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East Allegheny News

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the East Allegheny
Community
Council
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NSLC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Northside Leadership Conference, a coalition of fifteen neighborhood groups including the East Allegheny Community Council, invites you to attend its Twenty-Eighth Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 9th, 6 pm, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Community Center. The purpose of the dinner is to honor those who have made significant contributions to their neighborhoods.

The EACC's Neighborhood Awardee is Bob Baumbach. Bob has worked tirelessly on behalf of the EACC to mitigate the adverse effects of Duquesne Light's insistence on putting a 'Mid-Run Crossover Station' in our neighborhood. Martha Pasula will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of service to East Allegheny and the North Side. The Allegheny Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will receive the Northside Service Provider Award. Congratulations to Bob, Martha and the Allegheny Library.

There will be a buffet dinner before the awards program. Tickets can be purchased for \$40. For more information, please contact Kelly MacKay at the Conference office: kelly@pittsburghnorthside.com or 412-330-2562.

ALLEGHENY COMMONS RESTORATION

The next phase of park restoration has begun. The \$2.3 million Northeast Common and Fountain Project, which lies along Cedar and North Avenues in the northeast quadrant of Allegheny Commons, will recapture many of the park's historic features from the original 1868 design. Park users can look forward to new lighting and walkways, new signage and pedestrian amenities, 83 new trees and new lawn treatment, an enhanced infrastructure for the Farmers Market and other events, and eventual recreation of the historic Northeast Fountain.

Thanks to all of you who made contributions to the Commons to help meet the Colcom Foundation Challenge to match every new dollar donated or pledged, up to \$100,000. Almost \$30,000 was collected as of the last week in April. This was a great opportunity to double your money to improve the park. It's not too late to make a contribution. Visit the website at www.alleghenycommons.org to learn more and donate there. Or mail a check payable to **Allegheny Commons Initiative c/o NSLC**, 4 Allegheny Center, 6th floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Thanks--our park is one of the best things about the North Side, and we are proud to take care of it!

*Thanks,
Peg & Bernie*

We would like to thank Peg Cammarata and Bernie Beck for their many years of dedication to the EACC's Flea Markets in the Park that were held every Saturday, May through October.

For the past 16 years, Peg has been responsible for permits, insurance and advertising, as well as running the actual flea market. For 8 years, Bernie has set up his equipment in the park to grill hot dogs and burgers for sale during the flea markets.

Each year, Peg and Bernie made thousands of dollars for the Community Council's projects, and we want to let them know how much we appreciate their hard work. We will miss Peg and Bernie and the flea markets.

EACC MEETINGS

All residents and business owners are cordially invited.

The Bistro Soul Annex
417 E. Ohio Street
(Accessible)

2nd Tues. of each month
7 pm

Tuesday, May 10th

Tuesday, June 14^h

Tuesday, July 12th

Tuesday, August 9th

Tuesday, September 13th
Annual Board Elections

PLANTING FLOWERS and VEGETABLES

The EACC will be planting the **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy flower garden** at the Sue Murray Pool on Saturday, May 14th beginning about 9 am. Allegheny General Hospital Auxiliary will once again donate box lunches (from Amani this year) for our volunteer planters and mulch spreaders. For more information about how to help, please call the EACC office at 412-321-1204.

As part of the **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's School Grounds Greening Project**, students of King Elementary School will be planting a rain garden near the baseball field in the Northeast Common of Allegheny Commons Park. This project will bring low maintenance, sustainable greenery to the school grounds, as well as helping to reduce storm water runoff to our sewers and rivers. If you would like to volunteer to help with this green space project, please contact David Wilson, Project Coordinator, at dwilson@paconserve or call 412-586-2416.

The **Kilday Way Garden** (next to Lockhart Tire) still has space available for planting your own garden. Volunteers will be starting some work there on Saturday May 7th. Please contact Bette McDevitt at bettemcd@verizon.net or 412-321-3233 for more information.

THE EACC BOARD ELECTIONS—SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

The four at-large one-year term positions of the EACC's Board of Directors will be open to election at the General Membership meeting on September 13, 2011. Any member of the EACC may run for a position on the Board of Directors. To make a nomination, please call the EACC office at 412-321-1204, or speak with any EACC board member.

Membership in the EACC is open to all who have an "interest in East Allegheny." Voting members must be 18 years of age, pay dues of \$5 per person or \$8 per family, and attend at least two consecutive meetings. To be able to vote after the first year of membership, the member must attend at least three out of the EACC's eleven regular monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 pm.

The following officers were elected in September 2010 to serve two-year terms: Cynthia Shea (president), Nicholas Kyriazi (vice president), Lynn Glorieux (secretary), Ed Graf (treasurer) and Kevin Kemery (recorder). Four directors were elected in September 2010 to serve one-year terms: Janelle Kemerer, David Stacy, Brian Waldron and Cody Walters. Janelle Kemerer resigned when she moved out of the neighborhood, and Peg Eichner was appointed by the Board to fill out the remainder of Janelle's term.

The next meeting of the EACC will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 pm at the Bistro Soul Annex on East Ohio Street. All are welcome.

DEUSCHTOWN HOUSE TOUR POSTPONED UNTIL THIS FALL

Our House Tour Committee has decided to reschedule the Deuschtown House Tour for sometime in the fall. We will send out emails when we have further details, or you can call the EACC office at 412-321-1204.

SIGN UP FOR THE EACC E-NEWSLETTER

Be sure you know all the latest happenings in Deuschtown! We are excited that Rachel Booth has volunteered to send out email news to our members and friends. Sign up for our monthly electronic newsletter, "like" us on Facebook (Welcome to Deuschtown), or follow us on Twitter (@Deuschtown).

Email rachelannbooth@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to our email list.

GREAT PROGRAMS AT THE ALLEGHENY LIBRARY

for Kids

Registration is required for all programs.

Family Study Buddies: Homework Club

Mondays _ 4:30 pm

Please join us for weekly FREE homework help/tutoring. Adult tutors will be available at the Library to help your child complete their homework. Grade K–6

Family Playshop

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 _ 11 am

Bring your little to our playgroup program. We will enjoy age appropriate toys, have an expert on hand for casual conversation and end with a fun storytime.

Babies & toddlers

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 7 _ 12 pm

Celebrate Mother's Day on the children's room terrace. We will listen to a story and share treats. This program is for moms or mother figures and their families.

Imagination Builders: Lego Club

Saturdays, May 21 & 28, June 4 & 11 _ 2 pm

Children and their caregivers are invited to use their imagination by building structures using a variety of building toys. Grade PreK–6

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Saturday, June 18 _ 12 pm

Children who participate in the Library's Summer Reading program do much better in school when they return in the fall! Celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading Club at our kick-off party where you can register for summer reading, play games and enjoy refreshments. All ages.

for Teens---Weekly Wii

Thursdays _ 3:30 pm

Join your friends at the library for an afternoon of gaming fun.

for Adults

Conversation Salon

First Friday of the month _ 12:30 pm

Share your point of view in our monthly, moderated, group discussion forum.

Registration is required.

Beginning Yoga and Tai Chi

Tuesdays _ 6 pm Miss your regular class?

Want to learn how to practice yoga and tai chi, but don't want the expense of a gym membership?

Check out our casual classes. Topic alternates weekly. *Registration is required.*

Computer Basics Class

First Thursday of the month _ 9 am

We cover the components of the computer, terminology, searching the Internet and how to use a mouse. *Registration is required.*

Email Class

Second Thursday of the month _ 9 am

Each attendee receives a free email account and the skills to use it. *Registration is required.*

Microsoft Word Class

Third Thursday of the month _ 9 am

This new class covers the basics of using *Microsoft Word*.

Registration is required.

Friends of CLP – Allegheny Meeting

Third Saturday of the month _ 9 am

Do you value the Library as a community resource?

Joining the Friends of CLP – Allegheny is a great way to show your support and have fun too

For more information call 412-237-1890 or visit www.carnegielibrary.org.

East Ohio Street Project

Do you know of prominent or notable persons/families, institutions or events that made a significant impact in Historic Deutschtown?

If so, then the Deutschtown Merchants Association, the East Allegheny Community Council, and the Northside Leadership Conference want to hear your IDEAS!

The Deutschtown Merchants Association has been awarded a grant from the Rivers Casino Business District funding to continue the branding of Historic Deutschtown. Using the large wall mural at Rita's as inspiration, the Deutschtown Merchants Association plans to place "wappens" or seals on the street poles along East Ohio Street. The wappens will feature prominent German, Swiss, or Austrian settlers, prominent institutions, or events that are related to Historic Deutschtown. The wappens will also be customized so that they can be decorated for holidays and special events. This is an exciting initiative for the East Ohio Main Street and we look forward to hearing from the community.

If you want to suggest names for us to further research, please contact Stephanie Miller, Main Street Manager at 412-330-2554 or Stephanie@pittsburghnorthside.com.

CALL 311 for the Mayor's Response Line

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Response Line (311) is the number to call to place a request for service or to make a complaint.

You should call 311 to report such things as bags of garbage on sidewalks between scheduled collection days, graffiti, a street light that is not working, potholes, garbage that was not picked up on collection day, a sewer drain that is backed up, or a vacant house with broken first floor windows or an unsecured door.

When a request for service is received, it is entered into the computer system for tracking, then forwarded to the appropriate agency to be investigated and scheduled for action.

The Mayor's Response Line allows 10-15 working days for a response before placing the complaint on a list for follow-up to ensure a response to every request received. The Response Line answers from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We should all take advantage of help from the 311 Response Line to keep improving our neighborhood.