

# SPRING HILL \* CITYVIEW TIMES

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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### SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE 2010 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

**Membership Drive  
Halloween Collection**

#### SEPTEMBER

##### **General Meeting**

Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM,  
Spring Hill Elementary School  
auditorium

#### OCTOBER

##### **General Meeting**

Board Nominations, Monday, Oct.  
4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Spring Hill  
Elementary School auditorium

##### **Halloween Parade**

Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>,  
11:00 AM, Brady  
Memorial  
Home



##### **Make A Difference Day Community Cleanup**

Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM,  
Homer Street Firehouse

#### NOVEMBER

##### **General Meeting**

Board Elections, Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 PM, Spring Hill Elementary  
School auditorium

#### DECEMBER

**Tree Lighting**

Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM,  
Rockledge Street Lot

### 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 any board member. (See SHCL contact information on page 2.)

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

Can you believe that summer is almost over? It feels like it was just yesterday when it began. We had a great time at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out Festival.

Despite the rainy weather we had a good turnout. The kids enjoyed getting their faces painted, using the bounce house, and getting balloons. When the rain started a number of neighbors pitched in to clean up. So, thank you to all of you who helped make the festival possible. Coming up for the SHCL is the Halloween Parade and Community Cleanup. We hope you will join us!

As always, feel free to call any of the SHCL board members with any questions and concerns.

Jackie Hoffman  
President  
Spring Hill Civic League

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

**Saturday,  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
10:00 AM**



We will be meeting at the Firehouse on Homer Street and spreading throughout the neighborhood, for our bi-annual street clean-up on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

Come and be part of this fall's Make a Difference Day Redd Up. Spring Hill will be one of close to 100 communities in the city and surrounding counties participating.

We will provide refreshments (and pizza afterwards if we receive a big enough turnout). Thanks!

### NEWSLETTER TO BE PUBLISHED QUARTERLY

Starting this September the Spring Hill/CityView Times newsletter will be issued four times a year as follows:

Spring – March, April, May  
Summer – June, July, August  
Fall – Sept., Oct., Nov.  
Winter – Dec., Jan., Feb.



**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 winter edition (December-January-February) by November 15<sup>th</sup> to:  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15212-3533  
412-322-9945  
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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

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

**SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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412-231-0303  
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Secretary Karen McLellan  
412-231-5697  
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**A POSITIVE ATTITUDE MAY NOT SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS, BUT IT WILL ANNOY ENOUGH PEOPLE TO MAKE IT WORTH THE EFFORT.**

### GET WELL WISHES

To Council President Darlene Harris who is recuperating after a recent surgery.

*Our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.*

### MOSAIC MURAL PROJECT UPDATE



On July 28<sup>th</sup> the Art Commission of Pittsburgh gave final approval to build the wall that will hold the beautiful ceramic mural depicting the history of Spring Hill. We are now waiting on the City for the maintenance agreement which should be signed quickly. This was an unexpected next step. We still hope to build the wall and install the mural before the end of the year. We will keep you apprised of the project's status.

Thank you so much to the Spring Hill residents and former residents who have sent in checks to help with the project. In addition to those individuals mentioned in the last edition thank you to Ambrose and Eileen Back, Bob and Colleen Frederking, Cristina Koshzow and Chris Mason, Joseph Lamping, Irene Schanbacher and R.F.A. Urschler.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

To David Randolph of 1212 Yetta Avenue. David works at CMU in the Theatre Department... and to Gisele Paris who is fixing up a home on Woessner Street.

*New neighbors, if you would like to be informed of meetings and other community information via e-mail, please contact Pete McQuillin at p\_mcquillin@yahoo.com.*

### 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.*

### STEEL CITY BOXING WINS NSLC "GOOD NEIGHBOR" AWARD



Members of Steel City Boxing with their award at the Northside Leadership Conference Awards Dinner. From left to right Robert Sobocinski, President, Danny Clark, Secretary, Mike Morgan, Vice President, and George Heinlein, Trainer.

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

To the family and friends of Emma Elizabeth (Griffin) Gorski formerly of Spring Hill, daughter of the late James A. and Emma Griffin. She passed away on July 10<sup>th</sup>... to the family and friends of Kimberly A. Casson of the North Side, daughter of Don Tollan, Sr. She passed away on July 26<sup>th</sup>... and to the family and friends of Barbara Frankovich of Spring Hill, wife of Joseph Frankovich. She passed away on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

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





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

#### What Puts the “Care” in Animal Care and Control

When many City of Pittsburgh residents think of Animal Care and Control (ACC), they think of the old term “Dog Catchers.” Dogs, and cats, too, are frequently picked up and returned to their owners, thanks to City pet licenses affixed to the animals’ collars. However, the ACC resolves more wildlife issues reported by residents than those about domestic animals.

There’s lots of wildlife in Pittsburgh and we are fortunate to have such a variety. Some live in one neighborhood more than others, like skunks, 99% of which you can find in the West End. Most coyotes live in Brighton Heights and Riverview Park, so keep your pets protected. Don’t let them run free anywhere other than in the Off Leash Exercise Areas. Deer live in every City neighborhood, along with black, grey, and red squirrels, bats, raccoons, groundhogs, turkeys, pheasants, snakes, rabbits, and foxes.

Sometimes, smaller animals accidentally get into homes and most people, rightly so, are afraid. Generally, these animals are more scared of us than we are of them. In cases like this, call ACC and they will resolve the issue. The ACC lets the deer and turkeys find their way back to their herds and flocks, unless injured or threatened with injury. Rarely

are Pittsburghers bitten by wildlife. But when it does happen, call ACC so that they can capture the animal and immediately test it for the rabies virus. Vacant buildings and houses usually attract wildlife including bats, raccoons and groundhogs. These buildings become breeding grounds and, when ACC is called, it’s the responsibility of the building owner to come to the property along with ACC to resolve the issues.

Feral cats can be a project. Born in the wild, feral cats have little, if any, human contact. Most often they don’t like being approached by people. They hiss and growl in self-defense or just from fear. Some of these cats can be domesticated. Most importantly, they need to be spayed or neutered so no more feral cats are bred.

ACC loans humane traps, with a deposit, for up to 14 days. These traps can be used for feral cats or other small animals. Captured wildlife is often relocated to other areas, but skunks, raccoons, groundhogs, bats, and foxes are euthanized by the ACC. By law, the Game Commission does not allow the ACC to relocate or release these animals because they are considered to be a high risk for the rabies virus. ACC’s euthanizing method is very humane, approved, and overseen by a licensed veterinarian.

Healthy dogs and cat are not euthanized. All domestic animals are taken to the Animal Rescue League for

veterinarian care and put up for adoption.

If you have any concerns about domestic animals or wildlife, call Animal Care and Control at 412-255-2036.

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**ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 PM. Any non-aggressive pets that are manageable (caged or on leash) are welcome to attend. We will also have a silent auction and a bake sale for people and pets. Please call our office at 412-231-2183 to let us know how many people and pets to expect or if you would like to help or donate items for the silent auction, bake sale, or pet treats.

**Rent-A-Space Market Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Indoor Flea Market,  
Crafts & Vendors  
Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Call 412-231-2183 or  
412-322-2102  
\$15.00 reserved table  
\$20.00 table at door  
Bake Sale - 50/50 – Food

**ALCOSAN OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Region's Largest Watershed and Environmental Festival. 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)

**NORTHSIDE (CITIPARKS) FARMER'S MARKET**

The North Side 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, May 14<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup>.



**COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET July 11<sup>th</sup>**



**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.*

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>



The Spring Hill Civic League will hold its annual Halloween

Parade for children, ages 1-12, on Saturday, October 16<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 9<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the registration form on page 7 of the newsletter. The cost is \$5.00 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family. Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other extended family members are welcome. The form can be mailed to the address listed at the bottom of the form, turned in to a board member or block-worker, or turned in at either of the community General Meetings on September 13<sup>th</sup> and October 4<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 or responsible adults 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 or responsible adult 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!**

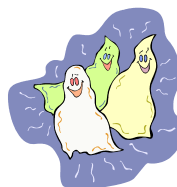
## DEVIL'S NIGHT PATROL

October 30<sup>th</sup> is Devil's Night, the night before Halloween, where young trick or treaters pull as many pranks as they can.

Mischief Night, as it is most commonly known in the United States, has been around in its present form for at least 50 years, when it became a day for playing "tricks" while Halloween itself was reserved for the little ones to gather "treats." In some areas, unfortunately, today's pranks have evolved into acts much scarier than ghosts or goblins.

The purpose of the "Devil's Night Patrol" is to discourage vandalism in the community. *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.

## 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).

## HALLOWEEN JOKES

Q: What do you get when you cross a black cat with a lemon?  
A: A sour-puss.

Q: Why don't mummies take vacations?  
A: They're afraid they'll relax and unwind.

Q: Why does a cemetery have to keep a fence around it?  
A: Because people are dying to get in.

Q: What did the skeleton say to the vampire?  
A: You suck.

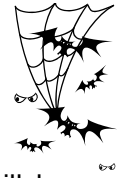
Q: What do you get when you cross a pumpkin with a squash?  
A: A squashed pumpkin pie.

Q: Why do ghosts shiver and moan?  
A: It's drafty under that sheet.

Q: Why do ghosts like to ride elevators?  
A: It raises their spirits.



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### RULES

1. Children must be registered. On the day of the parade they must be signed-in and accompanied by a parent or responsible adult for the ENTIRE event to participate.
2. Fill out the registration form below & return. It is **DUE by October 9<sup>th</sup>**. NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. **There will be no exceptions.**
3. If you have registered but cannot attend the parade, you may come to the parade registration table at Brady Memorial Home from **11:00 – 11:30 AM ONLY** 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 for anyone.
4. COST: \$5.00 per child to a maximum of \$20.00 a family.



## HALLOWEEN PARADE REGISTRATION



AGES 1 TO 12

SIGN-IN 11 AM

PARADE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 11:30

Cost: \$5.00 / Child to a maximum of \$20.00 / family

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN 'S NAMES/AGES \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



**CIVIC LEAGUE BLOCK-WORKERS  
Membership Drive & Halloween Collection**

The Spring Hill Civic League block-workers are the wonderful volunteers who give their time 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 block-worker is they are listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Delivery Area</u>
BUCHMAN, Gail	HARBOR St., MANDLIN Way, SCHRAUDER Rd.
BURNS, Dianne	NOSTER St.
FREDERKING, Colleen	Block-worker distribution.
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)
JURATOVIC, Bobby Jo	OVERBECK St.
KRUPP, Werner	DONORA St., BECKFIELD St., RESCUE St., VARLEY St.
KUFNER, Jan	BADER St.
LEONARD, Johanna	ADMIRAL St.
MACEY, Ilene	SOLAR St., BRAHM St.
MCCLELLAN, Karen	YETTA Ave. (lower)
MCQUILLIN, Pete	YETTA Ave.(upper), KAISER Ave., LEISTER St., WILT St., HASLAGE Ave. (upper even addresses)
MORRISSEY , Rose	ROCKLEDGE St. (lower)
MURPHEY, Melissa	ITIN St.
OLDENSKI, Rob	LAPPE Lane, BUENTE St. (off Rhine), HESPEN St., LIST St., MATHIAS St.
RUSSELL, Cynthia	HASLAGE Ave. (lower, and upper odd addresses)
RUSSELL, Joan	ROCKLEDGE St. (upper), Block-worker distribution.
SCHLOER, Len	LUELLA St., BESSIE Ave., HEIM, MINA St., NETTIE St., SHANK St.
SOLTESZ, Ben	WALZ St., DIANA Place, IONA St., IVES Way
STERRITT, Joan	HOMER St.
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)





## SLOW COOKER CHILI

Prep time: 15 minutes  
4 servings

### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 pounds beef chuck, cut into 2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- Kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 4.5-ounce cans chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 3/4 cup chili powder (yes, really)
- 1 14-ounce can diced tomatoes with chilies
- 1 to 2 tablespoons green hot sauce
- Sliced scallions, fresh cilantro and/or sour cream, for topping
- Tortilla chips, for serving (optional)

### Directions

Toss the beef with 1 tablespoon each brown sugar and salt in a large bowl. Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the beef in batches until browned on all sides, 4 to 5 minutes (do not crowd the pan). Transfer to a 5-to-6-quart slow cooker.

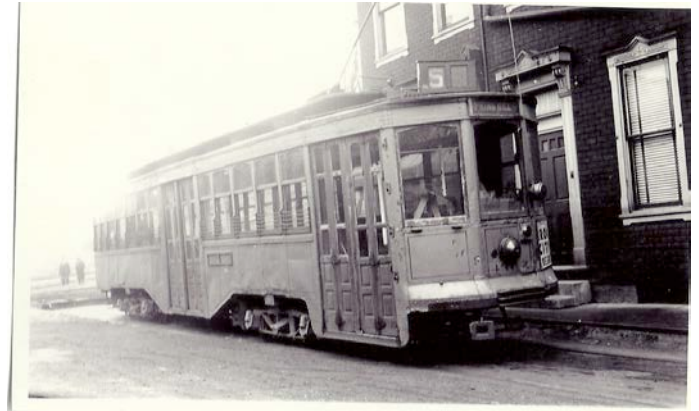
Reduce the heat to medium, add the onion to the skillet and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in the garlic, chilies, cumin and chili powder and cook 3 minutes. Add 1 1/2 cups water and the tomatoes and simmer, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom, about 3 minutes. Transfer to the slow cooker, cover and cook on low, 7 hours.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon brown sugar and the hot sauce to the chili. Serve with scallions, cilantro and/or sour cream for topping, and chips, if desired.

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**ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE. BUT A LITTLE CHOCOLATE NOW AND THEN DOESN'T HURT.**  
**CHARLES M. SCHULZ**

## SPRING HILL STREET CARS



Although they are gone now, I am sure there are many who recall the old No. 5 streetcars.

In 1907, a shuttle streetcar was put in operation and ran from Rhine and Buente to Ohio and Chestnut Streets. When the motorman reached the end of the line, he had to reverse the seats and outside trolley rod as there was no turn-around loop for the streetcar.

Eventually, double tracks were installed with a turn-around loop on Rhine. There were switching signals located at Itin-Goehring Street, and Chestnut-Spring Garden Avenue. The motorman on the streetcar going down Itin had to stop the car while on the single track, get off the streetcar and pull the switch enabling the car to go onto a double track. The second street car waiting at Goehring Street was then able to proceed up Itin Street on the single track. The switch at Chestnut and Spring Garden worked the same way. There were red and green signals at both locations so the motorman would be aware of any streetcar traffic on the single track.

In 1927, the Streetcar began running into downtown Pittsburgh.

On October 5, 1957, Pittsburgh Railways converted the No. 5 Streetcars to buses.

*By Freda Matusek  
Reprint from the Spring View Gazette, March-April edition, page 7.*

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**AS I GET OLDER, I JUST PREFER TO KNIT.**  
**TRACEY ULLMAN**



# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

“America’s Most Livable City”

## *Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl*

August, 2010

### **CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Dear Neighbors,

As one of my top priorities for the City of Pittsburgh, I have worked to reform government through transparency and civic involvement. I believe that residents of the City of Pittsburgh deserve to know and understand how the City functions, how it serves their community and how they can work with local government to make their neighborhood a better place to live and work.

Too many times information on how City Departments function is relayed by word of mouth from one City resident to another. As a result, in many instances, it is often inaccurate or misinterpreted. In an effort to provide our residents the opportunity to accurately understand the workings of our City government I am pleased to announce the formation of the first-ever Civic Leadership Academy in the City of Pittsburgh.

The Civic Leadership Academy is a free, 10-week course about local government in the City of Pittsburgh. It includes tours, hands-on demonstrations and fun activities that give an up-close and personal view of how the City is operated and governed. In each two-hour class, participants will learn about a different City department and the services that it provides to make for a safer, more livable City.

As announced in my press release on July 12<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for application to the Academy was July 30, 2010. Twenty residents and business owners from neighborhoods throughout the City will be chosen to participate in the academy. The first full 10-week session will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> and continue through November 16, 2010.

We hope that at the end of the course participants will be able to share with you information that they learned at your community meetings. If you missed this announcement, please be alerted that future 10-week sessions will continue as community interest grows.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Initiatives at 412-255-4773 or send an e-mail to [civicleaders@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:civicleaders@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl  
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 3<sup>rd</sup>

On a warm and muggy August evening the Spring Hill community participated in the second National Night Out festival in the Rockledge Street lot. Over 100 adults and children attended the festival and despite the occasional rain shower 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. Thanks to all who make this event possible including Celina Basant, Mark Miller, Ryan Deloplaine, SHCL board members Jackie Hoffman, Joan Russell, Karen McLellan, Ben Soltesz, Pete McQuillin, Mary O'Toole, and Eileen Back, and our photographer Jim Hurray.





## 2010 HALLOWEEN DONATION & 2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE September 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

Please join the Spring Hill Civic League (SHCL)! Your membership helps to fund the activities that benefit families in the community throughout the year. If you are interested in renewing your membership for 2011 or joining the league, please fill out the membership application below. If you are donating to the Halloween parade please specify the amount for Halloween.

You may turn in your form and money to your block worker or to any SHCL Board member. In some, but not all neighborhoods block workers will be collecting. You may also bring your membership form and dues to one of the general meetings or to ESB Bank on Spring Hill.

You may mail your form and dues to:

**Spring Hill Civic League Membership**  
c/o 2115 Rockledge St.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212

You may also mail or turn in your form and dues to Spring Hill Civic League board members **Mary O'Toole or Eileen Back** in the envelope stapled to the newsletter.

Checks should be made payable to the Spring Hill Civic League.

The annual dues for the Spring Hill Civic League are two dollars (\$2.00) per adult in the household. Residents of Spring Hill/Cityview who are 18 years or older are eligible for membership.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the community.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Hoffman  
President

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### SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE NOTE IF UNLISTED)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED -- Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (PLEASE LIST NAMES AND AGES)

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ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE USED OR SOLD TO THIRD PARTY INTERESTS. CHILDREN'S INFORMATION IS USED SOLELY TO HELP PLAN COMMUNITY EVENTS (CANDY, PRIZES, ETC.)