

# SPRING HILL / CITYVIEW TIMES COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 2021 Second Quarter April-May-June



#### 2021 Community Calendar

September
General Meeting
09/13 6:00 PM

**Garbage Olympics** 09/18, time TBA

Fall Festival 09/18. time TBA

October General Meeting 10/04 6:00 PM

## November General Meeting 11/01 6:00 PM

It is the intention of the Board that the general meetings be held in person. If the Allegheny County Health Department directs otherwise, an announcement will be made.



### Spring Hill Civic League Mission Statement

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.

### **Board of Directors**

President: Ben Soltesz

Vice President: Ellen Gaus

Secretary: Beth Herzer

Treasurer: James Rizzo

Directors: Erin Tobin, Brittany Goldinger, Ingrid Nagin, and Karen

Lucarelli

### **Contact Information**

contact@shcl.org

President Ben Soltesz bensoltesz@gmail.com 412-320-0312

Vice President Ellen Gaus



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.



### Newsletter Article Submission

Please submit articles or suggestions for the next newsletter to:
Brittany Goldinger
1911 Rockledge St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
bgoldinger@hotmail.com
724-421-9094

### **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 Wilso	412-255-2135 on			
Dog Licenses	412-255-2575			
Duquesne Light Power Outages	I-888-393-7100 I-888-393-7000			
Narcotics Division	412-323-7761			
North Side Chamber of Commerce	412-231-6500			
Northside 412-322-0290 Community Development Fund				
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 Kinl	412-321-5523 kead			
State Senator Senator Wayne Fontana	412-344-2551			



### **Spring Hill Spoon**

Submitted by Beth Miller, from Natasha's Kitchen

In this edition of the Spring Hill Spoon, we are sharing a recipe for making a summer favorite, Avocado Corn Salad. It comes together fast and is refreshing to eat on a hot day. Pair it with some grilled chicken and sit on the deck and enjoy. Happy Summer, friends!

#### Ingredients

- -I# cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered
- -3 ears of corn cooked, shucked, and cut of off the cob
- -2 avocados peeled, pitted, and sliced
- -1/2 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- -1/3 cup cilantro, chopped
- -2 TBSP extra virgin olive oil
- -2-3 TBSP lime juice (from I-2 limes)
- -2 garlic cloves, pressed or firmly minced
- -I TSP sea salt or 3/4 TSP table salt
- -1/8 TSP black pepper

#### Instructions

- I. In a large salad bowl, combine sliced tomatoes, corn kernels, sliced avocado, thinly sliced red onion, and 1/3 cup chopped cilantro and press in 2 garlic cloves.
- 2. Drizzle the top with 2 TBSP extra virgin olive oil and 2-3 TBSP lime juice (adding it to taste). Add I TSP sea salt and I/8 TSP black pepper, or season to taste.
- 3. Toss the salad gently just until combined and serve.



#### Letter from the President

With everything going back to normal, we look forward to having meetings in person again. Our next general meeting will be Monday, September 13th. We expect to be back in the Spring Hill Elementary auditorium. Stay tuned for further details.

We have also received a Community Festival grant from the city, and we are planning a Fall Festival for Saturday, September 18th. The event will include children's activities, games, food, and drink.

And keep an eye out for movies in Waisenhaus Park on Rockledge Street. The Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club has chosen our neighborhood for a series of classic films over the summer.

Ben Soltesz President - Spring Hill Civic League

### Community and Juneteenth Volunteer Events Erin Tobin

Hurray, and Bill Seitz for leading volunteers that day.

There were two recent volunteer events that focused on beautifying the neighborhood. One of the events included weeding and mulching of the Western PA Conservancy Garden on Walz/Homer at the end of May. We had over 30 volunteers from Aurora come to the neighborhood on June 18<sup>th</sup>. They helped with a variety of projects, including: trail clearing and removal of tree debris at the entrance of the Spring Hill Spring Garden Greenway, weeding and beautification at the mosaic and Voegtly Spring, and a neighborhood-wide litter pick up. The Civic League thanks neighborhood volunteers Sue Lippert, Lois

Interested in helping lead a volunteer group? Have a volunteer project in mind? Contact Erin Tobin at EBT256@gmail.com

### Leading with Compassion: Introducing Foundation of HOPE Adult Diversion

At the heart of Foundation of HOPE's work lies a mission to walk beside and serve those most impacted by the criminal justice system. This is evident in our inter-faith Chaplaincy and Pre-Release education services for individuals in Allegheny County Jail, and in providing them a beacon and safety net when they return to everyday life through our Aftercare and Mentorship programs. This is also exemplified by our Youth Diversion programming and close partnership with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, ensuring that our young ones who come into contact with the law are supported, guided, and given tools to make better future choices. Now, we are honored to expand our mission to include Adult Diversion, offering structured support and services to our neighbors who use substances and may encounter the police, rather than allowing them to become trapped in a downward cycle within the criminal justice system.

Through the lens of the opioid epidemic, Americans are beginning to view problematic substance use, behavioral health, and poverty as issues that must be tackled by public health and community engagement, rather than by law enforcement. Approximately 80% of individuals in jails and prisons use substances, and around half have a co-current behavioral health diagnosis. A single encounter with law enforcement can have devastating destabilizing effects on these citizens, impacting their housing, employment, social support systems, and future options. Court costs, fees, and a lack of effective counseling and treatment while incarcerated not only increase a person's chance of repeat encounters with the law, but also increase their chances of fatal overdose upon release.

Thanks to cooperative efforts between with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, the City of Pittsburgh, the Allegheny Health Department, and you, the Community, Foundation of HOPE's can offer people with substance challenges an alternative to punitive legal measures, by way of intensive case management and referrals to community based providers. Importantly, leading with service and compassion is essential to our Adult Diversion model; participants are able to tell us their needs and we will work with them to set goals, build stability, and work towards measurable success, as they define it.

Foundation of HOPE is accepting community and self-made referrals to our program. If you know someone who may benefit, please contact us directly:

Mica L. Williams, Director of Adult Diversion, <a href="mailto:mwilliams@foundationofhope.org">mwilliams@foundationofhope.org</a> Maryanne O. Patton, Adult Diversion Case Manager, <a href="mailto:mpatton@foundationofhope.org">mpatton@foundationofhope.org</a> Foundation of HOPE Main Line (412) 321-3819, Select Option #2

Chamberlain, A., Nyamu, S., Aminawung, J. et al. Illicit substance use after release from prison among formerly incarcerated primary care patients: a cross-sectional study. Addiction Science and Clinical Practice. 14, 7 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1186/s13722-019-0136-6

Rihl, Juliette. "Mixed-up meds & long waits: How understaffing hurts medical treatment at Allegheny County Jail." January 7, 2021. https://www.publicsource.org/allegheny-county-jail-inmate-medical-wait-times-understaffing/

### Rhine and Itin Traffic Update Ellen Gaus

The Spring Hill Civic League worked with the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to improve traffic conditions at the intersection of Rhine and Itin. The SHCL



articulated neighborhood concerns regarding speeding and parked cars at this intersection. DOMI determined that line painting would be the most effective measure. A pedestrian crossing zone, lines indicating to drivers to stop, and lines demarcating a zone parking zone were subsequently painted. The safety of our neighborhood is one of our highest concerns, and it takes all of us to ensure that we live up to Mister Rogers' call to be good neighbors (yes, I know it's tired to appeal to your Mister-Rogers-sensibility, but you understand what I'm going for, right?). Please contact Police Zone One and Sgt. Mike Burford when you see a traffic violation at 412-323-7201. Please feel free to bring your traffic concerns to SHCL Vice President Ellen Gaus, who will work with DOMI and Councilman Wilson to improve how neighbors and visitors get around our neighborhood.



### Our Neighborhood Gym: Steel City Boxing Submitted by Tammy Waraks



Congratulations to Sal DeSimone for yet another win!!! This picture represents Steel City Boxing so well. These trainers spend countless hours volunteering their time, and our fighters put in the time to better themselves. Steel City Boxing is an extension of their families, and this picture most definitely represents that!



Curious about our program? Stop in and see for yourself weeknight evenings from 5-7 P.M. Also, this gym is a non-profit and anyone can join for free! Steel City Boxing raises funds through donations, so if you are in the position to help keep kids off the streets and learn boxing techniques, while being mentored by some great volunteer trainers, please consider donating. Checks can be made out to Steel City Boxing Association and dropped off in person at the gym or mailed to: 2 Noster Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

### Children's Book Drive Karen Lucarelli

Help literacy in the community! Please consider supporting the book drive for neighborhood kids, inspired by my own son's love of reading that I want to share with other children. Please considering donating funds or new or gently used books.



If you have a child in the community that would benefit from a care package of books specifically for them and their interests, please contact me!

If you wish to donate or sign a child or children up, please contact me via email, lucarelli.karen@yahoo.com, phone 412-478-0143, or porch donations can be dropped off at 2213 Rockledge St.

Thank you!

### Spring Hill Memorial Day Event James Rizzo

On Memorial Day, Spring Hill neighbors gathered at Brady's Funeral Home for the first in-person community event since the COVID-19 pandemic. Memorial Day is dedicated to U.S. soldiers who gave their lives in war for our country, not least the Union Civil War soldiers who died fighting to defend the proposition that all men are created equal—and for whom the holiday was first observed. It was fitting that our first gathering after a long year, when



death was too close, celebrated both the value of sacrifice and the value of living community: conversations resuming after long breaks, smiles and waves across the crowd, and a shared meal of hot dogs and chips.

LeeAnn Hudak-Sherman, who now owns Brady's, was the host of the event, and we are grateful to her for continuing Steve Brady's long service to the neighborhood. The event was organized by the Spring Hill Civic League. Johanna Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and *America the Beautiful*. Pastor Leann Younger of Cityview Church offered an Invocation and a Benediction. James Rizzo recited the Gettysburg Address, and remarks were made by Councilman Bobby Wilson, LeeAnn Hudak-Sherman, and Ellen Gaus, Vice President of the Spring Hill Civic League. Mary O'Toole supervised the refreshments.



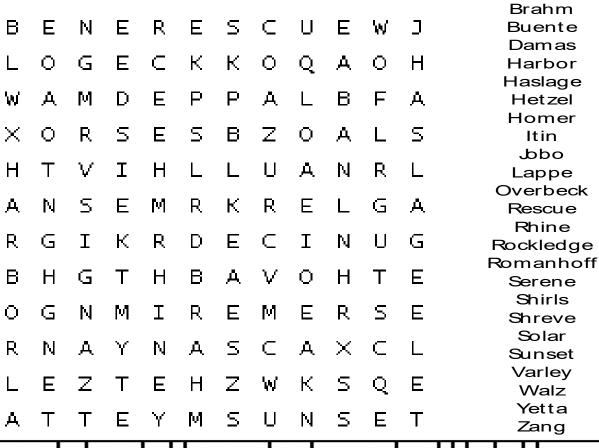
We are also grateful to the American Legion Post 565 and VFW Post 7090, whose color guard visited the four war memorials on Spring Hill (Haslage Ave., the Firehouse, Brady's, and Overbeck) earlier in the day. Finally, we thank the volunteers, especially Jan Berbach, who advocate for and maintain these memorials.

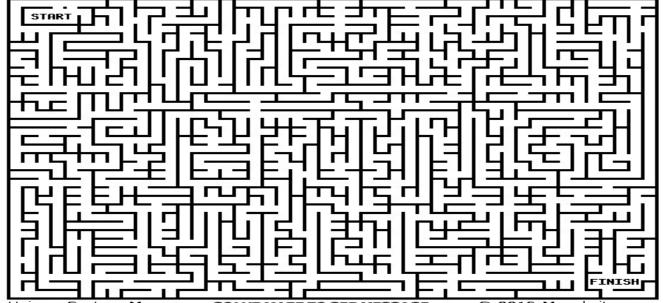
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#### **Games**

Submitted by Matt Moninger

### STREETS OF SPRING HILL WORD SEARCH





#### Movies in the Park

We'd like to thank the good folks at the Pittsburgh Movie Club for choosing Spring Hill for their series of classic films this summer on select Friday nights through August 20th. Catch them starting at 9 PM at Waisenhaus Park on Rockledge St. Bring a chair and your favorite movie snacks!





July 23rd – Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

August 6th – The Magnificent Seven

August 20th – **Double Indemnity** 

Screenings are subject to weather conditions, so dates and times may change.

Find more information and subscribe to the club's email list for updates at:

https://pghclassicmoviegrp.wixsite.com/pghclassicmoviegroup

#### **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 they accept multiple forms of payment, including SNAP/EBT and FMNP & SFMNP checks.

Green Grocer makes 17 market stops in 17 different neighborhoods. They are at Three Rivers Manor, 125 Rhine Place, the first and third Mondays of every month from 11 AM to noon.

### 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.

#### **Recent Real Estate Transactions**

2021 real estate transactions reported in The Northside Chronicle through 06/30/2021

01/27/21 Saddle Properties LLC to Mir-932 LLC at 1606 Walz St. for \$28,000

02/17/21 Machell Lewis to IRM Investment Realty 2010 LLC at 1135 Buente St. for \$70,000

02/18/21 Sofiane Kemacha to Haley Maddox Daniels at 1513 Hetzel St. for \$290,000

02/18/21 Luke Frawley to Amit Property Holdings LLC at 1712 Rhine St. for \$74,900

04/23/21 Joseph Schwartz to Amy Ruth Cassidy at 1336 Buente St. for \$80,000



### 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(please note if unlisted)	Email			
Amount Enclosed—Dues_	Other	<del></del>		
Children (Please list names and ages)				
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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.)