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## Upcoming Events

### Site Visits:

December 6, 4pm: Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, Oakland, 235 Atwood St

December 8, 12pm: Carnegie Library in the Northside, 1230 Federal St

December 12, 3:30pm: Carnegie Library in the Hill District, 2177 Centre Ave

### Meet and Greets:

December 6, 6pm-8pm: Joe Mama's in Oakland, 3716 Forbes Ave

December 8, 5:30pm-7pm: Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf in Uptown, 1854 Forbes Ave

### Fit-in-Six: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

December 17, 10am-7pm: Pittsburgh Millions, 3117 Centre Ave



# District 6 Fall Update

NOVEMBER 2011

## Message From The Councilman

Greetings District 6 Residents-

As I write this and look out my council office window, a colorful hillside with the changing of the leaves signals the height of the fall season. Thanksgiving and the holiday season are just around the corner and I wish you and your family all the best.

The purpose of this brief Fall Update newsletter is to better inform you of upcoming appearances I will be

making in the district. The Fall Update provides dates and times for the remainder of 2011 in which I will be hosting a series of Meet & Greet events, Remote Site Visits and Senior Site Visits. My office is also pleased to announce our first Youth Basketball Tournament, part of the Fit in Six initiative which is aimed at promoting healthy and active lifestyles in Pittsburgh.

In addition to the Fall Update, my office will be sending out an end of the year newsletter in December to provide resi-

dents with an extensive review of the work done in the District in 2011. In the meantime, I encourage all residents to refer to the information contained in this update and to come meet me at one of the scheduled dates. Bring your ideas, suggestions and issues to the table, as we continue the conversation on how to keep improving our district.

R. Daniel Lavelle

## District 6 Community Site Visits

Throughout the year, the councilman makes visits to various groups in the district. These visits allow the councilman to get out into the district and connect with members of the community. Conversely, they give community members the opportunity to voice their concerns or complaints. These meetings are informal, and are meant to provide for a more personal experience between the councilman and community members. These visits are grouped into two types: senior site visits and remote site visits.

### Senior Site Visits

The councilman has made several visits to different homes housing the elderly.

Since many elderly residents are unable to travel to the city council office to voice their concerns or complaints, the councilman travels to them. These visits have shown to be effective, with previously raised issues having been addressed and/or resolved.

The councilman has recently visited the Christopher Smith Terrace Apartments and the Western Manor Apartments, both in the Hill District. In the Northside, the councilman has visited The Allegheny Apartments, Perrysville Plaza, Arch Court, West Park Court and the Reformed Presbyterian Upper Room in the Northside. In Oakland, a visit

was paid to the Finello Pavilion highrise.



### Remote site Visits

In addition to connecting with the elderly, the councilman makes efforts to connect with all other members of the community. He visits various organizations and places throughout the district that are frequented by community members, which provides a convenient location for them to raise issues.

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## Fit-in-Six: Health and Wellness Fair

Fit-in-Six is a health and wellness initiative started by the District 6 Council Office to promote healthy and active lifestyles. A Health and Wellness Fair was hosted at Market Square on September 17 to provide city residents information on healthy life choices. There was a food demonstration, line dancing, and free health screenings given to attendees. Given the success of the event, the District 6 office has already begun planning for the next Health and Wellness Fair, scheduled to take place in Spring of 2012. The goal is to expand on the offerings from the first fair and make it a regular event for the City of Pittsburgh.

## Fit-in-Six: Holiday Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

In accordance with Fit-in-Six, Councilman Lavelle will be hosting a Holiday Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on December 17, 10am-7pm at Pittsburgh Millionaires, 3117 Centre Ave in the Hill District. The tournament is open to youth ages 10-20. Participants can register as a team or as an individual to be placed on a team. Please contact Harry Johnson at 412-255-2134 or by email at [SignUp.D6@gmail.com](mailto:SignUp.D6@gmail.com) to register for the tournament. We look forward to seeing you there!

# District 6 Community Site Visits

## (Continued from page 1) Upcoming Remote Site Visits:

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- December 8 at 12pm: Carnegie Library in the Northside, 1230 Federal St

- December 12 at 3:30pm: Carnegie Library in the Hill District, 2177 Centre Ave.

To schedule a remote site visit or a senior site visit, please contact the District 6 office at 412-255-2134.



## District 6 Meet & Greets

To introduce residents to the Councilman and inform them of the work being done by the District 6 office, Councilman Lavelle has hosted a series of monthly Meet & Greet events in local restaurants and neighborhood bars located in the district. They have taken place on the last Tuesday of every month from 5pm – 7pm.

Meet & Greets provide residents, business owners and stakeholders an opportunity to personally interact with the Councilman. The office has

so far hosted Meet & Greets at the Monterey Pub and Young Bros in the Northside, Cioppino in the Strip District, and The Black Beauty in the Hill District.

As the year comes to a close, the Councilman looks forward to meeting you at one of our Meet & Greet events. It is an opportunity for the office to support local businesses in District 6 and for the Councilman to meet residents face-to-face in an informal environment. Upcoming Meet & Greets will be held in the fol-

lowing locations:

- December 6, 2011 from 6pm – 8pm: Joe Mama's in Oakland, 3716 Forbes Ave
- December 8, 2011 from 5:30pm – 7pm: Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf in Uptown, 1854 Forbes Ave

Please come out and join in the community conversation, as Councilman Lavelle continues to work on your behalf in the City of Pittsburgh.

## Northside Development Update

### Columbus Square Ribbon Cutting

As discussed in previous newsletters, revitalization efforts in the Manchester neighborhood continue to progress. The Columbus Square project, which calls for the construction of 31 new homes in a site that was previously a vacant field, is underway with the first five units erected. Four of the five units will be completed for customization upon purchase.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the model home of the development took place. Mayor



Ravenstahl, Councilman Lavelle and representatives from other organizations involved in the project gave remarks at the ceremony. They pointed to Columbus Square as an example of the work that can be accomplished when forces are joined for the good of the community.

### Taco Bell Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking for a new Taco Bell on the Northside also took place on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Taco Bell will be at Allegheny and Ridge Avenues. It is expected to increase commercial activity, not only by bringing a new business to the area, but also by attracting more businesses

