

# Pittsburgh Master Planning

## Preservation of Pittsburgh

Preservation of Pittsburgh (POP) is a project to increase high quality, permanently affordable housing for renters and homeowners in Pittsburgh. It is a partnership between Sustainable Neighborhood Development Strategies, Inc. (SNDSI), Pittsburgh Community Improvement Association (PCIA), the City of Atlanta, and others.

The Master Plan will help guide how to use POP resources best and attract new resources to the neighborhood.

## What is Master Planning?

A Master Plan is an official public document that describes the neighborhood today and proposes what could improve the neighborhood in the future. It is *a community tool* to help residents advocate for improvements

in housing, transportation, public services, environmental sustainability, economic development, parks and recreation, and other issues.

The community process to create the Master Plan will begin in October. *Master Planning Kick-off meeting COMING SOON!*

To get involved, please call 678-607-5436.



PITTSBURGH Neighborhood Master Plan News

Masthead by John Whitaker

## Pittsburgh Alumni Corner—By Phyllis Moore Daviss

As a young girl growing up in Pittsburgh, the 1950's and 60's was exciting for me as a child. Looking out my front door gave me a feeling of pride, security, friendship, family and safety. I could even look out my back door and acknowledge adults who were friends of my parents and took pride in helping them raise us. Almost every house on my street contained playmates for my brothers, sisters and especially for me. Our neighborhood at that time was self-sustaining. Can any of you remember how large and spacious Pittman Park used to be? How there were activities available for each member of the family, the gym, the pool with life guards on duty, who were there to keep us safe in the water? Many of us learned how to swim at Pittman, I know that's where I learned! We anxiously waited for the time when we were old enough to participate in the nighttime activities, as in "Canteen," which was held in the summer on Thursday nights. I remember my father enjoying the nightly baseball games and the tennis matches held at the park.

The Pittsburgh community, once known throughout the city for its strength and beauty stood out as a strong and safe community for citizens to live within, and who championed and supported all types of black owned business. Our religious community was strong and offered many different denominations which practiced an open door policy to everyone in the community, with a special interest in the youth in our community.

I married and left the Pittsburgh community in 1971, but have moved back since 2009, living in the home I grew up in. Although the community has changed drastically because of the economy, homelessness and other social ills, our spirits have been renewed with a willingness to work to recapture the pride, safety, and respect this community once possessed.

***Pittsburgh Alumni! We need YOU for Master Planning!***

***Remember what made Pittsburgh great? Know what keeps it special today?  
We want you to help shape the vision for Pittsburgh's future.***

***All Pittsburgh alumni — Please call home!***

***678-607-5436***

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am:** PCIA Monthly Meeting, Pittman Park Recreation Center at 950 Garibaldi St.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:** NPU-V Meeting

**October 13<sup>th</sup> 5-7:30pm:** Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Info session, The Center for Working Families, Inc. at 477 Windsor St.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am (Breakfast served):** Pittsburgh Ministerial Alliance, Iconium Baptist Church at 1050 McDaniel St.

**October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm:** PCIA Public Safety Meeting, PCIA office at 942 McDaniel St.

### Free Meals in Pittsburgh

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

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

**(October) Tuesday 7:30-9:00am:** PMA breakfast, New Sunnyside Baptist Church, 1028 Sims St.

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

## Community Resources—By Regina Upchurch

**Southeast Energy Assistance** offers home repairs and free weatherization for low income families. SSI families are automatically eligible, regardless of total income SEA will assist with one-time water bills. There is another program called Care to assist with utility bills. Call the direct line at 404-554-1168 to apply: Ms. Pam Allen will prescreen you and tell you what services you qualify for. The office line is 404-885-1877. Website: [southeastenergy.org](http://southeastenergy.org). Email: [pam@southeastenergy.org](mailto:pam@southeastenergy.org)

**Lead Safe Atlanta** is for homes where children are present in the home under the age of 6 or children are visiting the home for an hour or more each week. You can call 404-223-3303 to set up an appointment for a free home lead inspection. Must have homeowner insurance and a deed of the home. **Healthy Homes Atlanta Green & Healthy Homes Initiative** provides homeowners and renters with information about how to prevent health and safety hazards in the home. Applicant household must meet HUD income guidelines. They can check for lead mold and mildew. You can call 404-223-3303 to set up a free Environmental Home Assessment of the home. You can also call direct to Mr. Carnell Sykes, the Client Intake Specialist at 404-230-7129.

**Other Resources:**  
The Salvation Army  
Contact: Carlyn Gillard  
967 Dewey Street  
404-638-7195

Jars of Clay Outreach  
Contact: Angel Mobley  
937 Sims Street  
404-586-9793  
[www.jocatlanta.org](http://www.jocatlanta.org)  
[angel@jocatlanta.org](mailto:angel@jocatlanta.org)

## One Side of the Line — By Tamacia Sadler

With everything there is a line. On one side of the line is the chance to make things better – better results, better relationships, and more responsibility. That is where you will find POP (Preservation of Pittsburgh) Resident Leadership Team players. Presently we have ten members who attended the organizing meetings last summer and showed willingness to put in time being liaisons between Pittsburgh residents and the Master Planning process.

Our general attitude toward the Pittsburgh community is positive. We strongly urge sufficiency, abundance, love, peace and security for our neighborhood. We believe the longer we allow our neighbors and ourselves to dwell on the misfortunes of the Pittsburgh community the greater is the power to continue to harm or relocate us whether we are owners, renters, or homeless.

*Here are six ways we can be informed, have a voice positively, and make our neighborhood improve.*

1. Attend all community meetings even if you don't have an immediate concern.
2. Take pride and responsibility in maintaining your residence.
3. Always look out for innocent children and adults as you see them in the community – especially going to and from school.
4. Contact the proper authorities when you see a need for safety.
5. Participate with churches in the Pittsburgh community as God has given them a vision & a mission for Pittsburgh.
6. Keep the phone directories that you use near the phone.

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