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Calendar of Events

Troy Hill Public Meeting
Wednesday
September 10, 2014
Most Holy Name
7:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting
Troy Hill Citizens Park
Friday
September 19, 2014
3:00-6:00 PM

Block Watch Meetings
September 17, 2014
October 15, 2014
November 19, 2014
December 17, 2014

VFW
Flea Market
September 6th

Halloween
October 31, 2014

Veterans Day
November 11, 2014

Troy Hill Citizens Park

Troy Hill Citizens Park has undergone extensive renovations over the past year. The redesign includes new limestone paths, a natural stone stage and seating area, and a children's play area.

The entrances are planked by flower beds and new benches were installed by the City of Pittsburgh Public Works Department. The



Park Steering Committee and THC have guided the park's upgrades and invite you to join them in a Grand Re-opening Celebration on Friday, September 19th, 2014 from 3:00-6:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Park Steering Committee members Anne Kainaroi, Jeff Anesin and Nicole Deman have worked diligently to create a low-maintenance "open space"

park for Troy Hill residents to enjoy. Also, Nancy Noszka, Community Development Consultant.

The park, located behind the Troy Hill Pharmacy, was the former site of a public school, which was demolished in the late 1970's. The park began showing signs of aging in the early 2000's: a deteriorating wooden gazebo; asphalt paths lined with large stones; a sagging flag pole; a large asphalt area; overgrown horseshoe pits; a Sprout Fund sculpture; rusty chain link fencing; and a rotted split rail wood fence. Volunteers had maintained the park to the best of their ability for over 30 years, but the aging and maintenance needs grew.

In 2013, THC was awarded a grant from the Design Center, enabling THC to contract Origin4Design to design aimed at creating an open space for multi-uses.

With the assistance of the department of Public Works, construction materials and labor were provided, not to mention the efforts of endless volunteer hours weeding, planting cutting the grass and watering the flower beds.

The park has been converted into an open green space that is low maintenance, great for relaxation, and an open area for kids to play.

The park is accommodated with a small performance stage, built from all natural materials for all special event needs.

Part of the revitalization of the park included adding historic stone boulders from a former Northside Reser-



voir Wall and greenery to enhance its beauty. The sidewalks that surround the park are to be inhabited by memorial stone/marble plaques that were removed from the park during the renovation.

Relax and Enjoy
your newly
renovated park!

A Letter from our Vice Chair, Don Mahaney

THC Members:

There is a tremendous amount of activity taking place in Troy Hill these days. It is an exciting time to live here. Rialto Street is newly reopened. Citizen's Park has been redesigned and is ready to be used in new and interesting ways. New neighbors seem to move to our community every day. New businesses are opening along Lowrie Street. With all of this activity, we have an unprecedented opportunity to be very clear about the directions in which we would like to see our community develop. We are dedicated to taking the first step in setting Troy Hill Citizens' strategy for the next three to five years at our next General Meeting.

This September's general meeting will be a brain storming session. Please come prepared to talk, to share your thoughts and hopes and dreams for the neighborhood. To help us stay focused, I will lead off the discussion with a thirty-minute overview of the major changes happening in and around Troy Hill in terms of:

- Population and demographic changes
- Government Initiatives
- Foundation Initiatives
- Our neighborhood's assets
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After this presentation, I hope that we can begin to discuss ideas for our strategic response to some of the bigger changes that are afoot. We want to know what role you would like to see THC play in shaping our community's future. All ideas will be welcome.

Following this September's meeting, the Board will process what we hear from you. We will then develop Troy Hill Citizen's top two or three strategic priorities for the next three to five years. In December, we will present these priorities to the general membership for comment / final adjustment. The first board meeting in January will be dedicated to setting THC's objectives for the 2015 in order to help us achieve our strategic aims. Throughout the coming year progress will be reported in each newsletter and on our website.

So please, think about what you would like to see Troy Hill look like in five years' time and come prepared to discuss that at our next general meeting. And please, bring your neighbors.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this meeting or the larger strategic planning initiative, feel free to give me a call.

My very best,

Don Mahaney
Vice Chairperson-Troy Hill Citizens, Inc.

Congratulations Matt Stidle

Congratulations to Matt, on his success. He has accepted a new position as:

The Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh.

Also, Matt and his wife, Carrie had a baby boy on June 4th.

His name is Milo David and he weighted 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Congratulations!

A Message from Darlene Harris, Council District 1

Thanks to the hard work from our community activists, notably Donna Kramer, the annual Zone 1 Public Safety Appreciation Day was a great success again this year. I joined residents from all over the Northside who came together at the Risen Lord Church to show their appreciation for our public safety officers.

Northside communities further demonstrated their commitment to public safety on National Night Out. Many neighborhoods held block parties and other events that brought folks out to meet their neighbors, and to strengthen relationships with law enforcement officers. I'd like to send my sincere thanks to all who participated. National Night Out serves an annual reminder that together, we can make our neighborhoods safer. The

recently released 2013 Annual Report from the Bureau of Police showed that your hard work is paying off; crime rates decreased Citywide again last year.

On another note, in an effort to save taxpayer dollars and improve the City's accounting, I recently sponsored 'bad check' legislation. The City has received over \$380,000 in 'bad checks' that bounced over the past 6 years and was charged thousands of dollars in bank fees for trying to deposit these checks. The legislation allows the City Treasurer to pass these fees on to the writers of the bad checks, and to create new policies for how they are processed. The legislation passed unanimously, with support from the Ad-

ministration and from the City Controller. The 'bad check' legislation is part of a larger effort to modernize the City's cash-flow and accounting policies. I introduced legislation last year that called on City departments to start accepting credit card payments and to develop a point of sale system at every cash entry point into the City's coffers. Credit card readers at points of sale would decrease the risk of fraud and theft, while increasing efficiency, fiscal transparency, and timely receipt of revenue.

As always, don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached 412-255-2135 or VIA District 1 Feedback at: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/district1/feedback>.

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CITIZENS PARK IS
HAVING A RIBBON
CUTTING
CEREMONY FOR
TROY HILL
ON
SEPTEMBER 19TH
3:00 -6:00 PM
COME JOIN US FOR
REFRESHMENTS
LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN
CLAIM STREET AT HATTERAS
STREET, PITTSBURGH PA*

National Night Out

Hats off to Troy Hill—On Tuesday, August 5th Troy Hill participated in the National Night Out sponsored by the city's Public Safety Department. House lights were turned on, several parties were held on the hill and neighbors reunited with each other. We even had the pleasure of meeting some of our new neighbors. Next year we hope to have even more people participate.

Thanks to everyone who put up signs, distributed fliers and e-mailed our Troy Hill Citizens to inform them of this event.

A special "Thank You" to Pat Kardell who organized this.



Troy Hill Block Watch News

Tips for reducing your chances of being a victim of street robberies;

Always be aware of your surroundings, vigilant of activity around you and attentive to individuals approaching, walking purposely and with confidence. Do not allow yourself to be distracted by activity such as talking on your cell phone, listening to music or reading. Try to travel with others, walk in well-traveled areas, and at night in well-lit areas. Protect your electronics by not displaying them. Resist the urge to multi-task while walking; wait to make phone calls, check your emails and listen to music at your destination. If you purchase an electronic device check, on the availability of a tracking system for it (usually free at the time of purchase). Do not use ATMs that are located in remote areas, use ATMs during the daylight hours in well-populated areas. Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items, and do not display excessive jewelry.

Men: if you carry wallet, place the wallet in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket-do not carry in your back pant pocket.

Women: when you will be walking in public spaces carry a small handbag or purse that you can grasp with a hand.

Troy Hill Incline (1887-1898)

near end of old 30th Street Bridge to Lowrie Street at Ley Street, west of Lofink Street and Rialto Street (formerly Ravine Street) - Troy Hill.

The **Troy Hill Incline**, also known as the **Mount Troy Incline**, was a funicular railway located in old Allegheny, Pennsylvania, which is now the North Side of the city of Pittsburgh. Built by Samuel Diescher in 1887, the incline was one of only a few funiculars constructed on the north side of Pittsburgh. The incline's lower station was located across from the northern end of the second 30th Street Bridge, and ascended to the summit station in Troy Hill. The summit station is still standing, and it is located at 1733 Lowrie Street in the Troy Hill neighborhood. The incline's length measured 370 feet (113 m), with a forty-seven percent (47%) gradient. The cost of construction for the incline was about \$94,047.

The city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania once had a number of inclined railways. Most have been removed; only two - the Duquesne Incline and Monongahela Incline - are still in operation, carrying passengers between Mount Washington and the Monongahela River.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children

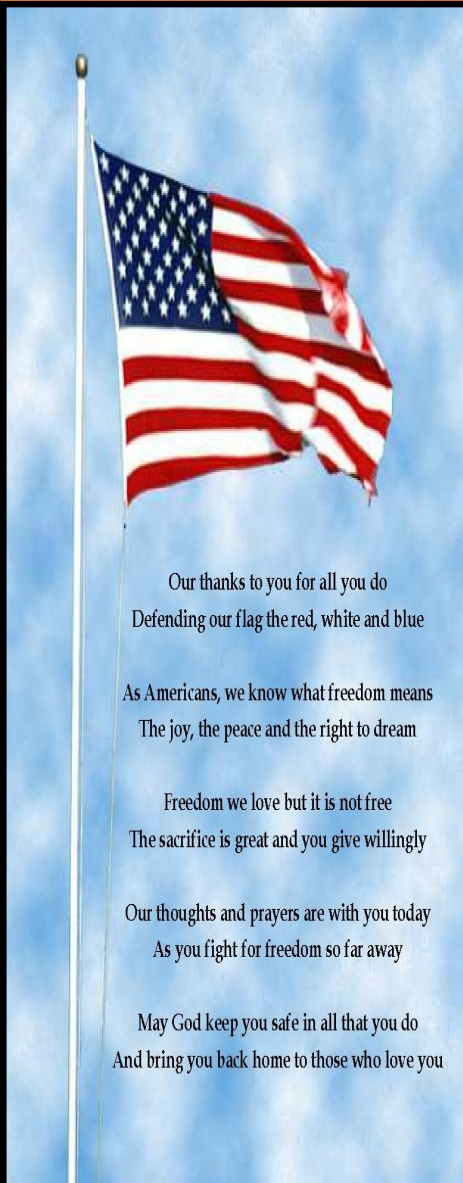
on Halloween, remind Trick-or-Treaters.

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or alleys.

- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will! Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.



What's Happening on Troy Hill



Our thanks to you for all you do
Defending our flag the red, white and blue

As Americans, we know what freedom means
The joy, the peace and the right to dream

Freedom we love but it is not free
The sacrifice is great and you give willingly

Our thoughts and prayers are with you today
As you fight for freedom so far away

May God keep you safe in all that you do
And bring you back home to those who love you

VFW

Flea Market

September 6th

From

8:00am—2:00pm

* **Chinese Auction**

* **50/50 Raffle**

* **Bake Sale**

Children's Halloween and Bingo

October 25th

Dance

November 15

Most Holy Name Parish Oktoberfest

Most Holy Name Parish will hold its annual Oktoberfest festival on Saturday, October 11th from 3pm until 9 pm.

German dinners will be served starting at 3 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Dinners include: Choice of Roasted pork or sauerbraten; Choose 2 sides of mashed potatoes, spaetzle, sauerkraut, German potato salad, or red cabbage. A La carte menu includes: Wurst, Kielbasa, potato pancakes; red cabbage, spaetzle, German potato salad, sauerkraut, Einlauf soup. Dinners are sold in advance only. Local deliveries are available. Several types of bottled German Beer and Miller lite on draft will be available for purchase.

Come out and enjoy entertainment by the GTEV D'Lustigen Isartaler Bavarian Club Dancers, and Strolling German music. Many raffles will be held including a cash raffle, gift card raffle, and a 50 – 50 Raffle. A special Oktoberfest raffle will be held for a Das Boot.

The church is located at 1700 Harpster Street in the Troy Hill section of Pittsburgh.

Remember our Soldiers on Veterans Day November 11th

**LOVE YOUR BLOCK GRANT
AN AWARD OF \$1000 WAS
GIVEN TO TROY HILL PARK FOR
ADDITIONAL RENOVATIONS. THC
WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF
THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN
RECEIVING THE AWARD**

LIGHTS ON LOWRIE STREET LED LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED ON LOWRIE STREET.

ACCORDING TO MAYOR BILL PEDUTO, "THEY USE LESS ENERGY, PROVIDE BRIGHTER LIGHTS, REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS AND CONTAIN NO MERCURY"

THE LIGHTS ARE INSTALLED FROM 1400-1800 BLOCK OF LOWRIE STREET.

*Grace Lutheran Church
1701 Hatteras Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212
412-231-0506*

Stay Safe Online by Rep. Adam Ravenstahl, 20th District

A recent cybersecurity breach has exposed more than 1 billion usernames and passwords, and several scams have targeted western Pennsylvania residents. In an effort to keep you informed, I want to share tips from the state Attorney General's Office about how you can protect your identity and personal information online.

Create unique passwords. – Make sure your passwords are at least eight characters long and use a variety of letters, numbers and symbols, if at all possible. Don't use significant dates, names or your Social Security number as a password.

Memorize usernames and passwords. – Don't share your usernames and passwords with anyone, and don't store them

on your computer. Make sure your financial institutions can reset or remind you of your usernames and/or passwords in case you forget them.

Don't readily give out personal information. – Be wary of any person or program directing you to a website where you are asked to enter your Social Security number, credit card number, or other personal information. Any government program in which you're enrolled



should already have this information on file.

Use secure websites. – Only share identifying information over secured sites using encryption technology. You'll know a website is secure if its address begins with

“https” or you see a small yellow padlock in the lower right corner of your web browser.

Talk to your kids about Internet safety. – Make sure children understand the types of sites they're allowed to visit, and that they shouldn't be sharing personal information or talking to anyone they don't know online.

You can learn more about how to protect kids online through the Attorney General's Operation [Safe Surf program](#).

More information about protecting against identity theft can be found on the [Attorney General's website](#) or the [Pennsylvania Treasurer's website](#).

***A Tribute to
Sophie Masloff
1917-2014
Our former 56th
Mayor of
Pittsburgh was
laid to rest
August 18th. She
was the 1st
female leader of
Pittsburgh. A
compassionate
woman who
served the public
courageously!
May she rest in
peace.***

Remembering Corner

Brighten the day for these former residents of Troy Hill by sending them a card.

If you know of anyone to add to the list; leave their name and address at the Troy Hill Citizens Office and we will publish the information in the upcoming newsletters.

Loretta & Joe Grindel
Canterbury Place Room 311
310 Fisk Street
Pittsburgh Pa 15201

Helen Steinmetz
Vincentian Home
111 Perrymont Road
Pittsburgh, Pa 15237

Mary Wohleber
Eldercare Nursing Center
2600 West Run Road
Munhall Pa 15120

William Fichter
Vincentian Home
111 Perrymont Road
Pittsburgh, Pa 15237



Theresa (Sis) Warnaby
Marian Hall Home
Room 219
934 Forest Avenue
Pittsburgh Pa 15202

Jean Rectenwald
Little Sisters of the Poor
1028 Benton Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Bobby McDonald
Kane Regional Center—Ross
110 McIntyre Road
Pittsburgh Pa 15237

Joseph Kribel
Grace Manor Room 103
9565 Babcock Blvd.
Allison Park, Pa 15101

There are those who are in need of some loving kindness in the unique way that you can provide.

— Lynne Namka



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Hello Everyone:

If you would like to be a member of the Troy Hill Citizens Group, Please Fill out the membership below. You may either mail or stop in the office.

Support your community development organization by renewing your membership. The annual donation is just \$10.00. Please complete this form and mail with a check to: Troy Hill Citizens 1619 Lowrie Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Election Time for the upcoming year 2015

Anyone interested in running for the Troy Hill Citizens Board, there are

5 seats up for re-election

3 seats for a 3 year term

2 seats for a one year term

You must be a paid member by 10/15/2014 and a 100-200 work biography is to written to publish in the Winter newsletter by November 15, 2014

Businesses that Support Troy Hill

Darbea's Tavern



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