



Steel Valley Trail Council Members, Volunteers, and Friends eNewsletter August 27, 2012

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

Tour de Mon (Event on the Trail – October 6, 2012):

Please see the attached flyer at the end of our eNewsletter. This event is brought to you by the Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce. The Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation and the Steel Valley Trail Council are co-event partners for this event.

Steel Valley Trail Council to participate in The Pittsburgh Foundation's PittsburghGives Day of Giving 2012 (October 3, 2012):

The Steel Valley Trail Council is proud to announce that we will be participating in this year's Day of Giving. All charitable donations made to the Steel Valley Trail Council through the PittsburghGives web site on October 3rd will receive a portion of The Pittsburgh Foundation's matching pool.

In addition, donations made to us through the PittsburghGives web site will count towards membership. So whether you are a current member and want to renew your membership, you are a former member and want to rejoin, or you having been considering becoming a member for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to support the trail.

Stay tuned for more information.



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.

2k Walk-A-Thon Mon (Event on the Trail in the Waterfront – September 8th):

**Note: This is not a Steel Valley Trail Council event. For more information, please use the contact information below.*

Annual God Heals Ministries, Inc.

2012 2k Walk-A-Thon

Saturday, September 8th at walkathon tent

9:00 - 11AM - Pump House-Waterfront-Homestead, Pa.

Continental Breakfast served to participants – 8:30 am.

Weather – This event goes on rain or shine. Bring your umbrella (rain/sun).

If you would care to sponsor a walker (for any amount) - tax-deductible please call 412-607-6488 for information.

God Heals Ministries Inc. fundraises so that people in our communities can receive ministry for their persistent conflict and training at NO COST.

God Heals Ministries Inc.

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GHMI is a 501 c 3 IRS tax deductible-nonprofit Christian ministry.

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

**Note: These tours are 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.

Please note that for the Tour de Mon weekend, the market will be on Saturday, October 6th, during the Tour de Mon event. The market will not occur on Sunday, October 7th.

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: Mon Valley Bike Tours (See Dates & Times Below):

**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 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.

Upcoming dates: September 2, 16, and 30 at 11:00 AM. Special introductory rate of \$12 (will normally be \$15). Advance purchase available at <http://www.riversofsteel.com/shop/product/mon-valley-bike-tour/> or purchase at the Market.

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

Construction Update:

**Note: This is as of August 21st and is subject to change.*

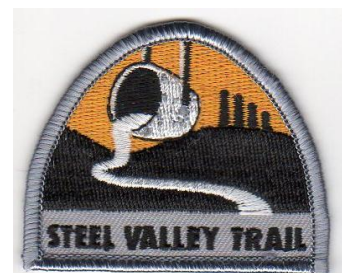
There is a lot happening along the trail:

- The realignment of the trail through McKeesport. It will be along 4th Avenue, behind the parking garage, Daily News building, and police station instead of the sidewalk on Lysle Blvd. from Locust Street to Water Street.
- The widening of the sidewalk between Pittsburgh Burger Company and Costco to facilitate bicycle traffic.
- Constructing the trail segment next to Keystone Metals and the Glenwood Bridge
- Constructing the segment through Sandcastle's property

There is a lot happening along our trail and adjacent segments. We hope to make the long-awaited, official connection of the Great Allegheny Passage with the Three Rivers Heritage Trail this spring in time for the 2013 biking season.

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.



Two New Interpretive Signs Along the Our Trail:

You might have notice one of two new signs recently installed along our trail last Thursday.

Located on the hillside below Kennywood, the first sign is about the Braddock Locks & Dam. This sign was sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The other sign, located in the Waterfront near the pump house along the bike lane and adjacent sidewalk, is about the Homestead Labyrinth. This sign is sponsored by the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation.



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.

September's Monthly Board Meeting

We will have our next board meeting on Monday, September 17th 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.

See you along the trail!
- Steel Valley Trail Council

The Steel Valley Trail Council is proud to be sponsored by [KU Resources](#).

Mon Yough Area Chamber Presents

Tour de Mon 2012

Saturday, October 6

Registration
8:00am to 11:00am

Host

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Family fun bike ride on the Steel Valley Trail!

Are you up for the challenge?



Join us and other Chamber members for a scenic ride along the Steel Valley Trail. No matter what ride you choose, this event promises to be filled with biking, interaction, and fun for all! The bike rides will begin and end at the Historic Pump House located in the Waterfront (880 E. Waterfront Drive, Munhall, PA). Here, you can shop the Community Heritage Market before or after the bike ride. Rain or shine, this is sure to be a good time!

Please register today for this not-to-miss-event!

Before September 16th

Adult - \$20
Under 18 - \$10
Family - \$50
T-shirt Included

After September 16th

Adult - \$25
Under 18 - \$15
Family - \$60
T-shirt Not Guaranteed

Determine your ride of choice!

Biking 8am till 2pm

30 mile ride to Boston and back
20 mile ride to McKeesport and back
10 mile ride to Duquesne and back
5 mile family fun ride

There will be food, music, crafts and more!

Register online at monyoughchamber.com or active.com,
or contact the Chamber office by email at
director@monyoughchamber.com
or by phone at (412) 678-2450