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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS SOMETHING THAT GOES IN ONE YEAR AND OUT THE OTHER...

2011 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

General Meeting
Monday, March 7th, 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, March 7, 2011
- Monday, May 2, 2011
- Monday, Sept. 12, 2011
- Monday, Oct. 3, 2011
- Monday, Nov. 7, 2011

Community Events for the coming year include but are not limited to the following:

- April – Spring Clean-up
- May – Memorial Day Celebration
- Aug. – National Night Out
- Sept./Oct. – Fall Clean-up
- Oct. – Halloween Parade
- Dec. – Christmas Tree Lighting
- Flea Markets – Schedule to be determined.
- Classic Movie Nights – Schedule to be determined.

SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTION RESULTS

At the November 1st Community Meeting of the Spring Hill Civic League the following individuals

were elected for positions on the Board of Directors for 2011:

- Joan Russell – President
- Jill Shaheen – Secretary
- Karen McLellan – Board Member
- Steve Brady – Board Member
- Celina Basant – Board Member
- Tammy Waraks – Board Member

We welcome back existing board members Beth Herzer, Ben Soltesz, and Mary O'Toole. And many thanks to our departing board members President Jackie Hoffman, Eileen Back, and Pete McQuillin.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday season! Congratulations to all the new officers and directors of the Spring Hill Civic League board.

This year promises to be an active one. In addition to our regular community events we will be focusing on the spring area across from the Homer Street Firehouse. Work on the Mosaic Mural Wall will commence. Options for restoring the Spring Hill "spring" are being investigated. We also plan to increase our attention on housing issues in the community.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and effort to community events and issues. Thanks to

those of you who attend community meetings and provide us with your support and great ideas. And thanks to all of our block workers who distribute our community newsletter. I look forward to working with everyone in the new year!

Joan Russell
President, Spring Hill Civic League

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.



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 Council President 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. Adam Ravenstahl's Office	412-321-5523
State Senator Senator Jim Ferlo	412-621-3006

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please submit articles for the spring edition (March, April, May) by February 15th to:
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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Newsletters are distributed in the Spring Hill community by volunteer block workers. A yearly subscription by mail for those who are not residents of Spring Hill is available by sending \$6.00 to:

Spring Hill/Cityview Times
c/o 2115 Rockledge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

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.

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.

2011 Board of Directors

President: Joan Russell
Vice President: Karen McLellan
Secretary: Jill Shaheen
Treasurer: Ben Soltesz
Directors: Celina Basant, Stephen Brady, Beth Herzer, Mary O'Toole, and Tammy Waraks.

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CIVIC LEAGUE WEB SITE

www.shcl.org
Past editions of the newsletter are available online.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday to Kailey Herman on December 13th.

Happy January birthday to Spring Hill Civic League board member Steve Brady.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



On October 23rd volunteers gathered at the Homer Street firehouse to clean up the community. Thank you to Ben Soltesz, James Rizzo, Mike Keenan, Joan Russell, Jill Shaheen, Bob Sobocinski, and Mike Morgan who supported this event.

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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME TO MAKE YOUR REGULAR ANNUAL GOOD RESOLUTIONS. NEXT WEEK YOU CAN BEGIN PAVING HELL WITH THEM AS USUAL. MARK TWAIN

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

To the family and friends of Frank Mario Falvo of Spring Hill, husband of Theresa M. Flavo. He passed away on September 9th... to the family and friends of Ralph "Butch" Waldschmidt, Jr. of Spring Hill, husband of Kathi (Ammann) Waldschmidt. He passed away on September 18th... to the family and friends of Steven W. Fox, son of William and the late Emma Fox. He passed away on October 28th... to the family and friends of Regis Ruffner of Spring Hill, husband of Bernice (Dorsch) Ruffner. He passed away on November 13th... to the family and friends of Claude A. Reed of Spring Hill, husband of the late Doris (Morrissey) Reed. He passed away on November 16th..... to the family and friends of Robert A. Vance, Jr. of Spring Hill, husband of the late Ruth (Bucciarelli) Vance. He passed away on November 24th ... to the family and friends of Joseph J. Kraft of Spring Hill, husband of the late Grace Kraft. He passed away on December 4th ... to the family and friends of Laura C. (Dorsch) Nagran of Spring Hill, wife of the late Richard L. Nagran. She passed away on December 22nd... and to the family and friends of Frederick Scott, Jr. of Spring Hill, husband of Celine (Lhota) Scott. He passed away on December 29th.

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



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 Jill Shaheen at jill.springhill@jillshaheen.com. This information is just for our community. Your address will not be given out or sold.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bob Sobocinski, recipient of the PA Horticultural Society's Community Greening Award. Bob and the Steel City Boxing team rehabilitated two Northside community gardens for the Western PA Conservancy. The Spring Garden location (Deutschland) was recognized as a success story out of over 100 state nominees! Way to go!

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.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Book of Interest to Spring Hill Residents

I'm writing to you about a former resident of Spring Hill, his name is Gerald Cison son of the late Jean Myers Cison of Serene Street.

Jerry, as he is known has written a book centered on the basis of his childhood in Spring Hill and Perry High School, which he attended and graduated in 1961. In addition he participated in all activities at the Sarah Heinz House during his entire youth.

He was drafted in the Army in 1966 during the Vietnam era and after his two year tour decided to make the military a career. During his Military career he was stationed throughout the world but always kept Pittsburgh as his home and is now retired from both the Military and Civil service duties. He now resides in Hinesville Georgia where he retreats to his hobbies, which are furniture making and writing.

He has recently written a novel called "Til the End of Time", which is being released via Comfort Publishing... Although the story is written in fiction there is a degree of truth in it. To find a complete synopsis of the book please go to the following website: www.geraldcisonbooks.com

I feel certain the residents of Spring Hill will find a degree of interest in this book...

Thank you,
Patricia Cison
August 17, 2010

Trolleys, 1937-1939

Since the trolleys were convertible to run in either direction the seats had to be converted too. I always wanted to be the first one on the trolley so I could help the conductor push the backs of the seats to the opposite end.

When I was maybe six or seven years old I was walking up the hill with my parents – the trolleys didn't run after a certain time at night – I walked into an iron pole that crowded the sidewalk. I had fallen asleep. I continued on with a lump on my forehead.

Donald Killmeyer
September 10, 2010

City. "Tough Art" is also supported by a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Sciences.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Studio Music: Center for Young Musicians

Saturdays, January 15 & February 12

Create a masterpiece to a live performance by ensembles from the Center for Young Musicians.

Explore Clay

Sunday, January 16, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Explore techniques of working with clay alongside potter Junji Miyazawa. Sink your hands into locally-gathered clay, try pinch pottery or slab-building and enjoy live demonstrations by Miyazawa on his hand-built potter's wheel.

Chinese New Year

Sunday, February 13, Noon
Celebrate Chinese New Year with Silk Screen: Asian Arts and the Steel Dragon Lion Dance Team. Make culturally-themed art, enjoy a live performance by the Steel Dragon Lion Dance Team and join a parade through the Museum for the finale!

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION

EXHIBITS

"WHOOSH!"

Through May 29, 2011
Step inside a Whirlwind Room, climb in the cockpit of an old-school airplane, build and launch rockets, experiment with light and bubbles to create colorful sculptures and much more in this new interactive exhibit all about air created by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

Tough Art

Through January 16, 2011
An exhibition of four, original, interactive artworks created by Agnes Bolt, Nova Jiang, Arthur Jones, Amanda Long and Blaine Siegel that are "tough" enough to withstand kid-handling.

Local Media Sponsor: Pop

THERE IS NO PLEASURE IN HAVING NOTHING TO DO; THE FUN IS IN HAVING LOTS TO DO AND NOT DOING IT.

NEVER ARGUE WITH A FOOL, PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

YOU CAN'T SKIP AND BE UNHAPPY AT THE SAME TIME.

I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO LAST ME THE REST OF MY LIFE, UNLESS I BUY SOMETHING.

THE 1935 SPRING HILL FOOTBALL TEAM



THE JUG CLUB



Photographs submitted by C. McAllister, Bader Street.
If you have additional information on either of these photographs please contact the editor.



**JOB POSTINGS FOR
AEROTECH INC.**



Looking for a job? Aerotech Inc. is seeking candidates for positions at their Pittsburgh location in RIDC Park, Blawnox. Since 1970, Aerotech has designed and manufactured the highest performance motion control and positioning systems for customers in industry, government, science, and research institutions around the world. As a rapidly growing global company, Aerotech provides a competitive compensation and benefits package that includes stock ownership, profit sharing, 401(K), medical, dental, vision, and life insurance.

The following positions are suitable for a range of experience levels, from entry-level trainees to more experienced workers:

- Software/Computer Engineer
- CNC Grinder
- CNC Machinist
- CNC Machinist Trainee
- Electronic Technician
- Mechanical Assembly
- Wiring & PCB Assembly

More information about these employment opportunities can be found at www.aerotech.com/jobs, or by calling 412-967-6831.

**STATE SENATOR
JIM FERLO**

**Heating assistance
available through LIHEAP**

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps low income people pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants that are paid directly to your utility company. You need not have an unpaid bill to receive home heating energy assistance. You can receive this money without being in the Cash Assistance program -- a family of four with an annual income of up to \$35,280 can qualify for assistance.

No lien is placed on your property if you receive this help. This year the minimum grant has been increased to \$300 from \$100 to provide significant relief to households and minimize the need for CRISIS services.

The fastest way to apply is by applying through www.compass.state.pa.us or by calling Allegheny County at 412-565-2146 for an application. To apply, you will need names of people in your household, dates of birth for all household members, Social Security Numbers for all household members, proof of income for all household members and a recent heating bill.

If service is currently off to your home or an emergency repair is needed, you can apply to CRISIS by contacting Allegheny County Department of Human Services at 1-800-851-3838.

My office is available to help you to prepare applications and I would encourage eligible residents to apply. No one should go without heat this winter, and by applying early and getting help quickly I hope our citizens will remain safe and warm throughout the coming winter.

Contact my office at 412-621-3006 with any questions or find more information on LIHEAP at www.senatorferlo.com.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR MEALS ON WHEELS**

Do you have 1 hour to spare? Then you can help a neighbor in need! Lutheran Service Society's Meals On Wheels kitchen that serves Spring Hill, Spring Garden, Troy Hill, and the North Side can use volunteers to help prepare or deliver meals.

Kitchen volunteers are needed on weekdays from 8:30 - 10:30 AM and delivery volunteers are needed from 10:30 AM -12:00 Noon. But we can accommodate any volunteer who has a limited amount of time, so you can help even if you only have 1 hour!

For more information, please call Leslie Montgomery at 412-366-9490 or visit www.LSSWPA.org.

**IF YOU WANT AN
INTERESTING PARTY
SOMETIME, COMBINE
COCKTAILS AND A FRESH
BOX OF CRAYONS FOR
EVERYONE. ROBERT
FULGHUM**

**YOUTH IS WHEN YOU'RE
ALLOWED TO STAY UP LATE
ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.
MIDDLE AGE IS WHEN
YOU'RE FORCED TO. BILL
VAUGHAN**



**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DARLENE M. HARRIS**

***Let's all Give Thanks for our
Accomplishments and
Celebrate the Holidays***

2010 is coming to a close. As we think about all the preparations we do this time of year for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the New Year, we look back on the year that was.

My year was so full – both good and not-so-good.

I started the year becoming City Council President with the good hopes of making so many changes for the District and the City. You and I accomplish so much together and I'm so grateful and thankful for my constituents. We worked together to build the new Dek Hockey facility in Marmaduke Park, the recent groundbreaking in Riverview Park will soon be a new Soccer Complex, and we held the ribbon cuttings at both Washburn Square in Brightwood and the very successful first ever Troy Hill Cancer Walk. We are working together to refurbish all our war memorials and monuments and to resolve landlord / tenant issues. Also, the City will be testing asphalt recycling equipment, the research for which I spearheaded. I'm also thrilled to see how much we've accomplished as we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Northside Partnership between Allegheny General Hospital and the North Side Leadership Council.

Council, with your input, is working on the City parking and pension issues and to keep dangerous Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling out of the City of Pittsburgh.

You are the reason I became a City Councilperson. So many of you I know personally. Many of you I know your families and friends. It is so important to me when you walk up to me and introduce yourselves or I introduce myself to you. You know I'm a part of you – I'm a life-long North Sider and we will take care of our neighborhoods together. I am so thankful for my constituents.

I remember growing up on the North Side during the holidays – going to the Market House shopping for the holiday dinners and decorations and caroling at the church. The holidays have always been a wonderful time for me and my family.

Then, there was my illness. Through July, August and September, you kept me going with your cards, letters, flowers, prayers and so much more. My staff received so many calls from people who didn't leave their names asking how I felt and saying they would pray for my recovery. I'm so thankful and appreciative to all of you for caring about me so much. You helped me mend. And, while I'm not back to full speed yet, I know I will be soon.

To all, Happy Holidays a Blessed and peaceful Christmas full of love. God Bless Us - Everyone!

**NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUND**



**Does Your Business Need
Financing?**

NSCDF is a non-profit lending institution for Northside businesses. We are looking for Northside businesses that are trying to get credit during a tight market. Whether you are in technology, manufacturing, printing, service or another line of business, we are here to help make your business stronger. The Northside Community Development Fund can provide flexible, low-interest financing for businesses located on the Northside.

Typical uses include:

- Working Capital
- Inventory
- Equipment
- Purchase Orders
- Real Estate Acquisitions
- Building Construction or Repairs
- Leasehold Improvements

Contact Diane Mercer at 412-322-0290 or email mercerald@nscdfund.org

**WE WILL OPEN THE BOOK.
ITS PAGES ARE BLANK. WE
ARE GOING TO PUT WORDS
ON THEM OURSELVES. THE
BOOK IS CALLED
OPPORTUNITY AND ITS
FIRST CHAPTER IS NEW
YEAR'S DAY. EDITH
LOVEJOY PIERCE**

HALLOWEEN PARADE October 16, 2010

A beautiful fall day greeted participants in the 2010 annual Halloween Parade. 60 children registered and attended the event. There were many colorful and creative costumes. And the treat bags were overflowing.

Thanks to our judges, members of the Civic League, Jim Hurray, ESB Bank, Waltmire Pharmacy, The Children's Museum, and Brady Memorial Home. Your generosity of money, goods, and services provided a wonderful Halloween event for the children of our community. This event takes many hours of preparation and many volunteers. So we would like to say a big "Thank You" to all.



HALLOWEEN PARADE
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CITY OF PITTSBURGH

“America’s Most Livable City”

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

January 2011

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Winter’s short days and cold temperatures often bring higher energy bills, but there are opportunities year round to reduce your energy consumption and save money without sacrificing comfort. Make your New Year’s resolution to save energy and money. Here are some tips, and organizations that can help:

Take small steps such as **Weather-stripping** to seal leaks at the edges of windows or doors; **Caulking** to seal gaps that don’t open and shut (e.g. where a fireplace or an air vent is built into the wall); and **Insulating** to keep the warm air in and the cool air out!

In an effort to increase home energy efficiency, the U.S. Department of Energy recently announced a pilot Home Energy Scoring Program. Similar to the government-rating for fuel efficiency of vehicles, a standardized home energy score is expected to help Americans know how many “miles to the gallon” their homes get. Allegheny County was chosen as one of ten areas selected for this pilot project. The Pittsburgh-region pilot will partner with existing neighborhood house tours to highlight the score of energy efficiency improvements. If your neighborhood association is interested in learning more, please contact EfficiencyPA’s program manager John Horchner at 412-428-9533. Homeowners interested in the House Tour with a Home Energy Score, may visit www.energypa.com/housetour for more information.

Other loan and utility assistance programs for residents:

- **Home Improvement Loans:** The Urban Redevelopment Authority offers low- and no-interest loans for home renovations and repairs, including energy efficiency improvements. Contact: 412-255-6600.
- **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** A federally funded program that provides cash assistance with residential heating bills. Contact: 412-562-2146.
LIHEAP Crisis Assistance assists with termination notices, service restoration, delivery of heating fuel (oil, kerosene, wood, propane) and emergency repairs/replacements to a heating system or to gas or fuel lines. Contact: 1-800-851-3838.
- **\$1 Energy Fund:** Provides utility assistance to customers who “fall through the cracks” of other programs or still have a critical need after other resources have been exhausted.
Contact: 412-431-2800.

For more information on these programs and other sustainability updates, please visit <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/green/updates.htm>.

Wishing you a warm and safe New Year,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh



THIRTEEN THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom – and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea

to put motion detectors up there too

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television

EIGHT MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again... If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: *Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky, security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs www.crimedoctor.com and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book "Burglars on the Job".*

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING December 5, 2010

It was cold. But despite the freezing temperatures, more than 50 people gathered at the Rockledge Street lot to enjoy the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. While community members were handed candles and programs for the ceremony, Santa Claus arrived. Pastor Patricia Bonds from St. Michael & All Angels' Lutheran Church led everyone in prayer and song during which the Christmas trees were lit. Joan Russell of the Spring Hill Civic League presented checks of \$100 each to Leslie Montgomery for the Tri-Valley Meals on Wheels and Marlene Stecklein for the Holy Wisdom Food Bank. Lisa Eberz, representing ESB Bank, also presented checks to these wonderful organizations matching the Civic League donations. City of Pittsburgh Council President and Spring Hill neighbor Darlene Harris wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Eileen Back and Mary O'Toole handed out hot chocolate donated by Karen McLellan and cookies donated by Lou and Dorothy Flore. The children had a visit with Santa to tell him their wishes and received a treat. Darlene Harris had candy canes for everyone.

Many thanks to the volunteers that helped make this event a success. They include Steve Brady and the staff of Brady Memorial Home, Lou and Dorothy Flore from Dudt's Bakery, Lisa Eberz from ESB Bank, Beth Herzer, Ben Soltesz, Karen McLellan, Joan Russell, Eileen Back, and Mary O'Toole of the Civic League, Pastor Patricia Bonds, Mary Herman, Shawn Herzer, Celina Basant, Jill Shaheen, and Jim Hurray who photographed the event.

A special "Thank You" to Brady Memorial Home, St. Michael & All Angels Church, 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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2011 SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Throughout the years, one thing that has remained constant is the care and concern that the Spring Hill Civic League gives the community. Some of the same issues that the current board addresses are the same issues that people cared about 35 years ago. The preservation of the community's integrity, the improvement of the community, providing annual events for neighbors to attend, all of these are goals to which the League aspires. As set forth in its Charter, "the Spring Hill Civic League exists to serve the people and businesses of the Spring Hill community". May we be blessed with the perseverance and insight to continue the important work of being a community of neighbors caring for neighbors.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Spring Hill Civic League interacts with city government to maintain the community and organizes year-round activities for the families of the community. We

- coordinate with the Northside Leadership Conference and liaison with City Council on community issues such as public safety;
- organize events such as community clean-ups, the Memorial Day celebration, community flea markets, National Night Out, the Halloween parade, and Christmas tree lighting;
- maintain the Rockledge Street lot and Homer Street firehouse;
- communicate with the neighborhood through regular meetings, email, and the community newsletter;
- address community issues of interest;
- and plan for the future of the Spring Hill neighborhood.

PLEASE JOIN IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO

Thank You to those of you who have become 2011 members! If you have not yet joined for 2011 please consider doing so. The annual dues are only two dollars (\$2.00) per adult in the household. Residents of Spring Hill/Cityview who are 18 years or older are eligible for membership. Checks should be made payable to the Spring Hill Civic League. Fill out the application below and turn in your form with your dues to any SHCL Board member, or mail your form and dues to either of the following members of the membership committee:

Mary O'Toole
1949 Rockledge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Eileen Back
1243 Haslage Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(s) _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
(PLEASE NOTE IF UNLISTED)