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# East Allegheny News

The Newsletter of  
East Allegheny  
Community  
Council  
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## Deutschtown House Tour

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day for our community, as we all join forces to showcase some of our fine town homes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Deutschtown House Tour. The Priory has generously agreed to make its beautiful courtyard available for the tour, and Citizens Bank has awarded the East Allegheny Community Council a \$2,500 grant to help cover operating costs.

This year's tour will build on the successes of the 2005, 2007 and 2008 house tours, which brought hundreds of visitors to the neighborhood. In 2008, over 30 local merchants and businesses purchased ads for the tour program. More than 40 neighbors volunteered to sell tickets, clean streets, tend to tour houses, prepare the tour program and collect advertisements.

We welcome your participation. To place an ad or volunteer, please contact the East Allegheny Community Council at 412-321-1204 or visit our website at [www.deutschtown.org](http://www.deutschtown.org).

## Register for a Tree Tender Course in 2011!

### Join 700 Tree Tenders Greening the City, One Tree at a Time

Tree Pittsburgh is partnering with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh as one of the hosts of their 2011 Tree Tender Courses. Tree Tenders help young street trees to survive and live longer, healthier lives in the city of Pittsburgh.

Tree Tenders learn about urban forestry practices in Pittsburgh, tree biology, proper tree care and pruning techniques, proper tree planting practices, and organizing tree plantings and care. Tree Tenders participate in tree plantings, pruning workshops, tree care days, tree identification walks, and more.

The next classes will be held at the Children's Museum on Wednesdays—March 23, March 30 and April 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Additional classes are scheduled for May and September. The cost of the course is \$40 and includes materials, a meal at each session, and a t-shirt upon completion. A reduced rate option is available for those on a limited income, and on-site childcare can be arranged if needed. Contact Caitlin Lenahan for details at [caitlin@treepittsburgh.org](mailto:caitlin@treepittsburgh.org) or 412-362-6360.

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***Attention--New location for EACC meetings,  
starting in April--Bistro Soul Annex. Thanks, Nikki!***

## Be a Mentor For a North Side Youth

Goodwill's GoodGuides™ Youth Mentoring Program helps youth build life skills and career plans for a positive future. The focus is on improved school attendance and academic scores, high school graduation, career exploration, financial literacy and leadership development.

The youth work toward their goals through structured and supportive relationships with trusted adult mentors, who meet with the youth in small group settings for two hours each week. The program targets at-risk youth between the ages of 12-17, and is free for all teens involved.

**Mentors are needed** to work with youth at the Sarah Heinz House, and at Three Rivers Youth in Brighton Heights. For more information, contact Jackie Abel-Stavropoulos, Program Manager, at 412-632-1752 or [Jackie.Stavropoulos@goodwillswpa.org](mailto:Jackie.Stavropoulos@goodwillswpa.org).

### EACC GENERAL MEETINGS

*\*Note new location for April meeting*

**All residents and business  
people are cordially invited**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month, 7 pm  
Hi-Rise, 601 Pressley Street  
on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
\* Bistro Soul Annex \*  
on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Hopeshot--An Aftercare Jail/Prison Ministry**--The Allegheny Center Alliance Church's Community Resources Ministry sponsors an Aftercare Jail and Prison Ministry called Hopeshot. It is an initiative whose primary purpose is to assist returning citizens in successfully reintegrating into their families and communities. The Hopeshot Ministry provides: 1) information and referral to help meet needs for food, clothing, shelter, drug and alcohol treatment, justice-related services and employment 2) mentorship 3) counseling 4) a Christ-centered support group that meets every Saturday from 4 to 5:30 pm at the Allegheny Center Alliance Church, 801 Union Place. Family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the church at 412-321-4333.

**Allegheny Library Spring Book Sale**-- The Friends of CLP - Allegheny will hold its first annual Spring Book Sale to coincide with Earth Day, Friday and Saturday, April 22nd and 23rd, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh on Federal Street. Donations are being accepted now through the day of the sale. Please drop off your gently loved books and audio visual material at OUR LIBRARY: 1230 Federal Street. All proceeds go toward the enrichment of the branch's programming and collection. Please contact CLP Allegheny for more information at 412-237-1890.

**Celebrate Earth Day by Helping to Clean Her Up**-- In April, communities all over the world will be participating in cleanups to celebrate Earth Day. In Pittsburgh our cleanups are being held in conjunction with the Great PA Cleanup and the Mayor's April Redd Up. East Allegheny Community Council volunteers will work on a cleanup, starting in the East Common at Cedar and East Ohio Street on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. To help out, or for more information, please call the EACC office at 412-321-1204.

**Jobs**--Allegheny General Hospital has a website that describes current available openings -- jobs.wpahs.org.

**Facts For Citizens**--This publication, provided by the League of Women Voters, is useful in identifying and contacting your elected officials. For additional copies, call the EACC office at 412-321-1204.

## THE EACC NEEDS YOU!

The East Allegheny Community Council has been making a difference in our neighborhood since it was incorporated in 1978. The secret to our success has been the dedication and involvement of our members. Together we are making our neighborhood a better place to live, work and play. Please join us.

### EACC Membership/Contribution Form

**Individual Membership \$5.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Membership \$8.00**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution:**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10.00**

**\$25.00**

**\$50.00**

**\$100.00**

**Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please complete form and return with check or money order made payable to East Allegheny Community Council, 415 East Ohio Street #225, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Thanks!**

## Gardening in East Allegheny

If you would like to have a little garden, but don't have space at your home, the Kilday Way Garden or the Thropp Way Garden might be just what you need. There is room for one or two more plots or raised beds at each site. The fee for supplies and other costs is \$25.

If you would rather spend just one morning planting flowers, you could help plant the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy garden at Cedar Avenue and Canal Street, on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am.

If you are interested in networking with other North Side gardeners, you are welcome to attend meetings of the Community Garden Collaborative of the Northside Leadership Conference. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm in the Bistro Soul Annex. For more information on any of these gardening opportunities, call the EACC office at 412-321-1204.

## ROW-HOUSE ETIQUETTE

The East Allegheny Community Council's major goal is to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. The quality of life is affected by many things, not the least of which are how the neighborhood looks and sounds. In a row-house neighborhood, where no one is more than 25 feet from a neighbor's house, we need to be aware of behavior appropriate to such close living arrangements. This brief list of suggestions will help remind us all of how we can be better neighbors.

- 1) **Stereos** - If you can hear your stereo outside of your house, it is too loud. Even if neighbors share your taste in music, they may want quiet at that time. People work at all hours and sleep at all hours.
- 2) **Horn-honking** - Car horns can be heard at least 10 houses down the street, on both sides, in either direction. That means that 40 households are intruded upon by horn honking. If there are two people in each house, that means that 80 people have been disturbed by the horn. There is no excuse for honking horns. Never honk your own horn and tell your friends not to, also. Tell them to get out of their cars and knock on your door. Tell the same to pizza-delivery drivers and cabs.
- 3) **Outside behavior** - Even a quiet conversation on the sidewalk sounds like someone is in your living room. Please keep voices at low volume outside, especially on narrow streets.
- 4) **Sidewalk cleanliness** - With houses set back from the street only six feet, sidewalks are not hard to keep clean. This is all the outside world sees of our neighborhood. Keep it clean. Litter turns a nice neighborhood into a slum.
- 5) **Back-yard storage** - Most people accumulate lots of junk over the years. Resist the temptation to store it on your back porch or back yard or other visually exposed area. No one wants to be forced to look at someone else's junk. Store it in the basement or attic, give it to charity, recycle it or leave it on the curb for bulk pick-up.
- 6) **Garbage day** - Put out your garbage only after 7pm the night before garbage pick-up. If you use garbage cans, put them back in your house by 7pm on garbage pick-up day. Violators can be reported to the Mayor's Service Center at 255-2621 during regular business hours. If you prefer, you can identify yourself only as a member of the East Allegheny Community Council and leave our address and phone number: 415 East Ohio Street, 412-321-1204.
- 7) **Pet Peeves** - It goes without saying that we love our own pets and tolerate others. Uncontrolled barking can disturb a neighbor's sleep and be a general nuisance. Unleashed dogs threaten and could result in dog fights and/or attacks. Dog waste should be 'bagged' and disposed of by owner.

## THE EACC'S ADOPT-A-BLOCK

Adopt-a-Block volunteers pick up the litter in a street or alley near their home on a regular basis — usually weekly.

This simple, low-cost program has made a big difference in the appearance of our residential streets and alleys.

**Thanks to everyone who has been helping with this effort. If you would like to help, or if you wish to be removed from this list, please call the EACC office at 412-321-1204.** We have brooms and dustpans or pick-sticks for those who would like to use one.

Here is a list of the people who are currently cleaning up a block (or two or three).

### ABOVE E. Ohio Street:

**Dan Bartow (Legends)** - 500 block of E. North Ave.

**Lance Chimka**-500 block of Foreland

**Citizens Bank**-500 block of E. Ohio St.

**RJ Hezlep** - 900 block Middle

**Diane Hilldorfer**-400 block of Tripoli

**Kim Hyde**-400 block Suismon

**Ann Imes** – 400 block Avery

**Kevin Kemery**-James at Knoll

**Keith Muschick**-900 block of Moravian Way

**Northside Christian Health**

**Center**-800 block of Middle

**Dave Polkis** - 900 block of Cedar

**David Stacy**-400 block of E. North, 500 Tripoli

**Randy Strothman** - 600 block Thropp; 900 block Middle

**Melissa and Ron Taylor**- 500 block of Tripoli

**Brent, Brittany and Sharon**

**Watkins**-Linden Place

**Vince Yarnett** – several blocks above E. Ohio

### BELOW E. Ohio St.:

**Bob, Leo & Eli Baumbach**-500 block of Lockhart

**Peg Cammarata**-500 Cedar

**Dennis Ginther**- 600 Middle

**Lynn Glorieux** - 400 block of Lockhart, Moravian Way

**Carl Jenkins** - 500 and 600 blocks of Pressley (south side)

**Nick Kyriazi** - planted areas along swimming pool and tennis courts; park on Stockton

**Paul McArdle**-500 and 600 Avery; lower Middle

**Bette McDevitt**-500 and 600 blocks of Pressley (north)

**Odell Merryman**-400 block of Avery

**Frank Moone**-500 block of Virgin Way

**Phelps Family** – Nash, Avery to E. Ohio

**Cynthia Shea**-400 Pressley

**Hilary Snyder**- Nash bus stop

**Fred Workman**-600 Cedar

**Wayne, Leeann, Shaw and Isaiah Younger**-Nash from Avery to E. Ohio

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Emergency 911**

**Mayor's Response Line 311**

**Allegheny County 412-578-8026**  
**Health Department**

**Allegheny General 412-359-3131**  
**Hospital-Helicopter 412-359-3555**

**Animal Control 412-255-2036**  
**After 3 p.m. 412-255-2935**

**Bureau of Building 412-255-2177**  
**Inspection, Code Enforcement**

**City Council Dist. 1 412-255-2135**  
**Council President Darlene Harris**

**City Jobline 412-255-2388**

**Dog Licenses 412-255-2967**

**Duquesne Light 1-888-393-7100**  
**Power Outages 1-888-393-7000**

**East Allegheny 412-321-1204**  
**Community Council**  
[www.deutschtown.org](http://www.deutschtown.org)

**Environmental 412-255-2779**  
**Services (of Public Works)**

**Narcotics Division 412-323-7761**

**North Side Chamber 412-231-6500**  
**of Commerce-Robin Miller**

**Northside 412-322-0290**  
**Community Development Fund**

**Northside 412-330-2559**  
**Leadership Conference**

**Parks & Recreation 412-255-2362**

**Pittsburgh Parking 412-560-2511**  
**Authority**

**Public Works 412-255-2726**  
**Division 1 412-323-7209**

**State Representative 412-734-9740**  
**Rep. Adam Ravestahl**

