



# Steel Valley Trail Council eNewsletter

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



***Let the countdown to the  
June 15 celebration<sup>s</sup> begin!***

***Wheels at the Waterfront***

Pop-Up  
**Party**

*at*



6/15 noon - 10 pm

*the*

**PUMP HOUSE**

**Pedal Party  
in Town Center  
2pm - 5pm**

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Interested in becoming a sponsor, email us [info@steelvalleytrail.org](mailto:info@steelvalleytrail.org)

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# June 15 Events

## **ORSANCO River Sweep Cleanup at Duck Hollow 8:00 AM - Noon**

This event is organized by ORSANCO, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission. Some SVTC volunteers will be participating, although most of SVTC will be at the big Sandcastle / Point Made celebration starting at 10:00 AM that day.

Map: <http://tinyurl.com/7j85rgs>

More information: <http://www.orsanco.org/sweep>

Contact: Betsy Mallison; [bmallison@consolidated.net](mailto:bmallison@consolidated.net)

The River Sweep is an annual cleanup for the Ohio River and its tributaries. The event encompasses more than 3,000 miles of shoreline from Pittsburgh to Illinois. Since 1989, this award-winning cleanup brings thousands of volunteers to the riverbanks to collect tons of trash and debris. Duck Hollow in Squirrel Hill is an official River Sweep site on the North Bank of the Monongahela River. Volunteers are needed.

What should I wear and/or bring to the River Sweep? Wear old, comfortable clothes and shoes or boots that you won't mind getting dirty. Closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Wear long sleeves and long pants. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Bring your own gloves if you have a favorite pair.

Please be advised that cleanup sites events may be rescheduled or postponed due to high river levels, so please check with the River Sweep coordinator for your area before attending.

## **Point Made! – The ATA's Official Ribbon Cutting & Dedication Ceremony**

The latest news can now be found on the Great Allegheny Passage web site. Just click on the "Point Made!" sign in the banner. <http://www.gaptrail.org/finalmile.cfm>

There will be more information about parking on the site soon, but some of the designated areas include the U.S. Steel's Research and Technology Center (across from the Pump House – also being used for the Pop-Up Party) and Lowe's Home Improvement (along the road, away from the store). Check the web site listed above for more designated areas as we get closer to June 15.

There will be limited refreshments of bagels and bottles of water available prior to the event. The bottles of water are being donated by Costco.

### **Schedule:**

10:00 AM = Ribbon Cutting at Sandcastle

11:00 AM = Ride from Sandcastle to the Point

1:00 PM = Presentation & Unveiling of the  
*Folks of the Ohio* Marker at the Point



The ATA wants to hear from anyone who help build, volunteered, and fundraised for the Great Allegheny Passage. Please tell us your story and join the honor roll by filling out the online survey: [http://gaptrail.org/i\\_helped\\_build\\_the\\_gap.cfm](http://gaptrail.org/i_helped_build_the_gap.cfm)

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# June 15 Events (continued)

Separately, the SVTC and the Friends of the Riverfront are being asked to provide volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering that day, please email us at [PointMadeVolunteers@steelvalleytrail.org](mailto:PointMadeVolunteers@steelvalleytrail.org).

## **Pop Up Party at the Pump House – Part of the *Wheels at the Waterfront* festival Noon to 10:00 PM**

Join us at the pump house for a party celebrating the opening of the final piece of the Great Allegheny Passage. Event runs from noon to 10:00 PM and will feature the Community Heritage Market with local vendors, businesses, food and beer, DJs and bicycle-related events.

Besides a variety of handcraft vendors, Pittsburgh food trucks such as Oh My Grill, the Pittsburgh Taco Truck and The Dozen Dessert Truck will also be on hand. Blue Dust will be supplying microbrews from their gastropub in Homestead at the market for purchase and The Waterfront will be sponsoring music as well as hosting events throughout the shopping complex site in celebration of the trail opening (see next event below). During the Pop-Up Party, electricity will be supplied by sustainable energy outfitters ZeroFossil.

The Steel Valley Trail Council will be leading short, family friendly rides out of the Pump House at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 PM.

*\*\*\* Please see the *Wheels at the Waterfront* & Pop Up Party event flyers on the next page.*

Rivers of Steel Community Heritage Market will also run 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 16. Other market vendors include Robin Londino's Handcrafted Jewelry, Brown Bird Green String, Karen's Kind Beads and the Bulgarian-Macedonian Club.

## **Pedal Party in Town Center – Part of the *Wheels at the Waterfront* festival 2:00 to 5:00 PM**

Join the Waterfront for the ultimate outdoor celebration! Live music including steel drum band *Rhythm & Steel* and performance by local band *Meeting of Important People*, a free bike decorating contest for kids and adults with the *Josh & Gab Show*, complimentary craft beer and margaritas from Gran Agave, the Panera Bread lemonade stand, food, snacks and giveaways from the shops at the Waterfront, free family painting activity with Paint Monkey, Zero Fossil's water-spraying power generating bike rides, plus games, fun and more!

*\*\*\* Please see the *Wheels at the Waterfront* event flyer on the next page.*

***Events are all ages, free and open to the public! Free event shuttles will be available throughout the day from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.***

## **Shopping Event at Costco in the Waterfront**

Costco will be having a shopping event from June 13 to June 16 where non-Costco members can go inside there store with the flyer included within this eNewsletter.





# Wheels at the Waterfront

*Celebrating the Official Opening for  
The Great Allegheny Passage!*

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM - 10PM**



## **10AM: THE GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE DEDICATION AT SANDCASTLE**

On the trail! Be sure to park at the Waterfront in the dedicated Shuttle Area for a free shuttle to and from the dedication!  
Visit the Waterfront Facebook page for info.

## **NOON - 10PM: POP-UP PARTY AT THE PUMP HOUSE**

A totally off-the-grid and off-the-hook day-long event! The Pump House will be rocking with a line-up of 8 of the city's hottest DJ's while guests enjoy a special craft market featuring local vendors and artisans, live bike demos and group rides, swap meets, local food trucks and vendors, frosty craft beer and good times!

## **2PM-5PM: PEDAL PARTY IN TOWN CENTER**

The ultimate outdoor celebration! Groove to steel drum band Rhythm & Steel and rock out to Meeting of Important People while enjoying family friendly crafts and activities, including a bike decorating contest and parade, hosted by the famous Josh & Gab Show! Sip complimentary craft beer and margaritas from Gran Agave, visit the Panera Bread Lemonade stand, jump on Zero Fossil's water spraying, energy-generating bikes and enjoy games, snacks, giveaways and more from the shops at the Waterfront!

**FREE! ALL AGES!**

Event Shuttles from 9am-6pm  
For schedules & info visit \_\_\_\_\_





# Pop-Up Party

at



the

## PUMP HOUSE

Part of the  
"Wheels at the WaterFront" all-day Festival.

Celebrating the  
~Great Allegheny Passage~

Gear ~ Beer ~ Music

Swap Meet

Food Trucks

Local Food

Craft Beer

Craft Market

Group Rides



STEEL VALLEY  
ENTERPRISE ZONE, Corp



with DJs:

Selecta

Tom Cox

Strobe

Preslav

Hank D

Rick Diculous

DJ FireFly

and

Jarrett Tebbets

Sponsored by:



Net-zero, off-grid, solar-powered party!

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## SVTC/GAP Bike Nights

By George Schmidt

Join us at the Pump House at the Waterfront for bike rides on the SVTC's section of the Great Allegheny Passage. These are social rides usually totaling about 16 miles at about a 10 mph pace. It is not a race. The ride leader, usually me, is always the last person in so no one is left behind. We ride to McKeesport or Pittsburgh. As the days get longer we may extend the ride distance or spend more time along the way at points of interest.

Ride announcements are on the Meetup Bicycling Pittsburgh web site, <http://www.meetup.com/bicyclingpgh/> or just meet us at:

The Pump House, East Waterfront Drive. (Just past Lowe's)  
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

For more information contact George Schmidt: [gschmidt1@verizon.net](mailto:gschmidt1@verizon.net)

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## Cleanup of Route 837 - Saturday, June 8th at 10:00 AM

The cleanup of Route 837 (the Munhall, Homestead and W. Homestead business districts) will take place on Saturday 6/8 beginning at 10:00 AM. Contact [maggie\\_holder@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie_holder@yahoo.com) for information or to volunteer.

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## Rails-to-Trails Greenway Sojourn Returns to the Great Allegheny Passage

The RTC Greenway Sojourn is returning to the Great Allegheny Passage for a second year in a row from June 23 to 27. This time they are cycling between Pittsburgh and Cumberland over a 5 day period. They will be in our area on the first day.

Last summer, the SVTC received a mini grant to replace the delineators along East Waterfront Drive's contraflow bike lane. The mini grant was managed by the RTC with funding from the DCNR's Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund. So if you see a sojourn rider as they pass through, please be sure to thank them.

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## Other Events in the Area

**Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival (June 7 – 16):**

<http://www.3riversartsfest.org/>

**Riverlights at The Point (the grand reopening of the Point State Park Fountain – June 7):**

<http://pointstatepark.com/events/riverlights-at-the-point-is-friday-june-7>

**Wheels of Hope (Event on the trail on June 22)**

Registration form at conclusion of eNewsletter. Benefits the JMD Cancer Resource Center.



***Get updates as they happen!***

***<http://www.facebook.com/SteelValleyTrail>***



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## New Bike Racks in the Waterfront

Thanks to a very pro-bike management and ownership team at the Waterfront shopping center, expect to see a bunch of these going up over the next week or so.



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**McKeesport Trail Rerouting in Progress** – *Expect it to be finished by June 15.*

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## Upcoming SVTC Board Meeting Dates and Locations

The Steel Valley Trail Council board meetings are the third Monday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. this summer. The location will be at the Pump House trail head. Please email us at [info@steelvalleytrail.org](mailto:info@steelvalleytrail.org) or call as at 724-405-7882 if you plan to attend. An email reminder will be sent out to the eNewsletter email list. Members are welcome to attend.

**Upcoming Dates:** June 17; July 15; August 19

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## 2013 Steel Valley Trail Council Board of Directors

Sara Petyk (2012-2014), President  
Bob MacGregor (2013-2015), Vice President  
Bob Holder (2013-2015), 2nd Vice President  
Paul Heckbert (2011-2013), Secretary  
Earl Novendstern (2013-2015), Treasurer  
Lois Liberman (2013-2015)

George Schmidt (2013-2015)  
Ronald Schipani (2012-2014)  
Joe Segina (2012-2014)  
Yale Cohen (2012-2014)  
James Taggart (2011-2013)  
Richard Cohen (2011-2013)

# YOU'RE INVITED!



Participants, families and friends of  
**Great Allegheny Passage**

are invited to a  
**SPECIAL SHOPPING EVENT!**

Thursday & Friday, June 13 & 14, 2013 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday, June 15 & 16, 2013 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attend our exclusive weekend event.  
Check out our special offers.  
Enjoy samples throughout the warehouse.  
Please present flyer at front entrance.

For more information, please direct any questions to:  
Marketing at (412)205-1010 ext. 288 w649mbr@costco.com

## EXCLUSIVE OFFER AT THIS EVENT:

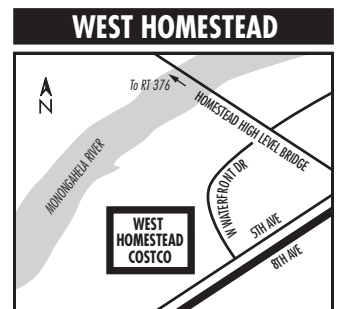


Join as a new Executive Member  
and get a **\$20 Costco Cash Card**.

Awareness Code: 63000 • Costco Cash Card Activation: 335973

Or, join a new Gold Star Member  
and get a **\$10 Costco Cash Card**.

Awareness Code: 63000 • Costco Cash Card Activation: 321342



501 W. Waterfront Drive  
West Homestead, PA 15120

Offer is only valid when you join in person with a Costco representative at this event. Valid only for new members for their first year of membership. Limit one Costco Cash Card offer per household. Offer is nontransferable and may not be combined with any other offer or coupon. • A Gold Star Membership is \$55 a year. An Executive Membership is an additional \$55 upgrade fee a year. Each membership includes a free Household Card. • Costco accepts cash, checks, debit/ATM cards, EBT, Costco Cash Cards, Costco Credit Cards and American Express. You must be a Costco member to pay by check.



## Registration Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Riders under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Bike Ride Fees:

No. \_\_\_\_ Adults: \$25 by June 1, after \$30

No. \_\_\_\_ Children under 16, \$20 by June 1,  
after \$25

Spaghetti Dinner tickets ADD- \$5 for adults  
and \$3 for children

Family plan before June 1: \$60, after June 1:  
\$65; includes bike ride for 2 adults, all chil-  
dren under 16 and 2 adult spaghetti dinner  
tickets. Child tickets can be purchased for \$3.

Event T-Shirts are provided please list quantity

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Enclosed Fee Payable to the McKeesport Hos-  
pital Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_

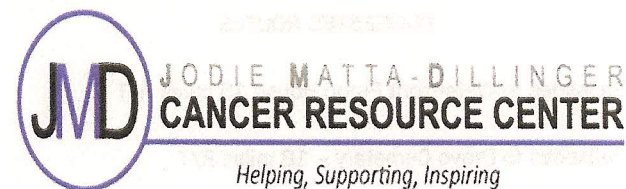
Bike rentals available through:  
Ted's Peddler's Village - 412 - 452 - 3330

# WHEELS OF HOPE



## Sponsored By:

- \* UPMC McKeesport Hospital
- \* McKeesport Hospital Foundation
- \* McKeesport Area School  
District



## ***Wheels of Hope Bicycle Ride and Fun Walk***

### **Benefits JMD CANCER RESOURCE CENTER'S**

**Nutritional Supplement  
and  
Medication Co-pay  
Programs**

**JUNE 22, 2013**

**EVENT ORIGINATES AT THE  
PALISADES BALLROOM**

**Registration - 9:30 a.m.**

**Ride Starts - 10:30 a.m.**

**501 WATER STREET  
MCKEESPORT, PA 15132  
412-678-6979**



## SUGGESTED ROUTES

Palisades to Waterfront Pump House 15 miles R/T

Palisades to Dravo Cemetery - 18 miles R/T

Palisades to Boston -8 miles R/T

3 mile Fun Walk along the Yough River

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### BICYCLE RAFFLE AND ACCESSORY RAFFLE - CHECK WEB SITE FOR UPDATES!!!

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#### IMPORTANT DETAILS

- ◇ Cooling tent, bike ride and walk first aid provided by White Oak EMS
- ◇ Snacks and water provided by the McKeesport Hospital Foundation
- ◇ Road sections and Port Vue Bridge crossings will have stationed Safety Marshalls
- ◇ Restroom facilities available at the Palisades, Pump House, Boston and Dravo Cemetery
- ◇ Spaghetti Dinner - 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- ◇ Featured Entertainment

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Online Registration at [www.jmdf.net](http://www.jmdf.net) or mail check, registration and waiver form to:

Jodie Matta-Dillinger Cancer Resource Center

UPMC McKeesport Hospital, Level D

1500 Fifth Avenue

McKeesport, PA 15132

## CURRENT JMD SERVICES

**Wig Room** - The JMD Cancer Resource Center Wig Room has been an invaluable asset to cancer patients since 2009. JMD Wig Room volunteers provide free wigs and other accessories to cancer patients, regardless of treatment location.

**Dignity Robes** - Women that come to UPMC McKeesport Cancer Center for radiotherapy receive Dignity Robes provided through the community outreach efforts of the JMD Cancer Resource Center. These Dignity Robes are designed so that only the area in need of radiation is exposed.

**Dietary Counseling Sessions** - The JMD Cancer Resource Center has arranged group nutritional counseling sessions for cancer patients and caregivers with UPMC dietitians that educate and encourage healthy eating habits.

## Release of Waiver and Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the "Wheels of Hope,"

(The Activity), I for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and

Next of kin do hereby acknowledge, understand and agree to the following:

1. I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in The Activity.
2. The Activity will be conducted over public roads, trails and facilities open to the public where hazards can be expected, including the danger of collision with pedestrians, motor vehicles, other riders and fixed or moving objects; the danger of road surface hazards including metal bridges, expansion joints, drain grates and painted lines that are particularly hazardous when wet; and also including weather conditions, inadequate safety equipment. I agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in The Activity.
3. Helmets are required for all riders 12 and under that participate in The Activity.
4. Bicycling activities involve Risks and Dangers of Serious Bodily Injury, including Permanent Disability, Paralysis, and Death, with accompanying risks of economic loss. I hereby release and discharge the JMD Board of Directors, JMD Staff, all event Volunteers, other participants, Sponsors and Donors and owners and lessors of the premises on which The Activity takes place (Releasees) from all Liability, Claims, Demands, Losses, or Damages I may incur in connection with The Activity. I hereby Release, Discharge Releasees from liability for any such injuries or damages Caused or Alleged to be Caused in whole or in part by the Negligence of the Releasees, including Negligent Rescue Operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the releases, I will indemnify, Save, and Hold Harmless Each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE. I INTEND THAT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ANY NATURE. I INTEND THIS TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PRINT NAME:

SIGNATURE:

Waiver must be signed and on file at Registration Table prior to participating in The Activity.