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BECOMING A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

I consider myself fortunate to be a part of Dormont. Moreover, I consider myself fortunate to be a part of Dormont at this moment. Community transformations do not happen often and they are not always positive, yet here we are in the midst of a beautiful, and natural, change. Most of you have noticed by now that houses are selling quite well and Dormont is receiving an influx of young professionals. This is not to say that younger is better, but that there are new positive influences working on our community.

When I arrived in Dormont, one of the regular attendees at Council meetings lamented the loss of families in Dormont. He spoke to me for some time about how many children used to play throughout the borough and how he missed the family atmosphere that came with those children. As the months have gone on, I have watched one young family after another move to Dormont. With this new population comes a new challenge: to be the welcoming community we claim to be.

"We find very few sensible people except those who agree with our own opinion."
– Francois de La Rochefoucauld

Borough Council passed two resolutions earlier this year proclaiming Dormont a welcoming and inclusive community. These documents serve as a firm foundation for the future development of our community. It is a great challenge to welcome someone different from ourselves into the neighborhood, but it is an even greater opportunity. While the inclination is often to stick with those just like us, as La Rochefoucauld pointed out in the mid-1600's, we have the chance to expand our horizons and learn something new, about humanity and ourselves, by welcoming those we find different into our community and into our lives.

"Nothing is so contagious as example, and we never do very good deeds or very evil ones without producing imitations. We copy the good deeds in a spirit of emulation, and the bad ones because of the malignity of our nature - which shame used to hold under lock and key, but an example sets free."
– Francois de La Rochefoucauld

Our country has been dealing with issues of hatred for generations, but those issues have been playing out on a national stage lately, and we are not immune. Within the past months, we have dealt with acts of anti-Semitism within our borough parks. I have personally taken calls from residents angry that the borough allowed minority-owned businesses to move to Dormont. The opportunity is here to set the contagious example for our children and our neighbors. Borough Council took the first step, and were unanimous in doing so. It's time for all of us to take the next step to move Dormont forward.

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"We readily forgive our friends for faults that do not affect us."
– Francois de La Rochefoucauld

The difficulty, as I see it, is realizing that the issues our country is dealing with affect us. They may affect us through our children, our friends, or our coworkers, but we are all in this together. When we fail to confront a friend over casual racism because they were not insulting us directly, we have allowed a bad example to become malignant.

Please join Borough Council in being a positive example for our youth by welcoming all of your neighbors into our community and including them in your lives.

Thank you,

Ben Estell
Borough Manager

A Note From THE MAYOR

As we give way to fall, I hope all had a great summer.

As usual, the Fourth of July festivities were excellent. Kudos to those who worked feverishly to put it all together.

School has started so please obey the School Zone laws and be cognizant of the children and School Crossing Guards. Parents, Please remind your school children that if they are crossing West Liberty Avenue to walk to school to please cross at West Liberty Avenue and Dormont Avenue, where there is a Crossing Guard stationed, or at one of the signalized crossings along West Liberty Avenue.

West Liberty Avenue at Illinois Avenue
West Liberty Avenue at Potomac Avenue
West Liberty Avenue at Wisconsin Avenue
West Liberty Avenue at Hillsdale Avenue
West Liberty Avenue at McFarland Road

In our August council meeting we received some sad news concerning out Council President Joan Hodson…it was at the meeting Joan announced that she was resigning from council and moving. Joan and her husband Jim have been a fixture in our community for many years. Joan is now and always has been a dedicated friend and neighbor to us all. Her involvement in our community is unparalleled, especially her seven plus years serving all of us in government. As an activist beautifying our town thru Main Street, to ensuring our safety with unwavering support for our Police and Fire…Thank you Joan Hodson for everything.

Sincerely, Mayor Phil Ross

Have a great fall season y'all.

LETTER FROM SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Flu/Pneumonia Shot & Senior Clinic

I will be hosting my annual Flu/Pneumonia Shot & Senior Clinic on Thursday, September 28 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Quinn Hall at the Church of the Resurrection in Brookline. American HealthCare Group will be providing free vaccinations to any senior with the Medicare Part B health insurance card. Make sure to bring your card with you. Light refreshments will be served.

I am also pleased that several organizations from around the region will be present to provide seniors with important information on available services and resources. Organizations scheduled to participate include: ACCESS; Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging; Allegheny County Bar Association; Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy; OASIS; and the Office of the Consumer Advocate; with more to come.

Please take this opportunity to stay healthy and receive your flu and/or pneumonia shot as we head into the fall and winter months and visit with the many terrific participating organizations. I hope to see you there!

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In May, my office hosted a Suburban Poverty discussion, and one issue we focused on was food insecurity in the 42nd district. Food insecurity is a persistent issue in our district, and while you may miss them if you don't need them, we have seven food pantries in our area alone. Also, all of our local school districts have substantial free and reduced lunch programs.

Unfortunately there is still a lot of stigma when it comes to food insecurity. This is particularly true in relation to kids in schools. Not long ago one school district in western PA actually took the food back from an elementary student because his family was behind on the bill. While we need to be sure that parents who can pay the lunch cost do so, in my opinion no student should be penalized as a way of sending a message home.

A 2014 report found that almost half of all school districts employ some type of "lunch shaming" method as a way to get parents to pay. This includes making students work for their food, slapping wristbands on them to alert parents of overdrawn lunch accounts, and refusing meals altogether.

While Pittsburgh Public has developed a different policy, I have co-sponsored House Bill 1403 which would prohibit "lunch shaming" throughout Pennsylvania. This bill would make sure that no child is punished – especially publicly – for an overdue bill. After all, it's very hard to learn on an empty stomach.

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I am proud to represent Dormont in the U.S. House of Representatives. As your Congressman, my responsibilities include helping constituents like you in your dealings with the federal government. So, for example, my staff can help you with:

- Getting a passport or visa
- Applying for Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, or other federal benefits
- Applying to a military service academy
- Tracking a misdirected benefit payment
- Or simply explaining federal government policies or decisions

Please don't hesitate to contact my office about these or other concerns. My staff and I are able to facilitate the processes involved, gain a fair hearing for your case, and advocate for what will hopefully be a favorable outcome.

Please note that in order to protect your privacy, federal law requires that I have a written and signed privacy release form when acting on behalf of a constituent. This allows me to make inquiries on your behalf.

You can reach me by phone (412-390-1499), by sending me a message through my website (www.house.gov/doyle), or – if you want – by coming by my office. You can also follow me on social media to keep up to date with my work representing Dormont in Congress.

Transitions

Dear Outreach,

My daughter seems scared about starting middle school. How can I help her feel more comfortable about her new school?

Worried Parent

Dear Worried Parent,

It is normal to experience apprehension when transitioning to middle (or high) school, as there are a lot of differences between these schools. However, some children experience symptoms that are not typical such as sleep disturbances, stomachaches, and worrying.

In order to assist with her transition, visit the school and talk about her impressions and concerns. Together, look up the school's website to find answers to her questions and concerns. She may even get excited about new opportunities after viewing a list of student activities. Plan to get back on a school sleep schedule and discuss ways she can get organized with school supplies.

It is important to allow your daughter to discuss her hopes and worries about entering middle school. Listen without judgment, and show empathy. Adolescents can be irritable and take pressures out on their families. Parents should try to keep calm and show their children that they are a loved and valued member of the family. Furthermore, they should highlight their children's strengths that they can use to face their struggles.

If you need more support please feel free to contact Outreach at 412-561-5405 or info@outreachteen.org.

Outreach Teen & Family Services is a nonprofit, confidential counseling service. We offer counseling and educational programs to teens and parents that are affordable, accessible, and discreet; all within a welcoming, supportive environment.

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 is a welcome break in the hectic workday.

Each year Rotarians sponsor a poinsettia sale. Profits benefit the tri-boro libraries. They will be available at the Dormont library in early December.

Visit our facebook page facebook/dmtlcsrotary and twitter/dmtlcsrotary for a calendar of club events.

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

DORMONT MAIN STREET
Hanging Basket Program

By now, you will have noticed the twenty gorgeous flower baskets hanging on Potomac Avenue which benefit the beautification of the street from June through October. These baskets are purchased and maintained through the Western PA Conservancy. We wish to thank the following local Dormont businesses who have helped Main Street with this beautification effort and you will also see recognition on the baskets:

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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

The Borough of Dormont

Diversity Vape Shop

Dormont Historical Society

Dormont Public Library

McCormick-Dorman Post 694

MJ Flaherty Plumbing, Heating, Air

South Hills Power Yoga

The Hollywood Theater

Thank you all for helping make this program such a beautiful success. We at Dormont Main Street hope you enjoy the baskets and the rest of your Summer.

Official Actions

APRIL 3, 2017

• Approved the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L (A. Motion to Accept the Council Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2017, B. Motion to Accept the Warrant List March 2017, C. Motion to Accept Manager's Report for March 2017, D. Motion to Accept Solicitor's Report for March 2017, E. Motion to Accept Resignation of James Hodson from Traffic and Parking Planning Commission, F. Motion to Appoint Jack Abel to the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission, G. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Parks Superintendent to Hire the Following Individuals for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont Parks Department for 2017: Timmy Ali, Ben Morton, Stephen Kelley, Dominic Constantini, H. Authorization to Advertise for Bid the 2017 Road & Alley Resurfacing Project, I. Motion to Award 2017 Demonstration Project CIPP Lining Contract to Insight Pipe Contracting, LP for the Bid Amount of $47,741.15, J. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Marquee Sign for the Recreation Center from Precision Sign & Awning at a Price of $21,420.33 at the Recommendation of the Parks Supervisor, K. Motion to Approve the Recommendation of Award for Potomac Avenue. Phase I Tree Planting, L. Motion to Approve Friends of Dormont Pool Temporary Sign Application).

• Approved Conditional Offer of Employment to James Barca for Position of Fire Apparatus/Desk Officer.

• Approved Proclamation #5, 2017 Recognizing April 2017 as National Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Dormont.

• Approved Advertising Ordinance #1621, an Ordinance of the Borough of Dormont Amending Ordinance No. 935 Chapter 20: Fire Department to add a section to require all Inspection Reports be provided through a third-party Inspection Reporting System, Brycer, LLC.

• Approved a Contract with Compliance Engine for Inspection Report Tracking.

• Amended the 2017 Fee Resolution to Include a $10.00 Early Bird Discount for Single Pool Passes for Dormont Residents.

MAY 1, 2017

• Accepted the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q (A. Motion to Accept the Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017, B. Warrant List April 2017, C. Motion to Approve the 2017 Road & Alley Resurfacing Project Recommendation of Award to Niando Construction, Inc. for the base bid plus all alternates in the total amount of $349,883.60, D. Motion to Accept Manager's Report for April 2017, E. Motion to Accept the Engineer's Report for May 2017, F. Motion to Accept the Police Department Report for March 2017, G. Motion to Accept the Fire Department Report March 2017, H. Motion to Accept the March 2017 Code Enforcement Report, I. Motion to Approve March 2017 Zoning Report, J. Motion to Accept the Solicitor's Report for April 2017, K. Motion to Authorize the Borough Manager to Apply for Historic Designation for the Park Plan through Pittsburgh History and Landmark Foundation, L. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Leah Petrilli from the Dormont Stormwater Authority, M. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Parks Superintendent to Hire the Following Individual for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont Parks Department For 2017: Declan Hartnett, N. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Recreation Director to Hire the Following Individuals for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont for 2017: Patty Constantini, Tracy Zange, Christopher Fennig, Megan Stout, and Benjamin Kunkel, O. Motion to Accept Recommendation of Public Works Supervisor John Schneider to Hire Christopher Pena as a Summer Worker for the Public Works Department, P. Motion to Approve Part Time Code Enforcement/Fire Suppression Job Description and Rate of Pay, Q. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of Chief Bisignani to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Keystone Oaks School District).

• Approved Ordinance #1621, An Ordinance of the Borough of Dormont Amending Ordinance No. 935 Chapter 20: Fire Department to Add a Section to require all Inspection Reports be provided through a Third-Party Inspection Reporting System Designee of the Borough of Dormont.

• Approved Resolution #6, 2017, a Resolution Opposing the Elimination of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Official Actions

• Approved Resolution 7, 2017, a Resolution of the Borough of Dormont Declaring their Intent to Follow the Schedules and Procedures for Retention and Disposition of Records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008.

• Authorized the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to Negotiate a New Memorandum of Understanding with Dr. John Snyder Regarding the Potential Development of a Parking Garage in the Vicinity of West Liberty Avenue and Potomac Avenue.

• Motion to Amend the 2017 Fee Schedule to Include the Following: Oldies Dance Individual Entrance Fee $10.00, Oldies Dance Couple Entrance Fee $15.00.

JUNE 5, 2017

• Approved Reorganization of Council.

• Appointed Joan Hodson as Council President of Council.

• Appointed Kate Abel as Vice President of Council.

• Appointed Daniel Ventresca as President Pro Tem.

• Approved the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W (A. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes 05-01-2017, B. Motion to Approve the May Warrant List 2017, C. Motion to Approve the Engineer's Report, D. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for May 2017, E. Motion to Approve the Fire Department Year End Report 2016, F. Motion to Approve the Fire Department Report April 2017, G. Motion to Approve the Police Department Report April 2017, H. Motion to Approve May Police Report, I. Motion to Accept Code Enforcement Report for April 2017, J. Motion to Approve Building and Code Enforcement June Report, K. Motion to Approve April 2017 Zoning Report, L. Motion to Accept the May 2017 Zoning Report, M. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Recreation Director to Hire Christina DeAngelis for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont for 2017, N. Award of Potomac Avenue Reconstruction Phase II Contract, O. Motion to Approve Architect Proposal for Municipal Gym Project, P. Emergency Sewer Repair, Q. Motion to Accept Marie Smith Retirement, R. Motion to Approve Reserved Accessible Parking Policy, S. Motion to Hire Jeff Youkers as Code Enforcement/ Fire Suppression Officer, T. Motion to Accept Recommendation of Chief Davis to Approve Joseph DeFazio for Service with Dormont Volunteer Fire Department, U. Motion to Appoint Seth Davis to the Dormont Stormwater Authority, V. Motion to Accept Resignation of Rhiannon Haller from the Dormont Stormwater Authority, W. Motion to Approve Resignation of Phil McEntee from Dormont Stormwater Authority).

• Approved the Hollywood Theater Rental Agreement.

• Approved Ordinance 1622, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of and Awarding Its $1,575,000, Principal Amount, Note, at a Private Sale, in Accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

• Approved Resolution #8, 2017, a Resolution of the Borough of Dormont, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Seeking Grant Funding Under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority ("ALCOSAN") Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program to Fund a Project that Proposes to Reduce the Sewer Overflow at the ALCOSAN Point of Connection in the MH-18 Little Saw Mill Run Sewer Shed.

The Dormont AARP Chapter 3016 meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Unity Presbyterian Church, 1146 Green Tree Road; at intersection with Potomac Avenue. Doors open at 11:30 am and the meeting starts at 12 noon.

We have speakers, entertainment, travel trips, plus the annual picnic and Christmas party to name a few activities.

We also collect items for charity. | New members and visitors are welcome. | Come join us at a meeting.

For more information call Beverly 412-563-3961.

DORMONT Historical Society

What are our volunteers' favorite things to do while the museum is open on Thursday mornings? That is an easy question to answer. We enjoy welcoming visitors and seeing their surprise at how many, many items are on display, or the ones that have been added since their last visit. We also enjoy helping them find answers to some of their questions by using our borough maps and the information in our files. There are many binders filled with information and/or pictures of local businesses, activities, parades, organizations and events for them to look through. Some visitors enjoy perusing our collection of Dormont High School and Keystone Oaks High School yearbooks that date back to 1923, as well as those from Hillsdale, Kelton and Dormont Elementary.

Our museum is open Thursdays, 8:30 - 2:00. If you cannot come during those hours, arrangements can usually be made for a volunteer to open the museum for you at another time. Call John, 412-343-0635. or Muriel, 412-341-3667. Please call well in advance so we can have a volunteer meet you there in the lower level of the Dormont Municipal Building on the Espy Avenue side. There is an elevator for those who would care to use it.

DORMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to send out our thanks again to the community for supporting us this past year during our annual raffle. The winners this year were as follows:

First Prize: **Wendy Isaac of Dormont**

Second Prize: **Gloria Lawler of Pittsburgh**

Third Prize: **Ashley Reese of Dormont**

The fire department has also recently joined up with Greentree Fire Department in doing a gun bash each year which you may have seen other fire departments in the area do. Ours takes place at Greentree Fire Hall on September 9, 2017 and if you are interested in purchasing a $25.00 ticket, please call the fire house and we can arrange to get you one.

Lastly, the Citizen's Fire Academy is getting ready to start up again on September 13. If you are interested in seeing what it is like to be a firefighter or would like some more information, please contact the fire house at your convenience at 412-563-8826. Thank you again for your continued support!

Take a stroll through Dormont's parks to view the new benches.

Several benches throughout our parks are in disrepair and need to be replaced. After receiving several calls at the borough from families asking if they could purchase a bench to honor a family member or pet, a program was put into place to do such that. A total of ten benches have been placed in the parks by the following families who have participated in the program to date:

The William Moreland Family • **The Barry Wood Family** • **The Mary & Monty Betris Family**
The Jim & Lois Hodson Family • **The Maureen Cromie Family**
The Edward & Ruth Hartman Family • **The Dormont Historical Society**

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Joan Hodson at the borough. To make it easy for you, each bench is the same; cedar in color with black legs, made from commercial grade recycled HDPE, will not fade, easy to clean with stainless steel hardware that will not rust. The benches are customized with your message.

Dormont Public Library

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Elder Care Presentation:

Zacharia Brown Elder Law Attorneys will present a free, informative discussion focusing on important issues for senior citizens and their families **Tuesday, September 12 at 11AM**. Registration is recommended for this program.

LEGO Club:

LEGOs aren't just for stepping on... join us the **2nd and 4th Saturday of every month (beginning August 12) at 11:30AM**, for a REAL block party! This program is open to guests 3-18 years old. Registration is recommended for this program.

Acting Classes for Kids:

Join resident actress, Sharon McCune, **every Monday at 7PM, September 11 to November 13**! This 10-week program is intended for students in Kindergarten - 7th grade and costs $5 per class ($50 total). **Limit 15 students.**

Autumn with the Bard:

Achieve greatness with resident actress, Sharon McCune, **every Monday at 8PM, beginning September 11**! This program is designed for young adults and adults 15 years and older and is perfect for high school students who need a bit more help with that pesky English class or adults that always wanted to give it a try. Please bring a monologue of your choice to work on. **The cost for this class is $10 per class.** Registration is required. **Limit 10 students.**

Spotty Logic Trivia Challenge:

Join us the **3rd Thursday of each month at 1PM (beginning August 17)** for our Spotty Logic Trivia Challenge and the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 7PM** for our Trivia Night! This program is intended for individuals 18 years and older. Registration is required for this program.

Register for all of our programs by contacting the library at dormontprogramming@einetwork.net or 412.531.8754. Don't forget to purchase your ticket to the 2017 Fall House Tour, on sale now for $20 (prices increase to $25 the day of the House Tour)!

Dormont Public Library 2017 HOUSE TOURS

The 2017 Dormont Library House Tour will be held on October 1, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Advance tickets are available now at **dormontlibrary.org/housetour** for $20. Tickets will be also be available the day of the tour at the Dormont Library from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for $25.

This is a self-guided tour with a map provided for navigation. The Dormont House Tour began in 1989 and has featured many lovely Dormont houses and apartments in order to provide ideas for restoration and renovation. The tour is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our unique homes and neighborhoods in Dormont, while inspiring appreciation fo the historic qualities of our Borough.

For more information visit the website above, or follow our Facebook page at **facebook.com/dormontlibraryhousetour**

All proceeds benefit the Dormont Public Library.

dormont public library

2950 WEST LIBERTY AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15216

Dear Friends:

For over 80 years, the Dormont Public Library has provided services to our residents that have helped to build our community, and inspired and educated patrons. Our library serves as a gathering place for the diverse populations which call our borough home, is a place of learning, and a place for our youth.

This community has stepped up again and again to support the library. Today, we call on our community again. The library's back hill has been slowly eroding and is now at a point where immediate action is necessary. The cost of the project is expected to exceed $400,000. With the assistance of State Senator Wayne D. Fontana, a $250,000 grant has been secured to assist with the project. The remainder, however, is the responsibility of the library. Our board is currently weighing its options, but will likely borrow funds to be able to meet the additional need, unless we can raise those funds separately.

We write today to ask that you consider making a donation to the Dormont Public Library to assist us in these costs. Donations are tax-deductible and will go a long way towards allowing us to continue to be a 21st century community resource, offering programs and information for all ages that our residents have come to rely upon. Your contribution will be recognized formally in the library and we hope you'll also be proud of the role your donation has made for the library and its patrons. Every donation, no matter what the size, is greatly appreciated and will be put to use for the back hill project.

During the month of September, donations made to the library will be matched by the Jack Buncher Foundation. This is part of the 2nd Annual Love Your Library event, a campaign developed by the Allegheny County Library Association and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. All donations of up to $500 per donor will count toward the match. Libraries will receive a pro-rated portion of the $150,000 match pool to support their services and operations based on the total funds raised. If you're able to contribute, donating during the month of September increases the contribution to the library.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the Dormont Public Library. We are grateful for the difference you make for our library and in our community.

Joe Costanzo, Board President

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Dormont Athletic Booster Association – *founded in 1949*

BASEBALL

- **The 8U and 10U Keystone Oaks Sunday Travel Teams** both took 1st place in their respective league playoffs! Congratulations to all of the kids from Dormont, Castle Shannon and Green Tree who participated!
- **The 8U Dormont All-Star Team** took 1st place at both the Green Tree and Dormont tournaments and 3rd place at the West End tournament! Congratulations to all the kids, coaches and special thank you to the parents for their support!
- **The 10U Dormont All-Star Team** took 3rd place at their home tournament, 3rd place at the Ingomar/ Franklin Park tournament and 2nd place at the Braun Jeffrey tournament! A long season of hard work really paid off! Congratulations to all of the kids & coaches! Thank you to all the parents for their support!

SOFTBALL

- **8u Slow Pitch** - KOA combined with Castle Shannon this year to make a team; they had a great season.
- **10u Fast Pitch** - finished with a 9 - 5 record in regular season, lost in the Semifinals. They played in the Bellevue Tournament, all the games were very close. Finished the season with a 14 and 8 record.
- **12u Fast Pitch** - fought through injuries during the year but made it to the first round of the play offs.
- **15u Fast Pitch** - the team went undefeated in the regular season, 14 - 0. They lost in the Semifinals to a very good Beth Center team 8 - 7. Finished the season 15 -1. Great job!
- **DABA would like to thank** all the managers, coaches and parents for volunteering their time to make the programs a success. Thanks to all the team sponsors: Jamison's, Advanced Building Inspections, Med Express, Jay Papuga State Farm Insurance, Vocelli's Pizza, Dormont Police Association, Bob Dini Berkshire Hathaway The Preferred Realty, Mrs. Moreland, Your Hometown Pharmacy, Campiti's Pizza, Aimee O'Connor Howard Hanna, VFW Post 694, DVFD and Roland's Seafood Grill
- **The annual End of Season Picnic** was held on Saturday, August 12th from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Pop Murray Field. There were games for the kids and end of season gifts were distributed for baseball and softball!
- **DABA's Annual Fall Fest** will be held at the Thomas R. Lloyd Recreation Center, 1801 Dormont Avenue, beginning at 8:00 PM on November 11th! A craft beer tasting, food, basket raffle and DJ will be present! Tickets are available in advance at dormontbooster.com, or from any DABA member.

HOLLYWOOD THEATER

Before you know it, the temperatures will be falling and you'll be searching for fun things to do inside. Check out the Hollywood Theater's website (www.thehollywooddormont.org) to see what great new indie movies and documentaries we'll be screening, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

We'll be premiering two new amazing music documentaries in September: *Rumble* chronicles the important contributions made by Native Americans to rock 'n roll, and *Sidemen: The Long Road to Glory* is an intimate look at the incredible lives and legacies of piano player Pinetop Perkins, drummer Willie 'Big Eyes' Smith and guitarist Hubert Sumlin, all Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf sidemen.

We continue the great series and events you've come to expect: *Exhibition On* Screen, a new series of documentary films that brings blockbuster art exhibitions from galleries around the world to the big screen, is scheduled for the weekends of September 16 and October 14 and features the works of Renoir and Goya. *Silents, Please!* in September will feature Fritz Lang's granddaddy of all espionage films *Spies* on the 24th, with a live electronic score. The monthly Breakfast and a Movie offers a classic movie and brunch catered by Prohibition Pastries. *The Philadelphia Story* is September 17, *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane* is October 15, *It's a Wonderful Life* is November 19, and *White Christmas* is December 17. Brunch at 10:30 a.m.; movie at 11. You must get breakfast tickets by the Thursday before the event; or get movie-only tickets at the door.

LifeSpan

CHARTIERS SENIOR CENTER OFFERS SENIOR TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Seneca Niagara Casino Trip Sept. 24-25, 2017

($209.00/per person/double occupancy)

Includes roundtrip transportation, one night stay, $50 free play plus $20 food voucher. Photo ID required.

Fabulous 50's Weekend – Wildwood, NJ Trip Oct. 13-15, 2017

($360.00/per person/double occupancy)

Includes roundtrip transportation, two nights deluxe accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 concerts, Saturday Street Fair and a visit to a casino en route home. Call Dorothy for reservations 412-276-3485.

Annual Fall Fundraiser | Ca$htoberfest | Sept. 29, 2017

The Boston Spectrum • 6001 Smithfield Street, Boston, PA 15135 • 6-10 pm.
$25 per ticket - 2#s per ticket.

Cash drawings every quarter hour. Winners need not be present. Live entertainment, karaoke, dancing, dinner buffet, dessert bar, beer, soda, coffee. Proceeds benefit all LifeSpan programs and services for seniors. Tickets available at all LifeSpan Centers. Visit our new website for locations www.lifespanpa.org or call 412-464-1300.

Dormont Stormwater Authority News

FALL 2017

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Gardening and fertilizing seem to be on the top of everyone's "To Do List". But even these common activities can be harmful to the environment. One of the most important things we can do is prevent pollution by properly using and disposing of yard waste and pesticides.

Yard and grass clippings can reach our local waterways by washing into storm drains. Keep green waste out of storm drains by grasscycling or composting. Grasscycling is the practice of leaving clippings on the lawn when mowing. The clippings quickly decompose, returning nutrients to the soil. It makes caring for your lawn easier, will not cause thatch and reduces the lawn's water loss and need for fertilizer. To grasscycle, it is best to cut grass when the surface is dry (no drops of moisture on the grass), and to keep mower blades sharp. Follow the "1/3 rule": Mow the lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is removed in any one mowing. Proper mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface. You may have to cut the lawn more frequently, or double cut, when the lawn is growing quickly.

CATCH BASIN CLEANING

You may have seen Insight Pipe Cleaning in your neighborhood. They have begun cleaning the catch basins in Dormont. This has not been done in Dormont for a very long time, we are not even sure when the last time this task has been completed. The catch basins will be inspected, cleaned and repaired, if needed. Please try to keep them clean on your street. No leaves, grass, oil, cigarette butts- the only thing that should be in our catch basins is stormwater. Our stormwater runs directly to a stream (Saw Mill Run), it is not treated. The Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority asks you to remind your neighbors and landscapers not to sweep or blow anything into the street.

The Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month in Council Chambers at the Borough Building at 7pm. All are welcome!

The DSWA is looking for interested residents to join the Board of Directors. No background in stormwater is necessary. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Borough of Dormont Council. Or send to jtaylor@dormontstormwater.org and they will be forwarded to Council.

Interested in receiving our quarterly e-newsletter? Email or call Jennifer Taylor. 412-561-8900 ext 240. jtaylor@dormontstormwater.org

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Traffic Calming: Keeping Our Roads Running Smoothly and Safely

Borough Administration often hears from residents about safety concerns stemming from perceived vehicle speeding. In this article, the Traffic & Parking Planning Commission provides a brief introduction to Traffic Calming, which are measures that have been developed by traffic engineers to help keep roads safe. The most effective Traffic Calming Plans place equal emphasis on *engineering*, community *education*, and police *enforcement*.

DID YOU KNOW?

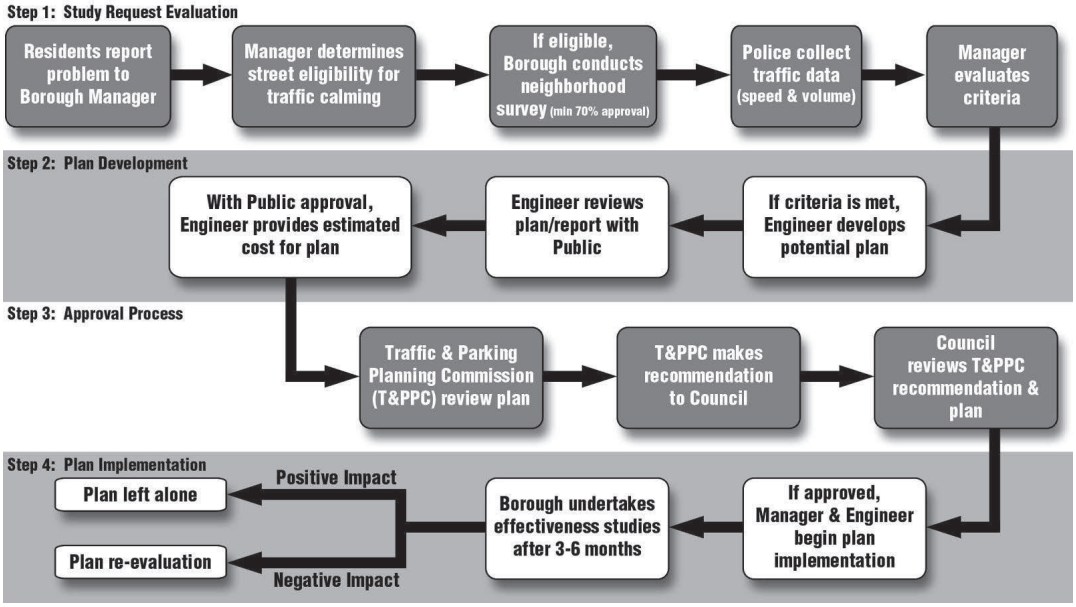
PA is the only state that does not allow municipal police departments to use radar.

Contact Rep. Dan Miller to support *SB535* to give Dormont Police the tools needed to keep roads safe for residents and visitors.

What is Traffic Calming?: Many people think of traffic calming as speed bumps, but it is so much more than that! Traffic Calming is a complete system of design and management strategies aimed at balancing vehicle traffic with other uses to improve safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Some examples of traffic calming measures include speed humps, narrow traffic lanes, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, and pedestrian crosswalks. On the other hand, some devices, such as stop signs, are not intended for reducing vehicle speeds. Moreover, the PA Department of Transportation (DOT)1 and US DOT2 advise that the unwarranted use of stop signs and haphazard installation of approved Traffic Calming measures can make the roads *more unsafe* and introduce *more traffic problems*. For example, unwarranted stop signs can create safety problems, worsen congestion, and increase air and noise pollution by encouraging driving faster between stop signs, violating traffic laws, use of alternate routes, and disregard for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Traffic Calming in Action: Dormont is full of examples of Traffic Calming. The speed hump on Dormont Avenue by the park helps make motorists more aware of heavy foot traffic. Meters were removed at the corner of Belrose and Potomac, and stripes were painted on the road to help divert turning vehicles away from the sidewalk. Dogleg intersections help prevent motorists from speeding through intersections. Streets with two-sided parking and streets with two-way traffic have the effect of narrowing lanes, which causes motorists to drive slower.

How Dormont Addresses Reported Traffic Calming Concerns



Reporting Traffic Concerns: Traffic concerns are routed through Dormont's Traffic Calming Policy.3 This policy is based on recommendations from the PA DOT and allows the Borough to address concerns in an objective, systematic manner. As part of the Policy, data on vehicle speed and volume are collected. Surprisingly, data thus far collected show that a small minority of vehicles actually exceed enforceable speeds. The above diagram illustrates the process of addressing reported traffic-related concerns. You can help keep our roads running smoothly and safely by bringing any traffic concerns to the Borough Manager and kickstarting Dormont's Traffic Calming Policy process.

Helpful Resources:

1. PA DOT Traffic Calming Handbook: https://goo.gl/fRjpEB
2. US DOT Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices: https://goo.gl/z7WQxd
3. Dormont's Traffic Calming Policy: https://goo.gl/W5yVKh

Traffic & Parking Planning Commission Members: Jack Abel, Jonathan Franks, Amanda Hausman, Ed Massery, George Pitcher, Robert Tamburo, Jason Walsh

2017 Road Resurfacing Projects

In 2017 the Borough is looking to complete the following road projects:

Reconstruction of Potomac Avenue Phase I

The initial project was finished on December 21st. In May, shade trees, were planted in the 12 tree boxes installed during the sidewalk construction. In July, the special tree grates were installed around the trees along with the pavers to within 12" of the tree. We hope you will enjoy the larger pedestrian area. With this placement, Phase I is complete.

Reconstruction of Potomac Avenue Phase II

Construction began on July 5th. Phase II will extend the paver sidewalk and street improvements for the remainder of the commercial corridor, that being from Espy Avenue to Voelkel Avenue. As with Phase I, the existing curb, sidewalk and street were removed and replaced with new curb, concrete sidewalk pavers and interlocking street pavers matching those installed under Phase I. We also installed tree boxes on the south side and plan to reinstall some of the lantern style street lights, salvaged under Phase I, on the north side of the tracks.

Phase II is divided into 2 sections. Section 1, which is under construction, extends from Espy Avenue and will stop at the Port Authority tracks. Section 1 is anticipated to be completed by September 15th and the project fully complete by October 15th.

The Borough will have information hand-delivered to those in and around the affected areas and our Facebook page/website will have regular updates.

An email distribution list has been set up to dissimilate information and future updates. Residents/businesses are invited to join. To be added to this list, please contact the Borough Office at 412-561-8900 X221 or 222; or email Abbey (ahoetzlein@boro.dormont.pa.us).

2017 Street and Alley Resurfacing Project

Construction began on July 5th to resurface several streets and alleys, and subsequently completed in August. The following streets/alleys were resurfaced:

- Annex Avenue from Tennessee Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue,
- The Illinois Avenue loop road from Illinois Avenue past Begg Snyder Park to Delmar Alley,
- Dell Avenue from Hillsdale Avenue to the Port Authority tracks,
- Western Alley from Espy Avenue to Belrose Avenue,
- 9th Alley from Eastmont Avenue to Beacon Hill Avenue,
- And a portion of the Dormont Park Access Road near the large pavilion.

We are already considering the resurfacing project for next year. Every year we tour the Borough streets and alleys and evaluate their condition. A list is prepared of those determined to be the worst in the Borough. Together with a cost estimate, our recommendation is provided to council for budgeting and a final selection.

Reconstruction of Belplain Avenue

Finally, Belplain Avenue was reconstructed from Tennessee Avenue to Illinois Avenue. This section of Belplain Avenue was a brick street that was damaged during a major water main break on Tennessee Avenue in the fall of 2016. The reconstruction was performed by the water company who replaced the curb, installed new ADA ramps and constructed an asphalt street. In a partnership with the water company, the Borough only paid for the curb.

The 10th Annual Street Fair and Music Festival

Saturday, September 30, 20175 • 3:00 - 11:00 PM Potomac Avenue

(Potomac will be closed between Belrose & West Liberty Avenues 11:00 a.m. - 12 a.m.)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Stage at Belrose and Potomac

Corned Beef & Curry
5:00 - 7:15 PM

The Fabulous Booze Brothers
8:00 - 11:00 PM

Children's Area 4:00 - 7:00pm
On Potomac between West Liberty and Glenmore

Information Booth 3:00 - 11:00 pm
At the corner of Glenmore and Potomac
(across Glenmore from Mekong Restaurant)

Information Booth & Lost and Found Station

Band Schedule and Maps of Street Fair Vendors available

There'll be Music, Food and Fun for the whole Family!!

Please Note: For the safety of Street Fair guests and patrons, **ANIMALS are NOT permitted** in the Street Fair areas! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

A Taste in Dormont

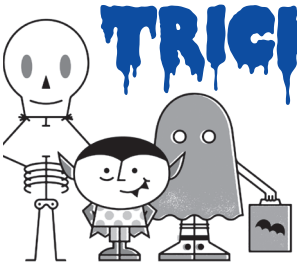
Sip wines & beer from Pennsylvania Wineries & Breweries

Sample foods from local restaurants

Sway to the Music of Joe Monroe of Good Guys Band with Pete Hewlett

Saturday, September 9, 2017
5 pm until 8:30 pm
Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center
1801 Dormont Avenue

Tickets available at the Door
$25.00 / person
Join us at Taste in Dormont on Facebook



TRICK OR TREAT

TUESDAY, October 31, 2017
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Dormont volunteer firefighters and police will be out and about patrolling the streets.

DORMONT LITTER CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 21 • 10:00 am until 1:00 pm

Meet at the Municipal Center rear parking lot at 10:00 am.

This is part of the "Pitt Make A Difference" campaign. Volunteers will be supplied with free bags and gloves.

Public Safety Day | Saturday, October 7

Dormont Pool Parking Lot • 11am – 2pm

Dormont Fire Department • Dormont Police Department • SHACOG CERT Team • MRTSA • And Various Fire Departments

Dormont Fall Festival

Saturday, October 28, 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Meet at the Annapolis Avenue Park Entrance at 12:45 PM

Free Admission - While Supplies Last.

Children's Costume Parade
Pet Parade • Costume Contest
Games and Treats

DVFD ANNUAL Christmas PARADE

Saturday, December 2 at 10:00AM

Lineup Begins at 9:00 AM at
West Liberty at Peermont Avenues,
ends at Potomac and Belrose Avenues

Annual Jacket Drive

The KOSD and SH 3rd Annual "Warmth of a Jacket" Drive will kick off in mid-October. Collection sites will be the Dormont Elementary School, Dormont Municipal Center and the Dormont Public Library. More details will be distributed thru the schools and social media.

Last year the drive collected over 350 jackets which went to the Jubilee Kitchen, Womanspace East, Light of Life Rescue Mission and SHM. Winter items such as hats, gloves and winter boots will also be collected this year.

Thank you to all who donated last year and a SPECIAL THANKS TO Victoria Salemme who spearheaded the drive and all her helpers!! A job well done

Christmas on Main Street

Saturday, December 2 • Potomac Avenue

Holiday Fun for the Entire Family

Cookies with Santa • Tree Lighting and much more.

Commit 2B Fit

Friends Focused on Fitness

Commit Yourself to be Fit with us and make some new friends!

HEAD to TOE EXERCISES TO STRENGTHEN, TIGHTEN & TONE YOUR BODY

DORMONT REC CENTER

Monday & Thursdays – 7:00 to 8:00 PM

For more information contact:
Diane Kaiser 412-952-8037
Email: c2bf2017@gmail.com
www.commit2bfit.rocks

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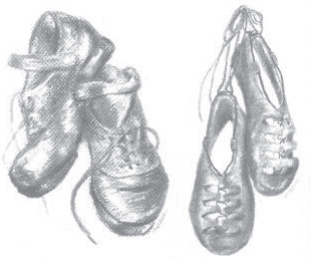

Irish Dance Classes with Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance

New class year begins on September 11, 2017

Instruction offered weekly in our studio located at:

Dormont Municipal Building
1444 Hillsdale Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15216

For enrollment and further information please visit:
www.shovlinacademy.com
Irishdance@shovlinacademy.com

THE DORMONT HORSESHOE CLUB

At the end of another summer, also comes the end of another Horseshoe Season. Now except for all of the rain that tried to wash us out, we had a pretty productive season. With 8 or 9 new members, we enjoyed a lot of good competition and fellowship. The two tournaments that we held this season were even bigger than the previous year. Our young (and old) rookies are finding out that it's not as easy as it looks! But it certainly is addictive. All horseshoe players live with one thing in the back of their heads all the time, "I KNOW I can do better than THAT!" And that's what keeps them coming back week after week. Or, maybe it's the free hot dogs, I don't know, I could be wrong! I do know that it is always a good time and all the guys (and Gals) have fun every week. We almost hate to see the cold weather approach but a lot of us do have a "PlanB". We also belong to the H.O.P.E. horseshoe club in Carnegie. (Located by Settlers Cabin Park) It's an indoor facility that allows us to enjoy horseshoes year round. (Further info on HOPE may be obtained from Ron at 412-884-7092.) Or if you have any questions, you can always call me, Lanny Kasten 412-561-0723 or by email lckasten51@yahoo.com. Hope you enjoyed your summer and maybe we'll see you next Spring. The season starts every year First Thursday in May.

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NEWS AND SCHEDULE

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM - SIX TUESDAYS THIS FALL!

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31** and will end on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**. **PICK UP WILL BE ON TUESDAYS ONLY. All leaves must be placed in biodegradable, brown paper bags. NO PLASTIC BAGS! All leaf bags must be placed at the curb for pickup. NO ALLEY PICK UP OF LEAVES!** Thirty-gallon leaf bags are available at the Borough Office at $.50 each or a pack of 5 for $2.50. You can also purchase biodegradable bags at most hardware/building supply stores.

The leaf vac will also be available to pick up leaves in the street. The borough will **try** to follow the street sweeping schedule when possible.

THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WILL NOT AFFECT THE TRASH OR RECYCLING PICK UP SCHEDULE.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING - boxboard and small flat pieces of corrugated cardboard (all cardboard must be broken down so it is flat & no more than 3 feet in length or width & tied in a bundle.)

TV PICKUP - The Borough participates in the At Your Door Special Collection program for recycling of E-waste; CPU/towers, monitors, keyboards, televisions, VCRs, etc. To have these items picked up at your door free of charge, call 1-800-449-7587. They are no longer accepted with the regular trash.