

ACDC NEWS

MARCH 2007

Meet the Candidates

MAYORAL CANDIDATES:



LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Currently

- Mayor of Pittsburgh since September 2006

Previously

- Elected City Council President in 2005
- District 1 Councilman 2003-2006

Contact Info: 412.255.2626

<http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/mayor/>



WILLIAM PEDUTO

Currently

- District 8 Councilman since 2001
- Committee on Facilities, Technology and the Arts, *Chair*

Previously

- Chief of Staff to former Councilman Dan Cohen

Contact Info: 412.255.2133

<http://www.billpeduto.com>

DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATES:



JEFFREY KOCH

Currently

- District 3 Councilman since March 2006
- Committee on Public Works & Environmental Services, *Chair*; Committee on Engineering, Fleet and Forestry, *Chair*

Previously

- Pittsburgh Public Works Dept, *Manager*

Contact Info: 412.255.2130

<http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/district3/>



BRUCE KRAUS

Currently

- Interior designer, Bruce A. Kraus Company
- Pittsburgh Graffiti Task Force, *Chair*
- South Side Community Council, *Board*

Previously

- South Side Chamber of Commerce, *President* 2004-2006

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<http://site.mawebcenters.com/kraus/index.html>

PROGRESS REPORT

The **Sprout Fund Public Art** application deadline is March 23. **Mike Assad** has been completing the application with the help of the Sprout Fund's Public Art Program Coordinator **Morton Brown**. We are optimistic that our Allentown site will be chosen as one of this year's mural locations. We will be notified in early April if we have been selected by the Sprout Advisory Board. If we are selected we will provide you with more information about the next steps in the process.

TAKE NOTE: In order to accommodate the candidates, the **ACDC Meeting** previously scheduled for March 29 has been **rescheduled to April 5**. The meeting is a

Meet the Candidates Night.

Mayoral and District 3 Candidates are speaking.

When: Thursday, April 5 at 7pm

Where: Caliquiri High-rise (803 E Warrington Ave)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Zone 3 Public Safety Meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm at Banksville Park.**

Crime Watch Meeting

March 7 marked the 1st Crime Watch meeting for the Allentown community. With 22 people in attendance it was a fair start to the effort to make our community safer.

Mary Causey, a retired police officer and current Mt. Washington CDC Secretary, was the speaker and she provided instructions and examples on how to create and hold a block watch. Community Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) Specialist **Shalonda Scott** presented information on the strategic plan of the block watches. **Zone 3 Commander Larry Ross** also offered input and copies of silent complaint forms.

The entire group identified the major problems that exist in the neighborhood and at the next meeting will start working on ways to start addressing these problems. Everyone is welcome to join the Crime Watch.

Please attend the **2nd Crime Watch Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, April 12** at the **Allentown Senior Center.**

MAINSTREET

Business District News

Two new businesses along Warrington Ave opened up in the first week of March:

In the 700 block an aptly named beauty-supply shop **Sisters**, operated by five sisters, opened next to the Ott Agency near the corner of Allen and Warrington Ave.

In the 800 block a beauty-salon named **Unique Touch** opened between the South Pittsburgh Reporter/Allentown CDC office and Paisano's.

HILLTOP CLEAN-UP

There is an upcoming **Kiwanis Club** Spring Clean-up scheduled in the Hilltop neighborhoods of Allentown and Beltzhoover. It is scheduled to take place in mid-April.

Every year the Kiwanis Club cleans-up a neighborhood and this year they will be helping our community.

HILLTOP HOUSING INITIATIVE

The recently built properties on **Beltzhoover Ave** have an open house every **Sunday** from **1pm-3pm.**

Contact Northwood Realty's Jennifer Cash Wade at 412.367.3200 for more information.

The Allentown CDC's mission is to improve Pittsburgh's Allentown neighborhood with better housing, public safety, community awareness and community connectedness in order to make the neighborhood a more vibrant place for people to live, work, and play.

Allentown CDC COMMITTEES

Each committee's chair and a description of its purpose is outlined below. If interested in helping please contact either the chairs or the Allentown CDC.

Finance: Tom Smith

Responsible for overseeing invoicing and cost control.

Fundraising: Sally Tupi

Responsible for coming up with two fundraising projects this year.

Mainstreet: Dennis Doas

Responsible for increasing the business district memberships, maintaining the spring plantings, and involving the businesses in National Night Out.

Membership: Judy Hackel

Responsible for increasing resident membership, involve residents with the committees.

Public Safety: Ken Wolfe

Responsible for developing block watches, working with the Zone 3 police, and the federal Weed & Seed program for the Hilltop.

Residential: Harry Wolfe

Responsible for quality-of-life issues and public works issues including graffiti.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Allentown CDC Meetings for 2007

7pm on the last Thursday of every month, except *January and August when there is no meeting, and December when the meeting is the Thursday before the holidays.* **NOTE: The March meeting is one week later than usual.**

The March 29th meeting is now on **April 5**

April 26
May 31
June 28
July 26
September 27
October 25
November 29
December 20

Every meeting location is TBD.

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