridays* at the Northside Farmer's Market will happen every Friday through September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 PM and have activities for the entire family that will include:

- Chef's Table - Chefs from Northside restaurants will prepare a simple summer dish made from ingredients purchased at the farmer's market. The chefs will demonstrate the preparation, and samples of the dish will be available for tasting.
- Youth Music - Live performances will take place every Friday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Featured on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and August 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, will be The Krunk Movement. Each performance will showcase a different facet of Krunk's extensive repertoire that includes rapping their original hip-hop songs, playing original jazz compositions, and performing original dance.
- Fresh Fridays Family Activities - Interactive activities will be presented each week by cultural organizations from the Charm Bracelet Project that include Artists Image Resources, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Allegheny, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Manchester Craftsman's Guild, National Aviary, R.U.S.T. (Radical Underground SilkscreeningTeam), The Andy Warhol Museum and more.

For further information about *Fresh Fridays* at the Northside Farmer's Market, visit <http://www.deutschtown.org> or email [charmbraceletproject@gmail.com](mailto:charmbraceletproject@gmail.com).

**HOLY WISDOM PARISH  
PRESENTS**

**NORTHSIDE SUMMER CELEBRATION  
August 19<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Holy Wisdom Parish presents **Northside Summer Celebration** at 2208 East Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, from Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Special events are scheduled for each night!

- Wednesday features include cheerleaders and entertainment by Scott, Rob, and Greg from *The Clarks/Acoustic*.
- Thursday features include the Classic Car Cruise and entertainment by Chuck Blasko and the Vogues.
- Friday features include a chicken dinner served from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, the Skydiver Lottery, and entertainment by The Chris Higbee Project.
- Saturday features include a 4:00 PM festival Mass, spaghetti dinner served from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, and entertainment by Johnny Angel and the Halos.

There is an ATM on site, "no smoking" bingo, games, amusement rides by C & L Shows, a great variety of food, beer and wine, a bakery, and a DJ nightly. Check out this year's 1990 triple black Corvette convertible. There is 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](http://www.holywisdomparish.org).



**NORTHSIDE FARMER'S MARKET**

The Northside farmers market is located at the corner of Cedar Avenue and East Ohio Street in historic Deutschtown. The hours are Fridays, from 3:30 until 7:30 PM.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP May 2, 2009

A wonderful group of volunteers gathered in early May for our annual spring garden cleanup. Community residents and members of Steel City Boxing showed up to pull weeds and plant flowers at the entrance to the community near the Homer Street firehouse.

We would like to thank the Steel City Boxing Association and its members who have graciously agreed to continuing care for our community garden. Their many helpful hands greatly benefit our community.





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

**Living Up to Our  
International Acclaim**

The G-20 is coming to Pittsburgh on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. How will we live up to our international acclaim? What will we do as a city? As neighborhoods? As individuals?

We have a beautiful city here. Between now and September we will be putting the sparkle on it. The world will be looking at us. Maybe some will say, "Let's visit Pittsburgh some time," and that's wonderful – we love to show off to visitors. Maybe some also will say, "Let's invest in Pittsburgh," and that is what we want to hear.

We have the talent and ability to provide a strong workforce for companies that would wish to invest in our area. We have buildings which can be filled and land that can be used. We have rivers and highways and railroads and of course we have bridges.

Our area of the country has a long history of technological innovation. In the 1800s we were the seat of invention in terms of taking oil from the ground and refining it, using electricity, the invention of air brakes, wire cable, natural gas, and many other things.

Andy Masich, President and CEO of the Heinz History Museum, has made a wonderful video available on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o75yBx8XBK0>. The video provides a bit of our regional history and highlights many innovations born in Pittsburgh.

We have grown our city from the simple "maker of steel" and "city of bridges" into a producer of all sorts of modern technology. Additionally, we are a center of medical innovation and higher education. We even have a world-class school of computer game making (Entertainment Technology Center at CMU) that graduates students directly into the larger game companies. We are growing lean, mean, and green.

We have the ability to build with our hands while jumping into a dream of the future.

Of course, we also offer a great place to live. We have good, solid, old-stock housing; a fairly stable housing market (especially excellent in the current financial climate); a diverse, well-established cultural base, including all sorts of arts and entertainment; a thriving infrastructure; and a relatively low cost of living. And we have plenty of fresh, clean water.

So let's put on our world-class faces, let's grab this opportunity and run with it.

I know there are still problems. I know that Portman Street is falling, and that the Davis Avenue Bridge must be replaced. I know there are vacant houses that are languishing while they invite illicit activity. I know there are unsavory characters out there among us. I have not stopped my crusade to improve the neighborhoods in District 1 in every possible way.

I also know that we can do more as a community and as individuals. We can help our neighbors with their yards. We can start a litter patrol on our

blocks. We can join our neighborhood block watches. We can start with our own homes and work from there.

Selena Schmidt, an East Allegheny neighbor, has started a campaign for "two-bag walks" – walk your dog with one bag for doggie waste and a second bag for the trash you find on the street. Selena says we are "changing our community two bags at a time." I suggest we join Selena in her crusade.

We can make a big difference just by working together with our neighbors. We have so much to offer. Let's make certain that potential is what our visitors see when they arrive.

*Councilwoman Harris can be reached at 412-255-2135 and email at: [darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).*

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**MOSAIC NEWS**

The mosaic mural funded by the NorthSide Microgrant Charm Bracelet Program is completed. Four 3x5 panels tell the story of German immigrants and their lives on Spring Hill. Horses, dogs, people, pigeons, springs, houses, storefronts, it is visually very exciting. Forty small border pieces are also ready for installation. These were made by residents of our Spring Hill community in evening workshops convened by the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild.

Public Art Commissioner Morton Brown has approved building a wall for the mosaic across from the Homer Street Fire House. Spring Hill resident Werner Krupp has designed the wall and has graciously drawn up detailed plans for the site including possible plantings.



## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION May 25, 2009

The community turned out on a beautiful Memorial Day at Brady Memorial Home on Southside Avenue to commemorate our veterans. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with set-up, food, and clean-up that day. Especially responsible for the day's success were Steve Brady and the staff of Brady Memorial Home. A special thanks to Jim Hurray who photographed the event.

Thank You to Bob Lynch and 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 special and go to each of the war monuments in our community every Memorial Day to properly commemorate their fallen comrades.





MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION  
(Continued from page 8)



## KEEPING YOUR COOL

### Sky Vue Terrace Offers Tips on Preventing Dehydration

Running through sprinklers or just sitting in the shade with a glass of lemonade. Everyone has their favorite way of keeping cool during the dog days of summer. For senior citizens, keeping cool – and hydrated – is more than just a matter of comfort; it can be a matter of life and death. Dehydration, or the loss of water and salts from the body, is one of the most common forms of heat disease, but it can also occur in humid or cold weather, at high altitudes or during increased physical exertion. It's important to know how to recognize dehydration before it becomes a critical health problem.

Unfortunately, the early stages of dehydration do not exhibit symptoms so you may not recognize that your body is in danger. According to Amber VanVliet, Registered Dietitian at Sky Vue Terrace, seniors are at greater risk because thirst sensation, sweat production, and the ability to concentrate urine decline with age.

“Dehydration gives general signals that do not become pronounced until the body is approaching the danger point,” she said. “Once a person exhibits symptoms such as thirst, dry mouth, or decreased urine output the person is already in the moderate stages of dehydration.” If you are mildly dehydrated simply drinking enough liquid and eating food high in salt will replace fluids and electrolytes.

Symptoms of early or mild dehydration include a flushed face, thirst, dry, warm skin, dizziness, weakness, headaches, irritability, and dry mouth. Moderate or severe dehydration symptoms include low blood pressure, fainting, severe muscle contractions, convulsions, a bloated stomach, sunken and dry eyes, rapid breathing, a lack of elasticity in the skin, and a fast, weak pulse. If someone is exhibiting these symptoms seek immediate medical attention.

To avoid dehydration, the experts offer a few tips:

- Start drinking plenty of water before activity and continue drinking throughout activity. Water should be cool, but not ice cold.
- Avoid fruit juices or nondiet soft drinks. Sugar can aggravate dehydration and cause bloating and cramps.
- Avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages.
- Weigh yourself before and after activity. For each pound lost in weight, you need to drink a pint of water to replace the water lost through sweating.

Not all fluid replacement must come from water. Other drinks consist mostly of water and foods contain water as well. However, thirst is generally a good guide for when you need to replace fluids and water is generally the best choice.

*Sky Vue Terrace, located at 2170 Rhine Street Pittsburgh, PA 15212, is part of the HCR ManorCare family. HCR ManorCare is a leading provider of short-term post-acute services and long-term care. The company's nearly 60,000 employees provide high-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 health care agencies. The company operates primarily under the respected Heartland, ManorCare Health Services and Arden Courts names.*

### 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 AM to 12:00 Noon.

*To register for the food bank or to volunteer call 412-231-1116.*

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight. That's because your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends!



# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

“America’s Most Livable City”

## *Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl*

July, 2009

Dear Neighbors,

The global and national spotlight continues to shine on Pittsburgh. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that President Obama has chosen Pittsburgh to host the G-20 Economic Summit. World leaders from more than 20 countries will be gathering in Pittsburgh on September 24-25, 2009. President Obama noted that Pittsburgh was chosen because it “has seen its share of economic woes in the past, but because of foresight and investment is now renewed, giving birth to renewed industries that are creating the jobs of the future.” World leaders will see firsthand how our City has successfully faired the economic tides and has become a model for economic and environmental transformation in the United States.

We have been working feverishly preparing for the G-20 Summit. We have heard from many residents and businesses that they would like to take part in the planning process. I want to encourage you to log on to the Pittsburgh G-20 Partnership web site ([www.pittsburghg20.org](http://www.pittsburghg20.org)) to share your best ideas and sign up to volunteer.

Not only is Pittsburgh being highlighted for our successful businesses and resilient economy, but the Economist magazine has once again named Pittsburgh as “America’s Most Livable City.” Pittsburgh ranked higher than any other City in the United States based on its’ stability, health care, culture, environment, education and infrastructure. Pittsburgh’s success story continues.

As residents of Pittsburgh, nationally we can take pride in our City, our sports teams, and that we have reclaimed the title of the “City of Champions.” We celebrated as the Steelers won the Super Bowl in February and now we congratulate the Pittsburgh Penguins on their outstanding win and for bringing the Stanley Cup back home!

Pittsburgh is a hot spot on the map and people are taking notice. 2009 continues to bring with it success and pride in our City as we continue to embark upon Pittsburgh’s third renaissance.

Sincerely,



Luke Ravenstahl  
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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**STATE SENATOR  
JIM FERLO**

**Weatherization and  
Preservation**

In a recent New York Times op-ed, the president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation did an excellent job of highlighting and explaining the connection between preservation and weatherization. I serve as the State Senate designee to the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission as an ardent supporter of preservation and retaining our history. Congressman Mike Doyle and I have fostered the development of the Pittsburgh Green Innovators, a collaboration of 29 community, government, corporate, philanthropic, education, and labor groups aiming to develop a trained “green-collar” work force and stimulate growth in the economy through sustainable development. We now have new opportunities to bring these worlds together—the release of stimulus funds from the Obama administration to state weatherization efforts can help us to save money, create jobs, and bring sustainability principles into our neighborhoods.

I would like to bring this connection home and tell you about Keystone HELP (Home Energy Loan Program), a Pennsylvania program to help you weatherize your home and reduce your energy usage. Most Pennsylvania homeowners who meet the program's eligibility guidelines can get a low cost loan or a rebate for energy-saving eligible

improvements installed by a Keystone HELP Approved Contractor. You can improve the energy efficiency of your home with special financing and rebates for ENERGY STAR® rated and high efficiency heating, air conditioning, air sealing, insulation, windows, doors, geothermal, and “whole house” improvements using Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®.

The neighborhoods of Pittsburgh showcase such diversity in architecture and hundreds of years of history, and weatherization helps us to revitalize our neighborhoods so that we can enjoy them for decades to come.

*You can connect to Keystone Help by visiting my website at [www.senatorferlo.com](http://www.senatorferlo.com), and see what other services my office provides. As always, if I can help you with this or any other state-related matters, please call my office at 412-621-3006.*

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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DON WALKO REPORTS**

**New Laws Aimed at Reducing  
Medical Errors, Expanding  
Health Coverage**

Four health-care reform bills I supported were recently signed into law by Gov. Ed Rendell.

One landmark new law prohibits health-care providers from seeking reimbursement for serious, preventable medical errors, or for any service needed to correct or treat a problem caused by a serious, preventable medical error. This law will protect patients and insurance companies from

having to pay for serious medical errors that were not their fault and could have been avoided. In addition, it will provide an important incentive for hospitals and other health-care facilities to reduce preventable medical errors, and reduce the cost of health care overall.

I am pleased that the governor has signed this consumer protection and patient safety bill into law. The legislation (Act 1 of 2009) is part of the House Democratic Caucus' Health PAct, a package of bills focused on improving access to and reducing the cost of health care in Pennsylvania.

Other health-care legislation I supported that the governor signed recently includes:

- Act 2 of 2009 – extends COBRA coverage to employees of small businesses in Pennsylvania. COBRA allows employees who lose their jobs to pay to continue their employer provided health-care coverage for a period of time after they are laid off.
- Act 3 of 2009 – reauthorizes the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, also known as PHC4, which gathers important health-care data and recommends steps to improve care and reduce costs in the health-care industry.
- Act 4 of 2009 – allows uninsured, single adult children up to age 30 to be covered under their parents' health insurance plans.

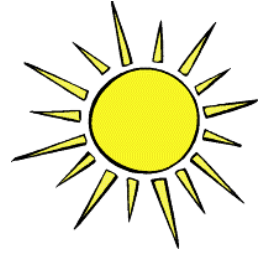
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**SPRING HILL**

Community

# Flea Market



**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July and August!**

**Brady Memorial Home**

**Parking Lot**

**1151 Southside Avenue**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

**Sunday, July 5**

**Sunday, August 2**

**8 AM to 2 PM Rain or Shine**

**Treasures, Antiques, Household Items**

**Vendors, Crafts, Candles**

**Home Made Baked Goods**

**And More!!!**

Tables are just \$10.00 each for one Sunday.

Call Brady Funeral Home at 412-321-1500 from 9AM to 5PM to reserve your space.

Or leave a message at 412-231-7718.

All vendors are welcome – Avon, Tupperware, Party Lite, etc.

We are also looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for our Bake Sale, and helpers to pick-up the tables and clean-up.

All proceeds will benefit the Spring Hill Civic League.