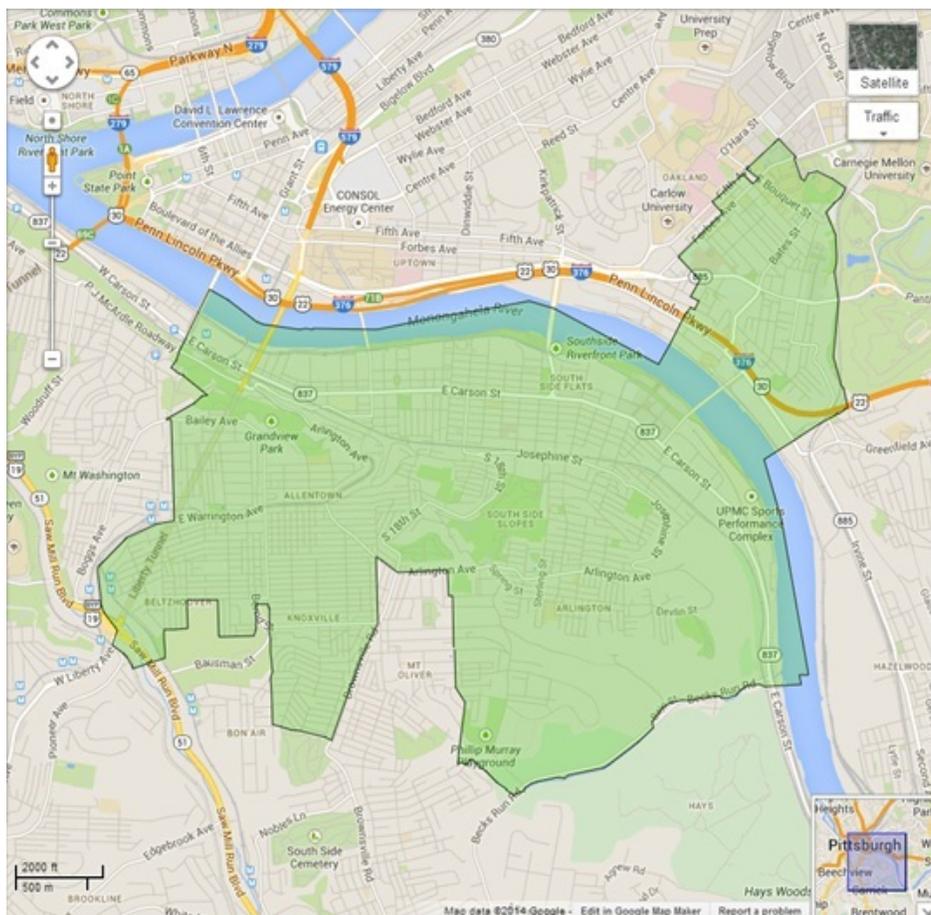


DISTRICT 3

Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, Oakland (Central and South), South Side Flats, South Side Slopes, St. Clair



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Welcome Back!

By Hannibal Hopson / Community Relations Assistant

— Here in the District 3 Council Office we feel it is important to recognize and spotlight outstanding news in our energetic, diverse community. The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight members/organizations and their efforts to improve the community. In the event that you have a story you feel is worth sharing, please contact our office at 412-255-2130.

A Note from the Editor

On behalf of the Pittsburgh City Council District 3 Office, we would like to thank you for continuing to inspire our office with your tireless efforts to impact the community in positive ways. From the Hilltop to Panther Hollow, from Pitt Towers to St. Pius X Church, each member of the district brings a distinctive and unique experience, further accentuating the diversity throughout.

Over the past 6 months, the newsletter team has been fortunate enough to visit community impactors and report on success stories that speak to the incredible talent and opportunity found within our neighborhoods. As Pittsburgh continues to evolve over the next 10 years, so will South Pittsburgh. The founders of South Pittsburgh, John Ormsby and Dr. Nathaniel Bedford, were relentless in their approach to commitment and tireless effort to create the community we have the privilege of serving. It will take continued passion from the entire district to see to the ongoing advancement of the region.

Working for the betterment of our community comes with a desire to showcase portions of our district's assets to the surrounding neighborhoods and all of Pittsburgh. Internally, we have decided to alter the newsletter's format, changing its template to a more user-friendly format. We feel that this improvement would be best for 'Good News' in the future. This adaption will revamp our newsletter in small ways, hopefully making your experience better and the newsletter a bit more accessible. Please continue to provide comments and feedback to us, as we work to better accommodate each of you in your day-to-day lives. Please do not hesitate to give us a call or email with any issues, concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

The 'Good News' Team

Upcoming Events

[Open Up Warrington – April 1](#)

[JFilm: The Pittsburgh Jewish Film Forum – Starts April 16](#)

[Brashear Franktuary – April 1](#)

[April Earth Day Festival – April 22](#)

[Oakwatch – April 15](#)

[Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Events](#)

[Zone 3 Public Safety Meeting – April 15](#)

[WYEP Events](#)

[MWDCDC Community Forum – April 16](#)

[South Side Works Cinema Discounts](#)



Dr. Seuss Spurs Good News

Since its founding in 1917, the Brashear Association has been devoted to “support[ing] and enrich[ing] families in a community context to build more vital lives and neighborhoods in South Pittsburgh”. This foundation of devotion to human services and community action has created an avenue for citizens to become involved in the community’s continued improvement.

Often overlooked when discussing community growth, children’s education programs play such significant roles in community improvement. The Brashear Association has an advantage to tap into this facet of community growth as its office is located across the street from Pittsburgh Phillips Elementary. Host to the ‘New Artists’ program which is designed to spark students’ interest in the visual arts, Phillips Elementary remains one of the safe havens for constructive after school programs in the South Pittsburgh neighborhoods of District 3. The Brashear Association’s ‘New Artists’ program, like many of their programs, teaches practical fundamentals and encourages creative self-expression to the future leaders of our world.

Beyond providing programs, the Brashear Association seeks to supply beneficial resources as

well as foster effective practices to encourage productive behavior. Amber Rooke, education coordinator for the Brashear Association, revealed that nutrition has a lot to do with their encouragement of positive performance in the Childhood Education programs. “Healthy food, healthy choices, healthy lifestyle”, coined Amber Rooke when describing the unwritten mission for the education programs. After school, program youth are escorted from school to their respective sites, Grandview Elementary, Phillips Elementary or Allentown Learning and Engagement Center. Students then are immediately fed produce and other healthy snacks, allowing the next few hours to be filled with dynamic energy and vigor for learning. Structured time for homework completion follows soon after mealtime, as after-school staff tutor and administer assistance to students in need, as well as offer tips and guidance.

“I sat there with [Mikayla].
We sat there we two”

Students that don’t have homework, are encouraged to pick out a book or two to read until homework time ends. Either in groups or with staff, this time is filled with an invigorating energy geared towards

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learning. It is tough not to be inspired by the enthusiasm in which students complete assignments or read by themselves or in groups. The tremendous amount of focus speaks to the dedication to effective structural programming done by the Brashear Association, as well as the hard work and eagerness shown by the students. As the students work, more portions of snack foods are passed out, keeping creative juices flowing until programming or technology time starts.

ALEC, formerly known as the CLP Pop-up Library in Allentown, remains one of the more unique sites for the Brashear Association's After School Education Program. ALEC has served the community as a knowledge shelter and site for students, families and educational programs. Limiting walk-ins to Saturdays, more specific programming out of ALEC has helped school and community outreach, both during the school year and throughout the summer.

"Offering...options for children to develop their skills.." From local chefs and Zone 3 Police to FitUnited and Venture Outdoors, the Brashear Association boast a "broad array" of partnerships that increase opportunity for young students and "tap [into] their creativity." Partnerships are extremely valuable for these students, as they are often able to build small connections and skills that may help them in situations many youth do not encounter. When Amber speaks of barriers and challenges that her or staff encounter when running programs, she points out that "no one comes without a context." This reality can be hindering sometimes, because catering to individual needs when trying to serve large groups can be inconvenient at times.

"If mother could see this,
Oh, what would she say!"

However, both Amber and Tracy Frank, Family Services Coordinator, marvel about "changed perspectives and outlooks on situations," as students evolve and become more aware of their surroundings the community around them. This change is often due to partnerships with organizations that offer insight and information on formerly 'foreign' resources as well as "ongoing relationships with families, seeing [both] the kids and parents grow."

As for the future of Brashear Association's Childhood Education programs, promising results look assuring. Plans for increased support for current students as they continue to their intermediate school paths and eventually graduate from high school are on the forefront of discussion. Currently specializing on grades 2-5, the

Events



Saint John Vianney
Food Bank

Please Donate

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Tissue
- Kleenex
- Napkins
- Liquid Cleaning Products
- Dish Detergent
- Laundry Soap
- Tooth Brushes
- Razor Blades
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo
- Tooth Paste
- Deodorants
- Sponges
- Hand Soap
- Pasta Products
- Cereal
- Soups
- Beans
- Sauces
- Vitamins

**Please place items in
baskets in the rear of the
church.**

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Brashear Association focuses on development and it would only reverberate that mission if they continued to nurture students up until college. Employment and postsecondary education via Pittsburgh Promise are tangible goals for the Childhood Education program to provide outlets for students. Additionally, “a local sustainable market providing groceries and fresh produce, as well as personal care products,” envisions Tracy, remains something that would benefit the community in many ways. These ideas seem to push efforts for considerable encouraging South Pittsburgh development

Everyday young students learn and create new things that spur growth within their own families and subsequently their communities. The Brashear Association finds value in optimism for a bright future as a result of positive after-school programming for elementary aged students. Filling the after-school void with “healthy food” and “healthy choices”; a ‘healthy lifestyle’ is in place for students that work and play hard as they practice skills that will provide opportunities for them in the future. Safe, healthy fun and a productive experience after school, can be as effective as subject matter learned in school. Students run home with exciting stories and skills, eager to show their parents the new things they have learned. When a student runs up to a tutor with a book in hand, asking to share story time, it shows their willingness to challenge each day of learning.

“Well...
What would YOU do
If your [student] asked you?”

Calling District 3’s Fastest Runners!



Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon, Inc. (P3R), producers of the DICK’S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon weekend of races, is **proud to announce its inaugural FedEx Ground Pittsburgh Marathon Relay District Duel!**

The Registration Deadline for the Pittsburgh Marathon Relay has been extended to April 10th!

For more information about the FedEx Ground Pittsburgh Marathon Relay, please visit:

<http://www.pittsburghmarathon.com/marathon-relay>

District 3 Internal Office News

Satellite Offices:

412-689-1130

Southside (monthly):

1st and 3rd Thursday

10am – 2pm

UPMC Mercy Southside Outpatient Center

2000 Mary St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Oakland (monthly):

Appointment Only

People’s Oakland

3433 Bates St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Arlington (weekly):

Tuesday

10am – 2pm

Allegheny County Adult Probation Day Reporting Center

2322 Arlington Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15210

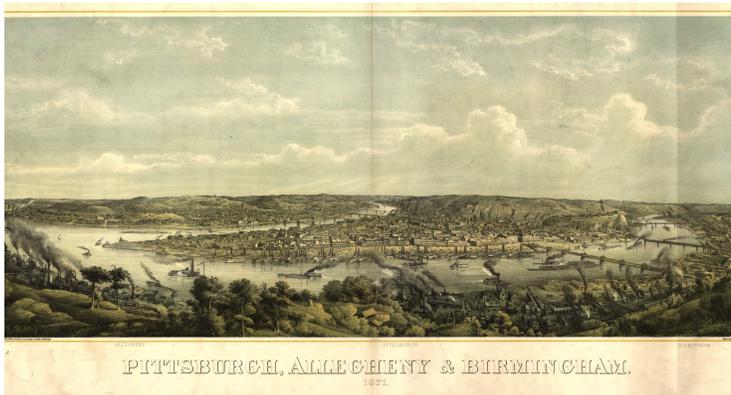


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"a fine-looking man of aristocratic and military bearing, a gentle-man of the old school, noted for his immaculate breast and sleeve ruffles, the brightness of his shoe and knee buckles."

- *description of John Ormsby, "father" of the South Side, in the eyes of Mrs. Barbara Anna (Winebiddle) Negley,*
- *John Ormsby, Pittsburgh's Original Citizen by Walter T. Kamprad*

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