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Important Traffic Notice
Route 28 Detour To Begin Soon

PennDOT will begin construction on Route 28 beginning June 8th and continue into late October. The construction project includes portions of Route 28 North. PennDOT is establishing a detour that will direct all northbound traffic across the 62 Street (R.D. Fleming Bridge) onto Butler Street to the Highland Park Bridge.

MACC, with the assistance of The Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, PennDOT, the office of Councilman Patrick Dowd and the City of Pittsburgh's Engineering Department, is working with residents to smooth the impacts of this detour as much as possible. PennDOT and the City will be implementing the recommendations provided by residents at the May MACC meeting. The temporary detour will greatly increase the amount of traffic along Butler Street so please be aware and plan your travel accordingly. The detour will run seven days a week.

The Pittsburgh Zoo has provided MACC with a list of days they feel will be most busy and residents may want to use alternatives to the intersections of Butler and Baker Streets. On the weekend of June 5th - 7th the Zoo will host the grand opening of the Shark Exhibit; June 21st is Fathers Day; July 4th Weekend and July 31st is their annual Summer Safari. A complete listing of the Zoo schedule is available at each MACC meeting and online at www.pittsburghzoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Movie Night - August 22, 2009

MACC is proud to host our Annual Movie Night in the Park on August 22, 2009. We will convey information about exact time soon, but we encourage everyone to come and bring a picnic dinner to eat before the movie is shown. We are expecting some entertainment while picnicking. We will also be collecting donations for the local food bank.

Sprout Fund Sponsored Mural
Coming to Morningside!

You will soon notice a colorful change that is happening within the Morningside Business District. On the Greenwood Street side of the Morning Side Market a new mural will be produced courtesy of sponsorship by the Sprout Fund and an artist selected by the residents of Morningside. Members of the community applied for selection in March and were chosen by Sprout in April to receive a mural. Harry Dulani of the Morning Side Market kindly offered the use of his wall.

Several residents met with Sprout and the other communities selected for murals for this year in April to determine what words we thought described Morningside as a community. Artists were then selected by Spout to come up with possible designs that might be a fit for the new mural. These artists will be meeting with us on June 3, 2009 at the VFW at 7pm to answer questions about their work. The community will then vote that evening on which artist we as a community wish to work with. **Look in the Morning Glory Coffee House to see the possibilities that artists came up with for us.**

Please note - the designs you see are suggestions of what MIGHT be on the wall. The meeting on June 3rd will help us all select the artist that will be the best fit. The design that actually goes up on the wall may be entirely different. We encourage all to attend and participate in this fabulous opportunity.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Saturday - June 27, 2009

If you are interested in participating in the yard sale, please call Ky at 412-335-3595 or Amy at 412-414-7407. \$5 donation per home. Donation helps cover advertising and print costs for directional signs & maps. A portion will go towards the MACC. RSVP by 6/20/09. Rain date 6/28/09. We appreciate your support.

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 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
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Thank you for your support of the M.A.C.C.

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 on your sidewalk. Street trees are trees planted between a street curb & sidewalk.

Request includes FREE evaluation of site, FREE curb cut (if needed), FREE Tree (if approved), FREE planting. Please know that the trees will be sized appropriately to the area; relieving the possibilities of too large roots that can damage sidewalks and utilities. Please know that these are smaller shade trees and not overwhelming forest trees.

If you haven't noticed, we have already planted over 50 sidewalk street trees in the community and we hope to reach 100 or more by 2010.

If you would like to be considered for a FREE tree & planting, contact Amy Ervin at 412-414-7407. The next planting is November 2009, but applications must be received by June 15, 2009.

IF YOU ARE A HOMEOWNER IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

KNOWN AS THE ACT 77 PROGRAM - THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH IS STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TAX YEARS 2008 AND 2009

Stop by Representative Dom Costa's office at 1808 Chislett Street to learn if you meet the eligibility criteria.

You are required to apply with the City of Pittsburgh each year so it is important that you complete and return your application and supporting documents in a timely manner so that they can apply the reduction to your City of Pittsburgh Real Estate Taxes.

Applications are available at Representative Costa's office and at www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance/ (REAL ESTATE TAX FORMS). If you need any assistance call the Representative's office at 412-361-2040.

2010 APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOMETIME IN OCTOBER

Morningside Elementary Project Team Recommends Developer to School Board

MACC, working alongside the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the offices of State Senator Jim Ferlo and the Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS), recommended to the Pittsburgh School Board to select Green Development as the developer for the Morningside Elementary School. The project team, using input from MACC's business district planning process, reviewed several innovative proposals to renovate the empty school building.

Jessica Smith Perry of the URA attended the April MACC meeting and presented the benefits of the Green Development proposal to the community. Ms. Smith Perry explained that the Morningside Elementary project is at the forefront of converting the school district's portfolio of excess buildings. The proposed project seeks to create seventeen to twenty-two units of high quality market rate rental units in the heart of the neighborhood's business district.

The school board will be discussing the proposal at the end of May. Once approved, Green Development plans to engage the community to discuss the design and opportunities around the project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Nate Harper attended the May MACC meeting to address and update the community regarding safety matters.

The Chief made several recommendations including calling "911" for crimes in process, such as graffiti, drug dealing, loitering, etc. Please call "311" for property and maintenance issues, vandalism and other concerns.

The Chief explained the proposed Curfew Center. The Curfew Center will be located at 200 North Dithridge Street and will be run by Three River's Youth. If youth are being disruptive or loitering, they will get one warning to leave. If they do not leave, they will be taken to the Curfew Center. The Curfew Center is pending approval by Pittsburgh City Council.

Welcome Morning Glory Coffee House

Make sure to stop by the new Morning Glory Coffee House on 1806 Chislett Street, around the corner from Natoli Field, in the heart of "downtown" Morningside.

Morning Glory Coffee House offers:

- * 100% ORGANIC FAIR-TRADE SHADE GROWN COFFEE
- * COMPLETE ESPRESSO BAR
- * BAKED GOODS, WRAPS, SALAD, SOUPS, MORE
- * FREE WIRELESS INTERNET (20 MBPS)
- * ART OPENINGS, FREE FILM NIGHTS, LIVE MUSIC
- * ICE CREAM, SORBET + THE FABULOUS ESPRESSO AFFOGATO!

Hours

Mon-Thurs 7am-7pm - Friday 7am-8pm
Saturday 9am-8pm - Sunday 9am-6pm

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. Please share your voice.

June 3, 2009 - MACC Meeting
Topic - Housing & Issues

July 1, 2009 - MACC Meeting
Topic - Governance

August 5, 2009 - MACC Meeting
Topic - Event/TBD

EVENTS

Neighborhood Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 27, 2009
Rain Date - Sunday June 28, 2009
Call Ky for details at 412-335-3595 or Amy at 412-414-7407

St. Raphael's Parish Bazaar

Thursday, August 6th - Sunday, August 9th
Call Parish Office at 412-661-3100 for details

Movie Night

Saturday, August 22, 2009
Call Allison at 412-362-0666 for details

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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.