

# BOROUGH OF *Dormont*

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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.

For the second year, 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 16th, discussed expenditures; the second on October 28th discussed capital improvements and Council made the decision to include a number of significant capital improvements, not the least of which is a significant amount of street improvements including one reconstruction on Texas Avenue; resurfacing of the pool parking lot; and, as many as 30 alley resurfacings spread throughout the Borough; and, the third on November 13th 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 2014.

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 2014 that will be approved by Council at their December 2, 2013 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, if not the hard numbers of the budget itself. 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 changes and activities as well. First and foremost we have entered into a five year agreement with Waste Management to handle all of our garbage and recycling collections. We were able to not only save money in 2014 but were able to increase our recycling pickups to weekly; allow residents to use their own container by simply placing a free sticker available at Borough Hall on the container; and provide for extra services of bulky item pickups (one per week) and household hazardous waste pickups by appointment from your front door. We look forward to increasing our recycling efforts throughout the Borough, especially in Borough Hall and at other Borough facilities and events.

The end of 2013 and beginning of 2014 will also see our Comprehensive Planning process wind down as the draft Comprehensive Plan Report is released for public comment. That public comment period will last 60 days, into the beginning of February. Following that, Council will be asked to approve a final Comprehensive Plan which will then be the basis for our future growth and zoning changes. Also, we should be finalizing an agreement in 2014 with the developer of our Transportation Oriented Development adjacent to the Dormont Junction T-Stop.

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, stay warm and healthy.

Jeff Naftal,  
Borough Manager

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# LETTER FROM SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA



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As we approach a new calendar year, the General Assembly will continue to be confronted with many important issues and 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. To sign up for the weekly newsletter, simply go to [www.senatorfontana.com](http://www.senatorfontana.com), and enter your email address on the home page. The website also allows you to view news releases, watch Senate session live, research legislation, download applications and forms and provides toll-free numbers to a variety of state departments.

As the General Assembly debates issues affecting our Commonwealth, I encourage you to weigh in with me and my office 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.**

Senator Wayne D. Fontana  
42nd Senatorial District  
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# A Note From THE MAYOR



*Dear Neighbor,  
Having served as a councilman for eighteen years  
and as your mayor for the past twenty years it is  
time for me to step aside.*

It has been my privilege to have served in elective office here in Dormont and to be able to represent the Borough.

I have been fortunate to having served with many dedicated officials both elected and appointed. There have been many outstanding people who have served you, and because I might forget someone I would not want to name anyone in particular.

However, I would be remiss if I did not mention the three Chiefs of Police that I served with during my tenure as Mayor.

Russ McKibben, Phil Ross, and the current chief, Mike Bisignani, have served this community well, and it has been my pleasure to have been associated with them.

As mayor, I have respect for our police and their dedication to you, which I will always remember. Dormont is a wonderful place and would hope that I have always served it faithfully.

Thank you to all the employee and volunteers who have always been available to assist me and to serve you.

I want to wish my successor, Phil Ross, congratulations and my pledge to him to be ready to offer him any assistance he may request.

*Again I want to thank you for your support.  
In closing, from the Lloyd family to yours,  
happy holidays and a healthy new year.*

*Thanks again,  
Mayor Tom Lloyd*

Below are some thoughts from my wife, Bert.

*To all my longtime friends and to the ones I've met  
over the last 38 years;*

*I'd like to thank you for your support and friendship.  
One thing I have learned over this time is the  
importance of our Dormont borough employees  
and the Dormont Volunteer Firefighters. I have  
gained a lot of respect for each and every one of  
you. THANK YOU for making Dormont a better  
place.*

*Sincerely,  
Bert Lloyd*

## Thank You Dormont FOR ALL YOUR Support and Generosity!

### SPECIAL THANKS TO

*Jeff Fabus, Jim and Jan Burke  
and Phil and Michelle Ross  
for hosting the event!*

We would like to thank everyone who attended and donated to the spaghetti dinner! Thank you for your support and kindness!

We deeply appreciated it.  
Phil, Rose and Matt Helf



**Congressman Mike Doyle**

**Please feel free to call, write, or visit my Penn Hills office for help in applying:**

**11 Duff Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
412-241-6055**

# CONGRESSMAN MIKE DOYLE

## No Health Insurance?

**The Affordable Care Act now enables Americans who don't have health insurance to shop for private health insurance in new state Marketplaces – and many will qualify for tax credits to help pay for it.**

**The Affordable Care Act also provides other new benefits:**

- your insurance can no longer be cancelled just because you get sick
- you can't be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition
- annual or lifetime caps on your insurance policy benefits are prohibited
- kids can stay on their parents' plan until age 26
- preventive health care like cancer screening and vaccination is free
- Seniors are paying less for their prescription drugs

Enrollment started October 1st and will last until March 31st, allowing Americans to buy healthcare through their state Health Insurance Marketplace.

Americans who already have health insurance coverage through their employer or the federal government don't need to enroll.

People on Medicare or Medicaid don't need to enroll.

But most Americans are required to have health insurance coverage by March 31, 2014, or else pay a penalty.

**There are several ways to purchase health insurance from the Marketplace. You can:**

- apply on-line at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)
- fill out a paper application (downloaded from [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or requested from my office)
- apply by phone at 1-800-318-2596
- apply in person at a nearby location



**On Saturday, December 7, 2013, Cub Scout Pack 870 will sponsor a Holiday Food Drive from 12 to 3pm in the lobby of the Hollywood Theater.**

**Pack 870 will be collecting non-perishable canned/boxed food items (no glass jars) to benefit our local food bank while the Hollywood Theater offers a selection of free holiday movies.**

**Check out our website:<http://dormont870.mypack.us/home> for additional details and a list of high need items**

*Dormont Historical Society*  
**DORMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER, LOWER LEVEL

# 2014! OUR 15TH YEAR!

*While looking forward, we also are looking back at what we have accomplished during the fourteen years since six of us got together with hopes of building a society to preserve Dormont's history through mem-orabilia and memories.*

That hope grew as Dormont Library hosted us for our first months, followed by some time in a home before Borough Council allotted us a room in their new Dormont Municipal Center. Thanks to borough residents, past and present, our collections grew amazingly fast, leading to the need for expansion. Once again, Council came to our rescue so that we have the fine facility we occupy today - the most complete one in the area.

First time visitors are amazed at the displays in our museum. Some of them also peruse our Veterans Registry, the complete collection of the Torch, original art by local folks, items from Dormont and Keystone Oaks Schools, and filed material.

During the last years, we have presented free programs in our Speakers Series, an annual Family Night at the Hollywood, and special openings. We also dedicated markers at the former sites of the Dormont High School and Kelton Grade School.

To celebrate our 15th year, plans are being made for a variety of monthly activities for you, the public. They will be announced in the Borough Newsletters and on the sign at the corner of Hillsdale and Espy Avenues. We hope you will enjoy them with us!

## DORMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

**The Dormont Public Library's House Tour was a great success!** We couldn't have had such a great day without the wonderful participation of the home and business owners, advertisers, volunteers, bakers, and people that attended the tour. A special thank you goes to Janice Wyrostek, who chaired and orchestrated the tour. We couldn't have done it without her! We're looking forward to next year and if you are interested in having your home or business on the tour, or would like to advertise in the brochure, please contact us at 412-531-8754.

**As January approaches, we will be sending out our fundraising letter.** We hope that you will remember us in your charitable donations as we are working to refurbish our back hill that is compromised. All donations from this letter will be put towards the costs of the construction project to fix the back hill. Please know that we are very grateful for any donations that we receive and appreciate that you have remembered us in your generosity.

*Please check our homepage, LED sign, and calendar for upcoming programs and remember to visit us at the library. We enjoy seeing your smiling faces!*



# OFFICIAL ACTIONS

## July 1, 2013

- 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 June 3, 2013 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for June, 2013).
- Approved Resolution No. 05-2013 which allows our credit card acceptance provider, PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust), to utilize a new service provider Elavon, Inc.
- Approve three Memoranda of Understanding related to the Sewer Consent Order the Borough was placed under in 2004.
- Approve an amendment to the lease agreement with Sprint for cellular antenna on the Borough Building roof that will generate an extra \$200.00 per month in revenue.
- Approved a confidentiality agreement with the Allegheny County Southwest Tax Collection District to allow for the transmittal of records.
- Approved an agreement with Jeffrey Naftal to continue his services as Borough Manager for two years subject to removal by the Council before the expiration of the agreement.
- Approved an agreement with Ms. Joanne Dressler to provide water aerobics at the pool for \$30 per session with all other revenue coming to the Borough.
- Accepted a proposal from Laurel Asphalt to prepare the crosswalk at Belrose Avenue and Potomac Avenue with a color and pattern to allow for evaluation of the process and its effect on traffic for a cost of \$1,760.00.
- Authorized renting a meeting room at the Hampton Inn in Green Tree at a cost of \$325.00 including meals.
- Authorized the payment of \$222.50 for additional software training to Logi-Tek Solutions.
- Authorized the payment of \$447.99 for a laser printer and data backup system.
- Appointed Mr. Frank Stumpo to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the remainder of Mr. George Pitcher's term.
- Appointed the Borough Manager as the Borough's Zoning Official pursuant to Section 210-92 of the Borough Code.

## August 5, 2013

- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E (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 1, 2013 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for July, 2013, E. Motion to accept the resignation of Mary Jo Maloney as Pool Manager effective July 15, 2013).
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1597 amending the Zoning Code to bring the Political Sign Ordinance into compliance with State Law.
- Approved a temporary sign permit for three special event signs and a temporary tent permit on September 14, 2013 for the Main Street "Taste of Dormont" event.
- Approved a Letter of Understanding with the Desk Officers/Fire Apparatus Operators Union to release them from the Police desk at 6:00 PM each day with exceptions as noted in the Letter.
- Approved a Letter of Understanding with the Desk Officers/Fire Apparatus Operators Union regarding the payment of overtime for all time spent in training outside of normal working hours.



# OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- Awarded the 2013 Road Project's bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Niando Construction, Inc., for the base bid and alternates 2, 5, 8 and 11 for a cost of \$538,324.87 as detailed in the staff report.

- Authorized the Borough Manager to purchase replacement slides from Playgrounds by Leathers for the Castle Playground at Dormont Park at a cost of \$1,794.60.

- Authorized the Borough Manager to make an emergency purchase to replace the control system for an air condition unit at Borough Hall at a cost of \$8,300.00 from Fazio Mechanical Services, Inc.

- Authorized the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Town Center Associates at a cost of \$8,800.00 to create a market analysis for the Borough's business district with half of this cost being paid by Main Street.

- Authorized the Council President and Borough Manager to execute an agreement with Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church for the use of 30 parking spaces on Thursday through Saturday nights at a cost of \$1,000.00 per month to be reimbursed by #1 Cochran.

- Authorized the Borough Manger to expend up to \$2,500.00 to attend the ICMA Annual Conference in Boston from September 22-25, 2013.

- Accepted \$1,955.00 from the Pub Tour held to benefit our Police and Fire Departments.

## September 3, 2013

- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E (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 5, 2013 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for August, 2013, E. Motion to approve payment of \$7,177.10 as final payment to Jet Jack, Inc. for SHACOG O&M Preventative Maintenance).

- Approved a Conditional Use for a front yard fence at 1456 Park Boulevard.

- Approved a temporary sign permit for a special event sign for the AARP Pancake Breakfast to be held on October 5, 2013.

- Approved a Residential Accessible Parking Space for one year for Mr. Lawrence Focareta at 1675 Hillsdale Avenue.

- Awarded the 39th Year CDBG project bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Pampena Landscape & Construction, Inc., for a cost of \$75,225.00 with \$11,225.00 to be the match by the Borough as detailed in the Staff report.

- Authorized the Borough Manager to sign the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

- Authorized the Borough Manager to execute contracts with the three bands playing at Street Fair and to make payment to them after their performances as outlined in the staff report.

- Approved revisions to the Traffic Calming Policy to streamline the process.



# DORMONT AARP #3016

Dormont AARP #3016 had a busy spring and summer. In April we held our Spring Pancake Brunch (the first of two, the other in autumn). Proceeds from our brunches go to a worthy cause; recently we made a \$750 donation to a local hospice.

*Happy*  
**35th**  
*Anniversary*



We celebrated our 35th anniversary in June with a Hawaiian theme. Many members attended and joined in the spirit by wearing Hawaiian attire and flowered leis. A National AARP rep officially installed new Board members. Pastries were enjoyed as some feisty/brave members did their best to sing and hula dance to "Tiny Bubbles In The Sand". It was fun!

The annual August picnic held in Scott Park was attended by a good crowd, many of whom tried their luck at the Chinese auction and other games, including the balloon toss. The catered lunch was plentiful and delicious followed by door prizes and bingo. The weather was perfect!

After business in October, about a dozen members who wore Halloween costumes, paraded in front of us and we showed appreciation by applauding/yelling for the best dressed character. Prizes were given to the top three.

As 2013 nears an end, members are looking forward to the December Christmas dinner to be held at Peter's Place, Rt. 50, Bridgeville.

Dormont AARP welcomes guests to our monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday at noon at Dormont Presbyterian Church, Potomac & Espy Aves. Membership remains at \$7.50 per/year. Come join us!

## LIFESPAN SENIOR CENTER DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER

1444 Hillsdale Ave., Dormont, PA 15216

**Lori Audley Site Coordinator, 412-343-6050**

**Open Monday– Friday, 8am– 3pm, Lunch served daily @ 11:30 am**

**“Life is more fun  
if you play games.”**

Roald Dahl, My Uncle Oswald

### **Scrabble**

1st Tues of the month  
@ 10:00 am

### **Chess**

1st and 3rd Wed. of the month  
@ 10:00 am

### **Board Games**

Mon and Wed  
@ 10:30 am

### **500 Bid Card Game**

Thurs @ 12 noon

### **Bingo**

Right after lunch is served  
11:45-2:00 Tuesdays and Fridays

### **Fitness Class with Sharon**

Exercise & Stretching Class for Seniors  
\$3.00 a class.  
Mondays & Wednesdays @ 9:30-10:30

### **Primary Colors Art Guild**

Presents: Painting classes, taught by local artist  
Ann McCartney.

Classes are held at the Hillsdale Senior Center,  
located in the Dormont Borough Building,  
on Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-1am.

Classes are \$4.00 for the entire day.

# 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 year's event "A Taste of the South Hills" will be held on March 22, 2014, 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.

## Code Enforcement Department

Winter is upon us once again and it is time for the yearly reminder to keep your sidewalks clean and free from snow. People use the sidewalks to get to work, to the store or just for exercise. Please be considerate and clean the snow and ice from your sidewalks as soon as possible. In fact, the Dormont Borough Code requires that sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the last snowfall.

When clearing the snow and ice from your sidewalk, please do not throw the snow into the street. The public works department works very hard to keep the streets clean and safe for everyone. More importantly, the streets need to remain clean in case of an emergency. The Dormont Borough Code says that it is unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited on any highway, street or alley within the borough any snow which has been removed from the sidewalks or steps, driveways or any other private grounds.

If you have any question concerning this or any other section of the Code, please do not hesitate to call the borough office at (412) 561-8900.

Thank you for your help and consideration in making Dormont a better and safer place to live and work.

Have a safe winter!  
Monica Dahlkemper  
Code Enforcement Officer

## Building Department

Smoke detectors are very important in your home. It is a proven fact that smoke detectors saves lives. The International Residential Code requires smoke detectors in the following locations.

- **Smoke detectors are required in each bedroom.**
- **Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.**
- **One on every level including basement.**

If you have smoke detectors, please check and change the batteries on a regular basis. In my home I change them twice a year. Once in the spring when the clocks move ahead and in the fall when the clocks are moved backwards. I remember spring ahead and fall back, a simple way to remind everyone when the batteries should be changed.

Have a safe winter.

Patrick Kelly  
Building Code Official

# 2013 ROAD PROJECT

## In late August the Borough began the implementation of the 2013 Road Program. Although primarily a resurfacing project, the construction on two streets is worth discussing:

Belrose Avenue was milled (meaning 3.5 inches of the old asphalt was removed) and then repaved. Due to the milling the grading along the curb line remain unchanged, thus not impacting roof drains through the curb. In response to concerns over speeding and public safety, the street was restriped to delineate the "No Parking" areas at the start of the street with yellow paint and the designated "parking permitted" areas on both sides of the street with a solid white line. The result was to create a visual "narrowing" of the road that encourages motorists to slow down. To increase motorist awareness of the crosswalk at Potomac Avenue the striped crosswalk was replaced with an imprinted grey brick herringbone walkway bordered by a row of imprinted red brick and a 6" white stripe, all made from stamped asphalt. The result is a durable, skid resistant surface that is highly visible to motorists as well as being aesthetically pleasing.



Mervin Avenue - This was rated one of the worst streets in the Borough. The street was a 20 foot wide brick road, has a steep slope and is one-way going up the hill. It has driveways along one side and garages serving homes on Tolma Avenue along the other. The sanitary sewer runs along the driveway side of the street and over time the trench above the sewer had settled so that the curb line was as much as 14 inches high making it difficult for residents to use their driveways and unsafe for pedestrians. Also, due to the steep slope and the narrowness of the street, vehicle access to the garages was difficult if not impossible and use of the street during winter months was difficult if not dangerous.

Understanding that this construction project would have a significant impact on the residents, the Borough took

measures to get them involved. A public meeting was held and a notice circulated to explain the project, solicit comments and provide an estimated construction schedule. Since parking would be an issue, "Free Parking" passes were provided to all affected residents, which permitted free parking in any of the Borough owned parking lots or metered spaces. Throughout the construction period, several notices were circulated advising of the current stage of the project and time estimates for the next stage and the Borough website was kept up to date with the current status. The Borough was also in close communication with the trash hauler so that, even when the street was not accessible to residents, trash and recyclables collections were not being missed.

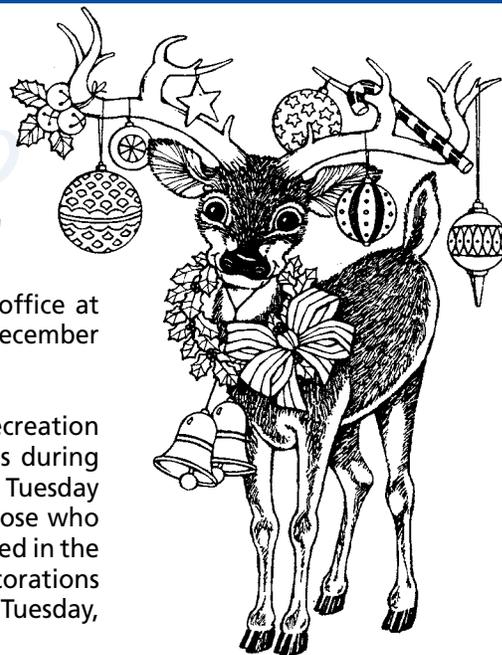
The first step in the reconstruction was the complete replacement of the sagging and cracked sanitary sewer with a new (PVC) sanitary sewer. This was followed up with the removal of the concrete curbing and aprons on both sides of the street. The street was then widened by 4 feet on the driveway side and new curbing and curb cuts were installed. Simultaneously, the antiquated storm sewer at the bottom of the hill was replaced with new inlets equipped with grates designed to direct the runoff from up the hill into the sewer. The brick street was then removed to a depth of 18 inches and reconstructed as an 8-1/2 inch thick, 3-layer asphalt road. During the removal, several truckloads of brick were salvaged for reuse in repair of other brick streets in the Borough.

Now complete, Mervin Avenue may be considered one of the best streets in the Borough getting full recognition as a "street" and not the "alley" it was previously considered.



# DORMONT

## Holiday Decoration CONTEST



The Borough of Dormont is pleased to bring back this event for the 2013 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 Monday December 16.

Borough Council and the Recreation Board will be judging the entries during the Recreation Board Meeting on Tuesday December 17. 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 17.

**BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS!**

## Dormont Athletic Boosters Association

Another year is coming to an end and it's almost time to start preparing for the holidays. The Dormont Athletic Boosters Association (DABA) has also ended another year of fundraising for the children of Dormont, Green Tree, and Castle Shannon. We wrapped up our efforts with our annual Halloween Dance, which was a huge success. We were near capacity and everyone had a wonderful time. For those of you unfamiliar with DABA, we are a group of volunteers from Dormont and surrounding communities. We work diligently throughout the year to ensure that the children of our communities have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. DABA volunteers meet once a month to discuss the activities of the 22 committees charged with overseeing athletic activities, fundraising events and other endeavors necessary to ensure the organization is run efficiently. We look carefully into the expenses of each program and look for new ways to fundraise in order to keep our registration fees as low as possible. All funds in excess are held in a general account to be used on capital improvements such as upkeep of the ball fields, new equipment, batting cages, and insurance. Our fundraising efforts include the Halloween Dance, Golf Outing in August, and our Annual Monte Carlo night, coming soon in February of 2014. We have numerous members who have served DABA in excess of 10 years and to continue providing this service to the community, we are asking you to step up and join these dedicated individuals. The work is plentiful but the reward is great. It's a great feeling to know you are making a difference by providing these programs for the children of the Keystone Oaks School District. Please take the time to check our new face book page, Dormont Boosters, or our website, [www.dormontboosters.com](http://www.dormontboosters.com) for more information and talk to a current booster to find out what you can do join us in our efforts.

### **EAGLES TWIRLING CORP:**

(Formerly the Boosterettes) is a twirling group that performs in area parades. Girls from 1st thru 10th grades are welcome to join. Registration is every week at the Dormont Municipal Gym on Wednesday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

### **NIGHT AT THE RACES/ MONTE CARLO:**

Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Dormont Recreation Center.

### **REGISTRATION - BASEBALL, GIRL'S SOFTBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL & EAGLES TWIRLING CORP:**

baseball ages 5 to 18, girl's softball ages 6 to 18, flag football ages and Eagles Twirling ages 6 thru 14 - watch our website or flyers from the school for more information.

# 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 7th.

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



## DVFD

Recently the fire department purchased twenty-five new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and thirty new face masks.

Also purchased by the department were two new gas meters. The costs of all these items was \$113,000.00. These items were purchased by the fire department through the accumulation of funds over several years of fund raising. No money was requested from the borough to help pay for these items. This is what makes the departments fund raising so important each year. By accumulating funds through our raffle and mailings we try to alleviate the burden of pay off of the borough, and ultimately, the taxpayer. I would also like to thank the residents of Dormont for their continued support.

**Thank you from the officers and members of Dormont VFD**

## A Special Thank You to the Sponsors for the 7th Annual Street Fair and Music Festival

### Co-Sponsors:

Dormont Main Street  
McCormick-Dorman Post 694

### Supportors:

B&R Pool and Swim Shop	Matt Rich
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### Donations:

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

# DORMONT MAIN STREET

*The seventh annual "A Taste of Dormont" wine and dine was held on Saturday, September 14th. This event put on 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:*

CHRISTIAN W KLAY WINERY  
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COACH'S BOTTLE SHOP AND GRILLE  
GIOVANNI'S CHOCOLATE FACTORY  
GIOVANNI'S PIZZA & PASTA  
JOSE & TONY'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

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

- \* #1 COCHRAN \* COMCAST \* DORMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY \* HUNTINGTON BANK
- \* CAIN'S SALOON \* MCCORMICK-DORMAN POST 694 VFW \* TOMMYS SERVICE
- \* DODARO, MATTA & CAMBEST PC \* JEFF EDWARDS FRAMING AND ART GALLERY
- \* JOHNO PRASCAK \* ANN MCCARTNEY \* A PLUS \* APPELICIOUS \* DORMONT FLORIST \*
- DORMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY \* DAVID W MAY DMD \* FRANK FABUS \* DABA \* CIP'S
- \* THE FRESH MARKET \* THE GATEWAY ENGINEERS \* THE HOLLYWOOD THEATER
- \* HUNTLEY&HUNTLEY ENERGY EXPLORATION \* ICE CASTLE \* MARK SHUTTLEWORTH
- \* MR MAGIC CARWASH \* NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT \* PERSONA HAIR AND SPA
- \* ROOT SPORTS \* SKYDIVE PA \* SOUTH HILLS JEWELERS \* STERLING YOGA \* SUPERCUTS
- \* CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF ART AND NATURAL HISTORY \* CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER
- \* PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS \* PITTSBURGH CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
- \* PITTSBURGH IRISH & CLASSICAL THEATRE \* PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- \* PITTSBURGH ZOO AND PPG AQUARIUM \* BREAKER'S \* DRNACH ENVIRONMENTAL
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- \* CONTE HAIRDESIGN \* HDH GROUP \* FUTURE SKATE \* TED THOMPSON HEATING AND COOLING
- \* CUSTOM DRAPERIES BY DAY-CEE \* DAN DEASY \* MIKE DOYLE \* ANONYMOUS DONORS

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

*save the date!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR NEXT YEAR'S  
"A TASTE OF DORMONT" WINE AND DINE,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014**

## DIG Dormont presents...

### "For the Love of Flowers"

A fundraiser for the beautification of Dormont

Join us for an evening of live music on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8pm-midnight at Cain's, located in Dormont at 3239 W. Liberty Avenue.

\*Tickets: \$10 in advance or at the door\*

\*Drink Specials with your ticket\*

\*Ticket proceeds go towards spring planting throughout Dormont\*

For Advanced Tickets, call 724-680-0344, or email [digdormont@gmail.com](mailto:digdormont@gmail.com).

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friends of dormont pool's  
8th annual  
st patty's day  
fundraiser



**Saturday, March 15th**  
**8pm-12am**

Recreation Center-above the pool bathhouse  
\$20.00/person

Reserved Tables for 8 people/\$135.00

Tickets can be purchased in advance through  
Sarann Fisher 412 561-7692

Or at the door on the day of the event.

- ♣ dj-ed cyphers
- ♣ dancing
- ♣ hors devours
- ♣ chinese auction
- ♣ beer
- ♣ mixers
- ♣ door prizes

*P.S. Save the date—8th Annual Miller Lite Pub Tour benefiting  
Friends of Dormont Pool April 26th 7pm-Midnight  
Every bar in Dormont!*

**[www.friendsofdormontpool.org](http://www.friendsofdormontpool.org)**

# HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013

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

**Dormont Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas Parade**

Starts at West Liberty Avenue and Peermont, onto Potomac Avenue and ends at Potomac at Belrose Avenue

**Hollywood Theatre 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

1449 Potomac Avenue

**Holiday Movies**

11:00 a.m. - Noon - Free holiday cartoons!  
Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Free family screening of "THE POLAR EXPRESS"

(Fundraiser for Caring for Kids Campaign)  
\$1.00 Popcorn and \$1.00 hot chocolate

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

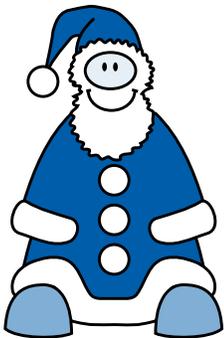
Dormont Recreation Center, 1801 Dormont Avenue

**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 \$3.00-One Free Photo with the donation of one new, unopened toy for Toys for Tots



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

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

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## 2014 RECREATION BOARD EVENTS

- **Open Gym at Municipal Gymnasium –** Every Friday January 3-March 28, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5 (parents must stay)
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 5, 10 a.m.-Noon. Rain date: April 12.
- **Battle of the Bands –** Hollywood Theatre, Saturday May 17
- **Movies in the Park –** June 13, July 11, August 8 – Movies TBA
- **Halloween Pet Parade –** Saturday October 25
- **Halloween Haunted House** at the Recreation Center – October 30, 31, and November 1
- **Parade, Cookies with Santa, and Light Up Dormont –** Saturday December 6

*More information to come on all events!*



Saturday, March 1, 2014

8 pm to Midnight

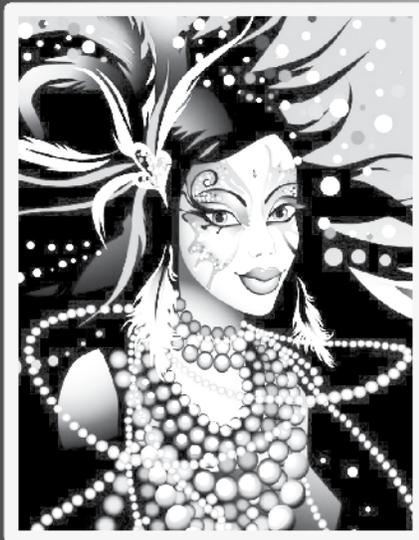
\$20/person

# MARDI GRAS On Main Street

Dormont Rec Center

Beer, Mixers, Music & Light Buffet

Chinese Auction, 50-50 & Basket of Cheer Raffle



Tickets available at **Dormont**

**Borough Building** or contact

**Karen Coyle 412-720-8081**

[karencoyle@prudentialpreferred.com](mailto:karencoyle@prudentialpreferred.com)

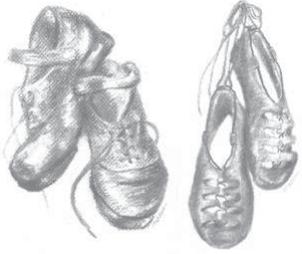
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**Debby Grass 412-207-7860**

**Must be 21 yrs old to attend**

Proceeds benefit  
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to help with the  
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Program





## 2013/14 Enrollment for

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[Irishdance@shovlinacademy.com](mailto:Irishdance@shovlinacademy.com)



## BODY EFFORT KEEP MOVING THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS DORMONT REC CENTER *(above the pool!)* Monday & Thursday 7 to 8 PM NEW STUDENT OFFER: FREE CLASS ANYTIME

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**WARM UP** - Fun, easy-to-follow routine to improve Balance, Posture & Coordination

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# SOLID WASTE NEWS FOR 2014

At their November meeting, Council awarded solid waste services to Waste Management, Inc. for the calendar years 2014 through 2018. This followed an extensive bidding process run by the South Hills Area Council of Governments.

## What's the Same?

1. Leaf waste still must be bagged in the brown paper bags.
2. Sanitation fees will remain the same for 2014. The Borough has been paying out more than it has been collecting for sanitation since at least 2010. For 2014, the Borough will be subsidizing sanitation costs by over \$70,000. Council will look at possible fee increases in the 2015 budget but there are no fee increases in 2014.
3. Collection day remains the same.

## What's New?

1. Recycling pickups will be every week beginning the first week of January, 2014.
2. Residents will be able to place one bulk waste object (sofa, chair, washing machine, etc.) at the curb for pickup each week without extra charge.
3. Residents will no longer need to buy a bin from the Borough (though we will still have them available) but instead can use any container (of any size) and put a free Borough recycling sticker on to ensure it is picked up. Stickers will be available at Borough Hall and the Police Department and select businesses in the area. The complete list will be available on our website.
4. Residents will be able to call and schedule a front door pickup of any **Household Hazardous Waste** materials (paint, computers, TVs, etc.) as often as they wish. A complete list of what is acceptable or not is below.

### ACCEPTABLE HHW WASTES

- Adhesives
- Automotive Chemicals  
(*Antifreeze, Brake Fluid*)  
(*less than 5 Gals.*)
- Automotive Cleaners  
(*Waxes, Polishes*)
- Consumer electronics-E Waste
- Corrosive Chemicals  
(*Non-commercial*)
- Drain Openers-Chlorine Bleach
- Driveway Sealer  
(*less than 5 Gals.*)
- Gasoline  
(*less than 5 Gals*)
- Herbicides-Aerosols
- Hobby Chemicals
- Household Fluorescent Tubes
- Lubricants  
(*Motor Oil, Transmission Fluid*)
- Lye
- Paint Products  
(*Oil, Latex, Stripper*)
- Paint Thinners
- Pesticides & Insect Sprays
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Thermometers
- Used Oil Filters
- Vehicle Batteries
- Wood Preservatives

### UNACCEPTABLE HHW

- All Medications
- Ammunition and Explosives
- Appliances
- Biological Waste
- Commercial Chemicals
- Containers over 5 Gallons
- Fire Extinguishers
- Gas Cylinders
- Liquid Mercury
- Materials Improperly Packaged
- Radioactive Materials including Detectors
- Tires
- Unlabeled and Unknown Materials

## GOT DRUGS?

If you were unable to join us on October 26 for the prescription drug drop off at the pool, the following simple tips will help you dispose of the medications at home. Don't flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain, unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so. Here's what you do instead:

1. take unused or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
2. mix prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds, cat litter or vegetable oil.
3. put the mixture in a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty milk carton, margarine tub or sealable bag.
4. conceal personal information on the drug container, including Rx number, using a permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
5. place the sealed container with the mixture and the empty drug containers in the trash.

\*Source: White House Office of National Drug Control Policy



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# RECYCLING NEWS



**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:** The Dormont Borough Street Department will pick up your old Christmas tree for recycling beginning Friday, December 27, 2013 and ending Friday, January 10, 2014. Simply place your tree at the curb after you have removed all tinsel and ornaments. The trees will be picked up and put through a chipper. The mulch will be made available to the residents near the salt pile or the pool parking lot.

**REMEMBER!** The mulch is recommended for use around evergreens only; the high acidity is not suggested for flowers or gardens. If we should have a big snowfall, do not call the Borough Office, you will be tying up phone lines needed for more important emergency calls. Your tree will be picked up as soon as possible. *If you keep your tree up later than January 10th, you can put it out with your regular garbage.*

We have a new hauler beginning January 1, 2014. Waste Management Inc. We will have recycling weekly with a lot of other items for special recycling pickups. Some of the information is on page 19 of this newsletter. Waste Management will send out a separate letter informing the residents of all the changes. **Waste Management 1-866-258-1708**