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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO BUS ROUTES

Changes to bus service in Morningside will be coming soon. Starting Sun., Sept. 5, 94B service to N. Negley and Penn Avenues, Larimer, Aspinwall, Waterworks and O'Hara will be discontinued. Beginning Sept. 7th route 77F will be revised and replaced by 87 Friendship (Morningside branch). 87 Friendship will operate between Downtown Pittsburgh, the Strip District, Bloomfield, Friendship, Negley and Stanton Avenues, Chislett, Greenwood and Jancey streets. Limited trips will operate to Baker and Butler streets.



Service to Larimer from East Liberty, formerly offered by the 94B, will be available on route 74 Homewood-Squirrel Hill. Meanwhile, service to Waterworks is available on route 74B and 500 from East Liberty. **Both operate through Highland Park, not Morningside.** Alternate trips on route 87 will serve Stanton Heights beyond Stanton at Chislett. Limited trips will operate to Baker and Butler streets. Service on the Stanton Heights branch of 87 Friendship will operate seven days a week.

MESSAGE FROM THE MACC PRESIDENT

Transportation choices are an essential asset for any community. The ability to have easy access to a job, school, or shopping is a major consideration when selecting a place to live. Morningside, like many city neighborhoods, is fortunate to provide residents with a variety of transportation

choices. Given our location and the physical design of the neighborhood, Morningsiders can drive, walk, bike or take a bus to some of the city's finest amenities, not to mention many destinations inside of the community.

Communities across the country that are a short distance from major employment centers (think Downtown and Oakland), have a compact physical design (think places that require only a short walk to a corner store, park or church) and have quick access to shopping or other services (think the Waterworks or East Liberty) have remained healthy or seen increased attention from buyers during the current real estate downturn. Morningside, which has many of these characteristics, has been no exception.

However, when you begin to take away some of these transportation choices the situation can change. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's transportation budget is facing a major shortfall; and in part as a result, the Port Authority of Allegheny County will be discontinuing many routes in its system. Starting September 5th, the 94B route through Morningside will be one of the victims of the budget shortfall and the authority's decision. The neighborhood will continue to be served by the new 87 route, which follows the same route as the 77F.

MACC, in collaboration with our elected officials, has been in conversations with the Port Authority in recent months. During these conversations we have requested that either the 94B remain a part of the system or the proposed 73 route, which was recommended by the Transit Development Plan to replace the 94B and would travel from RIDC Park along Freeport Road through Highland Park, East Liberty and Oakland, be rerouted through Morningside. It is unclear whether the 73 route will become a reality in any form, given the system-wide service cuts in response to the budget shortfall.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED? The Port Authority has scheduled a public hearing for **August 19th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center** from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Morningside has a long tradition of transportation from the 96 streetcar to the present day that has helped make it one of the city's great neighborhoods. As residents, we need to do our part to help make it a part of our future.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MACC

Become a member of the MACC by contacting Leslie Kass at 412-441-7978. Membership includes quarterly newsletter, membership card, and the right to vote on issues regarding the community and much more! \$5.00 per member (over 18 years old) for annual membership. Your support is greatly appreciated. Membership fees help support local events, clean-up costs, and the needs of the community.

M.A.C.C. MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$5 Per Person _____ (Total)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to M.A.C.C.

Mail check and application to Membership Chair:

Leslie Kass
1706 Jancey Street
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Thank you for your support of the M.A.C.C.



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MACC MOVIE NIGHT - AUGUST 21, 2010

Join us Saturday, August 21 from 6:00-10:00 PM for MACC's Annual Movie Night at Joe Natoli Field for **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** which will begin at 8:30 PM. From 6:30-7:30 PM, enjoy face-painting and a juggling show. At show time, we'll pass out free popcorn and juice! (While **How to Train Your Dragon** was the winning selection, we discovered that it will not be available until October!)

Morningside Senior Center will be selling hot dogs, drinks and chips.

Want to get involved? We need help organizing activities for kids. We have badminton racquets, burlap sacks, bean bag toss and bubbles and a few small prizes. Call Nan Pischke at (412) 638-0963 or email fpischke@verizon.net if you're willing to help, and receive a limited-edition Morningside t-shirt for volunteering!

FROM THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE DOM COSTA

Dear Morningside Residents,
Just a reminder that my office is partnering with Pitt's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to offer one-on-one appointments with a small business expert who will help you draw up a business plan, show you pitfalls to watch out for, and set you on a course for success. Call my office to schedule your appointment today.

Save the date! I will be holding my district-wide Senior Fair on November 10th. Details to follow at a later date. Feel free to call the office for more information.

SENIORS: are you interested in taking a bus tour to the Capitol to see how the legislature works and then to Hollywood Casino for just a little more fun? If so, call my office to see when we will be scheduling the next tour.

Please remember that my office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please feel free to call anytime for assistance, to schedule an appointment or just to voice your opinion on specific legislation that might be coming to the House Floor for a vote.

Sincerely,
State Representative Dom Costa

NEWS FROM ST. RAPHAEL

Welcome to Father Joseph Sioli, newly appointed pastor of St. Raphael Church. We also welcome students from St. John Neumann. We wish Father Ben all the best in his new position as Spiritual Director at St. Paul Seminary and Adjutant Judicial Vicar.

MORNINGSIDE CHAMPIONS

Seven members of the Morningside Senior Center competed in the Senior Games sponsored by The City of Pittsburgh on June 1st - 11th. Congratulations to the Morningside Senior Center Athletes who were medal winners. Christel Krausse won 5 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze. Alberta Mosco won 2 gold and 1 bronze and Ann Dixon won 2 bronze. The folks at the Morningside Senior Center are very proud of all those who took part in the City Parks Senior Olympics.

MORNINGSIDE T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY

Want to show your Morningside pride? MACC is giving away 100 limited-edition t-shirts printed with the two winning slogans from our t-shirt tagline contest. Get yours by volunteering for a MACC activity, such as helping out on Movie Night, volunteering for the neighborhood cleanup, or representing MACC at a community meeting. Sign up today with a committee chair, or write to maccpgh@gmail.com for more information. Once the free shirts are gone, they're gone, so don't wait!

GET THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL!

Sign up at www.maconline.org.

Sometimes we have more to say but space in the print newsletter is limited. Sign up for the email newsletter and get even more Morningside News - and save a tree!

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD

PARKING & PENSIONS: After the August break, the City faces a critical decision on the future of our public garages. The State Legislature has required the City to increase its pension fund assets by \$210 million to meet at least 50% of its obligations. The Mayor has presented his plan to privatize the garages as the last best idea to meet this obligation. He argues that failure to enact his plan will lead to state takeover of the pension and ultimately, a tax increase to meet the obligation.

The Mayor's proposal settles for a one-time infusion of cash while relinquishing community control over significant public assets for generations. While my fellow City Council members have floated numerous alternative proposals, City Controller Michael Lamb and I have drafted a separate plan for consideration.

The Mayor has distributed a draft request for proposals for the community and council to review. Council will be looking for feedback to the Mayor's and council members' proposals at a series of public meetings in September. But I encourage you to attend the next Morningside Council-to-Go on **Thursday, August 26 from 6:30pm to 8pm at Morning Glory**, 1806 Chislett Street. We want to hear your thoughts on these various proposals.

GREENWAY: At a community meeting hosted by our office on July 1, Morningside and Stanton Heights residents met with City representatives to discuss the benefits and responsibilities of a greenway. The greenway was first proposed by Morningside residents and would include an overlook at the intersection of Morningside Avenue and Baker Street and a wooded greenway down to the Allegheny River. City employees presented how a greenway provides passive recreation opportunities, improves water management and erosion control, enhances aesthetics, and raises property values.

My office highlighted how the City and numerous nonprofit agencies contribute to the long-term maintenance of greenways. Communities that have entered into greenway agreements have access to public and nonprofit resources for the clean-up of significant debris and the prevention of illegal dumping.

Both the MACC and the Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association have voted to move forward with the development of a greenway. My office will now submit letters to that effect to City Planning, and then I'll introduce legislation to City Council informing them of this project. The legislation then goes to City Planning and the Planning Commission. To learn more about or get involved with this green project, please phone 412.255.2140 or email us at district7@city.pittsburgh.pa.us.

Sincerely,
City Councilman Patrick Dowd

NEWS FROM MORNINGSIDE DENTAL

Dr. Wayne Decroo & Morningside Dental are pleased to welcome Dr. Dana M. Wright, D.D.S. to the practice. By joining Dr. Decroo's practice, Dr. Wright will help ensure that the residents of Morningside can continue to receive the highest quality dental care for years to come. Morningside Dental is located at 1809 Jancey St. (412) 362-5677.

CALENDAR & EVENTS

MACC MEETINGS

MACC meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00p.m. at the Morningside VFW Hall at 1820 Morningside Avenue. All members and non-members are encouraged and welcomed to attend. Share your voice.

Next meetings: **September 1, October 6, 2010**

EVENTS

ST. ROCCO FESTIVAL (ST. RAPHAEL'S SCHOOL)

August 15, 2010
Parade and festival at 5:30 PM

MOVIE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

August 21, 2010
5:00 - 11:00 PM (Movie starts around 8:30 PM)

MACC CLEAN UP & PAINTING

October 16, 2010
MEET AT VFW AT 10:00AM

A CLICK TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

Amanda Haney writes: "I want to urge you to vote for Pittsburgh to win \$200,000 to establish a garden to help feed the hungry. This contest is sponsored by Pepsi and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Please go to the website below and vote up to 10 times a day before August 17. Pittsburgh has a smaller fan base and so we need to try harder in order to win. This grant will complement other urban garden initiatives here in Pittsburgh and provide a positive experience for many local young people.

<http://mlb.mlb.com/sponsors/pepsi/refresh/y2010/?team=pit>

"I've never seen so much activity in Morningside"

Mike Hellman writes: "This was just one of the comments from our recent Community Yard Sale. It also didn't hurt that a baseball tournament was going on at Joe Natoli Field. I talked with folks who sold big pieces of furniture and finally cleared out their basements. We met new residents and chatted with our neighbors and enjoyed a great day outdoors. We may have just swapped our treasures from one house to another. Over 50 homes participated this year with many joining in at the last minute. If we missed getting your donation, you can send a \$10 check to MACC at P.O. Box 40313, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Thank you to all our loyal participants and hope to see you around the corner again."

MACC would like to thank Mike for all his hard work!

STREET TREE PROGRAM

The MACC & TreeVitalize Pittsburgh (a partnership to restore tree cover in the Pittsburgh region) invites you to join in the effort by REQUESTING a planting of a FREE street tree. Street trees are trees planted between a street curb & sidewalk. If you would like to be considered for a FREE tree & planting, contact Amy at 412-414-7407.

CRIME WATCH

Crime statistics can be obtained every month at the Zone 5 Citizen's Public Safety Council meeting that is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM at The Union Project on Stanton & Negley Avenues.

Commander Timothy O'Connor is now in Charge of Zone 5. According to the Commander, due to the serious crimes committed in our Zone in the last month, the officers involved are, as per police procedure, on leave and a few officers were hurt during various incidents. Officers from other zones are helping to cover the shifts.

New officers will be completing training by September and we anticipate some may be assigned to Zone 5.

PUBLIC SAFETY

REMINDER - Please call "911" for crimes in process, such as graffiti, drug dealing, loitering, etc. Please call "311" for property and maintenance issues, vandalism and other concerns.

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MACC Nomination & MACC Events
Vacant

In order to continue to keep Morningside a thriving community, we are always looking for volunteers. Members & non-members are encouraged to provide their specialties. From website development to litter clean up; Block Captains to Gardeners, your time and knowledge is needed. Contact the MACC if you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities. All ages welcomed. Community service hours available.