

The Troy Hill Chronicle

A Troy Hill Citizens (THC) Newsletter
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Letter from the Chair

By Brian Schimmel

Our latest meeting on June 7th featured guests from the URA, Rep. Adam Ravenstahl's office, Steel City Shakespeare, and PGH Community Affairs. The PGH Community Reinvestment Group also presented details about loan programs for potential homeowners. To stay informed and involved, please join us at our next general meeting on September 13th. Meeting minutes are provided on our website for those who can't attend.

As you may have noticed, Citizens Park, Elbow St. and Rialto St. steps are looking spruced up. This is a result of a collaborative beautification project between THC, Gtech and Landforce. If you see your neighbors out this summer planting and weeding in public spaces, please consider helping out or making a plant donation. On that note, check out the announcements section for volunteer planting and tree care events. Stay cool out there!



Featured Project – Christmas In July

July 22nd, 2PM to 7PM, Troy Hill Citizens Park, Hatteras & Claim St.

Volunteers have been busy organizing the second annual Christmas in July. This year includes: free admission, 50/50 raffle, adult raffle (\$5/10 tickets), free children's raffle, free children's activities (games, button making, face painting, pony rides, bounce house), variety of food and arts/crafts vendors, music and entertainment. Fantastic prizes guaranteed! Those interested in volunteering or being a vendor should contact Ellen at ellen.helen1227@gmail.com.

“Won't you be my neighbor?”

A neighbor spotlight

Name: Bernie Heinlein

About: A lifelong resident of Troy Hill, Bernie graduated from North Catholic High School in 1986. You can catch him in the early morning, drinking a cup of coffee and shooting the breeze with his neighbors, while prepping for the day's work.

Bernie has done extensive volunteering for THC, Most Holy Name Church, and his neighbors in general. He helps maintain Troy Hill's neighborhood gardens and vacant lots and is a gardener himself. You might see him giving his neighbor a ride to the store, loaning out tools, putting up the neighborhood Christmas tree, or walking his Doberman Pinscher, Bella. Bernie also has plenty of jokes to perk up your day. And you can keep your artisan tacos, because Taco Bell's are his favorite!

Bernie makes Troy Hill a cleaner and brighter place to live and visit. Thank you Bernie!





Troy Hill Trivia

Did you know that it has been 60 years since Troy Hill had a streetcar? Not since July 1957, to be exact! The No. 4 streetcar, operated by Pittsburgh Railways (Port Authority predecessor), is shown making the turn at the now No. 4 Bus Loop near Lookout Park. "Conductors dubbed the Troy Hill streetcar line 'the ambulance' because it carried so many of the hopeful infirm up the hill [to Saint Anthony Chapel]."

(Photo courtesy of Marlene Dickson, excerpt from *The Women of Troy Hill*)

Announcements

Community Garden

Registration
Lookout St.
Ongoing

Four raised garden bed spots remain at the Lookout St. community garden for the 2017 growing season (March 20th – November 31st). For more information, please visit:

<http://troyhillpittsburgh.com/community-gardens/>

Shakespeare in the Park, "The Tempest"

Citizen's Park
June 17, 18, 24, 25
2PM

Steel City Shakespeare Center joins us again this year to present "*The Tempest*," a play by William Shakespeare, directed by Jeffrey Chips. The event is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$15. For more information visit <http://steelcityshakespeare.com>. Citizen's park is located at the intersection of Claim and Hatteras St.

Community Garden Party

500 Sampsonia Way
June 18th
1-5PM

Come join the fun as the Mattress Factory celebrates its annual Community Garden Party! All ages are invited to enjoy a FREE day of fun performances + activities all tied in with the theme of the 2017 Urban Garden Party. Event details at: <http://www.mattress.org/calendar>

Welcome Sign Planting

Penn Brewery
June 24th
9AM-11AM

We will be landscaping and planting flowers at the bottom of Troy Hill Road at the base of the "Welcome to Troy Hill" mosaic sign, thanks to a "Love Your Block" grant from the city. This sign is located opposite of the Penn Brewery. Bring your shovels, garden tools, gloves and water. Volunteer photo op after! We hope to see you there.

4th of July Fireworks

Catoma Overlook
July 4th
630PM - End of Show

Looking for a new vantage point for the Pittsburgh fireworks show? Perry Hilltop and Fineview Citizens Council will be hosting a viewing at the Catoma Overlook, located at the corner of Meadville and Catoma St. They hope to secure Franktuary's food truck from 630 to 830PM. For more details please visit: <http://www.ourfuturehilltop.org>.

Tree Care Day

Volunteer Event
Tinsbury & Hatteras St.
July 11th
530 –730PM

Activities will include weeding, mulching, adjusting stakes, and getting to know your neighbors. Tree Pittsburgh will provide all tools, equipment and safety gear. Remember to dress in cloths you don't mind getting dirty. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/yanegyp6>

Deushtown Music Fest

Northside (various venues)
July 14th, 15th
530 –730PM

This FREE two-day music festival offers a variety of musical acts all day from 5PM – 12AM Friday and 1PM – 2AM Saturday. Our very own Scratch Food and Beverage will be hosting music from 5PM-10PM both days. A great opportunity to support local Northside businesses and listen to good music! <http://deushtownmusicfestival.org/>

Citiparks Summer Food Service

1200 Goettman St.
M-F 12-2PM (lunch)
M-F 3PM-4PM (snack)

This program provides healthy and delicious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to all children up to 18 years old as well as mentally disabled individuals up to 21 years old. This program is offered in Troy Hill at the Troy Hill Spray Park. For more information, call 412-244-3911 or visit: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/summer-food-service>

Whether you're an individual, organization or business, if you have an event or announcement for the community please let us know and we'll include it in our newsletter. If we've missed your event this month, we sincerely apologize. If you'd like to subscribe to our printed newsletter, please email or call. Dues paying members are automatically subscribed to the electronic newsletter.