

REGENT SQUARE

CIVIC ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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RSCA August

Meeting Minutes

RSCA Board Meeting Recap
Monday, August 6, 2007, 7 PM

- ✓ Missing mail
- ✓ Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club
- ✓ 2008-2010 Board Elections
- ✓ More tree planting
- ✓ Inclusion in Shady Avenue magazine

Join us in September

- ✓ 2008-2010 Board slate
- ✓ Halloween Party
- ✓ *Supporting Member* category
- ✓ Underwriting Newsletter issues
- ✓ Grand (Re)Opening of the Frick Park Clay Courts

All this and more at the RSCA Board Meetings, Monday, September 10th, 2007, 7PM at the Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave. (meeting moved due to holiday)

Submit your nominations for 2008-2010 RSCA Board Term.

Nomination form can be found on page 3.

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The voice of the Regent Square Civic Association (RSCA),
a not-for-profit 501(c)4 volunteer-led community organization,
serving Regent Square's diverse residential and business community.

Annual Halloween Party

Saturday, October 27, Dress-Up Fun for Kids

The annual Regent Square Civic Association Children's Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007, 2- 4PM at the Wilkins School Community Center at 7604 Charleston. The party is designed for children 12 and under, although older children may also participate and are welcome. There will be refreshments and treats available. Photos will also be taken of the children in their costumes for you to take home and remember the day. The children can enjoy games, crafts, and just an afternoon of good old fashioned fun for all.

The Regent Square Civic Association is actively looking for volunteers to help organize and staff the event. Please contact Maureen States at Neighborhood Realty Services, 412-241-4700 ext 11 or send an e-mail to maureenstates@neighborhoodrealtyservices.net. Thank you for helping to make this event a success. ■

Our Apologies

Checks Lost in a Moment

Several of you have contacted us asking why we have not cashed your checks. We are so grateful that you took the time to let us know, because, after some investigation, we discovered that an entire pile of mail had been stored for us in a location other than our normal box at the WSCC.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and want you to know that we have taken steps to ensure this does not happen again. We take our duties very seriously as Board members and we want you to have the utmost confidence in our practices.

Any checks which have been received by us have been deposited to our account. If you have written a check which has not yet been cashed, please contact our Treasurer, Kathleen D. Schneider, at kds.law@verizon.net. Thank you for your support. ■

Attention All Crafters

WSCC on the Lookout

The Wilkins School Community is hoping for new and different crafts this year at the Holiday Gift Shop at the WSCC, Nov. 30 through Dec. 15. This is your chance to sell the things that you make and to enjoy the comradery of fellow crafters. The WSCC is looking for local people who make quality crafts, cook or bake yummy food, enjoy planning the event, or would like to be involved in any way. They are always looking for new ideas and willing minds and hands.

All information is on the Center's website at www.wscppgh.org. Please call Judy at 412-241-8126 with comments or questions. Please spread the word, too. ■

Grand (Re)opening of Frick Park Tennis Courts

Tennis Tournament to be held here once again

After relocating the event to Schenley Park five years ago, the Pittsburgh Citiparks Tennis program has decided that the historic clay courts at Frick Park will host the 2007 Paul G. Sullivan Tennis Championship this September 16-23. The return to Regent Square of this well-known tournament is due to the recent revitalization efforts carried out this summer by the Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club, a new non-profit, volunteer-based organization, with the approval and support of City officials. Now in its 87th year, this traditional tournament is open to all adult players 18 years and older. For information and applications, call 412-244-4188.

To celebrate the new look and much improved condition of the tennis courts, the Tennis Club will organize a **Grand (Re)Opening Party** on Thur., Sept. 13 at 5pm until dusk (raindate: Fri. Sept. 14) with the help of Citiparks Tennis, the Regent Square Civic Association and several local businesses. All tennis lovers, and Regent Square residents, businesses and other organizations are invited. Come and participate in many fun activities including tennis clinics (free with donations accepted) led by Citiparks tennis pros. Children are welcome. For more information or to volunteer to help with the courts' restoration, visit <http://redclayfrick.googlepages.com/> or email redclayfrick@gmail.com. ■

Film Lovers Unite

Three Rivers Film Festival

Pittsburgh Filmmakers is proud to announce that the 26th Annual Three Rivers Film Festival (3RFF) will be held November 2-15, 2007. The Festival showcases documentary, international, independent, shorts, and classic cinema, while celebrating film with various parties and special events throughout the city. Over the two weeks, Filmmakers screens films at the Harris Theater downtown, the Melwood Screening Room in Oakland, and our own local Regent Square Theater.

Call for Film Festival Volunteers: Pittsburgh Filmmakers and the RSCA 3RFF Committee are looking for volunteers to assist with the Festival. During the festival, volunteers are vital to its success, doing everything from distributing programs to selling t-shirts, all in exchange for free festival admission. If interested in becoming a film festival volunteer, or for more information on the 3RFF, please contact ann@pghfilmmakers.org or call 412-681-5449. ■

Contributions: This edition was edited by Jared Delaney with help from Alina Keebler. The layout was completed by Alana Rykala. Thanks go to community members who contributed articles or information for the newsletter. This month, they include:

- Maureen States – Halloween Articles
- Kathleen Schneider – Apologies
- Judy Werner – WSCC Crafts
- Mary Louise Travers – WSCC items
- Melita Osborne – Scouts
- Dan McKinley – Bridge Nights
- Jose Mieres – Tennis at Frick
- Ann Turiano – Film Festival
- Matthew Weissberg – Ecology Week
- Mary Kilgour – Church Open House
- Barbara Lee – Charter School

The RSCA welcomes the submission of articles and calendar events to this Newsletter. Deadline for submission is the first Monday of each month for the next month's issue. Submission does not guarantee publication. The RSCA reserves the right to decline any submission or to edit it for style, length and/or content. For detailed submission guidelines, visit www.regentsquare-RSCA.org, or email newsletter@regentsquare-RSCA.org or call 371-2010 for a copy.

Events Calendar

Mon. 10-Sep-2007 | 7PM

RSCA Community Meeting

Regular monthly meeting (moved to 2nd Monday due to Labor Day).

Location: Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave

Info: To request an agenda item, call 412-371-2010 or president@regentsquare-RSCA.org

Sun. 16-Sep -2007 □ Sun. 23-Sep-2007

Paul G. Sullivan Tennis

Championships

87th annual event returns to Frick courts. Grand Court (Re)Opening celebration on Thu. 13-Sep. 5 PM-dusk. All are welcome.

Location: Clay tennis courts at S. Braddock Ave. and Biddle

Info: on tournament & registration: 412-244-4188 and info on Opening: redclayfrick@gmail.com

Tue. 18- Sep -2007 | 5:30-6:30PM

RSCA Business Networking Group Meeting

Regular monthly meeting for all storefront and home-based businesses and nonprofits in Regent Square.

Location: Drew Designs Ltd., 1039 S. Braddock Ave.

Info: Cathy Brennan, 412-242-7785, cathy@acappellamktg.com

Mon. 1-Oct-2007 | 7PM

RSCA Community Meeting

Regular monthly meeting

Location: Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave

Info: To request an agenda item, call 412-371-2010

Sat. 6-Oct-2007 | 9AM-12PM

Food Drive

Non-perishable food donations collected every first Saturday of the month. Drop off items at church office entrance.

Location: Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church 905 Mifflin Ave., corner of Mifflin and Whitney

Submit Nominations for 2008-2010 Board Term

Upcoming RSCA Board Elections

For the 2008-2010 term, there are four open seats on the RSCA Board of Directors. In accordance with the RSCA By-Laws, two of the four seats must be vacated by current Board members who have already served two terms. The Nominating Committee seeks nominations for individuals with energy, skills and ideas to assist in directing and implementing the mission and activities of the RSCA. The existing Board asks that all nominees agree to be committed to the organization. This includes attending monthly Board meetings and agreeing to chair or be active in one or more committees. The Board has identified specific needs in the areas of communications and graphic design, community design/planning, financial operations and volunteer recruitment. However, all committed individuals are valuable. A member of the Nominating Committee will contact each nominee before finalizing the slate of nominees.

The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, September 7, 2007. You may submit your nominations by:

- email: send your response to the items below to president@regentsquare-rsca.org, or
- U.S. mail: Carrie Webber, RSCA President, Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave, or.
- drop off: Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave.

You may print another copy of this Nominations form from the RSCA website, www.regentsquare-RSCA.org.

From the submitted nominations, the current RSCA Board will vote on a slate of candidates during the September 10th Board Meeting. Finally, Election Ballots, including candidate profiles, will be available in the October newsletter and online at www.regentsquare-RSCA.org. If you have questions, call Carrie Webber at 412-371-2895. ■

RSCA Board Nominations 2008-2010 Term

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Home Phone Number _____

Nominee's Address _____

Nominee's E-mail Address _____

Nominee's Municipality Edgewood Pittsburgh Swissvale Wilkinsburg

Nominee's Relevant Experience/Skills

Two or three reasons why you believe Nominee would make a good RSCA Board Member

Person Submitting Nomination _____

Submit your nomination by September 7th!

- Fold form on dotted lines,
- Tape shut,
- Add \$0.41 postage,
- Drop in the mail.

Regent Square Civic Association
Attn: Board Nominations
7604 Charleston Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1265

RSCA Membership Form

2007

[Feel free to make copies of this membership form]

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
- or -
Business Name _____
Business Owner _____
Alt. Rep. _____
Website _____

Support the efforts of the RSCA through your dues and/or a donation of your choice.

- _____ Resident @ \$ 10.00
- _____ 1 Business @ \$ 25.00
- _____ 1 Donation @ \$ _____

Please send in this form with your check (payable to RSCA) to:
RSCA Membership
7604 Charleston Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Address _____
City | State | Zip _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____

- Add me to the RSCA E-mail List**
- Contact me to discuss:** _____

Contact information is not shared with other organizations | Membership year runs Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st - dues received after Oct. 1st will be attributed to the following year | Membership dues are not tax-deductible as a charitable Contribution; however, may be deductible as an expense incurred in connection with a trade or business | For membership info: 412-371-2010 or membership@regent-square.org

Ecology Week at the WSCC

October 4th at 7:00pm

The first week of October is Ecology Week at the Wilkins School Community Center (WSCC). On Thurs., October 4th at 7PM, the WSCC hosts Penn Environment's slide presentation "An Inconvenient Truth." The show, made famous in the movie by the same name and by Al Gore, describes the possibility of a major catastrophe hitting the entire planet in the near future...and what we can do to stop it from happening. A question and answer session, free to all members of the community, follows the 1-hour presentation.

Sat., October 6th features more ecology-focused activities at the WSCC from 10AM-2PM. This family-friendly event includes educational appearances from non-profit organizations from Western Pennsylvania, including Grow Pittsburgh, Nine Mile Run, the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP), and the Frick Environmental Center. The event, which also features activities for small children, is a great opportunity to learn about urban gardens, rain collection, air quality, and other environmental topics and volunteer opportunities.

As a part of its ecology awareness efforts, the WSCC is also looking for new plants. Are you planning on separating your perennials? On Saturday, October 6th, bring us your hostas, day lilies, black-eyed susans, peonies or any other new or grown plants and bulbs. Donated flowers will be planted in front of the WSCC on Charleston Ave. ■

Mifflin Avenue

Open House Planned

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church will be having an "Open House" on September 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The Regent Square community is invited to one or all of these Sundays at 11:00AM. The Church offers a nursery during the service for infants to kindergarten and has a junior church for children in 1st to 3rd grades. A reception will be held after the service to meet and answer any questions. The Mifflin Ave. congregation describes itself as being of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" and assures that you will be warmly welcomed. For any questions or information, please call the church office at 412-731-2511. ■

Nine Mile Watershed Association

You Can Make a Difference □ Attend a Weekend of Information

Join the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association on September 7th & 8th for the State of the Watershed 2007. On Friday evening, discuss the past, present and future of Nine Mile Run with Congressman Mike Doyle and Professor Joel Tarr (reception will follow). On Saturday morning, learn more about the "State of the Nine Mile Run Watershed" and how you can make a difference in your watershed. This family-friendly session includes interactive workshops, presentations, and lunch. ■

Tickets for the events are:

Friday

Member \$35 ; Non-member \$40

Saturday

Member \$10 ; Non-member \$15

Friday & Saturday

Member \$40 ; Non-member \$50

Purchase your tickets on line at www.ninemilerun.org or send in a check payable to NMRWA to: 1400 South Braddock Ave – Suite D Pittsburgh, PA 15218



Scout Recruiting in Regent Square

First Pack Meeting Planned

Cub Scout Pack 23 will hold its new Scout recruiting event at the first Pack meeting on Thurs., September 20 at 6:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Boys entering 1st - 5th grades this fall are eligible to join. All Cub Scouts meet monthly (usually Thursdays) as a Pack at the church. Individual Dens are grouped by grade and meet in-between Pack meetings on mutually agreeable dates for parents and den leaders. In addition, the Pack has a monthly outing to places such as parks, zoo, aviary, bowling and more. The September Pack meeting will also include an orientation session for parents of the scouts. There is a one-time fee of \$20 to join. If you have questions, please call Melita Carter at 412-731-6097 evenings. ■

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Edgewood Home Delivered Meals is a service that is supported by the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood and run by the Eastern Area Adult Services. Any Edgewood or Swissvale resident who is unable to shop for or prepare meals during a period of recuperation or for a longer term is eligible to receive this service. Volunteers pick up the meals at the Swissvale Senior Center Monday through Fridays and deliver them to shut-ins. If you or a member of your family needs this kind of help, call 731-6125 and register with the director, Jodi Trovato.

Once again drivers and runners are needed to deliver the meals; please call Joy Goethert at 731-1640 or Jodi at the center if you can spare two hours once or twice a month. ■

Environmental Charter School at Frick Park...An Imagine School

Regent Square Charter School Updates

In January, the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education (PBE) voted to deny a charter for the Environmental Charter School at Frick Park. The Board of the Charter School unanimously voted to appeal that decision to the Pennsylvania Charter School Appeal Board (PCAB), gathering and submitting over 1,600 signatures from Pittsburgh residents who support the school, and then filing an appeal with the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. The Board thanks the more than 600 Regent Square residents who signed the petition and helped with this effort. On May 29, there was a hearing and the PBE did not contest the petition and signatures. Judge Michael Della Vecchia signed the petition order and forwarded it to PCAB. As of this date, PCAB has not given official notification of this appeal. Once this happens, the Appeal Board will set a date for a hearing and will have 90 days to make a decision to grant or deny the charter.

Under these circumstances, the Environmental Charter School cannot open in September 2007 as planned. The Board of the school remains confident that the charter will ultimately be granted and the school will open in the Fall of 2008 and has continued to meet regularly to develop a committee structure, review and accept bylaws, and prepare to move forward with staff recruitment immediately upon receipt of a positive outcome from the state.

The PBE is currently looking at the former Regent Square School with the purpose of renting 2/3 of the classrooms for the 2007-8 school year for the Early Childhood Program. The PBE has been given funding for this expanded program and needs the classroom space.

To keep current on information related to the school, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pgphenvironmentalcharter>. ■

Brush Up Your Bridge

Wilkins School Offers Game Night

Duplicate contract bridge is a fascinating card game played throughout the world in local club games, sectional and regional tournaments, and even on the internet. In Pittsburgh, duplicate bridge games are held every day of the week. Starting this Sept. 10th at the Wilkins School Community Center on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 PM, Regent Square residents Kathy Mulligan and Dan McKinley will coordinate duplicate bridge games designed for people who already know the rules but may not have played in a while. In addition to

the games themselves, they will review the basic rules of bidding, playing, and defending, as well as the proprieties of the game. They will help you brush up your game by dealing, bidding, playing, and scoring the hands, then discussing them afterwards.

Tell all your bridge friends to join in for the fun. Come alone or with a partner. For more information, contact Dan and Kathy at 412-243-3589 or McKINLdj@westinghouse.com. ■

Construction Junction

What's Your Function?

Construction Junction's mission is to support and promote conservation through the reuse of building materials. CJ, located at N. Lexington and Meade St. in Point Breeze, strives to keep usable building materials out of landfills and provide them to the community at very low cost. Construction Junction specializes in used and surplus building materials and is supported by Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), the oldest grass roots environmental organization in the state. The idea for CJ was developed by PRC, the Green Building Alliance and Conservation Consultants. A project of PRC, Construction Junction is funded in part by the Heinz Endowment and private contributions. For more information, visit www.constructionjunction.org/ ■



To contact the RSCA:

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