



Office of Councilman Patrick Dowd — January 2011

News and Updates



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Councilman Dowd visits [Urban Gypsy](#), one of the new, fashionable businesses that are popping up in Polish Hill. Specializing in cool and eclectic items including vintage and new jewelry, fresh flowers and antiques, Paulette is always there to help you find the perfect items for whatever occasion. There are no pretenses at **Urban Gypsy at 3101 Brereton Street**--just a friendly owner who wants to get to know you and offer you her outstanding one-of-a-kind items. Please stop by and tell her we sent you!

Councilman Dowd serves on Library Committees

Dr. Barbara Mistick, first woman president of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, at the December board meeting, informed the Library's Board of Trustees that she will be leaving her position when her existing agreement with the Library expires on May 31, 2011. Councilman Patrick Dowd is honored to have been asked to serve as co-chair of the task force engaged in finding sustainable funding for the library system and is also on the team charged with identifying a new executive leader. In other December library developments, the board unanimously approved a resolution that rescinds plans to shut down library branches in Lawrenceville, Beechview, Hazelwood and the West End in 2011.

Lawrenceville's Bernard Dog Run on its way to approval

After nearly three years of consultation and development, the much-anticipated [Bernard Dog Run](#), an enclosed, off-leash exercise area (OLEA) for dogs and their owners, is nearing fruition. A recent meeting between city officials and community advocates, including representatives from Lawrenceville United, the Lawrenceville Corporation, the Lawrenceville Dog Park Committee, and the Office of City Councilman Patrick Dowd, was held to iron out the logistical and legal details. Construction on the roughly 1-acre linear dog run may begin as early as this spring. The dog run will extend along the riverfront in Lawrenceville west of 40th Street to approximately 37th Street, between the Allegheny Riverfront Trail and the railroad.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

COUNCIL TO GO

Join **Councilman Patrick Dowd at Council to Go**, his mobile district office, to voice your concerns, ideas, and questions about local government and services.

Tuesday, January 25, 6:00pm-7:00pm; Councilman Dowd and staff will be in **Bloomfield** at Crazy Mocha, 4525 Liberty Avenue.

Thursday, January 27, 7:00pm-8:00; Councilman Dowd and staff will be in **Highland Park** at Enrico's Tazza D'Oro, 1125 N. Highland Avenue.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This month we're featuring a few of the many fun Polish Hill events happening among other events in the district. For more information on Polish Hill, please see their [Blogski](#).

Polish Hill Stomp

This is a monthly Rock 'n Roll Dance Party featuring music from the 50's and 60's. (Rock and Roll, Jump Blues, R&B, Garage and Surf) More info can be found on their [Facebook event page](#). **January 14, 10PM, The Rock Room, 1054 Herron Ave.**

Dark Lingo with White Guilt

Lili Coffee*Shop continues with its musical evening events with Dark Lingo and White Guilt on **January 20**. More info on the [Facebook event page](#). **7-10PM, Lili Coffee*Shop, 3138 Dobson St.**

Surrealist Games

Free Skool Surrealist Games Event on **January 30** - Come participate in giant art or written word projects, experiment with surrealist games and see what a group of strangers can create! **4-6PM, Lili Coffee*Shop, 3138 Dobson St.** More info on the [Facebook event page](#).

Other Local Happenings

Solar Power in Your Neighborhood

Come to the Carriage House Conference Center behind the Western Pennsylvania Family Center at 733 North Highland Avenue on **Sunday, January 16, 3:00pm** to learn more about how solar power can improve your neighborhood and homes. For more information, please contact 412.441.6593 or register [here](#).

Union Project's 9th Annual MLK Jr. Day Celebration

Join your neighbors for a free, family-friendly event celebrating Dr. King's vision of community and life on **Monday, January 17, 4:00pm-8:00pm** at the Union Project, 801 N. Negley Avenue. For more information on the schedule of events please call 412.363.4550.

***IMPORTANT* community discussion regarding 4305 Butler Street**

There will be a Community Meeting on the proposed Bar/Lounge at 4305 Butler Street in Lawrenceville on **Thursday, January 27, 6:00pm-7:30pm**. Come to learn what is being proposed for the Lawrenceville neighborhood.

If you know of any free community events in your District 7 neighborhood that could be publicized through our monthly newsletter, please email the information to Jennifer.thoma@city.pittsburgh.pa.us by the **1st of each month**. Next month we will focus on Lawrenceville. We also keep a calendar of community meetings on our [District 7 website](#).

Did You Know?

The City of Pittsburgh's Public Works and Emergency Management Departments announced that they will hold four citywide community meetings in order to update the public on the City's improved snow operations and Winter Storm Emergency Plan. At the meetings, department representatives will present the City's new snow operations during a declared snow emergency and indicate how the plan will affect residents. In addition, representatives will be available to take questions.

All meetings will take place at **6:30 p.m.** at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 18th** at the **Arlington Recreation Center**
2201 Salisbury Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15210 -upstairs gym
- **Wednesday, Jan. 19th** at the **Sheraden Senior Center**
720 Sherwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204
- **Thursday, Jan. 20th** at the **Northside Senior Center**
Allegheny Square, 15212
- **Monday, Jan. 24th** at the **Schenley Ice Rink Party Room**
Schenley Park Overlook Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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