



**Steel Valley Trail Council
Members and Friends eNewsletter
January 10, 2012**

Hello and Happy New Year from the Steel Valley Trail Council! Here is some updates and upcoming events.

1. Thank you, KU Resources

As most of you may already know, KU Resources is our corporate sponsor. On October 6th, as part of their Green Initiative, they help with maintenance by taking out their shears and loppers onto the trail for a clip and snip cleanup. The pictures are available on our web site using the link below. Once again, we want to thank KU Resources for their continue support.

http://steelvalleytrail.org/KU%20Resources/KU_1011.html

2. Maintenance Meeting: January 30th @ 4:00 PM Eastern

The Steel Valley Trail Council is currently looking at developing a maintenance plan for the upcoming year. At this time, we are looking for members and volunteers that are able to help us.

We need:

- Volunteers that are willing to spend a few hours a month to give back to the trail.
- Professionals that can help by providing their expertise and advice.

There will be a special meeting in addition to our normal board meeting this month to discuss the future maintenance along our trail. The meeting will be January 30th at 4:00 PM at the Bost Building in Homestead. If you are interested in attending, or cannot but want to volunteer to help with maintenance, please respond to this email or call (724) 405-7882 and leave a message.

We need your help to continue the high level of quality trail users expect when it comes to our section of the Great Allegheny Passage.

3. Upcoming Event: Fathers & Sons/Mothers & Daughters - "Walk the Walk" (January 16, 2012)

****Note: Not on the Steel Valley Trail****

The Life's Journey Mentoring Program (who hosted their H2O Walk for Water Walk for Life on our trail last spring and will host it again on April 28, 2012 – more details to follow later) will be having an event in Duquesne next week on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 16th). Please note that this is not on our trail.

"Fathers & Sons/Mothers & Daughters"
"Walk the Walk"

MLK Day of celebration (A day ON & not OFF)

Most people learn about Dr. King as an individual, but the changes that came about during the Civil Rights were the result of a massive social movement, not the actions of one man.

"When we all march together, we can change things"

Where: starting at Duquesne City Park to Duquesne football field & back

When: Monday January 16th, 2012

Time: 12:00 pm

Light lunch will be served immediately following the walk at Christ Lutheran Church

Hosted by Life's Journey Mentoring Program; for additional questions please call 412-927-2562.

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4. Upcoming Event: RTC Annual Retreat (January 28, 2012)

The RTC Annual Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, PA (map link: <http://tinyurl.com/89gpxhp>). Attached please find the agenda and the registration form. They are also posted on the RTC website: www.rtcorg.org. The deadline for reservations is January 20. Please pay in advance. No registrations or payments will be accepted at the door.

5. Upcoming Event: Pittsburgh Cycling Expo (March 25, 2012)

The Montour Trail and Aerotech Designs are partnering to hold the first Pittsburgh Cycling Expo on Sunday March 25, 2012 at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. The cost of the vendor area is \$5.

There is also a luncheon and fashion show for an additional cost. Mary Shaw and Roy Weil will be on the agenda after the fashion show, talking about the C&O Towpath, the Great Allegheny Passage, the Montour Trail Airport Connector and volunteerism. Please check the following web site for more information.

www.pghcyclingexpo.com

Proceeds benefit our trail neighbor to the south, the Montour Trail. The Steel Valley Trail will be participating by having an information table in the vendor area.

6. January's Monthly Board Meeting

Due to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, the monthly board meeting has been moved back a week to January 23rd at 5:00 PM (meeting location TBD). If you are interested in attending, please respond to this email or call (724) 405-7882 and leave a message.

See you along the trail!
- Steel Valley Trail Council

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