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Health Fair

The East Pittsburgh Economic Development Corporation, the East Pittsburgh Police and UPMC are sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday, September 28, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the East Pittsburgh Community Center located on Bessemer Avenue.

Free adult (age 18 and over) screenings for blood pressure, vision, bone density, dental, and body fat will be available along with flu shots. All services are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Information will also be available on breast cancer awareness, child ID kits, safety information, domestic violence information, UPMC for You, and other agencies.

Refreshments will be available.

Under New Management

The East Pittsburgh VFW Post 5008 is under new management! Robert (Rock) Kravetz is the new club manager and Robert E. Miller, Jr. is the new post commander. Many improvements have been made since they were elected in March 2013.

There are two great chefs and the kitchen is open every day with daily specials.

Rental of the hall is available for all occasions - weddings, sports banquets, birthday parties, and reunions. You do not have to be a member to rent the hall. Call 412-829-1377 for more info.

VFW Post 5008 was established in 1946 and membership is open to all veterans who served in a foreign war.

Please stop in to experience the improvements!

EPEDC's 2012 Volunteer of the Year

In July of 2010, something special happened in East Pittsburgh – Steve Gard moved in!

Since then, he has made many valuable contributions and improvements to our community.

One might wonder how a man from far off Riverton, Wyoming, would stumble across a tiny Pennsylvania borough like East Pittsburgh and choose to call it his home.

Steven already had a Bachelor's degree in chemistry when he was accepted into the Physician Assistant

Master's program at Chatham University. Since he would have to relocate, he began to search for a reasonably priced house close to the Oakland area. He found one online in East Pittsburgh, a town which he had never even heard of. Plugging the address into his GPS, he arrived to check things out. Steven liked the house and especially the neighbors and bought the house immediately.

His wife and then 4-year-old daughter, Iris, arrived a few weeks later. The couple now has a second daughter, Eleanor, who was born in Pittsburgh. They have commented on the convenience of city living as compared to Wyoming where they would have to drive six hours just to go to a movie! Steven has become an avid Pirates and Steelers fan, and loves attending the games, rooting and cheering loudly for his teams.



Steve Gard and Lou Payne

Possessing a great “can do” attitude, Steve does practically anything he is asked to do and has voluntarily helped many of his elderly neighbors in East Pittsburgh. He weeded a vacant lot and turned it into a pumpkin patch for area children. Steven enlisted a group of volunteers from his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Pittsburgh to assist. They cleared two separate litter and weed laden public stairs. Clearing the previously unusable steps near Prospect Terrace now allows many residents to use the stairs to reach a bus stop.

The next project Steve and the volunteers from his church tackled was a dirty, graffiti-filled tunnel leading to Linden Avenue. They cleared away all the debris and whitewashed the tunnel walls, making it a brighter and much nicer part of the community. Due to his efforts in tilling the ground, planting trees, and weeding, East Pittsburgh is a prettier place to live.

Steve has now completed his studies at Chatham and passed his licensing exam. Congratulations, Steve!

East Pittsburgh is very grateful to Steven Gard and his many contributions and wishes him and his family all the best.

Thank you, Steve!

Community Wildlife Foundation

The Community and Wildlife Foundation is a small 501(c)3 non-profit organization in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The CWF’s goal is to provide the largest variety of programs of any non-profit and they work towards the goal with help from volunteers, donors, and corporate sponsors.



The CWF, along with the help from their volunteers and donors, has completed another GREAT year of planting the East Pittsburgh Garden on Tri-Boro Highway. The volunteers did such a great job that the garden only took one day.

We had expected the garden to span Saturday and Sunday, but thanks to the hard work and dedication of their great volunteers, we finished a day early. Thanks to the CWF’s supporters, such as yourself, the CWF is able to participate with projects such as the East Pittsburgh Garden. Each gift of \$20 or more a month enables the CWF to continue their programs while allowing them to expand with new programs every year.

The CWF also mulched the playground located at Ridge and Grandview Avenues.

If you are interested in volunteering your services to the CWF, you can contact them at:

1534 Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh, PA 15112
412-339-0CWF (293)

Email: mail@communitywildlifefoundation.org

Donor Support:

donate@communitywildlifefoundation.org

Volunteer Support:

volunteer@communitywildlifefoundation.org

Local Business Spotlight

Let’s welcome East Pittsburgh’s newest business: Ms. Syl’s Kitchen - A Taste From Heaven. And the food truly is a “taste from heaven.”

The restaurant is a tribute to Dorian Cochran’s mother and Darian Cochran’s grandmother, Syl, who taught Dorian everything she knows about food and is a true icon. Ms. Syl was diagnosed with Lupus at age 36. As a result of this disease, she became a quadriplegic and was told she would never walk again. Ms. Syl was a fighter and told the doctors that she put her faith in Jesus. She eventually walked and lived an additional 18 years.



Ms. Syl

Troy Hollis is the chef and what a chef he is! He’s been in the food industry for 16 years and makes luscious dishes. He and Ms. Cochran worked together in Philadelphia at a bar/restaurant and got along so well they teamed up to open their own place in East Pittsburgh.

The restaurant is located at the corner of Center and Main Streets. The restaurant is open Tuesday thru Friday at 11:00 a.m. and on Saturday and

Sunday for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The restaurant is closed Mondays.

Please treat yourself to some of the best food you will ever eat and visit Ms. Syl's Kitchen.

Ms. Syl's full menu can be viewed on our web site: www.eastpittsburghborough.com.

Kopy Kat Sanctuary

Kopy Kat Sanctuary, located in Delmont, is a no-kill non-profit cat sanctuary. The East Pittsburgh Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals works closely with Kopy Kat to provide shelter for lost or stray cats found wandering in East Pittsburgh.

Kopy Kat Sanctuary is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner to benefit the shelter on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Holy Angels Church located at 201 Caldwell in Wilmerding. Adults - \$8.00; Children - \$5.00. There will also be a bake sale and raffle.

All proceeds from the spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and raffle will benefit Kopy Kat Sanctuary.

For more information on this wonderful shelter, visit their website at <http://kopykatsanctuary.org/>.

Remember When . . .

As soon as the weather began to warm in the 60's and 70's, kids knew they would soon see the white truck decorated with cartoon characters and the "Icy Ball Man." Connie Horgan, the "Icy Ball Man," visited East Pittsburgh every day during the summer to sell his ice balls to kids and adults alike. An ice ball in a paper cone cost 10¢ - if it was in a Styrofoam cup, it was 25¢. In the fall, he added taffy apples to his wares, along with various snacks. Connie and his brother, Terry, made their syrup for the ice balls. My favorites were cherry and root beer.



Take Back Drugs Event

The East Pittsburgh Police Department, along with the DEA, is holding a Take Back Drugs event on Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Lanigan Funeral Home parking lot. The funeral home is located at 700 Linden Avenue in East Pittsburgh.



Bring all your unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications and we will properly dispose of them.

Join the EPEDC

The East Pittsburgh Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC) is looking for individuals who care about their community and want to become involved in making East Pittsburgh the best it can be! Please attend a meeting and see what we're all about. We meet the third Monday of each month at the East Pittsburgh Senior Citizens Center at 700 Grandview Avenue. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 14. Please join us!

Mark Your Calendars

EPEDC Children's Christmas Party - Monday, December 9, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the East Pittsburgh Community Center on Bessemer Avenue.

Donate!

Paralyzed Veterans of America

Our veterans are our heroes for life. After serving our country, serious injury shouldn't stop them from living the full, rewarding lives they deserve. At Paralyzed Veterans of America, they fight for better health care and benefits, aid in the search



for a truly satisfying career, and provide the path to adventure through adaptive sports. What's more, they are committed to ongoing care by educating clinicians about spinal cord injury, and are deeply invested in the future—a cure for paralysis.

Please donate your slightly used shoes and clothes to this fabulous organization! There is a drop box for items in the parking lot of the VFW on Draper Street. Please be generous!

Recycle

The East Pittsburgh Police Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals maintains a paper recycling bin in the parking lot of the Reitz Building on Electric Avenue. Please recycle your old newspapers and magazines here. All proceeds benefit the Animal Fund.



Holiday Candy Sale



The East Pittsburgh Police Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals is holding its annual Sarris candy sale.

Brochures are available at the Borough Office and the candy sale is also posted on our web site. If you would like to buy or sell candy, please complete the form and return it to Chief Lori Payne by November 8, 2013. Checks should be payable to East Pittsburgh Police Animal Fund. The candy will be available for pick up one or two weeks before Christmas.

Part-Time Positions Available

The Borough of East Pittsburgh has two part-time positions available.

The Borough is in search of a part-time backup snow plow driver. This position is an "on-call" position.

The Borough is also in search of an alternate School Crossing Guard. You must be available in the mornings and afternoons to assist the children on and off of the school busses whenever one of the regular Crossing Guards will be absent.

Applications are available in the Borough Office and on the web site under the Documents, then Forms tabs. Please mail or drop off your completed application to East Pittsburgh Borough Office, 813 Linden Avenue, East Pittsburgh.

Linden Avenue Bump Repair



During Construction

The Linden Avenue repair project is complete but it did not come cheap! The total cost of this project was \$387,167. The Borough received a \$200,000 grant from Allegheny County, got a low-interest loan for \$175,000, and \$12,167 came from the Borough's General Fund.

This project included the repair of the huge bump on Linden Avenue and part of Beech Street and will cover the cost of repairs to small areas of nine alleys on Bessemer Terrace.



After Construction

We are hoping for many years of smooth driving!

Christmas Assistance



The Braddock Salvation Army offers Christmas assistance to families. Food baskets are offered for families and toys for children under the age of 13. For more details and to sign up for this program, contact Mayor Lou Payne, who is a Board Member of the Salvation Army, at

412-824-4471. The deadline for signing up for this program is November 27. Pickup of items will be December 17 and 18. Transportation will be available for pick up if needed.

Curfew Reminder

Children 18 and under are **not** permitted on the streets without a parent between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Comments, questions, or suggestions for articles for The Shamrock should be directed to the Editor, Kathleen Keating, at 412-824-8313 or kbk535@verizon.net