



# Steel Valley Trail Council eNewsletter

*Providing the latest news on the Steel Valley Section of the Great Allegheny Passage*



*Duquesne-West Mifflin Rotary Club donates \$2000 to the Steel Valley Trail Council (story on page 2)*

## Save the Date: "Point Made!" Ribbon Cutting Event on June 15th

The Allegheny Trail Alliance (which includes the Steel Valley Trail Council and the Friends of the Riverfront) are pleased to announce that the ribbon cutting date for the long anticipated section of the Great Allegheny Passage by Sandcastle, Peter J. Caruso & Sons Inc. and Keystone Iron & Metal Co. has been set for June 15, 2013.

More details will be emerging soon as planning is underway. What is known so far is that there will be a week-long ride from Washington, DC to Pittsburgh along with a 24-hour relay ride (similar to what was done for the Pittsburgh 250 celebration). The day after the week-long riders arrive in the area, the event called "Point Made!" will involve a ribbon cutting for the new section followed by a mass bicycle ride where everyone can join in riding to Point State Park for the party. Also included is the unveiling of the "Forks of the Ohio" marker at the western terminus of the Great Allegheny Passage. The Steel Valley Trail Council will be asked to provide volunteers for the event, so please stay tuned for a chance to be part of the festivities.

Check out the article online on the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette web site: <http://tinyurl.com/ppg130213>

It is important to note that this section will be open to the public prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>, sometime between mid to late May after construction has been completed. We will alert those on our emailing list as soon as we are told that it is open for use.



**Saturday, June 15, 2013**

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## Steel Valley Trail Council Receives Funding from the Duquesne-West Mifflin Rotary Club for Future Comfort Station

Left to Right: Rotary President Bob Macey (Allegheny County Councilman, District 9), SVTC President Sara Petyk, Rotary Treasurer Mark Place, and SVTC Treasurer Earl Novendstern



The Duquesne-West Mifflin Rotary Club recently donated \$2000 to the Steel Valley Trail Council to help kick-start fundraising efforts to develop a comfort station along the pipeline coaster section of the Great Allegheny Passage within West Mifflin, PA. A comfort station is one of the most requested amenities from trail users, especially pedestrians. The trail council's amenities committee is currently researching possible designs for the project.

## DCNR Grant Funding for Historic Pump House Trailhead Improvements

*Source: Rivers of Steel Heritage Area – February 2012 newsletter*

Recently announced by State Sen. Jay Costa, District 43, the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area will be receiving a \$100,000 grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This will be used for eco-friendly projects (such as alternate energy capabilities) at some of their historic sites and interpretative amenities. Also included are site improvements at the Historic Pump House, a trailhead for the Steel Valley section of Great Allegheny Passage. Improvements include paving of the parking lot to handle the additional traffic at the historic site since the opening of the trail through the Waterfront in 2011.

## Upcoming SVTC Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

The Steel Valley Trail Council board meetings are the third Monday of each month from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The location alternates between the **Whitaker** Borough Building (124 Grant Ave, Whitaker, PA 15120; map link: <http://tinyurl.com/7q24vr3>) and the City of **Duquesne** Municipal Building (12 South Second Street, Duquesne, PA 15110; map link: <http://tinyurl.com/7fwubzb>). Members are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Dates: 3/18 (Duquesne); 4/15 (Whitaker); 5/20 (Duquesne); 6/17 (Whitaker)

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