

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 safe, clean, affordable, and engaged community.

Board of Directors

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CNNC General Membership Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7pm

**Martin Luther King Jr. ALA Gymnasium
(Enter at Spillway #2, across from Verizon Building)**

Agenda

(1) Vote for the Board of Directors

6:30: Attendance sign-in begins

7:00-7:15: Candidate 30 second speeches

7:15-7:45: Voting

** In order to vote one must (1) be a CNNC member in good standing (paid 2008 dues) and (2) have attended any general membership meeting from June 2007—April 2008.*

** The Community Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) is overseeing the election process.*

** See page 4 for more information!*

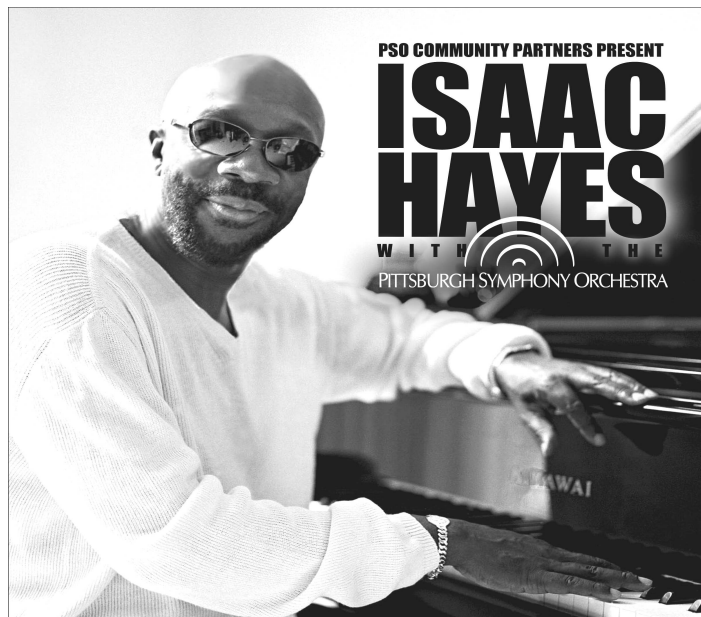
(2) Manteca Bar — hear about, ask questions, and comment on the proposal for purchase, new business, new uses

(3) Committee Reports

Federal Hill Homes are
For Sale — see page 3



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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, Isaac Hayes. 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.

Meet a CNNC Member: Booker T. Houze

Booker T. Houze is a resident of Arch Court, a senior citizens mid-rise on Arch Street. Born in Cleveland, Booker moved to Pittsburgh in 1989 to live closer to his mother, who lived in Allegheny Commons. Booker has worked in a variety of industries in his lifetime, including trucking, manufacturing, and printing. Now retired, Booker's favorite pastimes is to cook, of which the oxtail recipe is his signature dish. In order to make the most delicious oxtail, Booker recommends going to Wholey's in the Strip to pick up the oxtail, seasoning it with some "Wake-Up Flavor" and Accent, add some seasoned salt and vegetables, toss it all together, and slow-cook for several hours in a crock-pot. Bon Appetit!



Summer Street Party

When: July 20, 2008, 4pm*

Where: Arch Street

Why: To have fun!

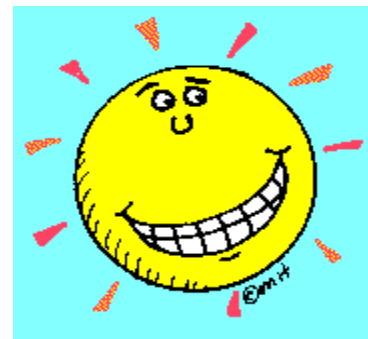
Activities will include:



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.



Earth Day Clean-up Report

By John Engle

We had an amazing day and got tons accomplished! This year's Earth Day Clean Up focused on the collection of litter in streets and alleys, preparing garden beds for mulching and planting, pruning shrubs and bundling the branches, and removing or painting over graffiti throughout the neighborhood. The event was very successful with around 35 volunteers participating. We collected around 60 bags of garbage along with some tires and dumped construction items. In addition to cleaning up Drover's Repose and Mechanic's Retreat, Laura Winter and a crew cleaned up the Children's Garden. The Jefferson Recreation Center also held their own clean up around the center.

I want to also send a big shout out to Mrs. Withrow who single handedly cleaned up the leaves and last year's dead plant material from Drover's Repose Garden (North Taylor and Brighton Road) the week before our clean up day. I heard she that she worked at it for several days. If you see her be sure to thank her and give her a big hug.

It seemed like everyone had a great time. We got to meet some new and old friends as well as several neighbors who recently moved into the neighborhood. The gardens looked like a big mess before we started and fresh but ready for spring growth after we were done.

Children's Choir

Brown Chapel AME is looking for children who like to sing gospel. Rehearsal will be Thursday evenings at 6:30PM at Brown Chapel AME Church (Near AGH). To register contact choir director, **Julia Smith at 412-231-0168.**

HURRY—Federal Hill Homes For Sale!

CNNC and S & A Homes are please to announce that pre-sales of the first 6 homes of the 23-home first phase began on April 10.

3 homes are already under contract and 2 have a hold deposit, so make sure to inquire soon!

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 baths. 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.



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

CNNC Summer Street Party: What You Got Cookin'?

This year the CNNC Summer Street Party Planning Committee would like to challenge all of our neighbors to a dessert bake off. This event will take place on July 20th as part of the street party. We believe that food is a universal common ground; all are welcome to try and out cook the committee. I will warn you, we are already planning our entries, and for that reason we are also looking into a panel of well known local figures to serve as judges for this event.

I know we are a community that loves a challenge, and I hope to smell sweet scents coming from every house on the days before the party. Along with the bragging rights for winning, that are most valuable, we hope to have runners up and best of categories if we have enough entries.



So call up Aunt Sofie or Big Momma and get that recipe that would take the top prize. If you would like to help in anyway please contact me at wfdjr65@verizon.net or call me at 412-322-5980. We are still at the planning stage for this event so all help is welcome.

Thank you for your time and bring it on!

ELECTION INFORMATION

Voting Procedures

On the Night of the Board of Directors Election:

Doors will open at 6:30

Members eligible to vote will sign next to their name on an alphabetical list available at corresponding tables. Their hand will be stamped. These members will receive a paper ballot.

Other members and attendees will sign in at the appropriate tables.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and each candidate will be allowed 30 seconds to address the membership.

The election will begin at 7:15.

The closed ballot box will be centrally located in the room and will be monitored by an independent, 3rd party individual.

Elections will continue until 7:45 or until all who wish to vote have done so.

Ballots will be counted in a secured area with the oversight of the 3rd party individual.

Results will be announced before the close of the meeting.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: A member shall be entitled to one vote, provided s/he is present at the meeting, has attended at least one other meeting within the current fiscal year (June 1 – May 31), is a member listed in the membership list on the recorded date and is not in default of payment of dues. An organizational member is also entitled to one vote provided a delegate has been registered with the Council and had attended at least one other meeting within the current fiscal year. It is possible for one person to vote once as a residential member and once as a delegate for an organizational member. No delegate can vote for more than one co-operating organization

The Candidates

The following are the candidates for the 2008 Board of Directors:

John Augustine
 Kirk Burkley
 Fred Fortson
 Ed Kinley
 Khari Mosley
 Nancy Niemczyk
 Greg Spicer
 Lydia Wade
 Audrey Woods

Bill Buettin
 Christopher D’Addario
 Joan Kimmel
 Randi Marshak
 William Murchison,
 John Rhoades
 Andrew Sulka
 Kim Walkenhorst
 Randy Zotter

Board Recommendations

The CNNC Board of Directors recommends the following candidates for the 2008-2010 term:

Fred Fortson,	Joan Kimmel
Ed Kinley	Nancy Niemczyk
Lydia Wade	Kim Walkenhorst
Audrey Woods	

No single person in our community can speak for everyone. Our leadership should reflect the neighborhood and represent our varied interests. These candidates do.

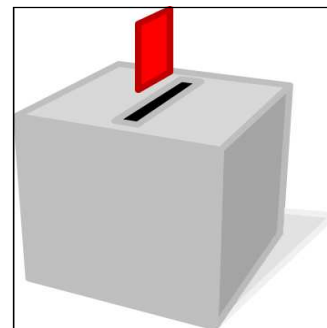
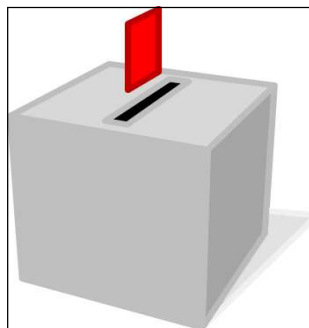
Our recommendations, combined with the remaining eight directors, would create a board that represents the diversity in our neighborhood. This board would differ by race, gender, age, sexual orientation, length of residence, home owner or renter, socio-economic background, and geographic location. The board would represent our working class and our professionals. It would include small business owners, entrepreneurs, artists, youth advocates, senior advocates, residential real estate developers, medical professionals, and academics. It would represent all of us.

Our bylaws speak to a need for diversity. This board would fulfill their spirit and intent.

Many funders require that our board reflect the diversity in our neighborhood. Funders routinely ask the organization to describe our board’s diversity as a precursor to receiving funds and support.

Diversity, of course, is not enough. All the candidates we recommend are qualified, and many have invaluable expertise. They have worked at every level of the organization and have demonstrated a commitment to the CNNC mission. They are active in the community, and they will serve us well.

Each candidate running for Board Director is qualified and offers valuable resources to our organization. We sincerely hope that anyone running for a seat who is not elected will stay involved through committee work. This is where much of the work of this organization is accomplished.



Upcoming Events

May 3	Clean-Up Day, 10am @ Drover's and Mechanic's Retreat Park
May 7	Carnegie Library Final Design Presentation, 6pm @ Children's Museum
May 8	Safe Streets, 7pm @ Arch Court (1310 Arch St.)
May 9	Carnegie Library Groundbreaking, 9am @ Federal St. and Parkhurst
May 12	General Membership Meeting
May 14	Community Planning Initiatives Committee, 6pm @ Arch Ct. (1310 Arch)
May 17	Summer Street Party Committee, 12:30pm @ 411 Jacksonia St.
May 19	PCRG Workshop, 6:30pm @ Arch Ct. (1310 Arch St.)
May 28	Community Planning Initiatives Committee, 6pm @ Arch Ct. (1310 Arch)
June 9	General Membership Meeting

PCRG and CNNC to Host Anti-Predatory Lending Workshop

Whether you are a renter, first time buyer, a homeowner or refinancing your home for improvements, you need the information given out at the upcoming May 19, 2008 workshop on anti-predatory lending hosted by the Central Northside Neighborhood Council and the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG).

Since 1988, PCRG has protected families by advocating for equitable lending practices, educating consumers on selecting the right type of mortgage products and helping troubled consumers rework their mortgages. PCRG is a non-profit organization working with a coalition of neighborhood groups like ours, the Central Northside Neighborhood Council.

If you are in, or worried about foreclosure, you should know PCRG assists hundred of individuals each year. PCRG reviews loan documents, interrupts loan terms and offers recommendations free of charge. They may be able to save you thousands of dollars in interest and legal fees. A staff of experts is available to meet you where you feel most comfortable and offer thoughtful, sound advice. Their primary concern is helping you through a very stressful situation.

The Central Northside Neighborhood Council is hosting this workshop with PCRG

Date: Monday, May 19, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Location: Central Northside Neighborhood Council
1310 Arch Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Reserve your space today by calling PCRG at 412.391.6732, ext. 211 or by mailing Jennifer Germany at jgermany@pcrg.org no later than Thursday, May 15th.

Don't wait any longer, keep your home safe and get the help you need!

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 & June Newsletter Deadline

Thanks to all contributors of articles and to Allegheny General Hospital for sponsoring the printing of the CNNC Newsletter. June Newsletter Deadline: June 2, 2008



Central Northside Neighborhood Council

Membership Registration Form Dues Run From January 2008-December 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (eve): _____

Email: _____

YES! I want to be involved.

Enclosed is _____ \$5 _____ \$3 (seniors) for my dues for 2008.

If your organization/business would like to be a member, dues are _____ \$25
(Include the name and contract information of delegate _____)

Enclosed is an additional tax-deductible donation of

\$20 _____ \$40 _____ \$60 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

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

_____ ***Youth***

_____ ***Business District Development***

(Working on the Brighton Road and Federal Street business district revitalization)

_____ ***Membership***

(Working on outreach to the community, events, and various other programming)

_____ ***Housing***

(Working to eliminate blighted housing, provide affordable housing options)

_____ ***Public Safety***

(Working with Safe Streets)

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

Send this form or drop it off at the CNNC office with your dues (Check or Cash) Make check payable to CNNC:

CNNC Membership
1310 Arch Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212