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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2016 Board Elections

Wednesday
December 9, 2015 7:00PM
Most Holy Name
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Another year come-and-gone! It's amazing how they seem to fly by. In the past year we have seen some important strides in the development of our community. We finished the redevelopment of Troy Hill Citizens' Park and thanks to the efforts of Vice-Chair Penny Barrett, we have seen an increase in the organized use of the park for community events. Electronically, our website (www.troyhillpittsburgh.com) and Facebook page are regularly updated and monitored by Pat Campbell. The Welcome sign project moves ahead; the construction of the foundation is now in the combined hands of the artist and contractor. Long-delayed by the route 28 construction project, we are now in the final phase of having our James Simon "Welcome to Troy Hill" installation greet all travelers at the base of Troy Hill Road.

We have seen regional and even national recognition as more young entrepreneurs are attracted to our community and we premiered Mayor Peduto's "Next 3 Days" program to attract even more attention to our community. Special thanks to all the neighbors who helped in both planning and executing all of those events and thanks to Jack Bellas and Eileen French of Revive and Josette Fitzgibbons of the URA for all of their attention and work in organizing this event.

Finally, next year we are looking forward to welcoming the Provident Charter School (for Dyslexic children) to the former North Catholic building as a new resident of our community. We are looking forward to working in cooperation with the school to continually move our community forward.

My thanks to ALL of our Board members of this past year who have worked on behalf of our community in numerous ways, usually behind the scenes, to create new projects and keep current projects moving forward.

Best regards,

Anthony Benvin, Chair

ELECTION FOR TROY HILL CITIZENS, INC

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are 5 Board Seats up for election. Three of those seats are 3-year terms and two of those seats are 1-year terms. Eligible voters must meet both of the following criteria:

- Be a 2015 dues-paying member of THC
- Be a Troy Hill resident or own a business or own real estate in Troy Hil

Please take a moment to read candidate biographies. Biographies are also posted on the THC website “troyhillpittsburgh.com”.

There are 3 avenues to submit your vote.

1. Mail: Mail the completed 2016 Ballot provided in this newsletter to Troy Hill Citizens, 1619 Lowrie Street, Pgh., PA 15212, Attention: Ballot Form.
2. In-Person: Drop off your Ballot Form in a sealed envelope at the WesBanco Troy Hill Branch, 1706 Lowrie Street. Put your name on the envelope, and mark “Ballot” in the left hand corner.
3. Election Night: Attend and vote in person on December 9, 2015.

All Ballots will remain sealed until the election takes place at THC General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

BALLOT FORM



2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

_____ Tony Benvin

_____ Kasey Daly

_____ Ray Pietrone

_____ Brian Schimmel

_____ Susan Stringfellow

Cast your vote by placing an **X** on the line to the left of the candidates name. You can vote for up to 5 candidates.

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Tony Benvin

Most of you voting in this year's election know me or know of me. Born and raised on Troy Hill, after a 16 year absence I returned in 1988 and have been a resident ever since.

I have been actively involved in the Troy Hill Citizens Board for the past 7 years and I am running for another term. During these seven years the Board has worked to create the Welcome sign (hopefully installed by the end of the year), a redesign of the park, purchased our office building (façade restoration underway) redesign the Citizens' park and encouragement of greater community use, rebuilt the Lookout Street playground and have established raised growing beds there. We have courted the Provident Charter School for the former North Catholic building, and we continue to apply for grant funds to move our community forward.

I, personally, have served as Chairman, Vice-Chair and Treasurer of the Board. I have worked to re-establish and maintain working relationships with other neighborhood groups and currently represent our community to the Northside Leadership Conference on its Board and on its executive committee so that our neighborhood is viewed as an active and important central community on the North Side and not just as a residential community on the North Side's edge.

I believe that we are on the cusp of exciting and new things happening in our community. I extend my thanks to the community and our THC members for the privilege of representing you for the past seven years as ask that you consider allowing me to continue our community's work.

Nominee: Kasey Daly

Kasey Daley is a business owner, grantwriter and actor. Born in the North Side, she spent the first ten years of her life living on Hall Street in Woods Run, where she was related to everyone on the block. After high school she lived in New York City for ten years, where she met her husband, Justin. They moved back to Pittsburgh and four years ago they purchased their house on Ley Street and have lived happily in Troy Hill ever since. She owns and operates The Maker Theater, where she's produced shows & events for the past five years. Her other job is as an actor, you can see her in commercials (Armstrong Cable), TV (Nickelodeon's Supah Ninjas) and movies like Father's & Daughters with Russell Crowe (coming out Christmas!)

Last year she was accepted to and completed the Mayor's Civic Leadership program, where she got a deeper understanding of how city departments work and met many other community leaders. Currently, Kasey runs the THCC twitter account, but would like to be even more involved. She is invested in the neighborhood, and is excited about all of the wonderful things happening, and would like to help even more wonderful things happen!

Nominee: Ray Pietrone

Hello to all my Friends, Neighbors, and Residents of Troy Hill. My name is Raymond A. Pietrone, I am 58 years old and running for a seat on the Troy Hill Citizens Board. About Me: I have grown up and have been a resident of Troy Hill for 38 years. I am the father of three children Amanda, 27, Kristy, 25, and Nicholas, 21. My oldest two attended Most Holy Name of Jesus School until the school was closed; all three attended North Catholic High School and Duquesne University. I have worked at Heinz/Bay Valley Foods on the North Shore for almost 40 years as a Stationary Engineer and State Board Certified Water Treatment Plant Operator. Over the past 38 years, I have seen many changes on the Hill.

I would like to help Troy Hill return to the safe, family oriented, and unique community that I grew up in. I have seen how hard the people of this community work and the dedication that many take to uphold the pride of this community that was built by our parents. I believe that the hard working people of our community deserve to have a solid and safe community to call him. I believe Troy Hill is one of the hidden Treasures of our city with our beautiful view off the hill, the firehouse, St. Anthony's Chapel, and our dedication to the preservations of our war veterans. I am dedicated to ensure the preservation of these treasures.

I am very committed to you, the Community of Troy Hill, and voting for the candidates that have the best interests of our community in mind. Come out and vote in the Troy Hill Citizens Election, in a continued effort to support our community. Let's build up our community together!

Nominee: Susan Stringfellow

Susan Stringfellow has over ten years' experience as a development professional, working with organizations such as Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Chatham University, Allegheny County Parks, and the American Bar Association Foundation. She is currently Executive Director at Olmo Ling Bon Center & Institute, as well as an editor at Yoga International specializing in substantive editing, social marketing, and the production of online course materials. She has taught English Writing and Literature at Point Park University and earned two MFAs in Creative Writing, as well as a Certificate in Publishing, while studying in the U.S., England, and Ireland. In addition to studying Bön with Genyen Tempa Dukte Lama, she has studied meditation with priests at the Zen Center of Pittsburgh as well as meditation, pranayama, asana, Sanskrit, herbalism, ayurveda, and yoga philosophy with t̃antrikas at the Himalayan Institute. She also studied briefly with teachers at the Chinmaya Vedantic Center. Susan has two sons, who study at the University of Pittsburgh, and writes poetry and teaches yoga in her spare time.

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THC General Membership Meeting – Open to the Public

December 9, 2015
7pm @ Most Holy Name

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Nominee: Brian Schimmel

I've been a resident of Troy Hill for three years, and have spent the last two in my new house on Veronica Street. Having been a THC board member this past year I'm very excited about the attention and interest that our neighborhood is receiving. There is great potential for growth in Troy Hill and we are seeing it happen. This summer we went door to door to get your ideas for the neighborhood and we will continue this campaign next spring. In October we had our first successful movie night and also performed a cleanup with Pitt students on the hillside across from Tammy's. There is more to come and I would like to continue helping shape the future of Troy Hill.

***Moving forward with recycling bins:** Allegheny CleanWays and PA Resources Council are ordering the next shipment and looking for a place to store bins at the moment. We expect to begin distributing the next big shipment after the holiday season- in February 2016. Residents who have already signed up for bins will be notified before distribution begins, and more details about registration for those who haven't signed up will be sent out in the coming months. Thanks to all who made our first distribution even such a success, we look forward to giving out hundreds more! If you have any leads on some warehouse space where we could store up to 1000 recycling bins, please email samantha.weaver@alleghenycleanways.org.*

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