



# Morningside News - November 2007

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## From the M.A.C.C.

### Be involved

November, normally a dreary month, brings with it a lot of excitement to our neighborhood this year.

Election day finds us voting for the mayor of Pittsburgh, our city council member, as well as several other offices. Please visit the polls at the old Morningside school or at Natoli Field Senior Center on November 6.

Not to be outdone, the M.A.C.C. will be holding elections in December, so please note the article elsewhere in this newsletter calling for nominations for President and Secretary.

For those who have been impacted by the traffic in and out of the Pittsburgh

Zoo parking lot this summer, please note that you have a chance to voice your opinion on the development of the new parking lot, in addition to the Heth's Run Project, at a series of public meetings being hosted by the zoo and its firm, Mackin Engineering.

Finally, don't forget to join the Beautification Committee and your fellow residents for the November clean-up event on November 17. Television station myPGHtv will be sponsoring the event, and you may just end up on television showing Pittsburgh how proud you are to live in Morningside. ✨

## Zoo/Heth's Run Park Planning Meetings

On November 5th the City of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium will host a public meeting to discuss the development of the Heths Run Park and new zoo parking lot. This meeting will focus on community issues and concerns and will allow the design consultants to gather feedback from neighborhood residents. The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM in the Lecture Hall of the Zoo Education Center located on One Wild Place. Parking is at the front of the main lot, located off of Baker Street as there are few spaces available at the Education Center.

The Second meeting will be a half day design forum where residents will get a chance to explore the project site and have a hand-on opportunity to get involved with the design process. This meeting will be on Friday, November 16 from Noon-4:00 PM. Part of this meeting will be outdoors so participants are encouraged to wear warm clothes and walking shoes.

The third meeting will be on Monday, December 10th at 6:00 PM in the Zoo Education Center. At this meeting the design consultants will publicly present their plans for the Heths Run Park and redesign of the Zoo entrance and parking lot.

Please RSVP to **Benjamin Kelley, Senior Planner with Mackin Engineering at (412) 788-0472, ext 227**. Anyone with questions concerning the times and dates of these meetings is also encouraged to call.

<http://hethsrun.com>

## Public Parks Update: Cameras and Signs in Place

In response to a number of concerns about criminal activity, Heth's and Natoli Fields now have security cameras. Thanks to financial assistance from City Councilman Len Bodack and coordination with M.A.C.C., cameras were recently installed to discourage criminal behavior. In recent months, the Heth's Field concession stand regularly fell victim to vandalism. One one occasion, the perpetrators broke in to the building and destroyed vital appliances that the Morningside Softball Association and other organizations depend on to raise money. Additionally, several new signs have been posted in Heth's Park clearly indicating the park hours.

As a preventative measure, camera installation was also completed at Natoli Field. Natoli Field has been known to attract late night drug activity long after the fields of play have been vacated. We hope the camera installations will be another step towards making our community safer. If you would like more information, please contact one of our officers or attend a monthly meeting.

### Odds 'n' ends:

- For newsletter advertising sizes and rates, please visit <http://www.macconline.org/advertise.htm>
- The M.A.C.C. website is still in progress. Remember, everyone involved is a volunteer with other commitments. Please be patient; we think it will be worth the wait!
- Please contact us if you are a Morningside Business interested. In being spotlighted in the newsletter and, soon, on the website as well.
- Please consider volunteering as a block captains to help us deliver newsletters. Right now we have only a few volunteers who are getting overburdened. Your neighbors can use your help.

## Jancey Street Trees

"Your Christmas Tree for the Holidays"

Celebrate this season with one of our fresh trees, cut specially for your family.

**Location:**  
Morningside School  
Corner of Jancey  
and Greenwood

Open 11:00 a.m.

## Morningside Sports Teams Launch Website

The Morningside area sports teams now have a new website. This website is independent from the M.A.C.C. site, but will be prominently linked to from [www.macconline.org](http://www.macconline.org).

We've put all of the information about sport teams in the Morningside area on one site. No matter what you might need about Soccer, Football, Cheerleading, Softball & Baseball, you'll find your answer on one website.

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

We are trying to make things easier for everyone involved and really believe that this is one way

to start. Instead of having to search five different sites, you'll now have to go to just one site. Just some of the things that you will find:

- ◆ Registration Information
- ◆ Contact information
- ◆ Photos
- ◆ Game/ Practice Schedules.
- ◆ Game Locations
- ◆ Sponsors.
- ◆ General Links
- ◆ On-line Registration
- ◆ Fundraising Activities
- ◆ Merchandise
- ◆ E-Coupons (print and save w/local merchants)

When you view the site for the first time, please make sure to look around. The site will be updated on a regular basis, so please stop back often. One

of our favorite things, is the "Photo Albums" page. If anyone has photos that they would like to share, please email them to [morningsidesports@comcast.net](mailto:morningsidesports@comcast.net) and we will add them. We will be setting the site so that you may copy any of the photos for your own personal use. If your organization is having a fundraiser, night-at-the-races or anything other event you would like posted, please send it to us.

One last thing about the site: as the season is over for almost everyone, we have put test games into the schedule of the site. We have done this just to get accustomed to it, and to test the site. There are not really any games on Christmas, these are test games only.

Remember the only athletics website you need to know:

[www.MorningsideSports.com](http://www.MorningsideSports.com)  
[morningsidesports@comcast.net](mailto:morningsidesports@comcast.net)

# Calendar

### Monday, November 5

6 p.m. Public Planning Meeting, Lecture Hall, Zoo

### Tuesday, November 6

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Election Day, Morningside School and Natoli Field Senior Center

### Wednesday, November 7

7 p.m., M.A.C.C. Meeting, Morningside VFW

### Sunday, November 11

Veteran's Day

### Friday, November 16

12 to 4 p.m., Design Forum, Zoo

### Saturday, November 17

10 a.m. , Morningside Clean-up, Meet at Morningside VFW

### Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving

## Local Television Station Sponsors November Litter Clean Up & Bulb Planting

my PGH TV has decided to help Morningside and the Beautification Committee at the next clean-up & bulb planting scheduled for Saturday, **NOVEMBER 17 at 10:00am at the VFW**. On a chilly November morning, join us for coffee and snacks before the clean up & bulb planting courtesy of my PGH TV.

To volunteer, or for more information, call Amy Ervin at 412-362-0132.

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# Safety Tips from Commander Brackney

- ◇ Never leave the garage door open, even for a few minutes. We think we'll only be gone for a minute, but the average burglary takes less than 5 minutes.
- ◇ Install window locks if you want to leave windows open for air. Locks also protect small children and pets.
- ◇ Lock or chain your ladders or scaffolding equipment. Most thieves aren't carrying a ladder or tool to assist them. They're banking on us to provide their equipment.
- ◇ Lighting—inside and out. Motion detectors are great.
- ◇ To those of you with dogs, "Kudos." Burglars hate noise and dogs are noisy.
- ◇ When running out during the day, leave a radio or television on.
- ◇ Keep bushes and shrubs neatly trimmed.
- ◇ Etch your property!!! Please use your OLN from your drivers license. That number never changes and we can track you via DMV. Make a video log of your valuables.
- ◇ Always take your cell phone!!! Camera phones can capture images of suspicious persons, license plates and accurate make/models of vehicles.

## M.A.C.C. Elections

M.A.C.C. Nomination Committee chair, John Santore, has opened nominations for the candidacy of the following M.A.C.C. officers: President and Secretary. Each will serve a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2008. Candidates and nominators must be paid M.A.C.C. members through 2007.

Nominations are being accepted by email, telephone, mail, or by open nominations at the November and December M.A.C.C. general membership meetings. Written and telephoned nominations must be received by November 30, 2 working days prior to the prior to the elections.

Please contact any nomination committee member for more information or to make a nomination:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check and application to Membership Chair:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Leslie Kass  
1706 Jancey Street  
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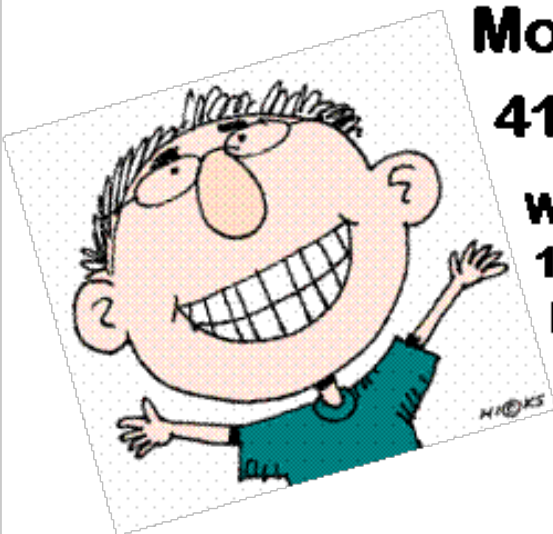
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