



MORNINGSIDE NEWS - September 2007

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Morningside Area Community Council

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Community Day 2007

Saturday, September 22nd

5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

St. Raphael's Church, Gallagher Hall and Schoolyard

- Military Ceremony
- Family Magic Show
- Ventriloquist
- Disc Jockey/Dance Contests
- Balloon Sculptor, & Face Painting
- Finale: Family Movie—Shrek

Bring the family, pack a basket and enjoy this end of summer annual event. Popcorn and drinks will be provided for the movie.

Volunteers Still Needed: Call MaryAnn at 412-362-7407 or email maryamerran@aol.com

For additional information, go to the MACC website @ www.macconline.org.

From the M.A.C.C.

The Morningside Family

As we move into September, it's time to honor. Veterans, residents, neighbors, and friends, who are all cordially invited to **Community Day 2007** on September 22nd from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at St. Raphael's Gallagher Hall and Schoolyard. Initiated in 2001 as a way to bring the community together after the vents of 9/11, Community Day has grown into an event to bring neighbors together in celebration of much more. Presented by M.A.C.C., all activities are free of charge. Please come out and involve yourself in this family oriented festivity.

September is a great time to become involved in your community, and to help contribute to the wellbeing of your family and neighbors. This month brings a community conversation sponsored by Representative Bennington, as well as a neighborhood forum sponsored by Mayor Ravenstahl. These events give you a chance to bring your concerns to the table, and take another step to

improve Morningside. The Beautification Committee has been working overtime again, and present the fall Community Clean up this month as well.

Finally, thanks to a \$25,000 grant secured by PA State Senator Jim Ferlo and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, M.A.C.C. now has resources to hire consultants to conduct a market studies for business district and the vacant elementary school. In addition, the Community Design Center has awarded M.A.C.C. a \$12,000 grant to pursue a streetscape design plan. If you want to take an active role in shaping the future of Morningside, we invite you to become a M.A.C.C. member. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. However, you are welcome to share your ideas, only M.A.C.C. members are eligible to vote. Won't you consider joining us during this exciting time in Morningside's history?*

September Litter Clean-Up

Volunteers Needed

KIDS - YOUTH GROUPS - SPORTS TEAMS - BUSINESSES - EVERYONE

sidewalk clean up)

All interested volunteers/groups should call Amy at 412-362-0132.

WHAT: MORNINGSIDE TRASH/LITTER CLEAN UP

All volunteers should sign in the day of event at the VFW to receive trash bags, gloves, instructions, etc. Pre-volunteer sign up is encouraged.

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007, RAIN or SHINE!

WHERE: SIGN IN AT VFW Parking Lot - Morningside Avenue OR Heth's Field

TIME: 10:00 am

Areas of clean up include:

- Natoli Field
- Heth's Field
- Throughout neighborhood (walking tour for street/



Community Conversation

Representative Lisa Bennington is hosting a *community conversation* to discuss Heth's Field, and other public safety issues of concern to our community.

Thursday, September 13th
6 p.m.—8 p.m.

St. Raphael's Multipurpose Room

Invited panelists include:

- Councilman Len Bodack
- Zone 5 Commander Ra'shall Brackney
- Crime Prevention Officer Michael Gay
- City Parks Duane Ashley

Look for a post-card reminder from Representative Bennington's office in the mail soon.

Please Note: The September M.A.C.C. meeting has moved to September 12 so that everyone can attend the Mayor's Neighborhood Forum on September 5th. See page 3 for Forum details.

Parking Reminder

Please be aware that parking is not permitted on the sidewalk in the City of Pittsburgh. While it might seem logical to pull onto the sidewalk to give cars more room to pass, we ask that you curb this bad habit. Sidewalk parking destroys sidewalks and utility lines, is unsafe for pedestrians, and is illegal:

CHAPTER 541: GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS

§ 541.01 PROHIBITIONS IN SPECIFIED PLACES.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no operator of a vehicle shall, and no owner of a vehicle

shall allow the vehicle to:

- (a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle:
- (1) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street except that a pedalcycle may be parked as provided in Vehicle Code 3509(b)(2).
- (2) On a sidewalk except that a pedalcycle may be parked as provided in Vehicle Code 3509(b)(2).

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Do Not Call Registry

If you signed up for the National Do Not Call Registry when it first debuted five years ago, it's time to re-register your phone number.

When you register your phone number for free, it will remain on the national do-not-call list for five years. You may re-enter your number on the list when the five years have passed, and you may remove your number from the list at any time.

The Do-Not-Call registry does not prevent all unwanted calls. It does not cover the following:

- calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship;
- calls for which you have given prior written permission;

- calls which are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisements;
- calls by or on behalf of tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

How to register

Subscribers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call registry by telephone or by Internet at no cost.

Consumers can register online for the national do-not-call registry by going to www.donotcall.gov. To register by telephone, consumers may call 1-888-382-1222; for TTY call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the phone number you wish to register.

Know More About Your Credit

With identity theft on the rise it is more important than ever to monitor your credit. FREE annual credit reports are available by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228 or by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. Credit scores, usually available

to lenders, are now *only* available for a fee. If you'd like to see your scores, you can order them for a *fee* from the credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. For more information on your credit and correcting mistakes, visit www.ftc.gov/freereports and w.consumersunion.org/issues/creditmatters.html.

Calendar

September 5
6:30 p.m. Mayor's Neighborhood Forum
St. Lawrence O'Toole Gym

September 8
9 am. Sam Mastromateo Memorial Golf Outing
For info, call Mike Nene at 412-965-4158 or Dave Sauerwein at 412-441-0629

September 8
10 am. Morningside Litter Clean-Up, meet at VFW or Heth's Field

September 11

7 p.m. Zone 5 Citizen's Public Safety Council, Union Project, N. Negley Ave.

September 12
7 p.m. M.A.C.C. Meeting, VFW Hall

September 13
6 p.m. Representative Bennington's Community Conversation, St. Raphael's Multipurpose Room

September 22
5 p.m. Community Day, St. Raphael's Gallagher Hall

**M.A.C.C. meets at the Morningside V.F.W. Hall on the first Wednesday of Month at 7 p.m.
2007 Dates: September 12, October 3, November 7**

2nd Annual Duke of Ribs Competition September 15th at the Union Project

East End— Armed with their special sauces and grilling talents, local amateur and professional rib chefs will compete for the prized title of "Duke of Ribs" on September 15th from 11am-3pm at the Union Project. Located on the corner of Stanton and Negley Avenues in Pittsburgh's East End, the Union Project is pleased to host this second annual event and invites Morningside and the Pittsburgh community to help determine the city's own "Duke of Ribs."

This year's "Duke of Ribs" will be judged by a panel of local celebrities including Tony Mowod, Executive Producer and Jazz Host of WQED 90.5 FM. Attendance for the event is free and open to the public. Five dollars will buy the public five rib tastings from competitors. Additional side dishes will be available through the Urban Fusion Café. Attendees will not only have the opportunity to sample the city's best ribs, but also to hear local DJ talent.

Entries for the rib chefs are still being accepted. Registration is \$25 for amateur chefs and \$75 for professionals and restaurants. Chefs must provide their own grill and ribs must be ready for judging no later than noon. For a registration form, list of prizes and full list of regulations please visit

<http://www.unionproject.org>.

The Union Project is a non-profit organization, located on the corner of Negley Ave. and Stanton Ave. in the former Union Baptist Church. The Union Project provides a gathering and working space for artists, community builders and people of faith. As key to meeting its mission and focusing on sustainability, the Union Project is initiating several social enterprises that employ local at-risk youth and low-income individuals. More information about the Union Project, space rental or upcoming events can be found at www.unionproject.org.

Mayor's Neighborhood Forum

Join Mayor Luke Ravenstahl for a Mayor's Neighborhood Forum - one of a series of ten community conversations throughout Pittsburgh neighborhoods. The Mayor will report back to Bloomfield, Friendship, Garfield, Highland Park, Central, Lower and Upper Lawrenceville, **Morningside**, Polish Hill and Stanton Heights on initiatives such as his Neighborhoods First Agenda and solicit input on the state and future of the community.

- Wednesday, September 5
- 6:30 - 7:30pm
- St. Lawrence O'Toole Gymnasium
- 5323 Penn Avenue
- Pittsburgh, PA 15224

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Watson, Neighborhood Initiatives Coordinator, Jennifer.Watson@city.pittsburgh.pa.us; or phone 412-255-4765.

The Green Scene for Homeowners: Reducing Your Bill\$

East End—The Green Building Alliance and Community Design Center of Pittsburgh have teamed up to offer this first-ever series geared to the residential market.

This third program features representatives from Conservation Consultants, Inc., who will offer money-saving tips to reduce energy and water bills.

Cost:
\$15 for GBA members; \$20 for nonmembers

Location:
Construction Junction, 214 N. Lexington St., Pittsburgh, PA 15208

When:
Saturday, 9/15/2007, 10 a.m. - noon

For more information, please visit the Green Building Alliance website at <http://www.gbapgh.org/events.asp>.

**Keep your eye on the M.A.C.C. website.
A fresh new look, easier navigation, and
more content is coming soon!
<http://www.macconline.org>**

The 1st Annual Steel City Big Pour

East End— Join your neighbors for an afternoon of fun while you help to raise money for Construction Junction.

3 Hours of Drinks, Live Art & Music on September 15, 2007

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Session One: 12pm to 3pm
Session Two: 5pm to 8pm

Ticket prices per session are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door


Food, music, live art and free beverage tastings are included in the ticket price

Designated driver tickets are available for \$10

Buy Tickets Online!
<http://www.constructionjunction.org/events/index.php>

Tickets can also be purchased at Construction Junction and East End Brewing Company

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Thank you Eat'n Park! M.A.C.C. thanks Cris Tadesse for her generous support of our community. One lucky resident wins a gift card by attending our monthly meetings. Please join us!

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