



Office of Councilman Patrick Dowd — June 2011

NEWS AND UPDATES

Farmers Market Opening Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the opening of the new Farmers Market in Lawrenceville has been postponed until July 9, 9:30am. It will continue on Saturday from 9:30am-1pm through October. It will be located in the Goodwill parking lot near 52nd and Berlin Streets.

Should you have further questions or would like to volunteer to be part of this great community development, please contact Jennifer at Jennifer.thoma@city.pittsburgh.pa.us or 412.255.2140.

Allegheny Cleanways and Mennonite Youth to Clean Up Heth's Run

Heth's Run, a long-neglected dumping ground in the East End of Pittsburgh, will be getting a makeover on July 5-8, 2011. Allegheny Cleanways and the Office of Councilman Patrick Dowd, along with other service organizations in the region, are working with the Mennonite Church USA Convention organizers to plan community service opportunities for the approximately 3,500-5,000 people attending the conference from July 4-9.

Councilman Dowd's Office and Allegheny Cleanways will host 50 youth volunteers at Heth's Run each day of the conference. Heth's Run, a narrow strip of land which runs from Heth's Run Bridge on Butler Street through Highland Park and Morningside, is strewn with litter, tires, appliances, construction debris, and other garbage. It is also over-run with invasive plant species such as Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Tree of Heaven, and Porcelainberry. Volunteers will remove accumulated debris and attempt to remove invasive plant species from the area. To learn more about Allegheny Cleanways, please visit their [website](#).

Dialogue and Resolution Center to Attend Meetings in District 7

Beginning in July, the Dialogue and Resolution Center of the Center for Victims of Violent Crime will be our guest at meetings throughout District 7. The Dialogue and Resolution Center is a proactive violence prevention initiative dedicated to resolving conflicts peacefully. The DRC is the "front line" resource for resolving community conflicts such as: conflicts between neighbors, landlords and tenants, businesses and consumers, youth and adults, employers and employees.

For more information regarding mediation and conflict resolution, please contact the Dialogue and Resolution Center at 412.482.3240 or see below to view a schedule of District 7 meetings that they will be attending.

Community Group	Date	Time	Location	Address
Polish Hill Civic Association	7/5	6:30pm	Senior Center within West Penn Rec Center	470 30th Street 1820 Morningside Avenue
Morningside Area Community Council	7/6	7:00pm	Morningside VFW	53rd and Carnegie Streets
10 th Ward blockwatch, Lawrenceville	7/12	6:30pm	St. Matthew's Social Hall	4825 Butler Street
People's blockwatch, Lawrenceville	7/13	7:00pm	Lawrenceville United	329 45th Street
Happenings blockwatch, Lawrenceville	7/19	7:00pm	St. Mary's Lower Lyceum	

6 th Ward blockwatch, Lawrenceville	7/25	7:00pm	St. Augustine Auditorium	205 37th Street 5801 Hampton Street
Highland Park Community Council Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association	8/18	7:00pm	St. Andrew's Church	4801 Stanton Avenue
	9/21	6:30pm	Sunnyside School	

UPCOMING EVENTS AND 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.

Polish Hill — Wednesday, July 13, 7pm – 8pm — Lili Coffee*Shop, 3138 Dobson Street

Bloomfield – Tuesday, July 26, 6pm - 7pm – Crazy Mocha Coffee Company, 4525 Liberty Avenue

Highland Park — Thursday, July 28, 7pm – 8pm – Enrico's Tazza D'Oro, 1125 N. Highland Avenue

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, July 2, 12pm-10pm – [67th Annual Independence Day Celebration](#) – Arsenal Park, Lawrenceville

Sunday, July 9, 11am-4pm – [Doo Dah Days](#) – Stephen Foster Music and Heritage Festival – Allegheny Cemetery, Lawrenceville

Thursday, July 14, 10am-1pm – [Roving Art Cart](#) coming to West Penn Community Center, Polish Hill

Saturday, July 16, 4pm – 9pm – Live at Leslie – Leslie Park Pool, Lawrenceville -- A FREE, arts-and activity-packed daycation geared to 14-18 yr olds. (But parents and everyone can experience the activities!)

Sunday, July 17, 12pm-9pm – [Polish Hill Arts Festival](#) -- 3060 Brereton St., Polish Hill

Monday, July 25, 10am-1pm – [Roving Art Cart](#) coming to Joe Natoli Field, Morningside

Fridays through August 26, 2011, 7:30-10pm – [Free Movies in Arsenal Park @ Dusk](#)

If you know of any free community-oriented events in your District 7 neighborhood that we should publicize through our monthly newsletter and [District 7 website](#), please email Jennifer.thoma@city.pittsburgh.pa.us by the 1st of each month.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stanton Heights is located east of Downtown, Pittsburgh in the heart of Council District 7. This close-knit, family-oriented and pet-friendly neighborhood appeals to those looking for a quiet and relaxed way of life. This neighborhood, set at the top of Stanton Avenue, has the character of a suburb - with new homes, quiet streets, and little to no traffic. Many City police officers and fire fighters call Stanton Heights home. Sixty years ago the area wasn't even a city neighborhood, but the largest private golf course in the City-- the Stanton Heights Golf Course. And prior to the establishment of the Stanton Heights Golf Course, much of the property belonged to the Croghan-Schenley Mansion.

"The mansion once had been the elegant home of William Croghan, a prominent lawyer who built the 22-room, Greek Revival-style house in 1830 for his daughter Mary...

Ironically, at the age of 15, Mary Croghan ran off from a New York boarding school in 1842 with the director's brother-in-law, British Capt. Edward Schenley, who was more than twice her age. At the time, this was scandalous. Queen Victoria, who had learned of the misbehavior of Miss Croghan, refused several times to see her. Her enraged father even tried to intercept the honeymooners on their way across the ocean. He also suffered the first of several strokes.

The mansion, called "Picnic House" because of the parties Croghan held there, went pretty much unused after his daughter left. Unrelenting, Croghan visited her in England several times and even bought a house in London for the couple. In hopes of his daughter's eventual return home, Croghan had his will changed to protect against any possible sale of the mansion. He even had a large brick addition built, just in case she ever came back.

The heart-broken Croghan died there in 1850, alone except for his butler, Cox."

Read more: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09060/952235-109.stm#ixzz1QrvdD7cy>

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