



# New Allegheny Times

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MEXICAN WAR STREETS SOCIETY AND THE CENTRAL NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Seeking Homes for MWSS House Tour

We are actively seeking homeowners who are interested in joining the 42nd annual parade of homes on **Sunday, September 11, 2011**. Our house tour is the most established tour in the city of Pittsburgh, and is the major fundraising event for the Mexican War Streets Society. Also, save the date for a pre-tour Gala on **Friday, September 9, 2011!** Details and ticket information for the House Tour and Gala will soon be available at [www.mexicanwarstreets.org](http://www.mexicanwarstreets.org).

Chairing the house tour again this year are David and Laurie Charlton. If you would like to put your house on tour, please send your information to Homeowner Liaison, Leslie Ward at [ljward51@yahoo.com](mailto:ljward51@yahoo.com) or call 412.596.0181. You may also contact Leslie Vincen at [ljvincen@comcast.net](mailto:ljvincen@comcast.net) or call 412.848.1083. If you would like to volunteer for the tour, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Cindy Nichols at 412.231.0927 or [lostlonelyandviciousbaby@yahoo.com](mailto:lostlonelyandviciousbaby@yahoo.com). Hope to see you on tour! **MWSS**

## New CNNC Board Members

The newly elected board members for the CNNC are: Joe Mansfield, Julie Peterson, Barbara Talerico, Anthony Cabral, Chris D'Addario, Arthur James, Paco Mahone, Scott Mosser and Karina Westfall. We would like to thank those directors who have served our community for the last two years and welcome in the new board and wish them well.

Please welcome Chris D'Addario as the new President of the CNNC. Anthony Cabral is his new Vice President, Colleen Bender will continue to serve as our Secretary and Barbara Talerico will remain as Treasurer. Greg Spicer is now our Past President and will remain on the Executive Committee.

I'm sure everyone will thank Greg for being a fabulous president; he has taken the organization and the neighborhood to new heights and we will continue to grow with our new board of directors taking the helm. We wish them all luck! Remember we are always looking for residents to get involved in different projects, so please contact us at [www.cnnc-pgh.org](http://www.cnnc-pgh.org) if you would like to be involved.

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## MWSS Annual Flower Box Contest



The MWSS will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes for the best flowering container arrangements in the neighborhood again this year. No entry fee required.

As in previous years, points will be given for 1) Originality, 2) Composition, 3) Plant Condition and 4) Overall Impression.

This year the judging will be on **Sunday, July 10, 2011**. Winning homes will be notified in early August and will be listed as "Points of Interest" in the House Tour Book for the September 11th MWSS House Tour.

Photos of winning homeowners will be taken for publication in the September issue of The New Allegheny Times. Please send comments or questions to Sandy Kniess at [kniess1@comcast.net](mailto:kniess1@comcast.net).

**JULY/AUG 2011**



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*To preserve the historic character of the Mexican War Streets and to promote our neighborhood through personal and community involvement.*



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**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*To enhance the lives of all Central Northside residents.*

**VISION STATEMENT:**  
*By end of 2015 CNNC will transform all our neighborhood's vacant lots and empty storefronts by filling them with thriving individuals, commerce and families of all kinds.*

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# Troubled Over Bridge

The engineers who assembled at the New Hazlett Theater on June 14th to explain the North Side bridge projects couldn't say exactly what the state is thinking. Thus many of the 150 attendees left feeling as if they'd just spent two hours conversing with the wrong people.

The plan is to replace a decaying, 107-year-old bridge on West Ohio Street with one that has three more feet of clearance for the railroad beneath it. The \$5 million project, which includes demolishing the nearby Ridge Avenue Bridge that has been shut down for years, would allow Norfolk Southern to run double-stack trains for the first time there. It's part of a national strategy to get more freight off congested highways. That makes sense as far as it goes. The trouble is, it can't go very far.

At the same time when the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) is requiring the city to raise this bridge to 22 feet, the PUC and the railroad have approved major repairs to the bridge at Brighton Road and North Avenue that keep it at 19 feet. That's too low for any double-stack train to get under. A handful of other North Side bridges just up the line also run interference at that level. North Siders were there largely out of concern for a bridge design that threatens two dozen stately trees lining West Ohio Street in historic Allegheny Commons Park. Recent assurances by the city that only three trees might be in trouble were quickly dialed back; Patrick Hassett, assistant city public works director, told the crowd that saving these "irreplaceable" trees is a priority but he couldn't promise anything.

The federal, state and city governments are splitting the \$5 million cost 80/15/5, which means the city's tab is \$250,000 and the state's \$750,000. Meantime, Norfolk Southern, which took the city to court to make sure the clearance is 22 feet, is on the hook for nothing. More than one person noted that the state PUC has mandated a bridge design, unwanted by the city or its residents, to appease a multibillion-dollar corporation at the same time when the federal, state and city governments are chronically short on funds.

All that might be easier to accept if we could see the grand scheme. We're told a multibillion-dollar expansion of the Panama Canal will bring increased traffic to the Port of Philadelphia and, in turn, eastern railroads. Norfolk Southern's main rival, CSX, will begin raising the roof on its tunnel in SouthSide Works later this year to accommodate double-stack trains there as early as 2013. Norfolk Southern, though, already gets double-stack lines through Pittsburgh by using its South Side line before crossing the Ohio River. That makes this North Side work seem more a want than a need.

I pressed Rudy Husband, the railroad spokesman, for a timetable on when double-stack trains are expected to go through the lower North Side. "The current issue is between the PUC and the city," Mr. Husband said in an e-mail. "Norfolk Southern has a larger role in the current situation would be inaccurate and irresponsible." As for the broader strategy, Mr. Husband didn't offer any timetable, saying, "NS fully endorses bridge projects that have minimum 22-foot clearances over our rights-of-way wherever and whenever the opportunities present themselves, which is consistent with state and national transportation policy."

Yet even those of us who consider that sound policy have trouble seeing the scenario where tall trains eventually get down this line. The bridge rehab was pushed instead of a more costly plan to lower the rail bed for roughly a half-mile, work that had been estimated at \$20 million to \$29 million.

John Canning, a North Side historian, was among those saying that such reasoning missed problems dead ahead. The Brighton-North intersection is already sloped in four directions to get over the railroad, and raising it more seems a non-starter. The PUC, which has exclusive jurisdiction over rail crossings, doesn't institute construction projects and acts only on applications. The city applied for bridge work on a route that Norfolk Southern has "to get double-stack trains through Pittsburgh," acting press secretary Denise McCracken said.

That's it, then. When and how taller trains might run through the North Side, either nobody knows or nobody's saying. Just because a bridge is built for greater clearance doesn't mean the reasoning must be clear.

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# Electric Supplier Shopping: Powering Choice in Your Home

Summer is coming, and with that, higher electricity prices for some of us as fans and air conditioners begin to hum. You may have received pieces of mail from new companies on choosing an electricity supplier. I certainly have. It may be a prudent time of year to look into your options on electricity choice. Utility rates are governed by the Public Utility Commission. Over the last few years, established rate caps expired, allowing utility companies to petition the PUC to raise their rates based on their costs. Alternate suppliers were empowered to enter the market and give consumers more choices. The PUC has created PA Power Switch (<http://www.papowerswitch.com/>) as a guide for consumers to use in making informed choices. There are three parts to your electric service: generation, transmission and distribution. Generation is the production of electricity—the companies who produce it are called suppliers. Transmission is the movement of that electricity from where it is produced to a local distribution system. Distribution is the delivery of electricity to your home or business.

In most of my district in Pittsburgh city limits, Duquesne Light serves as your electric company. Duquesne will continue to deliver your service, provide maintenance, and handle your billing, but you are now able to choose the electric supplier who generates the electricity that you use. Once you enter your zip code, you can see all the available suppliers, their price to compare, and contractual terms. You are welcome to stay with Duquesne Light as supplier or you may elect to switch. A quick search for zip code 15201, home of my Lawrenceville district office, pulled up seven different options for residential properties. I urge you to visit PA Power Switch online or to call the PUC at 1-800-692-7380 and research carefully. If I can be of any assistance in this or any other matter, please contact my district office at 412-621-3006 or visit my website at [www.senatorferlo.com](http://www.senatorferlo.com).  
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## Requin Tours at CSC

On select Sunday mornings this summer, Carnegie Science Center will offer visitors the chance to go behind the scenes of USS Requin, a Cold War-era submarine docked on the Ohio River, and tour areas rarely seen by the general public.

Requin behind-the-scenes "Tech Tours" will take place from 9 to 11 am on July 10 & 24, and August 7 & 21. Led by Science Center staff, participants will learn how the USS Requin crew faced challenges underwater, explore un-restored compartments, and climb up the conning tower to see the periscope.

Due to the submarine's structure, Requin Tech Tours require full mobility, and tour size is limited to 12 people. Participants must be age 15 or older. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The number to register is 412.237.1637. [www.carnegiesciencecenter.org](http://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org)

## Free Community Festival!

Join Venture Outdoors for an afternoon of outdoor fun for the whole family! On **Saturday, August 27th**, Venture Outdoors Family and Community Programs will host a Free Community Festival in Allegheny Commons.

The event will be filled with beginner-friendly activities for your family or community group from 12:00 to 4:00 pm! Try scaling a climbing wall, paddling a kayak on Lake Elizabeth, using a GPS unit to find secret treasures or biking around the park. Food, dancing and music by Pittsburgh's favorite DJ Nick Nice will be offered at the event. Join the fun!

More information is available at [www.ventureoutdoors.org](http://www.ventureoutdoors.org).



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## From the Stoops

This new regular segment captures two community treasures – the stoops of the Central Northside and the great people who enjoy them.

**What's your favorite restaurant on the Central Northside?**



Jana Thompson of Resaca  
 Resident & gardener

*"It's a tie – Legends and Nicky's Thai Kitchen."*



Cepeda Levy  
 of North Taylor  
 Culinary arts  
 professional

*"Monterey Pub – it's inexpensive and I love the food. I just love it!"*



The Huffs & Layla of North Taylor  
 Teacher (Theresa)  
 UPMC employee (James)

James:  
*"Monterey Pub, because the hamburgers are the best and there's a great atmosphere."*

Theresa:  
*"I love the Monterey Pub, too, but Nicky's Thai Kitchen is my number one because it's BYOB, the prices are reasonable, and, I love the outdoor area."*

## Bill Barron:

### Helping to Change the Face of Central Northside

For too many years, people passed by the corner of Federal and North with either a sad memory of what it used to be or a fragile hope for what it might become. Bill Barron, real estate developer who has played a significant role in the rebirth of Lawrenceville, saw opportunity and acted. As a result, the Central Northside now has a flourishing Crazy Mocha and will soon have a new deli right next door. And, a few doors up on Federal Street, Toula's is about to get a make-over and a new lease on life. Who needs HGTV when we have Bill Barron?

Bill is a no-nonsense guy with a pragmatic approach to community redevelopment. He buys mostly long-vacant buildings in communities in transition. The price, location and foot traffic have to be just right. And, the community needs to be cooperative. That's his formula for transformation. According to Bill, "I knew the corner of Federal and North was a good location because of the hospital, medical offices and the schools. The townhouses on Federal Street were underway and the library was there."

Finding the right business to breathe life into the building is another key factor. Bill had a good partner in Crazy Mocha, a tenant of his in Lawrenceville. "They don't mind going into transitional areas. They are local people," says Bill. "I knew I had a good tenant I could depend on; they knew they had a landlord they could depend on. Crazy Mocha opened up in January 2010 and business has been better than we had hoped."

The soon-to-open Deli on North also fits this mold. Deli on Butler found success in Lawrenceville as one of Bill's tenants. That relationship paved the way to open another storefront in one of Bill's buildings on the North Side.

Bill is a modest man and would shake off any reference to magician. But it's so tempting when you look at what he has created. For decades those two structures had been in disrepair. Bill's architectural vision of staying true to the original design of the building and creating something that fits in with the surrounding fabric of the neighborhood has transformed that small corner into something akin to hope.

He's the first to say that he didn't do it alone, however. With the help of CNNC's Tom Hardy and Kirk Burkley, Bill was able to acquire these two long-vacant properties from the URA. "Tom and Kirk have been great," says Bill. "They helped me in the acquisition of the Crazy Mocha building from the URA and Toula's through a sheriff's sale. And, they helped me maneuver through that landscape of the greater community."

Tom Hardy, CNNC Development Consultant, says this about Bill. "He's a guy who quietly gets things done. He has a way of grinding through the difficult and time consuming aspects of these projects and gets results. And, he doesn't care who gets the credit."

Renovating Toula's will be Bill's next project. It will remain a food operation with an apartment on the upper floor. His success on the corner of Federal and North provides a glimpse of the transformation about to take place. With vision, keen business sense and great relationships, Bill Barron is helping to bring new energy to the Central Northside. He serves as a role model to others.

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## Allegheny City Society Hosts Summer Evening Walks

The Allegheny City Society is sponsoring a series of summer evening walks through the Commons. Recognizing the history of the various sections of the Allegheny Commons, each 90-minute walk will focus on the unique nature, history and features of a particular section of the Commons.

On **Wednesday, July 13th**, the walk will focus on the Lake Elizabeth area and the North Promenade. At 7pm, we will gather at the Allegheny County Civil War Monument on the west side of Lake Elizabeth.

On **Wednesday, August 17th**, the walk will focus on the East Commons. At 7pm, we will gather at the Great Circle of Flowers at the intersection of East North and Cedar Avenues.

On **Wednesday, Sept 14th**, the walk will focus on the Allegheny City Square Park. At 7pm, we will gather at the Anderson Monument on the east side of the Children's Museum.

Each tour will cost \$10, with all proceeds shared with the Allegheny Commons Initiative. Reservations can be made by calling:  
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## Hazlett Hot List

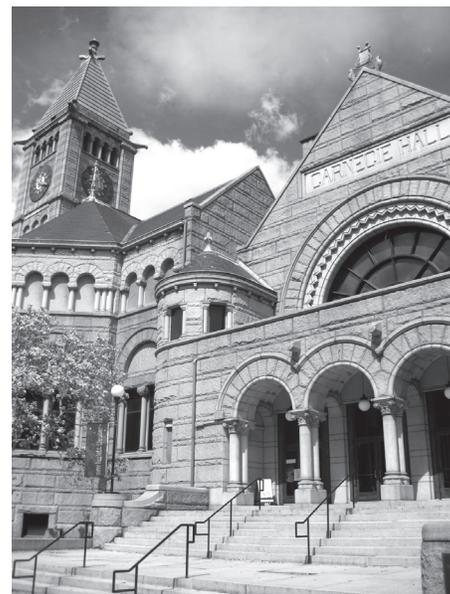
The New Hazlett Theater supports and nurtures the creative performing arts, and serves as a community resource for arts access and education.

We have a wide variety of entertainment lined up for July and August featuring theater, music, dance, storytelling, a free community day celebration and even a tea party with storybook characters. Show your support of your independent, neighborhood theater by joining us. See you at the theater!

For more info on any of these events: [www.NewHazlettTheater.org](http://www.NewHazlettTheater.org)

### Into the Woods

June 24, 2011–July 3, 2011  
 Carnivale Theatrics presents *Into the Woods*, a musical by Stephen Sondheim that interweaves the stories of our favorite storybook characters, but with a painfully poignant twist.



### Into the Woods Tea Party

July 2, 2011  
 Carnivale Theatrics will host a Tea Party where children and adults will be treated to an abbreviated version of the musical, *Into the Woods*, and have a chance to meet and get autographs from the cast including Cinderella, the Witch, the Baker, the Bakers Wife, Jack, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and the Big Bad Wolf!

### Love 146

Featuring music and dance by Heather Clark  
 July 5, 2011  
 This important fundraiser, presented by Tree of Life Open Bible Church, will benefit The Project to End Human Trafficking. Inspired by a girl the co-founders encountered when they went undercover with investigators to a brothel where they witnessed children being sold for sex, the production is dedicated to her. It is a story they feel must be told.

### Texture Contemporary Ballet

July 8, 2011–July 9, 2011  
 Pushing the definition of classical ballet, Alan Obuzor, former Pittsburgh Ballet Theater dancer and a popular figure in the Pittsburgh dance community, unveils his new company, Texture Contemporary Ballet. Obuzor's own choreography, along with that of Kelsey Bartman, Erin Halloran and Gabriel Smith will be performed by dancers from such companies as Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, BalletMet, Ballet Austin, Richmond Ballet, Nashville Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, and Charlottesville Ballet.

### New Hazlett Theater Community Day

August 13, 2011  
 The New Hazlett Theater is excited to announce that we are planning a North Side community celebration featuring dance, music, film and children's activities all free for our North Side neighbors. More information coming soon – look for it on our website at [www.NewHazlettTheater.org](http://www.NewHazlettTheater.org).

### The Moth

August 25, 2011  
 Pittsburgh Arts & Lecture in partnership with 91.3 WYEP bring you the third annual Pittsburgh appearance of the New York City storytelling sensation The Moth. Called "New York's hottest and hippest literary ticket," The Moth has presented more than three thousand stories from people of all walks of life via acclaimed live shows, podcasts, and radio programs.

## Pedal North Side!

As part of Mayor Ravenstahl and BikePGH's Small Business Bike Rack Program, 22 three-rivers bike racks have been installed at neighborhood businesses and institutions throughout the North Side.

The installations speak to a level of commitment and support for bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure improvements on behalf of the city of Pittsburgh.

Bike racks have been installed at the Monterey Pub in the Mexican War Streets, at the Crazy Mocha and the soon-to-be-opened Deli on North in the Central Northside, and the Park House in Deutchtown, among other locations.



## Urban Impact



Teens from Urban Impact participated in our May neighborhood clean-up day. Approximately 40 teens from Grove City spent the afternoon on a number of projects around the Central North Side, including weeding in Mechanic's Retreat and Drover's Parks, picking up litter in the alleys, painting the benches in Alpine Garden, and cleaning and weeding around the Arch Street steps. For their efforts, the Mexican War Streets Society provided lunch to the youngsters.

Clean-up days are scheduled on the first Saturday of every month through October at 10am. Here some of the teens get a glimpse of Randyland and a warm thank you from Randy Gilson for their hard work. For information on Clean-Up Days, please contact Kathy Deis, MWSS Greenspace Chair at [kdeis@aol.com](mailto:kdeis@aol.com).

*(Photo and caption by Zandrea Ambrose)*

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## Temple University School of Medicine to Open Campus on the North Side

West Penn Allegheny Health System and the Temple University School of Medicine has announced plans to create a new four-year medical school on Pittsburgh's North Side. The health system already serves as a clinical campus for third- and fourth-year med students with the Temple University School of Medicine. With the expansion, the health system will be able to offer all four years of undergraduate medical education to students.

The classroom setting will be based in Four Allegheny Center and Allegheny General Hospital will provide clinical education. According to officials, 30 students will be accepted in the first class of the new medical school program, which is scheduled to start in 2013. Temple has been ranked among the top 50 medical schools in the nation for research.

## Summer at the Library!

### One World, Many Stories @ Your Library

Stop by the Library during one of our Summer Reading Open Houses for family-friendly games, activities and refreshments!

### Mid-Summer Open House

Saturday, July 16 2 - 3:30 pm

### Summer Reading Grand Finale

Saturday, August 6  
2 - 3:30 pm

### Weekly Wii

Every Thursday 3:30 pm  
Play games for Nintendo Wii at the Library.  
No Wii on Thursday, July 7

### QuickFlix Media Arts Workshop with Pittsburgh Filmmakers: Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

Thursday, July 7 1 pm  
Are you the next great film director? Using digital cameras and Mac laptops, participants will collaborate to create short, animated movies. Examples from essential films will be screened and discussed to lead into various topics and techniques.

### Minute to Win It

Saturday, July 16 3 pm  
Compete against the clock to win prizes.

### Sizzlin' Summer Cinema Series

Tuesdays, July 5 – August 9 12 pm  
Join us for a new summer-themed modern American film every week. Stop in the Library or visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org) for titles.

### Conversation Salon

First Friday of the month 12:30 pm  
Have an opinion? Then join us for a monthly, moderated discussion of a variety of topics.

### Beginning Yoga and Tai Chi

Tuesdays 6 pm  
Want to learn yoga or tai chi, but don't want the expense of a gym membership? Check out our casual classes. Due to limited space, registration is required at 412.237.1890

### Homebuyer Education Workshop

**TBA**  
Learn the ins and outs of home buying in this day-long session with special bank incentives. Watch for details!

### Friends of CLP – Allegheny Meeting

Third Saturday of the Month 9 am  
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# MF: Exhibits & Events

## ART OUTDOORS

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## BEPOP + KIDBOP PERFORMANCES

The Mattress Factory, The National Aviary, and The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh present the Big Experimental Bird Orchestra of Pittsburgh (BEBOP) and the Kids Incredibly Daring Bird Orchestra of Pittsburgh (KIDBOP) in a series of events on the Northside.

## BEBOP AND KIDBOP PERFORM

with Taketeru Kudo, Michael Pestel, Ben Opie, McLean Denny & Friends  
 At the National Aviary  
 Saturday, July 2nd, 2011 • 11 a.m.  
 Free with the price of Aviary Admission

## STRAY BIRDS SUNRISE PERFORMANCE

with Kudo and Pestel  
 At the Mattress Factory  
 Sunday, July 9th, 2011 • Sunrise 6 a.m.  
 Free Admission

## BEBOP AND KIDBOP PERFORMANCE

with Taketeru Kudo, Michael Pestel, Caterina De Re, Ben Opie, McLean Denny & Friends  
 At the Mattress Factory  
 Saturday, July 9th, 2011 • 2 p.m.  
 Free with Mattress Factory Admission

## STRAY BIRDS SUNSET FULL MOON PERFORMANCE w/ OUTDOORARCHITECTURAL VIDEO PROJECTIONS OF THE BEBOP/KIDBOP PROJECT

Featuring: Taketeru Kudo, Caterina De Re, Ben Opie, tENT, a.c., Hyla Willis, Michael Pestel, and friends  
 At the Mattress Factory  
 Friday, July 15th, 2011 • Sunset 8 p.m.  
 \$10 (Free for members & CMU students)

## SITES OF PASSAGE

August 19, 2011 - January 8, 2012  
 Opening reception: Friday, August 19, 2011, 6-9 pm  
 \$10 (Free for Mattress Factory members)  
 The Mattress Factory presents SITES OF PASSAGE an exhibition of new and context specific work by artists from Egypt and the United States. The exhibition presents an artist exchange that took place between Egypt and the United States during Egypt's fight for democracy, the U.S. 10 year anniversary of 9/11, and as both countries go into an election for a new leader. SITES OF PASSAGE will feature live performance, video, and sound and site-specific installations created specifically for the Mattress Factory by resident artists from the United States and Egypt.

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# Jammin' at the Park House

## Park House gets Radical on Tuesdays!

That's Radical Trivia in case you were worried. Picture a DJ as the emcee, pumping up the competition and then spinning discs between games. You're on one of maybe five teams (or more) competing loudly in a heck of a fun version of Trivia. Bring your own team or pick one up there. The winning team gets a \$25 gift certificate to the Park House. The games begin at 8:00 pm every Tuesday

## And Jammed on Wednesdays!

Then swing back Wednesday night for "Bluegrass Jams" with local bluegrass groups. It really is a jam session, and one that jumps, so bring an instrument if you've got some talent. Bonus: Yuengling drafts only \$2.00 and soft shell tacos only a buck each. The jamming gets started at 9:00, but get there earlier because it gets pretty jammed for this hootin' and hollerin' night.

## Plus, Specials and Free Music on weekends.

Check the Park House website calendar or sign up for the weekly newsletter to stay on top of the music and take advantage of beer and food specials.

# Lecture Series at RPH

## Thursday, July 28, 2011 6:00pm

### The Very Important Papers Project

Topics: Living Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate and Estate Administration, Fraud and the Elderly  
 Presented by the Allegheny Bar Association: Young Lawyers Division

## Thursday, August 25, 2011 6:00pm

### "Why Does Mama Do That?"

Addressing questions about dementia behaviors.  
 Presented by Margie Hemphill, Administrator RP Home

Lectures held in Campus Chapel of Reformed Presbyterian Home (RPH)  
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# Fresh Fridays Return to Farmers Market

Please note: Children's Museum of Pittsburgh will be closed on Monday, July 4.

## Dora the Explorer Live™! Dora's Pirate Adventure

Through September 4, 2011

Explore the theatrical set from Dora's Pirate Adventure, enjoy pirate sing-a-longs, climb Purple Mountain and more.

## Solar Concert Series

Wednesdays in July & August, 12:15 pm

The summer sun powers the sound system for Pittsburgh's first green concert series every Wednesday in front of the Children's Museum in Allegheny Square. These free shows feature talented local musicians. To see this year's line-up, go to <http://www.solarconcertseries.org/>

## Fresh Fridays at the Northside Farmers Market

Fridays, July 8 – August 26, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

The third season of Fresh Fridays will add an assortment of demonstrations and activities to the Northside Farmers Market. Local chefs will prepare simple dishes made from ingredients purchased at the Farmer's Market, with samples and recipes available for visitors. Area art organizations will offer a variety of activities, in addition to information and demonstrations by local environmental groups. Get up-to-date information on weekly activities at [www.facebook.com/FreshFridaysNorthside](http://www.facebook.com/FreshFridaysNorthside)

## Kindergarten...Here I Come!

Saturday, August 13, 2011; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

This seventh annual event celebrates the milestone of entering kindergarten with lots of free resources and fun! Kids can sit on a real school bus, meet crossing guards and other community helpers, receive a free vision screening and enjoy art projects, live performances and much more. Parents and caregivers meet local child development experts and get answers to health and immunization questions. Admission is free for all children entering kindergarten and one parent or caregiver.

## MakeShop: WoodShop

July 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29; 3:00 – 5:00 pm

July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; 10:00 - Noon & 1:30- 5:00 pm

Use real woodworking tools to shape wood and build your own birdhouse and more.

## Endangered Species Silkscreens

July 5 - 7; 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Learn about endangered species while creating colorful silkscreens of them just like Pittsburgh's own Andy Warhol. Special screens will be available with added programming provided by the Warhol Museum from Noon - 2:00 pm each day.

More information at 412.322.5058 or [www.pittsburghkids.org](http://www.pittsburghkids.org)



## Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 2, 10am

**First Saturday Clean-up Day**  
Mechanics Retreat Park  
[kdeis@aol.com](mailto:kdeis@aol.com)

July 9

**Christmas In July (Toy Drive)**  
Allegheny Commons West

Monday, July 11, 7pm

**CNNC General Membership Meeting**  
Allegheny Traditional Academy  
[www.cnnc-pgh.org](http://www.cnnc-pgh.org)

July 24 & August 21

**Sundae Market**  
Allegheny Commons East  
<http://sundaemarket.com/>

August 5

**North Side Old Timers Community Unity**  
Allegheny Commons

Monday, August 8, 7pm

**CNNC General Membership Meeting**  
Allegheny Traditional Academy  
[www.cnnc-pgh.org](http://www.cnnc-pgh.org)

August 27

**Family & Community Outdoors Festival**  
Allegheny Commons West

Friday, September 9, Time TBA

**MWSS Pre-House Tour GALA**  
Location TBA

Sunday, September 11, 11am - 5pm

**Mexican War Streets House Tour**  
[www.mexicanwarstreets.org](http://www.mexicanwarstreets.org)

September 17

**Women's Walk For Peace**  
Allegheny Commons West

September 17 & 18

**Merry Wives of Windsor**  
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# COMMUNITY GEM: Allegheny General Hospital...Committed to Community Partnership

The North Side has bragging rights to a world-class team right in its back yard. No, not the Steelers. This team is Allegheny General Hospital (AGH). AGH and the North Side go way back and have a long track record of working together for economic development and the welfare of local residents. The hospital at Cedar and North Avenues and the medical offices on Federal Street, both just an easy stroll away for most residents, is a community gem that scores on many fronts.

According to Barbara Talerico, CNNC Treasurer, "The Central Northside Neighborhood Council is fortunate to have ongoing support from a committed partner like AGH. With CNNC and AGH working together to create a safe, healthy and vibrant environment, everyone involved wins. As CNNC improves the neighborhood, AGH benefits, too. And, as AGH expands, that helps grow the Northside."

AGH was founded in 1885 when the area was known as Allegheny City. Over the decades it grew in stature figuratively and literally, with a building that signaled its growing world-class reputation. The "skyscraper" building was built in the 1920s and is still a signature of the AGH footprint on Central Northside.

During a time of expansion for AGH in the 1980s, the residents of the North Side requested a presence at the table to make sure that community impact was being considered. AGH agreed and developed a six-point plan to respond to the issues identified by residents. The first of its kind in the region, the agreement outlines six initiatives that guide partners in working together to realize their common goals for housing, education and employment, economic development and health of the communities.

The six initiatives are:

## Neighborhood Re-Investment

AGH lends its support and technical assistance with projects that address the physical landscapes near the Hospital proper. These neighborhood projects include purchase and infill of vacant or blighted properties and façade and streetscape improvements. Improvements include the renovation of the Aeberlie building at the corner of North Avenue and Sandusky Street, and the Parkhurst Street Improvements.

## Education Initiatives

AGH employees serve as mentors to Northside youth by providing job readiness training and hands-on experience in a real-life work setting. Other initiatives include the Stranger Danger Awareness program, the Allegheny Women's Biotechnology Workforce Collaborative which provides tuition and resources for North Side women interested in earning a degree in medical science, and other health career support for both North Side residents and current AGH employees.



## Mortgage and Marketing

AGH sponsors neighborhood tours for hospital employees to visit cultural and neighborhood attractions on the North Side. The Partnership also promotes North Side neighborhood events through the use of its newsletters, communications, and displays. Homebuyer education is provided through the Workforce Home Benefit Program.

## Health Improvement Initiatives

The North Side Health Improvement Partnership works to improve the overall health status and quality of life of North Side residents. Programming includes Access to Healthcare initiatives, the North Side Youth Summer Guide and the North Side STRIDE Walking Program.

## Neighborhood Employment

AGH is committed to promoting the economic vitality of the North Side by providing priority to North Side residents in hiring for new positions, providing all other qualifications are equal.

## Local Purchasing Initiatives

AGH purchases products and services from Northside businesses whenever possible. In addition, vendor fairs are held bi-annually for North Side merchants to showcase and sell their products at AGH.

Debra Caplan, Senior Vice President, Allegheny General Hospital, has been part of the growth and evolution of this partnership and sees real value in its accomplishments. Says Caplan, "I am truly proud of the dedication and commitment of all parties involved to make the North Side a vibrant and healthy community."

Keri Harmicar, Mexican War Streets resident, was hired by AGH as Partnership Coordinator and works out of the Northside Leadership Council office. She works closely with Caplan and serves as liaison to the Central Northside and other North Side communities.

*(From left: Keri Harmicar and Debra Caplan)*  
Karen Bryant, CNNC Communications Consultant



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Sky Deck is located on the rooftop of the FliteZone Theater, and is part of the National Aviary's \$17.5 million expansion and renovation project, which was completed in September 2010. Open to ages six and up. Space is limited.

### NIGHT IN THE TROPICS

Saturday, July 16  
7 - 11 pm

Enjoy an evening of tropical fun with the National Aviary's flock! Relish selections from Pittsburgh's finest restaurants while dancing under the stars to the music of the Freedom Band. Enjoy thrilling bird encounters as you celebrate the season at the Aviary's annual summer fiesta!

For more information on Events and Summer Camps at the National Aviary, call 412.323.7235, x439, email [education.programs@aviary.org](mailto:education.programs@aviary.org) or click [www.aviary.org](http://www.aviary.org).



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## Deli on North...Opening Soon!

Deli on North, located at 4 E. North Avenue, will be opening soon in the Central North Side. Primarily a carry-out establishment, the deli can accommodate 10 - 15 standing customers at its bar tables. It will also provide catering services.

The menu will range from standard sandwiches to original creations, green and side salads, cold pastas and hot soups. A variety of luncheon meats and cheeses will be available for purchase. Operating hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## KEEP UP TO DATE ON ORG NEWS

The Mexican War Streets Society & the Central Northside Neighborhood Council are pleased to bring the *New Allegheny Times* to you every other month. To contribute to the newsletter, or to place an advertisement, just send an email to Leslie Vincen at [lvincen@comcast.net](mailto:lvincen@comcast.net). Be sure to look for neighborhood updates posted at [www.cnn-pgh.org](http://www.cnn-pgh.org) and [www.mexicanwarstreets.org](http://www.mexicanwarstreets.org). To join the email bulletin board, simply join Yahoo and then subscribe to the YahooGroup. The HRL is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChatNorthside>.

## City of Asylum Events

**Irish Playwright & Novelist Dermot Bolger**  
**Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m.**  
**330 Sampsonia Way**

Dermot Bolger will be reading from *The Journey Home*, which received the lead front cover review on the New York Times Book Review section. The reviewer called it an Irish Rebel Without a Cause, a "coming-of-age story of young people who seem to veer helplessly between wanting everything to change — now — and wanting everything to stay the same forever." The novel is all about what it takes to create a sense of home and stresses in a community in transition.

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**Book Launch & Goodbye Party for Horacio Castellanos Moya**  
**Thursday, July 28, 7 pm**  
**Mattress Factory**

*Tyrant Memory* is the third novel translated into English by Horacio Castellanos Moya, emeritus writer-in-residence at City of Asylum/Pittsburgh. He has published 10 novels and several books of essays and stories. This novel marks a new style for Horacio and it was written during his residency here on Sampsonia Way, though it is set in his native of El Salvador. It is the first part of a trilogy. Horacio will be leaving in August to take a position in creative writing at the University of Iowa.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Our 7th annual Jazz Poetry Concert**  
**Saturday, September 10, 2011, 7:30 pm**  
**Sampsonia Way, between Monterey and Sherman Streets**  
**(outdoors)**

This year's jazz artists are Oliver Lake and Tar Baby. The featured poet is Sonia Sanchez, with more poets to be announced.

**"I don't know what I'd do, if I couldn't speak my mind."**  
**Sunday, September 11, 11 am to 5 pm**  
**1400 block Monterey Street (outdoors)**

Poets, storytellers, essayists of all ages do short readings on the theme. You are invited to participate or just come and listen. Emcees for the day will be Anjali Sachdeva and Kelli Stevens Kane. If you would like to participate, please contact Adel Fougnyes at [adel.fougnyes@verizon.net](mailto:adel.fougnyes@verizon.net).

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