

# **CLEAN PITTSBURGH COMMISSION**

**“Helping Pittsburghers make a difference in their Community”**

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## **CLEAN PITTSBURGH COMMISSION STEWARDS MIXER WILL FEATURE ‘BOB AWARDS’ TO REDD UP VOLUNTEERS**

Most of Pittsburgh’s 90 neighborhoods participate in an active network called the Clean Pittsburgh Stewards. Stewards organize Redd Ups, recruit thousands of volunteers and maintain communications between neighborhoods, city departments and support groups.

The fifth annual Meet n’ Greet Mixer, organized by the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, will be held Thursday, Mar. 22, at the Schenley Park Ice Skating Meeting Room from 6 to 8 p.m. Many City Council members and City department heads are expected to attend.

Clean Pittsburgh Commission will announce its “Bob Awards”, a tribute to the late Mayor Bob O’Connor and his dedication to “redding up” the city through the combined efforts of volunteers and the city’s Public Works staff. Mayor O’Connor’s widow, Judy, and son Corey, new city councilman filling his father’s old seat, will present awards.

Awards and recognitions will go to neighborhoods, groups and individuals including the 2011 Volunteer of the Year. Three neighborhood awards will recognize Most Connected, Most Improved and Neighborhood of the Year.

“These deserving recognitions hardly scratch the surface of the thousands of Pittsburghers who buy into the concept that ‘people who care must pick up litter for people who don’t’”, said Boris Weinstein, Commission chair.

The Clean Pittsburgh Commission will also issue its 2011 State of the City Report detailing activities involving litter prevention/cleanup, illegal dumping, vacant lots and buildings, abandoned cars, graffiti, recycling and greening.

Sponsors of this year’s Meet n’ Greet Mixer are Office of Luke Ravenstahl, Kevin Acklin, Citizens Against Litter, Council members President Darlene Harris, Theresa Kail-Smith,

Bruce Kraus, Corey O'Connor, Frank Fuhrer Wholesale, Giant Eagle, pair Networks, Waste Management and Whole Foods.

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