



Morningside News

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MORNINGSIDE ★ MILE

Honoring Those Who Serve

September 8, 2012 @ 8:30am



Dear Neighbors,

Morningside is keeping busy preparing for upcoming events and activities that are just around the corner. Please mark your calendars for dates and upcoming opportunities to volunteer and participate.

The Second Annual Morningside Mile and Community Day is on September 8th. Please consider volunteering to help make this event a success. See page 2 for more information.

Heth's and Natoli Field Improvement Plan is underway thanks to support from the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh. The design firm Pashek Associates is working with MACC, City of Pittsburgh representatives and Morningside athletic teams to develop an improvement plan for Heth's and Natoli Fields. A public input meeting will be scheduled in September where you can provide recommendations to improve the fields.

The Allegheny Riverfront Green Boulevard project is looking for your input. The Green Boulevard Plan will determine Allegheny riverfront park access, open space programming, neighborhood design, and the types of transportation modes that will be options for Pittsburghers for many decades to come. This 20-month planning process began in July 2011, and will continue through February of 2013. Morningside is a critical component to this plan. To learn more about the project and how to participate go to <http://www.greenboulevardpgh.com>

Grant Ervin
MACC President

Time to laugh!

Jim Krenn & Gene Collier

Morningside VFW

Friday, August 10, 2012

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The Morningside Mile is a one-mile run/walk to promote fitness and build community through physical activity. The event is held in honor of those who courageously serve our country and communities. Each year, the Morningside Mile will recognize one individual from the Morningside area who has served our country and/or its citizens admirably. That individual or his/her next of kin will have the privilege of choosing the race charity for the same year.

This Year's Honoree Chooses Wounded Warrior Project as Race Charity

Each year, the race will honor 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 Sergeant Damian Duggan who grew up in Morningside and attended St. Raphael's Elementary School. Damian has served in the United State Army since 2008, but still maintains close ties to many of his Morningside friends and his sister Shannon, who nominated him for this honor. We thank Sergeant Duggan for his service and wish him and his family all the best.

Damian has chosen the Wounded Warrior Project to be this year's primary race beneficiary. The Wounded Warrior Project is a national non-profit organization that organizes awareness, programs and aid to uplift injured service men and women. Seventy percent (70%) of the race proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project and 30% will stay in the community and be managed by the Morningside Area Community Council.



Community Celebration Follows 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 Nan Pischke at fpischke@verizon.net or 412-638-0963.

Get Involved!

- Run or walk in the race.
- Volunteer to help with race preparations or on the morning of the race. To volunteer, contact run.volunteers@morningside-pa.org or call 412-874-7440.
- Put out a flag or sign to thank our heroes and recognize our runners and walkers.
- Come out and cheer on race day!

How to Register

Register online or by mailing the paper form.

- To register online, visit www.morningside-pa.org/run and use the *Register Now* link to pay with a credit card.
- To register by mail, pick up a form at the Morningside VFW, State Representative Dom Costa's office, or select Morningside businesses, or download the form from the Morningside website: www.morningside-pa.org/run. Mail your completed form with payment to: Morningside Mile, P.O. Box 90185, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

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Jim Krenn & Gene Collier
Friday, August 10
Doors open @ 8:00PM
Show starts @ 9:00PM
Morningside VFW
1820 Morningside Ave.
21 and over only

For tickets:

\$15 in advance (via PayPal - <http://morningside-pa.org/run/comedy-night> (print receipt for ticket))
\$15 in advance at the Morningside VFW
\$ 20 at the door

Morningside Community Day

Saturday, September 8, 2012 following the Morningside Mile

10am - 1pm at Heth's Field

Join Morningside Mile runners and walkers, as well as other Morningside residents for our neighborhood's annual Community Day. Activities for kids and adults include music, a Bounce Castle and snacks.

Do you have an idea for Community Day or want to volunteer? Contact Nan Pischke at fpischke@verizon.net or 412-638-0963.

Parking and Street Closures on Morningside Mile Day

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

1. The Race Course - Cars will not be able to park along the race course from 7:30am to approximately 9:00am on race day (Saturday, September 8, 2012.)
2. 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.
3. 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 412-204-7410 or run@morningside-pa.org.

4th Annual Falloween Festival

MACC is once again planning its Falloween Festival and we're looking for volunteers! This year's festival will take place on **Saturday, October 20th** at the corner of Chislett and Greenwood Streets. Live music, refreshments and treat bags for the children are still on the menu. Come and be a part of making this event the best ever! Contact jennyjomac@gmail.com to volunteer or donate.



Register by August 31st to ensure you will receive a t-shirt and timing chip. Registered dogs will receive a bandana. Visit www.morningside-pa.org/run for additional details.

☀ FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Dear Neighbors,

The start of the new school year is quickly approaching and, as the father of a young child, I'm looking forward to helping my young scholar prepare for a successful year. Many of you will take students into classrooms for the first time while others will watch their children begin their last year of high school. Regardless of where your child is in his or her journey, the destination is clear – and that's where the Pittsburgh Promise can help. Students who graduate from one of our City's Pittsburgh Public Schools and meet attendance and academic requirements can receive up to \$40,000 for college. Since 2008, the Pittsburgh Promise has awarded thousands of scholarships and has helped over 3,200 students reach their goal of higher education.

If you don't have any children in school, you can still play an important role in a child's life by signing up to be a mentor. Children with mentors are more likely to do better in school than those who don't have a positive role model in their life. You can learn more about how City employees are doing their part and also how you can sign up to help by visiting pittsburghpa.gov/servepg/mentor.

Finally, I ask you to pay special attention to school zones and traffic laws during this school year. Please, obey the laws and signs when traveling in a posted school zone and adhere to the flashing lights of a stopped school bus that may be loading or unloading students. We must all remain cognizant and continue to work together to safeguard our children as they travel to and from school and other related activities.

I hope you all have a great and safe 2012-2013 school year.

Sincerely,
Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

☀ FROM THE OFFICE OF REP. DOM COSTA

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! I'd like to take a moment to let you know about some events I have coming up in the near future, and some information you may find useful.

Tony DeLuca, Frank Dermody and I, will be holding a **Consumer Fair** on **Friday, August 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the St. Juan Diego Parish, located at 201 9th St., Sharpsburg, PA 15215. Representatives from organizations, including the Public Utility Commission, PHEAA, Neighborhood Legal Services, PA Housing Finance Agency, Advantage Credit Counseling, and more will be in attendance with information for consumers of all ages. Door prizes will be provided.

My office is holding its semi-annual **Shredding and E-Waste Recycling Event** on **Saturday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Cherry City Volunteer Fire Department, 309 Davis Ave., Millvale. Bring all documents you no longer need that contain personal information including Social Security numbers, old credit card applications, canceled checks, financial documents that are no longer needed and other documents with confidential information such as account numbers and signatures. Additionally, residents may bring old or broken televisions, computers, computer accessories, TV's, VCR's, cell phones etc. for electronic recycling. At our last event in May, we shredded 7,500 lbs of paper and recycled 3,415 lbs of E-waste! Please call my office at 412-361-2040 for more information and for the exact location.

The **Property Tax/Rent Rebate** program has been extended. The deadline is now **December 31, 2012**. If you are over the age of 65, a widow or widower age 50 or older, or disabled, with an income of \$35,000 or less for homeowners or \$15,000 or less for renters (applicants can exclude one-half of all Social Security income) you may qualify for a rebate. Please call or stop by the office for more information.

Lastly, please remember that on Election Day, November 6th, you **MUST** show a valid photo ID to be able to vote. You may obtain a photo ID card at a PennDOT Driver Licensing Center for free if you do not possess a valid photo ID. Please call or stop by the office to find out how. As always, if you need help with any State related issue or free notary service, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the office.

Sincerely,
Rep Dom Costa

☀ FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD

VEOLIA WATER BRINGS FRESH PERSPECTIVE, INTERIM EXECUTIVE MANAGER TO PWSA

Councilman Dowd is pleased to announce that the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors has hired Veolia Water to provide Interim Executive Management services to PWSA for a 12-month term. Veolia will supply PWSA, which has been without an Executive Director for 20 months, with veteran Veolia executive Jim Good to serve as Interim Executive Director of PWSA. This partnership will be overseen by a steering committee composed of three PWSA Board members (Councilman Patrick Dowd, Pittsburgh Finance Director Scott Kunka, and State Rep. Dan Deasy) and two Veolia North America executives.

Veolia Water was selected from a number of respondents to a request for proposals for interim management services issued by PWSA on March 1, 2012. In addition to providing an Interim Executive Manager, Veolia has also committed to providing rigorous diagnostic evaluations of PWSA operations, as well as recommendations for improvements to PWSA operating procedures. Evaluations and recommendations aim to elevate PWSA customer service, management practices, financial stability, and general operations to best-in-class standards. Veolia projects \$1-4 million in annual savings for the Authority that do not include any steps towards labor cost reduction.

Do you have questions or comments about the Veolia-PWSA partnership, city or state government issues, or issues in Morningside? Talk with Councilman Dowd at a special Morningside **Council-to-Go** co-hosted with State Rep. Dom Costa. at his Morningside office, 6808 Greenwood Street.

Council to Go: Thursday, August 23, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

☀ FOND FAREWELL: MATTHEW A. ARENA, SR.



Morningside has lost a friend with the untimely passing of Matt Arena on Friday, July 20, 2012. In November of 2006, when a fire destroyed seven Morningside homes, Matt, then President of the Morningside Area Community Council, led the effort to find assistance for the families. He served as a legislative aide for County Council, worked for the clerk of courts, prothonotary and register of wills, and held elected office as a supervisor in West Deer. Matt was the son of the late Anthony and Helen Arena; brother of Annette (Richard) Kress; father of Maria Slater, Matthew A. (Debbie) Arena, Jr., and Michelle Arena; former husband of Eileen Arena; grandfather of Sydney and Wes Slater, and Avery and Addison Arena. A memorial mass will be said on Saturday, August 4 at 10AM at St. Raphael Church. William Slater II Funeral Service of Scott Townships is handling the arrangements. www.slaterfuneral.com. Send condolences at post-gazette.com/gb

☀ **FIND THE WILDCATS ON FACEBOOK!**
Keep up with Morningside Wildcats Softball

☀ NEWS FROM ST. RAPHAEL

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

First day of school for 1st through 8th grades:
Thursday, August 23rd
First day of Kindergarten: Monday, August 27th
First day of Pre-School: Tuesday, September 4th

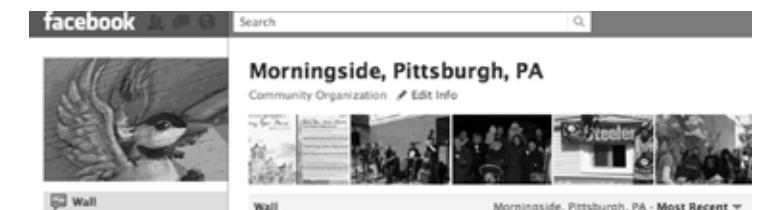
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Annual Cash Bash - Saturday, October 20th

Please contact the School Office at 412-661-0288 or schooloffice@straphaelelementaryschool.net for additional information or to schedule a tour.



FIND MACC ON FACEBOOK!
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☀ VOTER, CAN YOU PROVE YOUR IDENTITY?

By: Rob Shepherd

Even if you have been voting at the same polling place for 20 years and know every election officer, you will need to prove your identity to vote in this November's election. You will be asked to show photo identification before voting. Your photo ID must be current and contain an expiration date. These IDs are acceptable:

- Photo IDs issued by the federal government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including
 - PA driver's license or photo ID. Either can be used for 12 months past the expiration date;
 - Valid U.S. passport;
 - Valid U.S. military ID with an expiration date or a note that the ID is valid indefinitely;
 - U.S. military dependent's ID card with an expiration date;
 - Current government employee photo ID from the USA, PA, or a PA county municipality;
- Photo ID from a PA private or public college or university;
- Current photo ID from a PA care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences or personal care homes.

No one who is legally entitled to vote will be denied the right to do so. You may be entitled to get an ID for free from a PennDOT driver license center. Visit www.VotesPA.com or call 1-877-868-3772 for details. If you cannot get a free ID, you may cast a provisional ballot. To have your provisional ballot count, within 6 days after the election, you must provide a photo ID or make a legal affirmation to your county elections bureau.

Your Social Security card and birth certificate can help to identify you as a legitimate voter. For Social Security Card information, visit www.ssa.gov or call 800-772-1213. For birth certificate information, visit www.health.state.pa.us or phone 412-565-5118.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MACC MEETINGS

MACC meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at the Morningside VFW Hall at 1820 Morningside Avenue. All members and non-members are encouraged and welcomed to attend. Share your voice.

Next 2012 meetings: **September 5, October 3, November 7**

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VFW benefitting the MORNINGSIDE MILE FUNDRAISER

Friday, August 10, 2012 8:00pm
1820 Morningside Ave., 15206

MORNINGSIDE MILE & Community Day

Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 8:30 am-1pm
See pages 2 and 3 for details

4th ANNUAL FALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 20, 2012
Corner of Chislett and Greenwood - \$5 donation
Live music, food, drink, treat bags for kids, costumes encouraged

All events are sponsored by MACC

Dates and times of events are subject to change.

Morningside Social Network - Connecting on the Web

Nextdoor Morningside, a private social network just for residents of Morningside, had 149 households as of press time. Neighbors can use Nextdoor to find a babysitter, get the word out about a break-in, organize a yard sale or ask for help finding a lost pet. You can choose how much information about yourself that you share, so choose the right level of privacy to suit you.

Use this link to to join: <https://morningsidepa.nextdoor.com/invite/34a57743fccde91d1f8f> - you must be a resident of Morningside to join.

FROM THE MORNINGSIDE SENIOR CENTER

So far this summer has been a hot one, but at the Morningside Senior Center, we have been relaxing, having fun and keeping cool. We have also been spending our time planning a new activity for this fall and we invite PEOPLE OF ALL AGES to join us. On Wednesday mornings in September from 8:30-11am the Senior Center will host the Cup of the Morning Coffee Shop. We will have simple coffee and homemade pastries from one of our seniors, to go or stay and enjoy our outside seating. We hope to continue this on a regular basis if the community is interested.

We provide a place for adults 60 years and over to meet new people, have a hot meal, and have new experiences with no registration fee.

August brings Game Night with a Salad Sampler potluck on Thursday August 2nd from 4-6pm, and a Group Karaoke Party with dinner to follow on Friday August 17th. Saturday October 6th is our Annual Bingo Fundraiser look for details and ticket sales in the coming months.

Don't forget about all of our other regular activities like exercise class, a seated rhythmic movement class, crafts, restaurants, and shopping trips. You can always come and enjoy our pool table, treadmill, additional exercise equipment, and computers with internet access that are always available.

For information on these activities and more call 412-665-4342 Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm, and ask for Sarah or Martha.

MORNINGSIDE SENIOR CENTER TRAVEL

PINE GROVE DUDE RANCH

September 10-14, 2012

Join us for a 5-day/4-night trip that includes 3 meals a day, cocktail party and entertainment every evening and all sorts of social activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Venie 412-361-0285 or Vivian 412-486-7107

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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.

FROM MORNINGSIDE MEMORIES TO THE BULLDOG PUB & GRILL

By Terry Golden

I have always looked back on my years growing up in Morningside with a sense of amazement and wonder. Whether spending entire summer days at the field or evenings playing "release" or "hide and seek" in the back alley, it seemed to me that there couldn't have been a better place to be a kid in the late 60's and early 70's. The field was mecca for any kid interested in whichever sport was in season. Whiffle ball games in the showers or against the fence adjacent to the third base bleachers were common; rules were determined and enforced by the kids (I always liked that). The basketball court was the place to be after 5:30, with 4 or 5 teams lined up to play. If your team won you kept playing; lose and you went to the end of the pack to wait.

The field itself was reserved for minor and little league baseball from 5-8; then, men's softball usually took over, under the lights after '74. If you played baseball you either played for Stumpf's Market, red; Al Heyl Cleaners, blue; Stanton Federal, green, or Moose 46, black. Summers passed by quickly and fall meant Joe Natoli, Baz Fitzpatrick and the Morningside Bulldogs. As a kid, I was in awe and more than a bit frightened by the Bulldogs. Joe and Baz were larger than life, and the teams were a combination of energy and fearlessness that to me, at 10 years old and 62 pounds, were daunting. Joe was serious, strict but approachable; he commanded your attention without asking for it. Baz was no less a coach, an intellectual with a passion for detail and a nocturnal flair that brought many a young Morningsider to seek his counsel at 2 or 3 am (especially when home for college breaks.)

Getting to play for the Morningside Bulldogs in '74 and '75 (once I got over the fear factor) was one of the highlight of my teenage years. I wonder how many Morningside kids from my years stop to think about the many men and women who gave so much of their time without pay to make sure there was a place for kids to go, have fun, and maybe learn a thing or two along the way. People like Russ Kirk, Fran Laffey, Joe DiLorenzo, Dan Bradley, Dave Taylor, Milford Kuntz, Dom Stratiff, Buzzy Stack, Lou and Olga Lombardo, Don Sauerwein and Mike Suska just to name a few. These were men and women with families and commitments that found time to give back to the kids of Morningside, and perhaps that is what made Morningside such a special place.

So here I am, about to begin restoration of the old Petrelli's Bar and eventually open the Bulldog Pub & Grill. The name is an obvious nod to Joe, Baz and the others mentioned above. We want to honor this legacy of Morningside sports in the decor, so if you have any pictures or memorabilia to contribute, please contact me at bulldogpub19@gmail.com. My business partner and I will be putting in a new kitchen with a full menu, which you can view on our website, which will launch in the next few months at MeetMeAtTheDog.com. We hope to offer Morningside and the surrounding communities a comfortable, first-class restaurant that is family friendly and feels like home. I hope to meet you and begin new friendships in the fall of 2012 at "The Dog."



The current interior of the former Marooney's Bar that will become the Bulldog Pub & Grill. It is under renovation and expected to open in October of 2012.

SPECIAL THANKS!



Morningside's Community Gardens are looking beautiful, with special thanks to Michele Pickur of Douglass' Greenhouse and the Morningside VFW for donating flowers and funds.

The next content deadline is Oct. 14, 2012
Contact michelle.belan@gmail.com

BECOME A TREE TENDER

Tree Pittsburgh is offering Tree Tender Courses on Saturdays throughout the year:

* **Saturday June 16th**, 9am-4pm, Rothschild Doyno Collaborative, 2847 Penn Avenue, Strip District

* **Saturday September 15th**, 9am-4pm Western Pennsylvania Conservancy 800 Waterfront Drive, Washington's Landing

Tree Tender Courses count towards continuing education credits for ISA Certified Arborists and both Phipps and Penn State Master Gardeners. The \$40 cost includes registration, materials and instruction as well as a light breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Caitlin@treepittsburgh.org or 412-362-6360.

STREET TREE PROGRAM

The MACC & TreeVitalize Pittsburgh (a partnership to restore tree cover in the Pittsburgh region) invite 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.

If you would like to be considered for a FREE tree & planting, contact Amy at 412-330-7667.

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Become a member of the MACC by contacting Yasmeen Ariff-Sayed at 412-441-0215. 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.

MACC MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$5 Per Person _____ (Total)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

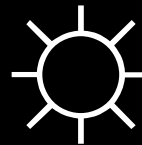
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Email: _____

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