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Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.

2010 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

General Meeting
Monday, March 1st,
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 1, 2010
- Monday, May 3, 2010
- Monday, Sept. 13, 2010
- Monday, Oct. 4, 2010
- Monday, Nov. 1, 2010

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

- April – Spring Clean-up
- May – Memorial Day Celebration
- June – Community Flea Market
- July – Community Flea Market
- Aug. – Community Flea Market
- Sept./Oct. – Fall Clean-up
- Oct. – Halloween Parade
- Dec. – Christmas Tree Lighting

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.

SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTION RESULTS

At the November 2nd Community Meeting of the Spring Hill Civic League the following individuals were elected for positions on the Board of Directors for 2010:

- Joan Russell – Vice President
- Ben Soltesz – Treasurer
- Mary O'Toole – Board Member
- Beth Herzer – Board Member

Please join us in congratulating them!

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rummage and Bake Sale
Saturday, March 6th
Sunday, March 7th

St. Michael's is planning our second rummage and bake sale for Saturday, March 6th, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and Sunday, March 7th, from 12:00 Noon - ?.

All donations of household items, toys, clothing, etc. are welcome at this time. Contact the church office at 412-231-2183, or activity coordinator Jon Harangozo at 412-322-2102, for drop-off or pick-up information.

Last year we had a wonderful response and hope to make this second rummage sale an even

bigger event. So clean out your closets, basement, and attic now! Hope to see you all there!

St. Michael and All Angels' Lutheran Church
1308 Spring Garden Ave.
412-231-2183
Rev. Patricia Bonds, Pastor

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 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. This information is just for our community. Your address will not be given out or sold.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please submit articles for the March/April edition by February 15th to:
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CIVIC LEAGUE WEB SITE

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: Joan Russell
Secretary: Karen McLellan
Treasurer: Ben Soltesz
Directors: Eileen Back, Stephen Brady, Pete McQuillin, Mary O'Toole, and Beth Herzer

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday to Tina Lippert on January 8th, to Anthony Dulski on January 21st, and to Spring Hill Civic League board member Steve Brady.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

To the family and friends of Grace A. Swanson Peiffer, formerly of Mt. Troy and Spring Hill, wife of the late Charles W. Peiffer. She passed away on November 25th.

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



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, 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.

SPRING HILL DURING THE 30s AND 40s

By Dorothy Fafata

Ms. Fafata, a long time resident of Spring Hill, passed away in May of 2009. This article is published posthumously, with the consent of her sister Ruth Fafata.

During the sad depression years of the 1930s and 1940s Spring Hill residents looked forward to fun and sociability at various picnics and fairs as well as street dances.

St. John's Lutheran Church Picnic – Rev. Geese

Rev. Geese held their picnic on Yetta Avenue across from St. Ambrose Manor. There were no homes there, just a big field. I remember Rev. Geese throwing many handfuls of candy to the kids. Their church also held a wonderful strawberry festival on a different day from the picnic. We all attended.

St. Ambrose Church Picnic – Rev. Father Merz

Their picnic was held at the WBU Club. Kids met at St. Ambrose School where they got a flag and tickets for free hot dogs and red lemonade. They wore a tin cup around their necks and had to parade to the WBU Club where they redeemed their tickets for goodies. Stands for bingo and raffle tickets were set up on the grounds. I remember going bingo on "B-6". My prize was either 25 or 50 cents. All sorts of refreshments, candy, ice cream, etc. were sold all day long. Mrs. Edith Dorsch and her daughter, Lois, ran this very

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DREAMING OF OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



The Northside Community Development Fund is here to help Northside neighbors start a business on the Northside. Through the *Micro Enterprise Fund* we can invest in start up businesses. There are also small business loans available for start up and existing businesses.

If you want to start a business contact Donna Allison, or for existing businesses contact Diane Mercer, at 412-322-0290.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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 membership dues and help make sure the neighborhood children get a Halloween Parade. The SHCL Board thanks all the block workers and other volunteers who helped this last year. All volunteers be sure to watch your mailboxes in the next few weeks for something special.



SPRING HILL DURING THE 30s AND 40s

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busy stand. Mrs. Lieberth ran a raffle stand with all sorts of attractive prizes (baby dolls, little red wagons, etc.) for kids in the afternoon. In the evening the ticket prices went up and the prizes were much better for adults. A sauerbraten dinner was served in the upstairs room of the club. Lots of fun and sociability was enjoyed from noon until the dark of night.

Orphan Home Picnic – St. Peter’s Church

This picnic was held on the Home’s grounds on Rockledge Street. The whole community supported this picnic. The Home had big swings, a slide, and a see-saw, plus a large ball field on their grounds. Mrs. Hess who ran the Home was strict, but she did a very good job. Kids were welcomed by her to play any time with kids from the Home on their vast property all summer.

The Frauenbundt Picnic – St. Ambrose Ladies’ Society

This picnic was held at Riverview Park in August. It was really a fun picnic because they had a big merry-go-round (free), a swimming pool, and tennis courts (also free). Mothers brought food in picnic baskets and red lemonade was provided by the Society.

This was mainly a ladies’ and kids’ picnic. The men came at night to take the picnickers home.

The American Legion Post 671 Fair

A fair was held every July on the grounds of the Spring Hill American Legion where Brady Memorial Home is now located. It lasted several days and ended on July 4th with a great display of fireworks. Other features were a huge Ferris Wheel, a penny pitch board, a pie-eating contest, and a greased pig contest. There was a stage built next to the front Legion steps where a real talent show was featured. All sorts of refreshments were available.

The pie eating contest was fun to watch. The contestants had their arms tied behind their backs and cream pies were given each entrant to eat. People pushed some of their faces into the pies... what a mess! I think Rich Kirmeyer won that contest. His mother was washing his clothes for two days.

The fireworks display was set up top of the mountain. The present nursing home was not yet built on the site. The final display of the fireworks was always the American flag. The men built a frame and attached the red, white, and blue fireworks to it. The people sat on the hill across from the Legion building. No homes were yet built there. The fireworks were paid for by the people of Spring Hill.

The Legionnaires and their Ladies Auxiliary put in a lot of hours to make this fair great. Some of the names that I remember are Benny Schwab, Elmer Elzer, and Mrs. Elzer of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Commercial Fair

In the summer a group set up a six day fair on the grounds at Buente and Rhine Streets. Spring Hill Gardens (which preceded Three Rivers Manor) was not yet built. They sold all sorts of refreshments and raffle tickets. The big prize at the end of the fair was a floor lamp. It was won by Mrs. Elizabeth Wasko. The big event each night was a free movie. People sat on the hillside and watched cowboy movies as well as scary thrillers such as “The Thirteenth Guest.”

Street Dancing – Spring Hill Recreation Center

Fun was had at street dances on Bader Street. The Spring Hill Recreation Center in the Spring Hill School sponsored the dances. The Recreation Center was very active in the 30s and 40s.

The days of the Great Depression were very sad and hard, but the activities on Spring Hill did bring us all together for fun and laughter.

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There were no parking problems – most people did not own a car!



VALENTINE'S DAY

Courtney Russo
BRADY MEMORIAL HOME
1151 South Side Avenue

Now that the Christmas rush has settled out and we have all had time to catch our breath, my attentions have turned to the next holiday. In fact, it is the first all-inclusive holiday of the year. By that I mean a holiday that celebrates love leaves no one without a heart. Valentines Day is a great time of the year to pull yourself out of the winter doldrums by turning your attentions to someone else who might be in need of some extra special appreciation.

So often all that is needed is just a little extra thought to really turn on a floodlight in someone's daily routine. A phone call to a friend can do wonders to lift spirits, or how about a homemade card - you know the kind I'm talking about, complete with paper doilies and a "Roses are Red" poem. Or if that is not quite your style, bake some cookies or make some fudge to sweeten someone's day. Take a neighbor grocery shopping, or invite some friends and neighbors in for a colonial after dinner desert. This is a great way to foster friendships and very easy on the budget.

In the early days of our country sweets were hard to come by and so was social interaction, so to combine the two, farmers devised a way to celebrate these occasions with an extraordinarily creative desert! AND HERE IT IS...

Ask each guest to bring one 9-inch round layer of the cake of their choice, and a small jar of jam or something that would serve as a topping. Remember - be creative. When your guests arrive assemble the layers- cake, jam, cake, cool whip, and so on piling the layers ever higher. Put on the coffee, talk and laugh and enjoy each other! Remember the more the merrier! This is the forerunner of the American Wedding Cake!

Love, Love, Love, Courtney

L Aristotle

VALENTINE'S DAY JOKES

Q: What does a man who loves his car do on February 14?

A: He gives it a Valenshine

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentyin!

Q: What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?

A: Hogs and Kisses!

Girl: "I can't be your valentine for medical reasons."

Boy: "Really?"

Girl: "Yeah, you make me sick!"

Q: Why is Valentine's Day the best day for a celebration?

A: Because you can really party hearty!

Q: What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream?

A: "I'm sweet on you!"

Q: What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day?

A: A hug and a quiche!

Q: Why should you send your sweetie a valentine?

A: Because you always heart the one you love!

Q: Why did the pig give his girlfriend a box of candy?

A: It was Valenswine's Day!

Q: What did the painter say to her boyfriend?

A: "I love you with all my art!"

Q: Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?

A: Sure, they're very scent-imental!

Henry Ward Beecher

L Anais Nin

THE HISTORY OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

Until 1971 both February 12th and February 22nd were observed as federal public holidays to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In 1971 President Richard Nixon proclaimed one single federal public holiday, President's Day, to be observed on the third Monday of February, honoring all past presidents of the United States of America.

PRESIDENT'S DAY QUIZ

1. Who is considered the author of the Declaration of Independence?
2. Who issued the Emancipation Proclamation?
3. What president had been a hero in the Spanish-American War?
4. What president said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country"?
5. Who was the only president to resign from office?
6. What president signed the Indian Removal Act, thus forcing Native Americans from their homelands?
7. What president's economic and social programs were known as the New Deal?
8. What president had been an army general in World War II?
9. Who was president when the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union dissolved?
10. What president had been a successful Hollywood actor?

Answers:

1. *Thomas Jefferson wrote most of the Declaration, which explained why the colonies wanted their freedom.*

2. *The Emancipation Proclamation, issued by Abraham Lincoln in 1862, began the process of freeing the slaves.*
3. *Teddy Roosevelt was famous as an adventurer, hunter, and the leader of the famous "Rough Riders" in the Spanish-American War.*
4. *John F. Kennedy spoke these famous words in his 1961 inaugural address.*
5. *Facing the possibility of impeachment, Richard M. Nixon resigned in 1974.*
6. *Andrew Jackson signed the act in 1831, evicting all Native Americans east of the Mississippi from their homelands and forcing them to move to westward.*
7. *Franklin D. Roosevelt. The New Deal programs and policies sought to help a nation that struggled under the Great Depression.*
8. *During World War II, Dwight Eisenhower was the supreme commander of the Allied forces in Europe.*
9. *The Bush administration saw the end of the Cold War, as Communism ended in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union broke apart.*
10. *Ronald Reagan made his film debut in 1937 and went on to act in more than 50 movies.*



MOUNT RUSHMORE

Originally known to the Lakota Sioux as *Six Grandfathers*, the South Dakota mountain was renamed after Charles E. Rushmore, a prominent New York lawyer, during an expedition in 1885. Between 1927 and 1941 Gutzon Borglum and 400 workers sculpted the colossal 60-foot carvings of U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln to represent the first 150 years of American history. These presidents were selected by Borglum because of their role in preserving the Republic and expanding its territory.

In a canyon behind the carved faces is a chamber containing a vault with sixteen porcelain enamel panels. The panels include the text of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, biographies of the four presidents and Borglum, and the history of the United States.



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"America's Most Livable City"

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

January 2010

Dear Residents,

First, and most importantly, I'd like to begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. Although we have great momentum on many fronts, each New Year brings an added incentive to keep our designation as "America's Most Livable City" alive and well.

During the last few years my administration has developed a blueprint for Pittsburgh, which serves as the groundwork for our City's programs and initiatives. With your help, we will continue supporting our current residents and business owners, while telling our amazing story to those outside the city. Through these collective efforts, the story of Pittsburgh will continue to attract new residents and businesses.

One of our greatest assets is our rivers. We are working to reactivate our riverfronts and connect them to our neighborhoods. The success of these efforts will create more vibrant neighborhoods for residents to live, work and play.

We have invested heavily in our children's education through the Pittsburgh Promise by offering students the education, tools and resources they need to be "Promise Ready" now and in years to come. I look forward to continuing to work with our world class colleges and universities to support our "Promise Ready" students as well as finding solutions to our City's challenges.

This year I want to encourage all of you to renew your commitment to service and volunteerism in your community. Together, we can address our community's most pressing issues and build healthy, strong neighborhoods.

Those of us who have lived here for the greater part of our lives tend to overlook or take for granted just what a terrific city Pittsburgh is. I think a good new year's resolution would be to remind ourselves every now and then just what a great city we live in, which could not be possible without great people like you.

Once again, thanks for your support and have a great New Year!

Sincerely,

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

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DON WALKO REPORTS**

**Walko Arranging for
Constituent Service During
Transition**

I will leave office as state representative for the 20th Legislative District at the end of December to begin serving as a judge in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court. Working with House Democratic leadership, I have arranged for continued constituent service coverage for the residents of the 20th District until my successor takes office, which is expected to be no later than June.

During that period, the constituent service phone number for the 20th District will remain the same: **412-321-5523**.

Art Nese, who has worked on constituent service in my local office for 15 years, will respond to your calls. He will work from state Rep. Dan Deasy's office in the West End and will also be able to meet you at other convenient locations near you.

Art and Rep. Deasy's staff will be able to assist you with the same services my office has provided, including:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate information and applications
- Senior citizen information including PACE and PACENET
- CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)
- PennDOT forms and concerns
- College financial aid information and applications
- Unemployment compensation

- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Problems with any state government agency

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as your representative in Harrisburg for the past 15 years. I am grateful for the new opportunity to serve the people of Allegheny County in my new capacity as a judge.

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

News from District 1

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all!

December in City Council is budget time. Mayor Ravenstahl has presented Council with his proposed budget, and Council is scrutinizing it. As long as the City of Pittsburgh is under the oversight of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, that board also has some say in the approval of the budget.

Pittsburgh has reached an interesting point in our history. We have one of the most wonderful cities in the world, with just about the friendliest population anywhere. As a region we support many wonderful cultural venues, museums, parks, and related organizations; many sporting facilities and teams; many great schools and medical facilities; new businesses and old; large buildings and small. We have plenty of recreation and plenty of fresh water. We have a decent transit system, beautiful bridges, and views of all of it beyond compare.

Yet we are in a situation now. The City is seeing a period that began around 1954, in which we decimate entire neighborhoods to build highways, making it easier for folks to live outside the city, to pay lower taxes, sometimes to have their needs supplied by the County, to have their police supplied by the Commonwealth, to have their municipal pensions fully funded by the state.

Hundreds of thousands of citizens have moved out of the City, but have remained in the region. We have only a little over 300,000 citizens residing in the City. We have many vacant houses. And it is a downward spiral – as more people leave, the City seems less and less attractive.

Yet those of us who do remain in the City – generally you who are reading this – still love our home town. And by virtue of that love we are expected to maintain the standards set before anyone left. And even though our City population during the workday averages 600,000, our visitors seem willing to leave it to the residents to take care of it, just like a bunch of grown children who expect their parents to keep their bedrooms ready and cash in hand for their return.

It used to be that we had large corporations and industries inside the City, and they not only employed people, bringing in new City residents, but they also paid taxes – on their property and on their businesses.

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**COUNCILWOMAN
DARLENE M. HARRIS
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Now that our economy has moved toward “eds and meds,” these non-profit organizations still employ people, and they still bring in people to live in the City, but two negative things have happened.

First, these large businesses are not paying taxes on their property or on their businesses. And second, the people they are bringing in – students and patients – are not paying taxes to cover the services they use.

So we are still providing the same services, and trying to keep the level of what we provide to the same standards we have always provided. But not all the people who are using those services are paying for them.

Some say that if the colleges bring in young people, they will start up businesses and stay here, but we can't survive on that future potential revenue right now. The street lights burn out, fires happen, people need paramedics, and the roads need to be maintained.

You can also say, and many have said, that everyone pays into the RAD tax that supports such assets as the stadiums. But the City still hosts the buildings and the services they provide, and City residents also contribute to the RAD tax. The City also hosts other governmental buildings beside its own. And when folks declare that we have a large percentage of untaxed property on the “City-owned” list, they forget how

much of that is actually vacant houses or land which the City is forced to steward.

Folks in the blogs and letters to the editor are discussing merging the City with the County as the answer, but that is not what we need. A merging of the County's municipalities with each other, and a merging of services overall, would be better. Where more than one entity provides duplicative services, we should move toward providing them all from one source, without disenfranchising any citizens.

Look at our pension plans. Many newer municipalities have very few retired workers and have enough current workers to support their pension plan, **and yet** their pension plans are still overwhelmingly funded by the State. Pittsburgh has so many fewer workers currently than it has had in the past, and has so many retired workers, that with the recent economic downturn, and the way the State bases its support on the number of current workers, we are having difficulty supporting the pension plan; yet the City of Pittsburgh gets minimal help from the State, let alone full funding.

Amortized over all the extant pension plans, though, as a region we would be better able to support pension funds in addition to the broader range of services and level of lifestyle we have come to expect from the City of Pittsburgh.

So while I feel we need to look further into the future and plan accordingly, we also need to carry through right now. And the source of income should be

the customers, and those using City services are the customers. Residents are already doing as much as we can – we are keeping our city bright.

Councilwoman Darlene M. Harris can be reached at 412-255-2135, or by email through her city web page, <http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/district1/>.

WINTER POEM

It's winter in Canada! And the gentle breezes blow

Seventy miles an hour at thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love Canada when the snow's up to your butt

You take a breath of winter and your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful so I guess I'll hang around.

I could never leave Canada I'm frozen to the ground!

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING December 6, 2009

The crisp, cold weather contributed to the festive atmosphere as residents gathered to enjoy the annual Christmas Tree Lighting held on December 6th. As community members lined up outside the Rockledge Street lot they were handed candles and programs for the ceremony. In the meantime the Santa Truck drove throughout the community and arrived on time for the 7:00 p.m. ceremony.



The ceremony started with 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 trees were lit. The Nativity scene between the sparkling trees reminded everyone of the reason for the season. The presentation of gifts was made to the Holy Wisdom Food Pantry and the Tri-Hill Valley Meals on Wheels. Lisa Eberz, representing ESB Bank, accepted the gifts on their behalf. 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. The children had a visit with Santa to tell him their wishes and received a treat. District One Councilwoman and Spring Hill neighbor Darlene Harris had candy canes for everyone.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make this event a success. They include Steve Brady, Leeann Sherman, Jim Weber, and Courtney Russo of Brady Memorial Home, Lou and Dorothy Flore from Dudt's Bakery, Lisa Eberz from ESB Bank, Jackie Hoffman, Dianne Burns, Ben Soltesz, Karen McLellan, Joan Russell, Pete McQuillin, Eileen Back, and Mary O'Toole of the Civic League, Pastor Patricia Bonds, Mary Herman, Jim and Lois Hurray who put the Nativity set together, Shawn and Beth Herzer who put lights on the trees, Scott Morrissey who worked on the electrical, Ryan Deloplaine who helped with the set up, and Jim Hurray who photographed the event.



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

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION January/February 2010

EXHIBITS

Tough Art

Through January 10, 2010

Tough Art is the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's annual exhibit where artists develop exhibits that are tough enough to withstand the endless enthusiasm of kids. This year's featured Tough Artists are **Anneka Herre, Ian Ingram, Matt Mets and Jennifer Van Winkle.**

Tough Art is supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Pittsburgh: Yinz Play!

January 30 – June 6, 2010

It's time for your Pittsburghification!

From the landscape forged by its steely history to its one-of-a-kind phrases and signature sandwich, Pittsburgh is truly a unique city. Come celebrate all things Pittsburgh in this interactive exhibit where you can play with Pittsburghese, repair one of its renowned bridges, design your own fireworks display, help build a large-scale model of the city, create your own wacky sandwich and much more.

Pittsburgh: Yinz Play! Opening Weekend Events:

Experience the personalities of Pittsburgh through live performances by diverse folks that choose this city as their stage:

- Tap your toes to the “happiest music in the world” performed by The Pittsburgh Banjo Club!
Saturday, January 30, 2:00 PM
- Enjoy the old and new-fashioned sounds of The Steel City Harmonizers barbershop quartet as they roam the Museum exhibits.
Sunday, January 31, 2:30 - 3:15 PM
- Leap Out of the Box and Onto the Wall with nationally-acclaimed cartoonist Joe Wos as he hosts a new interactive experience combining illustration and projection that transforms you into a famous Pittsburgher.
Saturday & Sunday, January 30 - 31, Noon - 3:00 PM

Other Pittsburgh: Yinz Play! Events:

- Kick up your heels and learn to cut a rug with the Pittsburgh Area Jitterbug Club.
Saturday, February 6, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Join our new Advanced City-Building Workshop hosted by Architecture Explorations from Carnegie Mellon University's School of Architecture. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Space is limited; included with Museum Admission.
Monday, February 6, 2:00 - 2:45 PM
- Explore Pittsburgh's architecture with visiting experts from Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. If your house is over 50 years old, learn more about its historic architecture by bringing a photo to discuss.
Saturday, February 20, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS INFORMATION
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EVENTS

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 18, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Step up to the mic to read one of the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Children, families, adults and community members are welcome to join in this unique activity with The Saturday Light Brigade radio program.

Louis Braille's Birthday

Saturday, January 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Learn to spell your name in Braille and enjoy a Braille storytime at 2:00 PM, in celebration of Louis Braille's birthday. Presented by the Golden Triangle Council for the Blind.

Attack Theatre Performance

Sunday, February 21, 5:30 PM

Some Assembly Required at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is part of Attack Theatre's process/performance series *Assemble This*, a two-week artistic jaunt combining dance, original live music and visual art at museums and cultural institutions across the city. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for students and seniors and \$10 for Children's Museum members. To purchase tickets, log on to www.proartstickets.org

Chinese New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 27, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Celebrate Chinese New Year with Silk Screen: Asian Arts and the Steel Dragon Lion Dance Team.

We Can! Events

Join the Family Dance Party with DJ RawZ's zany tunes.

Sunday, January 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Family Favorites

Laugh along to the live storytelling and live cartoon illustrations of nationally-acclaimed cartoonist and founder of the ToonSeum, **Joe Wos!**

Sunday, January 3 & Sunday, January 24; shows at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 PM

Groove to the smooth jazz sounds of **Lee Robinson** as he roams the Museum with his saxophone.

Sunday, January 3, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Play with **Professor MiGooch**, Professor of Fun, as he roams the Museum with games and songs.

Don't miss his musical Stuffedie show at 2:00 in the Theater.

Sunday, January 10 & 24 and Sunday, February 7 & 28

Sing and dance to all your favorite tunes with **Betsy & Pals!**

Tuesday, January 12 and Tuesday, February 23, 12:15 PM

Enjoy live puppet performances by **We're Holden Puppets** and make your own puppet between shows. Shows at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 PM.

Saturday, January 16: *World Neighborhood*

Sunday, February 14: *Circus Minimus*

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.



2010 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, 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 2010 members! If you have not yet joined for 2010 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 board members on 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 _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

(PLEASE NOTE IF UNLISTED)

CHILDREN (PLEASE LIST NAMES AND AGES)

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