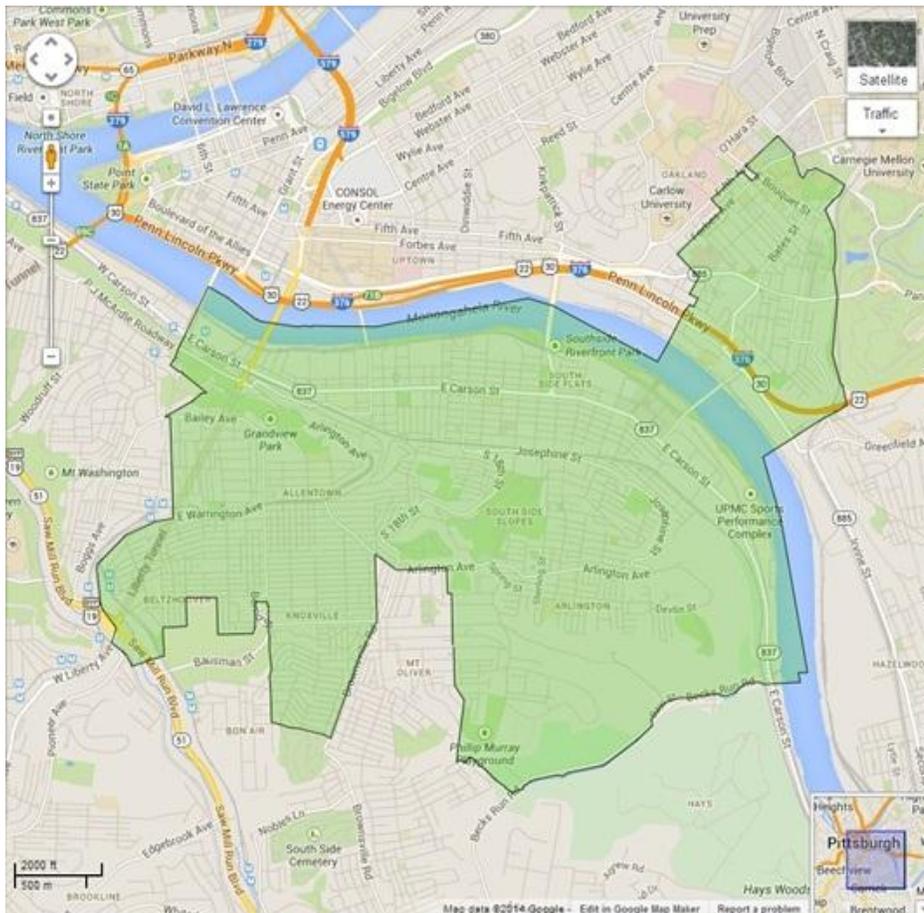


DISTRICT 3

Good News n'at

Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Central Oakland, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver City/St. Clair, South Oakland, South Side Flats, South Side Slopes



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Welcome Back!

By Hannibal Hopson / Community Relations Assistant

— We are pleased to announce the launch our new and improved newsletter! Here in the District 3 Council Office we feel it is our duty to recognize and spotlight outstanding news in our energetic, diverse community. We hope to use this newsletter 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

State of the Neighborhoods



The much anticipated District 3 State of the Neighborhoods has finally been updated with mid-year constituent data as well as the 2013 Crime Report data. As an office we are pleased to report a 95% resolution rate through July 14, 2014, which speaks volumes to the persistence from our constituents as well as the consistence of our city workers. We encourage ongoing communication with our office and as we look forward to the end of the year we hope to continue to provide the best service possible to the residents of District 3.

Pitt's New Service Initiative: Encouraging Great Work in District 3

By David De Leon / Intern



“empower students with the ability to truly make an impact on the Pittsburgh community.”

— In an effort to enhance its commitment to public service, the University of Pittsburgh recently launched its Office of PittServes—a department within the Division of Student Affairs that seeks to “empower students with the ability to truly make an impact on the Pittsburgh community.” Although the office was officially launched in April of 2014, it has already bolstered an increased culture of awareness and response from students, tallying up over 55,000 hours of service. We had a chance to sit down with Director (and South Side Flats resident) Misti McKeehen on the ninth floor of the William Pitt Union. When asked about PittServes’ mission, Ms.

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Hilltop Umbrella Organization: Managing substantial promise

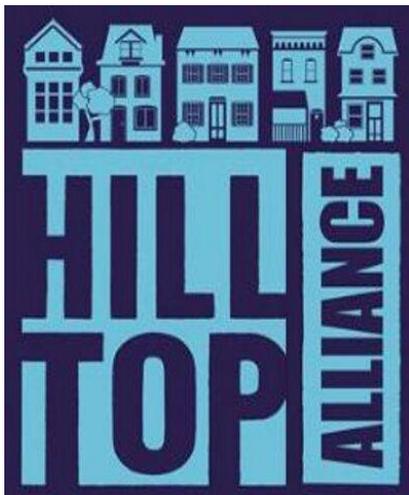
Our Hilltop areas in South Pittsburgh are easily among the most diverse and unique neighborhoods in the whole city. Featuring eleven Pittsburgh neighborhoods and the Mt. Oliver Borough, the Hilltop is the residing place for more than 27,000 people and remains an area determined to rebuild and revitalize what was once such a booming location. Efforts to spark rejuvenation were only further cemented when the Hilltop Alliance was formed and began operations in 2009. An umbrella organization consisting of and governed by leaders from the specific neighborhood-based organizations, the Hilltop Alliance has undertaken many projects and programs designed for steadfast welfare. With a renewed purpose and mission, Executive Director Aaron Sukenik reaffirmed that the Hilltop Alliance strides to “preserve and create assets in the Hilltop through collaboration and

coordination of resources.” Certainly they are on the right path, managing existing projects such as the Property Stabilization program, which has facilitated eliminating blight and code violations in over 50 properties in the past year, and the Fresh Fridays program, which has served about 144,000 pounds of produce to Hilltop residents in need over the last two and a half years. Mr. Sukenik remains enthusiastic regarding upcoming projects with “green-space based anchors” that focus on activating underutilized neighborhood assets of Haberman Ave and the former St. Clair Village property, to bring new life to the Hilltop neighborhoods. Both projects, still in planning and pre-development phases, reflect the steadfast commitment to the Hilltop neighborhoods that Mr. Sukenik and Tim Dolan, Program Manager, hope to see restored.

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For more information on the Hilltop Alliance, call (412) 586-5807 or visit <http://www.pghhilltopalliance.com/>



Events



Love Your Block

Who?

The Southside Community Council

What?

Join the Southside Community Council in revitalizing the Armstrong Playground!

When?

10am to 1pm

Saturday October 18, 2014

Where?

Armstrong Playground - (The corner of 12th and Sarah St)

Why?

Love Your Block is a program created to revitalize our City-block by block!

Pitt's New Service Initiative (Continued from page 2)

McKeehen stated, “the goal of this office is not for students to have a ‘save mentality’ when it comes to service, but rather to understand that it is a collaborative aspect that starts with them.” PittServes highlights this effort through a variety of projects that vary in scale and duration. Most notably, the annual Pitt Make a Difference Day (October 18th) sends over 3,000 student volunteers to 91 community service sites throughout Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania. This year, a few of the selected sites will include the Southside Community Council, Oakland Planning and Development Corporation and Allentown. In addition to forging a relationship between student volunteers and community partners, PittServes also allows students to keep track of their civic engagement utilizing the software NobleHour, where community organizations can also post opportunities. With such accomplishments in such short time, we were curious about the plans PittServes have in store for the future. Overall, the office hopes to cultivate a culture where students not only actively seek out service opportunities, but also recognize the value of the role they play in their residential communities. Surely, the future for PittServes seems bright as they continue to focus on volunteer work; activism and connection to the community can spur an improved living for both residents and students.

District 3 Internal Office News

District 3 has issued a number of proclamations since the conclusion of Council recess—both recognizing important topics and honoring the hard work and dedication of individuals and organizations across the city.

Accomplished Proclamations

St. Clair Athletic Association Day (September 20th) honored the decade of work this organization has done to support the vitality of Arlington.

Martha Lech Day (September 23rd) celebrated the 100th birthday of this long-term South Side resident.

New Century Careers Day (September 30th) recognizes the work of this South Side organization in forging a successful manufacturing workforce in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month (October) honors Pittsburgh’s commitment to cultivating an inclusive city, enriched in a culture that incorporates the LGBTQ community.

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Day (October 9th) was proclaimed to appropriately underscore the prevalence of addiction in America, and increase awareness regarding resources available to aid individuals overcome addiction.

Oakland Forever Days (October 10th and 11th) celebrated 175 of Oakland’s growth and success.

Upcoming Proclamations

Anthony Marmo Day (October 21st) recognizes the over 16 years of experience of Deputy Attorney General Marmo in law enforcement.

Homeless Children’s Awareness Week (October 19-26) brings attention to the issue of youth homelessness in Allegheny County, and the work that the Homeless Children’s Education Fund has done to combat this problem.

District 3 Native determined to make a change

Nicole Ballard, product of District 3 and Pittsburgh Public Schools, became inspired to start a non-profit organization when she began to see the same adolescent Pittsburghers that she interacted with at school enter the probation office in Arlington where she now works. Filled with sorrow but prompted to make a change, Nicole not only has a vision but also has constructed a curriculum designed “to focus on leadership and decision making, while encouraging participants to become

productive, contributing members of society.” Using her background and passion for youth, Nicole’s informative and interactive curriculum hopes to educate our youth on the US criminal justice system and give participants constructive resources.

To find out more about her organization or her curriculum, please contact Ms. Ballard at (412) 344-1988 or cjesinc@yahoo.com

“to focus on leadership and decision making, while encouraging participants to become productive, contributing members of society.”

Excerpt from ‘Measuring the Tyger’

“..Incandescent ingots big as cars

trundling out of titanic mills, red slag scaling off

the brighter metal in the dark. The Monongahela River

below, night’s sheen on its belly. Silence except

for the machinery clanging deeper in us ...”

*- by Jack Gilbert,
Pittsburgh native and former steel mill worker*

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