



SPRING HILL / CITYVIEW TIMES
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
 2021 First Quarter
 January-February-March



<p>2021 Community Calendar</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u> Community Cleanup 04/24 (*tentative)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u> General Meeting 05/03 6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u> General Meeting 09/13 6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u> General Meeting 10/04 6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u> General Meeting 11/01 6:00 PM</p> <p>It will be announced if general meetings will be held in person or via Zoom.</p> <p>An announcement will be made regarding the Memorial Day Event when a determination is made.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Hill Civic League Mission Statement</p> <p><i>With the continuing goal of community strength and enrichment, and encouraging the participation of all community residents and business leaders, the Spring Hill Civic League accepts as its defining mission the responsibility to serve its neighborhood by assisting in the achievement of its many common goals.</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">As you enjoy the neighborhood's public spaces, please remember to pick up your trash, keep your dogs on a leash when not on personal property, and pick up your dogs' waste.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Directors</p> <p>President: Ben Soltesz</p> <p>Vice President: Ellen Gaus</p> <p>Secretary: Beth Herzer</p> <p>Treasurer: James Rizzo</p> <p>Directors: Erin Tobin, Brittany Goldinger, Ingrid Nagin, and Karen Lucarelli</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Article Submission</p> <p>Please submit articles or suggestions for the next newsletter to: Brittany Goldinger 1911 Rockledge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15212 bgoldinger@hotmail.com 724-421-9094</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Information contact@shcl.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President Ben Soltesz bensoltesz@gmail.com 412-320-0312</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice President Ellen Gaus</p>	

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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Mayor's Response Line	311
Allegheny County Health Department	412-687-2243
Allegheny General Hospital	412-359-3131
Animal Control	412-255-2036
City Council District I Councilman Bobby Wilson	412-255-2135
Dog Licenses	412-255-2575
Duquesne Light Power Outages	1-888-393-7100 1-888-393-7000
Narcotics Division	412-323-7761
North Side Chamber of Commerce	412-231-6500
Northside Community Development Fund	412-322-0290
Northside Leadership Conference	412-231-4714
Parks and Recreation	412-255-2539
Pittsburgh Parking Authority	412-560-7275
Public Works First Division	412-255-8850 412-323-7209
State Representative Representative Emily Kinhead	412-321-5523
State Senator Senator Wayne Fontana	412-344-2551

Spring Hill Spoon

Submitted by Beth Miller, from Dinner then Dessert
In this edition of the Spring Hill Spoon, we are sharing a recipe for Sloppy Joes. This recipe packs big flavor, is super simple and can likely be made tonight with ingredients that are pantry staples. If a traditional Sloppy Joe isn't your thing, check out Dinner then Desserts site for dozens of other Sloppy Joe recipes. You won't be disappointed.

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground meat
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 teaspoons yellow mustard
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 teaspoon ground black pepper

Instructions

1. Add the ground beef to a large skillet on high heat and brown until a deep brown crust appears before breaking the beef apart.
2. Stir the ground beef and brown until a deep crust appears on about 50 or so percent of the beef, and it is cooked through. Remove the beef, drain the fat, and add the butter, onions, and bell pepper to the pan.
3. Let brown for 1-2 minutes before stirring, then let brown for another 1-2 minutes before stirring again and add the beef back into the pan.
4. Add the garlic, mustard, ketchup, brown sugar, salt, and black pepper to the pan and cook until most of the liquid has evaporated, 3-5 minutes.
5. Serve on hamburger buns with cheese, or mix the cheese into the meat mixture.



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Letter from the President

On March 1st, we had a successful first neighborhood meeting of 2021. For the time being, the meetings are going to be via Zoom. If you are unable to connect by computer, you can also join our meetings by phone. All meeting details are posted on social media and sent via email. You can join the neighborhood email list via the shcl.org website. Go to the "Contact" page. Our next meeting is on May 3rd. We have no April meeting.

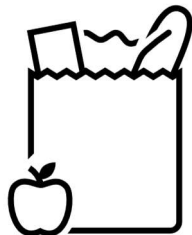
Several issues came up in our March meeting, and we further discussed them in our monthly board meetings. As a result of this, we have the following items that we hope to address this upcoming year. They are:

- 1) Traffic issues on Rhine, Itin, and Walz streets. We are working with the city's Dept. Of Mobility and Infrastructure to have these streets evaluated by their Traffic Calming Program. We hope to have a follow-up on this in our May general meeting.
- 2) Rhine Place - work on furthering relations with management and residents of Rhine Court. Following several crime incidents last year, neighbors have expressed the desire to strengthen our connections with residents in this housing plan. We are currently working with Councilman Wilson's office, and the social services navigator, Deidra Washington, from I Dream a World. We hope to involve interested neighbors soon.
- 3) Derelict housing/property. Two properties were brought up as eyesores, including a house on Damas and a lot that turned into a mini junkyard on Overbeck and Solar. We found out that the city had not demolished any properties in 2020, and it has not been decided when that program will resume.

Please join us at our next Zoom general meeting in May or at our upcoming April clean-up, tentatively scheduled for April 24th.

Ben Soltesz
President - Spring Hill Civic League

The Northside Food Pantry



The Northside Food Pantry continues to have a great need of bags, including: reusable bags, insulated bags (like from Whole Foods delivery), thicker plastic bags (like from Aldi delivery or Target pickup), and double stacked paper bags (like from Trader Joe's). Traditional plastic bags are not needed at this time. If you have bags that you wish to donate but need assistance getting them to the Pantry, please contact Brittany, 724-421-9094.

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COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Contributed by James Rizzo

As of February 22, 2021, Pennsylvania is in COVID vaccine rollout phase a. The following people are eligible to receive the vaccine: Persons 65 or older

- Long-term care residents
- Health care professionals
- Persons under 65 with high-risk conditions

Unfortunately, there is currently no single waiting list for the COVID vaccine—each health care provider and the county have their own separate waiting lists. If proposed legislation passes, the Pennsylvania Department of Health will establish a unified waiting list.

Most vaccine (about 90% of doses) is being delivered directly to health care providers. These providers are likely dealing with inconsistent supplies and incomplete information from the state. In most cases, your best bet is to first check with providers **online**, then by telephone if you cannot find what you need online. Northside providers and their websites are:

- o Allegheny Hospital (www.ahn.org/coronavirus/vaccine or call 412-DOCTORS)
- o Walmire Pharmacy (www.walmirepharmacy.com/ -- also check their Facebook page)
- o Giant Eagle Pharmacy (www.gianteagle.com/covidvaccine)
- o Northside Christian Health Center (call 412-321-4001; current patients only)
- o Central Outreach Wellness Center (call 412-322-4151; current patients only)

The county is directly distributing the remaining 10% of doses at vaccination sites in Castle Shannon and Monroeville. Sign up for COVID-19 Vaccination alerts at <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085611110/login> in order to be informed of appointments and signups.

The PA Health Hotline at 1-877-724-3258 is another resource for information on COVID vaccines and their availability.



Spring Hill History: Itin-Goehring Retaining Wall

Contributed by Ellen Gaus

Ever wonder about the stones in the retaining wall between Itin and Goehring? Probably not. But there's an interesting piece of history there. The retaining wall on Itin is built from stones from the old Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary, which was torn down in 1886.

The retaining wall on Troy Hill Road is built from stones from the old Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary as well. The original Western Penitentiary was completed in 1825 and was built in the Allegheny Commons area. A plaque marking the site is in the eagle enclosure at the National Aviary.

In 1882, a new prison was built along the Ohio River, where it remains. Later known as the State Correctional Institution - Pittsburgh, this complex closed in 2017.

Source: retrographer.org

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Steel City Boxing: More than Just a Gym Submitted by Tammy Waraks



Steel City Boxing Association (SCBA) is a non-profit gym that sits within our Spring Hill/City View community. SCBA takes pride in giving youth a place to go in the evenings, where they gain a safe space to enhance life skills and boxing techniques. SCBA is situated at the corner of Homer Street and Damas Street, in a former city firehouse. If you drive by this intersection on weeknight evenings, you probably notice the place lit up with many youth working side by side with their mentors and trainers.



SCBA is completely free to anyone who wants to utilize the program. The trainers are all volunteers donating their personal time and loving the difference they are instilling in our youth. SCBA depends on donations and grants to keep their doors open and is completely free to anyone who walks through the doors. As everyone knows, times are tough, and SCBA is struggling to keep their program funded. If you are in the position to help us raise funds, please considering a donation of any size. Every little bit helps.

Checks can be made to Steel City Boxing Association. They can be dropped off in person at the gym or mailed to:
2 Noster Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.



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Spring Hill Neighbor Spotlight

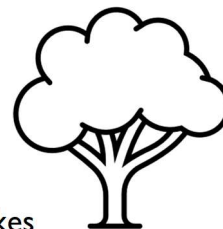
Contributed by Erin Tobin

Meet Bill Seitz, a lifelong resident of the Northside, and a resident of Rockledge Street for the last 34 years. Bill is a graduate of Schiller Elementary, Larimer Jr. High, and Allegheny High School.

Bill had a dedicated career as a Pittsburgh Public School teacher and coach. In the summers, he worked as a Recreation Director for City Parks at Springview playground and field. He remembers the Springview baseball team as the Pony League World Series Champions! Outside of his time as a teacher and coach, Bill has a passion for landscaping or, in his words, “making things look nice.”

Bill has fond memories of the paths that led to Spring Garden, the Northside drive-in theater (Williams Road), and to the baseball field.

Bill has put in a tremendous amount of time and energy into beautifying the land adjacent to the Springview Field at the top of Rockledge Street. Earlier this year, he decided to do what he could to help restore city grounds and make it look more appealing. The space he has been beautifying is considered the Spring Hill Greenway, and, thanks to Bill's efforts, it now has a clear entrance and path that takes you further into the greenway.



Bill looks forward to working with other Spring Hill residents to plant some new trees in the space in 2021. Thank you, Bill, for your hard work to make our neighborhood even more beautiful!

Green Grocer

Green Grocer is a mobile farmers market that is designed to travel into food desert communities to provide the fresh food options that are currently missing from the landscape.



By selling fresh, healthy foods at an affordable price, Green Grocer will help to alleviate food inequity by creating access. Everyone is welcome to shop at the market and we accept multiple forms of payment, including SNAP/EBT and FMNP & SFMNP checks.

Green Grocer makes 17 market stops in 17 different neighborhoods. They will be resuming service at Three Rivers Manor in April, every Monday afternoon 2 PM-3 PM.

From the Office of Representative Emily Kinkead

State Rep. Emily Kinkead issued the following statement on Gov. Tom Wolf's announcement on the Project to Utilize Light and Solar Energy, part of the GreenGov initiative:

"I fully support and applaud the Wolf administration's efforts, which will positively impact our state and move us further away from a fossil fuel-based economy.

"Nearly two years ago, an executive order was introduced that paved the way for our state to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. The fact that we have not moved closer to joining RGGI is beyond frustrating, especially when you consider that in July of last year, our nation tied with July 2016 as the second hottest month on record. Our polar caps are continuing to melt, sea levels and temperatures rise, and forest areas in the Amazon and across our world continue to burn.

"It's imperative we do more to combat climate change, and today's announcement will make a significant impact. PULSE will launch the largest solar energy commitment by any government entity in our country. It will supply about half the energy used by state government, creating hundreds of jobs and making a huge impact in lowering carbon dioxide emissions. This effort closely aligns with my bill, H.B. 989, to be known as the Energy Transition Recovery Act, which would direct funds from the sale of carbon allowances sold at auction through RGGI to methods designed to reduce carbon dioxide emission in our state to zero by 2050.

Our right to clean air and water is guaranteed in our state constitution. Our current and future generations are counting on us, and we have the tools and resources necessary to do so. The time to act is now."

Protecting people with disabilities

I support protecting our residents with disabilities, and that includes speaking up on measures that - while appearing to have the best of intentions - would actually do more harm than good.

House Bill 185 - a bill that purports to protect people with physical or intellectual disabilities - was up for discussion and consideration this week at the state Capitol.

The measure would update the state's Crimes Code to allow the state to charge anyone who intentionally causes bodily harm to someone with a disability with aggravated assault and an automatic second-degree felony. That means someone could be put in prison for up to 10 years.

Rent relief assistance

If you or someone you know is struggling to pay rent, the Allegheny County rental assistance program is now available. Applications are available online at covidrelief.alleghenycounty.us or by calling 412-248-0021.

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Garden Café

The Garden Café recently opened at 1022 Chestnut Street. They currently offer a variety of delicious hot and cold beverages, as well as baked goods, bottled drinks, and coffee by the pound. They are open Monday through Saturday 8 AM-4 PM and Sunday 8 AM-4 PM. Outdoor seating is currently available, and they hope to offer indoor seating as soon as is safely possible. More information can be found at gardencafepegh.com.



2021 Spring Hill Civic League Membership can be renewed via the form below or at <http://shcl.org/membership/> . Annual membership is \$5 per household.

You may turn in your form and money to your block worker or any SHCL Board member. You may also mail your form and dues to:

Spring Hill Civic League Membership
P.O. Box 100167
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Checks should be made payable to the Spring Hill Civic League.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the community,
Ben Soltesz
President

SPRING HILL CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____
(please note if unlisted)

Amount Enclosed—Dues _____ Other _____

Children (*Please list names and ages*)

Any information submitted is confidential and will not be used or sold to third party interests. Children's information is used solely to help plan community events (candy, prizes, etc.)