



CENTRAL NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Mission: The Central Northside Neighborhood Council is dedicated to sustaining a diverse community, enhancing the lives for all residents and ensuring a sense of community cohesiveness by developing affordable housing, advocating for our neighbor's needs, promoting quality of life

Vision: The vision of the Central Northside Neighborhood Council is to create a clean, affordable, and engaged community.

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CNNC General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7pm

710 West North Ave, West Park Court @
Corner of Brighton & North Ave.

Agenda

Quest International Charter School—Michael Glass of Northside Common Ministries will present the plan for a charter school in Central Northside
Presentation of Board Nominees—Meet the nominees! See inside for the slate of candidates (pg. 4-6)
Vote on CNNC's Strategic Plan

A Note from the Board of Directors

By Jennifer Flanagan

As an exiting board director, I'd like to give perspective on the responsibilities and expectations of this board. There are the basic responsibilities listed in the bylaws and the legal responsibilities of serving on a board (*see below). But this is a "working board" and directors are expected to do more than just show up to vote. I spend about 4 hours a week on CNNC-related matters. What else is there besides the board meeting?

Directors serve on a committee and committees are where the action is. They serve as a liaison between the committee and the board, so that the board can be kept up-to-date on committee activities. They help drive the activities of the committee, both in direct services and in making sure the work conforms to the stated goals of the committee.

There are also a number of community meetings that a director needs to attend: URA, NSLC, PCRG, NSHIP. Often late notice is given for these meetings so an ability and willingness to be called upon at the last minute is helpful. No one expects any single board member to attend every meeting. The responsibility must be shared. Meeting with funder is also a shared responsibility. Foundations expect board involvement before they will invest. To prepare a director must meet with the (cont'd on p. 7)

JOIN CNNC!!!! The Board has determined that in order to vote in the Board elections, one has to become a member by April 14th. See page 8.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Allegheny Heart Institute Fundraisers:

Prescription for a Healthy Heart: April 29, 2008, 11:00am to 2:00pm @ Magovern Conference Center Exhibit Area
Get ready for the James A. Magovern, M.D., Memorial Hearts in the Park Walk and a heart-healthy lifestyle with this one-day event. This event is free to the public.

James A. Magovern, M.D., Memorial Hearts in the Park Walk: May 3 2008, 9am @ Allegheny Commons Park
This fun walk through Allegheny Commons Park, the "heart" of Pittsburgh's historic Northside is open to everyone. Your registration fee of \$20 will support both the Allegheny Heart Institute and the restoration of Allegheny Commons Park.

YMCA Mentoring Program

There is a new mentoring program beginning at the YMCA. The structure of the program will be one adult to one child, meeting once a week, with a focus on helping the child with homework and developing stronger literacy skills, while encouraging them and getting to know them. Please consider being a mentor; your time commitment will be small, but your impact will be great. Contact Kimberly at kwalkenhorst@gmail.com or #412-400-5388.

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY DAY

Sunday, April 27; Noon - 5pm @ Children's Museum--Free Admission for Northsiders: Just show your driver's license or other ID to the Admissions Desk on April 27. One



PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The CNNC is pleased to announce its partnership with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The PSO will perform in the 5th Annual Community Partners Concern on **June 26, 2008, 8pm @ Heinz Hall**. Special guest will be recording artist, Issac Hayes. Proceeds to the concerts will go to local non-profit organizations. Tickets are currently on sale at www.pittsburghsymphony.org or 1-800-743-8560, and ticket prices range from \$21.50 - \$112.50. Simply enter promotional code **6646** to ensure that the CNNC receives the proceeds of your ticket. Questions? Contact CNNC: 231-7742. Proceeds will help fund the community planning process.



Summer Street Party

When: July 20, 2008, 4pm*

Where: Arch Street

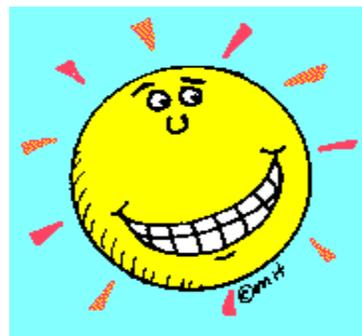
Why: To have fun!

Activities will include:

Kids Activities, Dessert Bake-Off, Live Band/Entertainment, D.J., Lots and Lots of Eating!

* Host a table @ \$10/table

What we need: Volunteers!! Sign up for the Summer Street Party Committee to help organize and plan the event. Contact Aaron at achurchill@centralnorthside.com or 412-231-7742.
* Rain date 7/21



Have you received your membership card?

If you are a CNNC member and you have **not** received your membership card, please contact Aaron Churchill, achurchill@centralnorthside.com or 412.231.7742.

Building Bridges in the Neighborhood

By Jennifer Russell

After living in Pittsburgh for eight years, I thought I knew my neighbors.

The Central North Side became my home in 2006 - something I had been dreaming of since I met Barbara Talerico at the Modern Café on a Saturday night in 2001. I thought the homes were beautiful, believed that people who lived here were more accepting of others, and I saw the racial and economic diversity that I had missed since living in Norfolk.

But I still hadn't **really** met my neighbors.

It was an accident that I went out with Aaron Churchill on a cold February afternoon, knocking on doors of people I didn't know on Arch Street. My life had been too noisy, too busy. I finally had a day off. I met four people that day: a CPA with a wife and four dogs, a local electrician, a musician who had been struggling with moving to a new neighborhood, and a bouncer at a bar who loves the proximity to downtown Pittsburgh, but wants better public transportation and who didn't know there were two coffee shops within walking distance of his home.

The bridging committee work forced me to get to know neighbors I hadn't met. Better yet, I was learning about what our neighbors wanted on our street. I went out again with Joanna Deming the following week, and learned from our neighbors that we needed a biking group, a Scrabble group and more opportunities for renters to get to know one another.

On Sunday, March 30, we went out again – this time, in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Arch. We met 7 neighbors, and had great conversations. I met a nurse practitioner with an artist husband and two children (they've been here nearly 20 years), who is frustrated with the abandoned properties but loves the location and the neighborhood, a funeral director who was involved in the Pittsburgh Project in high school and believes we need to teach our neighborhood kids a trade, long-time neighbors who are concerned with the recent violence, and a lifetime resident who inherited her mother's home and needs employment. We also met an author of children's books who misses the relationships that kids used to develop on the North Side with beat cops. He is a father of children aged 17 to 3 months, knew nearly everyone who passed by on the street, and sat on the stoop and made great suggestions on how to get to know one another again.

In every conversation, I apologized that I have lived here for nearly two years and am just now getting out to meet the people who live on my street. When one neighbor said, "See you soon, neighbor!" I know he meant it.

Federal Hill Homes For Pre-Sale!

CNNC and S & A Homes are please to announce that pre-sales of the first 6 homes of the 23-home first phase will begin on April 7. Town home prices range from approximately \$130,000 to \$230,000 for homes from 1,430 to 2,350 square feet, including two off-street parking spaces. All have 3 bedrooms and from 1.5 to 3.5 bathes. For qualified buyers with incomes below 80% of area median income, the URA can provide deferred second mortgages to reduce the cost below \$100,000. Homes are expected to be completed by November 2008.

To enter into a pre-sale contract, all buyers must be qualified by S & A Homes and submit a deposit by April 23.

For information, call either Robert Iseman at 724-333-4349 or Michael Barber at 412-421-7742 or see:

www.sahomebuilder.com/community.asp?comnum=626.



Casino Employment Workshops

The Northside Leadership Conference is hosting community workshops that deal with employment and the casino. Join them to find out about:

- * Jobs that will be Available
- * Employment Information
- * Qualifications
- * State Work Credentials
- * Resources to Help Overcome Employment Barriers

Upcoming Dates, Time, Places

4/22, 6pm @ CCAC Allegheny Campus
Foerster Student Center, 2nd Fl.

4/29, 6pm @ Etna VFD, 27 Crescent Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Info: www.pittsburghnorthside.com or 412-330-2559

CNNC hires 5 Youth Interns for Computer-aided Mapping

As a step towards developing a neighborhood plan, the CNNC has hired five youth from the community to assist with the geographic mapping process. They will be trained to utilize GIS mapping software and will be introduced to urban planning concepts. Their work will be instrumental in giving support to the CNNC Community Planning Initiatives Committee.

CNNC's Board Nominees—2008

Nominees were asked to describe, in 200 words or less, a) who you are, what you've done in the community and/or with the CNNC, what you bring to the Board and b) your thoughts on the mission of the organization

John Augustine

I've been a resident of the Northside for five years and a property owner for twelve. As a landlord, I take great pride in providing quality housing at an affordable price. Many tenants have rented for years based on the quality service provided. I'm currently involved with the CNNC through the beautification/litter committee, and will start working with the Allegheny Commons Steering committee this spring. With an extensive background in real estate including thirteen years in title insurance/escrow operations, twelve years in property management, and a new development company, I am uniquely suited to assist the CNNC with many of the detailed plans involved with the upcoming real estate projects in our neighborhood. I believe we can continue to make positive changes for our neighbors and local business owners and attract new interest to our community. By living in the Northside I've chosen a diverse community to start my family, a decision that I know my children will benefit from. I always try to help out someone in need and I believe a positive action is one that can spread throughout the community.

Kirk Burkley

I am Kirk B. Burkley, and I reside in the 200 block of North Avenue. I am partner with the Bernstein Law Firm, P.C. (Pittsburgh). In my practice I deal on a daily basis with issues which hit home in the Central Northside, such as mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant disputes, real estate matters and contractual relations. I am very capable of assisting the board and the membership at large with legal concerns. Currently, I am a volunteer at the Neighborhood Legal Services Debt Advice Clinic as well as a board member at Allegheny YMCA (Northside) where I have served for over three years. These endeavors qualify and support my candidacy for the CNNC Board. I would bring to the board my ability to find balance among the various goals in our mission statement. Being *"dedicated to sustaining a diverse community, enhancing the lives for all residents and ensuring a sense of community cohesiveness by developing affordable housing, advocating for our neighbor's needs, promoting quality of life and providing a public forum"* is no easy task. It is axiomatic that one neighbor's need may not necessarily enhance the lives of other neighbors. It is because of this tension that providing a public forum is crucial to striking the appropriate balance among all of our goals. And that is what I seek to accomplish.

Bill Buettin

As the proud parent of a newborn son, Bill Buettin will represent the interests of other young families in the neighborhood. He will work to ensure our community is vibrant, safe and inclusive for the next generation of Northsiders. As a Vice President of Investment Real Estate at First National Bank of Pennsylvania, Bill brings to the CNNC substantial experience in residential and commercial real estate project finance and economic develop-

ment. He has been involved in many high profile projects in our region. Additionally, the CNNC will benefit from Bill's relationships with the region's premier real estate professionals. For the betterment of the community, Bill will leverage his role on the Executive Committee of the Urban Land Institute, a non-profit research and education organization providing leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. In keeping with the CNNC mission, Bill will work tirelessly to represent the broad interests of our neighborhood to enhance the lives of all residents. He strongly believes in the mission to ensure a sense of community cohesiveness where all residents understand what is happening in their neighborhood and are provided an open and honest public forum.

Fred Fortson

As many of you know me already, I have been a resident of the North Side for sixty years. I work for One Vision, One Life, as a community coordinator helping young people avoid a life of crime. I am also a member of the North Side Old Timers, an organization dedicated to decreasing youth violence across the North Side neighborhoods by providing activities in which youth learn their ties across traditional neighborhood lines. As a member of the CNNC Board for the last year, you know me to be someone who will advocate for all people in the Central North Side, which is part of the CNNC mission. I will continue as I have in this last year, bridging the divides in our neighborhood and keeping the CNNC's mission going.

Edward Kinley

I have been a resident of the Central Northside for just over ten years, having purchased my house in 1997 through a CNNC affordable housing program. I have been active in the Safestreets program since its inception, and am our current block captain. I was a participant in last year's citizen's patrol program, where several of us volunteered to patrol the Central Northside streets. I have participated in the antilitter initiative, and even the youth in our area will tell you Mr. Ed "don't play the litter game". I have also been involved in the work in both Mechanics Retreat and Drovers Way parklets. I have also been a very active member of Allegheny UU Church, and am just completing a term on the Board and as President. This experience would enable me to bring to the board of CNNC both the experiences of a resident of the neighborhood and a previous participant in the board activities of an organization. I feel the mission of CNNC and the actions required to fulfill it are vital to preserving the diversity that makes our neighborhood vibrant and an interesting and challenging place in which to reside.

Joan Kimmel

I've lived in my house on Monterey Street for 35 years, where I raised my daughter. I fell in love with this community from the moment I moved here – the diversity of all kinds of people and the surprises and excitement that that diversity offers to a community did not seem to be found in other neighborhoods in Pittsburgh. The one element that is so impressive to me is that this

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neighborhood is one of the most tolerant in the City – and by that I mean tolerant of everything: weirdness, wonderfulness, awfulness, unique visions, people with no vision at all, strangeness, even dullness! § I've been involved in CNNC since I moved here, taking several years off occasionally because of work or school demands, I've served as past president and treasurer and have taken over administrative duties when we've had occasional staff shortages. My primary interest has been in housing development and I've served on and/or chaired the Federal North, Federal Hill and Development committees. I also sit on the board of Arch Court. My commitment is to ensure that affordable housing – which was available to many of us and is why, I think, our community is so wonderfully complex – remains available to others in the future.

Randi Marshak

I came to the Northside through my work as a physical therapist in 1996. I joined AGH and worked for them on Madison Ave, North Ave, and Federal St. I moved to the north side, 406 N. Taylor Ave., in 2000. I have volunteered with the MWSS house tour, the children's millennium garden, the MWSS tree committee, and recently the Community Planning Initiatives Committee. I've spoken in front of city council in support of the Federal St. library plan. I make calls to 311 about neighborhood issues, and beautify the neighborhood by picking up trash. By working and living on the Northside I realize that this is a very diverse community. However, it is not a cohesive one and some have more quality of life than others. I believe affordable housing could increase the quality of some of our neighbor's lives. I'm interested in working with the CNNC on a practical and fair plan to provide opportunities for those who need some help to stay in the northside and those who want to profit from an up and coming neighborhood. I'm an even tempered person. I have some managerial experience. I have the willingness and time to put effort into neighborhood issues.

Khari Mosley

My name is Khari Mosley, I am the National Political/Field Director for the League of Young Voters. Since 2004, I served as Chairman of the 22nd Ward. I also co-founded a project called the B-Ball Academy working with Northside youth, using basketball as a leadership development tool. I served as Northside constituency outreach coordinator for former city councilman Sala Udin. Most recently, I served as campaigns director for Pittsburgh United, running the Northside United campaign, which will begin Community Benefits Agreement negotiations around the new development on the Northshore. In addition, I serve on the board of the Mattress Factory Museum, a long time community asset I believe I bring several assets to the board: a deep knowledge of the community, experience in the public and non-profit sectors, relationships with various community, regional, statewide and national leaders/organizations and a deep respect for the diversity in our community. I fully support CNNC's mission. When I read the mission of CNNC I envision a community where people of various backgrounds, income

levels, religions and lifestyles can live together, creating a model community that people all over this world can look to as a shining example of the 21st century neighborhood.

Mr. Murchison

During my 24 years of military service, I had the opportunity to travel the globe—Germany, the South Pacific, and Japan—but there is only one place that I call home. Indeed, 517 Armandale has been home for 52 years. If you drive past my house, one of the few American flags in our neighborhood waves proudly. This flag represents the values that I believe in: service, community, leadership, and freedom. Throughout my life, I have held these values dear to me. The values that underlie the CNNC's mission statement reflect the same values that I cherish. This is one reason that I have served this organization for nearly 40 years on its Board of Directors. While on the Board, I guided the CNNC through projects such as the construction of Martin Luther King Elementary, Arch Court, and West Park Court. These accomplishments demonstrate my commitment to this community, and if you choose, I will continue my commitment to making the Central Northside a place that embraces all our residents, a place where everyone can truly call home.

Nancy Niemczyk

I moved to Pittsburgh in 1995 to work as a nurse-midwife. When I bought my first home, on Resaca Place, in 1998, I was attracted to the Central Northside because I wanted to live in a community that was diverse in terms of race, economics, and sexual orientation. I began to attend CNNC meetings, and was immediately impressed by the thousands of hours members volunteered to maintain the type of community I wanted. The organization builds homes, fights crime, works to improve education, and creates recreational opportunities for neighborhood children. When I was invited to run for the board in 2004, I was proud to give back to the organization that has given so much to my community. I see my contribution to the board of CNNC as being my 20 years of experience on boards of non-profit organizations, primarily those working for peace and social justice. Currently, I am also treasurer of the board of the East End Food Cooperative Federal Credit Union. Since I have been treasurer of the CNNC board we have converted to more sophisticated bookkeeping software, instituted annual audits, and tightened the overall accounting controls. Over the next year I hope to see CNNC build new homes on Federal Street and develop, with input from all sectors of our community, a coherent plan for the direction we want housing and business development take over the next ten years.

John Rhoades

I grew up in Pittsburgh and returned to the city after graduating from college because of family ties as well as the opportunities I see available to young people. Over the last year I managed a youth employment program at the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and then went on to a Fellowship in Public Affairs at the Coro Center for Civic Leadership. I will complete the Fellow-

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ship in mid-May and plan to go on to get a dual-degree in business and public policy at Carnegie Mellon University. I am a new resident to the Central Northside, and quickly got involved with CNNC activities, including the by-laws committee and the Fed/North development committee. I have come to appreciate the War Streets community so much that I will be looking to buy a house here in the summer. I believe that the CNNC mission, with its defined goals, strives to maintain the tremendous character of the neighborhood. As a newcomer, I see the character of Central Northside arising from three attributes: the historic preservation, the sense of community, and the racial and socioeconomic integration that are rare elsewhere in the city. As a board member, I would work to promote these attributes and more generally serve the needs of my neighbors to the best of my ability.

Greg Spicer

Many of your already know me. I am a lifetime member, active participant and, currently, the Membership of The Mexican War Streets Society. My decision to become more involved in the direction of the CNNC grows out of my frustration with the limited mission of the MWSS in terms of important issues like community development, affordable housing, public infrastructure, safety, etc. To this position, I would bring years of experience in organizing and direct action in issues of social justice. As a professor of Communication, what I hope to contribute most to the CNNC concerns finding a way forward on issues of development and affordable housing by working against rhetorically figured divisions between (as one recent CNNC correspondence put it) “those interested only in upscale renovation” and “those interested in a more inclusive approach.” Most of the folks I know are angered and alienated by such false choices and dehumanizing caricatures and they are looking for an inclusive rhetoric of unity and positive change. I believe I can uniquely contribute to realizing the mission of the CNNC without cultivating this kind of anger and alienation.

Lydia Wade

I have worked with children for 38 years, including work with handicapped children at Allegheny Valley School, and run a licensed day care center for fifteen years. I have volunteered with the Head Start Program, been an administrative assistant with Pittsburgh Mass Choir through the North Side Church of God, and volunteered at North Side Old Timers events. I have volunteered with the CNNC with the summer street party, Thanksgiving Dinner, and with the newsletter and mailings. I've had a mission in my heart for mothers, families, and the young men of our neighborhood who are difficult to reach sometimes. By being a godmother to many, adding as much love and stability in their lives, I've been able to help them. As a result of my experience, I believe in the CNNC's mission to advocate for our neighbor's needs and promote a better quality of life for all. I would like to add my unique experience of being close to the difficulties that many young families face to bring as much compassion as I can to the CNNC's efforts.

Kimberly Walkenhorst

I have lived in the Central North Side for two and a half years, and am a co-owner of Beleza Community Coffeeshop in addition to working there and running the art shows, potlucks and other events. As I both live and work in the neighborhood, I have gotten to know many of the local kids, and have organized a mentoring program at the YMCA with a focus on improving literacy skills. My desire to join the CNNC board is in order to better understand and help maintain the neighborhood's economic and racial diversity, and seek ways to build bridges between those gaps. I believe the mission of the CNNC is interested in fostering a neighborhood where people, diverse in many aspects of life, can peacefully reside together as neighbors and families who truly know one another, and where stereotypes, conflicts and differences are discussed with open, patient and listening attitudes. I hope for this kind of neighborhood, and work honestly and diligently towards it.

Glenn Woodard

I volunteered in this neighborhood for two years before I ever moved here in the Green Millennium Children's Garden. It is a place to learn that a child's need to have you be there and listen trumps any preconceived notions of class. It is a place to learn what exists beyond your experience. I was asked to be a part of the North Side Old Timers. As the only white male member of an African-American organization, it is impossible to view such a privilege as entailing nothing less than a sacred responsibility to be more than the sum of your own familiar cultural parts. I have been an avid community gardener, creating a website while I do the same for the Old Timers. I have opened the doors of my own home providing hospitality on a scale larger than anyone I know, understanding that community is based upon a consensus of generosity, not a consensus of self-interest. As the stated mission of the CNNC is to sustain a diverse community, advocate for neighbor's needs, and promote quality of life for all residents, I have lived that mission.

Audrey Woods

I'm the manager of Arch Street Court Apartments, 1310 Arch St., where I have lived for the past 9 years. My parents lived on the North Side, on Saturn Way and Jacksonia St, for 40 years. I have been a member of Central North Side Neighborhood Council for 2 years and served on the Federal North Committee when Rebecca Davidson-Wagner was director. I have also participated in focus groups and been involved in Safe Streets. I've encouraged tenants here at 1310 to become members of CNNC, taking them to Thanksgiving gatherings. I'm well aware of CNNC's mission. Our building, 1310 Arch Street, is a product of CNNC's commitment to the neighborhood. I'm interested in helping CNNC advocate for current and new neighbors. Over the past 35 years, I've been on several boards, serving as president for some. All my experience has been around community issues. I want to help CNNC stay focused on their mission and not get side-tracked by new comers who do not know what has gone on before they arrived. I promise to keep the CNNC mission alive. I hope this information is beneficial in making a decision as to my worth.

Upcoming Events

April 7: Jefferson Rec. Center Advisory Committee, 6pm @ Arch Court

April 8: Arch Street Spring Social, 7pm @ Arch Court

April 9: Parkhurst Committee, 6pm @ Community House Church

Community Planning Initiatives Committee, 6pm @ Arch Court

April 10: Safe Streets, 7pm @ Arch Court

April 12: Clean-Up Day, 10am @ 200 block of Alpine St.

April 12: Community Garage Sale, 9am-3pm @ Calvary Methodist Church—971 Beech

April 14: CNNC General Membership, 7pm @ West Park Court—710 W. North Ave.

April 19: Earth-Day Neighborhood Clean-Up, 9am @ Beleza's

Summer Street Party Committee, 12:30pm @ 411 Jacksonia St.

April 22: Comm. Workshop on Casino Jobs, 6pm-9m @ CCAC Foerster Student Center

April 27: Northside Community Day, Noon-5pm @ Children's Museum

April 29: Prescription for a Healthy Heart, 11am @ AGH McGovern Conf. Center

April 30: Race, Discrimination & Pittsburgh, 6pm @ Community House Church

May 12: CNNC General Membership, 7pm @ TBD

A Note From the Board (cont'd)

ED to review the proposal, have a solid grasp of the project up for funding; and be able to discuss with the funder the merits of the organization, its mission and social impact, and the proposal itself.

Directors are active in helping the ED write proposals and reports to funders and in shaping the funding strategy itself. They help knock on doors of neighbors with the bridges committee, deliver newsletters, serve on the Northside homeless providers committee and other joint committees; and serve as liaisons with other organizations, act as CNNC's spokesperson with the press, volunteer to review plans, and serve as CNNC's construction contract administrator for Federal Hill and other development projects.

Directors need to understand the legal responsibilities of being a board member. The State Attorney General wrote, "ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CORBETT'S HANDBOOK FOR CHARITABLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS" available at www.attorneygeneral.gov. It discusses the Duty of Care and the Duty of Loyalty. The Duty of Care states that when performing their duties, board members must use the degree of care, skill, caution and diligence that a prudent person would use in handling corporate affairs. An individual who is acting in conformance with this standard will:

- attend and participate in board meetings on a regular basis;
- attend and participate in committee meetings when the individual is a member of the committee;
- diligently read, review, and inquire about material that affects the corporation;
- keep abreast of the affairs and finances of the corporation; and
- use independent judgment when analyzing matters that affect the corporation.

The Duty of Loyalty states that Board director must always perform their duties in good faith with the best interests of

the organization in mind. This means that they must not seek to derive private gain from business transactions that involve the nonprofit corporation or advance their own interests at the expense of the corporation. Board members should avoid conflicts of interest and even the appearance of impropriety.

Bylaws indicate that a term of board service is two years. A minimum of 6 meetings a year must be held (but CNNC holds 11 board meetings including an annual strategic planning meeting). Failure to attend 4 board meetings in a fiscal year is grounds for removal from the board.

The board's authority is as a collective body, and directors, when speaking on behalf of the organization, must represent the collective actions of the board. Directors have no power as individuals. The CNNC carries Directors and Officers insurance, which protects board members' personal assets should the organization be sued. The CNNC takes governance very seriously. We have gained respect throughout the city in the nonprofit, foundation, and local government communities through the thoughtful engagement of board directors, the collaborative approach of the leadership, and the willingness of the organization to "meet others at the table." We are respected and recognized as the representative organization for the central Northside. It is a responsibility directors must take to heart. The board must always be ready and willing to speak on behalf of and represent all members of our community.

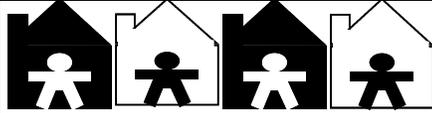
I am so pleased, as are all the board members, with the enormous interest in the open board slots. The organization has exciting initiatives underway that will require energy and work to accomplish. It's a perfect time for us bring on new, active directors. I strongly encourage anyone who runs, but is not elected, to get involved in committee work. It's an excellent way to drive the activities of the organization, as well as to make yourself better known to the neighborhood. You can run again in 2009.

Are you getting your CNNC Newsletter?

Central Northside Neighborhood Council wants to know, are you receiving a hand delivered monthly newsletter at your residence? **If NOT** please tell us. **Call 412-231-7742 to give us your address.**

Thanks & April Newsletter Deadline

Thanks to all contributors of articles and to Allegheny General Hospital for sponsoring the printing of the CNNC Newsletter. **May Newsletter Deadline: May 4, 2008**



Central Northside Neighborhood Council

BOARD ELECTION 2008: YOUR VOTE COUNTS

With 7 open seats on CNNC's Board of Directors, this year's Board election is pivotal in determining the neighborhood's future. Vote for a Board that represents YOU!

Do you want friendly relations with neighbors? Do you want bustling business development? Do you want a neighborhood that embraces everyone? Do you want to feel safe in our streets? Do you want opportunities for our kids? Do you want to turn vacant lots into vibrant residences?

TO VOTE, YOU MUST:

- (1) Sign up to be a member of CNNC by April 14th (see below).
- (2) Attend the May CNNC general membership meeting.
- (3) Vote in the May Board election.

Upcoming General Membership Meetings

Presentation of Board Nominees: April 14, 7pm @ West Park Court Apts. (719 W. North Ave.)

Election of Board: May 12, 7pm @ West Park Court Apts. (710 W. North Ave..)

Contact Aaron Churchill with questions/comments: achurchill@centralnorthside.com, 231-7742



2008 CNNC Membership Registration Form Dues Run From January 2008-December 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

YES! I want to be involved.

Enclosed is _____\$5 _____\$3 (seniors) for my dues for 2006-07.

If your organization/business would like to be a member, dues are _____\$25

I am interested in participating in the following committees of CNNC:

_____ Community Planning Initiatives (Central Northside Neighborhood Plan; redevelop "problem properties)

_____ Business District Development (Working on Brighton Rd. and Federal St. business revitalization)

_____ Membership/Outreach (Working on outreach to community and events)

_____ Housing (Working to eliminate blighted houses, provide affordable housing options)

I have the following skills, talents, or interests that I would like to put to use for our neighborhood:

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