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Parker City Revitalization Corporation
At Work

A monthly newsletter to update
the residents of Parker on efforts
to revitalize the City

Welcome to the 1st newsletter of the Parker City Revitalization Corporation!

Our 5 committees met for the first time in June/July 2007 to begin planning for the revitalization of our City. Initial efforts will focus on our Business District.

At its meeting on July 26th, the Board voted to merge the Promotion Committee with the Organization and Design Committees. This move was made to clear up confusion caused by the overlap in responsibility between these groups and also to inject higher numbers of volunteers to plan and carry out events and promotions.

The Organization and Promotion Committee is working with the Allegheny-Clarion River Valley Focus Group on planning an Allegheny River Run for early next summer. The Canoe & Kayak Race will begin in Emlenton and end in Parker. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please contact Cindy & Gary Irwin at 724-399-1100. This Committee will hold its 1st fundraiser, a 50/50 drawing, through September 25th. Tickets are \$1 each.

The Design Committee is working on designing a PCRC logo, and signs for each of the city's entrances.

The Economic Restructuring Committee's 1st project is designing the both The corporation's and the City of Parker's web page. The Committee will also be completing the Downtown Profile for submission to the PA Downtown Center.

The Clean, Safe & Green Committee's 1st project will be cleaning up the riverbank. We welcome everyone to come out, roll up your sleeves, and join us as we "weed-wack," mow, and otherwise clean up the riverfront area. A planning meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall. Riverbank cleanup is scheduled for September 15th. Registration is 8:30 a.m. at 106 North River Avenue (the Water Plant), with clean-up to begin at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts, and a light lunch will be served. Anyone interested in assisting with this exciting activity should come to the meeting on September 10th.

Parker is in a unique position where we can reap the benefits from both the Oil Region 150 (by joining regionally with Emlenton, Foxburg, and St. Petersburg) and the Pittsburgh 250 celebrations for the years 2008-2009. The PCRC will be applying for several small grants through Pittsburgh 250. This includes both FREE promotion of our events and various grant opportunities. Watch this publication where we will announce any and all grants received.

This newsletter is a product of the Organization & Promotion Committee.

The Board of Directors of the PCRC invites you to its

*1st Annual Benefit Dinner
at the Black Forest Restaurant
Sunday, October 14th, at 5:00 p.m.
\$25.00 per Person*

*Menu:
Tossed Garden Salad*

*Choice of: Bacon Wrapped Scallops
or
Jagerschnitzel — pork cutlet in a rich gravy
(with or without mushrooms)*

*Choice of Baked Potato
or
Hot German Potato Salad*

Homemade White or Rye Bread

*Choice of: Carrot Cake
or
Black Forest Cake*

Coffee, Teas, and Sodas

Alcohol Extra

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Cindy Irwin,
Black Forest Restaurant, at 724-399-1100 for tickets or
additional information.

The PCRC applied for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status on June 18, 2007.
Once received, donors can make tax-deductible donations for all gifts,
monetary and otherwise! Keep watching this publication for more
details on this important step.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our many volunteers
who are taking time out of their busy schedules to work on these
important endeavors. If you'd like to join the fun, please call Marilyn
McCall at 724-399-0076 or come to any of our committee meetings
(see back cover for days, times, and locations).

Did You Know. . .

. . . that Colonel William Parker came to America from England in 1754. He served from 1775—1783 in the Pennsylvania State Militia, 5th Battalion, Washington County. By the end of the American Revolution, he had attained the rank of Brigadier General. He moved from Washington County with his family around 1798, and settled on Bear Creek, close to what later became the City of Parker.

William Parker erected the first gristmill in the northern part of Armstrong County soon after his arrival in Bear Creek. The mill was built of logs and contained the most rudimentary machinery. Nevertheless, it proved to be very valuable to the scattered settlers who came many miles to avail themselves of its privileges.

We encourage you to let us know what would you like to see happen in our city!

Our Board members are:

Marilyn McCall, President
Cindy Irwin, Vice President
Heather Wolford, Secretary
Butch Alworth, Treasurer
Bob Amsler
Jaunita Amsler
Fred Bowser
Dick Garrard
Bill McCall

Committee meetings are as follows:

Organization & Promotion — 4th Wednesday @ 7 p.m. @ Fire Hall
Design — 2nd Thursday @ 7 p.m. @ Parker Personal Care
Economic Restructuring — 1st Monday @ 7 p.m. @ Black Forest
Restaurant
Clean, Safe & Green — 4th Monday @ 7 p.m. @ Fire Hall
Everyone is welcome!

Or you can write to us at:

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Parker, PA 16049

There is SO much news to report that we didn't have room for any pictures in this issue. This feature will be included in future issues.