

A scenic view of a city, likely Pittsburgh, with a river and a yellow bridge. In the foreground, a tree with vibrant pink blossoms stands out against a backdrop of green foliage. The city skyline is visible in the distance under a hazy sky.

on the mount

April - June 2016
Spring Issue

***Spring Events
Upcoming Projects and more!***

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Become A Member

All residents, property owners and business owners in Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights who are interested in supporting the mission of the MWDCDC are invited to become members.

Membership is FREE. mwcdc.org/membership or 412.481.3220 x201

Community Forums

Community Forums are held on the third Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:00 PM at the Mount Washington Senior Center located at 122 Virginia Avenue.

All Community Forums are open to the public.

April 21 | May 19 | June 16

Committees

The MWDCDC hosts multiple bi-monthly volunteer committees to review projects and serve as a first point of contact for public review and approval. They provide advice to MWDCDC board and staff on internal development projects, community planning and other issues as necessary. Committee members commit to attend 75% of the meetings in a calendar year to maintain committee voting privileges. All committee meetings are open to the public. See the Community Calendar for dates.

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The Mount Washington Community Development Corporation's mission is to bring together residents and business owners to cultivate growth, development, and investment toward an even stronger and more livable community. We are a non-profit, catalyst organization, seeking to inspire, nurture, and transform our neighborhood.



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A note from Breen Masciotra, Board President

Over the past several months, the Board and staff of MWCDC have been working closely together to plan for a year packed with projects and events. I want to share just a few highlights of the many projects that we are working on this year. Our Economic Development PULSE Fellow is working hard to bring resources to our business districts, including an exciting opportunity to participate in a Next Three Days event, which will be hosted in partnership with the Urban Redevelopment Authority, Next Pittsburgh, and the Hilltop Alliance. We continue to make progress on implementing MWCDC's 10-year Housing Strategy through strategic, quality housing rehabs, and to interface with developers who are interested in participating in the bright future of the Mount. We are continuing our work with the City to beautify Grandview Avenue for residents and visitors. Along with our partners, we will continue to ensure that Emerald View Park reaches its full potential as the City's newest regional park. Through our partnership with the City of Pittsburgh and many others, this year will bring new trails, new educational events, new plantings, and new capital improvements to our park spaces.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our 2016 funders, whose support is critical to our success: Allegheny County Conservation District, Colcom Foundation, City of Pittsburgh Community Development Block Grant, Duquesne Light, Laurel Foundation, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, PNC Foundation, Richard King Mellon Foundation, servePGH Love Your Block, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh, UPMC, Urban Redevelopment Authority.

Thank you to all of our past and present members, partners, and supporters here's to you, and here's to another year!

Yours truly,

Breen



Spring is on its way to the Mount!



4|04 Neighbors on the Mount Public Meeting

6 pm at the Grandview Bakery. More info: visit "Neighbors on the Mount" on Facebook or pwhite1832@gmail.com

4|04, 5|02, 6|06

Free Coffee

The Well Church will serve free coffee at the Monongahela Incline from 7:30-9 AM.

**4|05, 4|12, 4|19, 4|26, 5|03,
5|10, 5|17, 5|24, 5|31, 6|07,
6|14, 6|21, 6|28**

Baby & Me Storytime

Every Tuesday from 11 AM-12 PM at the Mount Washington Carnegie Library at 315 Grandview Avenue. More info: (412) 381-3380 or mtwashing-
ton@carnegielibrary.org.

**4|05, 4|12, 4|19, 4|26, 5|03,
5|10, 5|17, 5|24, 5|31, 6|07,
6|14, 6|21, 6|28**

ReddBuds Gardening

Join the Mt. Washington ReddBuds for gardening projects around the community every Tuesday from 10 AM – 12 PM. Check mwcdc.org/reddbuds for updated locations.

**4|07, 4|14, 4|21, 4|28, 5|05,
5|12, 5|19, 5|26, 6|02, 6|09,
6|16, 6|23, 6|30**

Toddler & Preschooler Storytime

Every Thursday from 11 AM-12 PM at the Mount Washington Carnegie Library at 315 Grandview Avenue. More info: (412) 381-3380 or mtwash-
ington@carnegielibrary.org.

4|09 Urban EcoSteward Training

Spring trail maintenance training from 10 AM-12 PM, held by the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. For more info and

to register, please visit pittsburghparks.org/urbanecostewards.

4|13 Emerald View Park Happy Hour Benefit

5.30 – 7 pm. Bigam Tavern \$10 Suggested Donation. Contact kathryn@mwcdc.org or call 412-481-3220x200.

4|15 & 16

Spring Redd Up

Grandview Avenue Clean-up. Contact judith@mwcdc.org or call 412-481-3220x204 for more info and to participate.

4|16 & 17

Neighbors on the Mount Spring Redd Up Volunteer Event.

For more info visit "Neighbors on the Mount" on Facebook.

4|21, 5|19, 6|16

Community Forum

Join our monthly Community Forum from 7-9 PM at the Mount Washington Senior Center, 122 Virginia Avenue. Forums are open to the public. More info: mwcdc.org/forums, (412) 481-3220 or info@mwcdc.org.

4|24 Saint Mary of the Mount Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

At the LeMont. Please call 412-431-4064 for tickets.

5|10 Venture Outdoors Tyke Hike

Nature Art in Grandview Park from 10-11.30 am. Weather permitting. Pre-registration requested but not required. Tyke Hikes are recommended for children ages 0-5 and their parents or caregivers. More info and to register: ventureoutdoors.org

5|11 Park & Conservation Committee Meeting

The MW CDC Park and Conservation Committee will meet at 301 Shiloh Street at 5.30 PM. More info: Kathryn Hunninen, kathryn@mwcdc.org (412) 481-3220x200.

5|14 Love Your Block Volunteer Event

Join us to beautify Grandview Park, from 10:00am-2:00pm. To register, contact Judith Koch, judith@mwcdc.org (412) 481-3220x204.

5|14 Venture Outdoors West End

Join local historian John McNulty on a 2-3 mile hike from 10 am – 2 pm that will explore the area of the little known West End Park. More info and to register: ventureoutdoors.com

5|16 Public Safety Council Meeting

The Zone 3 Public Safety Council Meeting is held at 6 PM at the Zone 3 Police Station located at 830 War-
rington Avenue on the 4th floor.

5|25, 7|27

Economic Development Committee Meeting

The MW CDC Economic Development Committee will meet at 301 Shiloh Street at 6pm. More info: Laura Gural-
nick, laura@mwcdc.org (412) 481-3220x205.

6|04 Friends of Grandview Park Planting Day

9 am at Grandview Park entry garden. Join the Friends of Grandview Park for their annual planting of the flower beds. Please bring your gloves and tools if you have them. Donations of flowers are always welcome.

6|08 Emerald View Park Dog Hike

Join MW CDC for a stroll through Emerald View Park with your canine companion while learning about the basic wild flowers and tress Mt. Washington has to offer! Meet at Olympia Dog Park at 5:30pm, the hike will approx. last one hour. More info: Judith Koch, judith@mwcdc.org (412) 481-3220x204.

Share Your Events and Advertise Your Business in On The Mount!

2016 Submission Deadlines:

April - June Edition
Due Tuesday, March 1, 2016

July - September Edition
Due Tuesday, May 31, 2016

October - December Edition
Due Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Find more info at mwcdc.org/OTM
or email info@mwcdc.org

Pittsburgh City Side Yard Sales Program

If your home borders a vacant lot, the City of Pittsburgh's Side Yard Sales Program may help you to buy that lot and make it your own. In doing so, you will not only increase the size and value of your property, but you will also enhance the appearance of our entire neighborhood.

Eligibility Criteria:

- You must own the property (no more than 2 units) that directly borders (either on the side, front or rear) the vacant lot.
- All taxes and water and sewage bills on the properties you already own must be current.
- You must not have any outstanding Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections violations.
- You must be able to provide evidence of liability insurance coverage for the lot once acquired.

Further Considerations:

- Based on its square footage and/or terrain, the lot must be deemed unsuitable for erecting a freestanding building, as determined by the City.
- The lot must be publicly owned. If, however, it is not publicly owned but is tax delinquent, you may request that the City seize the property in a Treasurer's Sale. If successful, the lot may then become eligible for the Side Yard Sales Program.

Acquisition Process:

- You must complete and return the Request to Purchase Form from the Department of Finance: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/finance/about-real-estate>.
- The City will determine whether or not the lot you request is available and eligible under this program. If the lot is not already publicly owned, you may request the City to acquire it in a Treasurer's sale, however this may add 1-2 years to the acquisition process.
- The City will certify that you are not responsible for any outstanding taxes, water or sewage bills.
- You will then enter into a lease/purchase agreement with the City. The required down payment and lease costs total \$201.00.
- You may begin using and maintaining the lot immediately (although you may not make any permanent improvements yet).
- While you are leasing the lot, the City of Pittsburgh and City Source will begin the process necessary to clear the title to the property. This usually takes up to 18 months from start to finish.
- When the title has been cleared the City of Pittsburgh will arrange a closing date. At that time, you will need approximately \$200.00 to cover closing costs, deed recording fees and transfer taxes.
- Before you begin making any permanent improvements you must own the property and you must make sure that your plans comply with the City's Zoning Ordinance. Call the Zoning Department at 412-255-2246 to find out what will be required.
- If you and a neighbor are both interested in purchasing the same lot, you will be required to bid for the property. The minimum bid offer is \$250.00.
- All applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL the City of Pittsburgh Finance Department at 412-255-2300

MWCDC and Friends of
Grandview Park present:

LOVE YOUR BLOCK VOLUNTEER EVENT

Please join us on Saturday, May 14, 2016
from 10 am - 2 pm

at the Grandview Park Playground,
part of Emerald View Park.

To donate building materials or
plants and to register as a
volunteer, please contact
Judith Koch at
judith@mwcddc.org or
call 412-481 3220x204.

Love Your Block is a
partnership
between the City of Pittsburgh
and People's
Gas to revitalize Pittsburgh
- block by block.



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We are happy to announce that the MWCDC and the Friends of Grandview Park received the City's Love Your Block grant for Spring 2016!

We will be building planter boxes out of reclaimed wood and recycled materials to beautify the playground area and make it more interesting and inviting for visitors.

The planter boxes will be interactive to play with by adding some fun to the playground. For that we are partnering with the kids from **Brashear's ALEC, Venture Outdoors** and the **Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse** who will be building the interactive play features out of recycled materials together with the kids during the event.

Additionally we will be cleaning up litter in the Park and planting flowers in the planter boxes.

We are looking for contributions from the community:

- food and refreshments for volunteers
- materials like wood, screws and nails, paint, brushes etc. (preferably materials that are still good but you would otherwise throw away or store in that dark basement corner)
- plants or money for plants
- tools to borrow
- your creative ideas and/or handy(wo)man skills and
- your help spreading the word to the community and participation at the LYB event!

Please contact Judith Koch by Friday, April 29th if you want to contribute to this event! Here is a big THANK YOU in advance!





FREE

Business Financing Workshop

For existing and start-up businesses.
Sponsored by Economic Development South, Hilltop Alliance
and Mt. Washington Community Development Corp.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 • 9:00 AM
12 Boggs Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211

Learn about:

- Types of small business loans
- Successful loan application strategies
- Personal credit requirements
- Public and non-profit lending resources
- Business planning assistance


To make your reservation, call:

Jami Gregg
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The specialized purchase-rehabilitation mortgage product, also known as the **Community Acquisition and Rehabilitation Loan (CARL)**, combines a mortgage loan and a rehabilitation loan to allow you to purchase a home and make the renovations that suite your lifestyle. It simplifies the financing process for the purchase and rehabilitation of a property by reducing the cost, time and complexity of obtaining multiple loans; creates an opportunity for homeownership while simultaneously allowing individuals and families to affordably make modern, energy-efficient repairs to create the home of their dreams; and only requires a 5% down payment and no mortgage insurance.

For more information about the program:

Samuel K Su, PCRG Manager of Strategic Initiatives at ssu@pcrg.org or (412) 391x6732 x210

Laura Guralnick, MWDC Economic Development Director at laura@mwcdc.org or (412) 481-3220 x205



Thomas and Shawn out in the Park with MWDC Park Manager, Judith.

Thank you and good luck, Thomas and Shawn!

This spring we bid farewell to Thomas Guentner and Shawn Taylor, who have been with the MWDC since the Emerald Trail Corps' first season in 2011. Thomas, as the Emerald Trail Corps Project Manager, has been instrumental in on-the-ground implementation of the Emerald View Park Master Trail Plan. Shawn, as the Emerald Trail Corps Leader, led crews of 612 adults working on trail construction and ecological restoration work. In addition, both were valued teammates on MWDC's house renovation projects. We thank them both for their service to the organization and the community. We also wish them the best of luck in their new positions with Landforce, the regionwide workforce development/land stewardship organization based upon the work of the Emerald Trail Corps. We will welcome Thomas and Shawn back this summer, as MWDC plans to hire a Landforce crew in Emerald View Park to conduct trail work.



**16 Southern Avenue
Mt. Washington
(412) 488-8708**



Next Meeting:

Monday, April 4th, 2016
at 6:00 PM
at Grandview Bakery
on Shiloh Street.

Spring Redd Up:

April 16th & 17th
E-mail or visit our Facebook
page for more info!

For More Information:

Facebook Page "Neighbors on
the Mount" or Paul Whiteside
Pwhite1832@gmail.com,
412-491-3966.

Neighbors on the Mount:

A New Volunteer Action Group

Mission: *Neighbors on the Mount* is a volunteer action group to help improve quality of life, public safety, and community connections in Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights. All residents and business owners interested in building a stronger community are invited to participate.

Vision: We see the Mount as a true community – where people, know, care for, challenge and engage each other, as well as take pride in the unique beauty and potential of Mount Washington, creating a greater life together.

Who Yinz Gonna Call?

In an emergency, call 911 immediately from any wired or wireless phone. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance.

Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime, especially if it is in progress
- Motorized vehicles, hunting and dumping in the Park
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
- A medical emergency, requiring immediate medical attention

Important: If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 911 and letting the call-taker determine whether or not you need emergency help.



The City's 311 Response Center can answer questions about programs and services provided by the City of Pittsburgh; register non-emergency concerns about quality of life and public safety issues; and take your comments and direct them to the appropriate city departments.

Examples include:

- **Potholes on Your Street** – use the online map to pinpoint a location and add the coordinates to your submission
- **Dead Animals** on your street or in Emerald View Park
- **Hazards on the Trails**, such as a downed trees or landslides
- **Hazardous sidewalks or stairs** in the community



Dial 3-1-1 from any phone



Visit pittsburghpa.gov/311/form



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EMERALD VIEW PARK

HAPPY
HOUR

APRIL 13, 2016
5.30 - 7 PM

BIGHAM TAVERN
321 BIGHAM STREET
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
MWDCD.ORG/HAPPYHOUR



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JOIN THE MWDCD'S PARK & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

THE P&C COMMITTEE
MEETS ON THE 2ND
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY
OTHER MONTH AT 5:30
PM IN THE MWDCD
OFFICE AT 301 SHILOH
STREET.

UPCOMING DATES:

MAY 11

JULY 13

SEPTEMBER 14

NOVEMBER 9

JOIN THE P&C
COMMITTEE ON HIKES
THROUGH EMERALD
VIEW PARK IN BETWEEN
MEETINGS!

UPCOMING HIKES:

JUNE 8TH

AUGUST 10TH

OCTOBER 12TH

DECEMBER 14TH

FOR MORE INFO VISIT MWDCD.ORG/PCCOMMITTEE



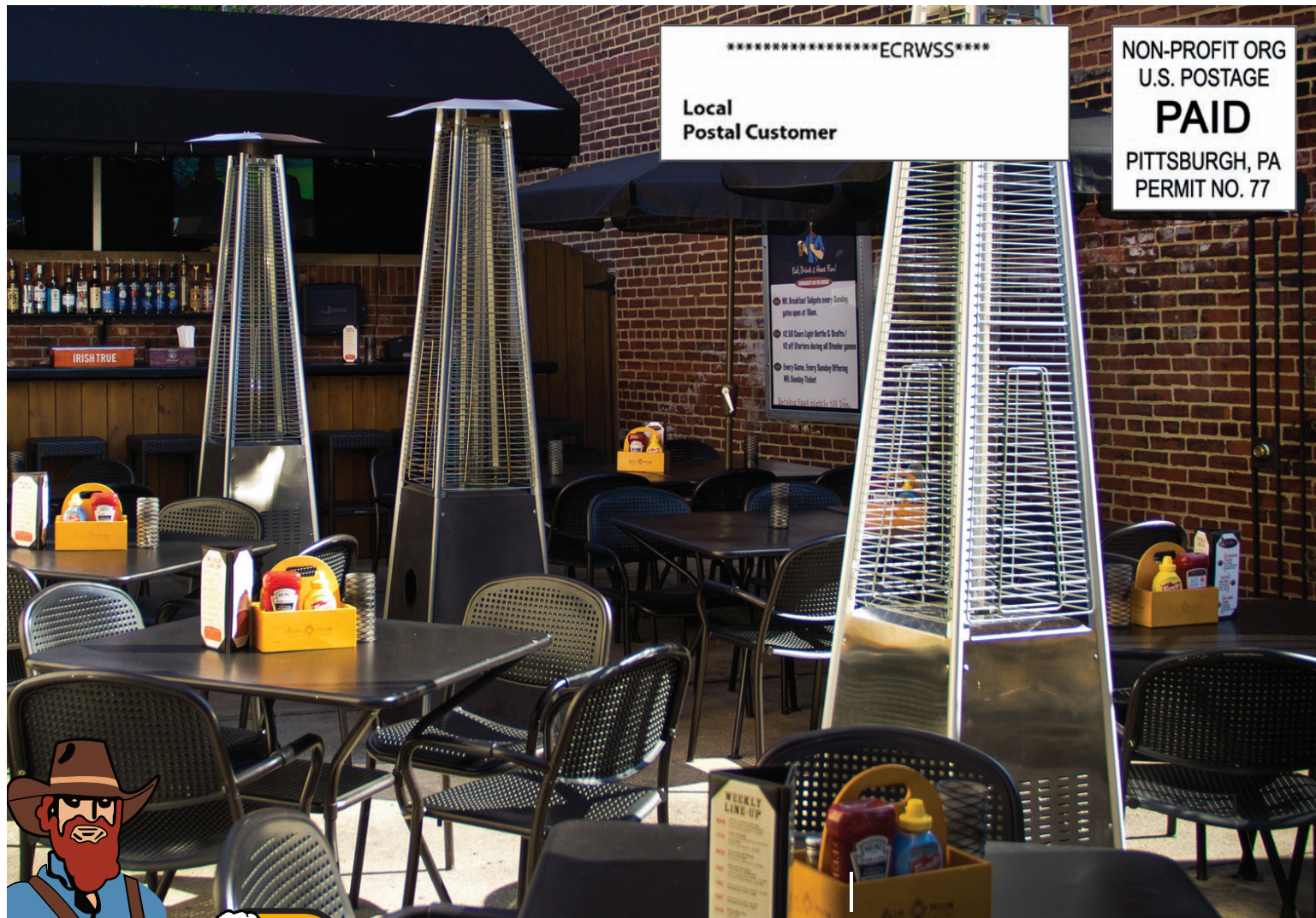
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Emerald View Park 2016 Updates

We are looking forward to a great year of events and projects in Emerald View Park. Here are some of the highlights of what's to come:

- New trail connections to Oneida Street and the fort at Bradley Woods.
- Pedestrian/trail improvements on the southern end of Sweetbriar, Wyola, and Shaler Streets.
- Investment by the City of Pittsburgh in the Olympia Park building.
- Love Your Block playground beautification project with the Friends of Grandview Park and other partners.
- Ecological restoration work in Mount Washington (Dilworth) Park and the Saddle off of Sycamore Street.
- Trail naming process for the Emerald View Park trail system.
- Numerous events, outings, and volunteer opportunities!

If you would like more information about Emerald View Park, projects, or volunteer opportunities, please visit mwcdc.org or contact kathryn@mwcdc.org or 4124813220 x200.



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