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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.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

### Celebrate the Season at Friends of the Riverfront's Holiday Party

Join Friends of the Riverfront and Allegheny CleanWays this Thursday, December 5 from 5-9pm to celebrate the season at our annual Holiday Party & Open House!

Our office will be filled with good food, friends, and cheer with seasonal songs by the Boilermaker Jazz Band filling the air!

Mark your calendar and grab a friend. We hope to see you on Thursday!

Friends of the Riverfront  
33 Terminal Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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## 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW & 2014 PERSPECTIVE

Another successful year is coming to a close and we're excited for the busy year ahead.



Friends of the Riverfront's [2013 Year In Review & 2014 Perspective](#) is now available. We've accomplished a lot in the past year including the completion of the Keystone segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, the last link in the Great Allegheny Passage, engaged 1,536 volunteers in trail stewardship, and launched our new website at [friendsoftheriverfront.org](http://friendsoftheriverfront.org).

There are many exciting projects ahead in 2014: the completion of new Three Rivers Water Trail accesses in Haysville and West Homestead, constructing a portion of Three Rivers Heritage Trail from Aspinwall Riverfront Park to O'Hara, and updated editions of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail and Three Rivers Water Trail Maps.

We'd like to thank you for your continued support of Friends of the Riverfront and invite you to make a [year-end tax deductible donation](#) to support of one of our programs or projects. Our work would not be possible without you!

## VOTE FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 2014 RIVER OF THE YEAR!

Friends of the Riverfront and the Ohio River Trail Council have co-nominated the Ohio River for Pennsylvania's [2014 River of the Year](#).

The River of the Year award is an honor bestowed on a Commonwealth river to elevate public awareness of these wonderful resources and recognize special conservation needs and achievements. The winning river will be celebrated by hosting a year of programming and activities including an extended paddling trip called a sojourn.



These events will raise awareness of the environmental, recreational, tourism, economic, and heritage values of the river.

Please join us by casting a [VOTE](#) for the Ohio River as Pennsylvania's 2014 River of the Year. Voting is open now through 5pm on December 27th.



### HIT THE TRAILS THIS WINTER!

The 2013 Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map is now available! New for this year: the completed Great Allegheny Passage and dog parks along the trail in Lawrenceville and South Side. Winter is a great time to explore Pittsburgh's trails. If you haven't already received your copy, [request one today!](#) Just send us your name and mailing address!

### TRAIL COURTESY RULES!

Help keep the Three Rivers Heritage Trail enjoyable for all to use. Whether you're a biker, walker, runner, rollerblader, dog walker, or cross country skier, whether you're 8 or 80, following these simple rules will make the trail experience a better one for everyone!

- Stay right, pass on left
- 15mph speed limit
- Follow all traffic rules
- No littering
- Dogs must be on a leash
- Clean up after your dog
- Trail is open from dawn to dusk
- Respect others

THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL

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## PITTSBURGH TRIATHLON & ADVENTURE RACE

The new year is right around the corner and registration is open for the 2014 First National Bank Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race - July 25-27, 2014. Early Round registration rates are available now through December 10th. Avoid the price increase and register today!



[Register for the Sprint Triathlon or Adventure Race](#)  
[Register for the International Distance Triathlon](#)

[Watch the video from the 2013 Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race!](#)



### TRAIL ALERT:

**STRIP DISTRICT** A detour is in place on the Strip District segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail between 11th and 22nd Street. This section of the trail will remain closed for underground utility work through February 2014. Trail users should use Smallman Street during this time. Cyclists may use the sidewalk on 11th Street. [View a map of the detour.](#)

### ALLEGHENY LANDING RECONSTRUCTION

The Allegheny Landing along the North Shore of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail will be reconstructed and improved over the next several months. This involves the sculpture park area just upstream from the Clemente Bridge. The trail through the site will temporarily be detoured several feet away but remain fully accessible and open for public use. The project will be complete by December 30, 2013.



## \$16 MILLION FOR PA GREENWAYS, TRAILS

Governor Corbett recently announced that the Commonwealth Finance Committee has approved over \$16 million in funding for greenways, trails, and recreation projects across Pennsylvania.

The funding comes from the Marcellus Legacy Fund with a portion of the impact fee going back to local communities to support environmental restoration and conservation projects.

[Read the full press release from Governor Corbett's office.](#)

## 2013 RAILS-WITH-TRAILS REPORT

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's 2013 edition of [America's Rails-with-Trails Report: A Resource for Planners, Agencies and Advocates on Trails Along Active Railroad Corridors](#) is now available. This report examines the characteristics of existing rail-with-trails to assist in raising awareness for these trail systems. The findings will help improve communications between trail managers, railroad companies, advocates, and agencies for continued development of these types of trails.

[View the Report!](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope you'll join us for one of these upcoming events:

Thursday, December 5th, 5-9pm | Friends of the Riverfront & Allegheny CleanWays Holiday Party & Open House feat. The Boilermaker Jazz Band

For more information about these and other upcoming events, visit our [Calendar](#) page!



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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