

Polish Hill Voice

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A Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone had a nice summer. Just want to take this opportunity to say hello and thank everyone for all of their help and ideas so far this year. The board has been working hard and doing a good job, so I want to thank them for serving the community. Our membership meetings have been productive and enjoyable, as well. Thank you all for attending and sharing your ideas. Please keep your suggestions coming.

I won't elaborate on what has been happening in the last six months because it is all

in the following articles in this newsletter. So, read on and I hope you find it interesting and informative. Kudos to the editor, Stacey, for a job well done.

Just to list some upcoming events – we will be hosting a community cookout sometime in the fall right in front of the office. Also, we will have our annual Light Up Night in December. The dates have not been set yet.

Also, I wanted to remind you of the information available in our office, including rental and housing listings, bus schedules, nuisance bar forms, U-CAN forms, neighborhood

Skate Park

West Penn Park is the site of the city's newest skate park and walking trail. After much debate the plans for the West Penn Skate Park were put into action in August, along with additional plans for a walking trail around the nearby baseball field.

The skate park has excited many Pittsburgh residents, bringing skaters and bikers from far and wide, and the park isn't even complete. Numerous times police have had to kick skaters out of the "bowl" and out of the new park. Orange construction fencing has been stolen along with Do Not Enter signs that surround the area. Thus, leaving park officials trying to find ways to keep out the anxious users. Although the bowl has been put in, other items must be put into place

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City and County held September 11th Memorial

Little did we know when we started our day on September 11, 2001, that it would be a day to change our lives as Americans forever. Who knew it would be a day where no one would forget where they were when they heard the

tragic news? The news that a plane had hit the World Trade Center, only to be followed by a string of horrendous events that none of us could forget.

The one year anniversary of this tragic day is brought a day of reflection and remembrance. The City of Pittsburgh in conjunction with Allegheny County held a me-

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before the official opening of the skate park scheduled for the end of September. At that time, the city will hold an official "Grand Opening" for area residents and skaters alike. (Official date has yet to be determined.)

The almost-complete walking trail is open for public use, though. The almost 1/2 mile trail will allow for residents to keep an "eye" on skaters, while enjoying the park and

giving them a flat place to walk and run. The trail is made out of crushed limestone, which is great on joints when walking and running, (But I encourage all walkers to refrain from walking during baseball and softball games.)

I recently had a chance to walk the trail and check out a few of the "illegal" skaters before warning them the new park isn't open. The trail is very nice to walk on and has some great views in between the vines on the fence.

I noted the skaters were very intent on their work in the bowl. They even went so far as to reprimand an onlooker for dropping her pop bottle into the bowl telling her that she better not let it break in there, as well as grabbing a broom to clean up the skating area. All of the skaters there were very excited and happy with the soon to be complete park. So, if you get a chance some evening, talk a walk down to West Penn Park and enjoy our new addi-

A Special Thanks...

At our June Monthly Membership Meeting, we received a few complaints about the Port Authority dumping on the land between Revere Way and Downing Street.

After many phone calls, emails, site inspections and inquiries by the Bureau of Building Inspection with Port Authority and Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, it was

agreed that:

Per the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority's request, Port Authority must film/video the sewer with a camera to determine if any damage was caused to the sewer due to the deposited overburden of debris. If the sewer has been damaged, Port Authority must rectify any/all damaged portions of the sewer and its components. Port Authority will

extend a manhole, which was buried to a new acceptable elevation. This work may require moving some or all of the deposited material. Port Authority will cease immediately the depositing of materials at this location. Once Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority is satisfied that the manhole issue has been rectified, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and the Bureau of Building Inspection will consider the case abated.

Our special thanks to Ron Graziano and all those at the

Announcements...

Congratulations to former PHCA staffer, Chris O'Shell and her husband Robert. On their new addition, a happy and healthy baby boy born August 13th at 7:43 AM. The 8 lb. 14 oz. son, Justin Robert is home with mom and dad and all are doing fine!

Best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Jerry No-

vak on their recent marriage. Happy honeymooning!

Congratulations to Harry DelCimmuto, Josie Ramsey, and Stacey O'Toole for completing the CTAC Core Series. They were honored at a ceremony on June 11, 2002 in City Council Chambers.

Congratulations to Donna Tecza and Mike Guajardo on their recent engagement.

Three cheers for Harry DelCimmuto on completing the Citizens' Police Academy this Spring.

Bike Safety Day was held July 10th

UPMC is sponsoring a number of events this fall

“Beginning Strong Seniors” class which will be held three days a week, 4:30-5:30PM, in the third floor of UPMC South Side, beginning Monday, September 23rd. The program will teach resistance training to help increase muscular strength and mobility, as well as teaching safe effective methods of breathing and stretching, as well as proper form. The cost of the program is \$75. Another class will be held two days a week at 400 Fifth Avenue, 10th floor from 9:30 AM to 10:15AM, starting September 18th. The cost of the program is \$39. The advanced class will be held three days a week and is \$59.

“T'ai Chi for Beginners” will be held from 10:30 AM to 11:15AM Thursdays from September 5th through October 24th at Ohav Shalom Temple in the North Hills. T'ai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of exercise that focuses on improving balance and flexibility. All ages are welcome. The cost of the class is \$25.

“T'ai Chi for Seniors” from 10-10:45 On Tuesdays from September 3-November 5. The classes will be held in the Family Health Center, 5215 Centre Avenue. The cost of the class is \$22

“Beginner Hatha Yoga” will be held Monday evenings at the Family Health Center, 5215 Centre Avenue from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. The cost is \$55 per six week session or \$12 per class.

16th Street Bridge to Close for Repairs

Starting mid to late September commuting around Pittsburgh will become even more difficult. The 16th Street will close for repairs after many delays to the project due to the already existing traffic congestion. The bridge will remain closed until August 2003. All motorists are encouraged to take the 31st and 40th Street Bridges to and from the North Side. No official word as to when the 10th Street Bypass will reopen.

City and County held September 11th Memorial



morial to honor those who lost their lives.

“The tragedy that occurred on September 11th affected every one of us in this country very deeply. I believe that the 1-year anniversary should be a day of solemn remembrance for those who lost their lives in the tragic events of that day. We should also use this day to pay tribute to the men and women of our Armed Forces and our municipal Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services workers who selflessly put their lives on the line every day for our safety,” said Mayor Tom Murphy.

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Recently, the PHCA started a program to recycle empty inkjet and laser jet cartridges for money. The program tagged as “CA\$H FOR TRASH,” by Moon Township-based Recycle Rewards, allows businesses, non-profits, and schools to collect money for these empty cartridges.

Over 350 million cartridges are thrown away each year, with a recycle value of over \$1 billion dollars. Over 90,000 truck loads! That’s the equivalent of a landfill area about the size of a small city. The Recycle Rewards helps decrease the size of this landfill by recycling these cartridges for reuse. Cartridges can be used up to six times and still work as well as brand new, in spite of myths to the contrary. Often individuals feel recycled-content products don’t work as well as their original counterpart. Yet, this very issue has pushed recycled content manufacturers to create higher quality products than their new-product competitors, all while reducing the amount of plastic put into landfills each year.

Cartridges are collected in a bin in the PHCA office. When the bin is full, the cartridges are collected by Recycle Rewards and sent to recycled content manufacturers. The profit made by the company is then split with PHCA.



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10. Supports new companies and helps create jobs.

9. Recycling is good business.

8. Shows commitment to environmental responsibility.

7. Reduces pollution and dependence on natural resources.

6. Sends a message to industry we want more recycled products.

5. Helps spur competition and lower prices.

What is composting and how do I do it?

Composting is the natural degradation of organic materials such as leaves, grass, and vegetable scraps by microorganisms to form a rich soil-like substance called compost or humus. If any of you have flowers or gardens, you know how incredibly important nutrient rich soil is for the growth of your plants. Now, you may be able to “make” this rich soil right in your home by decreasing the amount of waste sent to the landfills and having a little patience.

What you need.

Organic materials including leaves, dead plants, grass, non-meat and non-dairy table scraps and soil are needed. A good mix is usually three parts “browns” (materials high in carbon) and one-part “greens” (materials high in nitrogen). High carbon items, “browns,” are things such as leaves, dead plants, straw, shredded paper, shredded twigs, pine needles, and sawdust

What Recycling Can Do for You.



Today environmental issues are continually in the news, from global warming, ozone action days and oil spills to sewage in our waters, lack of green space and air pollution. After all, America is the leading producer of “greenhouse gases” or gases that produce the greenhouse effect. These problems have become so complex and yet so common individuals may feel that they either have no effect on them or have become “immune” to news headlines that report them. I know I too have joined the ranks of the disinterested and disenchanted. That is until recently....

There are some things that an individual can do. For example, waste reduction and recycling can make a difference. It reduces the amount of waste put into the landfill each year, while saving natural resources, energy, money and most importantly, the environment. As we learned from Leonard at our Open Community Meeting, City of Pittsburgh residents aren't doing nearly enough to help with the recycling movement.

Americans generated approximately 218 million tons of waste in 2000 with 152 million tons disposed of in landfills and incinerators. This use and disposal takes a heavy toll on our natural resources such as petroleum.



Reprocessing used materials to make new products and packaging reduces this consumption. Every ton of recycled steel saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 pounds of coal, and 40 pounds of limestone.

About 3% of America's energy is used for producing packaging alone. Reprocessing used materials reduces this need. Recycling paper cuts energy usage in half. Every pound of steel recycled saves 5,450 BTUs of energy or enough to light a 60-watt bulb for 26 hours. Recycling used aluminum cans requires only about 5% of the energy needed to produce new aluminum. Thus, recycling just one aluminum can saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for 3 ½ hours.

Also, the amount of waste we place in the landfills, is more money we spend for disposal. For example, in 1993 the average landfill tipping fee was \$46/ton. Therefore, the less garbage put in the landfill, the less local government spends on waste disposal and more that can be used for other programs.

Last, but not least, recycling helps to reduce the environmental damage caused by mining, logging and manu-

Composting (cont.)

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from untreated wood. High nitrogen items, “greens,” are items such as grass, green weeds, manure, alfalfa or clover, seaweed or pond algae and non-meat, non-dairy kitchen scraps. The mix will also need moisture, the right temperature and air.

Compost piles do not need to be enclosed, although many people use a bin or similar enclosure. Compost bins can be purchased or made out of chicken wire, snow fencing, lumber or used pallets. Other tools that come in handy include: a garden hose, wheelbarrow and other common garden tools.

Getting started.

A 4x4x4-foot area out of direct sunlight is ideal for your compost pile. Choose an easily accessible spot on a grass or soil base. Composting can begin at anytime of the

year, but most people start in the fall, when leaves are abundant.

Organic materials should be mixed, adding water as needed so that the materials feel like a moist, wrung out sponge. The pile should be turned over every few weeks so that the outside layers are exchanged with the center of the pile. Turn the piles about once a month, except in cold weather conditions. Water can be added, if necessary.

Don't compost diseased plants or leaves, persistent weeds (poison ivy, multiflora rose, bindweed, quackgrass, etc.), human or pet feces, meat, dairy products, and kitchen vegetables cooked with animal fats, and plants that have gone to seed. Trimmings from bushes and shrubs are usually not suitable for composting. They can be ground into mulch, ornamental landscaping or garden pathways. Old Christmas trees and similar

Pittsburgh Cares Day a huge success

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Flower planting, vacant lot planting, litter pick up, spending quality time with friends and neighbors, food; what more can you ask for?

Although the weather was a gloomy and cool the ground a bit muddy, all who turned out for



big day had a wonderful time. As you can see by the photos, there were plenty of smiles to go around. Thanks to all of you who helped. Especially the Pittsburgh Cares Servathon folks from Banksville Elementary, and Hefern Tillotson as well as Pittsburgh Cares. We appreciate all of your hard work in helping make our neighborhood an even more beautiful place to live.

Please see pictures on page 9.

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Community Meeting has some-

PHCA Open Community

Meeting was held On July 9th at West Penn Recreation Center Senior Room. The evening was a grand success with approximately 25 people in attendance.

Also in attendance were speakers Becky Pugh, Leonard from the recycling department, and Stephanie Flom. All of the speakers were very informa-

tive and interesting.

Ms. Pugh spoke to us about the Paint Your Heart Out Pittsburgh program, encouraging donors, volunteers and applicants alike to participate in this wonderful event.

Leonard Huggins from the City recycling division gave a very entertaining and informative

presentation in regard to recycling. He told us all about what and where to recycle along with some great prizes. He even managed to inspire us to write an article on recycling for this issue. *(See page 7.)*

Ms. Flom spoke to us about her great Magic Penny Garden in Frank Curto Park and here in Polish Hill, on Dobson Street. The gardens have gotten a lot of attention not just from our

A Tribute To Someone Special

April 13, 2002 was a sad day for all of us on Polish Hill. It's a day we will always remember. A day we lost our spiritual leader, our civic leader and above all, our friend.

Father John, you have touched all of us in a very

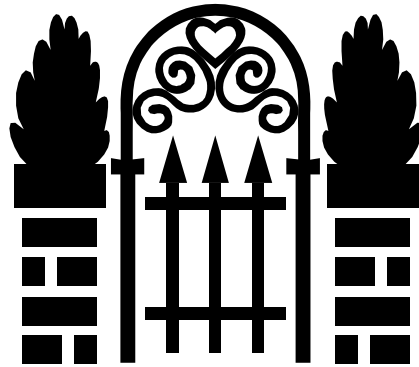
special way. You were an extraordinary teacher. I remember you telling me once to live life to the fullest and always follow your dreams. I have learned a lot from you. Your big smile and gentle voice made a difference no matter what the situation was. I was proud to be a part of your dream in continuing your

work with the Polish Hill Civic Association and with the John Paul Plaza. You have left some very big shoes to fill. Although we may never be able to fill them completely, we can never stop trying. You will be missed, but knowing your spirit will live on in our hearts and in what we

This is My Polish Hill

By: Reverend John M. Jendzura

(Editor's note: This article was originally published in an old newsletter (circa 1976) I happened upon as I was looking through the old files for the organization. While I did not know Fr. John personally, I felt this article was reflective of his thoughts and feelings of our neighborhood. I hope you enjoy the article as much as I did.)



Taken by Bill Metzger and featured in "Neighborhoods for Living Center News," August 1984.

They prefer to settle in the higher sections of Pittsburgh, as the older of them have said, "to be closer to God." Numerous families settled closely together to make it easier to preserve their native tongue and to hand down the Faith of their forefathers to their children. Indeed, boundaries are man-made; but the motive was to feel more at home with "your own" without intending to create any kind of barriers or clannishness.

Here they could profit from their priest's guidance and pass to future generations their treasured customs and heritage and the only language they knew-Polish.

What have I come for? What have I to look for in the future? This is my Polish Hill. I love my neighborhood.

Shortly before the machine age crept into the American way of life, legal immigrants of Western Culture began to flood the United States. Escaping from the persecution and oppression, from poverty and need, people from Poland left their partitioned land in search of freedom.

As recorded, the first Polish settlers came to Polish Hill in the year 1885 from the partitioned areas of Poland. In spite of the numerous hardships, the language barrier and the unfamiliarity of the American way of life and conditions, they succeeded in planting roots in this new land. Thus, Polish Hill, Polskie Gory-referred to as Herron Hill, was seeded.

Between the years 1885 and 1895 when Polish families "na gorash"-on the hill-grew, when the number of children increased, the earnest desire of erecting their own Church and parochial school in the immediate area became a major topic of discussion. Permission was granted by the Bishop to build. Hence, in October of 1896, when the laying of the cornerstone for the chapel, school and covenant complex took place on Paulowna Street, the parish numbered 493 families and 400 children. In 1901 the rectory was built on Brereton Avenue and is presently occupied by three priests. The construction of the present church on Brereton Avenue was undertaken by Fr. Joseph Szwarcoch, C.S.Sp. in the year 1904 and completed in 1906. The cost of the magnificent Basilica, was \$161,200.00. Many of the men of the parish helped in the construction of this edifice after their working hours in the steel, glass and foun-

dry mills, or in the produce and railroad yards.

For what was said, the spirit of Polonia of yesteryear has not diminished within the confines of Polish Hill. These ethnic working people extending to the first, second and sprinkling third generation are carrying on the traditions of their immigrant parents. Like their predecessors, they are the least affluent and powerful. They experience the same struggle of living in the land of plenty, trying hard to hold their own, despite the enormous sacrifices to upkeep the Church complex, coping with the graduated high cost of living, paying on the nose for everything they get, plus high taxes, and receiving little or nothing from the state, city and federal government in social services, school aid, monies to buy houses or to rehabilitate them.

The cry for housing is a priority with this community. Because of the lack of housing, the young seemed to be turned off from living in the community after marriage, although many express their desire to remain. One of the unifying forces that keep this ethnic community intact is the Church, the center of all religious, social and political problems.

The Polish Hill Civic Association, established and chartered late September 1968, has contributed tremendously to the needs of the people. It is a non-political organization, existing solely through membership dues, \$1.00 a year, and through donations. Together with the Church it has wrought a spirit of self-determination, of confidence and of an awareness of who we are.

The ethnic youth expresses itself in

Magic Penny Garden Spreads Smiles To Our Neighborhood

“It’s just like a magic penny,

Hold it tight and you won’t have any,

Lend it spend it and you’ll have so many,

They’ll roll all over the floor...”

Just like the popular children’s song, the Magic Penny Gardens are in part based on the concept of sharing, as well art. As in the the plants from



as love and famed song, these gar-

dens are from individuals who want to share their plants and flowers with the rest of the city, and we hope will be offered the same joy and love in return.

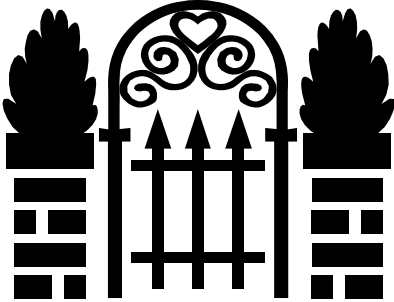
Many of you may have noticed some work going on in our neighborhood (on Dobson Street) and at Frank Curto Park and wondered, what was going on. Well the new gardens are part of a larger project initiated by Stephanie Flom, a research fellow at the STUDIO of Creative

Inquiry at Carnegie Mellon University. The Persephone Project and the Art gardens of Pittsburgh is a project to promote gardening as an art form, and recognizes gardeners as artists, as well as to connect the public to art and to the environment. *Goddesses Adorned* by Lily Yeh and *Three Arches* by Daniel Ladd at Frank Curto Park are the first part the ArtGardens project.

The Persephone Project also hopes to inspire Magic Penny Gardens throughout the city. The first two neighborhood Magic Penny Gardens are here, in Polish Hill and in the Hill District. The Dobson Street garden was created by Polish Hill sculptor, Paul Bowdin. The garden in the Hill District is on Centre Avenue and was created by Hill District artist Jorge Meyers. So, please take a moment and check out these wonderful projects.

Skate Park and Walking Trail

Pittsburgh Cares Day



Dates to Remember

September 15-last day of 60 Days of Grace (see article p.10).

September 23-Operation Clean Sweep.

End of September-Skate Park Grand Opening. Keep an eye out for official details./Closing of 16th Street Bridge.

October 5 - Volunteers needed to help pull out Welcome Gardens.

November 1-3 - Fall Polka Festival, Seven Springs.

PHCA loses one of our own: Harry DelCimmuto

When I heard the news of Harry's passing, on September 10, 2002. I was shocked. Only days before I had talked to him on the phone. Laughing at his usual antics and jokes, while he was complaining about something or another. Daily he was seen walking his dog through the streets, or hanging out at the 7 cees in Bloomfield. He was always lightening up our meetings with a joke. All who knew Harry loved him. Therefore, I know Harry will greatly be missed. He

not only was a Board member for the Polish Hill Civic Association, but a member of the East Liberty Lodge #725 F.&A.M., the Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite, the Syria Temple, the Hillbilly Clan #53, the I.S.D.A., the Zone 2 Public Safety Committee, as well as being a graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy and CTAC. He is survived by his daughter Annette and her husband, William Mackay, Ph.D., son Nicholas and his wife Maria, and son Michael and daughter Leslie; grandfather of

Caroline Mackay; brother of Clara Spudich, Olga Donato, George Rosato, Antoinette Del Cimmuto, Angeline Del Cimmuto, and the late Albert, Leo, Fred, Felix, and Nicholas DelCimmuto; brother-in-law of Margaret DelCimmuto. Friends and relatives were received at Winter Funeral Home, 4730 Friendship Avenue, Thursday, September 12, 2002 and Friday, September 13, 2002 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Funeral was held Saturday at 9 A.M. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 A.M. in

Neighborhood News

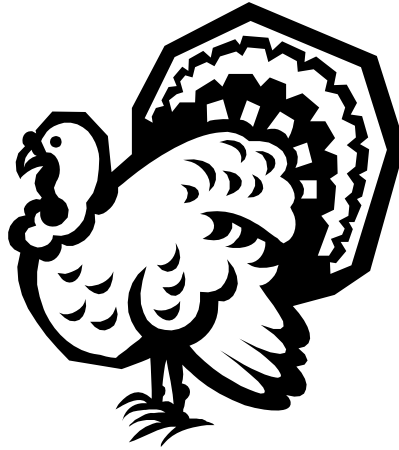
From Mayor Tom Murphy

Mayor Launches to Remove

As part of Mayor Murphy's ongoing vehicles, he officially kicked off the "60 city will tow abandoned vehicles, free **Remove Abandoned Vehicles Now** Pittsburgh Clean Neighborhoods Col-

"The presence of abandoned vehicles and dramatically deteriorates the quality, often times these vehicles become play," said Mayor Murphy. "That is important, and I urge anyone with an this one-time opportunity."

Anyone wanting to have his or her vehicle removed during the "60 Days of Grace" should call the **Mayor's Service Center at (412) 255-2621**. A notarized title must be brought to the Mayor's Service Center in order to have the vehicle towed. Persons must provide the make and the model of the vehicle and the locations, where it can be picked



New Initiative Abandoned

initiative to rid the City of abandoned Days of Grace" program, whereby the of charge. This free service is part of the (**RAVN**) campaign in Mayor Murphy's laborative (PCNC).

affects the overall cleanliness of our City ity of life of our neighborhoods. In addi- dangerous places for our children to why this new 60 day grace period is so abandoned vehicle to take advantage of

New Addition to Councilman Ferlo's Office

District 7 has a new person working for Polish Hill, Tom Fallon. I started working in the Councilman's office in February of this year and went straight to work in one of the best neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, Polish Hill. It helps that I have some ties to the community; my wife and family are lifelong residents, I am a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and I have numerous friends in the area.

Just to list some of the things that have occurred in the neighborhood recently. The church has won its case with the zoning board to continue to use the parking lot at the corner of Brereton and 30th Streets; the Block watch signs are up and working; the skate park is in production; and, a

walking path around the field is almost completed. The Park and Recreation Department will keep a half court of basketball next to the skate park as well as lowering the fence around the area.

Good news came from Officer Brian Anderson regarding major crime on Polish Hill in June/ July of this year.



For a one-month period ending July 9th there were no major Part 1 offenses reported in the area. Part 1 offenses include aggravated as-

sault, arson, auto theft, burglaries of business or residence, homicide, rape, robberies business or person and theft. This just proves that Polish Hill is becoming very diligent in making sure that crime does not overrun the area. I want to thank Sharon Wolkiewicz from the Block Watch for designing some great signs and Stephen Bruder from our office for having them placed by the Public Works Department.

Speaking of Stephen, he has been a great help in learning about City Council and the neighborhoods in District 7. The entire staff of Councilman Jim Ferlo hopes we can continue to assist the Polish Hill Community

State Rep. Don Walko Reports from Harrisburg

TAP Program: Savings for Tomorrow's College Tuition at Today's Prices

The cost of a college education continues to skyrocket. Just this year tuition at state-owned and state-related universities increased by more than 10 percent. Through the Tuition Account Program (TAP) you can buy tuition credits at today's prices to protect your children from higher tuition rates in the future.

Families can begin saving today for their children's college education through Tap's Guaranteed Savings Plan. The amounts deposited today will be used to purchase tomorrow's tuition at today's prices.

Under the program deposits will be made to accounts administered by the State Treasurer. Unlike mutual funds and other market investments the Commonwealth will guarantee that deposits will keep pace with tuition inflation.

TAP funds can be used at any college or technical school, public or private, anywhere in the nation. Once a TAP account is established,

anyone can contribute – parents, grandparents, and even friends.

Direct deposits through payroll and automatic withdrawals from checking or savings accounts into your TAP account make it easier to save.

Money grows tax-free

Earnings on your TAP account are not subject to federal income tax while they remain in the account. This deferral of taxes on your earnings will provide additional resources for use in payment of tuition. Moreover, until January 1, 2011 (unless Congress extends it) earnings accumulated in your TAP account will not be subject to federal income tax when withdrawn for qualified college expenses.

Low minimum deposits

TAP's low minimum deposits make saving for college affordable. The minimum deposit amount is \$25. This low deposit limit makes it easier for friends or relatives to make gifts to your children in the form of

TAP funds.

Generous maximum contribution limits

A TAP account can contain up to \$290,000 in investments and earnings.

TAP Investment Plan

As noted earlier, TAP also provides an Investment Plan that could earn higher amounts of interest and other investment earnings. This plan, however, involves risks because the State Treasury does not guarantee the account. There are a few other differences between this plan and the Guaranteed Savings Plan.

For more information, you can

call TAP at 1-800-440-4000, or visit the TAP Web site at www.patap.org.

"Families can begin saving today for their children's college education through Tap's Guaranteed Savings Plan. "

If you would like more information on the above or any other state-related issue please contact one of my district offices.

Northside Office

Observatory Hill

Operation Clean Sweep is September 23rd in Polish Hill. Please help us in keeping Polish Hill looking great!

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Are you sick of telemarketers interrupting your dinner, your valuable family time, or even your sleep? Well, you are not alone. Nearly everyone's daily routine has been bothered at some point by persistent telemarketers. According to the LA Times, Americans receive an average of 19 billion unsolicited calls per month. That averages out to 8 calls a day to a household of 4. But what is troubling is that according to the US Department of Justice, about 92% of Americans have received fraudulent telephone offers, and the average loss per fraud case is \$1,174. Until now, not much could be done to block these unsolicited calls, besides "screening" calls with Caller ID.

Beginning Tuesday, August 6, Pennsylvanians will now be able to take advantage of the new "do-not-call" list that was recently signed into law by Gov. Mark Schweiker. The list is free to all Pennsylvania residents who would like to receive less unsolicited telemarketing offers.

Signing up is simple and can be done several ways. Enrollment may be done by phone by calling the toll-free 1-888-777-3406 or by filling out an electronic enrollment form at the Web site www.nocallsplease.com. Residents may also register by mail for free by simply sending their name, address, telephone number, and signature to:

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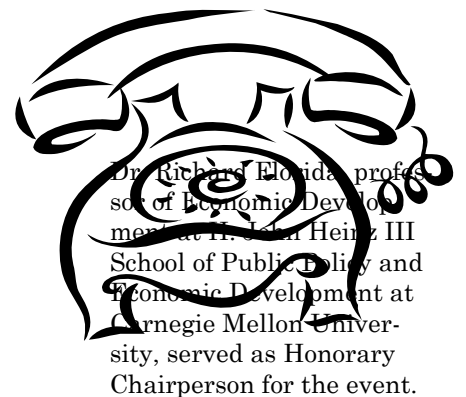
Over the past five years or so, I've watched a great transformation of the Strip District from strictly vendors with a few clubs to a dramatically diverse cultural and business district. They wanted to celebrate this diversity with a weekend festival of events for the whole family.

The kick off event, a VIP gala, was held at Sanctuary (Penn Avenue, next to McDonalds) on Friday evening (5PM-9PM) with a plethora of food and drinks. Tickets sold for \$25. Saturday's flurry of activities included a flea market and scavenger hunt, Breath Walks and Yoga Demonstrations, family activities at the Society for Contemporary Craft and Heinz History Center, ethnic dancing and music plus entertainment galore. Sunday's activities included a Vintage Grand Prix to support the Arthritis Foundation and the VooDoo Lounge Hog Roast.

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*"If you need help
filing out your appeal
form, call Tom
Flaherty's Hotline at
412-255-0701"*

Our "Neighbors in the Strip" celebrated with a weekend of activities from a hog roast and flea market to cultural and ethnic performances.



Strip Search

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Pee Wee Soccer (ages 5-8), Tuesdays, 5:45 PM- 6:45 PM

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Movie night, Friday, 6 PM-7 PM

Ceramics, Thursday, 6 PM-9 PM



Please check out The Neighbors in the Strip website (www.neighborsinthestrip.com) for more details.

Bloomfield will hold its first annual "Little Italy Days" Festival Friday, September 27th through Sunday, September 29th. They will have food, games, crafts, Italian artisans, and entertainment featuring We Three, John Orsini, The Cavaliers, and Five Guys Named Moe. So, come out and celebrate your Italian (or Italian-for-a-day) heritage with them. The event will be held from morning until night.

Brightwood Civic Group will hold its annual Pumpkinfest on October 29th from 1PM-3PM at Horce Mann Elementary Field.

Please return completed form with dues to:

Polish Hill Civic Association of Pittsburgh 2002 Membership Application

NAME: _____

(Street Address) (City) (State) (ZIP)

_____ REGULAR MEMBER? Or _____ SUBSCRIPTION MEMBER?
(Polish Hill residents only) (Non-residents; entitled to newsletter only)

For office use only:

PHCA Membership Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Room at the West Penn

September 3



October 1

November 4*



* November Meeting will be held the Monday before Election

Day.

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