

# Morningside Messenger

## Spring 2014



### New Membership Levels for 2014

Each year the Morningside Area Community Council (MACC) hosts a variety of neighborhood events including the Morningside Messenger Newsletter, Trash Pick-up and Beautification Days, an Easter egg hunt, the Morningside Mile race, Falloween, and the Merry Morningside Caroling and Holiday Lights contest. Behind the scenes, MACC works to keep the lines of communication open with our city, state, and federal officials and advocates for business development and for funding that keeps our streets safe and our neighborhood beautiful.

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.**

All monthly meetings and committee activities are open to the general public and membership is not a requirement for participation; however, only MACC members are entitled to vote in our annual elections and run for an elected office. Membership dues are applied to our annual operating budget. Your \$5 contribution is tax-deductible.

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

Membership at this level includes **10% off your food items at the Bulldog Pub** (1818 Morningside Avenue, 412-404-2775) for 2014 when you show them your MACC Membership card. Plus Members may deduct the entire \$25 donation.

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<b>This Morningside Messenger is sponsored by:</b>	
<b>Bulldog Pub</b>	
<b>Morningside Dental</b>	

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

Membership at this level includes **10% off your food items at the Bulldog Pub** for 2014 when you show them your MACC Membership card, an awesome **long sleeve Morningside t-shirt**, and **additional perks** to be announced monthly. With a t-shirt, tax-deductible amount is \$40; without it, it is the full \$50.



D E T A C H

Thank you very much for your continuing support,

Grant Ervin, *MACC President*  
Allison McLaren, *Membership Chair*

To become a member, return this form to: Allison McLaren • 1222 Morningside Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15206 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 Memberships (\$50/person)

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

S M L XL XXL No shirt

Please allow 1-2 weeks to receive your membership card.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 - 2:00 pm**

Children aged 2-12 are invited to **St. Raphael's Gallagher Hall** for activities including an Easter Egg Hunt (BYOB – Bring Your Own Basket), Crafts, Face Painting, and other games and goodies! Suggested donation is \$5.

**Please RSVP to:** Nan Pishke, fpischke@verizon.net or Jennifer McCarthy, jennyjomac@gmail.com



## Earth Day Clean-up

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**

Individuals and groups (sports teams, church groups, scouts, etc.) are invited to **meet outside the VFW** for a neighborhood spring cleaning.

Possible areas of activity include Natoli Field, Heth's Field, the business district, and neighborhood streets. Gloves, trash bags, and vests will be provided.

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



## Project for Local Stormwater Management

Morningside residents will soon have the opportunity to request a rain barrel for their homes through **Project 15206**.

*Stormwater* is rainwater run-off from roofs, parking lots, and other impervious services. When not properly managed, stormwater can lead to polluted waterways, flooding, and erosion. *Green infrastructure* involves installing things such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and pervious pavements so that rainwater stays on site instead of flowing into the sewer system or a waterway. *Rain barrels* collect roof

water which can then be used later for gardening or other home activities.

Project 15206 is a stormwater management initiative led by Penn State Extension, Pittsburgh Community Services Inc., and State Senator Jim Ferlo, with participation from numerous government, philanthropic, non-profit, and community groups. The project focuses on installing green stormwater management infrastructure in the 15206 zip code.

**For more information contact Ali Mabel:** (217) 597-2391, alt9b8@yahoo.com

## MORNINGSIDE★MILE

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

The Morningside Mile is a one-mile run/walk to promote fitness and build community through physical activity. Each year, the race honors one individual from the Morningside area who has bravely and unselfishly served our country and its citizens.

To nominate the 2014 honoree or volunteer to coordinate Community Day following the race, **contact Alana Delaney:** (412) 874-7440

## Heth's/Natoli Fields Steering Committee Evaluates Field Use

A steering committee of representatives from sports teams and neighborhoods with ties to Heth's and Natoli Fields have provided input for better utilization and maintenance of the fields. The project addressed a recommendation of a recent strategic planning process.

From September to November 2013, four community meetings, several surveys, and interviews of neighborhood participants vetted priorities, wish lists, resident concerns, and short- and long-term development opportunities. Research of existing athletic association and sports

management organizations across the state also was conducted to help the committee evaluate field use models.



"This process was successful largely because representatives volunteered many hours for serious, collegial discussion with a willingness to move ahead for the betterment of the broader footprint surrounding the fields," said Grant Ervin, MACC president, who coordinated the project. "We owe these neighbors a debt of thanks."

After the final report has been presented to the steering committee for review and comment, it will be posted on the MACC website.

## Senior Center Offering New Spring Classes

The Morningside Senior Center hosts regular activities like crafts, cards, shopping trips, and restaurant trips. Plus computers with internet that are always available. Bingo is every Friday at 1 pm, and Rhythmic Movement exercise classes are T-W-TH at 10:15 am.

All programs and classes are offered for seniors who live in Allegheny County and are 60 years of age or older.

**For more information call:**  
(412) 665-4342 weekdays from 8-4 pm and ask for Jaime or Martha.

**Chair Yoga: Monday, April 7th at 10 am**  
Alison Popivchak, RYT, will teach a chair yoga class designed for seniors. Additional classes will be determined based on participation. Come with comfortable clothing and sneakers.

**Photography Class: Wednesdays, April 9th - 30th from 1-3 pm**

Join us for this FREE class taught by a CCAC instructor. Bring your camera!

**Earth Day Potluck & Party: Tuesday, April 22nd from 3:30-5:30 pm**

## VFW "Senior" Prom

**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm - 12:00 am**

Dust off your corsages and cummerbunds for a Last Chance "Senior" Prom at the *Morningside VFW (1820 Morningside Avenue)*.

Tickets are \$15/person and include dinner and draft beer. Tickets will be on sale from April 1st thru April 30th and will not be available at the door.

**RSVP to:** Stacy DiRenzo, (412) 377-5448 or Sue Kirk, (412) 441-3297

## At St. Raphael's...

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry: Fridays April 4th, 11th, and 18th from 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

Held in the Multi-Purpose Room, sponsored by the Athletic Association

**2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon, Race for the Raiders: Friday, May 9th**

Contact Alicia Parsi at alesha13@yahoo.com or visit the MACC website to learn how to become a sponsor.

**Picnic at Kennywood: Mon, June 23rd**  
\$25 Tickets will be on sale at the school on May 22nd starting at 8 am.

## MACC 'n Cheese

Congratulations to Stacey DiRenzo, winner of the Inaugural MACC 'n Cheese Bake-off! And also to the Bulldog Pug, winner of the People's Choice Award.

Visit the MACC website for details and additional photos of the event.



## Lutheran Luncheons

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 - 3:00 pm & May 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 - 3:00 pm**

The Messiah Lutheran Church Ladies Guild is sponsoring two Spring Luncheons at *Messiah Lutheran Church, 1736 Jancey St.* Please join them for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Tickets are \$8.

**Reservations can be made by calling:**  
Sally Love, (412) 362-1944.

## 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.

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.

## Representing Morningside

There have been some big changes this year in our local government. In addition to Pittsburgh's new mayor, District 7 elected a new councilperson following Patrick Dowd's resignation last summer. MACC would like to thank Councilman Dowd for his strong support over the years and is excited to build new partnerships with Mayor Bill Peduto and Councilwoman Deb Gross.

MACC would also like to thank long-time supporters in State Representative Dom Costa's office for the time and resources they tirelessly donate.

**Mayor William Peduto**  
(412) 255-2626  
[pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/](http://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/)

**City Councilperson Deborah Gross**  
(412) 255-2140  
[pittsburghpa.gov/district7/](http://pittsburghpa.gov/district7/)

**State Representative Dom Costa**  
(412) 361-2040  
[www.pahouse.com/dcosta/](http://www.pahouse.com/dcosta/)

**State Senator Jim Ferlo**  
(412) 621-3006  
[www.senatorferlo.com/](http://www.senatorferlo.com/)

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**Online at...**

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## 2014 COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**Sat May 31<sup>st</sup> & Sun June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**F**inish your spring cleaning off right by brining your once-loved treasures to the Morningside Community Yard Sale. If you'd like to participate, please submit the form below **along with \$10 (payable to MACC) by May 15th.**

Your \$10 covers costs for advertising in the Trib Total Media (PennySaver & Tribune Review), Green Sheet, and Craigslist; neighborhood posters for the event; yard sale signs for participants; and neighborhood maps of participating homes received by the deadline of May 15th.

**For more information, contact Mike:** (412) 760-0560, mike.hellman@verizon.net

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### 2014 YARD SALE REGISTRATION FORM

Due by May 15th to: 1604 Jancey St. #1 • Include \$10 cash or check payable to MACC

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

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

Participating:     Sat. May 31st             Sun June 1st             Both Days

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

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