



WHAT WILL 2011 BRING? YOU DECIDE.

Dear Neighbors,

Developing a good game plan is a key to any successful team. Recognizing your challenges, building from your strengths and using your resources wisely are critical components to such a plan.

On January 8th, MACC hosted its fourth annual strategic planning session. Attendees took the opportunity to recognize achievements over the last year, things like developing the communications and membership plan, installing new welcome signs and working with our neighbors in Stanton Heights to preserve over forty acres of wooded hillside by implementing the creation of the Allegheny Greenway. While it's fun to think about the positives, attendees also identified areas where improvements are needed and began to chart a course to tackle these challenges.

Participants separated into two groups. Group one focused on building on success in the business district. Meanwhile, group two concentrated on connecting residents through events and activities. Both teams developed creative ideas and action plans to achieve their identified goals.

Please take a look at the MACC Strategic Plan on our new website at <http://morningside-pa.org>. Let us know if you have any suggestions or issues that you would like to include. If you see something of interest and would like to lend a hand please contact us.

As playwright John Heywood said, "Many hands make light the work."

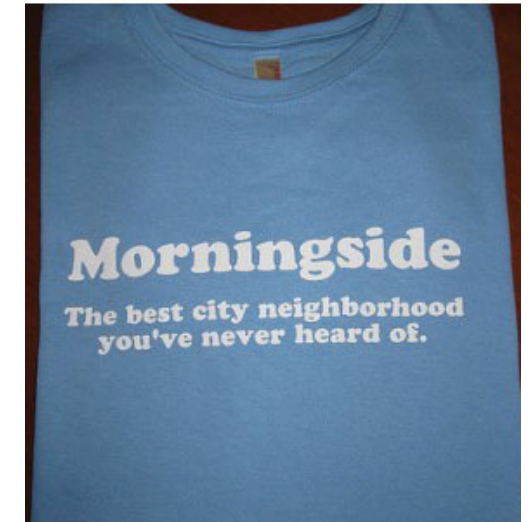
Here is to a successful 2011.

Grant Erwin

MACC President

Some of our community's successes in 2010

- Improving communications systems
- Well-attended, well-received activities
- Good volunteer leadership
- 100 new trees in neighborhood
- City Planning Commission's approval of the Allegheny Greenway
- Welcome signs on Morningside Ave.
- Increase in MACC membership
- More students at St. Raphael's
- Housing values going up
- Completion of the new building at the corner of Greenwood and Morningside



One of the winning slogans for MACC's t-shirt giveaway

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MACC

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.

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:
Yasmeen Ariff-Sayed
1424 Morningside Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Thank you for your support of the M.A.C.C.



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READY FOR SNOW?

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD:

Winter is officially here and we have received many inquiries about the new City of Pittsburgh Winter Weather Emergency Resource Guide produced by the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works. It provides vital information about both routine and emergency snow removal operations and presents the new snow emergency routes. If you have not received your copy by now through the mail, please call 311 to request one. You may also download your copy at the following URL:

http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/assets/winter_weather_guide_map.pdf

Please do NOT call 311 during a snow and ice event to request street plowing and salting unless it has not been addressed after 24 hours after the storm. Allow more time for larger snow events. Please do not hesitate to call 911 in case of emergencies.

FROM THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE DOM COSTA

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Our office will be preparing Income Tax Returns for seniors, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, at our office located at 6808 Greenwood St. This service is free to those who are 65 or older with an income of \$35,000 or less. Also keep in mind that we can fill out your 2010 Property Tax/Rent Rebate and LIHEAP applications.

Please call 412-361-2040 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,
State Representative Dom Costa

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD

Hello Neighbors and Friends,

I would like to take an opportunity to simply say thank you. Morningside is such a committed community: committed to neighbors, families, businesses and so much more. I appreciate hearing from you about your needs and goals as a community. About what is going well and what might need some more help. We continue to work on many improvement projects together including the Allegheny River Greenway, the proposed overlook along Baker Street, Heth's Run and the ballfields.

I encourage you to attend our regular Council-to-Go meetings to share your concerns for your community, thoughts for bettering your City, and any specific issues you may be facing with regard to city services. As our usual meeting spot, the Morning Glory Coffeehouse, recently closed, we will be holding the Morningside Council-to-Go in new locations this year.

We hope to see you at one of the upcoming Council-to-Go. If you cannot attend, please do not hesitate to call or email me with your questions and concerns. I can be reached at 412.255.2140 or district7@city.pittsburgh.pa.us. District 7 staff members Emily, Jennifer and Steve and I are always available to hear and act on your thoughts and concerns.

Thank you again for all you do for your neighborhood and each other.

Best regards,
Councilman Patrick Dowd

District 7 Council-to-Go.

February 24, 2011 7:00-8:00 pm
Union Project - 801 N. Negley Ave.

April 28, 2011 7:00-8:00 pm
Morningside VFW Hall - 1820 Morningside Ave.

GET THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL!

Sign up at www.maconline.org.

Sign up for the email newsletter and get even more Morningside News - and save a tree!

SAVE THE DATES - 2011

Saturday, April 16th - 10:00am to 1:00pm

**Earth Day:
Neighborhood Litter Clean-Up & Ball Field Painting**
Meet at VFW (1820 Morningside Ave.) - Rain or Shine
Gloves & bags provided
Volunteer hours available
Sports teams: please help with ball field painting
Questions? Please call Amy at 412-330-7667

Sunday, April 17th - 12:30 to 2:30pm

Easter Event, St. Raphael's multi-purpose room

June/July/August

Morningside Community Block Parties or Porch Parties T.B.D.

Saturday, September 10th - 8:30am to 12 noon

Morningside Mile Honoring Those Who Serve (Fun Run) + Community Day

Saturday, October 15th

Fall Clean-Up - 10:00am - 1:00pm
3rd Annual Halloween Festival - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

December 2011

Caroling, Tree Lighting and Christmas Lights Competition

All events are sponsored by M.A.C.C.
Dates and times of events are subject to change.



Find us on Facebook!
Morningside, Pittsburgh, PA
Visit our website for the latest news in the neighborhood. www.maconline.org

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.

If you would like to be considered for a FREE tree & planting, contact Amy at 412-330-7667. Fall planting application deadline is 3/20/11.

NEWS FROM ST. RAPHAEL

Night at the Races - Gallagher Hall

Saturday, March 5, 2011
Doors will open at 6:30pm - Dinner served at 7:00pm
Races will begin at 7:30pm
Admission: \$15 in advance - \$20 at the door

Spring Bingo

Sunday, March 20, 2011
Tickets \$25.00

Spring Luncheon / Fashion Show

Sunday, April 10, 2011
Churchill Valley Country Club
Tickets \$26.00

Please contact the school office for additional information.
(412-661-0288)

MISS OUT ON A FREE T-SHIRT?

Our t-shirt campaign was very popular! Sadly, we don't have anymore to give away, but if you'd like to have one of your own, visit the link below. \$2 of every purchase goes to support MACC programs in the community.

<http://morningsidepgh.spreadshirt.com>



MORNINGSIDE SPORTS!

Baseball: Our next sign ups are *Friday, Feb. 18, 2011* from 5 to 7 and *Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011* from 12 to 3 at St. Raphael's Multiple-Purpose room. Open to boys and girls ages 5 to 17 year old.

T-Ball - \$50

Baseball - \$75/one child, \$90 for a family

Winter baseball program: Friday nights in Feb. from 8pm to 10 pm in Sharpsburg Recreation Center.

Questions? Call Jay Elwood 412-915-5964 or jayelwood@hotmail.com.

Softball: Sign-ups are *Friday, Feb. 25, 2011* from 5-7 pm & *Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011* from 12-3 pm at St. Raphael's Multiple-Purpose room. Open to girls ages 6 to 18 year old.

Questions? Call George or Nicole Mazza 412-251-2155 or mazzajr@yahoo.com.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

6944 President Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

BINGO! Every Friday from 1-3 PM

If you're 60+, call to register for lunch - 412-665-4342

For more information about programs or activities for those 60 or older, or to volunteer to work with seniors, please call 412-665-4342.

FREE YOUTH CLOTHING BANK

Church of Christ - 6600 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh
(Fifth Ave. & Beechwood Blvd., across from Mellon Park)

Sizes newborns to teens - no adult clothing!

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. Share your voice.

Next meetings: **February 2, March 2, April 6**

MORNINGSIDE PLANT SWAP

Do your flowers get too big, but you don't want to throw them away? Bring them to the monthly MACC meeting at 7:00 PM (Starting May - September) and swap with other gardeners or leave them for someone to replant. Questions? Call Amy at 412-330-7667.

MORNINGSIDE GARDEN CLUB

Have a green thumb or just want to help keep Morningside beautiful? Join the MACC Garden Club! We will meet in the Spring to discuss the two garden plots and plant flowers on May 14, 2011 (TENTATIVE). We care for the flowers through the summer, and with enough volunteers, it won't take much time. What a great way to teach our children about our environment! Call Amy at 412-330-7667 to join!

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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.