



## Office of Councilman Patrick Dowd — March 2011

### News and Updates

#### Allegheny River Greenway

City Councilman Patrick Dowd recently led City Council in the passage of the legislation designating a protected 'greenway' along the Allegheny River stretching from Morningside through Stanton Heights. To be called the Allegheny River Greenway, it will provide benefits such as: passive recreation opportunities; storm water management; erosion and sedimentation control; enhanced aesthetics; air quality improvements; a positive identifying neighborhood feature; and stabilizing or increasing property values.

#### Stanton Heights Parklet Development

A proposed parklet is taking shape in Stanton Heights along Stanton Avenue. The parklet is the idea of a few dedicated community members to pay tribute to Officers Eric G. Kelly, Stephen J. Mayhle, and Paul J. Sciallo. Currently, this corner lot is owned by Comcast who is willing to donate the property to be used by the City and community for this "healing garden." Watch for more information coming soon.

#### Lawrenceville Off-Lease Exercise Area

Calling all dog-lovers! There is proposal for an enclosed off-leash exercise area along the Allegheny Riverfront Trail in Lawrenceville in the proximity of the 40<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. This will serve to create a safe and legal public recreational space for well-mannered dogs and their people and to open up additional access to the community's riverfront. The proposal builds upon existing community and city-wide initiatives.

The Bernard Dog Run effort is dedicated to the memory of Jay Bernard, a Lawrenceville resident, business owner, artist and abandoned dog advocate whose big heart and countless contributions to his community continue to inspire.

#### 10th Ward Home Improvement Workshop

Please join Councilman Dowd's office, in conjunction with Lawrenceville United, Morningside Area Community Council and the Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association, at Sunnyside Elementary School on **March 26, 2011, 10am-12noon**, for this two-hour best practices workshop designed to help you add value to your property and community. You'll meet with professionals in the areas of architecture, landscape, financing and more to learn what you and your neighborhood can do to add value to your investment. For more information, please phone 412.255.2140 or email [district7@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:district7@city.pittsburgh.pa.us).

### 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.

**Polish Hill Council to Go — Wednesday, March 9, 7-8pm — Lili Coffee\*House, 3138 Dobson**

**Bloomfield Council to Go — Tuesday, March 22, 6-7pm — Crazy Mocha, 4525 Liberty**

**Highland Park Council to Go — Thurs., March 24, 7-8pm — Tazza D'oro, 1125 N. Highland**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Monday, March 7, 6-7:30pm — Carnegie Library Community Meeting – Lawrenceville Library**

Be sure to take part in a neighborhood discussion about the future of your library! The Carnegie Library will share information about their funding status and discuss how, together, we can all sustain and grow our library. Event takes place at the Lawrenceville Carnegie Library at 279 Fisk Street. RSVP to Maggie McFalls at [mcfallsm@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:mcfallsm@carnegielibrary.org) or 412.622.8877.

### **Monday, March 14, 6:30-8pm — Allegheny Riverfront Vision Release Party**

The community is cordially invited to attend the release party for the recently completed Allegheny Riverfront Vision plan. The event will take place at The Roberto Clemente Museum, 3339 Penn Avenue, Lawrenceville, and is sponsored by the Urban Redevelopment Authority and Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Office with assistance from Riverlife.

### **Thursday, March 17, 2011, 7–9pm — [Lawrenceville Historical Society's 2011 Lecture Series - The Life of a WWI Doughboy](#)**

The Lawrenceville Historical Society Lecture Series is free and is held at Canterbury Place, McVay Auditorium (1st Floor), 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville. The neighborhood of Lawrenceville is blessed with one of the nation's best Doughboy statues. This month, Lance Leonard, a local WWI re-enactor and historian, will talk about the experiences that were common for a WWI soldier on the front lines. For more information, e-mail [info@LHS15201.org](mailto:info@LHS15201.org).

### **March 23, 2011, 12-1pm — [Keep the Rain Out of the Drain!](#)**

Did you know that Allegheny County now allows homeowners to disconnect their downspouts and use green alternatives to help divert water from the sewer system? If you want to learn how to safely manage stormwater at your home, attend this free lunchtime lecture at the Schenley Park Café and Visitor Center on March 23.

**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](mailto:Jennifer.thoma@city.pittsburgh.pa.us) by the **1<sup>st</sup> of each month**.

## **Did You Know?**

Are you concerned about library or transportation funding in the state budget? The future of various programs will be made clear next Tuesday, March 8, when newly-elected Governor Tom Corbett presents his 2011-12 budget to the public. Please take a moment to write Governor Corbett and other local legislators to let them know how important libraries and transportation are to you and Pennsylvania at large. It is time to advocate for *your* [library](#) and [transportation](#).

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