



Steel Valley Trail Council Members, Volunteers, and Friends eNewsletter October / November 2012

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

Ground Breaking for the Final Mile of the Great Allegheny Passage (October 12th):



Left-to-Right: County Councilwoman Daly Danko, West Homestead Mayor Dindak, Allegheny County Executive Fitzgerald, Munhall Mayor Bodnar, Former Pittsburgh Mayor Murphy, Homestead Mayor Esper, County Councilman Macey

We had an outstanding groundbreaking with the Allegheny Trail Alliance and Allegheny County during the month of October at Sandcastle. Construction of the final mile to connect our section of the Great Allegheny Passage to Pittsburgh is well underway. Also, there is construction happening all over the place (the photo to the right shows the widening of the sidewalk between Pittsburgh Burger Company and Costco for trail users).



Get the full story by checking out the following links:

KDKA (includes video): <http://tinyurl.com/kdka121012>

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: <http://tinyurl.com/tribLive121013>

Pittsburgh Foundation's 2012 Day of Giving:

The Steel Valley Trail Council wants to thank everyone who donated to us during the Pittsburgh Foundation's 2012 Day of Giving on October 3rd. With your help, we raised \$1,954.00 in donations alone. We are also receiving an additional 10.5% match from the Day of Giving's participating foundations. Thank you for your support!

Tour de Mon (October 6, 2012):

The Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce, with co-hosts the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation and the Steel Valley Trail Council, had their second annual event this past month and it was a huge success!

Read all about it in the Pittsburgh Tribune Review online: <http://tinyurl.com/tribLive121008>

Bike to Feed Families (October 20, 2012):

An enthusiastic group of 18 riders helped to deliver helped food donations to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank last month.

Check out the event's photo stream on Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/biketofeedfamilies/photos_stream



*Photos Courteous of Event Organizers and can be found on the Bike to Feed Families Facebook Page

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.

Next summer, **June 23 - 27, 2013**, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy will be back in our area to lead 250 riders along the GAP from Pittsburgh, PA, to Cumberland, MD, for the **11th annual Greenway Sojourn** bicycle tour. Next year's ride is designed to offer more opportunities to stop and explore the region's many attractions. More information will be available mid-November at <http://www.railstotrails.org/>

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/>*

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.

In Other Area News:

Hazelwood Initiative wants to increase urban forest

(story in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review): <http://tinyurl.com/tribuneReview121031>

Be Part of the SVTC Event Committee!

The Steel Valley Trail Council (SVTC) is looking for volunteers to join our event planning committee.

The section of trail that cyclists in Pittsburgh have all been waiting for, the "gap" in the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trail, is finally about to be completed. After years of waiting, next summer will see the completion of the trail connecting the Waterfront in Homestead with the Baldwin Borough/South Side Trail and Downtown Pittsburgh. So now is the time to celebrate! Help us plan a celebration of the trail to be held early next summer.

If you are interested in promoting the riverfront trails, celebrating this trail completion, or just love planning a party, you are welcome to join us. Please contact us at info@steelvalleytrail.org or talk to us at our annual meeting (see below).

November 19, 2012 @ 5:00 PM – SVTC's Annual Meeting (Pump House)

Our annual meeting will be November 19th at 5:00 PM. We will be meeting at the historic pump house in the Waterfront shopping district (adjacent to the bike lane mentioned previously on the previous page). Additional details will be sent out to members within the next few days along with a list of nominees to serve on the SVTC's Board of Directors from 2013 to 2015.

Address: 880 East Waterfront Drive, Munhall, PA 15120

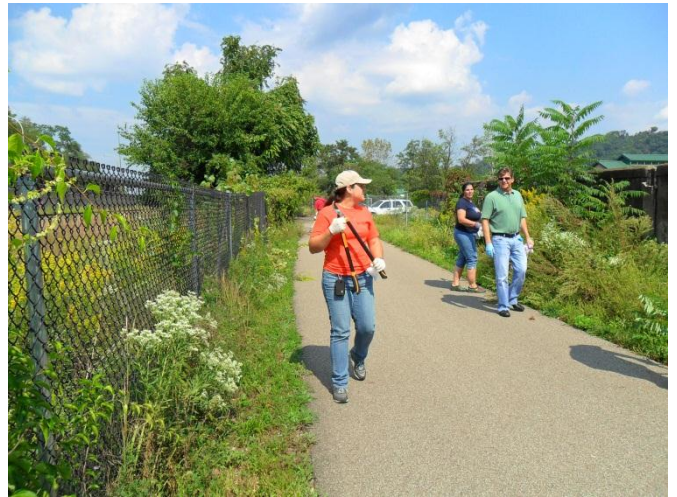
Map Link: <http://goo.gl/maps/mJrfj>

Please let us know if plan to attend for planning purposes.



The Steel Valley Trail Council is proud to be sponsored by *KU Resources*. Back in April and September, employees from KU Resources helped to clean and trim vegetation along the trail. On behalf of our members, we would like to thank KU Resources for their continuing support in helping to improve our trail.

See you along the trail!
- Steel Valley Trail Council



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