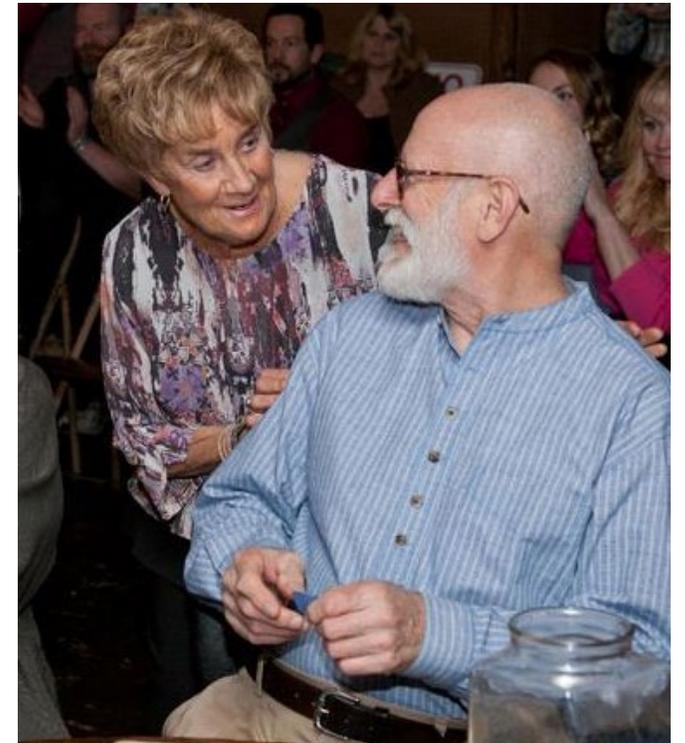


# Clean Pittsburgh Commission 2017 Annual Report

## Bob Awards

March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 - At the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Zeba Ahmend from Perry Hilltop was awarded the Bob Award for Emerging Leader of the Year. The East Liberty Trash Warrior were recognized for their cleanup efforts with the Neighborhood of the year award. Finally, Terrell Thomas was recognized with the Bob Award for Volunteer of the Year of the Year.





# City Beautification Projects

## Litter:

- New **Beautify Our Burgh Groups**: 6
- Miles of neighborhood adopted and repeatedly cleaned by **Beautify Our Burgh**: 7
- Volunteers: 269

## Illegal Dumping:

Efforts by the city to monitor and prevent illegal dumping in 2017:

- Citations filed: 6
- Cases under review: 5
- Violations Abated: 17
- Current number of Surveillance cameras: 4

## Graffiti:

The Graffiti Busters Program was formed with the goal of making Pittsburgh a Graffiti Free City, and to do its best in removing unsightly defacement of City properties. The following is a chart showing graffiti incidents and the costs associated with removing graffiti in 2017.

Number of Incidents	Contained Obscenities	Gang Related	Cost
7726	477	140	\$73,476



# Recycling Initiatives

## Recycling Container Distribution

PRC continued to assist the City's transition to containerized recycling collection services with the support of the Buhl Foundation in 2017. PRC has documented that this transition (providing residents with recycling containers) increases participation rates, the amount of diverted material and decreasing the level of contaminants co-collected by the program. A total of **814** recycling containers were distributed to residents in 16 Northside neighborhoods

## Recycling

The Department of Public Works oversees recycling in Pittsburgh. Below are the tons of municipal recyclables and compostables collected this year.

- 15,473 Tons of Single Stream Recyclables
- 243 Tons of Tires from the Public Works Divisions
- 3,776 Tons of Compostable Waste from Operations & Drop-Off Site

## Garbage Olympics

Over **1400 lbs of litter** was picked up in the East End during the first Garbage Olympics, a litter pickup competition. Lena Andrews, event organizer, has been doing cleanups with the East Liberty Trash Warriors on a bi-monthly basis.



Photo of Garbage Olympics' first place trophy curtesy of Kara Holsopple

# Community Initiatives

## Property Maintenance

Formerly the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI), the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI) is tasked with responding to requests for property maintenance, including accumulation of garbage and weeds higher than 10 inches. Inspectors issued 7940 notices of violation in total for 2017 and 3470 have been abated.

## Zero Waste Events

Through their project, Zero Waste Pennsylvania (ZWPA), PRC worked to reduce waste at 19 events in the Pittsburgh area. Because of their efforts, nearly **50 ton** of recyclables and compost were diverted away from landfills.

## Allegheny CleanWays

Removing more than **154.4 tons** (308,618 lbs), including 1,788 tires. CPC member organization, Allegheny CleanWays performed heavy lifting to clean up in Hilltop neighborhoods.

Engaged **800** volunteers for **2125.6** hours = **\$51,311.98** in value



Allegheny CleanWays DumpBuster volunteers



# University Spotlight

## Waste is Wack

In order to promote recycling and composting, Duquesne University held their first annual “Waste is Wack” Festival to educate students on the long-term environmental effects of litter and excessive waste.



Photo curtesy of Alex Corrie, Duquesne Student

## Pitt Make a Difference Day

Pitt Make a Difference Day drew over 4,000 volunteers (students, staff, alumni) to serve on 100+ projects throughout Pittsburgh. Volunteers collected litter, removed invasive species, and cleaned graffiti alongside community members!

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





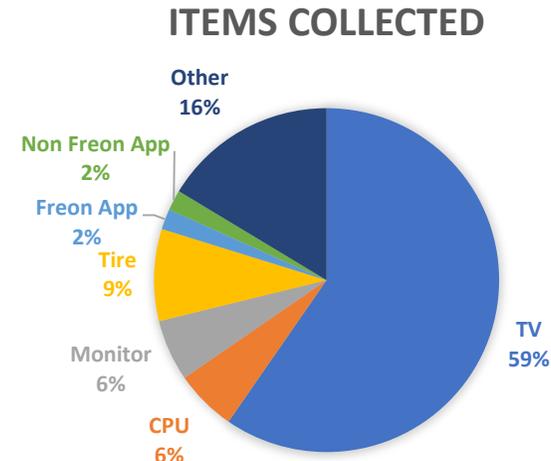
# Neighborhoods of Focus: Perry Hilltop and Fineview

## Artistic Board-Up Project

The CPC facilitated our second Artistic Board up Project in the City of Pittsburgh in 2017 in our Neighborhood of Focus. Artistic board-up is a neighborhood revitalization initiative that transforms vacant properties through creativity and community engagement. Boarding up these homes is the first step in making them safe, but Artistic Board up takes the process a step further by painting images of doors and windows on the boards to give the impression that the property, while abandoned, is still cared for. With the guidance of the Perry Hilltop and Fineview Citizens Councils, the CPC are focused on two commercial properties that sit in a highly-traveled area of Perry Hilltop. The properties at 2107 and 2115 Perrysville were also chosen due to their proximity to one another and because they sit in a targeted area for redevelopment in the next few years. On October 21<sup>st</sup> the CPC worked in conjunction with Perry Hilltop/Fineview Citizens Council and volunteers from the University of Pittsburgh during Pitt's Make A Difference Day.

## Hard to Recycle Events

PRC and ACW collaborated with the City of Pittsburgh and eLoop LLC, a local E-Steward Certified electronics recycler, to host a small-scale Hard to Recycle Collection event at the Pittsburgh Project to target residents of Perry South and Fineview. 90 residents participated in the program, successfully recycling 141 televisions, computers, and monitors as well as 18 tires and 6 appliances. Multiple participants brought materials that had been illegally dumped in their neighborhoods to be responsibly recycled.



Left: A breakdown of the items collected by number. Graphic courtesy of Zeba Ahmed





# Members and Resources

## 2018 Members

- Sarah Alessio Shea** Pennsylvania Resources Council, Chair
- Joe Divack** Community Advocate, Vice Chair
- Alicia Carberry** Pittsburgh Office of Councilman Dan Gilman, Treasurer
- Patty Chavez** Pittsburgh Department of Public Works, Secretary
- Justin Stockdale** Pennsylvania Resources Council
- Kyle Winkler** Pittsburgh Bureau of Environmental Services
- Julie Reiland** Pittsburgh Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections
- Myrna Newman** Allegheny CleanWays
- Melissa Rosenfeld** Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Erika Deyarmin-Young** Waste Management
- Misti McKeen** University of Pittsburgh, PittServes
- Aftyn Giles** Pittsburgh Department of Innovation and Performance
- Miriam Parsons** In Our Backyards, Inc. (ioby)
- Annette Trunzo** One North Side

## Additional Resources

- City of Pittsburgh**  
Dept. of Public Works Traffic Division  
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Phone: 412-255-2872
- City of Pittsburgh Environmental Services**  
[www.pittsburghpa.gov](http://www.pittsburghpa.gov)  
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[www.alleghencycleanways.com](http://www.alleghencycleanways.com)  
Phone: 412-381-1301
- Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc.**  
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- City of Pittsburgh 311**  
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