

# THE HOMEPAGE

Featuring the Neighborhoods of Greenfield, Hazelwood, and the 31st Ward

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## October Almono Update

By Sarah Stroney

Both the Specially Planned (SP) zoning district legislation and the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) legislation have received final approval as of October 22, 2013. The SP zoning will protect the vision of a high-quality mixed-use development for the 178-acre former LTV Steel site. The TIF funds will help to support public infrastructure - much of which will directly benefit the community - such as:

- Roads to connect the site to the community and to the river
  - Bike lanes, sidewalks, park space, and riverfront access for all
  - Transportation improvements that aim to ease traffic concerns
- The outpouring of support throughout this legislative process, including from government leaders, partner organizations, and community residents, shows that this is truly a unified vision.



Almono Hazelwood Demo A Rough Grading Project 9-23-13 Looking Southwest Advanced Builders excavating proposed sediment Basin 2



Almono Hazelwood Demo A Rough Grading Project 9-23-13 Looking East Advanced Builders new location for concrete crusher West of Lythart

*Other Updates:* The site grading project continues to make great progress. The end nearest to Hazelwood will have its grading completed in the next couple of weeks and the rest of the site will be grading over the rest of the year. We are still on track to start utility infrastructure work in the spring and new roads in the summer of 2014.

Our partners at the World-Class Industrial Network also continue to make connections between contractors, unions, and community groups in Hazelwood

in order to place residents into job openings. If you want to be a part of this process or are looking for a career in the construction trades, please call the Almono hotline at (412) 471-3939 (choose "4" for Almono).

As always, if you have questions about this or anything else regarding the Almono development, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sstroney@ridc.org](mailto:sstroney@ridc.org) (412) 315-6443.

## Ground Breaking News

By Kristina DiPietro

We have all heard Hazelwood and breaking news on the media, often with a negative connotation. Well, forget that! On Saturday, September 21 the clouds came in, it got dark and the rains came however the celebration continued. Why? Because Hazelwood was experiencing the first in many Ground Breaking News! The weather was cathartic. The mood was exciting. Rev Tim Smith of Center of Life as our Master of Ceremony used Rev Mike Murray's call to his young athletes, we are FIRED UP! What WE are FIRED UP! This ground breaking event was the first major positive physical change on Second Avenue in years, the ground breaking for the new location and of our Hazelwood Library.

Not too long ago, we were fighting to keep the doors of our library here in Hazelwood. Now we are celebrating the new expanded library for Hazelwood, which will be a regional asset. This was brought to you by the tireless work of many organizations in the Hazelwood community. Too many to list. Yes you read it correctly. The many organizations in our community worked together in a partnership with the Heinz Endowments and

developer, ACTION-Housing. Many thought it could not be done, working together that is but we did it. And it is just the beginning.

At the celebration Mike Wilson, President of the Glen Hazel Citizens Council and Director of Glen Hazel Management Corporation spoke of how he worshiped and was inspired at the

legacy continues with our Hazelwood neighborhood library.

I also find it so hopeful for our community that the first major construction will be a library, how prophetic. Mary Frances Cooper from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh mentioned the Hazelwood Library was the third library Andrew Carnegie built over 100 years ago.



Presbyterian Church which occupied the building. The Presbyterian Church purchased the building from the American Legion. The veterans of World War II and Korean War built the building from funds they raised with raffles, bake sales and carnivals. I find it inspiring the spirit of the veterans who built this place, passed it onto the faith filled congregation of the Presbyterian Church and now the

Because of the steadfastness of our community, we are here today to continue to move Hazelwood into the future. Linda Metropolis of ACTION Housing informed us all of the commitment toward opportunities for employment of Hazelwood residents in this reconstruction effort. She introduced representatives of Nelcon Construction which was hired based on the capacity to deliver a

high performing, green building. Nelcon agreed to meet a minimum of 25% MWBE participation and create several positions for Hazelwood residents. Nelcon also subcontracted with Minniefield Construction and Demolition do perform interior demolition. The building was designed by Thoughtful Balance, a woman owned company, to meet the Passive House building standards that will lead to a 80% reduction in energy consumption. Joe Nelson was hired as construction manager. Other contractors include Aertistry & Greenscapes, NEJ Abatement, and Entergy Electric.

At the celebration, we spoke, we broke bread together, children played, we heard music from KRUNK and we were informed of the Hazelwood Community Civic Census beginning soon. Your neighbors will be contacting you about what skills and talents you may have to offer your community. What you may need to help you remain here and what you envision for the future of Hazelwood.

We can feel proud. We have begun the process. We have started to take down that wall which kept us from empowering ourselves to move Hazelwood into the future. Now that truly is ground BREAKING NEWS! Stay tuned there is lots more to come. Better yet, come join us.

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Email your letters to hazelwoodeditor@yahoo.com.

## Penn State Landscape Architecture Students Engage in Visioning Exercise with Hazelwood Community

By Lisa Kunst Vavro

In lieu of a regular Hazelwood Initiative meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, twelve Penn State landscape architecture students, their professor Ken Tamminga, along with members from the Penn State Center-Pittsburgh held a type of visioning charrette with the Hazelwood community. These students are part of The Pittsburgh Studio, in place for the past six years usually engaging two separate communities. However this year the Hazelwood neighborhood was selected as the sole focus of this studio.

Prior to October 8<sup>th</sup> these landscape architecture students met with selected stakeholders and non-profit institutions to determine which areas of the neighborhood the students' skill sets would be helpful for community visioning. The areas of interest were identified as the Riverside community (below the tracks); the Riverside salt dome area for recreation; Lewis Park; the new Carnegie library site; and the comprehensive issue of stormwater. Meeting with at least 50 different community members on October 8<sup>th</sup>, the students gleaned a wealth of information to utilize in their designs. Some of the information included:

### The Riverside Park group identified important elements as:

- Riverfront access is something everyone would enjoy
- canoes, kayaks, boating and fishing
- Community pavilion
- Revenue & jobs generation
- Hosting events
- Playground for kids
- The site will be a safer site away from roads and cars
- More community gardens for the residents to tend potentially selling these goods in a farmer's market setting because of a lack of store for fresh produce in Hazelwood currently
- Urban farm/food forest
- Composting possibilities
- Greenhouses
- Education center or nature center
- Ice rink — multi-use of the skate park in winter
- All season programming
- BMX/Rollerblading/Skate boarding park
- Open fields for recreation
- Relaxation Areas
- Benches
- ADA accessible
- Lighting !!! (huge concern for safety)
- Tunnel under tracks down to river

### Ideas gathered for the Hazelwood Library site include:

- Streetscape Improves**
- New street infrastructure (paths, signage, lighting, outdoor seating)
- Improving safety – eyes on the street, lighting
- Trafficcalming measures

- Narrower traffic Lanes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- Aesthetic beauty
- Fountains
- Sculpture
- Community Murals
- Planting
- Green Roof
- Access from Riverside – Welcoming area for Riverside – Entrance from Tecumseh St. for people living below the tracks

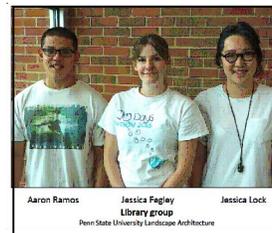
### Possible Programs

- Outdoor performance space
- Café
- Adult outdoor reading
- Adult programs – Jazz Nights, Travel logs
- Farmers Markets, yard sales, music festivals
- Book Vans
- Twilight cinema
- Night programs
- Teen Programs
- Use of Vacant lots for programming
- Connections with**
- YMCA
- Center of Life
- Riverside (Tecumseh St.) – Pocket parks
- Retail/commercial businesses along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave
- Almono

### Lewis Park Suggestions:

- water fountains
- better maintenance organization and strategies
- new, renovated, safe play structures
- more recreational activities, both organized and unorganized play space
- more space
- lighting
- community-run committees/advocacy
- community volunteers to organize recreational activities
- food vendors
- restrooms
- improved infrastructure

The students concentrating on the stormwater issue were impressed that “Many people in Hazelwood have recognized the stormwater issue and care about what is happening, usually there is a small amount of interest in the issue. The community is also very excited about the possibility of incentive programs to make stormwater management a large scale change. The community was very open and appreciative of the different ways we can address stormwater through Hazelwood.



*We heard about your concern for maintenance issues related to stormwater infrastructure as well as the different ways that designers can help reduce flooding issues such as rain gardens or bioswales.”*

With all this insight, the students are creating exhibits for the **Open House to be held at St. Stephens Hall from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm. on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.** It should prove to be an interesting event for one and all in the Hazelwood community. Please make sure to include this event on your calendars. The Penn State students would be thrilled to share your vision through their work.

PENN STATE

Penn State University's Landscape Architecture Students  
invite you to a

## COMMUNITY DESIGN OPEN HOUSE

stormwater strategies      new hazelwood library site





lewis park renovation      riverside neighborhood & salt pile

**WHEN** | 6:00 pm - 8:00pm Tuesday, Nov. 19

**WHERE** | St. Stephen Hall, 131 E. Elizabeth Street, Hazelwood  
(behind St. Stephen Catholic Church, 5115 Second Ave.)

**RSVP to Mary Ann Farrell at [mvf10@psu.edu](mailto:mvf10@psu.edu) or 412.236.1000**

light refreshments and snacks!

**Community partners:**

The Hazelwood Initiative | Center of Life | The Heinz Foundation  
Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group | City of Pittsburgh Planning Department |  
City of Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority  
City Councilman Corey O'Connor's office | Rep. Dan Franke's office  
Allegheny County Councilwoman Barbara Danko | ALMONO

**Hazelwood Studio facilitated by:**  
The Penn State Center [www.pittsburgh.center.psu.edu/](http://www.pittsburgh.center.psu.edu/)

## Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. Mission

*The mission of Hazelwood Initiative as a community-based community development corporation, is to be community-driven, providing a shared stronger voice for Greater Hazelwood, by gathering community input to build a sense of hope, harmony and promise, and by supporting human, spiritual and community development.*

# What's Up?

COMMUNITY NOTICES  
FOR GREENFIELD, HAYS  
HAZELWOOD, NEW HOMESTEAD  
AND LINCOLN PLACE

## St. Stephen Parish

### Parish Office Hours

9:00 AM to 2:00 pm PM  
Monday thru Thursday  
Closed Friday  
Phone: (412) 421-9210

### Religious Education Office

Sunday ONLY  
Phone: (412) 421-4748

### Weekday Masses

7:30AM - Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Friday  
Noon - Wednesday  
8:00AM & 4:00PM - Saturday

### Sunday Masses

8:00AM and 11:00AM

### Confession

3:45PM Saturday (before 4PM  
Mass)

## Hazelwood YMCA Programs:

**After School care** with extended hours. For more information, please contact, Lisa Donofrio at (412) 773-7314

**SilverSneakers Program**, is a low intensity exercise program designed for senior citizens. The program is year round Wednesdays at 11:00 AM & Fridays at 10:00AM. The instructor is Kristin Ward. For more information, call Lisa Reihl at (412) 773-7318.

**Congregate Feeding** Everyday 12-12:30 PM, except for holidays and week-ends.

### Food Bank

The Food Pantry is a need-based program for low-income families. The third Thursday of every month from 10:00AM - 12:00PM. Located at the Hazelwood YMCA, 4713 Chatsworth Ave. Please bring proof of income, address and ID.

**Building Bridges Campaign.** Scholarships available. We accept all government subsidies. For information, contact the YMCA at 412.773-7314.

## Frequently Asked 311 Questions:

- What is Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Response Line - 311?  
311 is the City's phone number for government information and non-emergency services. Residents can call regarding any number of issues such as street potholes, abandoned properties, clogged public sewers, housing code violations, deteriorated city steps, playground conditions, etc.
- Why 311?  
311 allows you to call one easy-to-remember number in order to receive information and access to City government services.
- How does Pittsburgh's 311 work?  
311 service representatives use a state-of-the-art data base of information and services about City government. 311 works closely with other City agencies to maintain the most current information possible.
- When is 311 available?  
All 311 calls are answered by a live operator from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- How do I reach Pittsburgh's 311?  
In the City of Pittsburgh, dial 3-1-1.  
Outside of Pittsburgh, call (412) 255-2621.  
Or use the on-line [311 Form](#).



## Let Us Know What's Up

Contact Us with Information about Your Community Group, Church, Friends & Neighbors

The Homepage  
5344 Second Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
[hazelwoodeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:hazelwoodeditor@yahoo.com)

## Local Churches



St. Stephen Parish  
5115 Second Avenue  
Rev. Vincent Stegman  
412-421-9210

Church of the Good Shepherd  
Episcopal  
2nd & Johnston  
Rev. Huett Fleming  
412-421-8497

Keystone Church of Hazelwood  
161 Hazelwood Avenue  
Rev. Tim Smith  
412-521-3468

First Hungarian Reformed Church  
of Pittsburgh  
221 Johnston Avenue  
Rev. Ilona Komjathy  
412-421-0279

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
5319 Second Avenue  
Rev. Brian Evans  
412-521-0844

Hazelwood Christian Church  
118 Glen Caladh Street  
Rev. Scott Stine  
412-421-9908

Morningstar Baptist Church  
5524 Second Avenue  
Rev. Malachi Smith  
412-421-6269

St. John The Evangelist Baptist  
4537 Chatsworth Avenue  
Rev. Alvin Coon  
412-521-0994

Gr. Pittsburgh Fountain of Life  
247 Johnston Avenue  
Bishop Gerald Lloyd  
412-422-8794

Oasis Ministries, Inc.  
4944 Second Avenue  
Elder Ray Lankford  
412-422-2588

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine  
Rite Church  
506 Saline Street  
412-421-0243

St. Rosalia's Catholic Church  
411 Greenfield Avenue  
Rev. Joseph Reschick  
412-421-5766

Squirrel Hill Christian Church  
290 Bigelow Street  
412-521-2447

Holy Angels Parish  
408 Baldwin Road  
Rev. Robert J. Ahlin  
412-461-6906

Hays United Methodist Church  
1174 Mifflin Road  
Rev. Toni Fallisi  
724-612-6901

Praise Temple Church  
5400 Glenwood Avenue  
Dennis & Katherine Currie, Pastors  
412-422-2777

Mary S. Brown - Ames  
United Methodist Church  
3424 Beechwood Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412-421-4331

Greenfield Presbyterian Church  
3939 Coleman Street  
412-521-4226

## Hazelwood Christian Church

Committed to God's Word in  
Christ, and God's Word  
in Scripture

118 Glen Caladh Street  
Rev. Scott Stine, Pastor  
412-421-9908

### Service Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Night Bible  
Study 7:00 PM

### Visit our Website:

[www.hccpittsburgh.com](http://www.hccpittsburgh.com)

## REPENTANCE YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

"Come Out, Come Out from wherever you are."

Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, 6:30 PM  
PROPHETESS DORA  
POWELL, 4708 SYLVAN AVE  
HAZELWOOD, PA 15207  
412-586-7165

## WHERE JESUS IS LORD

## Oasis Ministries Activities and Worship Schedule

Tue Prayer: 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Wed Fine Arts: 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
Thu Bible Study: 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
All above held at Oasis Ministries, 4944 2nd Avenue  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
11:00 AM at the Hazelwood YMCA, 4713 Chatsworth Street  
Call 412-422-2588 for more information

Pastors Ray & Kim Lankford

Greenfield Presbyterian Church -  
Sunday Service 11AM - 3929

Coleman  
St.; 412-521-4226;  
[greenfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:greenfieldpc@gmail.com);  
<http://bit.ly/GreenfieldPresby>; <http://bit.ly/CCH-Greenfield>

**"Just For Today" Nar-Anon Meeting for Family and Friends Whose Loved Ones Suffer from Drug Addiction (Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - First Hungarian Reformed Church - Calvin Hall) - Contact Cindy 412-421-7076"**

Mary S. Brown - Ames  
United Methodist Church  
Jeffrey Lukacs, Pastor  
3424 Beechwood Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-  
412-421-4331

**"The church with the bright red fence"**

Sunday Service 10:30 AM  
Bible Study Every  
Tuesday: 7:30pm

Parsonage Home behind church building (Saline Street entrance)



## The Church of the Good Shepherd

Second & Johnston Avenues

**Principal Service  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.**

Children's Sunday School-  
10:00 a.m.

Healing Service-Monthly  
Bible Study-Weekly

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| Graphics 22 Signs, Inc.                    | 412-422-1125 |
| Halbleib's Auto Body                       | 412-422-4665 |
| Hazelwood Family Health Center             | 412-422-9420 |
| Italian Village Pizza                      | 412-521-1900 |
| Jimmy Cohen Plumbing, Heating & Mechanical | 412-421-2208 |
| John D. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home        | 412-521-8116 |
| Josowitz Roofing                           | 412-461-5698 |
| Jozsa's Corner Hungarian Restuarant        | 412-422-1886 |
| Kruszka's Auto                             | 412-521-8911 |
| Lytle Cafe                                 | 412-421-4881 |
| Mo'Naes Hair Studio                        | 412-421-6662 |
| Rite Aid                                   | 412-421-6948 |
| Sal's Deli                                 | 412-521-3398 |
| S&R Mart                                   | 412-521-3278 |
| Super Suds Laundry                         | no phone     |
| We Care Chiropractic                       | 412-521-8890 |

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Jozsa Corner 422-1886

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(412) 344-2551

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23rd Dist. (412) 422-1774

-State Rep. Jake Wheatley,  
19th Dist. (412) 471-7760

-State Rep. Harry Readshaw,  
36th Dist. (412) 881-4208

-County Executive Rich Fitzgerald (412) 350-6500

-Mayor Luke Ravenstahl,  
City of PGH (412) 255-2626

-City Councilman Corey O'Connor (412) 255-8965

-Barbara Daly Danko  
County Council Dist. 11  
(412) 350-6575

### Sen. Jay Costa, Jr.

Offices to serve you  
in the 43rd District:  
Forest Hills: 1501 Ardmore Blvd,  
(412/241-6690)  
Carrick: 2306 Brownsville Rd  
(412/884-8308)  
Homestead: 314 E. 8th Ave  
(412/462-4204)

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4918 Second Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-422-9520

A health center operated by Primary Care Health Services, Inc. providing primary and preventative services to medically underserved individuals regardless of ability to pay.

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As a membership organization, any resident, property owner, neighborhood volunteer or local employee can be part of the decision-making process.

**You can make a difference!**

With your knowledge, abilities and commitment, HI can do even more to enhance the community.

**Become a member today!**

**Call 412.421.7234.**

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**Throughout the Year:** Enjoy seasonal fun recreational competition, parties, picnics, special events, and lively entertainment.

**We are the Gateway to Sign-Up For:** OPT, Access/E-Purse, Pace, Port Authority Transit for Seniors, Property Tax Rent Rebate Booklets, Farmers Market Vouchers, Voters Registration, and more.

**For More Information:** Visit Our Center at 5344 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15207 or call 412-422-6549. Pick up your monthly program activity calendar.

**Meals are funded by Allegheny County Department of Human Services/Area Agency on Aging.**

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**WED. NOV 20**

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**Meals on Wheels**

*We deliver smiles™*

**The Meals on Wheels  
Program**

Greenfield and Hazelwood are always looking for volunteers for drivers, delivery and kitchen help.

If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please call 412.521.2330.

*"Lend a Helping Hand to  
someone in need"*

A program of the  
Lutheran Service Society

# "It's Hazelwood's Time" T-Shirt Design Contest!

## Calling all Hazelwood Artists!

Grab a piece of paper and your markers, colored pencils or crayons and draw a picture that you think represents the theme "It's Hazelwood's Time."

Submission Deadline is no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2013.

Entries will be on display at the Carnegie Library in Hazelwood.

Winning designs will be announced at a special event in February, 2014.



Sponsored by Councilman Corey O'Connor

### T-Shirt Contest Rules

- Open to only Hazelwood residents
- One entry per person on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, using no more than 5 colors
- Include name, age, phone number on your entry
- Scan and e-mail to Corey O'Connor@pittsburghpa.gov
- OR Mail to Councilman Corey O'Connor, 510 City County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- OR Drop Off at Hazelwood Initiative
- Community members will select winners in each category: 12 and under, 13-16, 17 and above
- Winners will receive a prize, be recognized in City Council, and the overall winning design will be printed on T-shirts that will be available for purchase

**You are Invited**  
to the **November**  
**Hazelwood Initiative Membership**  
**& Community Forum**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2013 6:30 PM**  
**The Car barn 5344 Second Ave.**

#### AGENDA

1. **Hazelwood Initiative Business Meeting**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Executive Director Report**  
**Board Development/Elections Report**
2. **Zone 4 Police Report**
3. **Community Census Presentation**
4. **COL Student Oral History Project Presentation**
5. **Announcements**

**Note:** The **Hazelwood Initiative, Inc.** hosts a general membership and community meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month excluding August. Meetings are held at the Hazelwood Car barn, 5344 Second Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15207 in the 1st floor community room. Issues include redevelopment of the Almono site, community planning, zoning, public safety, housing, sustainability, education, social welfare and other subjects of interest to the community.

For more information, contact Jim Richter, Executive Director, Hazelwood Initiative, at 412.421.7234

**Donate your Property to the Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. and get a Tax Deduction.**

Hazelwood Initiative, Inc., is registered as a Public Charity under Sec. 501 (C)(3) of the IRS Code.

*We can accept your home or vacant lot and make it part of our vital Community Revitalization Strategy.*

For information, please contact Jim Richter, Executive Director at 412.421.7234.

**Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. is supported by**

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# WE'RE MAKING A GREATER HAZELWOOD. YOU CAN TOO!

**The Greater Hazelwood Community Census is your chance to be a part of improving our community from the inside-out.** This is a chance to do things differently, and to help each other by setting a shared course for our community. We're on a mission to hear from everyone in our community about what we want for Greater Hazelwood.

**Be a part of the solution!** This Fall, members of the Greater Hazelwood community will be listening and learning from residents about what's most important to the people who call Greater Hazelwood home. Look for the Census Team in our community, sign-up to participate and help spread the word!

**TAKE THE COMMUNITY CENSUS TODAY!**

Online at [GreaterHazelwood.com](http://GreaterHazelwood.com) -OR-

Call **724-268-0751** to make an appointment with one of the Greater Hazelwood residents on the Community Census Team.

The Greater Hazelwood Community Census is a project of the Greater Hazelwood Community Collaborative.

## What About Food

By Dianne Shenk

One of the best things about Fishes and Loaves Buying Club is that we share food together when we do our distributions. This happens at Hazelwood Christian Church, where we unpack the groceries brought from Wholey's and Mancini's and sort them out into individual orders, and it also happens at Hazelwood Towers, when we bring orders over to Towers residents, along with extra fresh fruits and vegetables that residents can purchase on site. For every distribution, I bring containers of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies to share with everyone. Once a month the Hazelwood Towers Resident Association fixes a brunch of eggs, sausages, fresh Mancini bread and sliced oranges, and once a month I make two big pots of soup, one vegetarian and one with meat, which we serve with bread to any Towers resident who wants to eat and talk and learn about the Buying Club. It's a really wonderful time when I sit and listen to Towers residents tell stories of their lives as children and young adults in Hazelwood long ago, or I listen to the women talk of wonderful food recipes -

how to cook greens with white beans in a crock pot, or fry sliced potatoes so they're really crispy, or how to make the best pepperoni rolls you've ever tasted! Sharing soup, bread, and conversation is a highlight of every Buying Club distribution.

This past distribution, I was enjoying my eggs, sausage and fresh bread at a round table and chatting with several residents when Eric, a CMU professor who brings students to our distributions and has become an avid member of the Buying Club, asked if he could bring some soup on October 19th. He said he had a great recipe for pumpkin soup with peanut butter in it. Right away, we both thought we should check about peanut allergies before making plans, so asked the residents if anyone in the Towers had nut allergies we should be aware of.

"Allergies?" asked Ethel, "I don't think any of us have food allergies." She looked a little blank, and I realized the significance of the question. We were asking people in their retirement years if they had a food allergy! And the answer we got was raised eyebrows and "Of course not!" followed by stories

of the numerous allergies their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were experiencing. What a strange discovery - and why don't the elderly have food allergies? They certainly have food limitations brought on by various illnesses or sensitivities, but the life-threatening food allergies so common in today's youth seem to have entirely passed them by.

I thought immediately of honey, and the growing awareness that locally harvested honey contains pollen from local trees and flowering plants. When we eat the honey, it exposes our bodies to these pollens in a way that lessens our allergic reaction to them when we breathe them in when the trees are flowering each spring. There is also growing evidence that our own immune systems are a better protection from many diseases than modern medicine, and that protecting our children from parasites, germs, and 'healthy' microbes may actually make them hyper-allergic and weaken their immune systems.

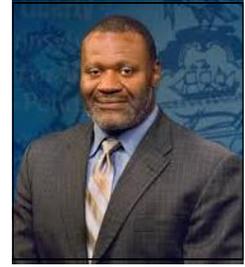
All of this made sense in the conversation about older people not having food allergies. Ethel and her friends grew up in the middle of the 1900's, when

## Rep. Wheatley welcomes long-awaited supermarket to Hill District

**PITTSBURGH, Oct. 17** – State Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Allegheny, joined with other elected officials and neighborhood residents to celebrate today's opening of a long-awaited supermarket in the underserved Hill District.

Wheatley said the store is open in large part due to Pennsylvania's Fresh Food Financing Initiative, twice cited by Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government as one of the top public policy initiatives in the country. Wheatley worked with state Rep. Dwight Evans, D-Phila., who led creation of the program, in which public and private money is used to expand or build grocery stores in urban and rural communities to replace "food deserts" with access to fresh, healthy food. More than 85 small, mid-size, and full-scale stores have been developed in Pennsylvania through the program.

"If this effort wasn't started with Representative Evans, we may not have been able to get to this point here today. The Fresh Food Financing Initiative that began many years ago laid the foundation for us to celebrate now. In a way, this grocery store belongs to the



people and they should take pride and ownership in that fact," Wheatley said.

The new 29,500-square-foot, Shop 'n Save supermarket in the Centre Heldman Plaza has employed more than 100 people, 95 percent of them minorities and 65 percent from the neighborhood.

Wheatley represents the 19th Legislative District, which includes historic Pittsburgh neighborhoods such as the Hill District, North Side, South Side, Allentown, Hazelwood, Downtown, the Bluff, Knoxville, Beltzhoover, Manchester, Arlington, Arlington Heights, and West, South and North Oakland.

### Thanks to Our Hazelwood's Safe Halloween Donors

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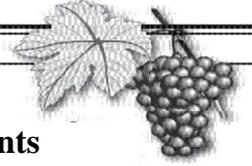
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children played outside barefoot all summer, picking up parasites along with the various cuts, insect bites, and thorns of an active childhood. They and their families also ate food mostly grown on farmland surrounding Pittsburgh and brought into the city for sale to urban residents. Many Hazelwood families also had large, backyard gardens where families grew many vegetables and often kept a variety of fruit trees.

In our modern world, most of our food comes from far away, grown in Florida or California, or on massive grain farms in the Midwest. Even common fruits like peaches and apples are usually imported from states that specialize in growing them, like Washington apples or Georgia peaches. There are a few local farms that grow these foods, but it's hard to find them in the grocery store. All these large farms use intensive chemical applications to fertilize the fields, then sterilize them by using herbicides and pesticides to kill all the other plants and insects before growing our food in this "clean" environment. This may produce the biggest, nicest-looking crops, but how are our bodies reacting to all this sterilized farming?

How does modern grocery store food affect our immune systems? I don't know and will have to ask an endocrinologist sometime to see what science is telling us. In the meantime, common sense would say that we are living creatures, eating other living things (plants and animals) and digesting them in order to live. If those plants and animals have been raised far from where we live, in ways that "clean" them of beneficial microbes, how are our bodies supposed to develop robust immune systems? And how many allergies will we get from having weird immune responses to ordinary foods like nuts and grain? In the meantime, we're going to enjoy some really delicious pumpkin soup with peanut butter at the next Fishes and Loaves Buying Club distribution on October 19th! You don't have to join the Buying Club or order food through us to come volunteer your time and energy during a distribution. Just show up and enjoy the food, fun, and good works at Hazelwood Christian Church from 10:00 - 1:30 and at Hazelwood Towers from 12:00-1:00 pm, every 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. See you there!

# The Greenfield Grapevine



## Community Elects Four New GCA Board Members

By Patrick Hassett  
Acting President

The Greenfield Community Association held its Annual meeting on Saturday October 19 2013 at the Greenfield Seniors Center. Over 50 Greenfielders were in attendance to hear about the achievements of the GCA during its first year of operation and elect four new Board of Director members. The GCA Annual Report, outlining the organization's activities for the last year is available for download at [www.gcaph.org](http://www.gcaph.org).

Welcome and congratulations to Corey J. Deasy, Ellen Gula, Mitch Margaria and Stephen Zeigler, GCAs new Board members. They join Patrick Hassett-Interim President, Brett Wiwiowara-Interim Secretary, Kate Hickey-Interim Treasurer, Mary Bernacki and David M. Howe. Thanks also to Michael Dolinger, Kevin Zollman and Stephen Zumbun for their commitment to Greenfield and helping GCA continue to grow a vibrant community. Lastly, thanks to everyone who came out to vote. Seventy six ballots were cast.



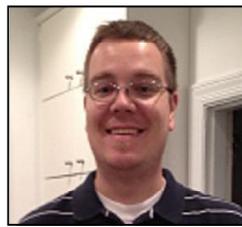
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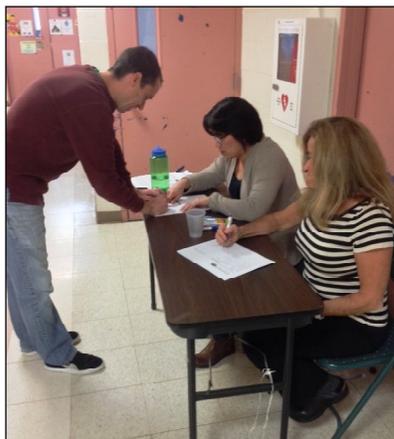
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Election officials Kate and Mary instruct a voter on procedures during GCAs annual meeting and board elections.

## Magee Park Improvements 2013 Love Your Block Grant Program

By Patrick Hassett

On Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, about 50 Pitt faculty and staff along with 18 student volunteers from Propel Homestead converged on Magee Park and its surroundings as part of Day One of Greenfield's Love Your Block Grant program for improvements to the Park. Magee Park has long been a key asset of the neighborhood providing a variety of recreational opportunities including athletic fields, basketball courts, a pool, playground, and recreation and senior centers.

The grant program is a partnership of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and The Home Depot Foundation to revitalize Pittsburgh. Greenfield received a \$1,000 grant in the form of Home Depot gift cards for various improvements to the park. Work included plenty of painting, weeding and pruning. The bleacher and outfield walls were repainted along with the pool mechanical room doors, adjacent railings, and the playground's swing set. The Ronald Street island was weeded and mulched in preparation for the winter and pruning took place around the perimeter of the park. (As of this newspaper's

November deadline for material, Day 2 of the Grant program was set for Sunday, October 26 with 40 Pitt student volunteers taking part in "Pitt Makes a Difference Day" program, coming in the morning to help finish the improvements. Capping it all was a Community festival and pig roast scheduled for the afternoon to celebrate the neighborhood and the

Day One of improvements to Magee Park. A special thanks to Pitt and Propel volunteers and Jake from the Parks Conservancy, and to David, April, Bill, Patrick, Stephen, and Corey for helping plan and manage the efforts.

Finally it would not have happened without Mitch leading the charge, funding from the Mayor's office and their Love



Love Your Block Magee Park improvements included newly painted railings and bleacher walls.

efforts of the volunteers and sponsors.)

A huge thanks to everyone involved in planning and executing

Your Block program, and support from DPW. Helping feed the troops at Day One were donations by RIALTO Pizza and Pizza Hut.

## The Greenfield Holiday Parade IS BACK!

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the Greenfield Holiday Parade will return to the neighborhood! Starting from Hazelwood and Murray Avenues and proceeding down Greenfield Ave all the way to Lydia, the parade will feature marching bands, floats, puppets, hot chocolate, and, of course, Santa. Join your friends and neighbors to cheer on the return of this wonderful holiday tradition! If you're interested in marching or volunteering, there's still time to sign up! Just contact Linda at

[linda@maxontowershairsalon.com](mailto:linda@maxontowershairsalon.com) and tell her you want to get involved!

Also, please consider donating to help cover the cost of the bringing this tradition back to Greenfield. Make your contribution out to the Greenfield Community Association and mail it to:

Greenfield Community Association  
555 Greenfield Avenue  
Lower Level  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

Make sure to write "Parade" in the memo line!



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## Greenfield Community Award Recipients Announced

By Jim Gregg, Greenfield Baseball Association

The Greenfield Baseball Association has announced this year's community award recipients for outstanding contributions to the neighborhood.

- Person of the Year—**Mary Bernacki**
- Business—**Dr. William Marino**
- Education—**Erica Linnert and Annale Yobbi**
- Community Service—**Ellen Gula**
- Special Recognition—**Councilman Corey O'Connor**
- Youth Recognition—**Jordan Bon, Steven Derewicz, Crystal Joyce and Hanna Marrone**
- Hall of Fame—**Marty Coyne, Jerry Horgan and Jerollyn McMahon**
- GCA "Got It Done" Award—**April Clisura and Mitch Margaria**
- Greenfield Organized Against Drugs—**Joe Allen, Jeff Kostilnik and Annette Moser**
- Greenfield Community Club—**Jessica McGeever**
- Greenfield Baseball Association—**Dave and Tracy Hough**
- St. Rosalia Athletic Association—**Lyne Gagne and Jeff Zigmond**

The awards will be issued at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenfield Community Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm in Wuerl Hall at Saint Rosalia Church. **Tickets** for the dinner are \$30.00 and may be purchased at Anya Salon, 571 Greenfield Avenue, (412) 421-1025 or by contacting Greenfield Baseball Association President, John Bonacci at (412) 721-0193. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## Beechwood Boulevard Project Complete



The \$3 million Brownhill/Beechwood Boulevard Phase Two Traffic Improvement project is complete with new traffic signals, street lighting, crosswalks, ADA, and pedestrian traffic signals, signs, pavement, and pavement markings along Beechwood from Hazelwood Avenue to Forward.

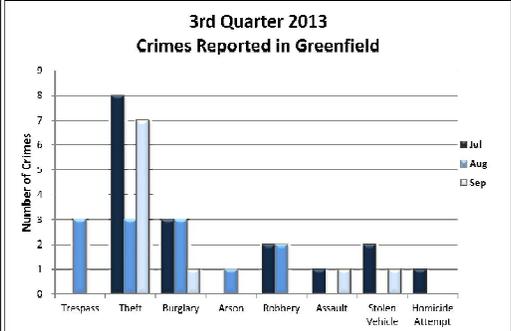
## POCUSSET STREET CLOSED



The City closed Pocusset Street in Schenley Park to vehicular traffic in August for safety reasons and has decided to keep it closed to motorized vehicles. Instead the roadway will be reopened to only pedestrians and cyclists with a two way bike lane striped down the middle.

## 3rd QUARTER CRIME STATS for Greenfield

The Greenfield Community Association's Public Safety Committee continues to work with the City's Zone 4 Police to better understand what it takes to keep Greenfield safe.



## GREENFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE METS BACK TO BACK CHAMPS 2012 AND 2013



Front row: Dohnavan Mihalek, Jacob Stratiff, Dom Bonacci, Jack Lowman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Josh Zito, Dom Rapone, Marshall McGraw, Marc Stratiff, O'Shea Sulinski  
 3<sup>rd</sup> row coaches: John Secoli, Rich Lowman, John McGraw, Ray Secoli, Jim Gregg  
 (Sponsor: Big Jims in the Run)



### Community Commitment

Strong communities are places where all people have opportunities to learn, grow and achieve their dreams. First Niagara's philanthropic mission is to support and empower not-for-profit organizations with financial backing, employee volunteers and board representation. We feel privileged to be able to support hundreds of charitable organizations, giving special consideration to those that support children and youth. First Niagara is proud to provide millions of dollars, thousands of volunteer hours and our professional expertise to these worthy causes. Our goal is simple – to be a genuine neighbor of choice.

**The Board of the Greenfield Community Association wishes everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving**

## November Bulletin

Upcoming Events in Greenfield  
Some exciting things to look forward to in Greenfield during the next few months! More details will follow, but mark your calendars!

**Neighborhood Awards Dinner Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 7PM**  
**St. Rosalia's**

Join the Greenfield Baseball Association (GBA) and the Greenfield Community Association (GCA) to celebrate our community's champions!  
**Greenfield Holiday Parade Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Greenfield Ave**

The Greenfield Holiday Parade is back! Interested in volunteering to help make it a success? Contact Mary Bernacki at [bernacki1@comcast.net](mailto:bernacki1@comcast.net)!

**Update from Greenfield School**  
School is back in session and we're off to a fantastic start! We have a lot of activities planned for the 2013-2014 school year. We hope to have two curriculum nights (math and reading), in November. Other family events we have planned for this winter/spring will be our very popular Bingo Night and a Carnival Night with games, food, contests, and more! Lastly, we are excited to start up a new diversity project which will focus on the many nationalities and different cultures found in our students here at Greenfield School. We will still be holding our Scholastic Book Fairs, and hope to start up our evening swim lessons for younger children. As always all of our family events are open to the entire neighborhood.

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** With the approval at the neighborhood, school district, and city levels, the PTO remains optimistic that a community playground will become a reality. To learn more about how to help, please email Tonya Campbell at [ptogreenfieldk8@gmail.com](mailto:ptogreenfieldk8@gmail.com)

### GREENFIELD AARP

The Greenfield AARP #2611 meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in Wuerl Hall under St. Rosalia Church. All zip codes are welcome to join. If interested you can call Jerolyn at 412-421-5364 for more information.

### Interesting future events

1. In November, we go to Wheeling Casino.

2. In December, we have our annual Christmas Party. It will be Saturday, December 14th. If you have any interest in joining our AARP please call 412.421.5364. Also at each meeting we serve Coffee and donuts. We play BINGO every other month.

Jerolyn McMahon  
President of AARP #2611

### Homepage Delivery Notice

If you live in Greenfield and are not receiving issues of the Homepage, please contact [info@gcapgh.org](mailto:info@gcapgh.org).

## The November Garden

by Melissa Harding

If October is a month of uncertainty, November is certainly not – cold, rainy and windy are some of the best words to describe this time of the year. It gets a little harder to go out into the garden and find pleasure in your work when the wind is biting at your back. However, any work you do now will pay you back ten-fold in the spring. More than anything else in life, a garden never forgets. As the months turn colder and gloomier, just remember that your garden still needs you; put it to bed well so that it can survive the coming winter with ease.

Here are some ways to nurture your garden this month:

- 1. Dispose of pest-ridden plants and trimmings:** Beyond just raking up diseased leaves, there is a real benefit to identifying and trimming those plants in your garden that have succumbed to pests like mold and mildew. Even more important is properly disposing of the diseased trimmings that you cut from them. If you throw these trimmings into your compost, there is a good chance that you may create even more pests next year! Put diseased clippings in a plastic bag and let them bake for a few weeks in the sun before putting them in your compost; the sun will kill any remaining spores and keep your compost safe for spreading in the spring. Do the same with moldy annuals and herbaceous shrubs.
- 2. Protect your roses and other delicate shrubs:** Speaking of shrubs, protect yours from cold damage this winter by mounding up soil around their root crowns before the ground freezes. Even after the ground

is frozen, add a layer of mulch to increase protection. This is an especially good idea if you are growing heirloom roses or other picky plants. Adding a layer of soil and mulch to the base of your more delicate shrubs, or those that really don't belong in the hardiness zone, will do quite a bit to protect them from the cold.

**3. Plant a tree or two:** Fall is a great time to plant trees or woody shrubs; it is cool and wet, just like spring! Many nurseries have their woody plants on sale, trying to move their stock out before winter. Take advantage of this and put in some shade trees or small shrubs; if you do, the increase in birds and other critters that come to visit these new habitats may surprise you.

**4. Look for viburnum beetle:** Did you have a disappointing year for your viburnums? It could be viburnum beetles. This pest can really do a number on your shrubs, which you may have bought because they were sold as "pest-resistant". With a little diligence, you can restore them to their former glory. In the fall after the leaves drop, any egg cases that these beetles have attached to your shrub are easy to see. Look for them on the youngest and most vulnerable twigs; remove the egg cases by pruning off the affected wood. In the spring, watch for any larvae that emerge from missed egg cases and squish them before they do any damage. These are great shrubs for people and critter alike, so saving them from pests in a win for everyone!

**5. Water your trees:** This is such a good idea that it bears repeating. Keep watering until frost, concentrating especially on new plants and evergreens. A good watering now will keep your trees and shrubs happy all winter long.

**6. Mulch your beds:** While you're at it, mulch those woody shrubs and everything else. If you've already mulched, you get a gold star. If not, try doing it one bed at a time. It's not everyone's favorite task, but it is necessary to a healthy garden, so get mulching. Remember, non-diseased leaves make the best free mulch around!

**7. Plant your bulbs:** While we are reminding ourselves to do less desirable chores, this is the last call for planting bulbs. If you haven't planted your tulips, daffodils or hyacinths, now is the time. Remember to cluster your bulbs together for a great aesthetic and to plant bulbs that bloom in early-, mid-, and late-spring. Any time before the ground freezes will do (although, just between us, even if you go out with a pick-axe and plant them in the snow they will probably come up just the same).

### Cold Weather Connections: Project Feeder Watch

As the weather gets cold and the garden is put to bed, that familiar sense of garden-withdraw starts to creep in for many gardeners. Don't let the weather keep you from feeling connected to your garden and the nature in your backyard! One fun, family-friendly

way to keep up with the great outdoors this winter is to engage in some citizen science. Project Feeder Watch, a joint project run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada, is a winter-long survey of the birds that visit backyard feeders all over North America. Participants periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts to scientists, who use this data to better understand bird behavior. Your contribution truly does help scientists learn more about bird; it also allows you to be part of a huge, community science project taking place all over the continent. Counting birds is fun for kids and adults alike and may even start a life-long love of bird watching for the whole family! Simply put up a feeder and get counting; even if you don't know anything about birds, Project Feeder Watch will give you all the resources you need to participate. Participating is easy and signing up is even easier. Now is the time, so



visit [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) to get started!

### Call for Grapevine Articles!

Do you have an idea for an article for an upcoming Grapevine? Want to announce something to the neighborhood? We're always looking for content that will be interesting and informative for our community!

Articles are typically 750-1000 words in length and should include at least one picture. Bulletin items are typically 150-300 words in length and will appear in this section.

Send any content (or ideas for content) you'd like to include to [info@gcapgh.org](mailto:info@gcapgh.org)!

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Looking for a local place to play board games, read a book or play chess? Would you like to give a "lightning talk"? Visit the **Community Coffee House**, a place-making project hosted at Greenfield Presbyterian Church's community room (large kitchen, cafeteria-style tables), Mondays 6 – 10 PM. In its 3rd year running, the CCH is a social space open to everyone, so we are open to ideas and participation. 3929 Coleman St.

## Thank You!

By Theresa Colaizzi

As my twelve-year term as Pittsburgh School Board Member for District 5 is winding down and will soon come to an end, I would like to thank the citizens of District 5 as well as all of the City of Pittsburgh for giving me the opportunity to serve you in a volunteer, elected capacity.

Being a Board Member is not an easy task; the only requirement for the job is time and dedication. Over the past 12 years, my only focus was on the kids and how we can provide them with the very best opportunities and resources that will carry them through their adult lives. I've given up many, many dinners with my family, quality time with my kids, family birthdays and anniversaries, and even sacrificed my business at times to be dedicated and faithful to the work that is expected of an elected official. In more than 12 years, I haven't purchased groceries, pumped gas, stopped at the bank,

worked in my salon, or even sat on my front porch without being stopped by a frustrated parent or constituent that needs to vent; the only compensation – gratification!

During my twelve-year term, I'm proud to say that I've played a significant role in accomplishing many things. I've been instrumental in settling 18 Union contracts as Chair of Negotiations, served as Liaison for the GATES work, realized the creation of the



Pittsburgh Promise, our Empowering Effective Teachers work, the new Teacher Evaluation System, two Superintendent searches, served as Liaison to the Right to Education Task Force, served as Chair of Personnel, and served on the Government Relations Committee and Business/Finance Committee. I served as President of the Board from 2009-2010, was Vice President, and was appointed to the Carnegie Library Board in 2009 where I still serve as a Board Member.

Together, we have accomplished many things. Maybe not always with perfection and maybe the outcomes were not always what we've liked them to be but we've always given it our best and our hearts were always in the right place; it's about our kids! One of the proudest moments that I've experienced in my time on the Board was the Pittsburgh Promise that gave the District the ability to provide a resource for families that guarantees further education for their children.

Along with the good things we've been able to accomplish, there were many difficult decisions that needed to be made. One of the most difficult of those decisions was closing 22 schools at one time. Was that a perfect solution; absolutely not but given the circumstances and the dyer straights of this City, tough decisions needed to be made. As those decisions still weigh heavy on my mind, I still have a strong commitment to this City and believe that it is a great place to call home and raise a family.

With that being said, I want to express that I believe in public education; it is the heart of our country, our economy, our future. The fact remains that education is the one thing that no one can ever take away from you.

Minadeo Elementary School



At Minadeo Elementary, we begin our day with community time. As a community we work hard every day to achieve academic excellence, listen to one another and be open to new ideas. This month during community time, we talked about diversity and how our differences make us a better, stronger and more interesting community. We are also exploring the many paths we can follow in life and the importance of becoming Promise ready.

As our students and teachers work hard to achieve academic excellence, we as a community can help. Currently, we are collecting BoxTops to benefit our school. Help your favorite student's classroom win our Boxtop contest by cutting out boxtops and sending them in with your student. If you don't have a student, you can still help. We appreciate all Boxtop donations. Also, you can send in your Labels for Education. On Mondays and Tuesdays, we participate in Vocelli Pizza Nights. If you mention the Minadeo PTO when you order, we earn money to support our student activities with no additional cost to you. Mark your calendar for our Barnes and Noble Book Fair in December at the Waterfront. The Minadeo Chorus will be performing! Don't forget to mention Minadeo when you make your purchases so that we can earn a little extra money to help pay for our students' field trips and other activities.

As always, we are looking for community volunteers to help in many different ways. If you have a skill you would like to share or some extra time to give, please contact the PTO at [minadeopto@gmail.com](mailto:minadeopto@gmail.com) to further discuss how you can help. Also, check us out on Facebook for ongoing updates, discussions and reminders. Don't forget to mark your calendar with this list of upcoming Minadeo events!

Our Calendar:

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| October 31, 2013 at 2 PM            | Our annual Halloween Parade                                       |
| November 1, 2013                    | PTO Kickoff Sarris Candy Sale                                     |
| November 5, 2013                    | Election Day -- Bake Sale -- No School                            |
| November 11, 2013                   | Veterans Day -- No School   |
| November 13, 2013                   | Report Cards Sent Home  |
| November 19, 2013 at 6:30 PM        | Minadeo PTO/PSOC Meeting at Minadeo School Library                |
| November 20, 2013                   | Sarris Candy Orders Due   |
| November 28-29, 2013                | Thanksgiving Break -- No School                                   |
| December 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM        | Cookie House Night -- Minadeo Cafeteria                           |
| December 15, 2013                   | Barnes & Noble Book Fair - Chorus Performs at Waterfront location |
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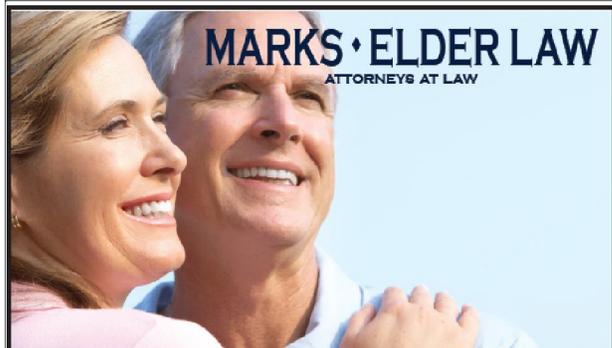
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On a beautiful summer night, my family and I were sitting outside enjoying the unseasonably cool evening. A citronella candle was burning nearby gently illuminating the area and helping to keep us mosquito free. My "indoor only" 12 year old Persian was standing atop the steps of the porch enthralled with the dancing lightening bugs putting on a show in front of him in the yard. We were chatting away and having what seemed a normal evening until an unexpected visitor popped up on the porch railing.

An adolescent to young adult raccoon made his way along the railing toward my unsuspecting cat and in a fit of fear, I jumped up, grabbed my cat from where he sat and whisked him inside. The raccoon didn't move from his seat on our porch railing. As we watched from inside the house, he scoured the porch for what we can only assume was food, finally finding a grocery bag and a half eaten bag of sour cream and cheddar potato chips. Over the course of the next 40 minutes, even with our dogs ferociously barking in the background, our fearless intruder ate his hidden treasure from the grocery bag sitting on our porch railing.

As fall draws near and winter close behind, we need to be cognizant of the wildlife that co-exists with us even in the city and the dangers that they bring with them, one of the most significant being rabies. Each year, multiple pets come into contact with wildlife while walking on trails in our local parks, walking the sidewalks at night, or even in their own back yard. As the days become shorter, our nocturnal neighbors are out earlier



hunting for food and scouring the neighborhood for places to hibernate and overwinter, under porches, beneath sheds; locations for safe respite and while doing so encounter us during our normal routine.

Rabies vaccination is required by Pennsylvania State Law and is the only way to safeguard your pet in case they tangle with unsuspecting wildlife during the normal course of their day. It is also the only way to protect yourself in the worst case scenario where your pet is exposed rabies. If a pet is exposed to rabies, there is neither a test nor successful treatment available and often extensive quarantine or humane euthanasia is the owner's only option without current rabies

vaccination.

The most susceptible species for rabies are fox, raccoon, bobcat, skunk, bat, wolf, coyote, and cattle. Rabies is passed through the saliva of an infected species after they bite another animal. Dogs, cats, horses, sheep, goats, and humans are intermediately susceptible to rabies infection. In Allegheny County in 2013, there have been 14 positive cases as of September 30; 7 Bats, 6 Raccoons and 1 Cat. In Pennsylvania, there have been 272 positive rabies cases this year alone.

For decades, humans have increasingly encroached on the habitat of our wild neighbors and in doing so we have driven them to our yards, porches and homes. With them comes an increasing threat of infectious disease including rabies, among others. Vaccination for rabies is a very safe and effective means to protect yourself and your pets.

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| December 25th | Closed    |
| December 31st | 8:30-3:00 |
| January 1st   | Closed    |



## Native American Heritage Month

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking

approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.



The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994. *Information courtesy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior*

## Circle of Dance

October 06, 2012–October 08, 2017  
New York, NY

An exhibition featuring Native dance as a vibrant, meaningful and diverse form of cultural expression is presented in "Circle of Dance," opening Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in New York, George Gustav Heye Center. This five-year exhibition, which features 10 social and ceremonial dances from throughout the Americas, will be on view at the museum through Oct. 8, 2017.

For well over 50 years in the United States and Canada—and for centuries in Latin America—church and "civilization" regulations discouraged and even outlawed many indigenous dances. Not until the second half of the 20th century were such prohibitions fully reversed. Today, in the second decade of the 21st century, many Native communities continue to preserve their traditions involving dance.

"Circle of Dance" will interpret the traditions of social, ceremonial and spiritual dances highlighting the significance of each dance and the unique characteristics of its movements

and music. Each dance will be showcased by a single mannequin dressed in appropriate regalia and posed in a distinctive dance position. An accompanying media piece will complement and enhance the mannequin displays. Presenting the range of dances featured in the exhibition this high-definition video will capture the variety of the different Native dance movement vocabularies, and the music that is integral to their performance.

"These diverse social, ceremonial and spiritual dances are essential in maintaining the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of tribal communities," said Kevin Gover (Pawnee/Comanche), director of the National Museum of the American Indian. "This exhibition will demonstrate what an important tool dance is to the expression and vitality of Native peoples."



The featured dances include the Yoreme *Pajko'ora* dance from the southern Sonora and northern Sinaloa states in Mexico in which the dancer wears strings of pebble-filled, dried giant silk moth-cocoon rattles covering their legs from their ankles to knees. *Pajko'ora* dancing is an important part of Yoreme/Catholic celebrations. The Hopi Butterfly Dance is danced in pairs

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by young people in northern Arizona to give thanks for the Hopi way of life. A girl's or young woman's ceremonial dress for the Butterfly Dance is composed of a traditional Hopi dress (a piece of woven black cloth fastened over the right shoulder, leaving the left shoulder bare and reaching to the knees); a woven belt, often dyed black, red and green; a brightly colored, lace-trimmed, cotton shawl; and anklets. The most striking components of a girl's outfit, however, are her headdress, called a *kopatsoki*, and black hair bangs, which cover her eyes. The Tlingit *ku.éex'*, led by clan leaders along

the Pacific Northwest Coast, dance, wearing a headdress called a *ashakee.át*. Eagle down, a sign of peace, is placed in the crown, and as the leader dances the eagle down spreads in the air and gently falls to the floor, blessing the ceremonial space. "This exhibition shows the diversity and splendor of music and dance of Native people from across the western hemisphere," said John Haworth (Cherokee), New York director of the National Museum of the American Indian. "We are so proud to premiere this exhibition here in New York City." "Circle of Dance" was organized by Cécile R.

Ganteaume, the museum's associate curator. The invaluable contributions of Native historians and numerous community members provided new perspectives and historical information for the exhibition. "Circle of Dance" has received leadership support from Margot and John Ernst and Valerie and Jack Rowe. The museum also wishes to thank Richard Hetzler, executive chef of the Mitsitam Native Foods Café. The exhibition has received funding from the Latino Initiatives Pool administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center. The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian

in New York, the George Gustav Heye Center, is located at One Bowling Green in New York City, across from Battery Park. The museum is free and open every day (except Dec. 25)

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### Frankel sponsoring more sessions on new health coverage options

**PITTSBURGH, Oct. 2013**– House Democratic Caucus Chairman Dan Frankel, D-Allegheny, is sponsoring more local sessions to help people obtain health insurance through the marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act.

“Are you confused about your new health care options? Do you want to find out how [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), the new health insurance marketplace, might be able to help you — or how to apply on paper if that website is having problems? Come to one of these sessions to learn about the marketplace from trained educators. After the presentation, you’ll have the opportunity to sign up for free one-on-one help,” Frankel said.

**All of these information sessions will be held at the Squirrel Hill Carnegie Library, 5801 Forbes Ave., 15217:**

- Monday, Nov. 4 at noon
- Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 11 at noon
- Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.

Frankel said consumers can also obtain information by contacting the marketplace’s 24/7 call center at **1-800-318-2596** to speak with a trained representative.

### Senate Democrats’ Small Games Plan Now Backed by Governor

*Potential funding stream would freeze property taxes for seniors*

**Harrisburg – October 24, 2013** – State Senate Democrats said today they were pleased that Gov. Tom Corbett has now signaled his approval of their plan to direct revenues generated from small games of chance in taverns to the Lottery Fund. The Democratic plan would bolster lottery programs and create a potential funding source for a property tax freeze benefitting seniors.

“Senate Democrats are unified in the desire to use the revenues generated from small games of chance in taverns to help seniors,” Sen. Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), the Senate Democratic leader, said. “Our members believe strongly that these new revenues should be targeted to aid seniors instead of being disbursed into the General Fund.

“We certainly hope that the final version of the small games legislation includes our idea to target the revenue for the Lottery Fund.”

Costa, Democratic Appropriations Committee Chair Vincent J. Hughes (D-Philadelphia) and Sen. John Blake (D-Lackawanna), who sponsored the plan as an amendment to House Bill 1098, said today that the new revenues from the Senate Democratic plan would provide flexibility and create opportunities.

On Wednesday, the Corbett administration circulated an email to lawmakers indicating that they were supportive of putting the money from the tavern small games into the Lottery Fund.

The Senate Democratic plan — detailed in the Blake amendment — was voted down during a Senate Appropriations Committee meeting on Tuesday. The legislation was eventually reported from committee and passed in the Senate, 39-11. It is now in the House of Representatives.

The new tax on small games of chance in taverns is expected to generate \$38 million this year and \$156 million in 2014-’15, according to Senate fiscal notes.

“Senate Democrats have tried to explain why this was so important and how it could be used to help fund critical senior programs,” Hughes said. “We are hopeful that with the governor’s endorsement of our plan, House members will adopt the approach and support it when they return to session in November.”

Blake said helping fund senior programs is important and the new revenue may be the funding conduit that allows the General Assembly to develop a property tax freeze for seniors.

“The new funds would give the legislature flexibility and resources that can be set aside to help seniors address high property taxes,” Blake said. “These new revenues must be employed effectively and a specific use must be identified.

“My amendment made it clear that the revenues should be earmarked for the Lottery Fund, from which we already provide property tax relief and from which we already fund essential programs for our seniors.”

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A Eucharistic Centered School

### A Eucharistic Centered School is about Caring

By Ms. Kristen Novak  
 and Mrs. Sarah Tonski

For the last seven years, Greenfield School has dedicated one day in the month of October to turn the school into "Pinkfield". They do this to remember and honor friends and loved ones who have battled cancer.

The first Pink Day was established in 2007 when one of their seventh grade students, Sara, lost her mom to this insidious disease at the young age of 42. The other students in the class felt saddened and overwhelmed for their classmate. Sara's friends decided they had to do something positive to show their empathy and concern for her terrible loss. Pink day was created to give the students, teachers, staff and Greenfield neighbors a sense of hope against a powerful enemy called cancer.

This year, Saint Rosalia Academy joined with Greenfield School and the Greenfield

community to turn the town pink. They went about it in a way that was special to them... through prayer.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the students showed their care for others by having a dollar "dress in pink" day, with the money collected going to a program at Magee Women's Hospital that provides dignity gowns and quilts for patients during chemotherapy. The day took on special meaning, however, with the praying of the rosary in Saint Rosalia Church. Each October, Saint Rosalia Academy celebrates the month of the Blessed Mother, Mary, with the praying of the Living Rosary. This year, the rosary was dedicated to our family members struck in some way by cancer. As the rosary prayers were read, beads were placed on a rope to form a rosary, a visual symbol of their care for others. What a lovely way to honor Mary and families throughout our community of Greenfield!

### A Faerie Tale

By Homer Craig

Ordinarily I write about serious conditions concerning our respective communities. This month we will deviate from the normal to a more light-hearted approach.

Personally I believe Seuss tales belong in kindergarten. However, if Sen. Ted Cruise thinks 24 hours of Green Eggs and Ham is a serious use of Congressional time, then I can indulge myself in telling my own faerie tale. Bear in mind that Sen. Cruise receives an exorbitant government stipend in addition to franking privileges, plus paid staff and office expenses, plus lifetime fully paid insurance coverage after a whole two years of arduous and useful service in Congress, along with advantages and other perks and privileges unavailable to other ordinary citizens. Ironic that the very insurance provided for Congress free of charge is being denied ordinary citizens even though a personal contribution would be required from each private citizen, sort of like our present day Social Security contributions.

Some of my fantasy tale is about a minor government functionary seeking bigger and better positions at the expense of his constituents without reciprocal benefits for their loyal support. The title of my tale is Kount Kore-Butt Kountry. This Count rose to prominence through promises of profit and education for the masses. The first indications of Kount Kore-Butt's fidelity to his promises was his first and continuing actions as soon he acquired the position of Count. His first act was to acquire a new team. Not only did he, at the people's expense, acquire a team of the finest horses available with a highly embellished carriage for himself, he acquired a second one for his Countess! He also provided similar transportation for his Viscount and his Viscountess. At whose

expense? At public expense of course! As for his promise of education, his position appears to be equal in all phases of education. He equally eviscerated day care, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, colleges, and other forms of higher education! In that respect he kept his promise to change education, though not necessarily for the better. So far he has equally assaulted educational budgets at all levels. All of this is part of his actions, intended or otherwise, to decimate the middle class, and reduce the remaining population to serfs and vassals.

Please consider this, our patriotic founders freed us from tyrannical oppression more than 250 years ago. Now Kount Kore-Butt is trying to deliver tribute to a foreign power at the expense of his constituents. Without benefit of competitive bidding, without considering interests of United States business people, without creating local jobs for constituents, he wants to turn this lucrative enterprise over to foreign powers apparently with no strings attached. Who will be remunerated and for how much? Certainly not his constituents. All they can look forward to is more school closings, fewer jobs and more tribulations. Maybe close more schools! And, with ultimate perfidy, he is asking complete support from the public, to retain his Countdom, maybe even promote him to Duke. If events continue in this manner, this fiefdom may soon be known as King Kore-Butt Kountry.

So there you have my fabulous fantasy faerie tale! Unlike most fables, this one does not end in "happily ever after." The true horror is that we all wake from this nightmare to learn it is now reality!

In conclusion, listen to what they say but more importantly, watch what they do. The ballot is in your box. Please use it wisely and don't sell it cheaply. Remember, our ancestors paid for it in blood and would not expect less from their progeny. This may not be Seuss, but it is my faerie tale and possibly our worst collective nightmare.



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## 31st Ward Community Action Group Sets Meeting Dates

The 31<sup>st</sup> Ward Community Action Group tentatively has scheduled meetings for the following dates:  
 November 20, 2013--3rd Wednesday  
 December 2013 No Meeting  
 January 15, 2014--3rd Wednesday  
 February 19, 2014--3rd Wednesday  
 March 19, 2014--3rd Wednesday  
 April 16, 2014--3rd Wednesday  
 May 21, 2014--3rd Wednesday

Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in Mifflin School, 1290 Mifflin Road Pittsburgh, PA 15207. All are welcome to attend.

As the 31st Ward Community Action Group continues to grow, we are looking to expand to best represent the interests and issues of the community. We have much work to do as we move forward: organizational, leadership, and policy development; membership recruitment, subcommittee formation; programming; events, etc.

But, we can't be successful without the valuable assistance of our friends and neighbors. We could use your help with rebuilding the community group. If you wish to volunteer please let us know.  
 Edward A. Salaj - Vice President  
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 Jackie Pribila - Treasurer

## More responses to September Poem by Anonymous

Dear Editor,

Yes, "for the love of God." It's Lincoln Place, where I was born and raised in a safe, fun neighborhood. Being gone for 35 years, I have since returned to my childhood HOME!

I have many fond memories of catching a nearby trolley for shopping trips, arts & crafts at McKinley Park, playing a pickup softball game at Mifflin Field and sledding down its hills in winter. There were always lots of kids out on a hot summer night to get a ~~good~~ *god-gone* hide and seek started before we had to be home before the street lights came on. Some of these friendships have endured for 50+ years! Since my return, I have connected with several friends who have also returned HOME after living away in many different cities and states.

I am very upset with the letter from "anonymous" about my hometown. Is there anyone else who feels this way? Speak up and let "anonymous" know how you feel. Maybe he or she will come forward and explain why he/she is so miserable.

Diane Ketter.

P.S. I am not afraid to sign my name.

Dear Homepage Staff,

I recently visited with a lifelong friend who lives in Lincoln Place. During our visit, she said, "Read this, can you believe it?" (as she handed me the Homepage and pointed out the letter from Anonymous regarding how much she disliked Lincoln Place).

When I met my friend we worked at our first jobs in Downtown Pittsburgh. She invited me for a visit to her home in Lincoln Place. I said, "Where?" even being from the City of Pittsburgh myself, I had never heard of it.

I was raised in Carrick, but visited my friend in Lincoln Place often and still do. We have many happy memories, such as learning to drive on its narrow and sometimes steep and windy roads, swimming in the pool in McBride Park, getting my dog groomed at the local groomer, being able to walk to the local bowling alley or pizza shop, as back in the day most teenagers didn't have cars. It was a fun, safe and happy place to be. To this day, we are still making memories-40+ years later-but now it's more of enjoying a cookout or iced tea on the porch and maybe helping with some DIY projects.

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## History Through Newspapers

By Edward Salaj

From The [Homestead] Daily Messenger - Friday, January 24, 1919

### FEAR RECURRENCE OF INFLUENZA

Many Cases Reported From Every Section of the District and Especially Severe at Lincoln Place  
A WARNING ISSUED

The boards of health and the physicians in Homestead district have issued a warning to the people to take every precaution against influenza as there is danger of a recurrence of the epidemic here and it appears to be particularly serious already among the children. The disease is not confined to any one section of the district but cases are reported from all and it seems to be spreading. There have been many deaths among very young children during the last few weeks and since the epidemic has been placed practically under control. Those deaths have not been noticed generally but by persons immediately concerned, but the number is far above the normal and most of them have been caused by influenza.

Physicians state that care will have to be exercised by parents and the people generally to avoid the recurrence of the epidemic. People should carefully adhere to the proper precautions and treatment on the first appearance of illness of any member of the family.

While there are more than the normal number of cases in all sections, Lincoln Place is suffering the worst from the disease.

The school there was closed this morning. Three of the teachers are ill and it was estimated that out of the 400 pupils over 100 are ill with influenza. Most of the children are having a severe attack of the disease, some are delirious and parents are alarmed.

During the past few months this town has been hit hard and there were 23 deaths from the disease.

School Director George B. Reynolds stated this morning that the school building would be fumigated and every precaution taken to combat the disease.

From The [Homestead] Daily Messenger, Monday, July 30, 1917

### BOYS HELP TO CAPTURE ROBBERS

Followed them after They Held up Store Keeper With Gun  
ARRESTED AT HAYS

Shortly before 11 o'clock Saturday night two men entered the store of Meyer Freeman at Haslett [Muldowney Avenue] and Risher avenue [Street Car Crossing], Lincoln Place, and one of them asked for a package of "Bull Durham" tobacco. The proprietor secured the package and when he turned to hand it to him he looked into the muzzle of a 32 calibre revolver and was requested to hand over the contents of the cash register. The proprietor did so.

The men then left and as soon as they departed a posse of small boys of Lincoln Place formed themselves into a squad and were largely responsible for the capture of the robbers. Homestead and Hays police stations were notified of the occurrence and the boys who had learned that the robbers had gone towards Hays, kept on their trail.

In Hays, near the M. E. church, one of the robbers was arrested by Chief of police, Frank Hicks. This man gave his name as A. J. Settlement, aged 25, and stated he worked on the B. & O railroad. When searched at the police station, two silver dollars, eleven half dollars and seven twenty five cent pieces were found in his possession. These were identified as the money that came from the cash register. There was also in his possession the revolver that induced the proprietor to give up the money.

In the meantime the boys were still on the job and pursued the robber's companion, who was arrested by Special officer Orville Harding on the Glenwood bridge. He gave his name as L. A. Noah of Elizabeth avenue, Glenwood.

Both prisoners were held by Justice Hugh Fishwick of Hays for a hearing tonight on the charge of larceny.



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Mt. Rise Baptist Church

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(New Homestead)  
Pastor Stephen Doniel

#### Holy Angels Parish

Regular Weekly Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day (Weekday) Mass Schedule:

Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Angels Parish is a Roman Catholic church that began in 1903 in the town of Hays, PA and is a family community among the many parish family communities that make up the Church of Pittsburgh. The purpose of this church family community is to assist each member in spiritual growth, to enable all members to support the parish family and to reach out to the larger community of the Church and the World.

The Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church, located on Muldowney Ave, is starting a new series of social events. Beginning October 10th and continuing every 2nd Thursday, the Church will be holding a "Game Day". Old friends and new friends will meet from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. for board games or a game of cards. Brush up on your gin, pinochle, or euchre and join us.

Tuesday, November 5th, is the Election Day. A Ham Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Eat in or take out, tickets at the door or call for more info. Tickets will be available at the door or call 412-462-6148 or 412-461-3377.

The 3rd annual Veterans Day Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 9th at the Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church in Lincoln Place. Breakfast will be served from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Reservation are needed and can be made by calling 412-462-6148 or 412-461-3377.

Monday, November 11th The 31st Ward Senior meeting will host Larry Newberg, who will up-date insurance information of 2014. Refreshment will be served at the meeting. Everyone is always welcome at all actives at Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church. For more information or to make reservations, call 412-462-6148 or 412-461-3377.

On Tuesday, November 26, a FREE Thanksgiving dinner will be served from Noon to 1:00 P.M. for Senior Citizens. Reservations are required by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Saturday, December 14 the Church will hold a Craft, Vendor, and Treasures Show. Vendors and Crafters are wanted. If you would like to participate call the Church.

Every Monday is Busy Fingers 10:00-12:00 noon. This group makes crafts items of all types which are often giving to Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes and those in need.

Every Tuesday is Senior Lunch Bunch 12:00-1:00 p.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m. features a fellowship hour with board games, puzzles, pool, darts, mini library, singing or just visit with old friends or new friends. All are always welcome.

Every 2nd Thursday of the month 12:00-1:00, the Church will hold a book discussion group.

Game time is from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come out to play cards or board games. Groups and individuals are welcome. See old friend, make new friend & have fun.

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## Wonder

By Jim McCue

Amazing. Our civilization is somehow both at its peak and at its most precarious moment - things could go either way. We could restore and regenerate our ecosystem, or we could extinct ourselves. It's our (collective) decision. The vast amount of effort, money and other resources going to wars and other vicious economic conflicts could, with a wiser mindset, instead be solving all our problems using the latest scientific advances.

I concluded a long time ago that this life is miraculous - we're running on grace. As bad as things are in some ways - as tragic and full of suffering - it could get much worse. Left to our own devices, we human beings would have killed each other off a long time ago. World War 2, for instance (as horrible as it was) actually had some restraint between combatants (motivated both by fear and by compassion).

Our present has been created by decisions made in the past; our future will depend on what we do now. In this time of great international tension, it should be focused on that we each can always do something (no matter how seemingly small) to make things better (even if it's just refusing to lose faith in the future).

While fully committed to both educating myself up and alerting my fellow citizens to the perfect storm of threats we face at this moment of Earth's history (abrupt climate change, ocean acidification, overpopulation, pollution from fossil fuels and radioactive materials, addiction to fighting as a solver of conflicts, overfishing, the worship of money over life...), I've yet come to the conclusion that there is hope in the fact that (though we'd really rather not admit it) we human beings are not really in control.

Anyone who does not have the perspective to recognize that there is something beyond this time and space is dangerously deluded. Life's miraculousness is all around us, and the unseen beyond this time and space affects each thing that happens in the here and now. To think that we humans are the highest on the ladder of evolution is simple nonsense. The Universe is full of life and mysteries and dimensions that we only get glimpse of when we're open-minded and open-hearted enough to see past our own noses. Whether you call them angels or demons or gods or inter-dimensional intelligences or whatever doesn't matter. The fact is, humanity would have long ago extincted itself were it not for good humans and other beings

restraining our destructive tendencies and technologies. We are called to deep thought and prayer and appropriate action. And we each are a part of God.

We all have hard times ahead. But we can make them beautiful times by our cooperative work to make this planet a paradise. Let's discuss the cultural change needed to transform our agriculture to make it sustainable. We can see all around us indication that our food system is not by any stretch safe or secure.

The best science can be put to use to make an equitable and peaceful world. We're being told by current events - in so many ways and in no uncertain terms - that if we don't get it together now we're going the way of the dinosaur.

We're only in control to the extent we're open to the mysteries of life. And that can feel like vulnerability.

But once we figure out that real power comes from loving cooperative action we can feel all-powerful.

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## Envisioning a Brighter Tomorrow

By Rev. Karen L. Battle

Despite the torrential downpour on Saturday, September 21 the community of Hazelwood gathered together to celebrate a milestone: the tearing down of a wall that marks the end of an era and opens up the possibility of a different future for the building at 5000 Second Avenue. What once was a VFW lodge that later became a Presbyterian Church is now slated to become the new home of the Hazelwood Library and Community Center.

Along with community residents many prominent dignitaries were present sharing their thoughts about Hazelwood's past, present and future. Juanita Godfrey, president of the Monongahela-Marsden Block Club, Michael Wilson, executive director of the Glen Hazel Community Resident Management Council and Kris DiPietro, board vice president of Hazelwood Initiative all gave their perspectives as long term residents of the Greater Hazelwood community. Their many years of committed, loving service and dedication to the community were evident from the wonderful words they spoke about neighbors and friends.

A newcomer to the community spoke next. Larry Swanson, executive director of ACTION Housing talked about their organization's new position as a

community partner and their future hopes for the site. As site developer, Action Housing, purchased the building from Hazelwood Presbyterian Church and will oversee the renovations and future building usage. Other community projects were mentioned such as the possibility of a nonprofit grocery store across the street from the soon to be renovated building.

Mary Francis Cooper, president and director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh talked about the library's long-standing commitment to the community of Hazelwood and how their partnership with community residents allowed the library to remain open and a vital part of the Greater Hazelwood community's business core. She spoke at length about the new features that will be present in the library and community center.

Pat Clark of Jackson Clark Partners spoke about the Hazelwood Community Census which will provide a better understanding and overview of the community and its needs. Several people were hired to conduct this census and will be going door-to-door talking with residents about the things that are most important to them. Please welcome these workers as they try to ascertain what will be most helpful to the

community as future planning is done.

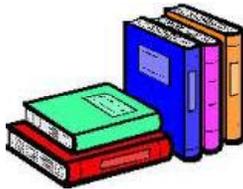
Robert Vagt, president of the Heinz Endowments spoke briefly about their organization's commitment to the Hazelwood community. Their substantial investment made the purchase and renovation of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church possible. Many people spoke highly of Heinz Endowment's long-term commitment to the Greater Hazelwood community and welcomed their involvement.

The Reverend Tim Smith, executive director for Center of Life was the master of ceremonies and kept things moving throughout the program. He also invited Homer Craig and Councilman Corey O'Connor to come forward and say a few words about this monumental occasion. But the most poignant moment came as Cheryl Harber, a long time member of Hazelwood Presbyterian Church took a sledge hammer to the wall at the back of the church and struck a blow for the future. It meant the end of an era and the realization of a dream to have a new library and community center available for residents of the Greater Hazelwood community. Bravo to those who kept the dream alive and to those who are making it happen.

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### Upcoming Pittsburgh Public School Events:

**Nov 5 - No School, Election Day**  
**Nov 11 - No School, Veterans Day**  
**Nov 13 - Education Committee Meeting 5:30**  
**Nov 20 - Agenda Review Meeting 6:30 pm**  
**Nov 25 - Public Hearing 6:00 pm**  
**Nov 26 - Local Task Force Right to Education 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Nov 27 - Legislative Board Meeting 7:00 pm**  
**Nov 27 - No School Thanksgiving Vacation**  
**Nov 28 - No School Thanksgiving Vacation**

## Carnegie Library Hazelwood November 2013 Calendar of Events

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### For Adults

#### Grandparent Coffee Hour

Many grandparents are stepping in to raise their grandchildren. In the United States over 2.4 million grandparents have responsibility for their grandchildren. Experts find that joining a group provides a place to share your challenges with others who will understand. Refreshments will be served.

Moderator: Andrea Coleman-Betts  
**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:00 PM

### Programs for Children

#### PreK Program: Storytime Fun

Join us for stories, songs, movement and more. Introduce your children to the wonderful world of stories! Give your child the literacy tools for a great start to his or her education right at your neighborhood library!  
Ages two through six accompanied by an adult.  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 and 11:00 AM  
Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM

#### Kids Create: Thanksgiving Crafts and Stories

Create some festive Thanksgiving crafts for your fabulous feast and enjoy some Thanksgiving stories with friends!  
All ages welcome!  
Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

#### Super Science: K-Nex

Join us in using K'nex and other fun building materials. Building helps to develop skills in interpersonal communication, hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, simple geometry, following directions and estimation.  
Ages five through twelve.  
Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

### Teen Programs

#### Teen Advisory Council

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities in Hazelwood? Do you like talking about books, movies and music? Would you like to share your ideas for the teen space at the new library? Stop by CLP Hazelwood's first Teen Advisory Council Meeting. Refreshments will be served!  
For middle and high school students only.  
Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

#### Gaming and More!

Every week we will play the Wii, have snacks, and make something like buttons, glitter tattoos, or duct tape crafts.  
Age ten and up. Those under ten must be accompanied by an adult or teen.  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

### All Day Gaming!

Stop by the day after Thanksgiving for all day Wii! Age ten and up. Those under ten must be accompanied by an adult or teen.  
Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Updates from the Squirrel Hill Library

Interested in traveling, but concerned about the cost? On Monday, November 4 at 6:30 pm, join us for "People's University: Travel with Mirela" as Worldview Travel Consultant Mirela Selfo gives tips on how to maximize your time and money when travelling locally and abroad. **Registration is required. Speak with a librarian, call us at 412.422-9650, or email us at squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org.**

On Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm, Karen Litzinger will present "Career Planning in Your Twenties and Thirties: Beyond Just Paying Off Your Loans". No matter where you are in your career, it's always a good idea to think about your next steps for greater career satisfaction and success. Use a career model to evaluate your current role and plan for the next rather than just "ending up" somewhere. Get tips on the job search so your resume doesn't land in the black hole of the Internet.

Everyone has a story, and throngs of people are writing their stories down. Please join us for "Write Your Life Now" on Thursday, November 7 from 1-3 pm in a celebration of National Life Writing Month and learn how you can begin writing the story of your life. In this program, Life Writing coach and teacher Sharon Lippincott and Squirrel Hill residents and memoir writers Stan Angrist and Bob Ennis will discuss benefits and elements of life story writing. They will share a few writing prompts to give you a taste of how it all works. **Registration preferred. Please call a librarian, at 412-422-9650, or email squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org to register.**

Looking to make homemade gifts this holiday season? Cynthia Hill will be at the library Monday, November 11 at 6 pm to help you create a holiday gift basket filled with natural beauty products. Seating is limited. **Registration required. Please call a librarian at 412-422-9650, or email: squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org to register.**

Genre Book Club- Third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. On November 20, our last book club meeting of the year, we'll be reading a humor title by A.J. Jacobs, "Drop Dead Healthy". We're taking a break in December and starting back up in January.

# Monongahela/ Marden Street Block Association holds successful Beautification Event

By Deloris Livsey

The Monongahela/Marsden Street Block Association held its fall Beautification Day on September 14th, 2013 at the corner of Hazelwood Avenue and Monongahela Street. Over thirty resident volunteers pitched in to plant trees and shrubs, clear debris, and shovel mulch.

**Note of Thanks:**

On behalf of the Monongahela/Marsden Block Association Juanita Godfrey, President of the MMBA, would like to thank Mayor Luke Ravensthal for the Love Your Block award, Home Depot, Hazelwood Initiative and others that donated to help make this day possible. A special 'thank you' goes out to friends, family members, neighbors and all of the volunteers who made this day a success.

Also, some of the MMBA members would like to give their reflections of this day: Juanita Godfrey, President of MMBA, observed that thirty-five people attended the event, rolled up their sleeves and went to work digging, planting and doing whatever needed to be done to beautify their neighborhood.

The music provided by a very talented DJ made for a relaxing,

enjoyable atmosphere along with the aroma of hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. We had a working picnic.

We were blessed with a sunny day, a great experience and a new revelation that together we can make a difference.

Mrs. Ursula Craig, block association member reflected on how grateful she is that as a community we were able to come together to create the corner of Monongahela Street and Hazelwood Avenue into a place of peace and beauty in the community.

Mary Collier, MMBA Treasurer, marveled at the attitudes of those who participated in the event. She was impressed by their smiles and willing attitudes and commitment and dedication as they stayed long after the event to finish what they started. The caring, sharing and giving demonstrated by all in what Mary will always remember for it was a wonderful sight to behold.

Deloris Livsey, MMBA Secretary, recognized the finished project. When the project was completed, the transformation was like a beautiful butterfly that had been released from the cocoon. The careful selection of colorful flowers, trees and the pattern in which they were planted evolved into this spacious green space into a picture perfect masterpiece.

Adrian Hollis, block association member, who is very hard worker and loves gardening, noted the beauty of the effort and the hard work of those who devoted their time to this project.



A few pictures of the many volunteers who participated in the beautification event.

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