



## Steel Valley Trail Council Members and Friends eNewsletter July 13, 2012

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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.

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.



### **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.

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> at the Pump House):**

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

This weekly market that was popular last year is back. 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 be there on selected weekends when we have volunteers able to staff a table (*more volunteers are still needed; please email [info@steelvalleytrail.org](mailto:info@steelvalleytrail.org) if you are able to help*).

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. Overflow parking can also be found across the street at the US Steel Building during that time.

## **Rivers of Steel: Upcoming Bike Tours (Sundays):**

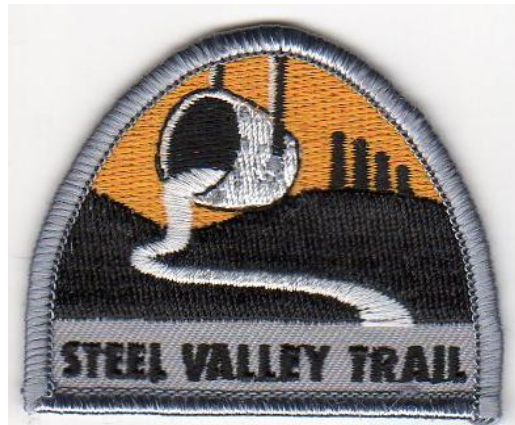
*\*Note: These tours are sponsored by the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation.*

The Rivers of Steel will soon be offering family-friendly bike tours, appropriate for all abilities, covering the industrial heritage of the Mon Valley. The tours will leave every Sunday from the Pump House at the Waterfront and will cover approximately 12 miles. Expect to ride 2 to 2.5 hours from the Pump House to the Riverton Bridge at McKeesport and back. Your guide will reveal the history and stories of steel towns along the trail, including Homestead, Duquesne, McKeesport and more. Learn about immigration to these early steel towns, changes through the 1930s-1950s, the decline of the mills, and where we are today.

Please contact Sherris Moreira (412-464-4020 Ext. x46 or [smoreria@riversofsteel.com](mailto:smoreria@riversofsteel.com)) for more information.

## **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.

### **July's Monthly Board Meeting**

We will have our next board meeting on Monday, July 16th 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>). Please let us know if you plan to attend.

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See you along the trail!  
- Steel Valley Trail Council

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