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in December  
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**Executive Board**

Don Mahaney– Chair  
Jeff “Bean” Anesin V. Chair  
Tony Benvin-Treasurer  
Janet Koch-Secretary

**Board Members**

Patrick Campbell  
Kathy Turner  
Penny Barrett  
Cathy Baysek  
Tom Tortella  
Steven Kalajainen  
Ron Zotter

**Calendar of Events**

Troy Hill Citizens, Inc.  
General Meeting  
Wednesday  
December 17, 2014  
Most Holy Name  
7:00 PM  
2015 Board Elections

Block Watch Meetings  
January 21, 2015  
February 18, 2015  
March 18, 2015

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**Troy Hill Citizens Park—Love Your Block Award**



Pitt students helped to design the final layout of the stone pavers for the tree pits. THC Board Member Janet Koch (2nd from left) and Nancy Noszka, Development Consultant (center)



Thanks to Wayne Novagradac of the American Legion, Patrick Campbell, Troy Hill resident and newly elected Board Member and resident Anthony for operating the heavy equipment! We couldn't have done it without you!

On a chilly October Saturday, residents and University of Pittsburgh students volunteered to weed tree pits, shovel gravel in the newly renovated Troy Hill Citizens Park, and re-install two memorial plaques re-located from the park's reconstruction. One plaque is dedicated to Father John Feldmeier, an endeared long time Pastor of Most Holy Name



Church, and one plaque memorializes Charles Planz, a former Commander of American Legion Three Hills Post 565. The effort was funded by a 'Love Your Block' grant from servePGH, a program of the City of Pittsburgh and Home Depot Foundation



to revitalize urban areas like Troy Hill! The \$1,000 grant paid for shovels, rakes, paving stones, sand, gravel, saw blades, and heavy equipment rental. The tree pits along Claim Street blend in with the sidewalk, further contributing a great spot for the plaques and contribute to the park's natural form. The City's Department of Public Works dug the ground so the volunteers could concentrate on other things. ServePGH will announce one city-wide Award Winner in December, who will receive an additional \$2,000, for the most impressive block transformation. We think we deserve it! Thanks to all who rolled up their sleeves!

For more great photos, visit [troyhillpittsburgh.com](http://troyhillpittsburgh.com) or [www.pittsburghpa.gov/servepgh](http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/servepgh)

# TROY HILL CITIZENS PARK RIBBON CUTTING SCRAP BOOK, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014



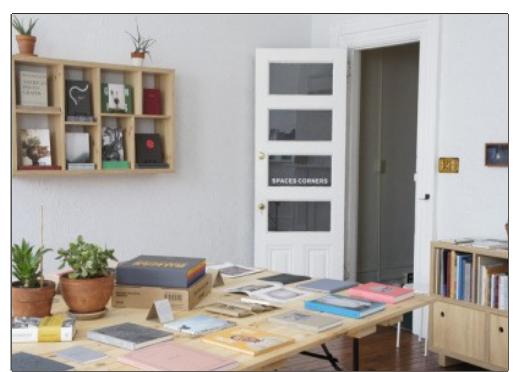
Over 200 residents and dignitaries joined THC in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate and thank all of those who contributed to Park's renovation. The event showcased how THC wants everyone to use the park well into the future, with live music in the new stage area, a climbing wall from Venture Outdoors, face painting, and catering. Councilwoman Darlene Harris has supported the Park for years and was in attendance. Do you have an idea how you could enjoy the park?

THC is forming a Park Committee to provide oversight to future programming, maintenance and on-going improvements. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you! Email Nancy Noszka at [troyhillpittsburgh.com](mailto:troyhillpittsburgh.com) or leave a message at 412.321.2852. We welcome your ideas and involvement!

Spaces Corners was founded in 2011 by [Melissa Catanese](#) and [Ed Panar](#). The couple met at Cranbrook Academy of Art, a graduate program just outside of Detroit. Catanese was born in Cleveland, OH and Panar in Johnstown, PA. Fascinated by the geography and history of Pennsylvania, they decided to move to Pittsburgh after school, where they resided in Bloomfield. After receiving an opportunity they couldn't refuse in NYC, they relocated there for several years, but after missing Pittsburgh, they decided to return in 2011 .

During their first residency in Pittsburgh, the couple would often take road trips to photograph the surrounding area – just outside the city and along country roads. On one of these expeditions, they drove through the [Village of Spaces Corners](#), a small town not far from Pittsburgh just off of Highway 28. They were struck by the name and knew they had to use it someday for a future project. Years later, when they decided to move to Pittsburgh to open their photography bookshop and project space, they knew it was the perfect name.

With the support of the [Pennsylvania Council on the Arts](#), they opened their first space in the Ice House Studios in Lawrenceville in October 2011. They moved on to open a quaint second story shop on 3800 block of Butler Street, also in Lawrenceville. They hosted artist talks, small exhibitions, and readings. Spaces Corners also went on the road representing Pittsburgh at art book fairs in Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Baltimore and exhibited at The [Armory Show](#) in NYC in March 2013. They closed their brick and mortar space in the summer of 2013, continuing their strong online presence as well as their involvement with regional events – with a constant eye out for the perfect live/work space.



In 2012, they met Troy Hill resident, and fellow photography enthusiast, [Evan Mirapaul](#). Joining forces with him, they've helped to organize the [PGH Photo Fair in Pittsburgh](#). As a huge advocate of Spaces Corners and an invested resident of the Troy Hill community, Evan was keen to have them join the neighborhood and would forward them listings or tell them about houses or buildings that might be up for sale. "Evan introduced us to the former owner of the building and when we saw the view from the backyard, we were sold! We have Evan to thank for introducing us to our future home and for helping us secure the building. We think it's a great location and the building has

a lot of potential."

The couple began renovating their new location in Troy Hill (1721 Lowrie) in June 2014 with plans to create a modular space that will serve as part bookshop, gallery, and project space, with an emphasis on their newly-sprouted publishing program. Spaces Corners will open its doors for a sneak peek and an opportunity to do a little holiday shopping on the following days:

**Saturday, Dec 20, 2014 2-7pm**

**Saturday, Dec 27, 2014 12-4pm**

Beginning January 4, 2015 the shop will be open to the public on Saturdays from Noon to 4pm and by appointment during the week. A proper opening party is planned, stay tuned for the date to be announced! On **Saturday December 20**, (2-7pm) Spaces Corners will host the final scanning event for [A People's History of Pittsburgh](#). Visitors are invited to bring along a personal photograph to contribute to the project. This will be the last scanning event prior to book production. Don't get written out of history - dust off those shoeboxes, open up those albums and consider contributing to this incredible collective family archive!

Spaces Corners is located at 1721 Lowrie Street, Pittsburgh, Pa [www.spacescorners.com](http://www.spacescorners.com)



**Rep. Adam Ravenstahl**  
20th Legislative District

Reduced rates on  
fishing licenses,  
energy-saving tips

There's good news for people who enjoy fishing. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has reduced the price of fishing licenses for the 2015 season.

Beginning Dec. 1, prices will be reduced by approximately 5 percent, or \$1, for resident and non-resident annual licenses. With the reduction, the price for Pennsylvania residents will be \$21.70 for an annual license.

In addition, people who purchase 3-year and 5-year licenses will see a \$3 or \$5 reduction, respectively, **IF** they buy their licenses in December. The price of a 3-year license for residents will be \$61.70, while a 5-year license will cost \$101.70. Trout/Salmon permits, Lake Erie

permits and combo permits are not included in the price reduction.

The discounts also apply to gift vouchers for annual licenses purchased throughout the year and to gift vouchers for multi-year licenses purchased in December.

You may purchase fishing licenses online through the Fish and Boat Commission's Outdoor Shop. They can also be purchased through various licensing agencies around the region.

More information about fishing in the commonwealth can be found on the Fish and Boat Commission's website, [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).

**Stay warm this winter and save money!**

We've already experienced below-freezing temperatures, and the calendar hasn't even turned to winter.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has some tips on how you can save on winter energy costs.

The PUC suggests that you:

- Install a programmable furnace thermo-

stat that lowers the temperature automatically at night and raises the temperature during the day. (For every degree you raise or lower your thermostat settings, you can see a difference of up to 3 percent in energy costs.) If you're not able to install a new thermostat, try turning down your current thermostat by a couple of degrees, if at all possible.

- Change your filters in your heating system. Clogged filters can slow airflow and cause your furnace to work harder and run longer than necessary.

- Make sure your home is properly insulated. Proper insulation will ensure your home is warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Ask your utility provider about participating in a budget billing program. These programs average bills out over 12 months and give you a "fixed" amount to pay each month, not just during the winter. (Budget billing does not guarantee an annual fixed rate as bills are subject to quarterly adjustments based on usage.) For more information, call 1-800-692-7380.



*Troy Hill*

*Citizens*



*wishes all the  
residents of Troy  
Hill*

*a Very Happy,  
Healthy and*

*Festive*

*Holiday*



**Most Holy Name  
Hidden Treasures  
Rummage Sale**

**Dec 6  
9-2**

**Christmas Cookie Walk**

**Fund Raiser  
December 13th  
10-2 pm**

**Festival of Lessons and  
Carols  
December 14  
2-3 pm**

**Lenten Fish Dinners, will  
begin on Friday,  
February 20, 2015  
and be held each Friday  
during Lent 4 - 7 pm.**

## *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.

**Walter Schutzman**  
2059 Straubs Lane  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

**Harold Andres**  
1538 Lowrie Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212



**Loretta Henderson**  
Concordia of Fox  
Chapel  
931 Route 910  
Cheswick, Pa 15024

**Eleanor Dumrauf**  
Kane Regional Center  
110 McIntyre Road  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15237

## ELECTION FOR TROY HILL CITIZENS 2015 Board of Directors

There are 5 Board seats up for election. Candidate biographies on page 5 and 6.

There are 3 ways to vote:

- \* In person at ESB Bank (1706 Lowrie Street) Before December 15th, 2014.
- \* In person at the THC's General Meeting, December 17, 2014, 7:00 pm.  
Most Holy Name
- \* By mail; Please include your name and return address on the outside of the envelope and mail to:

ESB Bank  
Attn: Judy Loebig  
1706 Lowrie Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Write "Ballot" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope.

Eligible Voters are dues-paying members for 2014, and must reside in Troy Hill or own a business on Troy Hill.

## 2015 Ballot Form

Place an X to vote for up to 4 Candidates

**CATHY BAYSEK**

**JANET KOCH**

**PATRICK CAMPBELL**

**PENNY BARRETT**

Candidates will be ranked by number of votes received.

Top 3 elected will serve 3 year-terms. Next 2 will serve 1 year terms.



### Biography of Cathy Baysek

Catherine Baysek is a life-long resident of Troy Hill who aims to revitalize our sense of community through service to residents of all ages. Cathy attended Duquesne University where she earned a Bachelors and Master Degrees in Elementary and Special Education, followed by Reading Specialist Certification. Cathy worked for an advertising agency before starting her teaching career with the Pittsburgh Mount Oliver Intermediate Unit. Mrs. Baysek has taught a variety of subjects to students at North Catholic High School, Bishop Canevin High School and many other Pittsburgh Public Schools. Cathy finds great joy in serving as the Most Holy Name CCD Special Education Director. Her role includes planning religious, social, and life skills lessons for individuals with mental, physical and emotional needs. She is a member of the Most Holy Name Fundraising Committee, Troy Hill Citizens Block Watch, and Reserve Caring Program. Catherine was honored to receive the North Side Leadership Award recognizing her community efforts. It is Cathy's fervent hope that she can continue to serve her fellow neighbors as part of the Troy Hill Citizens Association.

### Biography of Janet Koch

Hello, I am Janet Koch, a lifelong resident of Troy Hill; having served on the Troy Hill Citizens Board for a while. My children are all grown up and grandchildren live in other communities.

I have volunteered in various projects; the latest was Love Your Block for the Park and the Treasure Hunt at Most Holy Name,

Blockwatch, the Cancer Walks and the Picnic in the Parks.

Troy Hill is special place for the friendliness of the people and the historic values we hold dear.

I am always concerned about what we can do on Troy Hill to make it more livable and attractive to us who live here and those visiting.

We are always working on improving our area as a safe neighborhood that is easy to walk around.

We need more people on Troy Hill to show their pride in our community and join volunteering so we can accomplish more.

### Biography of Pat Campbell

My name is Patrick Campbell and I am a life long resident of Troy Hill, and resident on Ley Street. I currently manage the web presence (website and facebook) for Troy Hill Citizens. I am active in the Troy Hill Block

Watch, and have been active in the volunteer work sessions at the Troy Hill Citizens Park and Lookout Street Garden. In the fall of 2014, I was appointed to the Board of Troy Hill Citizens. I am committed to Troy

Hill, and like the rest of you, want to continue in helping our community become a safer and better place to live.



### Biography of Penny Barrett

My name is Penny Barrett. My husband, Danny and I have lived on Troy Hill for over 32 years. We raised our 4 children here. We chose to buy our home on Troy Hill long ago because we loved the family oriented community.

In all those years, I have

seen a lot of change. Some good, some not so good. I'd like to work more toward the good and help improve the not so good.

I have been on the board for 3 years and have enjoyed working toward improvements in our com-

munity.

I'd like to engage the community to help plan for activities in our newly designed THC Park.

I'd like to continue to help with the projects or plans that we have been working on. We all need to work together to keep Troy Hill a great place to live.



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Happy New Year 2015

It's time to renew your membership

Support your community development organization by renewing your membership. Annual dues are \$10.00. Please complete this form and mail with a check to:

Troy Hill Citizens, Inc.
1619 Lowrie Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Name

Address

Email

Phone

BlockWatch Tips

The holidays are a good time to create your home inventory. Take photos or make a video of items in your house; list with the descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized; having the detailed inventory will help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.

Don't let the holiday stress get the best of you. Make sure you make time to get together with family, friends and neighbors.

Reach out to help someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

Volunteering to help your neighborhood is a good time to meet some nice folks and can be a rewarding experience.

Businesses that Support Troy Hill

Darbea's Tavern



OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
AT 11:00AM

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Tracy's Deli



1926 Spring Garden Ave
Pgh., Pa 15212
Mon-Fri 7:00am - 7:00pm

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