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The Steel Valley Trail Council, responsible for the Steel Valley section of the Great Allegheny Passage, is proud to announce that we will be participating in this year's PittsburghGives Day of Giving. PittsburghGives is an initiative of The Pittsburgh Foundation. All charitable donations made to the Steel Valley Trail Council through the PittsburghGives web site on October 3rd between 12:00 AM ET until 11:59:59 PM ET 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.

Please visit PittsburghGives.org on October 3rd and help support your trail.





Steel Valley Trail Council Members, Volunteers, and Friends eNewsletter September 30, 2012 – Updated October 2, 2012

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

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.org web site on October 3rd will receive a portion of The Pittsburgh Foundation's matching pool. Please see the flyer on the previous page for details.



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.

Please note that the Rivers of Steel Heritage Farm and Artist Market will happen on Saturday that weekend during this event instead of Sunday. This is also the last weekend for it.

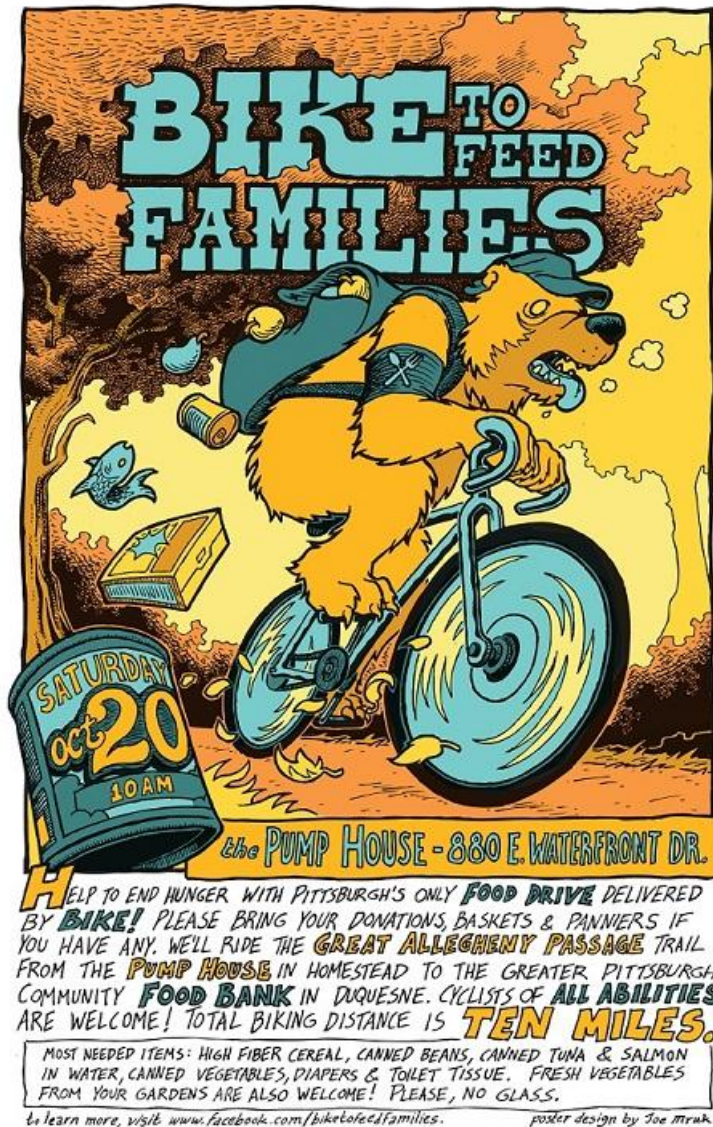
Ohio River Trail Council's Gear & Beer Tristate Conservation Fallfest (October 14, 2012 from 12 PM to 5 PM at Brady's Run Park in Beaver County, PA):

The Ohio River Trail Council (the trail group planning & developing a forty-one mile multi-use land & water trail system along the Ohio River and its tributaries) is holding a fall festival comprised of heritage, environmental, educational, and trail groups from all over the tri-state area and beyond. Activities include mountain and road bike riders, a 5K run/walk, kayaking and canoeing, and much more. For more information, a list of activities and the price of admission, please the link below. The Steel Valley Trail Council is participating as a non-profit with an information table.

<http://ohiorivertrail.givezooks.com/events/gear-beer-tri-state-conservation-fallfest-invitation>

Bike to Feed Families (Event on the Trail - October 20, 2012 @ 10:00 AM):

Bike to Feed Families is Pittsburgh's only food drive delivered by bike. Join us on Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. with your bikes & donations to bike it to the bank. Bag it, Bring it, Bike it in!



Saturday, October 20
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (please arrive at 10)
The Pump House is located in The Waterfront at 880 E. Waterfront Drive.

Help to end hunger with Pittsburgh's only food drive delivered by bike. Please bring your donations and baskets and panniers if you have any. We'll load up the bikes and ride the Great Allegheny Passage trail from the Pump House in Homestead to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in Duquesne. Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. Total biking distance is 10 miles. Please arrive at 10 a.m. so that we can all ride out to the food bank together.

Most needed items:

- High fiber cereal
- Canned beans
- Canned tuna & salmon in water
- Canned vegetables
- Diapers & toilet tissue
- Fresh produce from your gardens is also welcome!
- Please, no glass!

To learn more, visit

www.facebook.com/biketofeedfamilies

Poster art by Joe Mruk.

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.

Rivers of Steel: Overnight Parking Now Available at the Pump House Trail Head:



For those seeking to leave their car overnight at the Pump House trail head while they go out for a multi-day trip on the Great Allegheny Passage, there is now a procedure setup to do so. At the water tower, you will find a registration and donation drop box for overnight parking.

Overnight parking is available in return for a small daily donation of \$4.00 or an annual membership as a Trail Head Friend.* Overnight parking requires you to complete a registration form and park along the fence to the right of the water tower between the large artifacts (map on registration form/donation envelope). Unregister vehicles are subject to towing. The Rivers of Steel is not responsible for damage or theft to vehicles or vehicle contents. Contact trailhead@riversofsteel.com for more information

**Note: Pump House Trail Friends is special membership program from the Rivers of Steel for the trail users to help offset the cost of operating the trail head. It has no connection to the Steel Valley Trail Council outside benefitting the trail head. For information, visit: <http://www.riversofsteel.com/things-to-do/trails/>*

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.

Construction Update:

****Note: This is as of September 30th 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 two segments 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.

To read more, check out this recent article* in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:

<http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/region/bike-path-slated-for-spring-2013-653427/>

****Note: The three sections that the online version of the article states will be done in October will actually start construction in October.***

Two New Interpretive Signs Along the Our Trail:

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

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.



Pittsburgh From The Air II debuts (October 4, 2012 at 8 PM on WQED-TV)

For those in the Pittsburgh area, WQED-TV (the local PBS station) will present a follow-up to the 2011 production that took viewers on an aerial tour of Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. Highlights for this program included the Great Allegheny Passage and nearby attractions. The Salisbury Viaduct made the online preview and the Riverton Bridge made the on-air TV preview.

For more information:

<http://www.wqed.org/tv/pittsburghfromtheair/>

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.

October's Monthly Board Meeting

We will have our next board meeting on October 15th 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 your 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

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