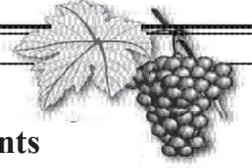


The Greenfield Grapevine



Greenfield
Community Association



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.gcaphgh.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.



COREY J. DEASY



ELLE GULA



MITCH MARGARIA



STEPHEN ZEIGLER



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 24th, 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 Saturday, 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 6th 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 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:

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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 28th 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 Bonacciat (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 Pucusset 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.

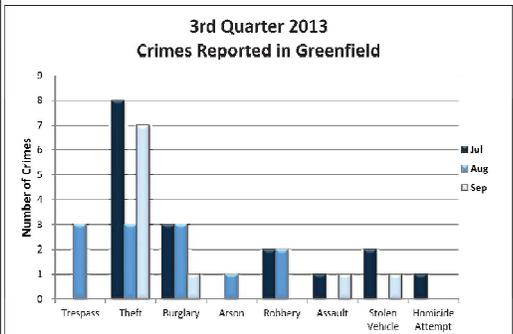
GREENFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE METS BACK TO BACK CHAMPS 2012 AND 2013



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

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.



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 2nd 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 6th
Greenfield Ave

The Greenfield Holiday Parade is back! Interested in volunteering to help make it a success? Contact Mary Bernacki at 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

GREENFIELD AARP

The Greenfield AARP #2611 meets the 4th 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.

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 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!

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 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 PIO at 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/PSCC 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 |
| December 17, 2013 at 6:30 PM | Minadeo PTO/PSCC Meeting location TBA |
| December 23, 2013 - January 1, 2014 | Winter Break |

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh presents:

BIG Connections in Hazelwood Youth Mentoring Forum

Thursday, November 7
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Car Barn in Hazelwood
 5344 Second Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207-1749

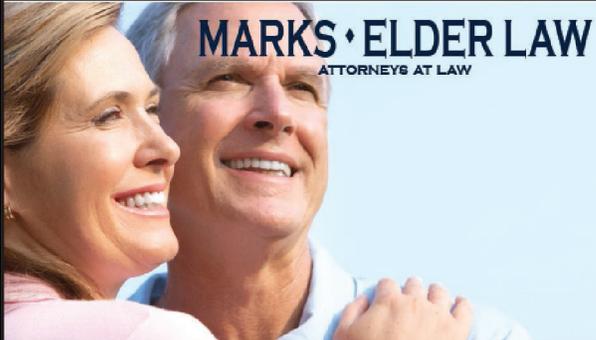


Guest speaker:
**City Councilman
 Corey O'Connor**

Join City Councilman Corey O'Connor, Hazelwood Initiative Executive Director Jim Richter, and other community leaders for a forum on youth mentoring in Hazelwood.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh will host this interactive discussion about community outreach and engagement as we explore opportunities to work together for **positive youth development**. Bagels, coffee, and other refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to:
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Old Yeller Could Have Had a Happy Ending!

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.

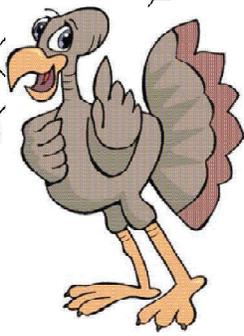
Rabies vaccination is required by Pennsylvania State Law and is the only way to safeguard your pet in case they tangle with unsuspecting wildlife during the normal course of their day. It is also the only way to protect yourself in the worst case scenario where your pet is exposed rabies. If a pet is 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.

Before the holidays are in full swing, you should visit your friends at Greenfield Veterinary Hospital! Need boarding information, update vaccines or get those teeth cleaned before company comes? We are the place for you! Call today for your appointment. While you're here, check out our FREE Vaccines for Life program.



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Holiday Hours	
November 28th	Closed
December 24th	8:30-3:00
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, 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 30th, 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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