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City Council District 3 Announces Recipients of 2011 Civic Engagement Grant Program

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The Office of Pittsburgh City Council District 3 is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2011 Civic Engagement Grant Program. The grant program, organized by intern Blake Plavchak is awarding 5 grants of \$200 to citizens and community groups throughout district 3. "The response we received was fantastic and the projects will all benefit their communities and the people who live in them," Plavchak said.

"We were excited to announce this program and we are even more excited to announce the grant recipients. The diversity of applicants and projects shows how much people care about these communities" said Councilman Kraus. The grant recipients will bring their projects to the communities of Allentown, Mt. Oliver, St. Clair, the South Side Flats and the South Side Slopes.

The grant recipients and a brief description of their projects are listed below.

Maisie Taibbi: With the closure of the South Side Library for renovations, Maisie will be organizing a 'South Side Story Series' to provide story time to children. Maisie plans on providing books for the children at each event and hopes to hold the events at the Brashear Association.

PA Resources Council: Will work with schools in district 3 to expand upon an annual event, Fall Stash The Trash, by recruiting students to participate in beautification projects in their communities. Secondly, the PRC plans to engage students from both Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh to participate in the Fall Redd up Weekend, which is the same weekend as the Stash the Trash event, and participate in litter clean ups throughout the south side flats.

Allentown CDC: Will work to expand on a beautification effort that has already begun. The grant money will be used to purchase spring bulbs to plant at the corner of Warrington and Arlington Avenues. The Allentown CDC has already invested over \$5,000 on landscaping in this area and will use the grant money to bring this project to completion.

Mt. Oliver/St. Clair Block watch: This project is part of a larger beautification effort taking place at the intersection of Mountain and Wagner Street's. The grant money will be used to purchase materials and tools to prepare the site for a garden and welcome sign to these hilltop communities.

South Side Slopes Association: Is taking on a project that will enhance the entrance to Stella and Shelly Street. This project will remove graffiti and re-paint the area.

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