



UNITY CORNER GATEWAY MURAL INAUGURATION & RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

**PERRY HILLTOP CITIZENS COUNCIL
& FINEVIEW CITIZENS COUNCIL**
CORNER OF FEDERAL STREET & PERRYVILLE AVENUE

EVENT DATE: AUGUST 27, 2017
11 AM - 1 PM
RIBBON CUTTING AT 12 PM

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Perry Hilltop & Fineview Citizens councils (PHCC & FCC) are working to keep our neighborhoods affordable, build pride, and improve the quality of life for all residents. We are completing our first major collaboration - the installation of a Gateway Mosaic Mural and parklet which serves as an entry point to Fineview and Perry Hilltop at Federal Street and lower Perrysville Avenue. We believe that the creativity and generosity represented here will serve as a symbol of unity, hope, and pride for our community well into the future.

The beautiful mosaic mural was created through the partnership of Perry Hilltop Citizens Council (PHCC), Fineview Citizens Council (FCC), the Allegheny City Society (ACS), and The Pittsburgh Project (TPP). The clay elements were designed and created by 25 students at TPP under the supervision of their art instructor, Sandy Kessler Kaminski, and artist Linda Wallen. There were approximately 20 middle school students along with several high school and elementary school students. The students met with members of the ACS, who took them on a tour of our neighborhoods, pointing out various historical sites, some of which are included in the mural. The students also met with eight elders from Perry Hilltop and Fineview to learn from their experience living long-term in the neighborhood. Sixteen community volunteers assisted the artists in the assembly of the mural, laying out the glass tile background, and then grouting and polishing it.

Now in the final stage of the project, we are working on the mural installation, construction and landscaping of the parklet. We thank Desmone Architects who prepared the plans, Red Swing Group who prepared the survey, Richard A. Liberto Landscape Design for assistance in plant selection and landscape design, Bob Fitzgerald at BRIDGES who coordinated construction, Paul Kobistek and the crew at IUOE Job Corps who did much of the heavy work, R.I. Lampus Company, Joseph Bonifate and Arch Masonry & Restoration, Blake Anthony of Pittsburgh Pottery who created the plaque, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, directors and staff at the Public Works, Forestry, and City Planning Departments and the Mayor's Office of the City of Pittsburgh, and the numerous neighborhood volunteers who made this possible!

This project was possible due to the generous financial support provided by One Northside and The Sprout Fund, the City of Pittsburgh and the many individuals who contributed through IOBY.

Join us on August 27, 11am-1pm for a celebration of the completion of the Gateway Mosaic Mural and its lot! The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 12noon.

The ceremony will include: A lite brunch, coffee & beverages

Performances BY:

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DJ - SLOW DANGER