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Hazelwood Steeple Chase 5K Run and Walk

Kelli D. Herd

Saturday October 6, 2007 was not your typical Autumn Day. In fact, temperatures reached in the mid 80s and it felt more like August than October. Still, that did not keep runners from participating in the 10th annual Hazelwood Steeple Chase 5K Run and Walk (formerly known as the Hazelwood Octoberfest 5K). Nor did the soaring temperatures keep the community from coming out to cheer on runners brave enough to battle the Hazelwood hills and heat. It was a great day!

Master of Ceremony City Council President Doug Shields set the runners off. The first person crossing the finish line with a time of 17:52 was Doug Basinski (36) of Pittsburgh. Coming in Second was our own Hazelwood Initiative CoChair Matthew Smuts. Placing third was Rich Sandala (45) of Venetia, PA. Roland Ford of Pittsburgh, PA celebrated his 59th birthday being the 8th person to cross the finish line. The first woman to finish the race was Hazelwood Initiative Former Intern Lori Gaido (35) of Washington, PA.

The event could not have been a success without all the volunteers that showed up at 6:30 in the morning to lend a hand. Shout outs must go out to Coach Alonzo Webb and the University of Pittsburgh's Track and Field Team. They arrived early and worked hard guiding runners along the path to the finish. Thanks also go out to Tracy Soska and his team from the School of Social Work. They too arrived early and set out making

our day a true success. And of course, as always, countless members of the Hazelwood community came out in full support. Thank you to everyone who made

this day a success! For race results and sponsor acknowledgements, see page 8. For more photos, check out our website at www.hazelwoodhomepage.com.



Master of Ceremony City Council President Doug Shields gets the runners off and running.



On your mark, get set, GO!

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HI Lites

Delores Livsey

Fran Bertonaschi called the meeting to order at 6:35. A treasurer's report was given by Jim Richter along with a copy to be reviewed by the membership.

MRDC Report- Kris DiPietro Bags will be packed for Safe Halloween on October 24th, 6:30 at Car barn

Nominating Report - Juanita Godfrey

Nominations for the HI Board are due at the end of the month. Submit your names to the committee. There are four positions available. The committee is looking for those who are willing to be trained for leadership skills.

Block Club/Watch Updated - Adrian Hollis - Monongahela/Marsden Block Watch Adrian spoke about the purpose of the Block Club and how we support the community by donations, volunteering, serving on committees and attending community affairs sponsored by HI.

Sam Stratti - Riverside Block Club

Sam gave an update on the demolition of houses on West Elizabeth Street and Lytle Street.

Executive Director's Report New homes will be available for sale in May. HI-HOPE will provide drop in medical services. Future services will provide art for the youth and employment opportunities.

5K Steeple Race-There were several races and marathon's the day our race was scheduled so our volunteers out numbered our runners but the event was still successful.

Presentation - Andrew Butcher, Chris Koch, GTECH Biotech project- ALMONO Site There are 14,102 vacant lots in Pittsburgh, and they are growing bio energy crops on vacant lots. On the Almono site, they are growing 6 acres of sunflowers and grass. The project will have an immediate impact because it utilizes vacant lots and will reduce the command for foreign oil. It will provide land stabilization, local energy production and agricultural programs for youth and provide a platform for green color jobs.

Presentation - Tim Kaulen, The Industrial Arts Coop Metal sculpture- ALMONO Site. An 18 to 20 foot steel worker is being constructed out of scrapes of metal. A small-scale sculpture of a steel worker was used as a visual aid. The foundation of the sculpture is plywood and steel pieces of scrape materials left behind at the LTV Site. Discarded materials are used to create a story. There are several possible locations for this sculpture, on the Southside near the park, and Second Avenue near the Tech Center. The membership would like to have the sculpture on Second Avenue near the Tech Center. A question and answer period followed presentation.

Pittsburgh Council District 5-Council President Doug Shields Major expenditures: 7.2 million dollars for street re-surfacing, 2.2 million dollars for demolition, 8.2 million dollars for URA. Rising cost of pensions and health care for retirees is increasing. Tax-exempt problem contin-

ues 24.5 million is lost is payroll revenues. The city reduced spending by 50 million dollars in one year.

Gregg Daley - Pittsburgh Department of Public Works spoke about winter operations.

Brian Hill and Wayne Bossinger-Pittsburgh Bureau of Building Inspections.

There are 66 houses in Hazelwood that need to be demolished but only one third will be demolished. Fifteen houses have been demolished at this time. Homer Craig suggested that a letter of recognition be sent to the Pittsburgh Bureau of Building Inspection to let them know what a great job he's doing for our community.

Commander Kathy Degler- Pittsburgh Police Zone 4 Station

The crime rate has been stable, and there will be a City Wide Public Safety Council Meeting on October 10th at 6:30 at the Kingsley House a website www.citizens observer can be used to find out further information about meeting.

Please join us for our next meeting, Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the Car barn. We will have a special meeting Thursday, November 8, 2007, with Allderdice Principal Scherrer. Principal Scherrer will present information about Allderdice High School and will answer question you may have about your children's experience at Allderdice. Join us at the Car barn at 6:30 PM. For more information, please call 412.421.7234. See page 9 for an interview with the principal.

Process for Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. Election to Board of Directors.

Jim Richter

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations to the Board and confirming those nominees' interest in and agreement to serve if elected. Elections are for a two-year term beginning in January 2008 and ending in December of 2009. Nominations will close on November 13, 2007 at the General Membership meeting. At that time, candidates will be allowed three minutes to address the audience with their qualifications and commitment to serve.

Once the nominations have been closed, the Nominating Committee will create a Ballot of all the candidates listed in alphabetic order. This Ballot will be mailed on November 19 to all current members eligible to vote—that is those who are current in their dues. The mailing will include a stamped self-addressed envelope

to be mailed back to the Hazelwood Initiative. The envelope should contain the member's completed ballot. As there are four openings for the Board, members can vote for up to four candidates, but no more than four. Any ballot containing more than four votes will be invalid. Deadline for receipt of the ballots is December 10 by mail to 5344 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

The Nominating Committee will tally the votes on December 10 and report the results to the membership at the December 11 (Annual Meeting).

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Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. Mission Statement

Hazelwood Initiative, Inc., acts as a catalyst for the revitalization of the Greater Hazelwood community, provides leadership to create a healthy community, and serves as a community resource and advocate.



What's Up?

NOTICES CONCERNING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



The Hazelwood YMCA

SilverSneakers Program, is a low grade exercise program designed for the senior citizens. The program is year round from 10:00AM - 10:45AM, Mon. Wed. & Fri. For more information, please contact Lisa Reihl at (412) 421-5648 ext. 10.

Food Bank

The Food Pantry is a need-based program for low income families. The third Thursday of every month from 10:00AM - 12:00PM. Located at the Hazelwood YMCA, 4713 Chatsworth Ave. Please bring proof of income, address and ID.

Hazelwood YMCA Farmstand

Provides an accessibility to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to the residents and employees in the Hazelwood area. Accepts WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers as well as cash. Thursdays from 12 noon until 2:30PM. The Farmstand runs from June 14, 2007 until mid-November. The farmstand is here to serve the community and to bring a much needed service to local residents. We welcome comments and suggestions to better serve the community.

If interested in starting NA/AA meetings at the Hazelwood YMCA, please contact Carole Jordan at (412) 421-5648 ext. 13.

MAYOR LUKE RAVENSTAHL'S RESPONSE LINE
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Let Us Know What's Up

Contact Us with Information about Your Community Group, Church, Friends & Neighbors

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Pittsburgh LEARNS After school Program at Mifflin School

Pittsburgh LEARNS is the result of a unique collaboration between the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Wireless Neighborhoods and the Hazelwood YMCA. The program focuses on a fun, innovative academic enrichment program, homework/project help, nutrition, and enrichment activities. The after school program is open to Mifflin School Kindergarten through second grade students who receive referrals from their teacher, principal, or guidance counselor. The Pittsburgh LEARNS program at Mifflin School meets from 3:30-6:00pm Monday through Friday. Contact Ikeva Wilkins at 412.715.2215 for more information.

After School Academic Enrichment Program

Our program has 3 components that provide children 5-13 yrs with LITERACY, TECHNOLOGY, and HEALTH & WELLNESS. A wide variety of age appropriate activities are offered in the education curriculum areas of math, reading, and communication. We provide transportation from local schools, snack & dinner are also provided. We also offer full day child care during select holidays and school in-service days. HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday—Friday 2:30-6:00pm. Subsidies through DPW and Child Care Partnerships are accepted. The Hazelwood YMCA scholarships are also available to all participants. Scholarships are provided with funds raised through our annual fund drive.

Strong Communities Campaign.

We also offer special rates to families with more than one child. For information, contact Ericka Wingfield at 412.421.5648x11.

Planning Meeting

Saturday December 8th
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Carbarn 5344 Second Ave.

Please join Carnegie Mellon's Urban Laboratory to explore design possibilities for the future of the Hazelwood LTV site. We will be presenting innovative ideas for the LTV site and how it could help revitalize Hazelwood. This fall, students from the School of Architecture have been working with community members to explore ideas for new housing, new public facilities and ways to integrate research and technology into a future neighborhood on the LTV brownfield. In our third community meeting, we will present designs with maps, drawings and a large community model. Please join us. For more information, contact Urban Laboratory Coordinator Jonathan Kline at jonathak@andrew.cmu.edu or Jim Richter at 412.421.7234

Are you an adult who is interested in becoming a Catholic? If so, St. Stephen Parish is inviting you to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) group which will prepare you on your journey. Please contact Fr. Neil McCaulley for more information at 412-421-9210.

Nar-Anon, a support group for families of people with drug addictions, meets each Wednesday at 7 PM. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh (221 Johnston Avenue). For more information, call Cindy T. at 412-421-7076 or Eleanore M. at 412-782-2210.

College Admissions Workshops

Thru December 31, 2007
Meet with college admissions expert Eva Gelman to learn how to simplify the College Admissions Process. All high school students and parents welcome. Please call 412-521-4723 or email collegequest@gmail.com for more information. College Quest guides students and families through the complexities of the college admissions process. Call today for upcoming programs or a free consultation.

Book 'Em - Pittsburgh's Books to Prisoners program seeks donations of dictionaries, how-to-draw books and African-American history and literature. Thomas Merton Center, 5125 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh (Garfield). (412) 361-3022
www.thomasmertoncenter.org

FREE VACANT LOT:

Steele Court, 1265 Square Feet
412.373.1966

The Carnegie Library of Homestead Fourth Annual Victorian Christmas Festival

Saturday, December 8!
Join us for a Christmas concert with the Valley Voices and special guest David Conrad of CBS's "Ghost Whisperer". Afterwards there will be an elegant dinner catered by Apple Harvest Catering with music provided by the Tuesday Musical Club String Quartet. A special raffle will be held after dinner. Advance reservations only by November 26, 2007.
Dinner & Concert: \$45
Adult Concert Only: \$10 advance, \$12 at door
Senior Concert Only: \$8 advance, \$10 at door
Children 12 and under are free (concert only)
Contact: Kate Grannemann
412-462-3444 x227

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Dining Room Set - 1 table with 6 chairs. 1 china cabinet, 1 buffet. Black laquer with gold trim.
Best Offer
Call Charles @ 412.969.7488

The next Hazelwood Initiative General Membership meeting will be November 13, 2007, 6:30PM at the Carbarn located at 5344 Second Avenue.

The Planning Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7PM at the HI Office.

Please join us for one or all of these meetings. For more information, please call 412.421.7234.



A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -- Margaret Mead

For more What's Up and other information concerning your community, see page 7.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Are You Leaving Your Share of \$50 Million on the Table?

State Rep. Dan Frankel

At least \$50 million is sitting in the state treasury unclaimed, and much of it is intended for Allegheny County residents. Thanks to a law I voted for in 2006, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been expanded to include hundreds of thousands of more people. However, in Allegheny County alone, nearly 19,000 of those projected to be eligible — about 34 percent — still haven't applied.

Many homeowners may not be aware that they qualify under the new guidelines. The old income limit was \$15,000 – it is now \$35,000. In many cases, households with incomes of \$40,000 can qualify — when determining income eligibility, applicants only

have to include half of their Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or federal Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits.

To qualify for the program, a resident must be 65 or older, a widow or widower 50 or older, or 18 or older with a permanent disability. The rebate program is funded entirely by the state lottery, not tax dollars.

The 2006 expansion I supported also raised the maximum rebate amount by \$150 to \$650. The minimum rebate is \$250, so it is definitely worth calling or visiting my office to see if you qualify. There's still time to come in or call my office – Dec. 31 is the deadline to apply for a rebate on rent

or taxes paid in 2006.

To apply for the rebate, property owners will need to bring along a driver's license or other form of identification, a Social Security statement, dividend statement, pension statement, statements for any earned interest or income, and a property tax paid receipt. Additionally, renters will need a rent certificate and rental occupancy affidavit filled out by the landlord. Blank rent certificates are available from my office.

Constituents in the 23rd Legislative District with state-related concerns or questions may call Rep. Dan Frankel's office at 412-422-1774 or visit the office at

4225 Murray Ave. His Web site is www.pahouse.com/Frankel.



Neighborhood Address

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbors,

Through a series of Neighborhood Forums, my administration has been visiting you in your community. We have asked for feedback, and we have listened, following up on ideas and concerns to make sure that your issues are addressed. One of the recurring requests from the Neighborhood Forums is for information on what we are doing to keep our streets clean and safe, and what you can do to help us in our efforts. Because community engagement is critical to confronting crime and blight, we urge you to work with us by using the following resources that we have made available.

In addition to the Neighborhood Forums that I have organized, we are now making sure that a representative of the Mayor's Office and other City departments is available to attend any Community Meeting where their presence is requested. We have been in touch with many neighborhood groups. If we have not contacted you, please give us a call at 412-255-2566 and we will make sure that we have someone at your next meeting. It is crucial for the success of our neighborhoods, that we stay updated on what's happening in the communities.

Mayor Ravenstahl's Response Line, 3-1-1, has been taking your calls and concerns for a year now. We have worked out glitches and have assembled a response team in the call center that is dedicated to providing you with the most customer-friendly service available. We receive and respond to roughly 250 calls each day.

With your help and guidance we have been working more effectively and efficiently than ever. Keep the calls coming!

We continue to move forward with a comprehensive plan for addressing your public safety issues, implementing new and innovative ways of taking back our streets. We have added officers in order to subtract crime and we are using technology to keep these officers out on the streets where we need them. Before, officers had to return to the station to write reports. Now, with the installation of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in the police vehicles, officers are able to submit reports from their vehicles, and do not have to travel back to the office in order to complete countless hours of administrative work.

Most importantly, we are relying on one of our most valuable resources, you, our citizens, to help us keep crime out of our neighborhoods. We have created an anonymous tips line. If you see suspicious behavior on your street, call 3-1-1 and let them know that you have an anonymous tip. We are also working hard to get facts out to you, so that you know what is happening in your neighborhood.

The CitizenObserver alert network will allow the Pittsburgh Police to quickly enter content about crimes or incidents, and within seconds, provide information to businesses, citizens and watch groups. We encourage all residents to take part

in the CitizenObserver Alert Network by logging on to www.citizenobserver.com and clicking on the "Sign Up for Alerts" link.

We are proactively fighting blight as well as crime. One of my top priorities when I took office was to review the tools available to fight blight in all city neighborhoods. This ongoing overhaul has resulted in initiatives to keep abandoned vehicles off our city streets, to remove decayed buildings, and to aggressively attack nuisance properties citywide. Working with City Council, we introduced legislation to create a Vacant Property Registry ordinance. With this legislation, we are taking a major step against neighborhood blight and dangerous activity brought about by the hundreds of vacant properties in our communities in order to hold vacant property owners accountable for their neglect.

We are also committed to keeping our existing properties in good condition. We recognize the need for an organized inspection and registration program for residential rental units located within the City. Rental units must meet all applicable building, existing structures, fire, health, safety, and zoning codes, and we will now provide an efficient system for compelling both absentee and local landlords to correct violations and maintain, in proper condition, rental property within the City.

We have begun to truly market our Sideyard Sale program. If you have a vacant, city-owned lot next to your home, please contact us for more information regarding the acquisition of this property. For a low cost, you can purchase this lot, increasing your property value while helping to revitalize your neighborhood. For more information please contact the City's Real Estate Department at 412-255-2300.

This is just a short list of the initiatives that I have launched in the City's neighborhoods over the past few months. We are making progress, but there is still work to be done. I look forward to hearing from you and working together with you as we continue to move the City forward and energize Pittsburgh's future.



Improving Our Water Systems

Council President Doug Shields

We all want clean water, clean streams, and clean rivers. To achieve and maintain this goal, Congress passed the Clean Water Act (1977) giving the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) jurisdiction to regulate wastes going into the nation's waters. But like many cities, Pittsburgh has since been playing catch-up to adhere to federal regulations. It's important to understand that in Pittsburgh, approximately 80% of our sewers are combined sewers, meaning that both wastewater and storm water are carried in the same set of pipes. Of the 83 communities ALCOSAN serves, 26 have been identified as having primarily a combined sewer system within their municipal boundaries.

In combined systems, as little as one-tenth of an inch of rain can cause sewage to overflow into our rivers and streams. Each year, overflows affect Pittsburgh's rivers up to 70 days during the boating season (May 15-

October 1) making water unacceptable even for recreation and affecting Allegheny County's primary source of drinking water. This is critically important because nearly 90 percent of Allegheny County residents get their drinking water from Pittsburgh's rivers. Municipalities could face a potential \$2 billion investment in order to correct the problem.

To comply with state and federal law and a Consent Order and Agreement, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Allegheny County Health Department are requiring the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) and the City of Pittsburgh to conduct standard dye tests. The purpose is to verify that downspouts, yard drains, and other storm water drains are in compliance and not discharging flow into the sanitary sewer system.

Using garden hoses connected to water trucks, inspectors wash non-staining, water-soluble dye into each downspout, driveway or yard drain. There is no cost to property owners for the dye test at this time. However, if the test concludes that

one or more drains discharges its flow improperly, PWSA will require the property owner at their own expense to disconnect these drains from the sanitary sewer system.

The easiest and most cost-effective thing to do is to take downspouts out of a combined system. You don't have to dig to do that. Just terminate the downspout before it goes underground to divert rainwater into a rain barrel or cistern. This simple step can save you real dollars now on the cost of watering your lawn, washing your car, etc.

It is very important to see the big picture here. We are changing the way we dispose of wastewater and we all can begin to change the way we do things and save money as well. I can see a day when homes will be built with cisterns to store larger amounts of storm water for toilet flushing, laundry and other non-potable water uses.

Just as we must improve our roads above ground, we must also improve what we cannot see — our water systems below ground.

It is going to be a long and expensive process spanning generations.. But the cost of doing nothing now will have dire long term consequences. I urge you to visit www.3riverswetweather.org for additional information.



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"America's Most Livable City"
Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

October 15, 2007

Dear Neighbor:

Thank you for joining me at my Neighborhood Forum in Hazelwood on September 20. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

I enjoyed updating you on our City's progress, as well as listening to your thoughts and ideas. In fact, I'd like to share with you the feedback gathered from the color-coded comment cards that were passed out at the meeting. Each question is listed below, with a summary of your community's answers.

What two things do you like best about your neighborhood?

The leading answers to this question were: 1) convenient and accessible location, 2) friendly residents, and 3) excellent transportation. Residents commented that they enjoyed their proximity to shopping, entertainment, Downtown, and the Homestead, Squirrel Hill and Southside neighborhoods. They noted that neighbors are friendly and down-to-earth, and many are long-time residents who take pride in their community. Residents also appreciated the neighborhood's great access to transportation.

Additional answers included affordable housing, green spaces, engaging churches and active community groups.

What are two issues currently confronting your neighborhood?

The most frequent answer to this question was crime. Respondents were primarily worried about gun violence and drug activity in their neighborhoods.

Other issues of concern included absentee landlords, vacant houses, lack of positive recreational facilities (gymnasiums and pools), lack of local schools, the need for business and economic development, and the ambiguous status of the Mon-Fayette Expressway.

What two things would you like to see for your neighborhood in the next decade?

The top answers to this question were increased economic development and greater recreational opportunities. Respondents wanted to see increases in both residential and business development, with new retail along Second Avenue and redevelopment of the LTV site. Residents also envisioned more recreational facilities, including a swimming pool and classes for children and the elderly.

Requests for the future included more clean-ups below the tracks, improved connections to trails and trails, increased home ownership, the creation of a local school, overall demolition and redevelopment, and enhanced connections to Oakland and the Southside.

My Neighborhood Initiatives Director and I were very pleased to get such thoughtful comments from the community, and I will be incorporating this input into our plans for Hazelwood, Glen Hazel, and the 31st Ward. I am also making sure that the issue-specific 311 cards and Comment Forms that you submitted are followed up on in a timely manner.

Once again, thank you for participating in the forum, and for your ongoing neighborhood involvement. I look forward to our continued work together, putting neighborhoods first to create a safe, clean, and vibrant city.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

LR/g

Teaching Gratitude

Rose Velgich

Happy Holidays! Yes, the fall and winter holidays are upon us already. Of course, Halloween is finished, now it is time for Thanksgiving. In previous articles, I have focused on giving thanks to the past and ways to teach your child how to celebrate the history of Thanksgiving. This year, the approach will be a bit different – can we teach children gratitude?

Let us think of the character traits that the Pilgrims and Native Americans must have had to in order to have harmony in their community. First, the Native Americans and the Pilgrims had to be caring because they helped one another. They also had to feel a bit of citizenship to do some community service. Both groups also had effective communication that allowed them to talk to one another without being threatened. They were courageous, empathetic, and peaceful. However, they both had to have some

sort of gratitude to give back to their new neighbors.

What are some ways to teach a child to be grateful? Some parents reward their children for good grades or helping around the house, in which there is nothing wrong in doing so. But another approach is by telling your children that you are ABLE to do those things. You CAN clean your room. You CAN help out the elderly neighbor. You CAN volunteer at your church. You CAN achieve good grades because you can think and learn. We take things for so many things for granted that our perspective of ability and selfishness (What can doing that do for me?) becomes distorted.

Read stories together that tell about hardships that people have overcome and survived. We hear stories of how a millionaire lost all of

his or her wealth, due to poor investments, but learned through the experience just how really fortunate he or she truly is. Indeed, there may have been an occasion in our own lives when we took a loved one for granted and didn't realize until their death, just how very special that person was. I personally like stories from people who tell about years lived through the Great Depression. These stories teach us the Golden Rule, "Be grateful for what you have".

Another way to teach a child to be grateful is to find an organization that may need adolescent volunteers. Some organizations have clothing or food drives that need kids to help separate the items. Take a walk around your neighborhood. Is there something that your child can do to assist the community groups? Is there a neighbor that may need assistance in cleaning

their property? The best way to teach children is by example. Reflect on your own actions and make an effort to be more proactive.

The first step is always the most difficult. A book called *What Do You Stand For? A Kids Guide to Building Character* by Barbara Lewis may help you on your journey to instilling good character traits within your child. This book has some great activities that not only teachers can do, but parents can do at home as a family. Reading about activities that have proven to be successful may help identify potential problems and find simple solutions and, at the same time teach gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

Events this Month at Carnegie Library

Sara Dora



Homework Help

Every weekday after school

All ages

Come to the library after school for help with research for paper writing or with difficult homework assignments. We can help with science calendar homework, too!

Secret Forest Art Gallery opens on Second Avenue!

In recent months, Hazelwood children have been busy studying ecology and making art at the Hazelwood Carnegie Library. Hazelwood's businessman, Sam Rende, has generously loaned the project his storefront to display the children's art. Come and see the beautiful work presented at 5009 Second Avenue! The Community Forest Project will continue throughout the fall.

Date and times of workshops will be posted at the library.

Storytime Fun for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Tuesdays and Thursdays in November at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Special Thanksgiving storytime on November 15 and 20 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Ages 2- 6 with an adult

Come and join us for special stories, songs, puppets and fingerplays

KinderPrep

Tuesday, November 27 and Thursday November 29 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Age 4-6 with an adult

KinderPrep is designed to help parents and educators prepare their children to meet the PA Early Learning Standards that educators observe/evaluate for each child entering Kindergarten.

The DINOSAURS Are Coming!

Saturday, November 17 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The new Dinosaurs in Their Time exhibit at the Carnegie Museum is opening this month. Come learn about dinosaurs, listen to dinosaur tales and create some cool dinosaur crafts. Fun for the whole family!

Media Literacy

Tuesday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Ages 13 and up

Join us to look at images in the media and to discuss how what we think we know about a subject can change with increased or decreased media coverage. Topics to be discussed include beauty ideals, wacky weather, and the summer of the shark.

Staying Active

Kelli D. Herd

9th Annual World Run Day

Sunday, November 11, 2007, 9 AM

Pittsburgh area and vicinity

Pittsburgh, PA 15201

www.runday.com

Operation Troop Appreciation Veterans Day 5K Race

Sunday, November 11, 2007

8:30 AM

Hampton Community Park

Allison Park, PA 15101

All Proceeds will be used to purchase items requested by Active Duty Troops Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

All American refreshments at the finish line.

YMCA Turkey Trot, 5/2 Miles

Thanksgiving Morning 9:00 a.m.

Downtown YMCA

330 Blvd. of the Allies

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

<http://www.active.com>.

2 Mile Fun Run - \$20.00

5 Mile Turkey Trot - \$20.00

Registration - Clydesdale (Men over 200 lbs) - \$20.00

PPG Skating Rink Hours

Open November 16, 2007

General Hours:

Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. to Midnight

Sunday Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Skating Times:

Christmas Eve Noon to 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Noon to Midnight

New Year's Day 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



The Washington Boulevard Cycling Track

It's a half-mile oval loop along Washington Boulevard with banked corners and a slight hill.

The track's flat interior surface is the perfect place for kids to learn to inline skate or ride bikes or scooter.

WALKING

Year-round

West Penn Park, Polish Hill,

Schenley Park Oval

For information: 412-255-2539

SKATEBOARDING

Year-round

Citiparks Skate Parks

McKinley Park, Beltzhoover

West Penn Park, Polish Hill

Tuxedo Street, Sheraden

For information: 412-255-2539

PITTSBURGH SPORTS LEAGUE

Year-round adult co-ed sports, including basketball, kickball, volleyball, softball. Various city locations.

412-338-2133 or www.pump.org

What's Up continued

The Meals on Wheels program in Hazelwood is always looking for volunteers for substitute drivers, delivery and kitchen help. If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please call 412.521.2330.

Shared Grief is Diminished Grief
Grief Support Group Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month at the First Hungarian Reformed Church Hall
221 Johnston Avenue at 7 PM
All are welcome.

For more information, please call 412-421-1165
Sponsored by Sauvageot Funeral Home
Metropolitan Cremation Service

COME WORSHIP AND BE INSPIRED
BY
The Church of the Good Shepherd
Located at
Second and Johnston Avenue

Traditional Mass: Sundays at 10 AM
Praise and Worship: Sundays at 1 PM

An Episcopal Church

Events In and Around Pittsburgh

Forward Lanes Bowling
5844 Forward Avenue
Squirrel Hill, PA
412-422-5844

Forward Lanes is consistently rated among the top Bowling Alleys in the western Pennsylvania region. And not only that, it does it all for the absolute lowest prices! Not only are the everyday bowling prices lower than the competition, but we also have numerous discounted bowling nights and specials. www.forwardlanes.net

Sneaker Bash benefiting Girls on the Run at Magee-Women's Hospital
Friday, November 2, 2007 at 6 PM
The Firehouse Lounge
2216 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222,
www.girlsontherun.magee.edu

Open-mic Night
10-05-07 to 12-21-07
Connections Coffee
412-760-8054

Friday nights at 8:30! Open-mic Nights: poetry, music, spoken word, dance, visual arts, etc! Come share your talents among a community of creative and supportive people! Connections Coffee is located at 3495 Bates Street in South Oakland.

Youth Talent Showcase
www.unionproject.org/youth
11-06-07 to 11-06-07
801 N. Negley Avenue
412.363.4550
Free showcase for local MCs & talent hosted by the Union Project. 11/6/07
7:00 PM-9:00PM

26th Annual Celebrate the Season Parade
November 25, 2006

9:00 AM
Downtown Pittsburgh
Bring the whole family downtown and enjoy Pittsburgh's annual Celebrate the Season Parade. You'll have lots of School Marching Bands, beautiful Holiday Floats, local Celebrities and of course Santa Claus. It's the perfect way for families to begin the holiday season. Parade begins at Mellon Arena and ends at Point State Park.

Light Up Night Pittsburgh
November 17, 2006 - Various locations throughout Downtown Pittsburgh
Light Up Night Pittsburgh events include Art Gallery tours, the official lighting of the Christmas Tree and other Trees around the City at 5:10 PM, Ice Sculptures, Musical Performances, the unveiling of Holiday Display Windows at Macy's and Lazarus department stores... and a 'really big' fireworks display at Point State Park at 9 PM.

Union Project Block Party
www.unionproject.org/blockparty
11-13-07 to 11-13-07
801 N. Negley Avenue
412.363.4550
Come to the Union Project for family and community fun! \$5 for dinner and family entertainment. Check out www.unionproject.org/blockparty or call 412.363.4550 for more info.
11/13/07 5:30 PM-7:30PM

South Side Works Cinema
Every Monday movie tickets are just \$5 each and you get a FREE 32oz. popcorn

"If a profound gulf separates my neighbor's belief from mine, there is always the golden bridge of tolerance"



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If you've ever dreamed of seeing your writing published or if you simply have something you want others to read, give us a call or email us at hazelwoodeditor@yahoo.com. Who knows this may be the first step to a serious career in journalism. Please call Kelli at 412.421.7234 for submission guidelines. The next deadline for article submissions is November 21, 2007.

COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON!!!
At the annual
Hazelwood Light Up Night
Monday, December 3, 2007
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Travel along the Second Avenue Corridor and experience the Grinch, Christmas Carolers, Santa, Snow Queen, Hot Cider and much, much more!!!

Don't miss out on this fantastic affair!!!
For more information, please call 412.421.7234