



Steel Valley Trail Council Members and Friends eNewsletter March 15, 2012

Hello from the Steel Valley Trail Council! Here are some updates and upcoming events.

Maintenance Survey Now Available

We are asking our members and friends who are interested in volunteering for the maintenance task force to take a few minutes to fill out a trail maintenance work party survey at the following link:

<http://www.steeltownmedia.com/steelvalleytrail/maintenanceSurvey120312.aspx>

Your interest and assistance in helping to maintain the Steel Valley Trail is appreciated.

Upcoming Event: Montour Trail's Airport Connector Grand Opening Ceremony (March 20, 2012 @ 11:00 AM)

The Montour Trail will have its grand opening of its airport connector to the Pittsburgh International Airport on March 20th. For more information and directions (via car or via bicycle), please visit their web site: www.montourtrail.org. The Steel Valley Trail's road route from McKeesport to Clairton (also known as the Clairton Connector) helps connect the Montour Trail (and now the airport) to the Great Allegheny Passage.

Upcoming Event: Pittsburgh Cycling Expo (March 25, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

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.

Upcoming Event: H2O Walk for Water Walk for Life (April 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM)

The Life's Journey Mentoring Program will host their 2nd annual H2O Walk for Water Walk for Life along our trail on April 28, 2012. Below is information provided by that organization:

School children need clean drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene education to be able to learn. Yet half of the world's schools lack safe water and more than half lack an adequate latrine.

On **April 28, 2012, starting at 10:00 am, Life's Journey Mentoring Program and participants** will walk three miles, symbolizing the burden that students in developing nations must bear on a daily basis. The amount of money that is raised will be donated to H2O for Life and 100% of the money will be used to bring water, sanitation, and hygiene education to a school in need.

We are asking everyone to pledge at least **\$20.00** per person.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Denise Caldwell at 412-927-2562 or LJMP412@yahoo.com

Related Web Sites:

Life's Journey Mentoring Program: www.snoringtiger.com/lifesjourney

H2O for Life: www.h2oforlifeschools.org

Upcoming Group Rides on the Steel Valley Trail:

****Note: These are planned by other organizations and are not hosted by the SVTC.***

March 18th at 1:00 PM

Ohio River Trail Council Cycling Club

Pump House in Munhall (Waterfront) to Boston, PA and back (includes Loop Trail)

Approx. 25 Miles

All riders are welcome.

www.riversofsteel.com/things-to-do/event/steel-valley-trail-and-boston-loop/

www.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/cycling-club

Other Upcoming Area Events:

Rivers of Steel: Heritage Farm and Artist Market

(Sundays 10 AM – 2 PM beginning May 6th at the Pump House):

This weekly market that was popular last year will be returning this spring. More details in future eNewsletters.

River Sweep 2012 (June 16th):

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission will be having their annual river clean-up event along the shores of Ohio River and its tributaries. One clean-up site is the Nine Mile Run / Duck Hollow area (across the river from the Waterfront shopping complex). For more information please visit www.orsanco.org/river-sweep. You can also contact us (svtc.membership@gmail.com) and we can have a member of our North Bank committee follow up with you.

Upcoming Trail Detour in McKeesport

Construction in the RIDC Park in McKeesport will require a section of the trail to be closed in the near future for about 4 to 6 weeks. A detour will be in place along Industrial Drive and onto a temporary stone trail (that was used during the last time a detour was required in this area). Cyclist with road bicycles may want to walk their bikes along the stone trail portion.

Beta Mobile Version of Steel Valley Trail Web Site

Members and friends with smartphones that want to help test the mobile version of the Steel Valley Trail web site are asked to please contact Jim Taggart at svtc.membership@gmail.com.

March's Monthly Board Meeting

We will have our next board meeting on March 19th at 5:00 PM. We will be meeting at the Bost Building in Homestead (623 E. Eighth Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120 - enter through the back door; map link: <http://tinyurl.com/89ks6ch>).

See you along the trail!
- Steel Valley Trail Council

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