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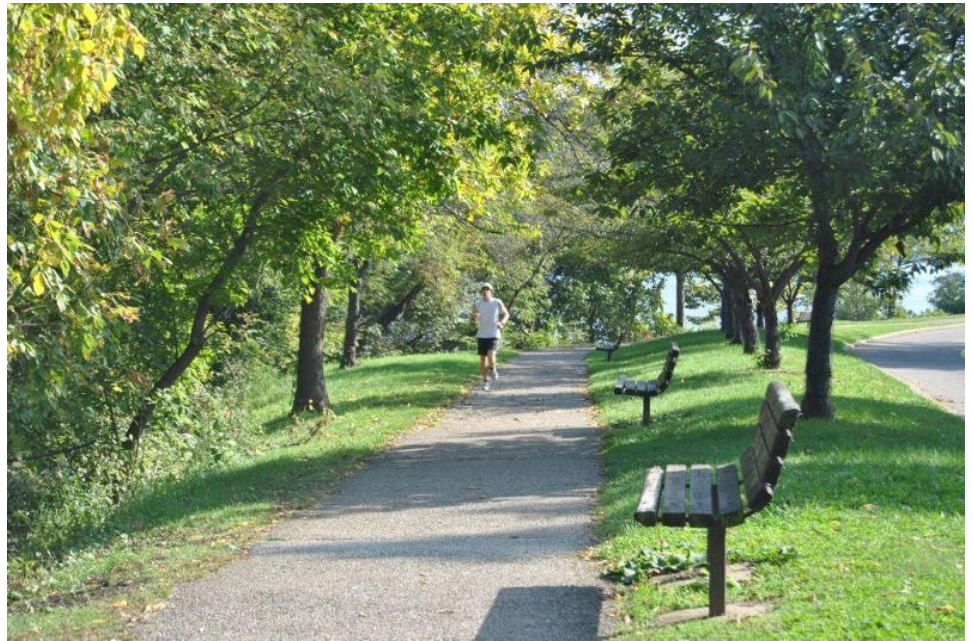
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FRIENDS OF THE RIVERFRONT



Through intense collaboration with community partners, government officials, and a diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Whether you bike, hike, rollerblade, or paddle along our beautiful shores, we encourage everyone to take advantage of these assets.



FOLLOW US FROM DC TO PITTSBURGH!

The official grand opening of the Great Allegheny Passage on June 15 is fast approaching and to celebrate, Friends of the Riverfront's Program Manager, Sarah Carr will be joining the grand opening celebration riders to bike from DC to Pittsburgh!

Sarah will be posting stories and pictures all week to capture the 335-mile ride in "[A Week On Two Wheels](#)".

Follow Sarah June 8-15 as she bikes and blogs her way to the ribbon cutting at Sandcastle and then join the ride to The Point!

[Follow Sarah!](#)

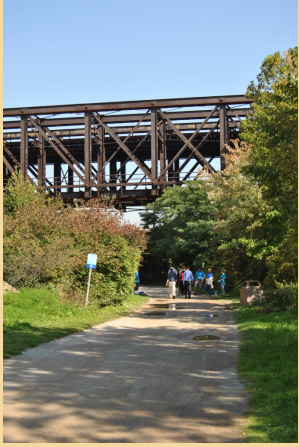


POINT MADE! GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE CELEBRATION

The Great Allegheny Passage from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD and on to Washington DC is complete and a grand opening celebration will take place on Saturday, June 15. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate with us at [Point Made!](#)

- 10:00 a.m. Ribbon cutting at Sandcastle
- 11:00 a.m. Ride from Sandcastle to the Point
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation & Unveiling of the marker at the Point

Volunteers are needed for the celebration on June 15, please contact [Donna Bour](#) for volunteer opportunities.



OPEN HOUSE: OHIO RIVER TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Join Friends of the Riverfront, Allegheny County, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council for an Open House for the Three Rivers Heritage Trail / Ohio River Trail Feasibility study. For over a year, we have been working with the municipalities of McKees Rocks, Stowe, Neville, Robinson Township, and Coraopolis to develop an alignment that will create a segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to the Montour Trail and the Ohio River Trail. The project will connect Pittsburgh with the Montour Trail-head in Coraopolis.

We invite you to come see the plans for yourself on Wednesday June 19, 2013 at 6pm until 8pm in the Stowe Township Municipal Building 555 Broadway Ave, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

We want to know what you think, and we welcome you to come and see the plans for this exciting project. There will be project representatives there to answer questions and take your input. There is still much work to be done, but we're off to a fantastic start!



MASQUERADE POKER PARADE KICK-OFF EVENT

Mark your calendars and join us to kick-off the Masquerade Poker Parade, a new family-friendly event coming to the Three Rivers Heritage Trail this October!

We'll premiere our promotional video for the inaugural event, and announce the event date and location on Friday, June 28 from 6-8pm at Penn Brewery. We'll celebrate with a live performance by Guitar Zack's GKNÄÜISH Industries, 50/50 raffle, and prize giveaways throughout the night.

[Learn more about the Masquerade Poker Parade!](#)



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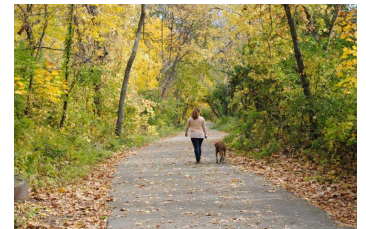
We are pleased to announce [First National Bank](#) as the title sponsor of the [2013 First National Bank Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race!](#)

Registration for this year's event, July 26-28, is now open and filling fast. Summer rates will be available through June 30th. We're anticipating a sell out race for all events. Don't miss out on this year's race! [Register Today!](#)

Volunteers are still needed for this year's event, register now by clicking the race you'd like to support! [Volunteer Now!](#)

Need some motivation to make this year's race your best yet? A new edition of [Steel City Endurance's Coaching Corner](#) is now available!

Upcoming Swim Clinic: [Easy Speed - Sunday, June 16, 8-10am at Olympic Swim & Health Club](#)



THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL

Want to help improve the Three Rivers Heritage Trail? We're currently surveying trail users to see what issues are most important. Please take a moment and help us by [completing the survey](#).

The new 2013 Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map is now available! New for this year: the completed Great Allegheny Passage into Pittsburgh and dog parks along the trail in Lawrenceville and South Side.

If you haven't already received your copy, [request one today!](#) Just send us your name and mailing address!

TRAIL ALERT

NORTH SHORE TRAIL RE-SURFACING

The North Shore trail resurfacing project from 600 River Avenue to Three Rivers Rowing in Millvale is now complete. The resurfacing was done to address the deteriorating condition of the trail in this area. The trail was elevated and resurfaced using reclaimed asphalt and top sealant.

This project was funded by the Hillman Foundation, Laurel Foundation, and the They Working Fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation. In-kind support was provided by Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh.

MILLVALE RIVERFRONT PARK

Cyclists and pedestrians in Millvale Riverfront Park are encouraged to remain on the trail while in the park. There has been some congestion reported on the access road in and out of the park due to trail traffic.

Parking for trail users is located past the pavilion near the Three Rivers Rowing boathouse.



UPCOMING EVENTS

It's summertime and we're busy with events from Riverfronts Naturally trail maintenance to outreach in your community. We hope you'll join us for one of these upcoming events:

Tuesday, June 4, 9am-noon | Riverfronts Naturally South Side - EVENT AT CAPACITY

Thursday, June 6, 1-5pm | Riverfronts Naturally Strip District - EVENT AT CAPACITY

Friday, June 7, 5-8pm | Riverlights at The Point - Fountain Grand Opening followed by Three Rivers Arts Festival headliners Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros

Friday, June 7, 5:30-8:30pm | [Tireless Project Allegheny River "Clean Up, Dinner and Fishing" to celebrate National Boating and Fishing Week](#)

Friday, June 14, 9am-noon | Riverfronts Naturally Chateau - EVENT AT CAPACITY

Saturday, June 15, 10am-2pm | [Point Made! Great Allegheny Passage Grand Opening](#)

Sunday, June 16, 8-10am | [Steel City Endurance Triathlon Swim Clinic: Easy Speed](#)

Wednesday, June 19, 6-8pm | Open House: Ohio River Trail Feasibility Study

Thursday, June 20, 9am-noon | Riverfronts Naturally Strip District

Thursday, June 27, 9am-3pm | Riverfronts Naturally Chateau - EVENT AT CAPACITY

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit our [Calendar page!](#)

Friday, June 28, 6-8pm | Masquerade Poker Parade Kickoff Party @ Penn Brewery

Increase awareness and engagement with the Pittsburgh region's rivers and riverfronts through activities, stewardship and expansion of water and land trails.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Riverfront

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