



# SPRING HILL \* CITYVIEW TIMES

## Happy Halloween

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2009

General Meeting  
**Monday, September 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>

Board Nominations

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Board Elections

#### **Membership Drive:**

September 1<sup>st</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Community Clean-Up Day:**

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM  
Homer Street firehouse

#### **Halloween Collection:**

September 1<sup>st</sup>- October 5<sup>th</sup>



#### **Halloween Parade:**

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM -  
1:00 PM, from Brady Memorial  
Home to the Rockledge Street lot.

#### **Christmas Tree Lighting:**

Date to be determined.

#### SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE BOARD OPENINGS

We are actively canvassing for  
community members willing to  
serve on the Board. Please help  
us. Volunteer. If you are willing to  
serve please contact President  
Jackie Hoffman or any board  
member. We all have busy lives.  
By spending only a few hours each  
month you can help better your  
community.

Nominations to the board will  
occur at the October General  
Meeting and the elections held at  
the November General Meeting.

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I can hardly believe summer is  
over. It was a great summer for  
Spring Hill. We had three flea  
markets and a National Night Out  
festival which were very  
successful. Now it is time for back  
to school. The groans and moans  
from children are drowned out by  
the cheers for our Super Bowl and  
Stanley Cup champions.

Fall is my favorite season for other  
reasons as well. It's not hard to  
enjoy the wonderful scenery of the  
fall leaves and the harvest moon.  
On another note, the fall has  
proven to be advantageous for my  
career as well. This fall I will be  
teaching college courses on  
Monday nights.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to  
attend the next three general  
meetings because of this  
opportunity. The board will make  
sure that my absence at our  
general meetings does not affect  
our overall goals of the Spring Hill  
Civic League. I am confident that  
the meetings will still be as  
informative as always. I will still be  
working hard to assure the  
achievement of goals.

My door is always open. If there is  
something I can help with or if you  
have any concerns, please feel  
free to contact me. I am  
committed to making sure Spring  
Hill is safe and appealing for its  
residents and visitors.

Jackie Hoffman  
President  
Spring Hill Civic League

#### FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

**Saturday,**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>,**  
**9:00 AM**



Please join us on October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
to "Redd Up" Spring Hill. We will  
meet at the Firehouse at 9:00 AM.  
You can have great conversations  
with the neighbors you know and  
new ones you meet while you get  
some exercise. Bring gloves if you  
have them. We will supply the  
trash bags. Our goal is to keep  
the main roads coming into our  
community clean. This is your  
community. Help us keep it clean!



### 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
State Representative Rep. Don Walko	412-321-5523
State Senator Senator Jim Ferlo	412-621-3006

### COMMUNITY E-MAIL LIST

The SHCL occasionally sends out e-mails for important information regarding our community. If you would like to be placed on the community e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to [bensoltesz@gmail.com](mailto:bensoltesz@gmail.com). This information is just for our community. Your address will not be given out or sold.

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please submit articles for the November/December edition by October 15<sup>th</sup> to:  
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### NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

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Pittsburgh, PA 15212

### SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE WEB SITE

[www.shcl.org](http://www.shcl.org)

Past editions of the newsletter are available online.

### 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.

### Board of Directors

President: Jackie Hoffman  
Vice President: Dianne Burns  
Secretary: Karen McLellan  
Treasurer: Ben Soltesz  
Directors: Eileen Back, Stephen Brady, Pete McQuillin, Mary O'Toole, and Joan Russell

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“Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.”  
Abraham Lincoln.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**October Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Spring Hill Civic League board members Pete McQuillin, Joan Russell, and President Jackie Hoffman.

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

To Celina Basant and Matthew Anderson of 923 Haslage Avenue, high school teachers from New York City.

**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!

**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, recipes, garden hints, household hints, church announcements, birth announcements, obituaries, etc. We are also interested in the history of Spring Hill. See page 2 for how to submit your newsletter information.

You can't have everything; where would you put it?

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Flore family!

Damien Michael Flore arrived on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 lb. 9 oz. He is the son of Marc and Jessica Flore of Spring Hill and the grandson of Lou and Dorothy Flore.



Lou and Dorothy Flore also welcomed a great granddaughter, Devyn Elizabeth Reddy, on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...**

To the family and friends of Dorothy (Rathke) Sigmund of Spring Hill, wife of the late John Sigmund. She passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>... to the family and friends of Robert E. Meyer formerly of Spring Hill, son of the late Fred J. and Dorothy (Miller) Meyer. He passed away on July 12<sup>th</sup>... to the family and friends of James E. Harris, Jr. of Spring Hill, husband of the late Elizabeth (Mehelic) Harris. He passed away on July 21<sup>st</sup> ... and to the family and friends of Hilda (Goerl) Fohl of Spring Hill, wife of the late Vincent Fohl. She passed away on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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



“The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.” Lucille Ball

Campers; Natures way of feeding mosquitoes.

**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.*

**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.

### CIVIC LEAGUE BLOCKWORKERS Membership Drive & Halloween Collection

The Spring Hill Civic League blockworkers are the wonderful volunteers who give their time every other month to deliver the newsletter to your home. They may also be collecting for the Halloween Parade and yearly membership drive coming up in the next few months. Please make sure you thank them next time you see them making the rounds in your part of our neighborhood. If you have been wondering who your blockworker is they are listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Delivery Area</u>
BERBACH, Kim	OVERBECK St.
BUCHMAN, Gail	HARBOR St., MANDLIN Way, SCHRAUDER Rd.
BURNS, Dianne	NOSTER St.
FREDERKING, Coleen	ITIN St.
GAWLAS, Mindy	HETZEL St., DORSCH St.
HERMAN, Mary	HUNNELL St., FRONTIER St., TANK St.
HERZER, Kim	WOESSNER Ave.
HILTY, Marge	ST. AMBROSE MANOR
HOFFMAN, Jackie	DAMAS St., FALL Way, SERENE St., ZOLLER St.
HOMITZ, Carol	NORRIS St., HOBBS St., SHIRLS St., SHREVE St.
JEFFERSON, Barb	LAMAR Ave.
JURACKO, Dorothy	RHINE St. (upper)
KUFNER, Jan	BADER St.
LEICHER, Karen	HOMER St.
LEONARD, Johanna	ADMIRAL St.
MACEY, Ilene	SOLAR St., BRAHM St.
MCQUILLIN, Pete	YETTA Ave., KAISER Ave., LEISTER St., WILT St., HASLAGE Ave. (upper even addresses)
OLDENSKI, Rob	LAPPE Lane, BUENTE St. (off Rhine), HESPEN St., LIST St., MATHIAS St.
PIETRUSZA, Melinda	ROCKLEDGE St. (lower)
RUSSELL, Cynthia	HASLAGE Ave. (lower and upper odd addresses)
RUSSELL, Joan	ROCKLEDGE St. (upper)
SCHLOER, Len	LUELLA St., BESSIE Ave., HEIM, MINA St., NETTIE St., SHANK St.
SNYDER, Kathy	DONORA St., BECKFIELD St., RESCUE St., VARLEY St.
SOLTESZ, Ben	WALZ St., DIANA Place, IONA St., IVES Way
STRAHLER, Bernice	GOEHRING St., VISTA St.
TESTER, Shari	ROMANHOFF St.
WALLEN, Linda	SOUTHSIDE Ave., FABYAN St.
WELSH, Barb	ZANG Way, RHINE St. (lower), KENZIG Ave.
WITSCH, Dee	BUENTE St. (off Rockledge)



**EARLY SPRING HILL  
BUSINESSES**

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the street car line,” was Josie’s grocery and confectionary store. Across the street was a saloon and Miller’s butcher shop.

At the beginning of Walz Street was Conway’s butcher shop, which later became Hartley’s dry cleaners. At the end of Walz, where the beautiful garden is now, was the popular Show Boat. It was a confectionary store which Dorie and Joe Schwartz opened about 1927. I was around 6 years old and was one of their first customers. Before the fire house was built, at the top of Homer Street was Doege’s ice cream parlor.

Coming up Damas Street past the school near Bader Street, was Schleiger’s butcher shop. Across, in the building we called “the barn”, Nels Erb and Jack Schwab had a beer distributor, which they later moved to Southside Avenue. Also on that street was Rock’s store.

At the corner of Damas and Rockledge was Beckfield’s store. Their candy counter was popular to us school kids, especially the penny candies. Then in 1946 my sister Lill and her husband Al Greiner took it over and opened a grocery store and bakery. Where the beauty salon is located at Rockledge and Hetzel was Holcomb’s grocery store, then Harris’s, then Beatty’s.

Many of these old buildings have been torn down, but you can see others that are still here

and were converted into homes where Spring Hill families are living now.

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

**Act 47 Oversight**

Recently, Pittsburgh City Council passed legislation providing for the adoption and implementation of a new, amended Act 47 Plan.

For the past five years the City has been working under oversight afforded by Act 47. Act 47 is a state law which was passed in 1987. It provides for a municipality to be declared financially distressed by the Department of Community and Economic Development, and then permits the municipality to restructure its debt. The law limits the ability of financially distressed municipalities to obtain government funding; it authorizes them to participate in federal debt adjustment actions and bankruptcy actions under certain circumstances; and it provides for consolidation or merger of municipalities to relieve financial distress.

The Act also confers a right to petition the court to increase taxes on earned income and/or real property, which may be beyond the maximum rates normally provided by law. The City of Pittsburgh, though, has been stopped from petitioning the court to raise taxes by Act 11 oversight. Act 11 establishes an Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Pittsburgh, and was signed into law by Governor Rendell the

same year as Act 47 oversight began. This act also specifically prohibits the City from enacting a budget that requires new taxes. Oversight under Act 11 came nearly simultaneously with oversight under Act 47.

The original five-year Act 47 Plan came after the City’s bond rating was downgraded to “junk bond” status by S&P, Fitch, and Moody’s. The City’s total outstanding general obligation debt at that time was \$846 million.

Right now, all three rating agencies have upgraded the City back to Investment Grade, and the rating was upgraded four times over the past year or so. The City’s total outstanding general obligation debt is \$720 million.

So as we enter the purview of the oversight committee under this new Act 47 Plan, a copy of which is available on the website of the City Clerk, [http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/city\\_clerk/](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/city_clerk/), we, the legislature of the City, and the Mayor, the executive branch, will seek further to improve not only the fiscal condition of the City, but also its structure, amenities, and outlook – toward a better, happier, healthier life for all of us.

*If you have any questions about this or any other legislation, please always feel free to call my office at 412-255-2135 or send email to: [darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:darlene.harris@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).*



**SOUTHWESTERN PA  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS  
WASTE COLLECTION**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Safely dispose of common household items.  
Fee: \$2/gallon – Cash only  
Location: Allegheny County, Settler's Cabin Park Wave Pool parking lot. Call 412-488-7452 or visit [swpahhw.org](http://swpahhw.org) for details.

**ALCOSAN OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Free to the public! There will be treatment plant and laboratory tours, microbiology and watershed life presentations, hands-on environmental activities and exhibits, games, food, and fun for all ages. For more information call 412-732-8002 or visit [www.alcosan.org](http://www.alcosan.org)

**PRIME STAGE THEATRE  
PRESENTS**

**Our Town  
October 17<sup>th</sup>  
– 24<sup>th</sup>**



Prime Stage Theatre, where literature comes to life, presents *Our Town*. The play will be presented weekends from October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup> at the New Hazlett Theatre on the North Side.

Browse the prime stage web site [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com) and learn about the many opportunities to enjoy theatre and support Prime Stage or call 724-773-0700.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF  
PITTSBURGH**

**Bob the Builder™ - Project:  
Build It  
Through September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Bob the Builder™ and his Can-Do Crew invite aspiring builders and their families into Bob the Builder's world as you explore the world of building and repair. *Bob the Builder - Project: Build It* replicates elements from Sunflower Valley that inspire teamwork and bring environmentally-friendly building themes to life for children and families. Children can operate kid friendly versions of real machines like a circular saw, design a blueprint, and use different materials to build in Bob the Builder's Workshop, or help Wendy refurbish and decorate her caravan and plant beautiful flowers.

**Bob the Builder™ – Project: Build It** is presented locally by Mascaro Construction and sponsored nationally by Indianapolis-based Delta Faucet Company, inspired by HIT Entertainment's top rated television series, *Bob the Builder – Project: Build It* and created by The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

*Please Note: New Admission Prices: \$10 for children 2-18 and senior citizens, \$11 for adults. Children under two are free.*

**ST. MICHAEL'S  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Blessing of Animals  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM**

St. Michael & All Angels' Lutheran Church, located at 1308 Spring Garden Avenue, is having a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM at the church parking lot. All non-aggressive pets that are manageable (caged or on leash) are welcome to attend. There will also be a silent auction and a bake sale for people and pets. Please call our office to let us know how many people and pets to expect for planning purposes at 412-231-2183.

**Rent-A-Space Market  
October 24<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM we will be hosting a Rent-A-Space Market at the church. Tables can be reserved for \$15.00 to sell your items inside and outside the Fuhr Center or pay \$20.00 on the day of the event. We will have a 50/50 raffle, homemade doughnuts, pies, soup, pumpkins, cornstalks, and fall flowers for sale. This event will also be advertised in the Post Gazette, Green Sheet, Pennysaver, and local businesses in September and October. All vendors and crafters are welcome too.



## HALLOWEEN PARADE

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Spring Hill Civic League will hold its annual Halloween Parade for children, ages 1-12, on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The parade will assemble at Brady Memorial Home and proceed to the Rockledge Street lot where costumes will be judged and prizes awarded on the following categories: Prettiest, Cutest, Funniest, Scariest, and Most Original. Treat bags will be distributed after the judging takes place.

The registration deadline for this event is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the registration form on page 9 of the newsletter. The cost is \$5.00 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family. It can be mailed to the address listed at the bottom of the form, turned in to a board member or blockworker, or turned in at either of the community General Meetings on September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. No registration forms will be accepted on the day of the event.

Sign-in on the day of the parade will start at 11:00 AM at Brady Memorial Home. Parents will be given a ticket for each child registered to redeem for their treat bag at the Rockledge Street lot. The parade will start promptly at 11:30 AM. Please make sure you sign-in your children before 11:15 AM. Children must be registered and accompanied by a parent for the entire event to participate.

If you cannot attend the parade, you may come to the parade



registration table from 11:00 – 11:30 AM to get your tickets and pick up your children's treat bags at the Rockledge Street lot. Bags will not be held after the parade.

**Thank you for your support!**

### LOOKING FOR TREATS...



Do you work for a company that donates to non-profit groups such as a grocery or department store that might offer free or discounted treats? The Civic League is seeking candy and snack donors for this year's Halloween treat bags. If you can help in this way, please call Jackie Hoffman at 412-605-9362 or e-mail her at [jackie@shcl.org](mailto:jackie@shcl.org).

### DEVIL'S NIGHT PATROL

Devil's Night is October 30<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the "Devil's Night Patrol" is to discourage vandalism in the community. The patrol will be on duty between the hours of 7:30 PM to 12:00 Midnight. *Every resident is considered part of the patrol.*

The key to the effectiveness of the patrol is visibility! Be visible that evening by walking with a friend, walking the dog, or simply chatting outdoors with neighbors. Another component of preventing vandalism is to keep property lit up. Vandals are less prone to damage property when an area is brightly lit. By working together, we can prevent the vandalism that so many of our neighboring communities experience.

## NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf,  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day,  
Nothing gold can stay.

Robert Frost  
1923

### HALLOWEEN JOKES

Q. What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?  
A. Frostbite.

Q. What did one ghost say to the other ghost?  
A. Do you believe in people?

Q. What do you call someone who puts poison in a person's corn flakes?  
A. A cereal killer.

Q. What is a ghoulish favorite flavor?  
A. Lemon-slime.

Q. What do birds give out on Halloween night?  
A. Tweets.

Q. What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?  
A. Bamboo.

Q. What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?  
A. A sand-witch.

Q. How can you tell when a vampire has been in a bakery?  
A. All the jelly has been sucked out of the jelly doughnuts.



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DON WALKO REPORTS**

**Walko Votes for  
Unemployment  
Compensation Extension,  
Boost to Pa. Economy**

I was proud to co-sponsor and vote for a new law that will immediately help more than 25,000 people who have exhausted their unemployment benefits. This law will use federal stimulus dollars to extend benefits by seven more weeks for a total of 79 weeks. This will help 25,430 people who had their benefits expire in July and the 60,000 people who will be affected before the end of the year. Thousands of families will get seven more weeks of benefits while they continue to look for new employment in this challenging job market.

Act 30 of 2009 (H.B. 1770) will make a temporary change to the Unemployment Compensation Expanded Benefits law to allow the state to draw nearly \$145 million in federal stimulus funding. According to the Department of Labor and Industry, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June was 8.3 percent, unchanged from the previous month. That rate is up 3 percent from this time last year. By taking this necessary step, we will assist thousands of families to put food on their family's table and pay their mortgage and other bills. Since we're using federal dollars, there will be no impact to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund or to businesses.

The average weekly unemployment payment in the

state is \$305, regardless of family size. This translates to \$15,860 per year, a figure that is \$6,190 below the federal poverty guideline for a family of four. Pennsylvania has lost nearly 180,000 jobs since the nationwide recession began in December 2007.

Besides putting money into the pockets of struggling workers, this bill will pump nearly \$145 million into Pennsylvania businesses and the economy. Every dollar provided in unemployment compensation for residents will generate \$1.44 of economic activity. It is important to note that this is not a free ride. Recipients must prove they are looking for a new job.

The new law temporarily switches the mechanism Pennsylvania uses to trigger extended unemployment benefits from the current "insured unemployment rate" – the percentage of workers covered under the unemployment law who are out of work, to the "total unemployment rate" – the percentage of all workers in Pennsylvania who are out of work. Under the stimulus law, the federal government will cover the cost of providing the seven additional weeks of unemployment benefits if Pennsylvania's total unemployment rate exceeds 8 percent, which it has since May.

Under Act 30, most Pennsylvania workers will be eligible for a total of up to 79 weeks of unemployment benefits, as long as the federal money is available. The new law will only keep the alternative trigger in place while federal

money pays for the extended benefits.

*If you have a question about a state-related issue, please visit [www.pahouse.com/Walko](http://www.pahouse.com/Walko) or call my office at 412-321-5523.*

**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.*

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.



## COMMUNITY FLEA MARKETS June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>

This year the Spring Hill Civic League sponsored a series of summer flea markets on the first Sunday of June, July, and August. Between 15 and 20 vendors were present at each event. Most were satisfied with their sales and are interested in continuing to participate in the future. The SHCL is planning for several flea markets next year and is committed to increasing participation by both sellers and buyers!

We would like to thank Steve Brady for use of the parking lot and facilities of Brady Memorial Home, St. Peter's Church for use of their tables, Lou Flore for his generous donation of baked goods, Eileen Back for her donation of table proceeds, David Russell, Drew Russell, Mark Miller, Werner Krupp, and the Steel City Boxing Association's Bob Sobocinski and Mike Morgan who helped with the tables, Jim Hurray our photographer, Dianne Burns, Joan Russell, Karen McLellan, Mary O'Toole, Jackie Hoffman, Pete Mcquillin, Ben Soltesz, and other volunteers who made the flea markets a success.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 4<sup>th</sup>

On a warm August evening the Spring Hill community participated in a National Night Out festival in the Rockledge Street lot. Over 100 adults and children attended the festival and a good time was had by all! The music rocked while kids bounced in the Moonwalk, got their faces painted, and played games.

Thank you to Citiparks for the grant that funded the festival, and thanks to Sarah Heinz House, the Children's Museum, Familylinks, Mike the Balloon Guy, Pittsburgh Cares, our photographer Jim Hurray, and the SHCL board members who made this event possible!

