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MACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends,

2009 was a busy year that was filled with accomplishments for MACC and Morningside residents and 2010 promises to be no different. This past year saw enhancements to the physical appearance of the community, numerous community-building activities and planning and advocacy efforts designed to preserve our unique character while improving one of Western Pennsylvania's best neighborhoods. Some accomplishments from the past year include:

- Through the work of MACC's Greening and Beautification Committee and numerous dedicated residents we've seen the addition of over eighty new street trees to the community, enhancements to the garden plots at the gateways to the neighborhood and community clean ups that yielded the collection of over one hundred bags of rubbish.
- Meanwhile, MACC's Community Development and Transportation Committee coordinated efforts to soften the impact of the Route 28 detour, assist in final engineering design for the Heth's Run Bridge and encourage community input into the Port Authority's new route plan and the City of Pittsburgh's Visioning Plan for the AlleghenyRiverfront.
- The neighborhoods business district continues to see investment as the result of a community organized concept vision. From the addition of new trash receptacles and streetlights to new storefronts and mural, a new energy is emerging as the result of the work of business owners, residents and elected officials.

Looking at the year ahead opportunities persist. The revitalization of the Morningside School requires our patience and persistence and acting on new ideas conceived by residents like the Allegheny Overlook at Morningside Avenue and Baker Street asks for our imagination. However, one thing is certain, MACC exists to serve the community and to do so requires the engagement of residents, volunteers and members. We look forward to your continued participation.

Sincerely,

Grant Ervin
MACC President

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

PWSA OFFERS LOW-COST WATER AND SEWER LINE INSURANCE

By Patrick Dowd, City Council District 7

Many of you have replaced sewer lines yourself or know neighbors that have, so you may be aware of the unexpected hardship this expensive repair can create for homeowners. In January, PWSA began offering insurance at a minimal cost that will completely cover water and sewer line repairs. Unlike earlier insurance programs, you have to opt-out if you prefer not to be covered by this program.

You have probably already noticed an additional \$5 charge on your monthly PWSA bill for "Line Warranty - Water & Sewer". Those who choose to make this monthly payment will be completely insured in the event of a water or sewer lateral line failure or collapse. Many other water and sewer line insurance programs exist, but set a maximum coverage amount or only cover one of the two lines. With the PWSA line warranty, whether the repair costs \$1,000 or \$15,000, the entire bill will be covered by the insurance.

If you currently have line insurance from another party, be sure to research your options and cancel the lesser program to avoid a duplicate expense. If you choose to opt out of the PWSA program before June 2010, you will receive a refund of the money that you have already paid into the system. To opt out, submit the Opt-Out Election Form sent with your most recent bill, call 1-866-998-7965, or visit www.utilitylinesecurity.com. If you choose to retain the PWSA coverage, contact your current provider to learn about your cancellation options.

In my two years in office, I have heard from many constituents who did not have sewer line insurance and could not afford the high cost of line repairs when they discovered a break. Whether your water and sewer line insurance is offered through PWSA or another carrier, programs like these protect customers from financial crisis, reduce unsanitary conditions in our neighborhoods caused by broken sewer lines, and ensure repairs to our city's infrastructure are made quickly.

Questions about the new PWSA insurance program can be directed to Utility Line Security at 1-866-998-7965 or www.utilitylinesecurity.com. As always, you can reach our office at 412-255-2140 or district7@city.pittsburgh.pa.us.

PARKING SPACE SAVERS

Now that the winter weather is leaving us, please remove your parking space chairs, tables, cones, litter, etc. from the street, curb, and/or sidewalk.

Let's all help to keep Morningside clean.

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.

STREET TREE PROGRAM

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

Request includes FREE evaluation of site, FREE curb cut (if needed), FREE Tree (if approved), FREE planting. Please know that the trees will be sized appropriately to the area; relieving the possibilities of too large roots that can damage sidewalks and utilities. Please know that these are smaller shade trees and not overwhelming forest trees.

If you would like to be considered for a FREE tree & planting, contact Amy at 412-330-7667. The next planting is November 2010, but applications must be received by **March 22, 2010.**

M.A.C.C. Easter Event

When: Saturday, March 27th

Where: St. Raphael's Multi-Purpose Room

Time: 2pm-4pm

Who: Children ages 2-12

Suggested Donation: \$5.00, includes Membership to M.A.C.C.

RSVP by 3/22: Corinne Antoszewski 412-441-8475

or Jennifer McCarthy at jennymac@gmail.com

Activities include:

Crafts and Coloring, Face Painting, Easter Egg Hunt + other

Games and Goodies for the kids.



THREE CS INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY. CONSENSUS. COMMUNICATION.

Exciting developments are underway in Morningside! Popular seasonal activities, new businesses, new residents, the development of the Morningside Elementary School and so much more! MACC wants to more effectively communicate to each other as well as to the broader Pittsburgh community about Morningside and its many assets.

MACC has engaged communications partners, Diane Wuycheck along with Patricia Murphy, to work with us to build a communications strategy and a mechanism for implementing it. This initiative is being funded by a grant from the City's Urban Redevelopment Authority. Diane has 30+ years of marketing and communications experience. Pat is a community development professional, the author of the book "Organizing for Community Controlled Development: Renewing Civil Society" and a professor in the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Social Work.

MACC encourages the involvement and input of all! The communications strategy will be built by you and for you through a series of interactive methods with multiple opportunities for the community to come together, provide insights and ideas about communications. We will work toward consensus on how we communicate about Morningside.

The process starts this month! Plan to attend a community meeting whether or not you are a MACC member. If you live or do business in the neighborhood you are invited! Bring your family and friends. These will be facilitated discussions with a set of goals to cover, for example, Morningside's strengths and weaknesses regarding communications; Morningside issues you want to hear more about; communications means you prefer (newsletter, email, phone, social media), etc. Dates and times were selected to accommodate various work and family schedules.

All meetings will be held at the VFW building at 1820 Morningside Avenue. Choose to attend either of the following community meetings:

Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. - Noon

OR

Wednesday, March 24, from 6-8 p.m.

A summary of the discussions will be posted on MACC's Web site for review and comment. Then, a third community meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, from 6-8 p.m. to come to consensus on what the MACC communications priorities should be for 2010 based on your input. Those recommendations will form the basis of MACC's 2010 Communications Plan.

Questions? Contact Grant Ervin, MACC President, at grant_ervin@hotmail.com.

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. Please share your voice.

April 7, 2010 - MACC Meeting

May 5, 2010 - MACC Meeting

June 2, 2010 - MACC Meeting

EVENTS

7th Annual Spring Bingo

Sunday - March 21, 2010

St. Raphael's Church (SEE AD)

Spring Easter Celebration

Saturday - March 27, 2010

St. Raphael's Multi Purpose Room - 2:00 - 4:00pm

RSVP Corinne at 412-441-8475

EARTH DAY - Neighborhood Litter Clean Up

Saturday, April 24, 2010

10:00am - 1:00pm

Rain or Shine

Meet at VFW (1820 Morningside Ave)

Gloves and Bags provided

Questions call Amy at 412-330-7667

MOVIE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

August 21, 2010

5:00 - 11:00pm (Movie starts around 8:30)

Cure your cabin fever at St. Raphael's
Seventh Annual



4 Early Birds at \$25 each ☛ 20 Regular games at \$75 each ☛ 4 Specials at \$150 each ☛ 1 50/50 (\$200 minimum) ☛ \$1000 Jackpot

Location: St. Raphael's Gym and
Multi-Purpose Room (non-smoking/wheelchair accessible)
1154 Chislett St. in Morningside

Doors Open at 11:45am ☛ Early Birds 1:00pm ☛ Regular games 1:30pm

ALL PAPER PACKAGE IN ADVANCE
\$25 for 15 Cards - 20 Regular games plus 4 specials - (\$30 at door)
Extra Cards: \$1.50 for a 3 card book (20 regular games plus 4 specials)
Early Birds: \$3 book of 3 cards for each of the 4 games
50/50: \$1 for 1 card ☛ Jackpot: \$1 for 3 cards

TICKETS

Rectory (412) 661-3100
School office (412) 661-0288 (9am - 2pm)
Shani Love (412) 661-7569

Door Prizes ☛ Raffles ☛ Refreshments Available ☛ Free Coffee

150 player minimum or bingo will be cancelled and money refunded.
Must be 18 or older to play

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GOLD SPONSOR

Dr. Wayne Decroo - 1809 Jancey St
Hairstyles by Lisa - 1741 Chislett St

SILVER SPONSOR

First Commonwealth Bank - 1801 Jancey St
Morningside VFW - 1820 Morningside Ave
Tim's Barber Shop - 1802 Chislett St

BRONZE SPONSOR

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MACC Nomination & MACC Events

Vacant

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.