

Steel Valley Trail Council Members and Friends eNewsletter June 14, 2012

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

Thank You, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy:

Some of you might have noticed that we are in the process of installing new traffic delineators along our bike lane in Munhall. Pictured below (in yellow) are two of our new rebounding delineators we recently installed by the Pump House. They are meant to help increase safety along East Waterfront Drive. We will be installing additional rebounding delineators in the upcoming weeks.

This project is made possible through a mini-grant program managed by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy with funding from the DCNR's Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund.

Next week, over 250 riders will be biking in their annual Greenway Sojourn (this year from Washington, DC to Pittsburgh, PA). Good luck to all of the sojourn riders!



Upcoming Event: Orsanco River Sweep Program (Duck Hollow; June 16th from 8:30 AM to Noon)

*Note: The SVTC has been a partner of this clean-up for years.

RSVP: PAUL Heckbert (email: ph@cs.cmu.edu)

Map Link: http://tinyurl.com/7j85rgs

The River Sweep is an annual cleanup for the Ohio River and its tributaries. The event encompasses more than 3,000 miles of shoreline from Pittsburgh to Illinois. Since 1989, this award-winning cleanup brings thousands of volunteers to the riverbanks to collect tons of trash and debris. **Duck Hollow** in Squirrel Hill is an official River Sweep site on the North Bank of the Monongahela River. Volunteers are needed.

What should I wear and/or bring to the River Sweep? Wear old, comfortable clothes and shoes or boots that you won't mind getting dirty. Closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Wear long sleeves and long pants. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Bring your own gloves if you have a favorite pair.

Please be advised that cleanup sites events may be rescheduled or postponed due to high river levels, so please check with the River Sweep coordinator for your area before attending.

Upcoming Event: Pedal 2 DC 4 DS (Local Kick-Off Ride: July 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM)

*Note: This event is not sponsored by the SVTC and provided for informational purposes only.

PEDAL 2 DC 4 DS is a 6 day ride the week of the National Down Syndrome Congress Convention in Washington DC. It is July 15th to July 20th, from Meyersdale, PA to Washington, DC. It is in support of the Down Syndrome Center of Pittsburgh at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. For more information about this 6 day tour, visit http://www.mountainsidebiketours.net/downsyndromeawareness/pedal2dc4ds.html

Prior to this on July 14th, there will be a local, kick-off fun ride along a section of the Steel Valley section of the Great Allegheny Passage. Below is information provided to us about the local ride:

Kick-off event July 14th at the Waterfront Pump House

- Registration is at 9:00 AM.
- Cost is \$35.00.
- There will be a 10 mile ride which will start approximately 9:45 AM.
- Following the ride, lunch will be provided as well as entertainment and a basket auction.

For more information contact Pam DeGeorge at Pamela.degeorge@chp.edu or 412-692-6694. This day will be an awareness event and kick-off for the PEDAL 2 DC 4 DS, a 6 day ride to benefit the Down Syndrome Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. A copy of the registration form can be found at http://steeltownmedia.com/steelvalleytrail/p2dc.pdf

Rivers of Steel: Heritage Farm and Artist Market (Sundays 10 AM – 2 PM beginning May 6th at the Pump House):

*Note: This event is sponsored by the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation.

This weekly market that was popular last year will be returning this spring. It is open to the public and gives visitors a chance to explore the building and site while supporting local artisans and businesses.

The Steel Valley Trail Council will have a table at the market soon on selected weekends (to be determined – *volunteers needed; please email info@steelvalleytrail.org*).

We were asked by the organizers to advise trail users that the section of the parking area on the side of the pump house building (from the labyrinth to the water tower) will be restricted to vendors only during the market on Sundays.

Please park your cars on the other side of the parking area facing the road. Over flow parking can also be found across the street at the US Steel Building during that time.

Steel Valley Trail Patches Now Available

One of our board members has donated Steel Valley Trail patches for both new and renewing members in 2012 (while they last). Look for them as you renew your membership with the Steel Valley Trail Council this year.



Maintenance Survey Still Available

Our maintenance survey is still available online. 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 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.

June's Monthly Board Meeting

We will have our next board meeting on June 18th at 5:00 PM. We will be meeting at the City of Duquesne municipal building at 12 South Second Street. To get there, go up Grant Avenue from SR 837 (away from the river). Make a left onto 2nd Street and the building will be on you right. A link to a map of the location is below. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Map Link: http://tinyurl.com/7fwubzb

See you along the trail!
- Steel Valley Trail Council

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