

Changes in the PCRC Board

The PCRC recently said goodbye to Heather Wolford as Secretary and welcomed Stephen Buzard as the new Secretary. Butch Alworth stepped down as Treasurer but will remain as a Director. Our new Treasurer is Bill McCall. Thank you to Heather and Butch for your past service as officers for jobs well done.

Want to Get Involved?

PCRC Committees meet as follows:

Organization & Promotion: 4th Wednesday @ Firehall/Community Center

Design: 2nd Thursday @ Parker Personal Care

Economic Restructuring: 1st Monday @ Black Forest restaurant

Clean, Safe & Green: 3rd Tuesday @ Parker Personal Care

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Marilyn McCall at 724-399-0076.

Our Newest Fundraising Activities

The Organization Committee is giving away a grand prize of \$200 in a raffle. Tickets go on sale soon and will be sold through April 28th. Drawing is April 28th at Bingo in Parker at 8:15 p.m. Odds of winning are 1 in 400. Tickets are \$1.00.

The Clean, Safe & Green Committee is accepting donations for trees, shrubs, and flowers along the river front. Anyone wishing to donate for this project should send donations to PCRC, P.O. Box 150, Parker, PA 16049. Please put a note in the memo line "Plantings."

The PCRC is collecting recipes for a community cookbook. Our goal is to have 100 recipes, including a children's section. Please drop off recipes to Bob's Place or mail to PCRC, P.O. Box 150, Parker, PA 16049. Please include your name, phone number, & if in memory of a loved one. Submission deadline is April 28th.

Parker City Revitalization Corporation

At Work

February 2009

A Message from the President

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to thank you for your support.

I'm sure by now you have noticed our new Postage Stamp Park, made possible by a grant from Pittsburgh 250 Community Connections and the hard work of our many volunteers. The Grand Opening was held on October 18, 2008 at which time it was turned over to the City.

Please continue your support by purchasing a sweatshirt today. Sweatshirts (and a limited number of T-shirts) are available. Also available for purchase is the history of Parker: "From Boom to Bust: The Making of "the Smallest City in the U.S.A. – Parker, Pennsylvania." Profits benefit the Parker City Revitalization Corporation.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped the PCRC to fulfill its mission throughout the past 18 months.

Again, I wish you all a Happy New Year. Best wishes for the year ahead.

Marilyn McCall

President

Parker Polar Bear Club

The Parker Polar Bear Club held its first “plunge” in 2007 with 6 polar bears and several observers braving the cold. In 2008, 34 polar bears dove into the icy waters of the Allegheny River.

The year 2009 saw the number grow exponentially with 99 polar bears jumping in and more than 200 observers. This year’s proceeds of \$1,174 went to the Parker City Revitalization Corporation. We thank everyone involved for this most generous donation. Special thanks go to Madeline Toy of Karns City who raised \$350!

Dick Garrard of the PCRC Board was the only PCRC board member to brave the Allegheny River’s frigid water this year. Way to go, Dick!

Winners of Raffles

Winners of the PCRC raffles are posted at Bob’s Place restaurant following the drawing. Congratulations to our past winners! Thank you for your support.

Volunteer Hours

Volunteers clocked more than 900 hours in 2008 in working to help the PCRC fulfill its mission. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, from riverbank clean-up, to coming to meetings, to working on the website, etc.

Parker VFW Club Remodel

The Parker VFW is working to remove the 2nd floor of its building and put on a new roof. The club will be closed for 2-3 weeks during the remodel. Be sure to watch for the new exterior!

The Community Day Committee is gearing up for another exciting Community Day celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, June 27th. If you would like to help plan this year’s event, contact Kevin & Marsha Milford at 724-399-2792.

Fundraisers

“Smallest City in the U.S.A.” SWEATSHIRTS

Available in Navy Blue and Pink

Sizes available:

Navy Blue

S, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Prices: S – XL = \$15

Pink

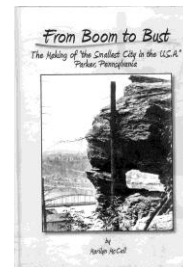
S, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Prices: XXL – 4XL = \$17

T-SHIRTS also available in the following sizes:

Adult S, M, XL, 2XL, 3XL; Children S, M, L,

Available at Bob’s Place & Black Forest restaurants



In the brief space of 10 years, the Pennsylvania villages of Parker’s Landing and Lawrenceburg (which became the City of Parker during this period) ascended from simple villages with a combined population of merely 1,000 to the heights and depths of a bustling city with a Population of more than 20,000 during peak oil production, and back again to a population of merely 1,000, earning Parker its unique distinction as “the Smallest City in the U.S.A.”

In “From Boom to Bust . . .,” the author, Marilyn McCall, takes the reader on a journey from the area’s prehistoric inhabitants, to early exploration and settlement, the excitement of the oil discoveries, the great decline of the City of Parker, and finally the City of Parker as it is today. Along the way, the reader will be introduced to the prominent people and families of the past who lived the Parker experience; and will visit the area’s commercial, industrial, and cultural developments that have significantly contributed to where “the smallest city” has been and what it has become.

Ms. McCall completes this fascinating history with a timeline from 1748 to July 2008, an extensive bibliography, and index. With 295 photos, maps, and illustrations, this book makes it clear why this tiny dot on the map is a special place in western Pennsylvania.

“From Boom to Bust . . .” sells for \$37 (including sales tax) and is available from the author, at Bob’s Place, Black Forest, and Jackson’s Barbering. Profits from the sale of the book benefit the Parker City Revitalization Corporation.