

CENTRAL NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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Upcoming Meetings

National Night Out

August 7th

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Alpine Gardens Playground

Community Meeting

to Review Central Northside
Branding Direction

August 8th

7:00 - 9:00 PM

(doors open at 6:30 PM)

Children's Museum

General Membership Meetings

Monday, September 10, 2012

Monday, October 8, 2012

7:00—9:00 PM

(doors open at 6:30 PM)

Allegheny Traditional Academy

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Central Northside Family Doing It All—Right Here



Keili Mistovich with one-month old daughter Madeleine, friend and partner Brent Bissell, Justin Mistovich and Keili's father and business mentor Cliff Meyer standing on the front porch of The Allegheny Inn on July 17, 2012, a few days after the official "ground breaking."

Keili and Justin Mistovich and their lovely one-month old daughter Madeleine could be a poster family for an ad about our community – live, work and play in Central Northside. And now they are adding one more descriptor – future local business owners.

Justin and Keili, along with a few partners, have purchased a landmark Deutschtown house, vacant for decades, on the corner of Cedar and North Avenues across from AGH and will be transforming it into The Allegheny Inn, a new B&B convenient to the hospital and North Side activities.

The Mistovich family has lived on Arch Street for five years. Keili is a pediatric resident at Children's Hospital. Justin is chief orthopedic resident at Allegheny General Hospital.

When Keili and Justin moved to Pittsburgh to continue in their careers, they were drawn to the Central Northside's unique and affordable houses and walkability to work and downtown. Justin admits to a tipping point. "Watching the neighborhood develop and seeing the committed and passionate people who lived here helped us choose the Central Northside over other great Pittsburgh neighborhoods. It was clear – this community was going somewhere and we wanted to be part of it."

What prompted their decision to develop a B&B in a house with boarded up windows and a cascade of rubble inside? "We wanted to create a place that people would enjoy," said Justin. "Maybe a visiting physician or nurse who would appreciate being able to walk across the street to AGH and then to one of the many restaurants in the area. Or, maybe

family members needing easy access to their loved ones in the hospital and then a comfortable respite at the end of the day. Or, maybe visitors to Pittsburgh looking for an authentic North Side experience, like walking to a Steelers' game and having dinner at Legends."

Justin's take on the community going places is proving to be plus for their future B&B. "We are thrilled about the Garden Theater Block Development that will transform a boarded up block into a vibrant community epicenter," says Justin. "It promises to bring hip locals to the area and be a hot spot for dining and entertainment. That's huge for the community, and will be equally important for our business."

Creating this bed and breakfast business is turning out to be a family affair. Partner Brent Bissell of Mount Washington, a friend of Justin's since elementary school, gets tips from his family who owns a B&B in Columbiana, Ohio. And business mentor Cliff Meyer of Ohio, just happens to be Keili's father. "He's like our "fireman," says Keili. "He puts out 'fires.'"

Justin adds, "We want to give something back to the community. And, we hope we will inspire others to see what we see in the North Side."

Update: Residential Parking Permit Program

A referendum process has been started to create a permit parking district within our neighborhood. This process is a lengthy one, currently in the voting phase with voting concluding in September. If there is a 70% majority approval on a minimum of 10 block faces (approximately a 100 parking space area), a new district will be created.

A list of canvassers in the neighborhood has been published on the CNNC Website at www.cnnc-pgh.org. If you have not heard from one of these people and wish to weigh in on the parking issue, please contact the canvasser nearest you. If you do not see a representative from your street or area and are interested in participating, **please contact:**

Mr. Ashley R. Holloway
Director of Residential Parking Permit Program
200 Ross Street 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219 412-393-0162
ashley.holloway@pittsburghpa.gov

You may also contact Andrew Wickesberg at awickesberg@cnnc-pgh.org.



You are invited

Community Brand Review Meeting

August 8, 2012

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

7:00 – 9:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Square

The CNNC invites you to attend an important meeting to review a proposed strategy for branding and marketing the Central Northside. Residents will have an opportunity to see recommendations regarding how to achieve CNNC's vision of strengthening and unifying the community for all residents.

Recommendations will include a proposal for a new and stronger name to describe the entire neighborhood; a new community logo; a slogan that tells our unique story; and, several examples of how we could use these things to better market our neighborhood to potential new residents and businesses and to foster a greater sense of pride and belonging for those of us already here.

Voting on the brand direction will take place at the CNNC meeting on **September 10th at 7:00 PM**.

President's Message



Barbara Talerico

As I move into my new role as President of the Central Northside Neighborhood Council, I'm honored to be in a position to work even closer with the CNNC Board in helping to shape the future of the Central Northside. The Board and I will stay focused on seeing the Garden Theater block development completed, the continuation of the Federal Hill townhome project and scattered site development and the revitalization of the Federal/North corridor.

We'll also explore safety issues, seek new funding for various projects and communicate critical information to keep you informed. In addition, we will find effective ways to tell our story of transformation to attract more businesses, individuals and families of all kinds.

When I think back just a few years ago, I'm amazed at what we as a community have accomplished. Much appreciation goes to outgoing CNNC President Chris D'Addario for his leadership in helping us accomplish so much during his term. Here are some of the highlights:

Development

- Moved the Garden Theater Block development forward, with signed leases and site stabilization underway; recognized by the URA
- Saved the Toula's building from demolition; soon to be transformed into a restaurant
- Packaged and awarded scattered-site properties to proven developers
- Implemented policies and procedures for handling vacant lots/blighted properties
- At the Mayor's request we worked with the Light of Life Mission in their discussions about the future direction of their organization,
- Hosted meetings with Historic Review Commission and Councilman Lavelle concerning expansion of the historic district
- Acted as the neighborhood partner to successfully execute the building of our new KaBoom! playground

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Safety Update

Safety is on the minds of all residents of the Central Northside. The CNNC is committed to providing a framework for discussing and moving forward on options appropriate and possible for a neighborhood organization. This is one of the more challenging issues we face and requires many voices and perspectives. Sometimes we need to take a step back to see a clear way forward. This is one of those times. The Safety Committee is reorganizing and we invite you to participate. So far, we have identified a few strategies to focus on:

- Identify criminal activity on our streets and relay that information to the public officials who can act on it.
- Strengthen communication with our Zone 1 police officers and the Mayor's Office.

- Strengthen partnerships with existing safety organizations operating on the North Side and use our combined resources to reduce crime.
- Work closely with the Development Committee to ensure that the community we are building will be a safe one.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Alpine Gardens Playground

Come join your neighbors as we celebrate our community. The Central Northside Neighborhood Council is inviting you to the Alpine Gardens playground on Alpine Avenue to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old ones. We will have snacks and prizes for the kids

To get involved with the Safety Committee and National Night Out, contact safety@cnn-c-pgh.org.

Development Update

Federal Hill Housing

This project will move forward with the next phase of for-sale homes on the east side of Federal Street with construction beginning by the end of summer. The seven units that make up the next phase of development follow the current phase in which all but one of the twelve units has closed—the final buyer should close in August.

Garden Theater Block

Progress continues with additional leasing activity. Most recently, Wellspring Whole Health has signed a letter of intent for first floor space in 6 West North Ave. (A letter of intent lays out the business terms of the rental agreement so that the parties can proceed to drawing up a lease.) Also, our new Italian restaurant, operated by the owner of Piccolo Forno in Lawrenceville, will be named Il Giardino.

Federal Street

Central Northside's newest restaurant, El Burro is slated to open in September. El Burro will be operated by Derek Burnell, whose Round Corner Cantina is a successful restaurant in Lawrenceville. Derek's new restaurant will occupy the former Toulas Restaurant at 1108 Federal Street which is currently being renovated by Bill Barron. CNNC helped



Barron acquire the building through Sheriff's Sale and invested equity into the project. This will be Barron's third project in the area—he renovated the buildings that house Crazy Mocha and Deli on North. Also, space is available at 4 West North, 1113 and 1115 Federal.

Boyle Street

We are pleased to report that two buildings in the 1400 block of Boyle Street were saved by demolition thanks to hard work by several of our neighbors. 1413 and 1423 Boyle Street will be developed as owner-occupied housing by Todd Meyer. PNC Bank agreed to donate its mortgage on one of the properties to CNNC, which cleared the way for this transaction. Special thanks to Development Committee member Jim Lawrence for his work on this project. Stabilization work on both properties will begin immediately. However, the complete renovation of 1423 Boyle Street will wait until the other remaining liens on the property have been cleared.

Jacksonia Street Housing Development

October Development is working on a for-sale housing development that will include six new and one renovated unit in the 100 block of Jacksonia Street. The renovated unit at 105 Jacksonia Street will be completed and occupied by the end of the summer. Construction on the six new homes is expected to start in early fall with homes becoming available spring of 2013. New home prices will start at just under \$250,000.

For additional information, please contact CNNC's Development Committee at (412) 465-0831 or development@cnn-c-pgh.org.

Central Northside Neighborhood Council

Mission Statement

To enhance the lives of all Central Northside residents.

Vision Statement

By end of 2015 CNNC will transform all our neighborhood's vacant lots and empty storefronts by filling them with thriving individuals, commerce and families of all kinds.

We're on the Web
www.cnnc-pgh.org

Sign up to receive bi-monthly e-newsletter and access the newsletter archive.

Access important information including:
CNNC Community Plan
Property Reserve Program
Committee Overviews for Development & Safety

Have a question about CNNC or the neighborhood?
Get an answer by contacting
info@cnnc-pgh.org
412.465.0192

JOBSTART EMPLOYMENT/RESOURCE FAIR



Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle and Representative Jake Wheatley are joining forces to develop a full service City-wide resource and employment fair for individuals who are both underemployed and unemployed.

Saturday, October 13, 2012

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Point Park University
Student Activities Center
300 Wood Street, 5th Floor
Downtown Pittsburgh

For more information, contact Harry Johnson at
412-255-2134

President's Message (continued)

Communication

- Significantly increased our communication efforts through the use of weekly email updates and more efficient quarterly newsletters in print and electronic format
- Act as a communication conduit for issues such as the permit parking process and property reassessments
- Rolled out the 'Welcome, Neighbor to Neighbor' program of outreach to new owners and renters in the Central Northside

Fundraising

- Raised over \$2,000 from our first participation in The Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving
- Awarded Google for Non-Profits package which enabled us to upgrade our email, phone and file storage systems for free
- Created a lucrative line of fundraising products like the Allegheny City flags and Street Names posters to broaden our funding base and promote civic pride
- Received over \$11,000 of security and surveillance equipment from Vector Security which will be deployed throughout the neighborhood

I hope to maintain Chris' momentum as your Board continues to move the CNNC forward! I welcome your comments and questions at President@cnnc-pgh.org.

Barbara Talerico
President
Central Northside Neighborhood Council

Meet the new CNNC Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Barbara Talerico - President
Randi Marshak - Vice President
David Shlapak - Treasurer
Arthur James - Secretary

Steve Adams
Colleen Bender
Anthony Cabral
Chris D'Addario
Patrick Dexter

Brian Kaminski
Joe Mansfield
Andrew Wickesberg
Craig Worl

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August 2012

Not CNNC events - but worth checking out!

August 18th, 1-3 PM

Millionaire Scavenger Hunt
Allegheny Branch of Carnegie Library
Register by August 11th

August 18th, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Back to School Bash
North Side Institutional Church
302 West North Avenue
412-231-5683

Saturday, September 8th (free)

City of Asylum Pittsburgh
Jazz Poetry Concert &
Writers-in-the-Gardens
For more information & to register:
www.cityofasylumpittsburgh.org

Summer Evening Music Series - FREE

Tuesdays, August 7th & 21st
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Buhl Community Park
Presented by Allegheny City Society

FREE Healthy Cooking Demonstration

12:15 PM - Tuesdays and Fridays throughout
the summer
Buhl Community Park
Presented by the Children's Museum of
Pittsburgh

Solar Concert Series

Wednesdays in August; 12:15 – 1:00 PM
Buhl Community Park
Presented by the Children's Museum of
Pittsburgh

**Check out new and ongoing activities
at other great community resources:**

Allegheny YMCA

412.321.8594
www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org



**Children's Museum of
Pittsburgh**

www.pittsburghkids.org

The Mattress Factory

www.mattress.org



Mattress Factory
art you can get into



New Hazlett Theater

www.newhazletttheater.org

National Aviary



www.aviary.org