



MORNINGSIDE NEWS - June 2007

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From the M.A.C.C.

Morningside is Your Community

As school winds down, and summer rolls around, you might be planning to spend more lazy days with your family. Please consider Morningside as your extended family and think about becoming an active member of your community. You do not have to be a member of the Morningside Area Community Council to attend the monthly meetings.

M.A.C.C. meetings are open to all members of our community and everyone is encouraged to attend and make your voice heard. However, since only dues-paying members are eligible to vote and run for office, you may want to consider joining the M.A.C.C. See the last page for membership information. However, joining your community organization is

certainly not the only way you can show your support for Morningside.

Make an effort to meet your neighbors, especially someone who may be new to our community. One of the things that sets us apart from other city neighborhoods is our residential focus. Help us to foster the influx of new residents by aiming to be Pittsburgh's most friendly community.

You may also consider frequenting local businesses whenever possible. To that end, please see our new feature this month: Spotlight on Business. We intend for this feature to be a way for you to learn more about your neighborhood businesses and, more importantly, the people who are behind them! *

Morningside School voted one of 10 Best Historic Preservation Opportunities in Pittsburgh!

The Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh (YPA) released its fifth annual list of the "Top Ten Best Historic Preservation Opportunities in the Pittsburgh Area" that highlights endangered sites with a good chance for survival and reuse for investors, developers, and funders. We are pleased to announce that Morningside School made their list, and glad that the M.A.C.C. is not the only organization that recognizes the potential of this structure.

YPA announced the Top Ten Best Preservation Opportunities during their Fifth Anniversary Cele-

bration, which was held on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the McCook Mansion in Shadyside. The event, called **Fifth on Fifth**, included entertainment, and refreshments.

If you are interested in joining the YPA, please visit their website (below) and "Give Life to History."

Formed in 2002, the YPA is a broad-based regional coalition of dynamic preservation leaders organized to ignite a new historic preservation movement in southwestern Pennsylvania.

www.youngpreservationists.org



Spotlight on:

Riverside Café

One of Morningside's newest businesses, the Riverside Café, opened in May, and is located conveniently near the entrance to the Zoo—across from the gas station on Butler and Baker Streets.



Profile: Café

Owner: The Pittsburgh Zoo

Menu: Ice cream, coffees, specialty drinks, sandwiches, snacks, and hot foods, too!

Seating: 25 inside, 30 outside

Hours: Mon through Fri 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sat & Sun, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Employees: 15 to 20

Established: 2007

What's Next: The café is considering an expansion to a restaurant in the long run.

Please contact the editor if you are interested in being spotlighted in a future issue, or if you'd like to know more about a particular business.

Manager: Liz Graham

First Job: The Pittsburgh Zoo at age 14!

Home: Penn Hills

Favorite TV Show: Gray's Anatomy

Hobbies: Basketball, both as a player and also as a coach at Plum Boro

Fun fact: Born and raised in Morningside.

Calendar

June 6
7 p.m. M.A.C.C. Meeting, Morningside V.F.W.

June 8
Last day of school, St. Raphael School

7 p.m. Soccer Sign-Ups, Natoli Field

June 9
12 noon Soccer Sign-Ups, Natoli Field

June 12
Last day of school, Pittsburgh Public Schools

June 16
12 noon Soccer Sign-Ups, Natoli Field

June 24
1:30 to 4 p.m. Morningside Gardening Class

June 25
St. Raphael School Kenywood School Picnic

June 30
10 a.m. Morningside Clean Up, Focus on Natoli Field, Meet at V.F.W.

Morningside Organization News

Garden Club

Help Needed with Community Flower Plantings

Have you enjoyed the flower plantings at both ends of Morningside Avenue? Our club currently only has 6 members and needs your help to continue to beautify the neighborhood. Tasks include weeding, watering and planting annuals and bulbs. Without more members, we may not be able to maintain both sites. If you can help, please call me at (412) 363-0895.

Gardening Class on Sunday, June 24

Morningside has more than its share of lovely gardens. Do you want to make your garden even better? Come to this class and learn how to improve your soil and choose the best plants. Other topics will be chosen according to the interests of class members. The class is suitable for both beginning and interme-

diated gardeners. Cost is \$10 which includes one perennial plant or 5 daffodil bulbs. Class will be held in Morning-side on Sunday, June 24 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Call Amanda Haney at (412) 363-0895 to reserve your spot.

- Amanda Haney

St. Raphael's School

How beautiful the written word!

The following students have received notice that they are being published in the Anthology of Young Poets. Congratulations to: Alexis Bonifate, Tara Carlino, Billy Faith, Carly Leffakis, Lauren Sauerwien, and JJ. Traficante.

News Flash!

Fifth grader Anna Matia was

the grand prize winner in the "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?" Contest sponsored by WSHH Radio. She won a school prize pack by answering a question on the air and her name was chosen from all the winners to be awarded a Sony Vaio Laptop Computer. Way to Go, Anna!

Registrations

Registrations are being accepted at all grade levels from Pre-K through grade 8. Soon to open - our newly remodeled pre school rooms for 3 year olds and 4 year olds. Call 412-661-0288 for more information and to arrange a tour. Last day of school for students is Friday, June 8th.

School Picnic

Kennywood School picnic for St. Raphael Students and friends is Monday, June 25, 2007. See you there!

-Beth McKinstry

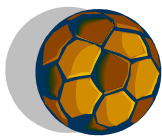
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Soccer Sign-Ups



The co-ed soccer season, for kids ranging from 6-16, will run

from August through October. Sign-ups for the new season will take place at Natoli Field on:

- Friday, June 8th, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9th, 12 noon to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, June 16th, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$30. Additional children from the same family will cost only \$25. For additional information, call 412-361-4143.

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Three new markets will open this summer the week of June 25th—including Bloom-

field, in the Immaculate Conception School parking lot, on Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Since the Highland Park Farmer's Market location is no longer in operation, the nearest location is in East Liberty at Penn Circle West on Mondays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Citiparks at 412-422-6523.

Public Safety Recognition

At a city-wide Public Safety Council Meeting in May, Commander Ra Shall Brackney and Chief of Police Nate Harper presented letters of recognition to the following Zone 5 Public Safety Council members: Corinne Antoszewski, Terry Blyden, Mary Jo Bradley, Paul Brecht, Aggie Brose, Sarah Campbell, Ora Lee Carrol, Geri Coffey, Peraline Jones-Diggs, Judith Ginyard, Charles Honeywell, Lenny LaChina, Bob Le-Donne, Lisa Lee, Edward Lesson, Lori Moran, Lars Olander, Karla Owens, Loretta Reese, Grady Roberts, Janet Scullion, Dan Sweeney, Jan Stayianos, and Caroline West.

Congratulations!

The Zone 5 Citizen's Public Safety Council meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Zone 5 Police Station at Ansley & Penn Circle West, on the third floor. The public is invited.

**M.A.C.C. meets at the Morningside V.F.W. Hall on the first Wednesday of Month at 7 p.m.
2007 Dates: Jun 6, Aug 1 (July meeting cancelled)**



Grand Opening

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M'side Zoning Changes Passed City Council

You may be aware that last year the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning met with the M.A.C.C. to discuss their Map Pittsburgh project, which is an ongoing initiative to update zoning ordinances. The new zoning proposal recently was passed by City Council and is now the official zoning for Morningside. You should have received a mailing from the City describing the new ordinances.

Few major changes were made to the Morningside zoning; minor adjustments were made so that the new zoning more accurately reflects actual land use in our neighborhood. Property owners who have a use that is legal under the old zoning but not the

new zoning have a year to update their occupancy permits to be in compliance with the new zoning. For instance, if you own a duplex in an area that is now zoned for single family dwellings, you must get an occupancy permit to reflect the building use as a duplex, in order to be compliant with the grandfathered-in use of your property.

If you already have an occupancy permit on file, you do not need to do anything, and you can sell your property as its existing use. Single family homes do not require occupancy permits. If you have any questions, please contact Lena Andrews, Senior Planner, at 412-255-2287 or email her at: lena.andrews@city.pittsburgh.pa.us

Mayor Launches Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program

Using the Summer to Make a Difference-But Act Quickly!

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl announced the launch of the Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program (PYSEP) that will run from June 25 through August 24, 2007.

The City is partnering with the Student Conservation Association and the Community Empowerment Association, which will oversee the day-to-day operations of the program.

Youth will be completing various clean-up and environmental projects in specified areas throughout the City. The program runs 30 hours/week, 6 hours/day, during typical business hours. The pay rate is \$7.15/hour.

City of Pittsburgh residents who will be at least 14 years of age, and no older than 18 years of age, as of June 25, 2007, may apply.

Said the Mayor, "Because I feel so strongly about our youth succeeding academically, I want to stress that

students assigned to a summer academic make-up program after June 29 are not eligible to participate."

Because the program only runs for 9 weeks, youth who would miss more than 9 working days between June 29 and August 24 are also not eligible to participate.

The Mayor's Youth Policy committee will select 114 participants. Applications are available in the Mayor's Office or by contacting the Mayor's Office of Youth Policy at 412-255-2258.

The deadline to apply is **Monday, June 4, 2007**. All applicants will be notified of acceptance status by mail. Work permits and physicals will be required by all participants prior to starting work. Participants will be receiving T-Shirts that will serve as their official uniforms.

The Mayor has committed \$350,000 to this initiative, using funding sources from youth employment grants and youth program allocations.

Howard Hanna

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Thank you Eat'n Park! M.A.C.C. thanks Cris Tadesse for her generous support of our community. One lucky resident wins a gift card by attending our monthly meetings. Please join us!

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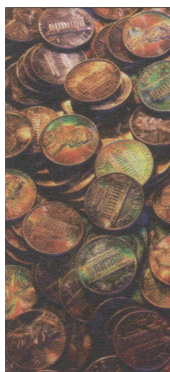
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