

Why get involved in the Preservation of Pittsburgh? Why Not!?

You owe it to yourself and you're family to first come find out about the **Preservation of Pittsburgh**. Simply put we are about a brighter **future** for the Pittsburgh Community. You are the people who live here and you have a voice. We want to hear it. It is very easy to complain about the things we dislike, but very hard for some to get involved. Education, Housing, Jobs, Streets, Sidewalks, Parks, People and Religion all make-up a community.

These are all the reason why I'm involved because I care about all of the above. The community of Pittsburg deserves and needs love, caring and your involvement to grow. I would like to see great progress in this community. My voice as well as yours is the navigation tool for change: CONCERN + IDEAS = CHANGE.

I want to continue to live and enjoy my life in a community that was once known as a great place with strong heritage. Give our African Americans an opportunity for home ownership and better living, and opportunity to

become a self sustaining community. PITTSBURGH is a well deserving place for it.

A great deal of visible change is yet to come. But we have started taking the road to improvement. The Pittsburgh Community in the past had Rail shops, small businesses and working class African Americans. And is now known for its reputation of depreciation of homes and abandon houses and crime and homeless. What about the future for our youth? What about comfort, safety, the preservation of heritage, and memories for our elders? We cannot even begin to know where this community needs to go if we can't share where it's been.

SO I ASK YOU AGAIN, WHY NOT GET INVOLVED IN THE PRESERVATION OF PITTSBURGH?

-Camilla Rawls

Free meals in the Pittsburgh Neighborhood for those in need

Monday through Friday at 12pm: Salvation Army snack packs, 967 Dewey St.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 3pm: Pittsburgh Resurrection, 1074 Welch St.

Tuesday at 7:30-9:00am: PMA breakfast, New Hope Church of God in Christ, 440 Gardner St.

Wednesday at 11:00am: Overcoming Church of God Faith Temple, Smith St. & Gardner St.

Sunday Breakfast at 8:00am: Community Ministry Christian Church, 1055 Windsor St.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center: 967 Dewey Street, 404-638-7195

Pittsburgh Community Improvement Association (PCIA): 942 McDaniel Street, 404-522-9331

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU-V) President Travie Leslie: 404-758-3549

Councilmember Cleta Winslow: 404-330-6047

Police Zone 3 (non-emergency): 404-624-0674
Atlanta Citizen Review Board (police oversight): 404-865-8622

Sanitation Services: 404-330-6333
Department of Watershed: 404-330-6081
Sewer Operations: 404-604-0750

United Way services: 211
Atlanta Fire Department Smoke Detector Hotline: 404-546-2733

Code Enforcement Officer for Pittsburgh: 404-330-6784

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Master Planning Community Event Schedule



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Saturday, December 10th - Hands-on Community Design Session

When: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; light breakfast, lunch & childcare provided

Where: Pittman Park Recreation Center, 950 Garibaldi Street, SW

What: Hands-on design session where residents work together to decide what needs to change in the Pittsburgh neighborhood and what it could look like in the future. Our drawings and ideas will help decide how resources are used in Pittsburgh!

Please let us know you are coming! Call 678-607-5436 to RSVP and if you need a ride.

Sunday - Wednesday, December 11th - 14th - Open Design Studio

When: Sunday 1:00pm - 7:00pm; Monday - Wednesday 9:00 am - 6:00pm

Open House with refreshments Tuesday, December 13th 7pm-9pm

Where: Ariel Bowen United Methodist Church, 384 Arthur Street, SW (Corner of Arthur & Smith)

What: Members of the community and all those interested in the future of Pittsburgh are invited to stop-by the design studio throughout the week. The design team will be working on-site and will be available to meet with residents, answer questions, and make changes as they go.

Stop by Ariel Bowen Fellowship Hall anytime during the week — and call 678-607-5436 if you would like a ride.

Thursday, December 15th - Work-in-Progress Presentation

When: 6:00 - 9:00pm; Dinner and childcare provided

Where: Iconium Baptist Church, 1050 McDaniel Street SW

What: At the end of the charrette week, the design team will present the work-in-progress to the community.

Please let us know you are coming! Call 678-607-5436 to RSVP and if you need a ride.

Do You Remember?

Albert's Supermarket at McDaniel and Garner? Down the street on the right was Sellers Brothers Funeral Home (now Murray's), and on the same side of the street was the two-story building that housed the EOA (Economic Opportunity Atlanta) with housing upstairs. Directly across the street was Neal's Grille with Mayfield's Barber Shoppe next door.

Our first strip mall was at McDaniel and Mary Streets. At one end was Azar's Tavern, next door was Sam Penso's Five & Dime and then Morris & Saul Tennenbaum's Great Savings Grocery Store. Across the street was Samson Barber's Grocery Store. Incidentally the Barbers lived upstairs over the store. This later became the Bucket of Blood Tavern (the name says it all). On the same side of the street was Spence's Drugstore, later Brother George and Sister Ruth's Shabazz Restaurant. Across the street was Vaughn's Barber Shop with the Smoke Shop and the Shine Stand. The Smoke Shop later became the Melody Inn. Come back across the street and there is this shotgun house that was Allen's Grille. Incidentally, all Grilles sold beer and wine.

-John "Bull" Whitaker



Business Spotlight: William Gayleano Murray and Son Funeral Home

William Gayleano Murray II is an Atlanta native, is married to his wife of thirteen years, Mrs. Valarie M. Murray, a graduate of The University of New Orleans, and the father of Master William Gayleano Murray III and Miss Chloe D. Murray. William has twenty five years of experience in the funeral service industry. He was mentored by his uncle the late Hubert L. Murray, and father, William G. Murray Sr., who are the founders of Murray Brothers Funeral Home Cascade Chapel.

He gained a love and passion for the family business from hanging around the funeral home at a young age. Since 1996 he has been under the dynamic leadership of his uncle, Kenneth E. Murray, Sr. William is the Vice President of Murray Brothers Funeral Home, Inc., and will continue to work with his family at full capacity.

William has come a long way from being the little boy in the hearse waving at people as the cortege passed by, to organizing and planning some of the largest funerals in the nation: The Honorable

Maynard Jackson, Deputy Sheriff Hoyt Teasley, Mrs. Vivian Malone Jones and many others.

In August of 2008, Valarie and William purchased the Historic Sellers Brothers Funeral Home located in the Pittsburgh Community. He is offering "An Economically Feasible Solution to Funeral Service." William has partnered with his eleven-year-old son, William III so that the legacy can continue.

People often ask me, what made you purchase the Seller's Brothers Funeral Home, In Pittsburgh. I tell them, "it was an opportunity to prove myself worth". Pittsburgh is a great section of town that holds a lot of history. A lot of well-to-do people grow up in Pittsburgh. Throughout the city as funerals are conducted, everyone has a story about Pittsburgh, from a relative living in the area or someone talking about the hey-day. It good to be a part of an area so rich in culture and ready to rebound in the city of Atlanta.

-William Gayleano Murray II

Youth and Young Adults its time to Stand Up & Stand Out

It's time for young people to understand that they have the strength and power to create positive change in this negative environment that we are living in today. We young people have got to stop making up excuses about why we are not evolving into the people we were destined to become.

I'm young myself so I understand we are living in a materialistic world where money makes the world go round and a world where mama told you if you don't work you don't eat. I understand we are living in a world where some people don't respect you if you not balling or staying fresh with the top of the line clothes. I agree, this world can be harsh, rude, and unkind but we hold the inner power to reverse these same negative standards this world and some of the people who live in it have set. Let's forget the latest shoes, electronic

gadgets, clothes, and reality shows just for a brief moment and let's set our attention on reconstructing our communities, and recreating unity in our neighborhoods.

Just because we're young lets not think that our ideas don't matter and wouldn't be helpful to our communities. Our voices need to be heard and our opinions do count. So to all the youth and young adults it's time to Take Charge, Stand up and Stand out because the world is in great need of young leaders and community stakeholders to grab the baton and help win this race!!!

Come to Pittman Park rec center on Saturday December 10th to Stand Up & Stand Out for Pittsburgh!

-Oscar Cain

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, December 9, 7-9pm: PCIA presents 3rd annual "A December to Remember" community awards program at Salvation Army Kroc Center, 967 Dewey Street.

Saturday, December 10, 9am-2pm: Pittsburgh Master Plan Hands-on Community Design Session at Pittman Park Recreation Center, 950 Garibaldi Street.

December 12, 7-9pm: NPU-V Meeting, Location to be announced.

Tuesday, December 13, 5:30-7pm: PCIA Public Safety Meeting, 942 McDaniel St.

Tuesday, December 13, 7-9pm: Pittsburgh Master Plan Design Studio Open House at Ariel Bowen UMC Fellowship Hall, 384 Arthur Street.

Thursday, December 15, 6-9pm: Pittsburgh Master Plan Work-in-Progress Dinner & Presentation at Iconium Baptist Church, 1050 McDaniel Street.

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