

REGENT SQUARE

CIVIC ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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Join us...

at our next RSCA meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston. Meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month, except over holidays. The next regular meeting will be on Dec. 6. Special annual membership meeting will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Map Room Grill & Bar, 1126 S. Braddock Ave.

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

RSCA Looks to its future

We need your input to move forward

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the RSCA Board will hold its annual retreat to evaluate 2010 initiatives, determine and prioritize the community's needs, plan activities for 2011 and set long-term goals. Of utmost importance will be assessing the volunteer time needed to accomplish these activities and goals. If you have ideas on what the RSCA should focus its energies on as well as if you want to volunteer your time to make sure that they come to fruition, please e-mail them to contact@regentsquare-RSCA.org or call current President Carrie Webber at 412-371-2895 by Dec. 1.

As the board reviews the organization's goals for 2011, it would like to consider input from the community. What do you think are the most important initiatives that the RSCA should spend its time and resources on? Please rank these in order of importance and return it to any RSCA Board Member. You can mail it, drop it off at the Wilkins School mailbox, bring it to the RSCA meeting on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Wilkins School, drop it off at the Annual RSCA Membership Meeting on Nov. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Map Room, or e-mail the list to contact@regentsquare-RSCA.org.

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RSCA Board Elections

Four residents vie for spots on the neighborhood panel

It's time once again to vote to appoint representatives to the Regent Square Civic Association board who will work to ensure we have an active and vibrant community.

The ballot for the 2011-2013 slate of nominations is included on page 3 of this newsletter. Please review the candidate profiles (on page 2), complete the ballot and return it to the RSCA by Nov. 15. There are three ways to cast your ballot: 1) Mail the ballot (to be received by the Nov. 15 deadline) as instructed on the back of the ballot form, 2) Turn in your ballot on Nov. 15 at the RSCA Annual Membership meeting, 6 to 8 p.m. at The Map Room on Braddock Avenue, or 3) Submit your ballot on Nov. 1 at the RSCA Board meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Wilkins School Community Center. ■

**MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION
FOR REGENT SQUARE RESIDENTS,
BUSINESS OWNERS & NON-PROFITS:**

To receive Regent Square notices between issues of this Newsletter, you can register for the:

- RSCA General Email List &/or
- RSCA Business Email List

Visit www.regentsquare-RSCA.org and follow the "RSCA Mailing Lists" links and instructions.

WWW.REGENTSQUARE-RSCA.ORG

Board Candidate Profiles

ALLISON ENGLISH

Wilkinsburg resident, 1.5 years

Since moving to Pittsburgh four years ago, I have made a priority of getting involved in the community. I am a member of the Planning Committee for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, as well as a member of the Advocacy Committee of Zonta Three Rivers North Pittsburgh. I have started an alumni club here for my alma mater, Clemson University, and I serve as president of the club. I have been accepted into the Leadership Development Initiative XVIII cohort, and I am excited to begin that endeavor in the fall. I am a passionate and dedicated individual, and I look forward to serving our neighborhood on the board.

TOM MONTGOMERY

Wilkinsburg resident, 30 years

Tom works as a manager of a builder owned mortgage company and is responsible for the financial success of his branch. He has been a member of the RSCA and enjoys running. Mike hopes to join the board in an effort to provide some input and structure to the future of the community.

DARRELL RAPP

Swissvale resident, 5 years

Darrell has had the honor to serve a three-year term on the RSCA board and wishes to continue contributing to the ongoing improvement of our neighborhood. His activities primarily included care and planting of existing and new street trees, and helping to establish the government liaison efforts of the RSCA. As a resident of Swissvale, he has established a positive working relationship with borough council and staff. It is through continuing and expanding these efforts that Darrell sees a growing strength and vitality of our neighborhood and business district.

MAGGIE SCHUETZ

Swissvale, Regent Square native

I grew up in Regent Square and have lived here off and on for most of my life. I lived on Richmond Street until I left for college in 1994. I moved back for a few years, then moved out West, then moved back permanently in 2002. Other than two years spent in Greenfield, I have lived here ever since. I currently live in the Swissvale section of the Square with my husband and our two young daughters. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2005 and have spent the last 5 years working for a non-profit organization that provides legal services to the poor. Among the issues I would like to see the RSCA tackle are 1) ensuring that Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority fulfills its responsibility to preserve our brick streets; 2) working with Swissvale to modify its recycling program to make it easier for residents to comply with.

Contributions: This edition was edited by Virginia Linn and designed by Rebecca Doshi. Thanks go to community members who contributed articles or information for the newsletter. This month, they include:

- Alina Keeber – RSCA Plans Ahead and holiday toy drive
- Carrie Webber – Board Elections
- Melita Carter – Newsletter distribution

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.



REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION (RSCA)
 ▪ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2011-2013 TERM**
 ▪ **ELECTION BALLOT**

Only members of the Regent Square community who are 18 years old and over and have paid their 2010 RSCA Membership Dues as of October 1st, 2010 may vote in this election.

Please note that you have three opportunities to vote. You can complete this ballot and:

- mail it in to be received by the November 15st deadline as instructed on the back of this sheet; or
- turn in your ballot on November 15th at the RSCA Annual Membership meeting, 6-8 PM at The Map Room on Braddock Avenue ; or
- submit your ballot on November 1st at the RSCA Board meeting, 7-8 PM.

The RSCA will not accept unsigned ballots, because your name must be checked off against the 2010 Membership Roster for your ballot to be accepted. Ballots received after November 15st cannot be counted.

The RSCA Board of Directors consists of 12 members. RSCA Bylaws permit one-third of the Directors to be elected each year for a three-year term. Provided that votes are cast by at least 10% of the Members, the four individuals receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2011.

ELECTION BALLOT - ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

I, _____, being a member in good standing of the Regent Square Civic Association,
 (*print first and last name*)

hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as Directors for a three year period from January 1, 2011 to

December 31, 2013. I am signaling my selection by **checking up to 4** of the following candidates:

- Darrel Rapp (Swissvale resident)
- Allison English (Wilkinsburg resident)
- Tom Montgomery (Wilkinsburg resident)
- Maggie Schuetz (Swissvale resident)
- Write-in: _____

Name; City/Borough of Residence; Phone #

RSCA member's signature

2011 RSCA MEMBERSHIP

To become a new RSCA member or to renew your RSCA Membership for the 2011 Year so that you can vote in next year's election, please complete the form below and send it with your check (payable to the RSCA) to:

Regent Square Civic Association, 7604 Charleston Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218

_____ Individual(s) (adults/household) @ \$5 ea.	or	_____ 1 Regent Square Business @ \$15 ea.
Name _____		Business Name _____
Name _____		Businessperson / _____
Name _____		Alternate Rep. _____
		Website (if avail.) _____

Additional donation for Seasonal Lights in Business District: \$ _____ (*Suggested Donation of \$10, \$15 or \$25*)

(*Membership year runs Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st - membership dues are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution*)

Address, Municipality, Zip: _____
 Evening Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

- contact information is not shared with other organizations -

For further information, please call current RSCA President Carrie Webber at contact@regentsquare-RSCA.org

Holiday Toy Drive

Neighborhood's generosity tapped again for needy children

In past years, Regent Square residents and friends have shown their generosity by donating gifts during the holiday season for those not quite as lucky as they are. The RSCA, in partnership with Maureen States of Neighborhood Realty Services, would like to continue this tradition. Between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15, we are collecting gifts of all sorts to be distributed to children in need in the Pittsburgh area with the help of the Snap Program of Auberle, a local charitable agency. On Nov. 15, bring your gifts to the RSCA's Annual Open House to be held at the Map Room from 6 to 8 p.m. If you can't attend, you can drop them off at the Neighborhood Realty Services offices at 1028 S. Braddock Ave. Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Dec. 15.

Only **new, unwrapped items** can be accepted. **Avoid** toys stuffed with shredded foam, small pellets or beans; toys with detachable parts (like button eyes) that could be removed and swallowed or inhaled; electrical, spark-producing or friction-producing toys; toys that are fragile or brittle, made of glass or have sharp edges; toys or craft kits with toxic paints or glues; toys with parts that can pinch fingers or pull hair; toy guns and other violent toys. **Do consider** toys, books, action figures and dolls, card and board games; puzzles and activity books; and,

of course, building kits of all types for children from babyhood to teenagers.

Thanks in advance for your kindness and support! If you have any questions, please contact the RSCA at info@regentsquare-RSCA.org or call Maureen at (412) 241-4700.

Note: Neighborhood Realty Services also is holding its annual food drive for the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. You can drop off canned goods and non-perishable items (including cleaning and hygiene products) in the donation box on the front porch of the Neighborhood Realty Services offices any time between Nov. 15 and Dec. 18. ■

Special Thanks To Our Newsletter Volunteers

The Regent Square Civic Association takes this opportunity during the Holiday Season to thank every one of those who have helped this year to get this newsletter to you:

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RSCA future continued from p. 1

Here are some options:

- ___ Holding community building events (e.g., neighborhood yard sale, annual Open House, Welcome packet....)
- ___ Sponsoring children's activities (e.g., Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, ...)
- ___ Communicating with residents about neighborhood activities & issues (e.g., newsletter, website, email blasts)
- ___ Improving the business district (e.g., tree planting, tree lighting, trash cans...)
- ___ Promoting the neighborhood and business district (e.g., business directory, Welcome Packet,)
- ___ Working on neighborhood improvement projects (e.g., litter clean up, flower planting, home improvement workshop...)
- ___ Maintaining public/ neighborhood/ pedestrian safety
- ___ Facilitating communication with and among the 4 municipalities
- ___ Encouraging communication with and action from elected officials and government agencies
- ___ Working with local non-profit organizations (e.g., Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Nine Mile Run Watershed Assoc....)
- ___ Having a strong and active community organization and board

Getting The Newsletter To You!

Many hands help spread the Regent Square news

If you enjoy receiving this newsletter and you are not already one of the 70+ people who help to distribute it to each home in the Square, then consider volunteering to be the General Distributor. Eli Silk, who has been doing a super job of it for 2-1/2 years is moving soon, and we must find a replacement.

The job is easy and doesn't take much time. The printer delivers 1,800 copies to your home. You then break them down and drop off the appropriate number to 10 Zone Distributors. All you need is a covered area protected from the weather where the printer can drop off the newsletters. For more information -- or better yet -- to volunteer, contact Melita Carter at 412-731-6097. ■



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