

November 23, 2022

Dear Schenley Farmers,

I wanted to provide some update on local issues and activities. The email is a bit long, but I hope you find some of it useful.

- UPMC is in an active hiring mode given a shortage of technicians, lab assistants, and nurses. Not all positions require a bachelor's degree. Special training is available for surgical technicians. Tuition reimbursement to pursue bachelor's or master's degrees. Interested parties can go to their website.
- Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC) is offering a "Let's talk" session to provide guidance on items that are hard to recycle. You can get more information from their website. <https://www.opdc.org/>
- Zoning issues related to the Oakland Crossing project: The City Council Public Hearing on Council Bill 2022-0592 will resume on Monday, December 5th, 2022 at 1:30 PM. For those wishing to receive more information on this issue, I am happy to send you some materials. Just email me at: rhsquires50@gmail.com
- CMU's 2022 Institutional Master Plan can be found on the web: <https://www.cmu.edu/cdfd/planning-and-design/master-plan/index.html>
- CMU has a number of ongoing construction projects:
 - Forbes/Beeler Residence Hall: interior work is progressing for occupancy Spring 2023. Construction Webcam: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/mosites/residencehallcmu>
 - New Scaife Hall: work to enclose the building is progressing for occupancy Summer 2023. Construction Webcam: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/pjdick/CMUScaifeHall>
 - Highmark Center for Health, Wellness and Athletics: steel erection is nearly complete and building enclosure work will commence this winter for Summer 2024 occupancy. Construction Webcam: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/Mascaro/skibohall>
- Erika Strassburger's office has some newsletters you may be interested in
 - Check out our Bi-Monthly Newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/8086879e0ba5/service-at-street-level-district-8s-fall-newsletter?e=f2577756ab>
 - Infrastructure Newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/d3c010f49dc4/presenting-the-first-installment-of-the-district-8-infrastructure-newsletter>
 - Please use this link to sign up - <https://pittsburghpa.us19.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7d60598fada11b8b86c8ad8c6&id=dc7163ba1b>
- Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID) is sponsoring "Glowland" with some fun interactive attractions for all ages.
 - Glowland: a fun installation at Schenley Plaza

- Starts Friday 11/18 and will be in place for 1 month
- <https://oaklandpittsburgh.com/pages/glowland>
- University of Pittsburgh has some projects to be aware of next month
 - Neighborhood clean ups 11/13 & 12/4
 - Pitt students will be out doing trash pick up
 - Community Ambassador program
 - A group of paid students that will support us with making sure we have a safer, healthier, and better-connected neighborhood
 - 5 students have been hired so far, looking to get 10 students
 - Christmas Day at Pitt has begun its planning process
 - If you can stop by Litchfield towers to see our event on Christmas Day, please join us
 - An estimated 150 Pitt volunteers help with this event
 - Meal distribution:
 - We will be serving 1,000 meals on Christmas Day
 - 1,000 meals will be distributed to seniors within the community in partnership with Salvation Army the week prior to Christmas
 - 1,000 meals will be distributed with a network of community partners (Homewood, Hill, Hazelwood, & Oakland) – if you know of an organization looking for meals (as few as 10 or as high as a few hundred), please let Jamie or Justin know
 - 12/18-1/9 – winter recess for students
- Duquesne Light (DL) is working on a presentation to Schenley Farmers who are impacted by fluctuation in power to their home. This may be of interest to those who don't seem to have power issues. I am hopeful DL will be able to present to all those interested given the unique underground utility placements in our neighborhood. We should know more soon.
- Pittsburgh Rapid Transit (Formerly the Port Authority) posted some changes in bus service.
 - PRT adjusts schedules four (4) times per year. Updated schedules can be found at www.rideprt.org/serviceupdates. Affected Oakland service routes include:
 - [54 North Side-Oakland-South Side](#)
 - [61A North Braddock](#) – Some Sunday trip times have changed.
 - [61B Braddock-Swissvale](#) – Some Sunday trip times have changed.
 - [61D Murray](#) – Some Saturday trip times have changed.
 - [67 Monroeville](#) – Some weekday trip times have changed.
 - [69 Trafford](#) – Some weekday and weekend trip times have changed.
 - [71 Edgewood Town Center](#) – A routing adjustment has been made due to the long-term detour related to the July closure of the Washington Avenue Bridge by PennDOT. The route is extended to Swissvale Station to match the P71.

Inbound Established Stops

Outbound Established Stops

East Busway at Swissvale Station A	Braddock Ave. at Heritage Highlands
Braddock Ave opp Heritage Highlands	East Busway at Swissvale Station A

- [71A Negley](#) – Some weekday trip times have changed.
 - [71B Highland Park](#) – Some weekday trip times have changed.
 - [71D Hamilton](#) – Some weekday trip times have changed.
 - [93 Lawrenceville-Hazelwood](#) – Some Saturday trip times have changed.
 - [P3 East Busway-Oakland](#) – Some weekday trip times have changed.
 - Riders with questions are encouraged to contact Customer Service at 412-442-2000
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- Ursula McKenzie forwarded the announcement of the passing of Marilyn Whitmore, a former Schenley Farmer. She was very devoted to the Farms and did much with the Garden Club. She, her husband George, and daughter Marajo, lived on Lytton Avenue for years. Her obituary can be found here:
 - <https://obituaries.post-gazette.com/obituary/lois-marilyn-whitmore-1086638715/>

I hope all you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday that is shared with friends and family.

Best,
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President, Schenley Farms Civic Association