



# Steel Valley Trail Council eNewsletter

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

## Volunteers help to clear the trail after landslide and other weather-related events

During the past month and a half, the weather has not been too kind to our area's trails. On our trail alone there was a significant landslide at the end of June, a series of trees that fell along multiple points on the trail during the same storm in July, and the drainage swale by the s-bend between the Braddock Dam sign and the Port Perry Flyover washed out (and damaged part of the trail surface).

There is a silver lining, however. Volunteers, both from the ranks of our membership as well as trail users who just happen to be passing by and decided to lend a hand, helped to clear the trail within hours of being notified. This inspiring story was recently reported by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: <http://goo.gl/MXB0lc>



We are currently awaiting engineering reports before clearing the rest of the landslide area and repairing the drainage swale. In the meantime, please use caution when riding along the trail, especially where it narrows. The trail is open for users.

These are just a couple photos of the clean-up efforts. There are many more on our Facebook album which can be found here: <http://goo.gl/HwyXMp>

Related, our neighbors along the Montour Trail has had their own share of washouts in July (as reported by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette): <http://goo.gl/SxNCIf>

*The photo above was taken by and is courteous of Robert and Joyce MacGregor. The photo to the left is by Jim Taggart.*

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## **GAP 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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**GAP Rerouting in McKeesport** - It was completed prior to June 15. The photos and story can be found on the Tribune Review online: [goo.gl/EbNAJY](http://goo.gl/EbNAJY)

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## **Ohio River Trail Council's Gear & Beer Music Festival (September 8, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM):**

We are again planning on having an information table at this year's ORTC event in Beaver County (at Bradys Run Park near Beaver Falls). For more information, please check out the ORTC web site: <http://www.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/ortc-music-festival>

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## **Pedal Pittsburgh (August 25) – Volunteers Needed:**

Pedal Pittsburgh will be August 25. For more information, please check out their web site: <http://pedalpgh.org/>. If you are interested in volunteering, they are still looking for volunteers. Please check out there volunteer form here: <http://goo.gl/tJgvHf>

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## **Tireless Event at Duck Hollow (August 16 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM):**

Don't miss out on our next Tireless Event, Friday August 16th at Duck Hollow. Allegheny CleanWays will be cleaning up from 5-8pm on the Monongahela Riverfront. They are partnering with Friends of The Riverfront for maintenance and cleanup of the trails. As an alternative to cleaning up on the river, volunteers have the opportunity to assist in reducing a common invasive species of Pittsburgh known as the Japanese knotweed.

They are providing supplies, and equipment, along with food, drinks, and musical entertainment. Two musicians will be performing live after the cleanup, playing genres ranging from country and folk, to blues and rock. It should be a good time!

For more details and to register:

<http://www.alleghenycleanways.org/civCRM/event/info?id=210&reset=1>

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### Upcoming SVTC Meetings:

The next Steel Valley Trail Council board meeting will be by August 19 at 6:00 PM at the Pump House trail head in the Waterfront. All are welcome to attend.

There is also an upcoming meeting currently being planned to look at ways to improve the Clairton Connector on-road route, tentatively set for late August. Location and date TBD. If interested, please email [info@steelvalleytrail.org](mailto:info@steelvalleytrail.org).

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# RIVERS OF STEEL



## SUNDAY HERITAGE MARKET

### WHEN

First and Third  
Sundays Starting  
April 7  
10am-2pm

### WHERE

Historic Pump  
House

880 E Waterfront Drive, Munhall, PA 15120

FEATURING · Local Crafters · Entertainment · Food ·  
Historic Location · Bike Trail

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