

# Morningside Messenger

## Summer 2014



### Third Annual Comedy Night Fundraiser

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 pm

Join friends and neighbors for an evening filled with laughter and good times with Sean Collier, Gene Collier, and Jim Krenn. Snacks, \$2 sliders, and a cash bar will be available, along with 50/50 and American Auction raffle baskets!

Comedy Night will be at the *Morningside VFW (1820 Morningside Avenue)*. Doors open at 7:30pm, show starts at 8:30pm. Age 21 and over ONLY.

**Tickets are \$20 in advance at:** morningside-pa.org/run/comedy-night, **or by calling Jenny McCarthy:** (412) 292-1672. This event may sell out.



### Organize Your Block for National Night Out

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

National Night Out is a great opportunity for Pittsburgh communities to promote neighborhood camaraderie and strong partnerships between residents and public safety personnel. This year the theme is "Safer Together," promoting our neighborhoods as safe places in which to live, work, study, and play.

While the traditional porch light vigil is still common today, many communities celebrate NNO by hosting picnics, cookouts, and block parties. Holding an NNO neighborhood event is a great way to meet new neighbors, celebrate the success of your community watch or block club, and strengthen your relation-

ships with city public safety departments. Last year, community groups throughout Pittsburgh hosted 42 events which were attended by 3,000 city residents.

For great ideas and information on how to plan an event, visit the City's website at [pittsburghpa.gov/nno](http://pittsburghpa.gov/nno). You can register your event with the City and download a planning guide.

For the past few years there has been an increasing number of NNO events in our neighborhood, and we are hoping that there are many more this year. To help out, MACC will be providing kits

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(including bottled water, balloons, treats, and other items) to Morningside blocks that organize their own events.

**To register with MACC and receive a block party kit, contact Stacey DiRenzo:** msidemom@aol.com



# MORNINGSIDE ★ MILE

## Honoring Those Who Serve

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am**

The Morningside Mile is a one-mile run/walk to promote fitness and build community through physical activity. The event will be held in honor of those who courageously serve our country and communities.

### How to Get Involved

1. Run or walk in the race.
2. Volunteer with race preparations before the race or on the morning of the race. To volunteer, contact: [run.volunteers@morningside-pa.org](mailto:run.volunteers@morningside-pa.org) or (412) 874-7440.
3. Put out a flag or sign to thank our heroes and recognize our runners and walkers.
4. Come out and cheer on race day!

### How to Register

- » Complete the form in this newsletter or download the form from [www.morningside-pa.org/run](http://www.morningside-pa.org/run)
- » Mail your form with check or money order payable to "Morningside Area Community Council - One Mile Run" (do not mail cash) to:  
Morningside Mile  
P. O. Box 90185  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
- » Follow the *Register Now* link from our website and register by credit card online

Registration fees vary by participant age, date of registration, and species (dogs can run too!)

Be sure to register by **September 6th** - T-shirts and timing chips are not guaranteed after this date.

#### For additional information:

visit [www.morningside-pa.org/run](http://www.morningside-pa.org/run)  
email [run@morningside-pa.org](mailto:run@morningside-pa.org)  
or contact (412) 874-7440

### Parking & Street Closures

The race course and affected streets will be the same as last year. The list below and map to the right outline all of the streets which will be affected and in what way.

- » **The Race Course** - Cars will not be able to park along the race course from 7:30am to approximately 10:00am on race day (Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014).
- » **Villanova Road and Bossart Street** - Cars may park on the street, but will not be able to drive to or from these blocks during the race.
- » **North of Greenwood Street (1800 and 1900 blocks of Chislett and Antietam, 6900 block of Greenwood, Bishop, Standish, Manistee and Witherspoon)** - Cars will be able to park on the street, but vehicles will not be able to pass through the intersection of Greenwood and Chislett during the race time. Gael Way will be open for those who need to exit.

In the case of any emergency at a home along the course or that is blocked by the course, the race will be paused and emergency vehicles will be allowed to proceed uninhibited.

If you are disabled or a senior citizen and need assistance making arrangements, please contact the Morningside Mile Committee at: (412) 874-7440 or [run@morningside-pa.org](mailto:run@morningside-pa.org).

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### Race Course



# Morningside Mile Registration Form

Please complete and submit this household registration form along with your check or money order. Full information must be provided for one household contact. This individual must be over the age of 18, but does not have to be participating.

Runner information must be completed for each person registering to run or walk in the event. If you have used all of the runner information spaces, please attach an additional form or page and include the requested information for any additional participants.

The family dog can participate in the Morningside Mile! Each dog will receive a one-size-fits-most race bandana. Dogs must be leashed and an owner (18+ years old) must be registered and walk with each dog (one person per dog), no exceptions. Dog owners are responsible for the behavior and clean-up of their pet. Dogs will not receive a timing chip.

## Primary Contact for Household

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult #1

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:   
 T-shirt (circle one): S M L XL XXL  
 Are you a member of the armed forces or local public safety?

### Adult #2

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:   
 T-shirt (circle one): S M L XL XXL  
 Are you a member of the armed forces or local public safety?

### Child #1

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:   
 T-shirt: Choose preferred size (circle one)  
 Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL XXL

### Child #2

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:   
 T-shirt: Choose preferred size (circle one)  
 Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL XXL

### Dog #1

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

### Dog #2

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

## Registration Fees

Category	Description	Registration Fee (Aug. 1-Sept. 6)	Late Registration Fee (Sept. 7-13)
Adult	16 years of age and older	\$20.00	\$25.00
Child	Between 5 and 15 years of age*	\$10.00	\$15.00
Family	Up to two adults plus children living in one household	\$40.00	\$50.00
Family Dog	People- and dog-friendly dogs on leashes only	\$10.00	\$10.00

\* Children less than 5 years of age do not need to register, but are welcome to join their family members in the Run.

\*\* Those registering on or after September 7 are not guaranteed a T-shirt or race timing chip.

## 2014 Mile Honoree: Frances Colletto

Each year, the race honors one individual from the Morningside area who has bravely and unselfishly served our country and/or its citizens. This year, tribute will be given to **Frances Colletto**. We thank Mrs. Colletto and her family for their sacrifices for our country and our city.

Mrs. Colletto's only son, Albert V. Colletto, Jr., was killed in action August 12, 1969. When she learned her son was killed in Vietnam, Mrs. Colletto started volunteering with the American Gold Star Mothers, a nonprofit service and support group for mothers of children who died in the military, and even became the president of the Allegheny County Chapter.

In addition to the Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Colletto was active with Vietnam Veterans Inc., the Patriot Guard Riders, Rolling Thunder, and the Order of the Purple Heart.

The oldest registered Gold Star Mother in Pennsylvania and perhaps the nation, Frances DeCiancio Colletto died of complications from a stroke on Thursday, January 2, 2014. She was 99.

She is survived by daughters Carol Stewart of Morningside and Theresa Price of Gibsonia, her grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

*Excerpt and photo by Matthew Santoni, TribLive: January 5, 2014.*



## 2014 Mile Beneficiary: Gold Star Mothers

The Morningside Mile Honoring Those Who Serve is proud to be supporting **Gold Star Mothers** in 2014.

The American Gold Star Mothers Inc. was formed in the United States shortly after World War I to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war. Today, membership in the Gold Star Mothers is open to any American woman who has lost a son or daughter in service to the United States.

The Gold Star Mothers concentrate on providing emotional support for members, doing volunteer work with veterans in general and veterans' hospitals in particular, and generally fostering a sense of patriotism and respect for members of the Armed Forces.



## Community Day Celebration to Follow the Race

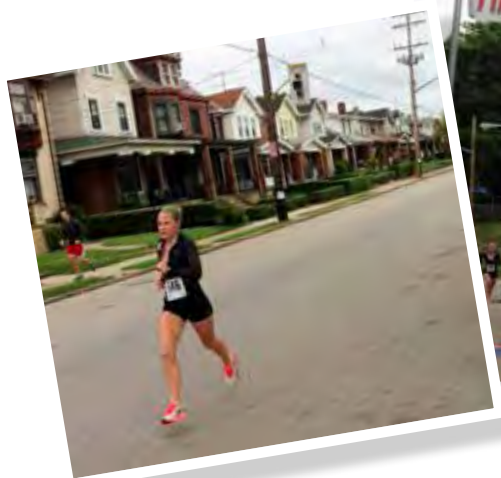
At the conclusion of the Morningside Mile, celebrate and honor those who serve with all of our participants in Heth's Field. Current plans include snacks, a DJ, Bounce Castle and games for the kids. Come out, cheer on the runners and then join in the fun. Watch the website for updates.

**If you are interested in helping with the plans, contact Alana Delaney:**  
(412) 874-7440

# Thanks for making the 2013 Morningside Mile a great success!



## Congratulations to last year's winners!



Rank	Athlete	Bib	Time
1	John Gilkey Jr	508	00:05:19
2	Autumn Greba	546	00:05:23
3	Patrick Stokes	629	00:05:29
4	Thad Turner	578	00:05:54
5	Matthew Blinky	589	00:06:08

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Raphael's Bazaar

### August 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, evenings

The 42nd annual St. Raphael Parish Bazaar will be held this year from August 7th to 10th. Activities begin at 7:00pm on weekdays and 6:00pm on weekends; the Bazaar wraps up at 10:30pm every day.

The Thursday evening parade has been discontinued, but join us for our regular festivities at St. Raphael's School - games

and amusements, kids zone, a food court that includes Polish and Italian foods, poker, music, a flea market, Chinese auction, raffles, bingo, and live music nightly.

A spaghetti dinner will be held on Sunday from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. It will include pasta, bread, salad, and drink (tea, lemonade, and water) for \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids 10 and under.

Sunday will coincide with the Saint Rocco Feast Day celebration on the grounds of St. Raphael Parish. Festivities include an Italian Mass at 4:00pm followed by fireworks, a neighborhood procession with the Saint Rocco statue beginning at 5:30pm, food and music, and closing fireworks between 9:30 and 10:00pm.

## Fall Neighborhood Clean-up

### October 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 343, Cub Scout Troop 343, and everyone else who attended our clean-up last April. Special thanks to PennDOT, Allegheny CleanWays, the Morningside VFW, the City of Pittsburgh, and Councilwoman Deb Gross for donating gloves, vests, and trash bags, and for helping to coordinate our efforts to make Morningside an awesome, beautiful place to live!

Individuals and groups (sports teams, church groups, scouts, etc.) are invited to **meet outside the VFW (1820 Morningside Avenue)** for a another fall cleaning in October.

Possible areas of activity include Baker Street, Natoli Playground, Heth's Playground, the business district, and neighborhood streets. Gloves, trash bags, and vests will be provided. Coffee and breakfast treats will be at the VFW to help volunteers fuel up!

**RSVP to Lisa Petrilli:** (412) 450-8062, [lpetrilli911@gmail.com](mailto:lpetrilli911@gmail.com)



## Keep Morningside Green: Plant a Tree!

Did you know you can request a tree for your sidewalk or yard?

Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the City's vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree maintenance, planting, education, and advocacy.

MACC is coordinating an application for new trees through some of our neighborhood Tree Tenders. Log on to MACC's website ([morningside-pa.org/trees](http://morningside-pa.org/trees)) to download an application.

**Submit your application by August 31 to Lisa Petrilli:** [lpetrilli911@gmail.com](mailto:lpetrilli911@gmail.com)

## Another Beautiful Spring from the Morningside Garden Club

Katie Cavacini of Cavacini Landscaping and Supply donated flowers to the community garden plots on Morningside Avenue at Stanton Avenue and Baker Street. On behalf of the MACC and the Morningside Garden Club, we would like to thank her for this generous donation.

With her support, we were able to transform the gardens into beautiful entry ways to our community.

Cavacini Landscaping and Supply is located at 100 51st St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Thanks to the Garden Club for their hard work and careful tending of the plots throughout the spring and summer.



## URA Seeking Proposals for Morningside School Redevelopment

The Urban Redevelopment Authority recently purchased the Morningside School building from Pittsburgh Public Schools and is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals for interested developers. The URA felt that the building is too valuable an asset to both the city and the Morningside community to simply allow it to be sold to the highest bidder and wants to help bring a quality development to the neighborhood.

The MACC Executive Committee and Housing Committee are actively working with the URA and elected officials to ensure that there is an open and vigorous public process and that any redevelopment of the building benefits the neighborhood both economically and socially. The MACC welcomes input from the community and asks that interested residents contact us via Nextdoor Morningside, our facebook page, or email through the MACC website.



### A Message from Our President

MACC is excited to present the fourth annual Morningside Mile Honoring Those Who Serve this September. This event is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of the late Morningside resident, Mrs. Frances Colletto, a Gold Star Mother and committed volunteer who cared for our area veterans as if they were her sons and daughters.

I look forward to honoring her memory by participating in the race with my family and many of my neighbors. See you on September 13th!

Grant Ervin, *MACC President*

### Thank You, Members!

A great big thank you to all the new and renewing MACC members for 2014! As you may have noticed, we did things a little differently with membership this year, offering three levels of support (Basic, Plus, and Premiere).

Much to our delight, this turned out to be a big hit here in the neighborhood. At last count, we have 118 members (64 Basic, 33 Plus, and 21 Premiere) and have raised more than in recent years. This enables us to continue and expand community events like National Night Out party boxes and the newsletter you are holding in your hand.

And for those of you that have not yet joined for 2014, it's not too late! Check out the back page of this newsletter for more information about each of the membership levels, and to learn how you can join the MACC.

Thanks, again, for your generous support of the events and programs of MACC!

Allison McLaren, *Membership Chair*

### Meet the MACC

MACC meetings are held the **first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the Morningside VFW Hall**. Both members and non-members are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE: MACC is taking a summer break and will not hold a meeting in August. See you in the fall!**

MACC needs your help! Please share your time and talents with the neighborhood - even a few hours a year can make a big difference. Contact the MACC if you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities. All ages welcomed, community service hours available.

## morningside area community council

### **Officers**

Grant Ervin, *President*  
president@morningside-pa.org

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vice-pres@morningside-pa.org

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secretary@morningside-pa.org

Jared Delaney, *Treasurer*  
treasurer@morningside-pa.org

### **Online at...**

morningside-pa.org  
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## New Membership Levels for 2014

Please help us continue our work for the neighborhood by joining MACC or renewing your membership. We are pleased to offer three levels of membership this year:

### **Basic Membership: \$5 per person.**

Members are entitled to vote in annual elections and run for an elected office.

### **Membership Plus: \$25 per person.**

Plus membership includes **10% off your food items at the Bulldog Pub** for 2014.

### **Premiere Membership: \$50 per person.**

Includes **10% off your food items at the Bulldog Pub, a long sleeve Morningside t-shirt, and additional perks.**

Return this form to: Allison McLaren • 1222 Morningside Avenue  
or visit [www.morningside-pa.org/about-macc/membership](http://www.morningside-pa.org/about-macc/membership)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to MACC)

for \_\_\_\_ Basic (\$5/person) \_\_\_\_ Plus (\$25/person) \_\_\_\_ Premiere (\$50/person)

For Premiere Memberships, please indicate t-shirt size preference (supplies are limited):

S M L XL XXL No shirt