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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 eNewsletter

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

Pittsburgh Day of Giving on October 3

Our biggest fundraiser and membership drive of the year, the Pittsburgh Day of Giving, will be October 3 from 12:00 AM to 11:59:59 PM ET. During this 24 hour period, any donations made to us on the PittsburghGives.org web site (up to \$1000 per individual through one or multiple donations) will receive a prorated match from The Pittsburgh Foundation's matching pool. The minimum donation is \$25 and has to be made through the PittsburghGives web site.

As indicated on the flyer, donations made that day will count towards membership within the Steel Valley Trail Council (which you can opt out if you let us know).

On October 3, please visit PittsburghGives.org and consider donating towards your local trail group.

WHAT DAY WILL IT BE FOR YOU?
A DAY OF trails.

Pittsburgh Day of Giving
October 3, 2013

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The Steel Valley Trail Council is proud to be sponsored by the following community partners.



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Interested in becoming a sponsor, email us info@steelvalleytrail.org

Tour de Mon on October 5



It is time for the third annual ride event with our partners the Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation.

It is not too late to join the fun! You can still come down and register on the day of the event (you just may not be guaranteed a t-shirt and/or goody bag).

Price: Adult - \$25 / Under 18 - \$15 / Family - \$60

Options: 30 mile ride to Boston and back / 20 mile ride to McKeesport and back
10 mile ride to Duquesne and back / 10 mile ride to Hot Metal Bridge and back

Registration is from 8 AM to 11 AM. All rides start from the Pump House at the Waterfront.



MON YOUGH AREA CHAMBER PRESENTS:
Tour De Mon 2013
At The Historic Pump House at the Waterfront
SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2013
Registration from 8:00 to 11:00am
Family Fun Bike Ride on the Steel Valley Trail
Ride begins and ends at the Pump House at the Waterfront, 880 E. Waterfront Dr, Munhall, PA

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Jack Paulik and Linda Boxx honored with honorary lifetime memberships to the Steel Valley Trail Council

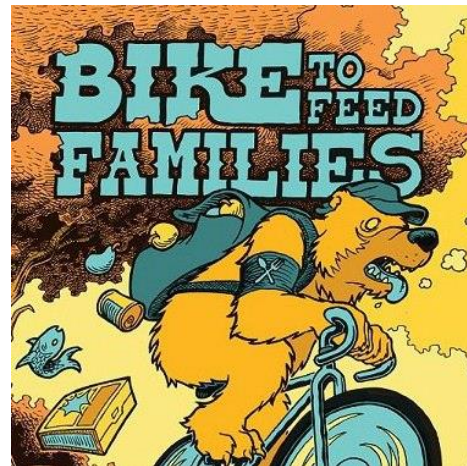
During both the May and September board meetings, the board of the Steel Valley Trail Council honored both Jack Paulik and Linda Boxx with honorary lifetime memberships to the Steel Valley Trail Council for all the work and dedication they both showed towards making our section of the Great Allegheny Passage a reality. Thank you Jack and Linda!

Bike to Feed the Families on October 5

The Tour de Mon is not the only event taking place on October 5. Bike to Feed the Families will be having their third ride in support of the local food bank.

As part of National Hunger Action Month, the Carnegie Science Center is accepting nonperishable food items during regular business hours now through October 4.

On Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 AM, as part of Carnegie Science's Center's *BIKES: Science on Two Wheels* exhibit, community volunteers will bike all donations received at Carnegie Science Center 12.5 miles to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank's Duquesne location.



Ride Instructions:

Bring your panniers or attach your racks or trailers - volunteer bikers will load-up with items collected at the Science Center and will travel approximately 12.5 miles (mostly on trail, in a leisurely group pace good for beginners) to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in Duquesne. After unloading, riders will return together to the Carnegie Science Center (for a total round trip of 25 miles)

Want to help bike the donations? Sign up today and Bike to Feed Families will be in touch shortly with confirmation.

For more information and to sign up as a volunteer rider, visit <http://www.wyep.org/biketofeedfamilies>.

Volunteers receive a free pass to return for the science center's *BIKES: Science on Two Wheels* exhibit.



Improvements on their way to the Clairton Connector (on-road bike route)

At a special meeting at the end of August, members of the Steel Valley Trail Council, the Montour Trail Council, McKeesport Trail Commission, the Allegheny Trail Alliance, and officials from Glassport and Clairton met to discuss ways on how to improve the on-road route between McKeesport to Clairton via Glassport.

One improvement to the route is already currently in the works. On September 17, the Glassport Council approved the rerouting of the Clairton Connector from the alleyway and side roads in their community to the main thoroughfare. It was reported in the McKeesport Daily News: <http://goo.gl/eSeHvn>

There is still more work to be done, so please stay tuned.

Landslide Clean-Up Completed!



Thanks to a donation made to the ATA, we were able to clean up the debris from the late June landslide near Kennywood. In addition, we were able to repair a washed out drainage swale nearby. The project was overseen by Jack Paulik.

Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the flagging stations during the three days it took to remove the debris and make the repairs.

Before photo by Paul Heckbert. After photo by Bob MacGregor.

West Homestead Police Department Asking Cyclists to Obey Traffic Signs in the Waterfront

Earlier in August, motorists complained that cyclists were not stopping at the stop signs along the trail, especially along the trail segment in West Homestead between Sandcastle and former Pittsburgh Burger Company. As a result, the local police department has been patrolling the trail and reminding those that fail to obey the signs the need to stop.

It comes down to safety and the need to protect cyclists in the area. It is something the Steel Valley Trail takes seriously and we will work with the borough. We ask that all trail users (not just cyclists) obey the stop signs both there and elsewhere along the Great Allegheny Passage.



Upcoming SVTC Meetings and Nominees for the SVTC Board of Directors

The next Steel Valley Trail Council's board meeting will be the early evening of October 21. Time and location is to be determined. Please check our Facebook page for updates or call us at 724-405-7882. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Meeting will be in November. Our nominee committee is currently seeking candidates for the next class of board members to serve a three year term. If you want to suggest a nominee, please email info@steelvalleytrail.org. They need to be an active member of the Steel Valley Trail Council at the time of the November meeting.

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