Clean Pittsburgh Commission
2016 Annual Report

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CPC Celebrates 10 Years

March 30, 2017 – At the 10th Annual Meet and Greet and Bob Awards event, the Clean Pittsburgh Commission gathered with volunteer neighborhood stewards, City workers, and special guests at Spirit Lodge in Lawrenceville. This annual event celebrated the Commission's 2016 efforts and announced winners of the Bob Award. Featured guests included Councilman Corey O'Connor and mom Judy O'Connor, City Chief of Operations Guy Costa, and many Department of Public Works supervisors.

Pittsburgh City Council declared March 30th, 2017 "Clean Pittsburgh Commission Day" in the City of Pittsburgh, sponsored by Councilman Corey O'Connor.

Local Filmmaker Wows with "Together for a Cleaner Pittsburgh"

Shannon Chavez premiered "Together for a Cleaner Pittsburgh" at the Annual Clean Pittsburgh Commission's (CPC) Meet n Greet Celebration. This video, featuring Mayor Bill Peduto, highlights CPC efforts, along with neighborhood volunteers and City workers. We invite you to view this new video online at: **www.pittsburghpa.gov/cpc or shannonchavez.wordpress.com**

www.facebook.com/cleanpghcommission

Illegal Dumping

2016 Efforts by the City:

- Citations : **4**
- Sites Under Investigation: **3**
- Violations abated: **15**

Cameras will continue to rotate to known dump site locations for enforcement

2016 Efforts by Allegheny CleanWays:

- **190 dump sites** cleaned
- **342.16 tons** (684,320 lbs), including 3,213 tires, from empty lots, alleyways, wooded hillsides, streams, and riverbanks.
- Engaged **732 volunteers in 2201 hours** of work= **$51,855.56 in value**

Visit
www.alleghenycleanways.org
for a map of illegal dump sites

Litter

Clean-ups

- Spring community clean-ups attracted **22,500 to 25,000 volunteers,**who removed **450 to 500 tons** of litter
- **400 Duquesne University student volunteers** cleared **10 tons** of litter on the South Side, Hill District, and Uptown
- Squirrel Hill had **120 volunteers** and collected **2.5 tons** of litter
- Homewood had **65 volunteers** and collected **2 tons** of litter
- Two Mt. Washington groups had **68 volunteers** and collected **several tons** of litter
- Friends of the Riverfront attracted **56 volunteers**
- New Beautify Our Burgh Groups: **12**
- Volunteer-registered clean-ups (including city parks) : **361**

October 22, 2016 - Pitt Make a Difference Day drew over 3,850 volunteers (students, staff, alumni) to serve on 100+ projects throughout Pittsburgh. Collecting litter, removing invasive species, and cleaning graffiti alongside community members dedicated over 20,000 hours of service in one day!

The office of PittServes manages PMADD. 80+ buses transported the volunteers. Citizens Against Litter has been involved with PMADD since it began in 2008.

Property Maintenance

Formerly the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI), the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI) is tasked with responding to 311 requests for property maintenance, including accumulation of garbage and weeds higher than 10 inches.

Inspectors issued 21,414 notices of violation in total for 2016. Nearly 3,500 of these notices were for garbage and debris, and more than 2,000 have been abated.

More information online at: pittsburghpa.gov/pli and pittsburghpa.buildingeye.com/enforcement or by calling (412) 255-2175

Recycling

Recycling is mandatory for every resident, business, office and institution in the City of Pittsburgh (City Code 619). Recycling participation increases every year, thanks to the simplicity of the Together Green, single-stream recycling program.

2016 Collection Numbers:

- 15,797 Tons of Single Stream Recyclables
- 315 Tons of Tires from the Public Works Divisions
- 3,540 Tons of Compostable Waste from Operations & Drop-Off Sites

Graffiti

"Graffiti Busters" is managed by the Traffic Division of the Department of Public Works.

2016 Numbers:

- **7358** Graffiti incidents
- **454** Obscenities
- **133** Possibly Gang Related
- Cost: **$69,978.00**

Neighborhoods of Focus: Allentown, Beltzhoover, and Knoxville

For part of 2015 and all of 2016, the CPC focused in efforts in 3 Hilltop neighborhoods for a #Clean15210

Artistic Board-Up Project

September, 2016: Artistic board-up is a neighborhood revitalization initiative that seeks to transform blighted properties with community engagement and paint. In 2016, the CPC oversaw the artistic board-up of six homes in the Allentown neighborhood. The commission hopes to create a replicable program to be done across all City neighborhoods. Paint was applied to existing plywood boards to create the appearance of undamaged windows and doors. Artistic boards improve the appearance of abandoned buildings, and help reduce the stigma of blight. Further, dumped debris and overgrown vegetation were removed from these six properties to improve their overall appearance. Neighborhood volunteers showed up on painting day to lend their creativity to the process.

Initial Project Partners: Clean Pittsburgh Commission, PA Resources Council, Allegheny CleanWays, the Hilltop Alliance, and the City of Pittsburgh

Allegheny CleanWays Cleans Up:

In 2016, this local non-profit cleared 89 dump sites in Allentown, Beltzhoover, and Knoxville

Removing more than **200.78 tons** (401,560 lbs), including 1,403 tires, CPC member organization Allegheny CleanWays performed heavy lifting to clean up in these Hilltop neighborhoods.

Engaged **148 volunteers** for **418 hours** = **$9,848.08 in value**

CPC Hosts Hard-to-Recycle Event at Former Knoxville Elementary School site

June 11, 2016: The Clean Pittsburgh Commission (CPC), with the support of the Pennsylvania Resources Council, City of Pittsburgh's Department of Public Works, and UrbanKind held a special one-day Recycling Collection event for the residents of Allentown, Knoxville, and Beltzhoover.

Collection results:

- 10,658 pounds of electronics (including 134 TV's)
- 146 tires
- 25 appliances

Editor's note: All material was recycled through local responsible recyclers, eLoop llc, Liberty Tire Recycling, and the Appliance Warehouse

Photo left: Before and after on Excelsior Street in Allentown **Photo right:** CPC Chair Sarah Alessio Shea loads TV's onto a pallet in Knoxville

Members & Resources

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This 2016 annual report provides an overview of waste management, blight and property issues, including litter, illegal dumping and graffiti in the City of Pittsburgh. It also includes proactive initiatives, programs and activities to address these challenges and enhance the overall quality of life in our City. The Clean Pittsburgh Commission's vision for the City of Pittsburgh is to be one of America's cleanest and most cared for cities. We work to be the driving force behind making this vision a reality by bringing together local government, organizations, institutions, and residents to combat quality of life issues. We meet monthly to share updates and work on projects. Join us!

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The Clean Pittsburgh Commission would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our sponsors. Without you, we would be unable to celebrate all of the hard work our volunteers and neighborhood stewards do. Thank you to the Hilltop Alliance, PittServes, the City of Pittsburgh, Bellefield Area Citizens Association, Dirt Doctors, Stanton Heights Neighborhood, Spring Hill Civic League, D.C. Mullins Construction, Waste Management, and Spirit for your dedication to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission and your help to **#KeepPittsburghBeautiful**

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

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