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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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IN THE SPRING I HAVE COUNTED 136 KINDS OF WEATHER INSIDE OF 24 HOURS. MARK TWAIN

2012 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH

Community Meeting
Monday, March 5th 7:00 PM,
Spring Hill K-5 School auditorium

APRIL

Pittsburgh Spring Redd Up
Weekend
Saturday, April 21st
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Homer Street firehouse

APRIL/MAY

Mosaic Mural Wall Construction
exact dates TBD

MAY

Community Meeting
Monday, May 7th 7:00 PM,
Spring Hill K-5 School auditorium

Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 28th

AUGUST

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 7th

SEPTEMBER

Flea Market
Sunday, September 9th

Community Meeting
Monday, September 10th

Fall Cleanup
Date TBD

OCTOBER

Community Meeting
Monday, October 1st

Halloween Parade
Saturday, October 20th

NOVEMBER

Community Meeting
Monday, November 5th

DECEMBER

Holiday Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 5th

PITTSBURGH REDD UP WEEKEND

**Saturday, April 21st, 10:00 AM
Homer Street Firehouse**



We will once again be participating in the statewide cleanup effort on Saturday, April 21st. Organizations and neighborhood groups across the state will be picking up litter in honor of Earth Day. Dubbed the "Redd Up" weekend by local group Citizens Against Litter (www.citizensagainstlitter.org), we will be one of close to 200 communities in the city and surrounding counties that are participating.

We will be meeting at 10:00 AM at the firehouse on Homer Street. Gloves and bags will be provided. We will provide refreshments and have pizza afterwards for those who are interested. Come and be part of this year's campaign!

*For any questions contact
Ben Soltesz, 412-231-0303.*

SPRING HILL MOSAIC MURAL ADVANCES

In January artist Linda Wallen received an official letter from the office of the Clerk of the City of Pittsburgh stating the City gives permission for the community to install the mosaic mural on the property at Homer and Damas Streets.

In February the maintenance agreement was finally approved and ready for signatures. This agreement is between the Spring Hill Civic League, Linda Wallen, and the City Planning and Law Offices of the City of Pittsburgh. It makes clear who is installing and maintaining the mural. The agreement stipulates that the mural will be coated with a protective silicone-based waterproofing system and that the artist will replace broken pieces as needed. It also states that the Civic League will be responsible for routine site maintenance and landscaping.

With all the legal documents falling into place, the work of actually constructing the wall should get under way as soon as the weather allows, possibly April or May. The Department of Public Works will be on hand to assist with some tasks. Once the wall is built, the Teaching Artists of the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild have volunteered to help install the mural. After the installation, we'll have a party!



HELP US SPREAD YOUR NEWS!

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 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Joan Russell
Vice President: Ben Soltesz
Treasurer: Karen McLellan
Directors: Beth Herzer, Mary O'Toole, Tammy Waraks, and Dee Witsch.

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

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 summer edition (June-July-August) by May 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:

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**"MY MOTHER WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I EVER SAW. ALL I AM I OWE TO MY MOTHER. I ATTRIBUTE ALL MY SUCCESS IN LIFE TO THE MORAL, INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION I RECEIVED FROM HER."
GEORGE WASHINGTON**

CIVIC LEAGUE WEB SITE

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday to Max Miller on March 7th. Happy 90th birthday to Mary Joseph in April. Happy Birthday to Ben Soltesz in April. Happy birthday to Maria Gonzalez on May 7th.

GET WELL SOON

Get well soon to Steve Brady who was recently hospitalized.

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. The food bank serves the entire Spring Hill community, not just members of Holy Wisdom parish. 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.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE M. HARRIS

Spring Hill is bursting with activity!

I began this year working to improve and secure a healthy bond rating for our city. I travelled to New York City in January, with members of the administration, to advocate for an upgrade of Pittsburgh's status. We spoke with one voice, successfully making the case that Pittsburgh's financial position is quite stable despite the national economy, which led to an upgrade from two rating agencies.

This upgrade allows for more dollars to be spent on projects, and I will work with the Administration and the community to identify the priorities in District 1.

Did you know that we have our own dancing stars right here in the neighborhood? Congratulations to the Spring Hill School students who won the honorable mention silver at the "Colors of the Rainbow" dance competition.

As spring approaches, I welcome the fact that we can spend more time outdoors rediscovering the treasures in our neighborhoods. There is so much to look forward to, whether it's greeting friends at St. Michael and All Angels Church's Lenten Fish Fry, or rolling up our sleeves with neighbors at the April Spring Clean-up. I will enjoy hearing from residents about progress made on the Mosaic Wall Project. Of course I hope to see many of you at our annual Memorial Day commemoration.

Spring Hill is an active, engaging neighborhood, its continued success depends on residents volunteering to help with the many projects and events throughout the spring and summer. A great place to learn about what's happening in Spring Hill is by attending the Civic League's meetings.

Councilwoman Harris may be reached at 412-255-2135.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

To the family and friends of Marguerite (Slatt) Kress of Spring Hill, wife of Ralph A. Kress. She passed away on January 13th ... to the family and friends of Grace Margaret Damaso of Spring Hill, mother and friend of Christopher Damaso. She passed away on January 23rd ... and to the family and friends of Mary Jean (Morris) Gray formerly of Spring Hill, wife of the late Normand A. Gray. She passed away on February 26th.

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



SHCL MEMBERSHIP CARDS DISCONTINUED

A few members of the community have asked whether we are still issuing membership cards. In order to save costs and because they are not required for event participation, we have discontinued their use at this time.

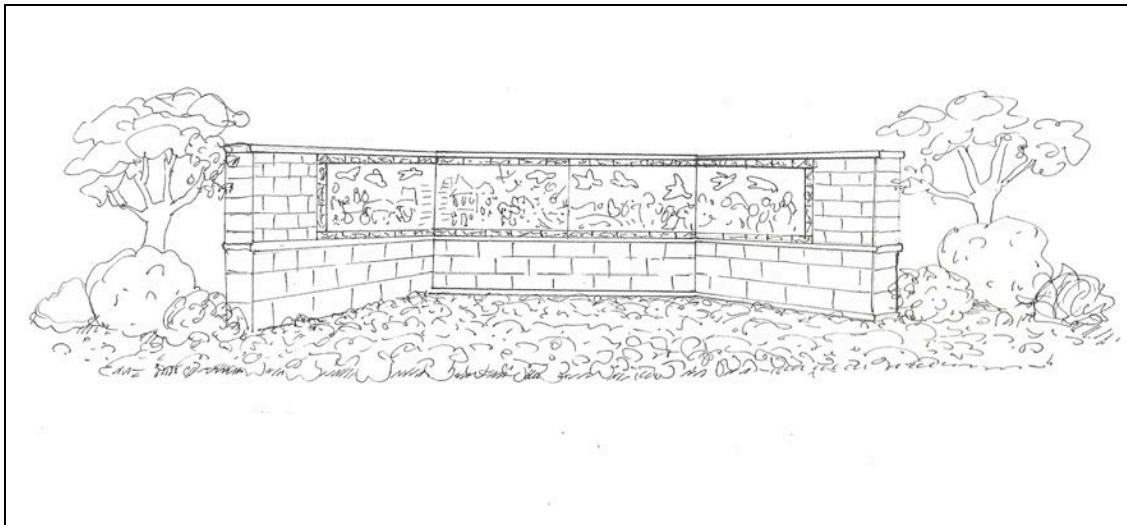


MOSAIC MURAL WALL CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Maintenance Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh, and artist Linda Wallen and the Spring Hill Civic League has been approved and submitted back to the City for final signatures. We should be ready to begin construction in the April/May timeframe. Volunteers are needed to build the wall which will host the mosaic mural. The site approved for this construction is the city lot at the corner of Damas and Homer Streets across from the Homer Street firehouse.

Many thanks to those who donated to this effort. They are Ambrose and Eileen Back, Peter Balestreire, Shawn Dugan and Linda Tonetti, Robert and Colleen Frederking, Don Friedman and Rhoda Sommers, Christina Kashzow and Chris Mason, Werner Krupp, Joseph Lamping, Pete McQuillin and Nancy Chubb, Joan Pail, James Rizzo, Joan Russell, Irene Schanbacher, Ben and Megan Soltesz, R.F.A. Urschler, and candidate Mark Purcell.



Please join us in making this historical mural a permanent part of our community!

If you are interested please contact Joan Russell at 412-322-9945 or joanrussell@aol.com.

We need your help!

**PITTSBURGH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE**



The 2012 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade will be celebrated on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

For additional information go to <http://www.pittsburghirish.org/parade>.

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

Lenten Fish Bake

Lenten Fish Bake is held every Friday during Lent, from 3:30 – 7:00 PM. On Good Friday fish will be served from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Baked or fried fish is available. Side dishes will include fries, pierogies, macaroni & cheese, haluski, and beverages. Drop in or phone your orders in by calling the church office at 412-231-2183.

Lenten Schedule

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday at 6:00 PM at the Church.

PALM SUNDAY/
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
March 31 & April 1

Blessing of Palms
Saturday 6:00 PM at Church
(Spring Garden)
Sunday 9:00 AM at Chapel
(Spring Hill)

HOLY WEEK
April 5 - 8

Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM at Church

Good Friday
12 noon at Church

Easter Sunday, April 8
The Resurrection of our Lord
Easter Liturgies
9:00 AM at Chapel
11:00 AM at Church

**Weekly Worship
Continues**

Saturdays
6:00 PM at Church

Sundays
9:00 AM at Chapel

*St. Michael and All Angels'
Lutheran Church
412-231-2183
Rev. Patricia Bonds, Pastor*

*Main Church –
1308 Spring Garden Ave.
Spring Hill Chapel –
Rhine and Walz Streets*

**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 needs volunteers!

The Tri Hill Valley Meals On Wheels is located in St. Michael's and All Angels' Lutheran Church at 1308 Spring Garden Avenue. Volunteers are needed every day Monday – Friday. You can participate once a week or more! A shift typically is 1-2 hours, but can be tailored to meet a person's schedule. Volunteers can come with a friend/family member and are welcome to bring their children.

For more information, please call Dave Nusser, the site coordinator, at 412-231-1550.

**DREAMING OF OWNING
YOUR OWN BUSINESS?**

We're Here to Help!



The Northside Community Development fund is here to help Northside neighbors start their own business. You will receive one-on-one help with your business plan and advice from experts. The Northside Fund can also help with start up financing.

The next presentation will be held on March 27, 2012 at 6:00 PM, Riverview Presbyterian Church, Lounge Meeting Room, 3505 Perrysville Avenue.

Questions? Contact Sheryl Smith at 412-330-2567 or sheryl@pittsburghnorthside.com.



CITYVIEW HUNTING & FISHING CLUB, SOUTH SIDE AVENUE - 1900



SPRING HILL TROLLEY LINE, RHINE STREET LOOP - 1957



RHINE STREET NEAR HASLAGE AVENUE - 1925



LUELLA STREET NEAR MINA STREET - 1898

EASY QUICHE

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

Cook Time: 50 Minutes

Servings: 8

Ingredients

- 2 cups milk
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup biscuit baking mix
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 (10 ounce) package chopped frozen broccoli, thawed and drained
- 1 cup cubed cooked ham
- 8 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a 10 inch quiche dish.
2. In a large bowl, beat together milk, eggs, baking mix, butter and parmesan cheese. Batter will be lumpy. Stir in broccoli, ham and Cheddar cheese. Pour into prepared quiche dish.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 50 minutes, until eggs are set and top is golden brown.

Amount Per Serving: Calories: 382 | Total Fat: 27.3g | Cholesterol: 176mg

PITTSBURGH GHOST STORIES

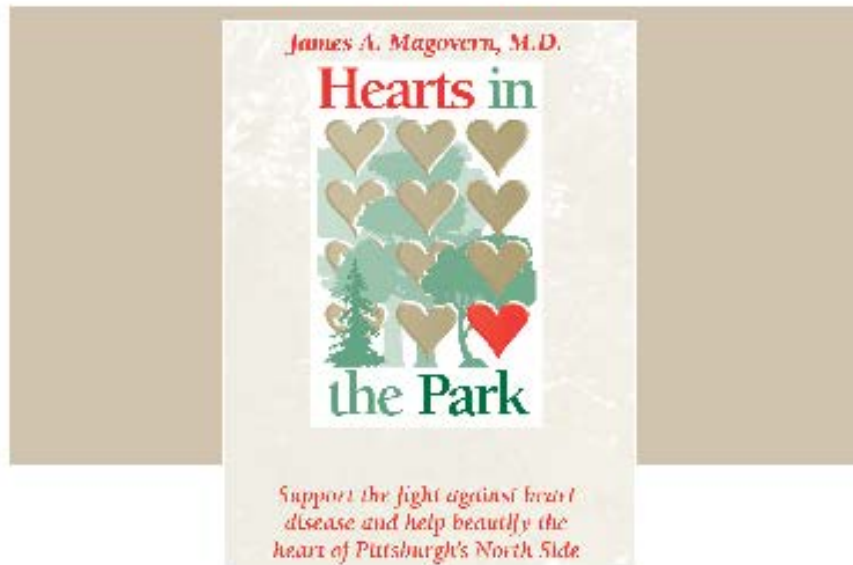
Submitted by: Jim Hurray

This is a picture of a possible Orb I may have caught at my Mother-in-law's old house that was for sure haunted. I usually don't pay attention to Orbs but knowing where this came from there is a possibility.



Do you have a Ghost Story you would like to share? I have been in many houses on Spring Hill and Troy Hill at yard and house sales. I have spoken to home owners and many times have heard about ghosts that live in their home. I find them very interesting and would like to post your stories to the Spring Hill Newsletter. Please email me your story at jhurray@verizon.net. I'm sure most folks would be as interested to hear them as I am.

Also, if you like Oldies 45RPM records please visit my web page at <http://jhurray.com/>.



**Ninth Annual
Hearts in the Park Walk
Saturday, May 12, 2012
Allegheny Commons**

(Directly across from Allegheny General Hospital)

Event Schedule

- 8 a.m. - Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - Team Photos
- 9 a.m. - Announcements
& Event Kick-off
- 10 a.m. - Awards Announcements
& Raffle Drawings

Event Chair

George J. Magovern, MD

Honorary Chair

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Master of Ceremonies

Bob Pompeani
KDKA Sports Announcer

For more information, or to receive a registration brochure, please call 412.359.5026.

You can also register online for the Walk by visiting www.McGinnisCVI.org. Look for the Hearts in the Park link.



During this year's Hearts in the Park Walk you will have the opportunity to learn about a heart-healthy lifestyle with the Prescription for a Healthy Heart Expo.

The expo is free for all registered walkers and provides free blood pressure screenings, relaxing chair massages and education on achieving a heart-healthy lifestyle, including diet, weight control and exercise.



ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Cardiovascular Institute

EARTH DAY

Earth Day began on April 22, 1970 and was instigated by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson. Actually, the idea for Earth Day evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. Six years would pass before the idea that became Earth Day actually occurred to Senator Nelson while on a conservation speaking tour in the summer of 1969.

At the time, anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, called "teach-ins," had spread to college campuses all across the United States. Suddenly, the idea occurred to Senator Nelson - why not organize a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to our environment? That was the beginning of the Earth Day movement.

"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

~ *Gaylord Nelson*

EARTH DAY FACTS AND TRIVIA

Did You Know?

1. More than half the earth is at least 3000 meters under the sea.
2. 'How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when clearly it is Ocean.' - quote Arthur C. Clarke in 1990.
3. Almost half the weight of the earth's crust is accounted for by oxygen.
4. The Earth orbits the Sun at a speed of 66,700 mph.
5. The Earth is about 4.5 billion years old.
6. The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply.
7. The oceans of the world would rise about 60 meters if Antarctica's ice sheets melted.
8. About 27 tons of dust rains down on the earth each day from space.
9. Of all known forms of animal life ever to inhabit the Earth, only about 10% still exist today.
10. Only 3% water of the earth is fresh, the remaining 97% is salted. Of that 3%; over 2% is frozen in ice sheets and glaciers. Meaning that less than 1% of fresh water is found in lakes, rivers and underground.

WHEN EARTH'S LAST PICTURE IS PAINTED

When Earth's last picture is painted
 And the tubes are twisted and dried
 When the oldest colors have faded
 And the youngest critic has died
 We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it
 Lie down for an aeon or two
 'Till the Master of all good workmen
 Shall put us to work anew
 And those that were good shall be happy
 They'll sit in a golden chair
 They'll splash at a ten league canvas
 With brushes of comet's hair
 They'll find real saints to draw from
 Magdalene, Peter, and Paul
 They'll work for an age at a sitting
 And never be tired at all.
 And only the Master shall praise us.
 And only the Master shall blame.
 And no one will work for the money.
 No one will work for the fame.
 But each for the joy of the working,
 And each, in his separate star,
 Will draw the thing as he sees it.
 For the God of things as they are!

By Rudyard Kipling.





CITY OF PITTSBURGH

“America’s Most Livable City”

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

March 2012

Dear Neighbors,

With last month being Black History Month and March being named Women’s History Month, now is the time to remember and celebrate the brave men and women who have historically fought against societal adversity to become inspiring success stories. While there is still work to be done, it’s encouraging to see how far we have come as a city to embrace and encourage diversity.

When I became Mayor, a top priority of mine was to increase diversity among City employees. In 2007, I launched the successful DiverseCity 365 program – a proactive approach to promoting the cultural core values that nurture diversity, eliminate barriers, increase awareness, provide opportunity and ensure inclusion as a deliberate part of daily operations.

Since the start of the program, the City has experienced unprecedented results. City of Pittsburgh job applications have increased by more than 500%, achieving the highest amount of applications ever in the City’s history. This increase in applicants resulted in minority applicants increasing by 60%, female hires increasing by 40%, and minority hires increasing by 50% (more than any other period in history).

DiverseCity 365 has achieved community engagement and recruitment success thanks to a number of efforts, including:

- partnering with more than 500 community organizations,
- making the application process user-friendly,
- providing preparation resources and guidance,
- offering community assistance centers,
- eliminating fees and other obstacles to employment,
- providing opportunity to meet key City leaders,
- and by traveling to our neighborhoods to describe the dynamics of City employment.

Since its launch, the DiverseCity 365 program’s tangible and intangible results have disrupted traditional and historical trends of inequity and exclusion. The program is not just about increasing applicants and the statistics of hires, it’s also about impact – the change in perception, community and culture. I’m proud of this program’s successes to date, and look forward to continuing to see results. I encourage other employers to adopt programs similar to DiverseCity 365 so that we as a city can continue to promote diversity and inclusion.

If you were unable to visit the City’s exhibit “A City of Rhythm: A Tribute to African America Music in Pittsburgh” last month, I encourage you to visit the numerous events taking place this month throughout the City that celebrate the inspiring women that make up Pittsburgh’s rich history.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING December 4, 2011

It was a balmy winter night and we had one of the biggest turnouts ever for the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. While community members were handed candles and programs for the ceremony, Santa Claus arrived. Pastor Patricia Bonds from St. Michael & All Angels' Lutheran Church led everyone in prayer and song during which the Christmas trees were lit. Joan Russell of the Spring Hill Civic League presented checks of \$100 each to Dave Nusser for the Tri-Valley Meals on Wheels and Marlene Stecklein for the Holy Wisdom Food Bank. Jane Orr, representing ESB Bank, also presented checks to these wonderful organizations matching the Civic League donations. City of Pittsburgh Council President and Spring Hill neighbor Darlene Harris wished everyone a Merry Christmas.



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



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

A special "Thank You" to Brady Memorial Home, St. Michael & All Angels Church, and ESB Bank who partnered with the Civic League to make this evening very special for the community.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
(continued)





2012 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".

WHAT DO WE DO?

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

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

PLEASE JOIN IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO

Thank You to those of you who have become 2012 members! If you have not yet joined for 2012 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 in the envelope attached to this newsletter, or to the following address:

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

SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(s) _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____
(PLEASE NOTE IF UNLISTED)

E-MAIL _____
(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED OF COMMUNITY ISSUES & EVENTS)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ COMMENTS _____
