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# Morningside News

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Morningside Area Community Council

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## MAKING THE MOST OF MORNINGSIDE

Dear Neighbors,

Stewardship of a neighborhood is a responsibility shared by every resident. Stewardship can mean an activity like maintaining your property or cleaning up loose debris and litter around your house. But it can also mean participating as a member of a civic organization, a church or coaching youth athletics. In either case, such activities take time and dedication and are the backbone of any good neighborhood.

I was reminded of the power of stewardship a few weeks ago when Councilman Dowd's office helped to coordinate a meeting between members of the Morningside Athletic teams, MACC's Beautification and Greening Committee and representatives from the City of Pittsburgh. The topic at hand: improving the quality of Heth's and Natoli Fields. The conversation among participants was energetic, solutions offered were creative and the possibilities of working together were endless. During the meeting, looking at the twenty or so attendees, one couldn't help but be impressed by the number of attendees and the dedication each person displayed – particularly considering the size of our community.

Morningside offers residents plenty of opportunities to fulfill these civic responsibilities. On October 16th you'll have the chance to meet your neighbors through a full day of activities that demonstrate one of Morningside's greatest assets: the volunteers that make these opportunities possible. Beginning at 10 a.m. at the VFW parking lot, MACC will be hosting the final neighborhood clean up of the year. We're looking for volunteers so please stop on by. Following the clean up, MACC will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fall-O-Ween Festival in the Morningside Business District. Live music and food will be available at this family-friendly event beginning at 2pm. Meanwhile, at Natoli Field, Morningside Football will be in action all day.

Making these events possible and creating neighborhood improvements takes time, plenty of patience and preparation. Please take time to lend your neighbors a hand and also thank these dedicated volunteers.

*Grant Ervin*  
MACC President



One of the new signs gracing the entrances to Morningside.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

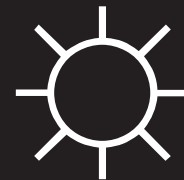
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail check and application to Membership Chair:  
Leslie Kass  
1706 Jancey Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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



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## CELEBRATE FALL IN MORNINGSIDE! OCTOBER 16TH

### AT 10 AM...

#### HELP KEEP MORNINGSIDE BEAUTIFUL!

Join us for the neighborhood cleanup at 10 AM on October 16th. Sign up ahead of time if you can, but we won't turn any willing hands away. Groups welcome!

Call Amy at 412-414-7407 or email [ervin\\_amy@hotmail.com](mailto:ervin_amy@hotmail.com) to volunteer. All volunteers should sign in the day of event at the VFW to receive trash bags, gloves, instructions, etc. The first 30 volunteers get t-shirts!

Areas of clean up include: Natoli Field, Heth's Field, Baker Street and other areas throughout the neighborhood (walking tour for street/sidewalk clean up).

Community service hours available.

### AT 2:00 PM...

#### MACC FALL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL

Come celebrate fall at **MACC's Fall-O-Ween Festival**.

Saturday, October 16, 2010 2-5 PM  
Chislett & Greenwood Streets  
(Rain or Shine)

With music by the **Beagle Brothers!**  
Enjoy local food and cider!  
Trick-or-treat bags for little goblins!  
**Costumes encouraged.**

\$5 suggested donation per family  
**RSVP to [jennyjomac@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjomac@gmail.com)**



**FROM THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE DOM COSTA**

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Fall is upon us; winter with its harsh weather isn't far behind. That is why I want to remind you about the state's LIHEAP program to help you pay your winter heating bills, and let you know about ACCESS service to Morningside, and my Senior Fair that will provide free flu shots.

I have been working tirelessly with Port Authority to restore bus service for the Morningside area. While progress has been slow, I have been able to obtain ACCESS/OPT service for our senior citizens - many of whom do not drive, or are uncomfortable driving in bad weather - by providing them transportation to shop at Waterworks Mall.

As many of you may already know, there is now an ACCESS/OPT bus designated for Morningside residents age 60 and older at 10 AM on Tuesdays and 12:30 PM on Thursdays. ACCESS will pick you up at your home or the Senior Center, take you to the Waterworks Mall and return you right to your door. Fare is 3 OPT tickets each way (\$0.75). You must call ACCESS the day before to schedule pick up.

I was hoping that this service would be so popular that we could use the overwhelming response to show Port Authority how badly we need service restored to the neighborhood. Unfortunately, four weeks into this program, we are already in danger of losing it since no one has utilized it. Please know that I have not stopped fighting for service restoration but also understand, if this service is not utilized within the next three weeks, it will be discontinued, and along with it goes our bargaining chip for service to the Waterworks/St. Margaret's area.

I will be holding a **Senior Fair** on **Wednesday, November 10th** from 10 AM to 1:00 PM at the Cherry City Volunteer Fire Hall. There will be free flu shots, free health screenings, representatives from several senior programs and speakers on PACE, PACenet, the doughnut hole and the new changes coming to insurance coverage. There will also be free light refreshments, and my staff and I will be on hand to help you with any state government-related question you may have. I look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget that the LIHEAP program will begin taking applications in November. LIHEAP helps low income people pay their heating bills. You can receive this money without being in the Cash Assistance program and no lien is placed on your property. Please visit my office at 6808 Greenwood St. for applications or assistance in filling out the forms.

You may also call my office at 412-361-2040 with any questions or further information on any of the topics listed above.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you and your family, and thank you for letting me serve as your State Representative

Sincerely,  
State Representative Dom Costa

**GET THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL!**  
Sign up at [www.maconline.org](http://www.maconline.org).

Sign up for the email newsletter and get even more Morningside News - and save a tree!

**FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD**



*Alma Kuczynski, Tim Boyle and Christel Krausse from Morningside join Councilman Patrick Dowd for a photo after leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a recent Pittsburgh City Council meeting.*

Your attendance is requested!  
**District 7 Council-to-Go - MORNINGSIDE**  
**October 28, 20010**  
Morning Glory Coffeehouse at 1806 Chislett Street

**NEWS FROM ST. RAPHAEL**

St. Raphael's School will hold a **Cash Bash Fundraiser** on **Saturday, October 16th** at the Teamsters Hall in Lawrenceville. Tickets are \$40 per person. Your ticket includes dinner, beer, mixers and ticket for cash drawing. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices during normal business hours.

**Annual Turkey Bingo** will be held **Sunday, November 14th**. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Doors open at 11:30am. Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices during normal business hours.

Santa's Workshop, Breakfast with Santa and Craft Show: Friday, December 3rd - Sunday, December 5th. Watch for further details.

**NEWS FROM MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

Our **Autumn Festival** will be held **Saturday, October 23rd**, 10:00am - 1:00pm. Come join us in front of the church for a bake sale, pumpkin sale and hot dogs.

The **Women's Luncheon** will be held Saturday, November 13th from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Soup & sandwiches are on the menu.

The **Annual Christmas Pageant** will be held on Friday, December 3rd. Watch for further details.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

**CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

The Pittsburgh's Citizens Police Academy brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant. Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, this program is given twice a year for members of the community who wish to become closely acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of the Police Bureau.

The 15-week program meets one evening a week for three hours of training. Participants are exposed to the operations of the Police Bureau, taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearms, and other highlighted police training topics. They also learn about processing a crime scene, conduct a ride-along with an officer, and will meet many street officers as well as command and training staff.

The current session of the Citizens Police Academy is being held at the Police Training Academy and participants are scheduled to graduate December 15th.

If you are interested in signing up for the next session or for more information, you can call the Citizen's Police Academy at 412-665-3600 or visit the City of Pittsburgh web-site at [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/police/html/citizens\\_police.html](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/police/html/citizens_police.html)

**THE BAT PROGRAM**

The BAT (Beat Auto Theft) program is a joint effort between the Pittsburgh citizens and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to minimize the potential of auto theft in our city.

Joining the BAT program can help to deter the theft of your vehicle. When you sign up for the program you are given a sticker to display in the rear window on the driver's side of your vehicle. Displaying this sticker authorizes the Pittsburgh Police to pull your car over between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. If the Pittsburgh police see someone driving your car during those hours, they will pull the car over to investigate. There is no cost to register with this program.

For more information call 412-255-2911 or visit the City of Pittsburgh web-site: [http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/bat/html/bat\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/bat/html/bat_home_page.html)

**MORNINGSIDE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!**

Our t-shirt giveaway was so popular we are offering Men's, Women's, Kids' and Baby shirts in a variety of colors for sale online! Visit <http://morningsidepgh.spreadshirt.com>. Two dollars (\$2) from the purchase of each shirt goes to support the Morningside Area Community Council.

Want to volunteer and get a free shirt? The first 30 volunteers for the MACC neighborhood cleanup day on October 16th will receive a free t-shirt...this may be your last opportunity to get a free one!

**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: **November 3, December 1, January 5**

**MACC EVENTS**

**OCTOBER 16, 2010**

**MACC CLEANUP - 10 AM** Meet at the VFW to sign in  
**FALL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL - 2-5PM** Chislett & Greenwood

**MACC ELECTIONS 2010**

MACC elections will be held at the Dec 1st MACC meeting. The Vice President and Treasurer positions are open, each with a two-year term. To be eligible to vote, you must be a paid member of MACC 90 days prior to the election. Nominations will open at the October 6th MACC meeting, and the nomination committee will be selected at that time. Contact John Santore, Vice President for information.

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MACC Nomination & MACC Events  
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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.*