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**Dear Dormont Residents, Business Owners and Visitors,**  
**Thank you for reading this Winter Time edition of the Dormont Newsletter. As it is the winter, it is also the end of a fiscal year for the Borough and the time when we get ready for a new budget beginning in January.**

As we have done since I began with the Borough, the Council and I worked through a budgeting process that is designed to be both comprehensive and transparent for our residents. We have held three different public workshops on the budget. The first, on October 13th, discussed expenditures; the second on October 22nd discussed capital improvements and Council made the decision to include a number of significant capital improvements, including significant street improvements including Potomac Avenue; resurfacing of the Veterans parking lot; and, as many as 15 alley resurfacings spread throughout the Borough; and, the third on November 10th discussed the Borough's revenues. I am pleased to be able to report that we are able to maintain the Borough's millage rate at 8.97 in 2015.

All of the detailed information provided to Council can be found on our website by going to the Calendar of Events and clicking on the Workshop dates. The end result of that is a budget for 2015 that will be approved by Council at their December 1, 2014 meeting. That budget should now be online on our website as well. I encourage you to familiarize yourself at least with my summary report to Council and the Budget in Brief, which is a quick way to get an overview of the total budget. And if you have any questions, please give me a call or come by to see me.

The beginning of the year will see a number of other projects coming to completion. First among these will be our Zoning Code rewrite. This is the first comprehensive look at our Zoning Code since 1995 and is required in order to bring our Zoning Code in line with the recently passed Comprehensive Plan. Speaking of that Plan, it won the PA Chapter of the American Planning Association's Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan, a very competitive award that signifies the quality of the Plan we adopted. Also finishing up early next year will be our general recodification. This takes our entire code and eliminates inconsistencies, corrects language that conflicts with State law and reorganizes in some cases to be clearer. The end result of this will be a fully searchable online code that replaces the .pdf document we have on our website now.

And as we end 2014, I wanted to note some improvements along West Liberty and Potomac Avenues in our business district. First, we were granted 88 LED streetlights along West Liberty by Duquesne Light. These have been installed and really provide a brighter, safer nighttime feel for West Liberty. In conjunction with that, we will be replacing the fixtures along Potomac Avenue to also be LED to also enhance that street. Not only are LED streetlights brighter and safer but they save the Borough anywhere from 10% to 20% of electricity costs each year. And we also will be lighting up

Potomac Avenue for the holidays. This will be our first year but we hope to improve on this each year as we go.

I hope that the progress we are making is benefiting you and your families and businesses. Please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. And until next time, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Jeff Naftal, Borough Manager

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LETTER FROM  
**SENATOR**  
**WAYNE FONTANA**

**As we approach a new calendar year, a new legislative session will begin in January, offering a fresh start for our Commonwealth. I want to remind constituents of the ways they can stay connected.**

I publish a weekly E-Newsletter that is emailed to constituents throughout the 42nd Senatorial District along with a monthly jobs listing. To sign up for the newsletters, go to [www.senatorfontana.com](http://www.senatorfontana.com), and enter your email address. The website also allows you to view news releases, watch Senate session live, download applications and forms and provides toll-free numbers to a variety of state departments.

As the General Assembly debates issues, I encourage you to weigh in with me to discuss matters of importance to you. I can be reached directly at [Fontana@pasenate.com](mailto:Fontana@pasenate.com). I represent all my constituents and your opinions are important so I look forward to receiving correspondence.

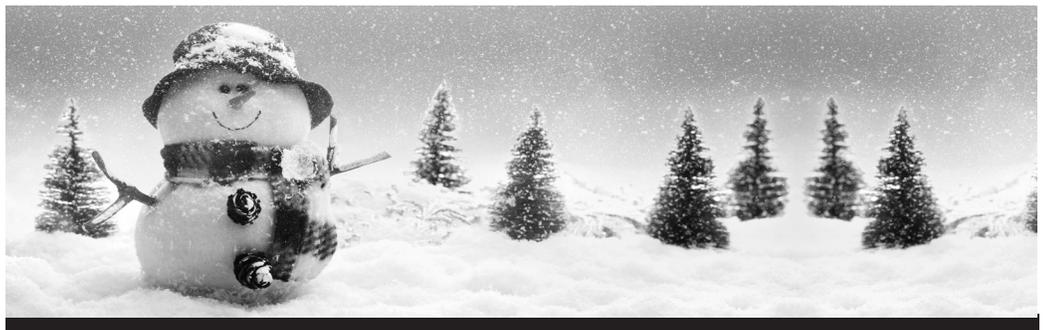
If you need assistance on a state matter, you can visit or call any one of my offices to receive full-service on a variety of items including: notary services; PennDOT issues; unclaimed property forms; tax forms; senior bus passes; and more.

**Most importantly, I want you to know that I and my staff are always available to assist you. Since my election in 2005, we have always made sure that any constituent who comes to us has their problem solved and if we can't solve the problem directly, we at least provide direction to get a solution.**



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## **Dormont residents may recall the tragic loss suffered last year by the Cummins family when their son Ryan took his life after battling mental illness for many years.**

Many of you likely followed Ian, Ryan's older brother, on his amazing journey walking across our country to raise mental health awareness. Ian shared his story and talked with thousands of people about the daily challenges people face when navigating our underfunded mental health system.

When Ian returned home, we were proud to welcome him and amplify his message about the need for a better mental health system. I was

honored to present Ian and his friend Jake Lusardi (who joined Ian about half way into his walk) with citations commemorating their tremendous accomplishment and in memory of their brother and friend. I was also very glad to meet their families who supported them every step of the way.

Disabilities and mental health continue to be major issues for me as state Representative. I have introduced several pieces of

legislation designed to improve and overhaul our system and to recognize the massive needs in these areas that are on the horizon. One example of this is House Bill 2267 which would create a statewide mental health bed registry to make sure that no one who seeks help at a hospital for a mental health issue goes home without a bed.

The reality is that our system is more than broken- it barely exists and we must do better.

## **DORMONT AARP**

### **Dormont AARP#3016 enjoyed a potluck dinner held after business at its November meeting.**

Dinners were prepared by members who volunteered their cooking talents! Our annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tues., December 2, at Peter's Place in Bridgeville. Both events are open only to members in good standing (i.e., paid-up dues members).

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!*

# A Note From THE MAYOR

## Greetings!

As we approach the winter season, I hope all had a wonderful fall.

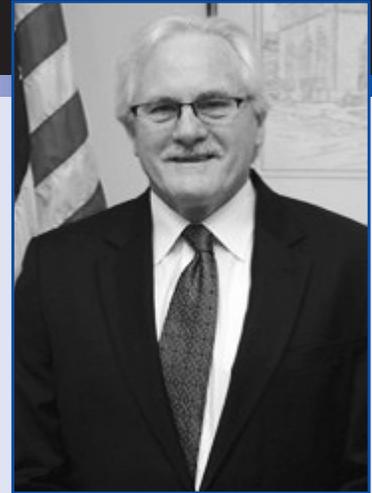
Earlier this fall we appointed a new Junior Councilperson. Conor Tokarsky was selected from Keystone Oaks High School to represent the school district and our community. Conor was sworn in and is currently attending council meetings. "Welcome Conor".

As the winter approaches it's important to remember to

dress warm and prepare for the snow... And IF it should snow this year, please remember to keep your sidewalk and steps clear of snow and ice and keep an eye on your neighbors who might need help.

With the months of December and January comes that time of year that includes these wonderful holidays: Hanukah, Christmas and New Year's. School will be out at times so watch for the children in your neighborhood.

The holiday season as you know, brings lots of vehicular traffic; be patient and careful. I would



like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Also, street sweeping is officially over until April of next year.

Be safe and courteous.  
Mayor Phil Ross

## Dormont Public Library

2950 West Liberty Avenue | Pittsburgh PA 15216 | 412-531-8754

*The Board and Staff of the Dormont Public Library would like to thank all of the local homeowners, businesses and musicians that supported the library with their efforts and generosity with our House Tour.*

The tour was a great success and we are looking forward to next year's tour that will feature homes that are over one hundred years old. We hope to have at least 10 homes for the tour. If you are interested in having your home showcased on our tour, please contact Cindy at 412-531-8754.

*We will be having a showing of "Under the Umbrella Tree", a documentary about the plight of children in Uganda, and their advocate, Nalongo Namusisi.*

We will be showing the documentary on December 17th at 7 pm. Please call the library at 412-531-8754 to register for the event. This film was directed by Leonard Lies of Dreamcatchers, Dormont.

*We are now accepting credit and debit cards. We hope that this will make paying fines and making purchases easier for our patrons.*

*We are offering one on one training on how to use the iPhone and iPad.*

These classes are free and you just have to call the library and set up an appointment that works for you. It is recommended that you bring your devices with you if you have them so that we can assist you in learning how to use them.

*Please check out our website for all of our upcoming events and give us your email addresses so that we can send you our newsletter.*



*We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season!*



# OFFICIAL ACTIONS

## JULY 7, 2014

- Approved payment of \$3,865.00 to repair the AC Unit at the Borough Hall.
- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for June, 2014, E. Motion to remove Fire Apparatus Operator Jeff Stakich from probationary status and give him permanent status [Recommended by Police Chief Bisignani and Borough Manager Naftal]., F. Motion to approve Payment #4 and Final for Niando Construction, Inc. for the 2013 Road Project for \$2,157.54, G. Motion to approve Payment #1 for Niando Construction, Inc. for the 2014 Road Project for \$99,440.95, H. Motion to approve Payment #1 for Schaff Excavating Contractors, Inc. for the demolition of 1218 Dormont Avenue for \$19,300, I. Motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Joe Garfold as a Laborer in the Parks Department effective June 16, 2014 with an annual starting salary of \$38,276.30, J. Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-2014 authorizing submittal of the Flood Mitigation Program Grant for the Athens Alley Stormwater Mitigation Project).

- Approved a four (4) year contract extension with the Fire Union as outlined in the Staff Report.
- Awarded the bid for McNeilly Avenue Curb and Sidewalk repairs to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Niando Construction, Inc. for a cost of \$18,995.20 as outlined in the staff report.
- Awarded the Base Bid and Alternates #1 and #2 for multiple alley resurfacings to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, East Coast Paving & Seal Coating for a cost of \$261,312.21 (Eastern Alley, 16th Alley, 20th Way, 15th Alley, South end 17th Alley, South end 19th Alley, South end Davis Way, South end Irwin Way, North end Long Way, North end Maddison Way).
- Approved the VFW Banner Program as outlined in the staff report.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Kronos, Inc. to modify the payroll interface for use with new application software at a cost not to exceed \$2,520.00 as outlined in the staff report.
- Approved Resolution No. 12-2014 authorizing the owner of 2885 West Liberty Avenue to place an awning overhanging the sidewalk on their façade.

- Approved Resolution No. 13-2014 authorizing the owner of 1451 and 1453 Potomac Avenue to place awnings overhanging the sidewalk on their façade.
- Adopted a Diversity Action Plan to enhance the Borough's ability to qualify for grant funding.
- Authorized an entrance sign design for the corner of West Liberty Avenue and McFarland Road as outlined in the staff report. Online version of agenda has the color version of the sign.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Munetrix to purchase financial performance software at a cost of \$5,000.00 as outlined in the staff report.

## AUGUST 4, 2014

- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for July, 2014).
- Approved Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 1217 Kelton Avenue for Ms. Christine Kallon as recommended by the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.



# OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- Authorized the Council President and Borough Manager to execute an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to provide reimbursement to the Borough for our snow removal of various State roads as outlined in the staff report.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to seek Requests for Development Proposals for the property located at Hillsdale and West Liberty Avenues now used as a park and parking lot recommended by the Planning Commission.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to purchase a new air conditioning unit for the Fire Station for \$2,958.00 from Caruso Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to repair the air conditioner that services Lifespan in the Borough Building at a cost of \$3,865.00 as outlined in the staff report.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to make repairs to Street Department Truck #110 for \$2,900.00 from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. as outlined in the staff report.
- Approved Resolution No. 16-2014 adopting a revised Emergency Management Plan for the Borough as required by State law.

- Approved a temporary sign permit for 3 signs for the Main Street "Taste of Dormont" event to be held on September 13, 2014 and a temporary tent permit for the same event.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to engage a contractor to raise a manhole at 3065 Dwight Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$3,400.00 as outlined in the staff report.

## SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for August, 2014, E. Motion to authorize Payment #3 and Final for Designs in Metal for \$2,425 for work on the metal railing at the Borough Building, F. Motion to authorize Payment #1 for Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. for \$38,539.01 for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Preventative Maintenance program, G. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute agreements and pay the three bands playing at Street Fair for a total cost of \$3,300).

- Authorized expenditures for the conservatorship property located at 1447 Dormont Avenue as outlined in the staff report.
- Approved Resolution No. 17-2014 authorizing an awning to overhang the sidewalk at 3285 West Liberty Avenue as outlined in the staff report.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to reimburse Ms. Megan Kowalski, the owner of 1460 Edgehill Avenue, \$11,000 for repairs to the sanitary sewer lateral as outlined in the staff report.
- Authorized the Council President to execute an agreement with Cargill for salt purchases during the 2014/2015 winter season at a cost of \$79.29 per ton as outlined in the staff report.





# 2014 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## 2014 Road Resurfacing Project

In September the Borough completed work on the 2014 Road Program. Under this project, the pool parking lot was resurfaced and striped and Texas Avenue was reconstructed from Kelton to Hillsdale Avenue. As part of the reconstruction antiquated stormwater catch basins were replaced and additional new catch basins were installed, the curb and sidewalk was replaced and ADA compliant ramps were constructed at each street and alley corner. This project was completed on time and under budget.

## 2014 Alley Resurfacing Project

The alley resurfacing project began the end of October. The alleys being resurfaced, and the type of resurfacing, are as indicated. As of the writing of this article, several of the alleys have been completed and a few before and after pictures are included:

- IRWIN ALLEY FROM DELL AVENUE TO BOYD WAY – MILL AND OVERLAY (COMPLETED 11-4-14).

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



- LONG WAY FROM DELL AVENUE TO THE NORTHERN TERMINUS- MILL AND OVERLAY. (COMPLETED 11-4-14).

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



- MADISON WAY FROM DELL AVENUE TO ANNAPOLIS AVENUE – MILL AND OVERLAY. (COMPLETED 10-29-14).

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



# 2014 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



## Resurfacing of McNeilly Avenue

On October 30th, with the striping of McNeilly Avenue, the Borough completed all construction work. Under this project, in partnership with the City of Pittsburgh, McNeilly Avenue was completely resurfaced. The project took several months as three utility companies took advantage of the pending construction to upgrade their facilities. As part of the restoration a large portion of the sidewalk and curb was replaced and ADA ramps were upgraded.

BEFORE



AFTER



## CONSERVATORSHIP PROPERTIES PROGRESS REPORT

The Borough Council has given the ok to start work on the Conservatorship property at 1447 Dormont Avenue. The contractor is working on replacing the roof and is starting renovations on the interior; the work is progressing nicely and with the new spacious floor plan I feel this newly renovated building will make a big impression on potential property owners.

2708 Broadway Avenue also got the ok to move forward with the demolition of the building and soon work will begin to raze the building.



Monica Dahlkemper, Code Enforcement Officer

## DORMONT BOROUGH RESIDENTS:

It's that time of year again for MRTSA to offer our annual memberships. The membership program is a very good value for the residents and provides necessary support to MRTSA.



**DURING AN EMERGENCY,  
THE LAST THING  
YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT  
IS HOW YOU ARE GOING  
TO PAY FOR THE AMBULANCE.**

**Join the MRTSA Membership Program Today!**

**[www.mrtsa.com](http://www.mrtsa.com) or 412-343-5111**

### FAQ:

#### **What does it cost?**

\$40 per year for an individual.  
\$60 per year for a household.

#### **What does it cover?**

The membership covers any co-pay, deductible or balance related to ambulance billing.

#### **How can I become a member?**

Membership packets were mailed to all residents. You may also visit our website [www.mrtsa.com](http://www.mrtsa.com) and join online or call 412-343-5111

#### **How long does the membership last?**

The membership covers the calendar year from 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015

#### **What if I move mid-year?**

Simply call MRTSA and we will change your address in our system.

#### **Who is covered for a household membership?**

Anyone who resides at your residence or visits.

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# MESSAGES FROM YOUR COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

*This is a new feature in our Newsletter. In each issue after this one, a different Commission, Board or Committee of the Borough will address an issue that should be of concern to all of us.*

## USING YOUR GARAGE - ONE WAY TO EASE PARKING IN DORMONT

The following is a message to you from the members of our Traffic and Parking Planning Commission. The Commission is composed of seven citizen volunteers. They are appointed by Council serving rotation terms of five years. This Commission is established by Borough ordinance. Its mission is to recommend to Council ways to improve the traffic flow and the parking situation in the Borough. In addition, the Commission is responsible for reviewing requests for Reserved Handicapped Spaces and requests for Traffic Calming. Current members of the Commission are: George Pitcher (Chairman), Joe Costanzo, Ed Massery, Mark Shuttleworth, John Sparvero, Darren Stroh, and Robert Tamburo.

When it comes to the use of garages in Dormont, there are basically three kinds of residents. First is the group that have a garage and park their automobiles in it. Next are those who have a garage but don't park in the garage. Finally there are those who wish they had a garage so they could park in it.

This opinion piece is directed at the second group - those who have a garage but do not use it for off street parking of vehicles. Typical reasons for this include: their vehicle is too large for the garage; convenience, because the street is easier to walk to than where the garage is located; or the garage or driveway leading to the garage needs repairs. In addition, some residents may use their garage as a work shop or for business needs or for storage.



We want to encourage this group to become part of the first group and park their vehicles in their garages. There are practical reasons for keeping a car in the garage. The use of a garage in the summer keeps the interior cooler. The use of a garage in the winter protects against rust causing weather and alleviates icing of car windows. Additionally the car will heat up on the inside quicker when kept in the garage overnight. With a garage there is never a need to parallel park on the street or to be blocked in by other cars.

And finally you stay dry in wet weather while entering and exiting the vehicle.

The Borough is doing its part to make using your garage easier including repaving alleys that have not been paved since the 1960s and improving stormwater drainage. And the Borough is considering other ways to alleviate our crowded parking situation, such as potentially creating more one way streets or extending parking permits to additional areas. To avoid the need for this, you are being asked to please find a way to use your garage if you have one. Furthermore, if you use your garage but your neighbor doesn't, a friendly word of encouragement would go a long way. You can also contact the Borough or this Commission with your suggestions.

*Thank you – and wishing you and your car a safe, dry, warm, winter.*

# NEED HELP WITH SNOW REMOVAL?

**The Borough of Dormont is trying something new this winter to help our residents who need assistance in clearing their sidewalks and driveways of snow.**

We have placed a new category on the Dormont Delivers application called “Need Help With Snow Removal”. You can access the Dormont Delivers application from our website on the right hand side of our homepage or from a smart phone via either an Apple or Android app. Once on Dormont Delivers, create a new request under the “Need Help With Snow Removal” category and put in how you can be contacted by volunteers who wish to help. If you are not a computer user, you can call the Borough’s offices at 412-561-8900 and they can enter your request for you.

Volunteers can then access the application and search for requests in the “Need Help With Snow Removal” category and then make contact to help that resident out. We hope that enough volunteers will check out the site in order to make this program a success.

**Be a good neighbor this winter and help out those who need assistance with their snow removal.**



## NEWS FROM Dormont Elementary PFO

Contact us at

[dormontelementarypfo@yahoo.com](mailto:dormontelementarypfo@yahoo.com)

### DE DINING/SHOPPING

Please mention Dormont Elementary when you visit the following local businesses! A portion of the profit will be donated to the DE PFO. We truly appreciate the community support!

- Use code **11483765** in Barnes and Noble stores **December 3rd-5th** or when ordering online at [www.BN.com/bookfairs](http://www.BN.com/bookfairs) Dec. 3-8th.
- Shop at Five Below in Settlers Ridge/Robinson between **Dec. 1st and Dec. 6th** with the DE flyer that you may request at DE or by emailing us.
- On **January 19th**, visit Brueggers Bagels on Cochran Rd. Present our flyer and a portion of the sales will be donated to DE. Call the school office or email us for a copy of the flyer.
- Dairy Queen Night – once again the generous folks at the Banksville Rd. location will donate to DE based on sales generated from **6pm to 9pm on Tuesday, February 24th.**

### HOAGIE SALE

DE students will be selling hoagies with pick up planned for **February 12th.**

Ask your DE neighbor for details in January.

### MARKET DAY

Market Day is a grocery program with pick up at Dormont Elementary.

Go to [marketday.com](http://marketday.com), enter 9416 for Dormont Elementary.

Orders are due by **December 11th** with pick up **December 17th 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm**

### BOX TOPS

Box Tops and Labels for Education may be dropped off in the box located in the borough building or sent directly to the school.





## LifeSpan Hillsdale Senior Resource Center will host VITA again in 2015.

### LifeSpan Hillsdale Senior Resource Center

1444 Hillsdale Ave, Dormont, PA 15216

**412-343-6050**

**Lori Audley- Site Coordinator**

*Resources and Recreation  
for Older Adults*

We offer social and recreational activities including parties, trips, fitness, Wii bowling, bingo, classes, clubs, catered lunch, and information & services that promote healthy and dignified aging.

As well as, transportation registration  
Access, OPT, PAT

**Lunch is served at 11:30  
Monday -Friday**

VITA is the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program which specifically provides help to individuals and families with income levels of \$53,000 or less a year.

**Tax preparation will be done by appointment only at the**

**Hillsdale Senior Resource Center  
1444 Hillsdale Avenue, Dormont**

**Tuesdays and Fridays beginning February 3rd  
and will end April 10th.**

**Appointments are limited.**

**The Senior Center will begin taking  
appointments beginning January 5th.**

**You may call for an appointment  
Monday thru Friday between  
9am and 2pm at 412-343-6050.**

*Please note: VITA does not prepare business  
or rental property returns.*

## IN SERVICE OF SENIORS

**In Service of Seniors provides free volunteer assistance to Allegheny County older adults age sixty and older.**

Through our program, volunteers help our elder neighbors safely remain living in their own homes. Please consider providing the precious gift of your time and companionship this holiday season by opening your heart to a senior citizen.

Currently, we are most in need of volunteers who are able to assist during day-time hours to provide rides for our care receivers to such places as the pharmacy, grocery store or a doctor's appointment. In Service of Seniors is dedicated to supporting our volunteers through providing high-quality infrastructure, annual recognition activities and events, ongoing trainings and the satisfaction of giving back to a generation of elders that has done so much for our society.

**If interested please contact Nichole Faina at 412-661-1670 ext 619  
or email [fainan@fswp.org](mailto:fainan@fswp.org)**

# DORMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dormont Historical Society and Borough Council have developed a Partnership to identify the historic areas of Dormont. Its first action was to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. The competition was stiff, but we were successful and were awarded \$15,000 from the Commonwealth's Keystone Historic Preservation Program. After a lengthy contracting process and our consultant-selection process, we selected the local firm of Skelly and Loy to conduct the necessary historical architectural study.

The study will be conducted in two phases. In Phase 1, the architectural historians will survey our historic subdivisions and neighborhoods to identify which have maintained their historic character and thus may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In Phase 2, through required in-depth analysis, they will select two of the identified areas as being eligible for listing. Our business district is expected to be one of those.

Intangible benefits from the study will provide residents with more insight into the history of their community. Tangible results will include real estate marketing and potential tax credits for business owners who restore their eligible buildings.

We look forward to the upcoming year as the Partnership strives to reach its goals and so advance one of the focuses of Council's Strategic Plan and the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

**Muriel Moreland,**  
President, Dormont Historical Society

**Willard McCartney,**  
President, Dormont Borough Council

# DORMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As of September 1, 2014, the Dormont Fire department has received a new ISO rating of class 3. Before this new rating the fire department held a rating of a 5. This rating is on a 1 – 10 scale with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. ISO (Insurance Services Office) is an independent organization that serves insurance companies, fire departments, insurance regulators and others by providing information about risk.

Criteria for the public protection classification rating include fire alarm and communications systems; department equipment, staffing and training; and the water supply system, including condition and maintenance of hydrants. As always the members of the Dormont Fire Department are always looking for ways to improve and this is a big step in that direction to make sure we are delivering the best services that we can.

Just as a reminder, the coming months will undoubtedly be bringing some nice snow storms our way. Feel free to please Adopt a Hydrant on your street. All that means is when it snows, please feel free to help out the fire department by simply digging out the snow around the hydrant. This will speed up the departments hose hook-up time and may ultimately save property and possibly lives.

**Check your smoke alarms and change the batteries!**  
**As always, be safe folks!**  
**Chris Carr, Dormont VFD**



## THE DORMONT, MT. LEBANON, CASTLE SHANNON ROTARY CLUB

The Dormont, Mt. Lebanon, Castle Shannon Rotary Club invites you to join us at a **weekly meeting**. Rotary is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders. The club meets weekly at The Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 West Liberty Avenue at noon on Monday. Enjoy lunch, get an update of club activities and listen to a speaker informing us about timely topics. Meetings last only one hour. The camaraderie and friendships shared while looking to help others in our communities are a welcome break in the hectic workday.

**Our Rotary Club has one fundraiser each year. This years event "A Taste of the South Hills" will be held on March 21, 2015, at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church.** You can taste signature foods from numerous restaurants in the South Hills area. Local musicians will provide the entertainment, and an auction for a variety of gift baskets will test your luck. For ticket information check our website, [tasteofthesouthhills.com](http://tasteofthesouthhills.com).

ROTARY WAS FOUNDED IN 1905 AS THE WORLD'S FIRST SERVICE ORGANIZATION. CLUBS ARE NONPOLITICAL AND OPEN TO EVERY RACE, CULTURE AND CREED. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

**Friends of Dormont Pool  
invites you to purchase prints  
of the Johno Prascak Painting,  
"Dormont Pool"**



**Johno grew up in Dormont  
and is a renowned local artist whose  
work has been featured in many  
prominent national venues.**

The 8" by 10" prints are \$15.00 and  
the 20" x 24" prints are \$50.00.

**Call 412-523-4745 to order.  
Thank you.**



**Ben Gajewski, on the left, of the Dormont Planning Commission, accepts the Daniel Burnham Award from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Dream Dormont Comprehensive Plan.**

# DORMONT ATHLETIC BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

## **This past year has been an exciting year for DABA.**

Through the hard work of our baseball committee we were able to secure some grants to improve the condition of Pop Murray Little League Field and to purchase supplies to help maintain that field. We also put the finishing touches on a new storage facility at Pop Murray and through the hard work of our football committee was able to purchase brand new helmets to provide better protection for our children. Over the next few months we will be preparing for the 2015 spring activities; Baseball, Flag Football, Girls' Fast & Slow Pitch Softball and our Eagle Twirling Corp.

### **Registration for these activities will be held on:**

**Saturday, January 10 from 10 AM - 12 Noon**  
at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center

**Saturday, January 17 from 12:00 Noon to 2 PM**  
at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center

**Wednesday, January 21 from 6 PM to 8 PM**  
at the Dormont Elementary School Library

We are also working to implement a new online registration feature that will allow you to sign up for any activity we sponsor from the comfort of your home.



## **MONTE CARLO**

The DABA Annual Monte Carlo will take place on  
**Saturday, February 28 at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center.**



For more information on any of these activities, contact a DABA Member  
or go to our website, [www.dormontbooster.com](http://www.dormontbooster.com)

*We hope you all have a  
safe and happy holiday season.*

# DORMONT MAIN STREET

The eighth annual "A Taste of Dormont" wine and dine event was held on Saturday, September 13th. This event hosted by Dormont Main Street is their principle fundraiser. Monies from "A Taste of Dormont" benefit the borough for business district revitalization.

*Thank you to the following food and wine vendors:*

- \*6 Mile Cellars
- \*Christian W. Klay Winery
- \*CT Miller Vineyards
- \*Great Lakes Brewing Company
- \*Greenhouse Winery
- \* J&D Cellars
- \*LaVigneta Winery
- \*Mazza Vineyards
- \*Plum Run Winery Inc.
- \*Atria's Restaurant & Tavern
- \*Cain's Restaurant & Saloon
- \*Coach's Bottle Shop and Grille
- \*Fredo's Deli & Market
- \*Giovanni's Chocolate Factory
- \* Jose & Tony's Mexican Restaurant
- \*Schwan's Food Company

**September 12, 2015**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendars now for next year's "A Taste of Dormont" Wine and Dine

*Dormont Main Street would like to thank all the businesses who participated either through sponsorship or a donation:*

- #1Cochran \*Comcast \*Dormont Public Library
- \*Huntington Bank and Edward J. Kitchen, Constable
- \*McCormick-Dorman Post 694 \*Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
- \* Tommy's Service \*Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C. \*84 Lumber
- \*Jeff Edwards Framing and Gallery \*Johno Prascak
- \*Jeannie McGuire \*ESB Bank \*Breakers \*Conte Hair Design
- \* HDH Group \* Ted Thompson Heating and Cooling
- \*Mike Doyle \* Dan Miller \*Laughlin Memorial Chapel
- \*Dormont Floral Designs \*Gateway Engineers \*Appelicious
- \*Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History
- \*Carnegie Science Center \*Diane M. Veri Associates
- \*Dormont Historical Society \*Evolve Massage and Wellness Center
- \*The Fresh Market \*Hollywood Theater
- \*Huntley & Huntley Energy Exploration \*Ice Castle
- \*Pittsburgh Penguins \*Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Inc.
- \*PICT \*The Pittsburgh Pirates \*Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
- \*Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium \*ROOT Sports
- \*Senator John Heinz History Center \*Skydive Pennsylvania
- \*South Hills Jewelers \*Splash Water Sports Inc. \*Supercuts
- \*Anonymous Donors

*A special Thank You to the Sponsors for the 8th Annual Street Fair and Music Festival.*

## Co-Sponsor:



## Contributors:

- Castle Shannon Shop N Save
- McCormick-Dorman Post 694
- PNC Bank

## Supporters:

- Alter Ego Body Art Studio
- Amazing Wok
- Banksville Beer
- D.F. Jacobs Consulting, Inc.
- Don Campiti's Pizzeria
- First Commonwealth Bank
- Matthew Rich
- MLG Podiatry Group
- Parker's
- Representative Dan Miller
- Ted Thompson Heating & Cooling

## Donations:

- Breaker's
- Mr. Magic Car Wash

*Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Street Fair and Music Festival. We hope you all enjoyed the festivities!*



## **The Marine Toys for Tots Call to Action:**

To all Americans, we invite you to join the Toys for Tots Team and become a part of the U.S. Marine Corps' premier community action program and one of the nation's flagship Christmas charitable causes. Our challenge: be a participator, not a spectator. Do your part to assist in the development of today's children so they will grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders tomorrow. You will be helping children, your community and your nation. Your action today will help produce leaders for tomorrow. Help us "make a difference".

The Borough of Dormont will be collecting new, unopened toys for the Toys for Tots foundation until Tuesday, December 9th at the Borough office on Hillsdale Avenue. We will also be collecting at the Recreation Board's annual Cookies with Santa event.

## ***Dormont Holiday Decoration Contest***

**The Borough of Dormont is pleased to bring back this event for the 2014 Holiday Season!**

The Contest is open to residential homes and businesses within the Borough. Judges will look for the best use of theme, the best use of lights, originality, and overall appearance. There will be a total of four categories.

One for the businesses, and three for the residents which are: "Over the Top", "Best Holiday Movie/TV Theme", and "A Touch of Class".

Businesses and residents who would like their property to be judged will need to fill out a registration form. Please contact Kristin Hullihen at the Borough office at 412-561-8900 x227 by Friday December 12.

Borough Council and the Recreation Board will be judging the entries during the Recreation Board Meeting on Tuesday December 16. The board asks those who wish to have their properties judged in the competition to please have decorations in place and lighted by 7 pm on Tuesday, December 16.

***Best of luck to all the participants!***

## Grand Prize Winners of the Pet Parade:



The Essey Family as Sesame Street

## Mark your Calendars: 2015 Recreation Board Events

- **Open Gym at Municipal Gymnasium** – Every Friday January 2-March 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5 (parents must stay)
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-Noon. Rain date: Saturday, March 28.
- **Car Show - TBA**
- **Movies in the Park** – June 12, July 10, August 14 – Movies TBA
- **Dormont Dash - TBA**
- **Halloween Pet Parade** – Saturday October 24
- **Halloween Party at the Recreation Center** – October 31
- **Parade, Cookies with Santa, and Light Up Dormont** – Saturday December 5

**More information to come  
on all events!**

## Thank you to the 2014 Dormont Dash Sponsors:

*Silver Sponsor:*

UPMC

*Bronze Sponsor:*

Dormont Public Library

*Other Donations:*

Breaker's

Dairy Queen

Dormont Historical Society

Muriel Moreland

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## Exercise Throughout The Winter Months DORMONT REC CENTER

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## Snowman Building Contest



We are looking for Dormont Borough's most creative snowmen!

Build a snowman after any snowfall between November 1st and March 1st. Take a picture of your snowman and submit it to the Recreation Director before March 1st. Photos will be displayed on the Boroughs website and Facebook pages. Winners will be announced by March 6th.

Contact Kristin Hullihen at 412-561-8900 x227 or [khullihen@boro.dormont.pa.us](mailto:khullihen@boro.dormont.pa.us) for details.

**Last Year's Winner:  
Abigail Reilly**



## Holiday Festivities

Saturday December 6, 2014



**Christmas Parade  
10:00 a.m.**

**Dormont Volunteer Firemen's Association annual Christmas Parade**

West Liberty – start at the intersection of Washington Road and Peermont Avenue  
Onto Potomac Avenue to the T-Station



**Hollywood Theatre  
10:30am**

1449 Potomac Avenue  
North Way Dormont Presents TBA  
Doors open at 10:30am.  
Crafts and photos with live characters  
Film screening at 11:30am  
Admission – Free



**Cookies with Santa  
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center,  
1801 Dormont Avenue  
Children can make a craft and receive a free cookie and drink.  
Admission – Free

Children will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their holiday wish!  
Photos \$5.00-One Free Photo with the donation of one new, unopened toy for Toys for Tots

(PRINTED PHOTOS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE PER FAMILY)



**Light Up Dormont  
6:00 p.m.**

Join in the lighting of the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center and participate in caroling with Dormont Elementary students.



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## GARBAGE/RECYCLING News and Schedule



Our hauler is Waste Management Inc. Waste Management will be sending out a separate mailer and calendar explaining all of their services. They have three phone numbers: Customer Service 1-800-866-4460; the big, green debris bags 1-877-789-2247; Household Hazardous Waste 1-800-449-7587.



### **CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP:**

Waste Management will pick up your Christmas trees this year. Simply put out with your regular garbage after you have taken it down. Unfortunately there is no longer a demand for the mulch from the trees.

**CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL HAVE NO AFFECT ON YOUR GARBAGE OR RECYCLING PICK UP. THE SCHEDULE REMAINS THE SAME.**