



Mayor Ravenstahl's Monthly Community Newsletter

June 2012

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Dear Neighbors,

Summer is here and, for the City of Pittsburgh, it marks a season full of fun activities and events for residents and visitors. A number of activities are available at our City's parks and recreation centers, from water safety classes for kids to free lunch programs for youth and seniors. Many communities host farmer's markets and community festivals, and several large-scale events are enlivening our City, like the Three Rivers Art Festival and the International Jazz Festival.

You can create your own events, too. Team up with your neighbors to clean up nearby streets, plan a community gathering or attend local sporting events. Throughout the summer, be sure to pay attention to weather alerts and encourage each other to stay safe and cool during heat advisories.

This summer also marks a milestone in our City's commitment to educating our students. The first class of Pittsburgh Promise scholars graduates this year! Throughout the month of June, many events will take place to honor the students' achievement and encourage them to give back by participating in community service. To join in the celebrations, please visit celebratingthepromise.org to learn more about the exciting events taking place this month and how you can get involved. As a co-founder of the Pittsburgh Promise, I am extremely proud of our students and hope that we can continue to encourage Pittsburgh's young talent to pursue higher education.

I'm looking forward to a safe, fun and exciting summer, and I hope you will take advantage of the many family-friendly activities happening across our City.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Celebrate the Pittsburgh Promise

Pittsburgh's young people represent our future. By engaging our youth and tapping into the promise that lies in each of them, we can ensure that our region remains vital and competitive in tomorrow's economy.

Since 2008, over 3,000 students have pursued higher education thanks to the Pittsburgh Promise, the scholarship program co-founded by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Pittsburgh Public Schools that provides up to \$40,000 to Pittsburgh Public Schools students who meet GPA and attendance requirements. This year and next year, the first Promise students will graduate from college, and the program will come full circle as local employers hire from a newly trained, local talent pool.

This month, we are proud to celebrate the first class of Promise graduates! The North Shore will light up on Thursday, June 14th, when **"Igniting the Promise"** lands at Stage AE. This all-night charity dance, to benefit The Pittsburgh Promise, gives Pittsburgh's young professionals, many of which are Promise graduates, the opportunity to



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mingle and network while enjoying appetizers and cocktails.

The star-studded event will be emceed by DJ Zimmie, and features live performances by singer/songwriter Ashanti and the hip hop group G. Love & Special Sauce, and appearances by the Pittsburgh Steelers and other local personalities. "Igniting the Promise" will kick off at 8:30 p.m. and attendees will celebrate into Friday morning with a sunrise BBQ celebration. It's going to be the premier summer event for all young professionals in Pittsburgh!

The Pittsburgh Promise is a true testament to our dedication to reform our schools and focus on our future by investing in our young people. "Igniting the Promise" will provide essential funds and outreach for this extraordinary program. Tickets are going fast, but there is still time to get involved and fundraise your way into what is sure to be one of the most talked about events of the summer. To find out more about how you can take part, please visit ignitingthepromise.org

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To learn more about the Pittsburgh Promise, visit pittsburghpromise.org

JUNEGRAND OPENINGS



June 6- Carrick Farmers' Market

June 14 - Beechview Farmers' Market

June 14 - Outdoor Swimming Pools Open

June 9 - "Cinema in the Park" begins



Community Festivals

June 3 Highland Park

June 3 Park Place

June 6-9 Bloomfield

June 10 Squirrel Hill

June 23 Mt Washington

June 29 Arlington Heights

June 29 Homewood

June 30 Lawrenceville

June 30 Lincoln/Lemington

June 30 Schenley Heights

Find the full list of community festivals at:

festivals.pittsburghpa.gov



Cinema in the Park at Grandview Park in Mt. Washington

Summer in the City

It's easy to have fun and stay active in Pittsburgh this summer! In addition to our 26 miles of trails, 3000 acres of park property and 10 community recreation centers, there are many great activities and events for adults and children alike.

Take time to visit local farmers' markets, enjoy a day at your community swimming pool or have a relaxing evening watching a movie in one of our beautiful parks. Many communities host festivals and other events for neighbors and visitors to enjoy. A full list of events and activities is available at pittsburghpa.gov/parks

Many of the Pittsburgh's farmers' markets have kicked off and more are scheduled to open this month, including in Carrick and Beechview. All markets sell farm-fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheese and baked goods. Some locations also sell flowers, gardening tools and small gifts. All of the City's farmers' markets will operate through November.

There are a variety of children's activities available at the City's 10 community recreation centers, from sporting programs and summer day camps to outdoors activities and one-day trips to fun places around the Pittsburgh region. For more information about the exciting

opportunities available and to find your nearest community center, visit pittsburghpa.gov/parks and click on "Recreation."

Summertime means sunshine, and you'll probably want to cool off in the pool. Citiparks offers a variety of programs and activities at outdoor pools. You can learn to swim, join a water aerobics class, compete in a championship meet, and much more. Residents can purchase pool tags for year-round admission to Citiparks pools during operating hours, or at the Citiparks Office on the 4th floor of the City-County Building, 414 Grant Street in Downtown Pittsburgh. Daily admission tickets can also be purchased. The cost is \$3 for children aged 3 to 15 and \$4 for individuals 16 and older.

Wind down after a fun summer day with a free outdoor movie in the park. "Cinema in the Park" will screen many family-friendly movies, like Puss in Boots, Real Steel and the Muppets, at many parks across the City, including new locations in Arlington and Highland Park. Movies begin at dusk. Call 412-422-6426 for location and screening information.

Copies of the Citiparks Summer 2012 Magazine are available at 400 City-County Building. Pick up your copy and take advantage of all the great things happening in Pittsburgh this summer!

Summer Information Guide



Community Center Information

Center	Location
Ammon 2217 Bedford Avenue 412-255-2501	Hill District
Magee 745 Greenfield Avenue 412-422-6546	Greenfield
Paulson 1201 Paulson Street 412-665-3627	Lincoln-Lemington
West Penn 450 30th Street 412-622-7353	Polish Hill
Jefferson 605 Rednap Street 412-323-7268	North Side
Arlington 2201 Salisbury Street 412-488-8397	South Side
Brookline 1400 Oakridge Street 412-571-3222	Brookline
Ormsby 79 S. 22nd Street 412-488-8306	South Side
Phillips Park 201 Parkfield Street 412-885-7445	Carrick
Warrington 329 E. Warrington Ave. 412-488-8369	Beltzhoover

Cops and Kids 2012 Summer Camp

For one week, students will experience the inside workings of the police department. The classes are designed to increase the student's knowledge of law enforcement's role in our society as well as aid them in making responsible decisions in their daily lives.

The Cops and Kids Summer Camp will run from 9a.m. to 4p.m. Monday through Friday for one week. All students will be provided with breakfast and lunch.

For session dates or more information call 412-323-7824 or email,

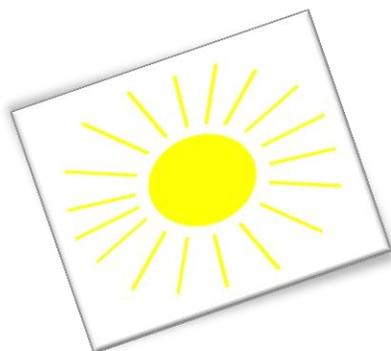
PBP_YouthPrograms@pittsburghpa.gov.

Visit Pittsburgh's Spray Parks!



Located in Pittsburgh's Troy Hill and Beechview Neighborhoods, these colorful spray parks offer a fun treat for everyone.

For more information about the spray parks, call 412-323-7928.



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