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AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING WHERE EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER. ALBERT CAMUS

SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE 2011 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

General Meeting

Monday, Sept. 12th, 7:00 PM,
Spring Hill Elementary School
auditorium

OCTOBER

General Meeting

Board Nominations, Monday, Oct.
3rd, 7:00 PM, Spring Hill
Elementary School auditorium

Halloween Parade



Saturday, Oct. 15th, 11:00 AM,
Brady Memorial Home

Community Cleanup

Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00 AM,
Homer Street Firehouse

NOVEMBER

General Meeting

Board Elections, Monday, Nov. 7th
7:00 PM, Spring Hill Elementary
School auditorium

DECEMBER

Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 7:00 PM,
Rockledge Street Lot

SECURITY CAMERAS ON THE HILL

Spring Hill has potential funding for the installation of four security cameras around the neighborhood. Council President Darlene Harris is tapping the Neighborhood Needs and Community Development Block Grant money to provide cameras to all neighborhoods in her district. To be considered for this program you must have high speed internet. Cameras will be used for surveillance of public areas only. Cameras in other communities have been credited with solving crimes. If you are interested in this program please contact Karen McLellan at 412-231-5697 or at kmm541@comcast.net.

SHCL CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Spring Hill Civic League now has a post office box address. Previously we have been using board members addresses as appropriate. This change allows us to have a consistent mailing address. Both our membership drive and Halloween collection will be using this address.

**Spring Hill Civic League
P.O. Box 100167
Pittsburgh, PA 15233**

Please note the zip code is 15233 (not 15212). Thanks!

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.

FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

**Saturday,
October 22nd,
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 of Spring Hill on Saturday, October 22nd, at 10:00 AM. Bring gloves if you have them. We will supply trash bags.

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

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



HELP US SPREAD YOUR NEWS!

To the neighbors of the community...

We are interested in announcing community events, 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.

Newsletter article submission...

Please submit articles for the winter edition (December–January-February) by November 15th

by mail to:
Joan Russell
2115 Rockledge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212-3533

by email to
joanrussell@aol.com

or call:
412-322-9945.

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
P.O. Box 100167
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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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

CIVIC LEAGUE WEB SITE

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

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy 25th wedding anniversary to George and Marlene Finley on October 11th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy October birthday to board member Joan Russell.

**OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY...**

To the family and friends of Richard E. Steele of Spring Hill, husband of Gloria (Mursch) Steele. He passed away on May 21st... to the family and friends of Marie G. (Messmer) Christmann formerly of Spring Hill, wife of the late George Messmer. She passed away on May 31st... to the family and friends of Dolores C. (Hepp) Allen of Spring Hill, mother of Cynthia Spudich, Denise Konopa, and David Allen. She passed away on July 8th... to the family and friends of Barbara E. (Peretic) Shipman, longtime resident of St. Ambrose Manor, wife of the late Samuel Shipman. She passed away on July 11th... to the family and friends of Ernest R. Daum of Spring Hill, husband of Eleanor (Syka) Daum. He passed away on August 16th... and to the family and friends of Gertrude (Deutsch) Karolyi formerly of Spring Hill, wife of the late Stephen Karolyi. She passed away on August 19th.



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

**UPDATE ON THE MOSAIC
MURAL PROJECT**



The license and maintenance agreement is under review by the City of Pittsburgh. Once they have approved the agreement we can obtain the appropriate permits to start construction. We still hope to install this calendar year. Thank you for supporting this project!



**IN MEMORY OF
GERTRUDE KAROLYI**

Submitted by Colleen Frederking

Lifelong resident of Spring Hill, Gertrude Karolyi, 96, passed away Friday, August 19, 2011. She lived many years with her late husband, Steve, in her family home on Yetta Avenue, and also cared for her late mother, Anna Deutsch. Gert always spoke fondly of her life on Spring Hill, and especially loved being active and meeting new friends. In recent years, Gert moved to St. Ambrose Manor and then to New Hope Gracious Living in Bellevue. Throughout her life she relished working as a secretary, and she also enjoyed participating in many church and community activities, volunteering and baking. Gert kept active by

attending senior center programs and adult enrichment classes. Some of her favorites included German lessons and country line dancing. She always loved to laugh and to share good times with family and friends. Gert brought joy into the lives of others wherever she went; she will be greatly missed.

**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.

COMMUNITY E-MAIL LIST

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.

**SHCL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
SPLIT
FROM HALLOWEEN
DONATION COLLECTION**

This year we are separating the collection of SHCL membership dues and Halloween donations. In the past we have combined collecting for SHCL membership and Halloween in the fall. This has led to some confusion since dues are collected well in advance of the upcoming calendar year.

This year the **membership drive will begin in December** and last through the early part of next year. Envelopes will be attached to the December-January-February issue of the newsletter to help the collection.

Halloween donations (in addition to registration for the parade) are being collected **now**. Please use the form on the last page of the newsletter for your donation. However, if you are registering children for the parade please use the Halloween registration form on page 5. The envelope attached to this newsletter can be used to send in either form.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the newsletter editor or any board member. (Contact information can be found on page 2.)

Thank you for your support!

**I'M A JACK-O-LANTERN,
LOOK AT ME.
I'M AS HAPPY AS I CAN BE.
PUT A CANDLE IN AND LIGHT
THE LIGHT.
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED IT'S
HALLOWEEN NIGHT!**



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 15th



The Spring Hill Civic League will hold its annual Halloween Parade for children, ages 1-12, on Saturday, October 15th. 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.

This year we will also have a category for best adult costume. So come dressed for the judges and to show off your costume!

The registration deadline for this event is October 8th. Please fill out the registration form on the last page 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 turned in at either of the community General Meetings on September 12th and October 3rd. 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.

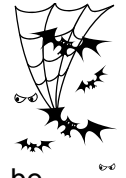
If you cannot attend the parade, you may come to the parade registration table from 11:00 – 11:30 AM to get your tickets and pick up your children's treat bags at the Rockledge Street lot. Bags will not be held after the parade.

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- Q. Where do vampires keep their money? A: The blood bank!
- Q. Why does a cemetery have to keep a fence around it? A. Because people are dying to get in.
- Q. What is a Ghost's favorite food? A. HamBoogers.
- Q. Why did the vampire need mouthwash? A. Because he had bat breath.
- Q. Why was the mummy so tense? A. Because he was all wound up.
- Q. What is a witch's favorite subject in school? A. Spelling.
- Q. Why do ghosts shiver and moan? A. It's drafty under that sheet!
- Q. What do you call two spiders that just got married? A. Newlywebbed.





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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 8th**. **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 _____ / _____

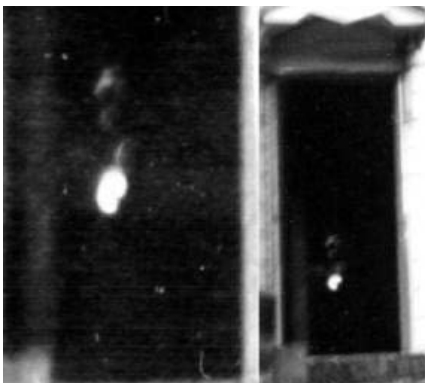
SPRING HILL GHOSTS

The first time I saw a Ghost was on Spring Hill at my in-laws house on Beckfield Street. In 1978 on Memorial Day my brother-in-law Louie was killed in a car accident. All the relatives came to the house. There was a big storm brewing and my other brother-in-law Fred and I were sitting on the couch in the living room reminiscing about Louie. All of a sudden a big blast of air came through the bathroom, the door blew open, and a green hand appeared on the doorknob. I asked Fred if he saw the same thing and he said yes. To me it looked like a woman's hand although it was green.

It wasn't the first time a ghost was sighted at that house. Lights would fail, and many footsteps were heard. Also, my wife's Dad saw a green ball of light.

The hand didn't scare me but it is something I will never forget. When my mother-in-law moved, my daughter Sherry (14 years old at that time) took pictures and we think captured it on film. We just say it was part of our family saying goodbye.

Right-picture of the basement door.
Left-blowup of the picture on the right.



I sure would like to hear your Pittsburgh Ghost stories and share them with others. Please Email them to me. Also, if you have any questions I will be happy to answer them.

Jim Hurray
jhurray@verizon.net

GOING BACK -WAY BACK- FOR SUMMER FUN

A letter submitted and printed by the Post Gazette by Jean Miller.

Reading your enjoyable article on summer fun in the 60's really started me thinking about my own childhood growing up on Spring Hill. We're going back quite a few years – to the early 40's – but what fun we had.

In those days we had neighborhood Recreation Centers... My day started by jumping out of bed by 8:00 and getting my body down to the "Schooly" as we called it, so I could help put up the swings and any other chore that needed done. We had a huge slide and a sand box for the younger kids. We had numerous board games, paddle tennis, volley ball, and in the evening a mushball game played by the older boys. The mushball was always taped together, we didn't get a new ball just because a few strings came loose. If there were no ball games, we roller skated with skates you screwed on your shoes with a skate key. The boys would play crack the whip and you never wanted on the end of the line... We made our own games up - Run Sheep Run, Red Rover, and Ducks Off. This was played with tin cans.

Not one red cent for equipment was involved. We had no money. I think I spent half my youth with my head in a garbage can looking for tin cans. We ran to the spring for water, which was the best water I ever drank. No bottled water.

We didn't have a swimming pool on Spring Hill. We had to walk to Troy Hill (Cowley) for a one hour swim, and oh! while waiting in line that wonderful aroma when Heinze's made ketchup. It permeated the whole North Side. After swimming, we had to walk back home, stopping at Mom's in Spring Garden for two pretzel rods – cost 2 cents. You walked up Homer St. and believe me Mt. Washington has nothing on Homer St... By the time we got home, we were so hot, our Mothers let us hang the garden hose from the wash pole in the back yard. I was also allowed to do this when I helped my Dad shovel coal.

We didn't work for money, we had our chores... We walked everywhere, unless you were lucky enough to have a bicycle. We never sat down from 9:00 to 9:00...

Yes we had one problem, there was a war going on, but our main concern was to hide under the covers on the glider on the front porch so the Air Raid Warden wouldn't catch you outside, or drive our parents crazy by chasing the dog around the house in the dark. We could leave our windows open all the time, and half the time the doors were not locked...

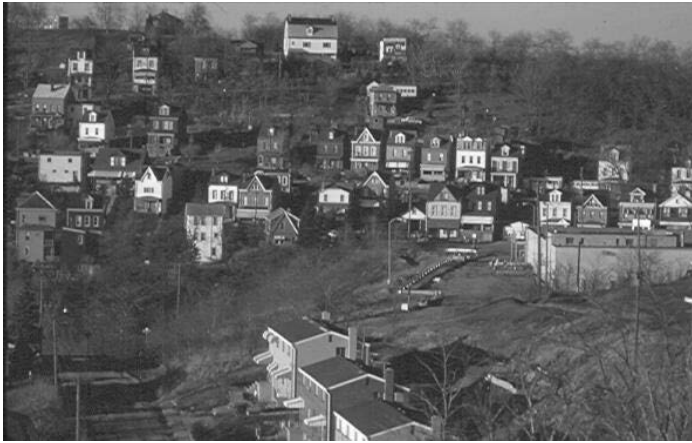
They were glorious years, and I would give my eye teeth (if I still had them) to go back and re-live just one more day.

OLD PHOTOS OF SPRING HILL

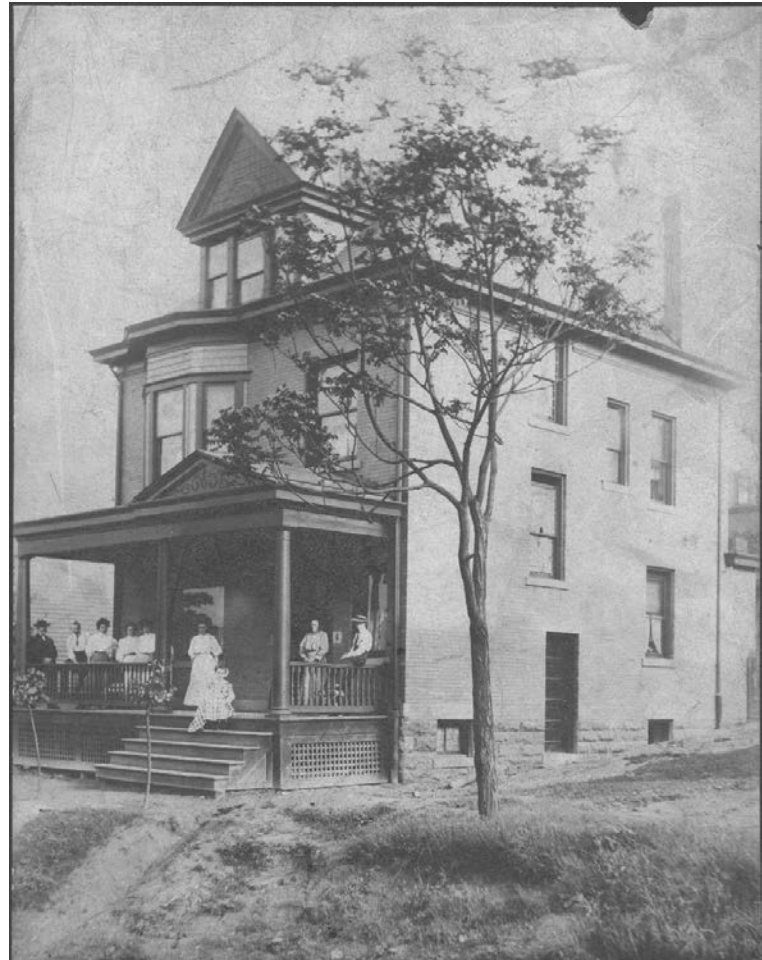
Submitted by Bob Rathke

I grew up on Spring Hill (Woessner Ave.), and have been living in Chicago since 1984. My mother lived at St. Ambrose Manor, and my Uncle Bob Rathke still lives on Haslage Ave.

I have taken thousands of photos since 1950, many of them on Spring Hill. Around 2001 I submitted about 12 Spring Hill photos (St. Ambrose School and the trolleys on Rhine St.) to the Spring Hill newsletter, and they are posted on the SHCL Photo Galley page.



City View seen from the top of the cemetery on 1/31/70. Note the Acme Market in the right center

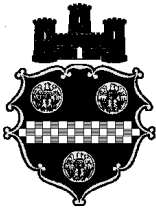


This is one photo that I didn't take. This photo has been in our family for more than 100 years, and shows my great grandfather Joseph Wurdack's house near the top of Buente St. in 1905 (the yellow brick house is still there). For many years he owned a tailor shop on E. Ohio St. near James St., and then later (and until 1954) his son Joseph Jr. owned a tailor shop on East St. just north of North Avenue.

In the photo: Joseph Sr. is second from left, and his wife Katherine is second from right. The boy sitting on the railing at the far right is their son Walter - old time residents might remember him as "Hap" Wurdack who often walked his dogs around Spring Hill (he passed away in 1983). And....the little girl sitting on the steps is my grandmother Isabel Wurdack Lutz who later lived on Woessner Avenue.



The Itin/Diana Streets collapse on 1/15/1972.



PITTSBURGH CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Twice a year, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police sponsors an opportunity for members of the community to become closely acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of the Police Bureau. The Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant.

Participants receive three hours of training one evening each week for 15 weeks in many of the varied functions of law enforcement. They experience some of the highlights of police training and are exposed to the operations of the police bureau. Participants are taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearms and many other subjects. They learn about the processing of a crime scene, how police canines are used, and are exposed to many of the specialty police units. CPA participants meet and talk with many of the street officers as well as the command staff and training staff that serves them. All this takes place in a safe and entertaining training environment.

Instructors are law enforcement professionals who teach both veteran and recruit police officers. Students leave this

training with a greater understanding of the police mission and with an increased ability to see how the police serve the community.

This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer.

The next session of the CPA will begin on Monday, September 12, 2011, at the Allegheny Center Alliance Church located at 801 Union Place, Room 120 (located behind 250 East Ohio Street on the North Side). The program will be held each Monday evening, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 15 weeks.

Class size is limited to 30 participants. All interested persons must complete an application and give permission for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record. The CPA application can be found at http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens_police_academy.htm

For more information on the City of Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy, please contact Lieutenant Jennifer Ford at:

Pittsburgh Police Training
Academy
1395 Washington Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
(412)665-3600
jennifer.ford@city.pittsburgh.pa.us



CHUNKY CHICKEN TACO SOUP

- 1 1/2 lbs. Cooked Chicken shredded
- 1 med onion
- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 can black beans
- 2 cans other beans (pinto, navy, great northern) rinsed and drained
- 2 cans diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1 envelope hidden valley ranch
- 2 cups water (I use chicken broth)

Salt & pepper to taste

Sautee onions, add all other ingredients and stir. Add chicken last. Cook until flavors are blended.

Submitted by Beth Herzer.

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.



CITY OF PITTSBURGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE M. HARRIS

Summer seemed to come and go in a flash and fall is already knocking at our door. Another Steelers season will be in full swing and Halloween will be here before we know it. This is shaping up to be another exciting year full of opportunities for children, parents, grandparents, and those that choose to be a part of Pittsburgh's large educational community.

I define public service as looking after the best interests of the people of District 1, and the entire city. The ideal working relationship is to have open lines of communication, with the understanding that the executive and legislative are equal branches of city government. The legislative branch has the unique responsibility of being the branch of government that makes things possible. That is, through the ordinances we adopt, we enable the executive branch to implement initiatives, programs, and guidelines.

The biggest challenge and opportunity facing Pittsburgh this fall is balancing the budget. The City has projected a budget shortfall, and we are going to have to make tough decisions. But difficult choices can often lead to unseen possibilities, and I believe we have a real opportunity to do things more effectively and efficiently in Pittsburgh, and to better serve the people who live and work in our city.

Growing pains and change are sometimes overwhelming. As

Pittsburgh continues to evolve there will be debate and discussion. But, as I learned again while working with many folks on the Northside and the entire city, even those who normally can't agree on things can actually work together and stand together if they are willing to listen, share ideas, and believe in each other.

Sometimes those feelings you had when you were a child getting ready for school are the same ones you get when you are faced with an adult challenge. It's a sign that good things can be ahead of you if you are just willing to be open to the possibilities. Having the courage to actually say, '*I choose to find a solution and will work well with others,*' is actually a reminder of what we learned back in school.

As always, if you have any questions about this or anything else in the City, please call my office at 412-255-2135.

STATE SENATOR JIM FERLO

Putting the Care Back in Healthcare

My office has fielded a number of calls and emails from people with serious concerns and questions regarding the current conflict between Highmark, Inc. (Highmark) and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). Many are worried about where they will turn for health coverage and care if Highmark and UPMC do not reach an agreement.

Highmark is the dominant health insurance provider in

Allegheny County and UPMC is the dominant health care provider. If the two do not come to an agreement, it could be disastrous for health care consumers and employers in our region. Patients' access to healthcare should not be the rope in this tug of war.

As a core value, I believe everyone has the right of access to high-quality, affordable healthcare. Under PA Act 55 of 1997, both Highmark and UPMC are recognized as Institutions of Purely Public Charity, e.g. nonprofits. Their behavior is hardly charitable towards the needs of our citizens, and public officials are taking steps to hold them accountable.

I will be convening a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 7 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Ballroom. This forum will be open to community members and stakeholders who want to express their concerns and take action. Additionally the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will convene a public hearing regarding this matter on September 13th at Penn State McKeesport, and the House Insurance Committee will convene a similar hearing on August 25th at the Allegheny County Courthouse.

Our office will be posting on future meetings and updates at <http://upmcsvshighmark.blogspot.com> and on my website.

Please visit www.senatorferlo.com or call my office at 412-621-3006 to learn more about this or any other state-related issues.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION May 30, 2011

Spring Hill's Memorial Day Celebration was held to commemorate our veterans on a beautiful day at Brady Memorial Home on Southside Avenue. It was attended by a large crowd of community members. The Color Guard and Firing Squad of American Legion Post 565 and VFW Post 7090 honored our deceased veterans by firing a 21 gun salute after which Taps were played.

Pastor Pat Bonds of St. Michael and All Angel's Lutheran Church gave the invocation and Kristin Hawk led us in singing The Star Spangled Banner. Council President Darlene Harris and Commander Bob Lynch were guest speakers. We ended the commemoration with a benediction and the singing of America The Beautiful. After the ceremony concluded, the gathering enjoyed grilled hotdogs and cold drinks before dispersing.

Thank You to the many volunteers who assisted with set-up, food, and clean-up that day. They included Mark Miller, Mary O'Toole, Eileen Back, Karen McLellan, and Ben Soltesz. Especially responsible for the day's success were Steve Brady and the staff of Brady Memorial Home. A special thanks to Jim Hurray who photographed the event.

Thank You to Bob Lynch and the men and women of American Legion Post 565 and VFW post 7090 for their faithful participation in our annual commemoration. They truly make our ceremony special and go to each of the war monuments in our community every Memorial Day to properly commemorate their fallen comrades.



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION (Continued from page 10)





CITY OF PITTSBURGH

“America’s Most Livable City”

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

August, 2011

Dear Neighbors,

This June I announced the hiring of a new sustainability coordinator to oversee green initiatives in the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Energy Efficiency. As the new Sustainability Coordinator of Pittsburgh, Aftyn Giles has been chosen to continue the promotion of sustainable and green practices within City government and City neighborhoods.

Over the next several months, Aftyn will be leading a collaborative effort to inspire new opportunities for involvement. Some things to look forward to include:

- A future green center connecting communities to local sustainable initiatives.
- Easier access to sustainable resources and support.
- Accessible guidelines to get your sustainable project moving.
- Fresh programming inspiring those new to sustainability to join the green movement.
- Opportunities for cross community collaboration on sustainable projects.

I would like to thank all of you for welcoming her to the City. We will be relying on each of you to continue to share your time and expertise to create the best possible sustainable future for Pittsburgh. I hope you'll continue to contact Aftyn with your ideas and give your strongest support.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aftyn by phone: 412-255-2254, or email: aftyn.giles@city.pittsburgh.pa.us. If you'd like to learn more about the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Energy Efficiency, go to green.pittsburghpa.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 2, 2011

On the evening of August 2nd the Spring Hill community participated in its' third National Night Out festival at the Rockledge Street lot. Over 100 adults and children attended the festival.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event. Officer Forest Hodges and Darlene Harris were present to talk with community members about their concerns, and crime prevention tips were available at the Spring Hill Civic League table. The kids played games and were entertained by the Moonwalk, Balloon Sculptor, Disc Jockey and Face Painter.

Thanks to all who make this event possible including The Pittsburgh Department of Parks and Recreation, The Children's Museum, Officer Forest Hodges, Council President Darlene Harris, Lisa Eberz, Mark Miller, Eileen Back, Shawn Herzer, Lois Hurray, Chris Waraks, our photographer Jim Hurray, and the SHCL board members.





2011 SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE HALLOWEEN DONATION

The Spring Hill Civic League will hold its annual Halloween Parade for children, ages 1-12, on Saturday, October 15th. Your donations help us fund the Parade and treats that we give the participating children. Please support the parade!

This year we are separating the collection of SHCL membership dues and Halloween donations. In the past we have combined collecting for SHCL membership and Halloween in the fall. This has led to some confusion since dues are collected well in advance of the upcoming calendar year.

This year the **membership drive will begin in December** and last through the early part of next year. Envelopes will be attached to the next issue of the newsletter (December-January-February) to help the collection.

Halloween donations (in addition to registration for the parade) are being collected **now**. If you wish to donate to Spring Hill's Halloween event please use the Halloween Donation form below. The envelope attached to the back of the newsletter can be used for your donation. If you have children you wish to register for the parade please use the Halloween Parade Registration form on page 5.

We rely on your donations to help buy the treats for the kids in the parade. Thank you for your support!



HALLOWEEN DONATION

Use this form if you wish to donate but do not have children attending the parade.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

HALLOWEEN DONATION AMOUNT _____

Make checks payable to the Spring Hill Civic League. Use the envelope or mail to SHCL Halloween, P.O. Box 100167, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. You can also turn the form in to SHCL board members, or at the General Meetings.