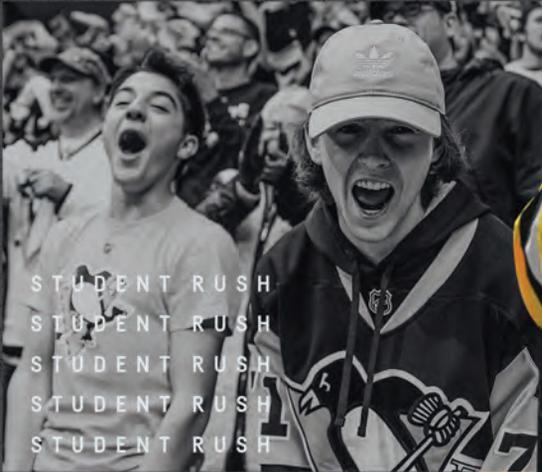


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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome! If you're feeling lost, adrift, or unsure of what to do and where to go, don't worry — you're certainly not alone in Pittsburgh. With its ever-expanding 29 universities, rising tourism rates and booming arts and tech scene, more and more people are visiting the City for the first time each year.

Like many other Pitt students, I first visited Pittsburgh as a high school senior on a college visit. Coming from a former steel town outside of Philadelphia, the big city's small-town vibe made it feel both like home and a place of adventure to me. Each of the City's 90 neighborhoods has its own distinct character, from bustling Oakland, to trendy Lawrenceville to peaceful Point Breeze, and there's no shortage of new experiences and attractive haunts.

As students, most of The Pitt News staff are also visitors to this city, or are exploring new

parts of it for the first time on their own. Last year, we launched this Visitor's Guide with the intention of helping other recent arrivals discover what Pittsburgh has to offer — or, if you're already from the area, rediscover it. The Steel City is constantly growing in all sorts of ways, and our staff of writers, photographers, graphics designers and editors are excited to continue covering it in real time.

Take our word for it — there's much more going on in Pittsburgh than at first glance, and this guide will lead you to its most iconic sites and up-and-coming hidden gems. Whether you're in the City for business, pleasure or Pitt, we hope you enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,

*Janine Faust*

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# A brief history of Pitt

by GRANT BURGMAN



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Long before the Cathedral of Learning stood tall above Oakland and the University of Pittsburgh ran down both Fifth and Forbes avenues, the entire institution was housed in a log cabin.

Hugh Henry Brackenridge, an 18th-century lawyer and a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, founded the University of Pittsburgh as the Pittsburgh Academy in 1787 in that lone log cabin on what was then the American frontier. The original cabin is no longer standing, but a replica was built outside the Cathedral along Forbes Avenue for Pitt's bicentennial in 1987 and stands there today.

The Pittsburgh Academy was reconstituted as a full university in 1819, following a rapid increase in Pittsburgh's population. This time, the school changed its name to the Western University of Pennsylvania.

As the City grew, the University grew with it. The Western University of Pennsylvania was moved into a larger, three-story building in downtown Pittsburgh in 1830. That three-story building would be destroyed in a fire 15 years later, along with all of the University's records. Luckily, Western University would find another permanent home 10 years after that, in 1855 in downtown Pittsburgh.

While Western University was Downtown, a group of industrialists called the Allegheny Telescope Association donated the Allegheny Observatory to Western University. Today, the Allegheny Observatory is still part of Pitt and

home to the third-largest refracting telescope in the United States.

The institute made one last move before settling in Oakland when it moved to Allegheny City, now Pittsburgh's North Side, in 1882. William Hunter Dammond earned a degree in civil engineering from Western University 11 years later in 1893, becoming its first black graduate.

Sisters Margaret and Stella Stein, the first women to attend the University, graduated with bachelor's degrees five years later in 1898, tied for first in their class.

The University finally changed its name for good 10 years later in 1908, becoming the University of Pittsburgh. The decision was made, among other reasons, to better indicate the University's location and avoid confusion that the institution existed merely as a western branch of the University of Pennsylvania. At the same time, Pitt began constructing its Oakland campus, moving away from the North Side.

Pitt decided to make its official mascot the Panther the following year, becoming the first college to pick that animal.

The ensuing century became one of discovery at Pitt. Pitt chemistry professor Charles Glen King started the trend when he identified the chemical structure of vitamin C in 1932, a discovery that would eventually lead to the cure for scurvy.

The Cathedral of Learning was dedicated just five years later in 1937. The now iconic building is the second tallest university building in the

Western Hemisphere and the fourth tallest educationally purposed in the world.

Following the end of World War II in 1945, Pitt had a string of scientific breakthroughs from its researchers. Perhaps most famously, professor Jonas Salk developed the vaccine for polio in 1955, effectively curing the disease in the United States.

This run of discoveries earned Pitt membership in the Association of American Universities — an organization of North America's leading research universities — in 1974.

The onset of the 21st century saw Pitt graduates gain recognition on the world stage. Pitt graduate Michael Chabon was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2001 for his novel "The Amazing Adventures of Cavalier & Clay." Wangari Maathai, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her work with the Green Belt Movement, an organization that helps organize and employ Kenyan women to grow renewable resources in their villages.

Pitt stands today as a nationally ranked public university by The Wall Street Journal. There are currently more than 19,000 undergraduate students and 9,000 graduate students enrolled at Pitt and for a total of 28,000 students.

At this point in its history, Pitt has become a significant institution in both research and education, and has established itself as the largest public university in Western Pennsylvania. ■

*Pictured: Jonas Salk and Percival Bazely circa 1954-55.*

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# TOP PANTHER TRADITIONS

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by **JANINE FAUST** EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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The University of Pittsburgh was founded in 1787 as the Pittsburgh Academy on what was then the edge of the American frontier. It has since had plenty of time to develop its academic departments, medical school, research prowess, athletics department — and most importantly, its numerous beloved traditions.

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## Sliding over the old Forbes Field home plate

Oakland was once home to Forbes Field, a baseball park built in 1909 that was the home field for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Panthers before it was torn down in 1970. The former home plate of Forbes Field was saved and embedded in the floor of Pitt's Posvar Hall. Students who don't have time to swing across campus to rub the Panther's nose can opt to step on or slide across the old plate for a touch of good luck in a rush.

## The Walkways

Make sure to glance down if you find yourself strolling along the stone walkways connecting the Cathedral of Learning and Heinz Memorial Chapel — you'll find the names of Pitt's finest student leaders, academics and athletes beneath your feet. The Omicron Delta Kappa Walk, run by Pitt's chapter of the national leadership society, features the engraved names of students who've earned ODK's Senior of the Year award since 1920. Pitt's Varsity Walk on the opposite side contains the names of former student athletes dating back to 1920 recognized for promoting Pitt athletics, academic scholarship and athletic achievement.

## The Oakland Zoo

The student cheering section of Pitt's men's and women's basketball teams takes pride in being referred to as animals. The 1,500-strong Zoo, formed by student fans in 2001, cheers on the Panthers at every game from a choice spot in the stands at the Petersen Events Center. Clad in the traditional gold T-shirts, the Zoo student section tends to sell seats quickly and has been named one of the most formidable student cheering sections in college basketball.

## "Sweet Caroline"

The tradition of belting Neil Diamond's 1960s hit between the third and fourth quarters of Pitt football games is a fairly recent one, introduced by former Pitt football player and director of ticket marketing Justin Acierno in 2008. Students have since given the popular song a Panther twist for game time, tailgates and after-parties — the original repeating phrase, "So good!" is replaced with "Go Pitt!" and the iconic trumpet line with "Let's go Pitt!"

## The Panther's nose

The Millennium Panther was gifted to the University by the Student Government Board in 2001 to commemorate the arrival of the third millennium. It has been bringing luck to the Pitt community ever since. Students started rubbing the Panther's nose in the hopes of passing exams, and the practice has since spread to accommodate anyone seeking good fortune — especially for football games.

## Victory lights

If you're in Pittsburgh for a Panthers game, you can (hopefully) expect to see the top of the Cathedral of Learning light up the Oakland sky with a golden glow following major victories. The usual light show was recently upgraded to include an additional blue beam shooting straight into the sky, alerting those across the City of the Panthers' triumphs.

## Lantern Night

The University's oldest tradition began in the 1920s, when the first women were admitted to Pitt. Alumnae welcome female first-years and transfers the weekend before their first term at Pitt begins by symbolically passing the "light of learning" to the incoming students. The annual event takes place in Heinz Memorial Chapel, where flame bearers — female Pitt graduates who are also mothers and grandmothers of student participants — light lanterns given to each member of the newest generation of Pitt women.

## Kissing on the steps of Heinz Chapel

If you catch a couple locking lips on the steps of Heinz Memorial Chapel, Pitt's non-denominational place of worship, you might as well step up and congratulate them right then and there. Legend has it any couple who kisses there is destined to be married inside. Granted, this tradition will only work if at least one party of the marriage is an affiliate of Pitt or a chapel employee — the 170 to 190 marriages that are held in the chapel each year are restricted to those groups.

## Homecoming football game

Pitt's homecoming celebrations are a colorful affair, featuring a traditional fireworks show and high-energy laser display on campus, followed by a night of flashy casino games and other entertainment. These annual events, put together by Pitt Program Council, always draw a crowd of students and City residents alike.

# Revitalizing Pitt:

## The University's plans for the future of Pitt's campus

JANINE FAUST | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



The landscape of Pittsburgh is constantly changing, and Pitt is no exception. In February 2019, the University finalized its Campus Master Plan, a detailed outline of the future of Pitt's Oakland campus and plans for its development over the next 20 to 30 years. The CMP is meant to illustrate "how the institution's Pittsburgh campus can evolve over time in a way that supports academic excellence, the student experience and connection to the community."

The plan consists of a short-term, mid-term and long-term projects, including sprucing up existing buildings or constructing new ones. Depending on how long you're here for, you may start to notice some changes already — work on several of the projects is set to start soon, while others are slated for the coming years. Here's a helpful run-down of how Pitt's landscape will evolve over the next couple decades.

### SHORT-TERM PROJECTS

This category consists of 13 projects the university has scheduled to be completed in one to seven years. Included is the creation of the Human Performance Center — a 3,000-seat sports area and student athlete training facility featuring a 300-meter indoor track and additional athletic parking. The O'Hara Garage will be demolished to make space for a recreation and Wellness Center, a student

recreation facility aiming to connect the upper and lower campuses. The University Club and the Petersen Events Center will undergo expansions. An expansion of Scaife Hall is scheduled for August 2019 through December 2021.

The university is already set to begin renovating a section of Bigelow Boulevard this year. This streetscape and infrastructure project is intended to "beautify the William Pitt Union grounds and transform the block of Bigelow Boulevard between Fifth and Forbes avenues to accommodate drivers, pedestrians, transit riders and cyclists more safely and efficiently." The street is scheduled to close on Nov. 1, 2019, with renovations projected to be completed in August 2020.

Pitt is also planning to address its steadily rising enrollment numbers by creating two new housing hubs, one each for north and south campus. The North Campus Housing Hub will replace part of University Drive and aims to create 600 beds north of O'Hara Street. The South Campus Housing Hub will involve the redevelopment of Bouquet Gardens and additional structures, aiming to create 1,000 to 1,300 beds.

Most notably, a new academic building called One Bigelow will be built at the site of the parking lot east of Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall. According to the CMP, "One Bigelow will be a transformative academic complex that will serve

as the hub of systems-oriented research, applications and education at Pitt." This complex will house the School of Computing and Information and have an underground parking garage.

### MID-TERM PROJECTS

The University aims to see these 11 projects completed in eight to 15 years. Extensive expansions will be made to Trees Hall, Posvar Hall and Western Psychiatric Hall. Crabtree Hall will also be redeveloped. An Aquatics Center and Integrated Health Sciences Complex are also set to be constructed.

### LONG-TERM PROJECTS

These 12 projects, most of which deal with athletic facilities and housing, are projected to be completed in 15 years or more. According to the CMP, these projects will "have a longer implementation time frame due to a lower priority or because their enabling projects typically require the demolition of an existing University building."

Athletic ventures consist of creation of a multipurpose indoor facility and additional developments of the Petersen Events Center. Housing developments are planned for the east side of campus. New buildings will take the place of the Information Sciences Building, the Music Building and the PNC bank at Fifth Avenue and Craig Street. ■

# PARKING TIPS

JANINE FAUST | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Parking in Pittsburgh can be a hassle, regardless of whether you're a long-time resident or just passing through. The thousands of automobiles that pass through City limits every day need to park somewhere — here's a short guide on where to park on Pitt's campus and in the City.

## PITT'S CAMPUS

The campus hosts three parking garages and two lots, open 24/7. Rates vary depending on location, time of day and amount of time. Parking meters, which charge 25 cents for every 15 minutes, can be found outside several buildings, including Ruskin Hall and Sennott Square. Other parking opportunities in Oakland include independent lots such as the Teris Parking Lot on Bigelow Boulevard and Sterling Plaza Garage on North Craig Street. The online Visitor Parking at Pitt brochure, which provides a map with locations, can be found at [pts.pitt.edu](http://pts.pitt.edu).

## PITTSBURGH PARKING AUTHORITY GARAGES AND ATTENDED LOTS

The Pittsburgh Parking Authority runs a total of 13 garages and lots in the City — one

in Oakland, one in Shadyside and 11 in Downtown. The majority are open 24/7. Forbes Semple Garage in Oakland is a good fit for anyone with business at one of the neighborhood's universities, while Shadyside Garage is located in the heart of the neighborhood's business district. Drivers can expect at least one of the locations in Downtown to be within walking distance of the dozens of entertainment, sports and professional venues in the area. Prices for hourly rates and monthly leases vary at each location. Visit [pittsburghparking.com](http://pittsburghparking.com) for details.

## NEIGHBORHOOD LOTS

If you find yourself in one of Pittsburgh's many neighborhoods that don't have garages or large lots, don't fret. The City is home to 34 unattended surface parking lots, spread across 14 neighborhoods. Squirrel Hill, Homewood, East Liberty, South Side and more offer several of

these, which operate under a first-come, first-serve basis. Parking is regulated by multi-space parking meters, which vary in maximum duration from 15 minutes up to 10 hours, depending on the zone. Rates also vary depending on the location. Some lots may have parking leases available. Check out [pittsburghparking.com](http://pittsburghparking.com) for more information.

## MOBILE APPS AND MORE

PPA not only provides information about where to park, it also supplies you with tools to help with the process. Check out its website for information about mobile applications such as ParkPGH, which notifies users about parking availability in Cultural District garages in real time and information about the City's metered parking. Using the Go Mobile PGH smartphone app, you can pay for your parking and remotely refresh your meter.



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# THE PITT SHORT-LIST:

BEST VIEWS, STUDY SPOTS  
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## Alexa Marzina

Though Pitt is slowly adding more green spaces to campus, most of its beauty comes from inside its buildings — not outside. Whether you're getting work done, grabbing lunch or just meeting up with friends, Pitt has plenty of aesthetically pleasing and functional spaces for students and passersby to utilize.

### Cathedral of Learning

Pitt's most notable building — lovingly known as “Cathy” to students — boasts 42 floors, making it the second-tallest university building in the world, as well as a Pittsburgh Historic Landmark. The view from the top of Cathy is incomparable to anywhere else on campus — visitors can take the elevators up to the building's highest two accessible floors, 35 and 36, home to Pitt's Honors College. The Cathedral also houses the historic Nationality Rooms, a set of more than 30 classrooms decorated in homage to different countries. The rooms function as both can't-miss sights and student classrooms, and both guided and recorded tours are available. Visit [nationalityrooms.pitt.edu](http://nationalityrooms.pitt.edu) to request a visit and view open hours. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Best feature: The first-floor commons room, an (almost) perfectly quiet place for peaceful studying and relaxing that boasts impressive gothic, “Harry Potter”-esque architecture.

### William Pitt Union

Pitt's student union is a hub of academic and social services — and it arguably hosts the best on-campus food selection. Students and faculty can keep fit at the third-floor gym, bust a move at the fifth-floor dance studio and improve their cross-cultural and leadership development on the sixth all in the same day, if they want. Commuters can find a place to grab a snack, play some pool or just relax at Nordy's Place on the ground floor. The Union is a popular place to meet with friends, especially on the ground floor, and offers a cozier feel than most other buildings, since the

building doesn't host classes or exams.

Best feature: The Yamaha and Baldwin pianos, free for anyone to play, on the Union's first floor.

### Wesley W. Posvar Hall

Posvar used to be a drag — it was old, boring and dark. But Pitt recently renovated the space, making it an academic's dream. It's full of both individual and group study spaces with outlets, the popular first-floor classrooms are now more conducive to studying with improved technology and they take students and faculty with disabilities into consideration. Posvar is Pitt's largest academic-only building and has plenty of space for visitors to rest — or for students to cram during midterms and finals season.

Best feature: Forbes Field's home plate, located on the first floor by the College of General Studies office. Step on it for good luck!

### Petersen Events Center

Home to Pitt's men's and women's basketball teams, the Pete is where most Pitt students go to get their sweat on. The gym and dance studio are open to all Pitt students, and everyone is welcome to spend their money on some swag in the team store.

Best feature: The Pete's escalators provide a way to get to upper campus with ease.

### Hillman Library

Pitt's on-campus library really is the best place to study or spend some quiet time alone. Whether you want to talk with a group or study in silence, Hillman has a space for you. And with its newly renovated fourth floor, there's even more room to focus or relax. Head to the ground floor for your caffeine fix. The Cup and Chaucer Cafe resides there, home to numerous coveted tables with outlets. Students, staff and faculty are able to check out books, equipment and more from the library for free. Outside visitors can purchase a borrower's card, sufficient for one year, for \$100.

Best feature: The super-cool movable bookcases on the ground floor. Try them out and marvel at the many books Pitt has to offer. ■

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# WORK IT OUT AT PITT'S GYMS

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**Trent Leonard**  
*Sports Editor*

The University of Pittsburgh offers a diverse array of gyms around campus for those looking to better their physical welfare. Whether you're a bodybuilder, exercise junkie or just looking to keep yourself busy and active, Pitt has you covered with several gyms located on both upper and lower campus.

## **Baierl Student Recreation Center**

This gym goes by the above name in official status only, as most patrons simply call it "the Pete gym," due to its location within the Petersen Events Center. Easily the largest facility, Baierl is the poster child of Pitt gyms. The 40,000-square-foot space features a large collection of cardio equipment, free weights and strength machines available only to current Pitt undergraduate and graduate students.

In addition to the main workout area, Baierl also includes three racquetball and squash courts, a group fitness and dance studio, a multipurpose room, a matted area for calisthenics and stretching and a functional fitness area. So no matter what type of activity you're into, this facility is your best bet. Plus, personal trainers are available on location if you want to take your workout routine to the next level.

## **Trees Hall**

Many go to Trees Hall — located at the corner of Allequippa and Robinson streets — for its basketball courts or pool, but it also offers the second-largest gym on campus. You can find this fitness center on the bottom floor of Trees and it offers plenty of cardio equipment, free weights and strength machines. It's available to Pitt students and faculty alike and is the University's most popular facility among the latter — don't be surprised

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## Where the **Panthers** play: Athletic facilities at Pitt

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### **Petersen Events Center**

Referred to affectionately as "the Pete," this behemoth sporting complex is known primarily as the home of Pitt basketball. The Pete lies halfway between lower and upper campus, sharing borders with Terrace Street, Sutherland Drive and Allequippa Street.

The Pete is named after John and Gertrude Petersen, who gave \$10 million — then the largest donation in University history — for its construction. Upon the facility's completion in 2002, it immediately became the home court for Pitt men's and women's basketball teams, which previously played at the Fitzgerald Field House. The concourse surrounding the basketball court seats 12,508 people and is frequently used as a concert venue.

Athletic Director Heather Lyke announced in 2018 plans that will alter the landscape of the Oakland Zoo, moving the benches and cameras in front of the Zoo to the opposite side of the court for better media visibility at the end of the 2018-19 season. Lyke also announced the creation of an ACC Network Studio within the Pete, which will precede the anticipated launch of the upcoming ACC Network in August 2019. The studio is set to open in October.

### **Fitzgerald Field House**

Perched atop the hill overlooking the Pete, the Fitzgerald Field House can be found on upper campus at the corner of Allequippa and Darragh streets. Once the home of Pitt basketball, the Field House is now known for housing the Panthers' volleyball, wrestling, gymnastics and indoor track teams.

The facility, which opened in 1951, is dedicated to former Pitt chancellor Rufus Fitzgerald. It includes three hardwood volleyball courts surrounded by a 200-meter indoor track, as well as squash and badminton courts. In the current fall sports season, the Field House's most notable team is the undefeated Pitt women's volleyball team, which is off to one of the best starts in program history.

### **Trees Hall**

Trees Hall — at the top of the hill just across from the Fitzgerald Field House — is the center of recreational activity on campus, as it's fully managed by the Department of Campus Recreation. It features three full-sized basketball courts, a multipurpose room, an indoor climbing wall with an enclosed golf driving area and putting green, nine racquetball courts, an Olympic-size swimming pool, locker rooms and a large fitness center.

While primarily reserved for the plebeian populace, Trees' indoor pool, which was hailed as the largest in the country upon opening in 1962, is the home base for Pitt's swimming and diving.

See **Athletics** on page 15

if you end up lifting right next to a professor or Dean Kenyon Bonner.

## Bellefield Hall

From the outside, this beautiful brick building looks more like a museum than a recreational facility. That's because it's recognized as a historic landmark by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, due to its original construction in 1924 for the Young Men's Hebrew Association. Nowadays, Bellefield offers a place where students on lower campus can go for exercise, with a convenient location on its namesake street.

Bellefield Hall houses one of the University's smaller and friendlier fitness centers. Located on the second floor, visitors can utilize a select arrangement of strength machines and cardio equipment, with a separate weight room just down the hall. If you're an early riser, you might run into cadets of the Pitt ROTC program, who typically conduct their workouts in the Bellefield gymnasium in the wee hours of the morning.

## William Pitt Union

Most people know the William Pitt Union, or the WPU, as the center of student life at Pitt, with offices for various University clubs and organizations. What a people don't know is that the WPU houses a fitness center on the third floor.

The WPU gym is the smallest on campus, featuring six treadmills, 14 elliptical machines, an aerobics and yoga studio and a spin room. If you're looking to pump some iron, then don't come here — it's the only campus rec facility that doesn't feature any weight-lifting equipment. But if you're in need of cardio work or into yoga, then the WPU is the place for you. ■

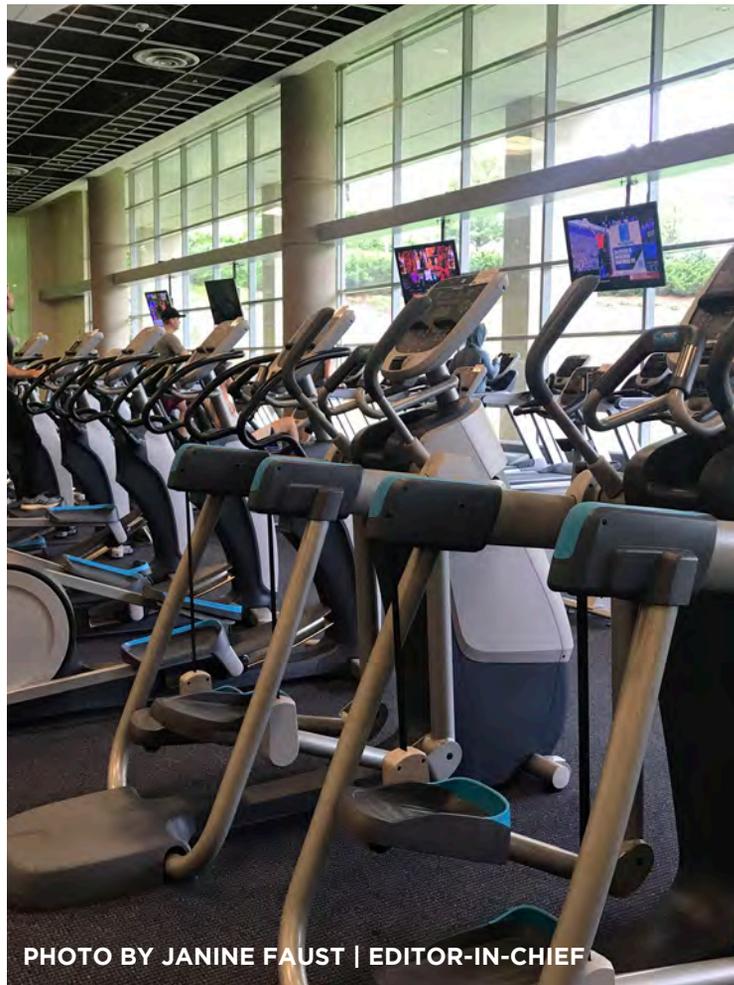


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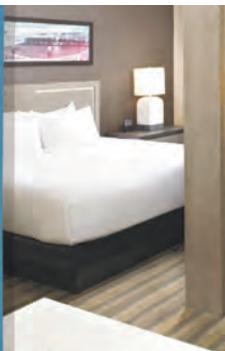
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ing teams. But if you're a nonathlete just looking for a place to work out or play some ball, Trees is the place for you. The basketball courts host a lively pickup scene, as a large core of students and faculty alike play every weekday at noon, with Fridays especially busy throughout the day.

### Petersen Sports Complex

Also located on upper campus, the Petersen Sports Complex lies directly behind Trees Hall on Robinson Street. The complex collectively houses Pitt's soccer, baseball and softball fields, where the corresponding Pitt athletic teams play their home competition.

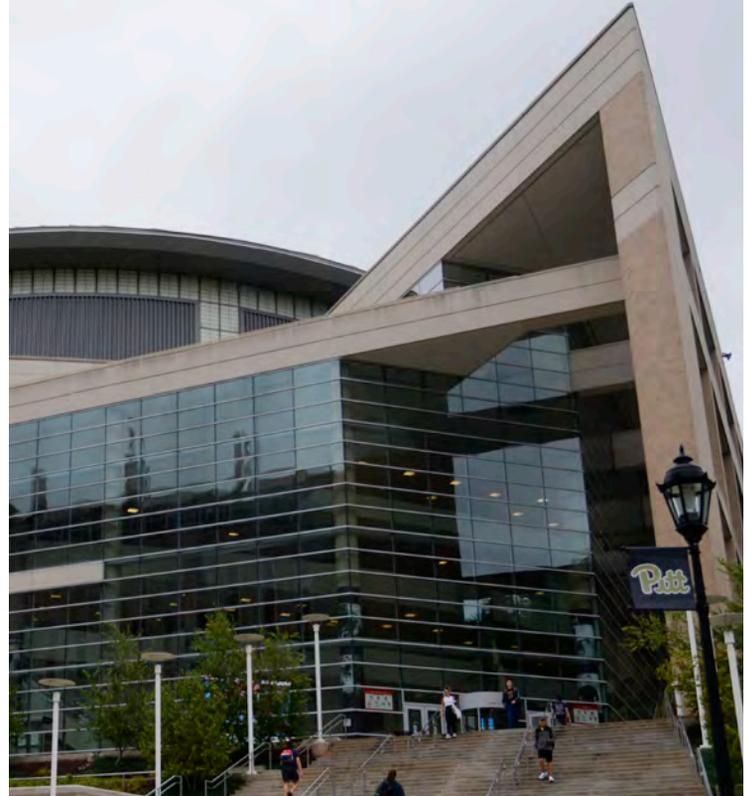
Ambrose Urbanic Field is the home of Pitt men's and women's soccer. The 735-seat facility is used for both practice and competition, and includes lighting and a press box. The baseball team competes just next door at the 900-seat Charles L. Cost Field, while the softball team plays at the 600-seat Vartabedian Field.

### Pitt Sports Dome

Some might not even know about the Pitt Sports Dome because of its recent construction in 2017 and hidden location. It's an unfrequented patch of land found on the back end of the hill, behind the Cost Field and down the street from the baseball park.

But if you're willing to make the trek, you'll find it worth the effort. The Sports Dome complex features a state-of-the-art air-supported structure that houses a full-size football, soccer or lacrosse field, as well as three outdoor playing fields. Also man-

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# visit OAKLAND

## Elizabeth Martinson

Oakland, home to Pitt, Carlow University and Carnegie Mellon University, is a thriving artistic and commercial hub within the city of Pittsburgh. Here are some of the must-see spots beyond the schools and hospitals that dominate the skyline.

### Andy Warhol's Home

Nestled among the townhomes that cover the slope of South Oakland is pop artist Andy Warhol's childhood home. Born Andrew Warhola in 1928, Warhol grew up in South Oakland at 3252 Dawson St. He lived near St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic, which Warhol's family regularly attended and is still open today. He attended Schenley High School, now a luxury apartment building in the Schenley Farms historic district, before enrolling at Carnegie Mellon University, then known as Carnegie Institute of Technology. Warhol graduated in 1949 with a degree in pictorial design before moving to New York City and going on to achieve fame as an influential and controversial artist.

### Dave & Andy's Homemade Ice Cream

A local favorite right by Pitt's campus, this ice cream parlor features homemade ice cream and hand-rolled waffle cones. The selection ranges from traditional ice creams to low-fat sorbets, providing options for everyone.

Dave & Andy's offers its ice cream in cups, sugar cones and waffle cones, as well as pints and quarts to take home and save for later. Look out for a surprise in their waffle cones — an M&M candy is always placed in the bottom.

The store's hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 10 p.m. on the weekend.

### Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum

Standing across from the William Soldiers and Sailors honors members from all branches of the armed services. Located across the street from the William Pitt Union, Soldiers and Sailors boasts an impressive collection of more than 9,000 artifacts reaching as far back as the American Civil War.

The memorial hall and museum is located atop an imposing lawn that stretches down to Fifth Avenue. Visitors climbing the steps leading to the building's entrance pass by two cannons, while

the plaza in front of the entrance includes a WWII steam torpedo donated by the U.S. Navy and a ship's bell from the USS Pittsburgh, a cruiser that served during WWII. Two larger-than-life statues of a soldier and a sailor flank the entrance. Soldiers and Sailors is open Monday through Wednesday and on the weekend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is free for military members and veterans, \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors, children and students with ID.

### Remnants of Forbes Field

In the early 20th century, Pittsburgh's many pro sports teams were based in Oakland. The Pirates, Steelers and Panthers all played at Forbes Field, which has since been replaced by Posvar and Merivis halls. The field was demolished in 1970 after the construction of Three Rivers Stadium on the North Shore, but parts of the historic arena were saved. Part of the outfield wall of Forbes Field, complete with distance markers, can be seen opposite Posvar Hall on Roberto Clemente Drive, while the original left-field wall is outlined by a red brick path along the sidewalk outside the building. The home plate was also saved and now sits in the floor of Posvar Hall, right around where it used to be for Pirates games. Former Pittsburgh Pirates defensive second baseman Bill Mazeroski's famous 1960 walk-off home run is memorialized by a plaque embedded into the sidewalk in front of Posvar, showing exactly where the ball left the park. ■



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# visit DOWNTOWN

**Neena Hagen**  
Staff Writer

This neighborhood is often the first one visitors to the City encounter, home to the headquarters of corporations such as PNC Financial Services and PPG Industries. Located at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, downtown Pittsburgh packs countless boutiques, restaurants, offices and clubs into a tiny 410-acre area.

## Coffee

Downtown's corporate population floods the area during the morning commute to work — meaning coffee shops galore for any visitor. Stop by Rock'n'Joe Coffee Bar, on the corner of Penn and Fifth avenues, for a specialty latte and rock-and-roll-themed decor to wake you up for a day of exploring Pittsburgh. If you prefer a more artisan cup, take a three-minute walk up Fifth Avenue, where you'll find 21st Street Coffee and Tea, home to handcrafted, single-origin coffee in a corporate-chic setting.

## Shopping

Downtown offers the ultimate shopping experience as well, luring fashion-savvy shoppers City-wide. Pop your head into Moop Shop, a cute

boutique that sells handmade canvas bags. Feeling fancy? Right on Fifth Avenue, Larimor's offers trendy designer fashion for men and women.

## Entertainment

Between shopping sprees you may run into a midday concert or special event. Market Square, between Fourth and Fifth avenues on Forbes Avenue, offers fun activities every week in warmer months — including dance parties on Friday evenings, free fitness classes on Mondays and the occasional free concert. Pittsburgh's full Downtown event list is published on [downtownpittsburgh.com](http://downtownpittsburgh.com).

Downtown is also home to some of Pittsburgh premiere entertainment halls and theaters, primarily located in a 14-block area along the Allegheny River known as the Cultural District. The Benedum Center on Seventh Street is home to the Pittsburgh Opera and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and often hosts touring plays, musicals and comedians. The Byham and O'Reilly theaters also attract traveling acts and local performances, while Heinz Hall hosts the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and other musical acts.

## Food

Once you've found a concert or fun event

you're interested in attending, you'll need to eat beforehand. Luckily, Market Square has a number of eclectic restaurants to choose from. Pittsburgh was voted best food city in 2015 by Zagat — a reputable restaurant-rating company — so you're certainly in for a treat.

Bring your significant other to Pizzaiolo Primo for a wood-fired authentic Italian-style pizza and a candlelit, romantic atmosphere. Looking for a Pittsburgh classic? Check out Primanti Brothers for a massive sandwich bursting with cold cuts, french fries and flavor — just make sure you bring a huge appetite, too.

If your mouth feels especially adventurous, hike over to the Cultural District where you'll find a mix of different non-American restaurants, including Tako — an Asian- and Latin American-inspired restaurant that won Pittsburgh City Paper's best new restaurant in 2015.

## Clubs

The Cultural District is also home to a variety of nightclubs. Olive or Twist on Sixth Street offers a global menu and live music on the weekends. The popular Images Bar, an LGBTQ+ hangout spot on Liberty Avenue, hosts weekly events, including karaoke and live music. ■



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# visit SHADYSIDE

**Shahum Ajmal**  
The Pitt News Staff

Located on the East End of Pittsburgh, Shadyside is a well-known and walkable neighborhood that offers casual and fine dining, independent upscale boutiques, juice bars, coffee shops and major luxury brands like Patagonia and Apple.

Shadyside includes three main business centers — Walnut Street, Ellsworth Avenue and South Highland Avenue.

## Walnut Street

This street is an ideal afternoon getaway, about a 10-minute bus ride on a 71B from Oakland. As Shadyside's premier shopping center, Walnut is home to some major retail shops, including Banana Republic, J. Crew, Lululemon and Gap, as well as high-end boutiques like Moda and Choices. Patagonia recently opened its flagship Pittsburgh location across from the Apple Store on Walnut.

After a long day of shopping, indulge at Mercurio's — a casual, authentic Italian restaurant established by brother-sister duo Michael and Anna Mercurio in 2012. The eatery is known for its Neapolitan pizza and homemade gelato. Prantl's Bakery's flagship store, home to the chain's famous

Burnt Almond Torte, offers treats for both casual and special occasions.

Two other restaurants of note are Acorn, which offers a sophisticated take on modern American cuisine with local ingredients cooked to season, and Girasoles, the 15-year Pittsburgh staple found on Copeland Street, a more intimate venue serving some of the freshest and most beautiful Italian cuisine in Pittsburgh.

## Ellsworth Avenue

The smallest of the three shopping centers, Ellsworth is a 10-minute bus ride on a 75 and is home to locally owned businesses and art galleries.

One of Ellsworth's gems is Eons, a vintage clothing store with 40 years of experience organized by the decade. Other local art features include the Mendelson Art Gallery, which displays emerging American and European artists. The gallery is housed in what was previously a 19th-century brothel, before Steve Mendelson, one of the top curators in Pittsburgh, bought the property at an IRS auction.

Take in the sight of this Shadyside borough and get to know the smell of the premium java and pastries at Arriviste Coffee Bar — the first

coffee shop in Pittsburgh to use an under-counter Modbar espresso machine, and one of only a few in the world to use a Marco SP9 single-cup brewer. Or, take some time to admire the beautiful stain glass and regal buttresses of Church of the Ascension built in 1898. In turn, enjoy the taste of Soba, an elevated, one-of-a-kind Asian fusion eatery located in an old brick Shadyside row house.

## South Highland Avenue.

Shadyside has removed all traces of its former iron furnace and small oil refinery past, which is clear when walking down South Highland Avenue, a short 71B bus ride from Oakland.

Pittsburgh's famous homemade ice cream shop, Millie's, opened its first branch on South Highland Avenue in 2016 and quickly became iconic for its creative homemade flavors and tempting smell of fresh waffle cones.

For ethnic cuisine and fine dining, Casbah and Noodlehead are must-hit restaurants. Casbah offers a modern environment and a seasonally changing Mediterranean menu featuring savory dishes like red pepper casareccia, Elysian Fields Farm lamb shank and ricotta cavatelli. Noodlehead, a cash-only BYOB spot, serves street-inspired Thai food. ■

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# New Ownership for Iconic South Side Flats Wing Joint

By: Joanna Li

Wings Over Pittsburgh South Side is located at 2525 E. Carson St. Many may recognize this restaurant as a staple of the South Side, where it has been located for about seven years, within walking distance of South Side Works.

The restaurant is now under a new franchisee, Brian Hurowitz and his business partner, Chris Judge, who have run the business since mid-August. Recognized for its signature wings, this restaurant is focused on taking the same food from the original franchise, but evolving it one step further for Pittsburgh customers.

“New ownership, new management, same great food — just taking the restaurant to the next step, the next level to make sure that all the guests are getting the best experience possible,” Hurowitz said. “Our mission is to provide the best food possible to as many people as we can reach.”

Wings are served as either boneless tenders or “traditional” bone-in and come with a variety of quantities to choose from. The boneless wings are fresh, never frozen, hand battered and unprocessed. Slightly different from the traditional wing restaurants, boneless tenders are sold by weight. The options begin with the “DC-3,” which is about one-half pound, and gradually grow to “The Zeppelin,” which is about six pounds and feeds 10 to 12 people.

The bone-in wings are also sold by weight, so the count varies from de-

livery to delivery. “The same idea goes for the juicy, crispy traditional wings,” Hurowitz said. With the “largest, meatiest, tastiest” wings, customers can pick from as few as six wings, otherwise known as the “Paper Airplane,” all the way up to the “C-5 Galaxy,” which averages about 90 wings.

“We have two different types of wings on our menu which are the core items. We have our traditional wings and we also have our boneless tenders — they’re jumbo tenders, super juicy, very big and they’re a really great value for our guests,” Hurowitz said.

It definitely doesn’t end at just the quantity. There are about 25 flavors to choose from to match your wings — and to keep guests from being overwhelmed, the restaurant is more than happy to offer taste tests of any of the flavors available. Honey mustard and Cajun blackened are two of the most popular options, but others include citrus chipotle, sweet chili and West Texas mesquite.

Though the focus of the restaurant is wings, it surely is not limited to that. The menu also includes sandwiches, wraps, slow-cooked ribs and salads. There are sweeter options like cookies and brownies as well.

Wings, fries, ribs and sandwiches, Wings Over Pittsburgh South Side is there to fulfill your cravings — especially the late-night cravings. The restaurant is currently open on weekdays from 4 p.m. to midnight, with the exception of Friday night, when it is open until 3 a.m. On Saturday, the restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 3



a.m., and on Sunday it is open from noon until midnight.

But visitors can expect some big changes starting as early as October of this year. First, the hours of the restaurant expand to serve lunch as well. In the next couple of weeks, Wings Over Pittsburgh will open every day at 11 a.m.

In addition to this, Hurowitz and Judge will fully remodel the restaurant in 2020 — a complete re-furnished front-of-house look. There will be new tables, new chairs, new flooring, better lighting and remodeled bathrooms.

If you don’t have time to stop into the restaurant, Wings Over Pittsburgh South Side has already accounted for that. Delivery options are currently partnered with Uber, Postmates and Grubhub, but this will soon extend further to in-house delivery. Furthermore, catering of the larger quantities of wings will be available to guests of bigger parties, and Hurowitz and Judge are open to catering any other menu items of interest. ■

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# visit EAST LIBERTY

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*The Pitt News Staff*

East Liberty is perhaps Pittsburgh's most iconic — and contested — neighborhood. The area was the preferred suburb for wealthy Pittsburgh families in the 1850s, but was economically shunned from Pittsburgh in the first half of the 20th century through a process called redlining, when American cities marked certain districts as high-risk for investors. The process halted the neighborhood's development over the next few decades.

Now, after years of redevelopment and hard work to bring major retailers like Whole Foods and Home Depot to the neighborhood, many think East Liberty is starting to resemble its heyday bustle once again. Although many Pittsburghers have mixed feelings about the new developments, which now include a Google office, a Warby Parker eyeglasses store and numerous luxury apartment buildings, much of East Liberty's history can still be seen along Penn Avenue.

## Food and Drink

Centre Avenue could be considered the epicenter of Pittsburgh's contemporary food scene — and perhaps the first restaurant to take advantage of the predicted boom in East Liberty was Dinette. On the second story of a shopping complex near Whole Foods, the small pizza shop owned by activist and chef Sonja

Finn grows much of its own produce on its roof — when it can in Pittsburgh's weather.

Across from Dinette is BRGR and its sister restaurant Spoon, a casual burger spot and a sophisticated, contemporary American restaurant known for its gin offerings, respectively. Try The Twisted Frenchman or Paris 66 for two different takes on French cuisine or stop by Pizza Taglio for Roman-style pizza and warm hospitality.

Near Paris 66 on Centre Avenue is Kelly's Bar and Lounge, a neighborhood staple and late-night favorite that has been serving drinks for more than 50 years. The next morning, stop by Zeke's Coffee for some of the finest beans roasted in Pittsburgh at a shop dedicated to ensuring the East Liberty community flourishes.

## Stay in East Liberty

East Liberty is home to some of Pittsburgh's most hip hotels, including the Ace Hotel. Ace Hotel is an international chain, but no two hotels look alike — Pittsburgh's is housed in a century-old YMCA building that maintains much of its original architecture.

New to the neighborhood is Hotel Indigo, the first Pittsburgh location for the international chain. Hotel Indigo is a neighborhood-centric hotel chain that designs each of its locations to match the neighborhood it's in. The architecture of its East Liberty location nods to the neighborhood's theatre era in the mid-20th century. ■

# visit BLOOMFIELD

## Prachi Patel

Take a 20-minute bus ride northeast of Oakland, and you'll find yourself in the quaint neighborhood of Bloomfield. The neighborhood gets its name from an entry in George Washington's journal, who described it as "a field of many blooms." The first immigrants to Bloomfield were primarily German, who constructed the row houses still seen in the neighborhood today. Italian immigration to Pittsburgh rose sharply after World War II, with a majority of the newcomers settling in Bloomfield — a heritage the neighborhood keeps alive with its yearly "Little Italy Days" celebration.

### Food

If your stomach starts rumbling while touring the neighborhood, Bloomfield's roots mean there's no shortage of hearty ravioli, tortellini and fettuccini at restaurants like Alexander's Italian Bistro or Lombardozi's Restaurant. But if you're craving something a little different, fear not — Bloomfield also boasts "the nation's best burgers" at Tessaro's American Bar & Hardwood Grill, American comfort food at Ritter's Diner, a range of other cuisines which include Thai food at Thai Gourmet and Mexican at the eatery Los Cabos.

### Drink

For the 21+ crowd, check out Brillobox, which boasts dance parties, arts events and weekly Sunday vegetarian dinner menu. Or take a 10-minute walk further down Penn Avenue for Mixtape, a coffee and cocktail spot.

### Entertainment

If you're in the mood for pondering some art, the neighborhood has

got you covered with its multiple gallery spaces. Inside the glittering mosaic front of the Irma Freeman Center for Imagination, you may find flower paintings and portraits. Stroll down the road, and you can appreciate photographs at the Silver Eye Center for Photography. ■



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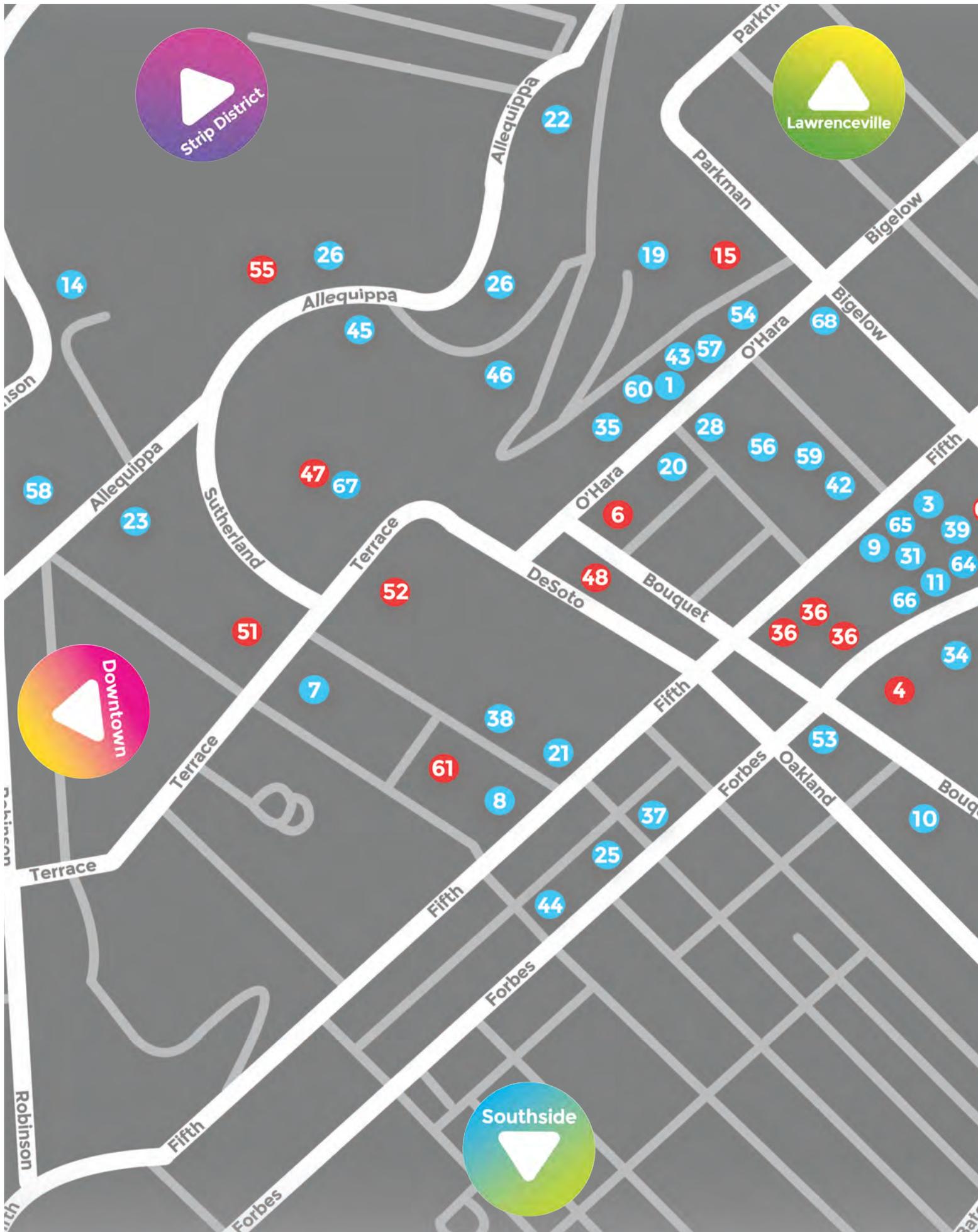
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# visit NORTH SIDE

**Janine Faust**  
Editor-in-Chief

Formerly known as the City of Allegheny, the North Side was annexed by Pittsburgh in 1907. Since then, it's become a popular place for visitors, home to people and places that stand out in Pittsburgh's history. Mexican War Streets

The Mexican War Streets rank among the most favored tourist spots. Originally known as the "Buena Vista Tract," the district is filled with beautifully restored row houses, community gardens and tree-lined streets and alleyways. The area dates to the time of the Mexican-American War, with many of the streets named after battles and generals from that era. The district has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975.

## City of Asylum

Created in 2003, the Pittsburgh chapter of the Cities of Asylum movement — a program of support for writers in exile that began in Europe — was one of the first to develop in the United States and housed writers such as Huang Xiang and Khet Mar. A walk along Sampsonia Way includes a glimpse of the homes of exiled writers with text-based artwork on the facade. Since 2018, the nonprofit has hosted most of its

events, including readings and film festivals, at its new location in a former Masonic Hall on North Avenue. The three-story building is home to a restaurant, bookstore and broadcast studio. Visit Alphabet City's website for a full list of City of Asylum's ongoing events.

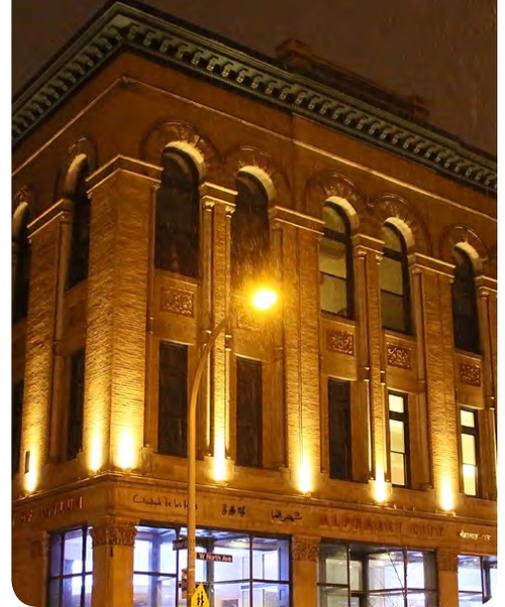
## The National Aviary

With a newly renovated tropical rainforest room, the only independent indoor nonprofit aviary in the nation is attracting more visitors than ever. The aviary, located at 700 Arch St., is home to more than 500 birds representing more than 150 species, including condors, pelicans and flamingos. The aviary is also home to the Department of Conservation and Field Research, which studies the impacts of humans and resource consumption on birds and the environment. The National Aviary is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It costs \$16 for adults and \$14 for children and seniors.

## Sports

The North Side was once the site of Exposition Park, where the first World Series was played between Boston and Pittsburgh. Exposition Park closed in 1915, but some behemoths in the sports world have gone on to take its place. PNC Park, which is the fifth home of the Pittsburgh Pirates and is situated along the Allegh-

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eny River, seats a total of 38,747 people for baseball. The nearby Heinz Field, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pitt Panthers, seats a total of 68,400 people. Public and private tours are available for each stadium and can be booked online. ■

# visit SOUTH SIDE

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**Delilah Bourque**  
Culture Editor

A popular spot to hit up on a tour of the City is Pittsburgh's South Side. Located across the Monongahela River from Oakland, South Side is home to dozens of bars, coffee shops, specialty shops and restaurants between South 18th and South 28th streets.

## Bars

South Side is the neighborhood with the highest concentration of bars in a city with the most bars per capita in the U.S., so it's iconic East Carson Street has watering holes that cater to all sorts of social gatherings. Take your date out for elegant cocktails at the speakeasy-style Acacia, or swing by Fathead's for a pint of its award-winning beer with friends.

## Morning Buzz

For drinking that's best done in the morning, check out the cornerstone of the South Side coffee scene, located at the corner of South 28th and Sarah streets. Named in honor of owners Nikolay and Cortney Ivanov's beloved pets, Big Dog Coffee of-

fers premium lattes, homemade yogurt and a relaxing atmosphere.

## Shopping

After you've had your daily caffeine fix, you'll want to check out all the cool shops located around South Side. Look no further than East Carson Street, which is home to more businesses than just bars. Three Rivers Vintage and Highway Robbery Vintage are great options for someone looking for something distinctly stylish. The street is also home to Dave's Music Mine, Embroidery Etc. and numerous other stores appealing to music and art lovers.

## Food

South Side is a bar-hopper's dream, so there's no shortage of pub food. For a self-proclaimed taste of the British Isles, check out Piper's Pub. A great place to catch a weekend soccer match, Piper's Pub is chock-full of authentic English and Irish food.

For something a little more conscious of your cardiovascular health, look up the street to Over the Bar Bicycle Cafe. Decorated with all things cycling, Over the Bar offers an entire paleo menu. ■

# visit SQUIRREL HILL

**Janine Faust and Caroline Bourque**  
The Pitt News Staff

Located only a few minutes from Oakland, Squirrel Hill is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Pittsburgh, laden with authentic eateries and acres of park grounds. Primarily residential, the neighborhood is also home to one of the city's most vibrant business districts.

## Murray and Forbes Avenues

The majority of the area's most popular shops and restaurants are located along the intersection of these two streets. Squirrel Hill's business district offers a diverse array of food options from across the globe, from Chinese at Everyday Noodles or Chengdu Gourmet to Middle Eastern at Naya or Aladdin's. As a historically Jewish neighborhood, Squirrel Hill also has a few spots that serve traditional dishes, including NU Modern Jewish Bistro and Murray Ave Kosher.

The streets are also home to plenty of

coffee shops, among them Commonplace Coffeehouse, which roasts its beans only a few miles away. Tea lovers can also find some relaxing haunts in Dobra Tea or Té Café, which also serves sushi.

The shopping is also plentiful along Murray and Forbes — strolling along the sidewalks, you're bound to pass some great independent shops. Try Avalon Exchange for vintage clothing finds, or head over to Jerry's Records if you're a classic music aficionado. Looking for unusual gifts? Take a look inside Ten Thousand Villages or Contemporary Concepts for artisanal, handmade or upscale gifts.

## Manor Theatre

Also located along Forbes and Murray, this landmark independent theater features a variety of movies ranging from blockbusters to indie dramas. Stop by the cocktail bar for drinks or the concession stand for popcorn and candy. The four-screen theatre is also known for showcasing foreign films and art house movies. ■



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# visit STRIP DISTRICT

**Janine Faust**  
Editor-in-chief

During the early 19th century, the Strip District was home to dozens of mills and factories along the Allegheny River. Two centuries later, it's a busy market district filled with food purveyors, art studios, nightclubs, antique dealers and other local businesses, drawing thousands of tourists and natives alike.

## Saturday mornings

Visiting the Strip on Saturday mornings is a local rite of passage. The crowds can get overwhelming, but the atmosphere and shopping scene is worth it. The neighborhood is pure Pittsburgh those mornings, bustling and offering dozens of chances to sample local flavor and tastes. Have an early breakfast at Pamela's or Deluca's diners, then stroll around and check out the small businesses and sidewalk vendors between 11th and 33rd streets.

## Food and Drink

There are far too many restaurants in the Strip for us to cover them all, but we'll try to list some of the most notable. Bar Marco is known for its gifted bartenders and delectable dishes, while the Caribbean-inspired Kaya has a broad selection and the best happy hour in Pittsburgh. Check out the "restaurant incubator" Smallman Galley for a one-of-a-kind experience — this food hall features four up-and-coming chefs, each with their own distinct menu.

The Strip is also home to numerous award-winning bars and distilleries. The Pittsburgh Winery imports its grapes from around

the world, Maggie's Farm Rum hosts a popular selection of rums and Wigle Whiskey is one of the most awarded distilleries in the United States. For those more interested in caffeine content than alcohol, La Prima Espresso bar offers smooth, rich shots, while De Fer Coffee in the heart of the Strip has some notable specialty drinks like a maple cortado and matcha latte.

## Shopping

If you don't have time to sit down and eat, consider taking something home with you instead. Several international and ethnic groceries stand out in the Strip, including S&D Polish Deli, Labad's Mediterranean Grocery and the WFH Oriental Food Market. Satisfy your sweet tooth by swinging by Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop or Peace, Love and Little Donuts, or pick up something to decorate the kitchen walls and countertops with at Roxanne's Dried Flowers or the metal art shop Art of Steel. Robert Wholey and Co. or Strip District Meats have several different options for your crockpot or grill — the latter is known for its unusual cuts, including camel and alligator.

## Heinz History Center

This Smithsonian affiliate and 370,000-square-foot museum focuses almost exclusively on the rich history of Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania. Exhibits include everything from early settlements to Pittsburgh's sports legacy to modern-day inventions. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, admission costs \$18 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens, \$9 for children and students and free for children under 5. ■



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# visit LAWRENCEVILLE



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Lawrenceville can be considered a microcosm of Pittsburgh's revival — the neighborhood was where many steel companies in the city got their start and rose to power before collapsing in the mid-1980s. Over the last two decades, however, it's remade itself into one of Pittsburgh's trendiest neighborhoods, with many options for food, drink and fun.

### Coffee and Food

One of the best places to grab a cup is Constellation Coffee on Penn Avenue, which follows a "planetary elixir" theme. The Butterwood Bake Consortium on Butler Street is great if you want some cake or pie with your espresso.

Lawrenceville is also home to many restaurants, including The Church Brew Works, a brewery and restaurant established in what used to be St. John the Baptist Church on Liberty Avenue. The Diocese of Pittsburgh stopped using the building in 1993, and in 1996 the church was restored and converted using original pieces from the original building. For dinner, try Piccolo Forno, voted one of Pittsburgh's best Italian restaurants, or Round Corner Cantina

for tacos and margaritas.

### Entertainment

On Butler Street, the independent single-screen theater Row House Cinema plays movies with a different theme each week, ranging from Tim Burton to anime. Closer to Halloween, you can catch a variety of horror movies and other creepy classics.

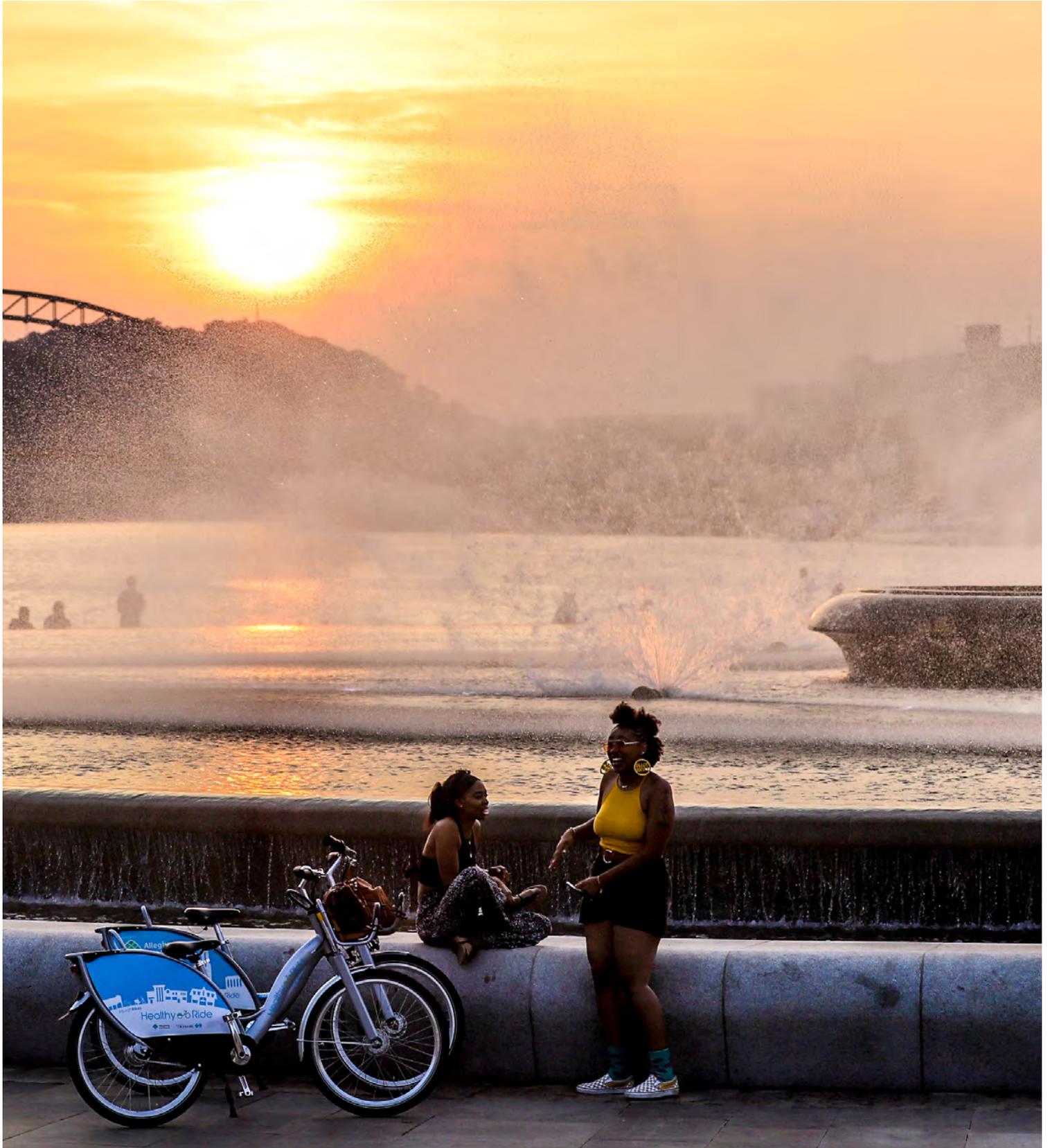
In addition to its creative movie themes, the theater also advertises natural popcorn and vegan snack options at the concession stand.

### Drinks

Next door to Row House is Bierport, an independent ale house that partners with the theater for "Brew and Views," which is when the cinema pairs four or five craft beers with scenes in a movie. The ale house advertises itself as a place for beer enthusiasts and a place to discover new brews. They have 19 different beers on draft, as well 950 bottles and cans in stock. They offer gluten-free, local, seasonal and rare brews.

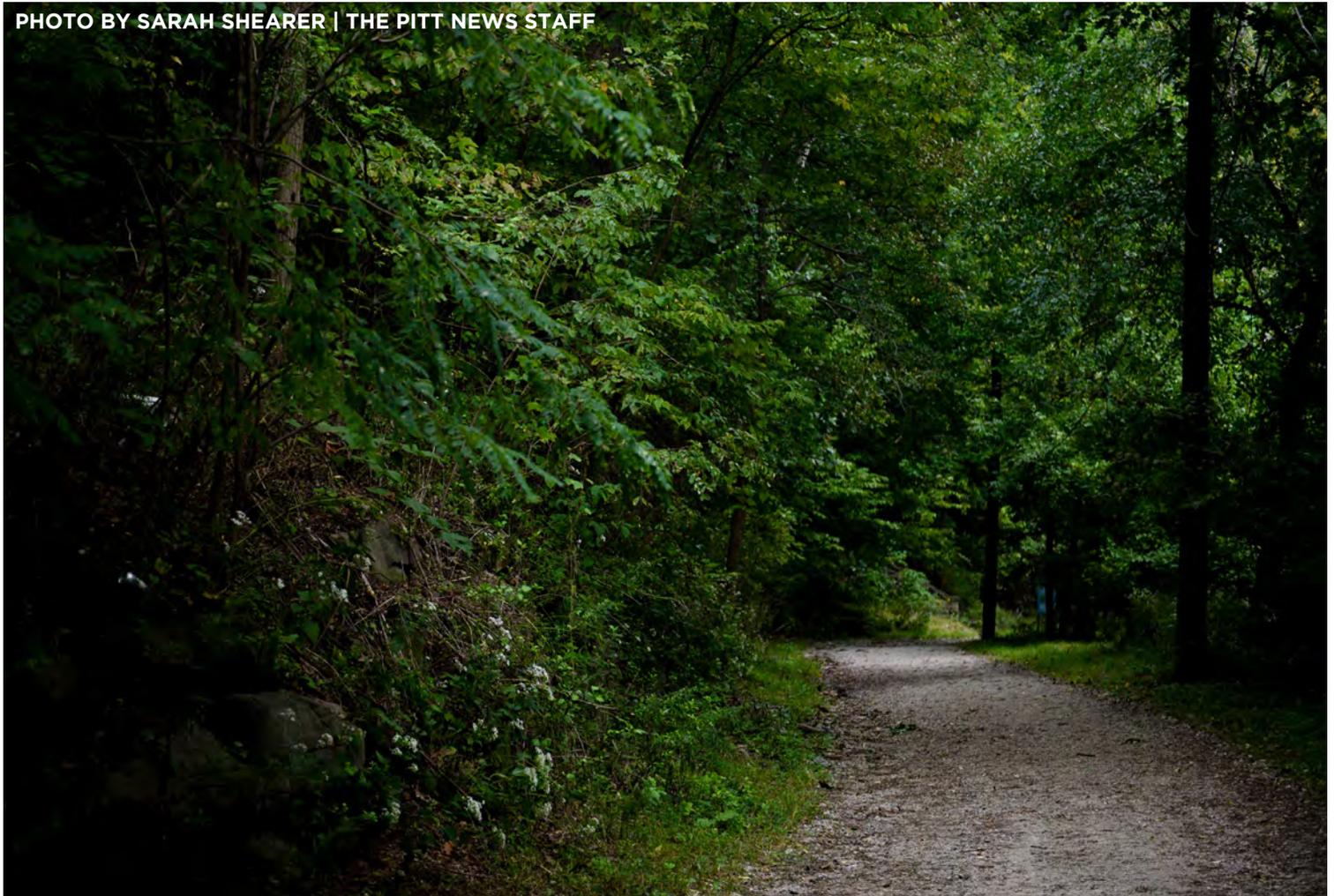
Other popular bars in the area include The Abbey on Butler Street, The Goldmark, Industry Public House and Belvederes Ultra-Dive — a Pittsburgh late-night staple. ■

# WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH



# PICTURESQUE PITTSBURGH: THE CITY'S MOST SCENIC PLACES

PHOTO BY SARAH SHEARER | THE PITT NEWS STAFF



**Janine Faust**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Everyone knows Pittsburgh offers delicious food and premier sports and entertainment, but its views are also something to schedule into your time here. Here's a little refresher on some of the most scenic places the Steel City has to offer.

## **Cathedral of Learning**

Ah yes, good ol' Cathy. Not only is she impressive to look at from any angle outside, but the inside is also quite aesthetically pleasing. The common room of the Cathedral is like taking a walk into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry — Buzzfeed even ranked Cathy as the number one college building that resembles Hogwarts.

After the magical views of the common room, guests to Cathy can check out the Nationality Rooms — beautifully decorated rooms paying homage to many different cultures from India to Lithuania to Austria and dozens of others. Visitors can also take an elevator up to the open 36th floor, home to Pitt's Honors college and the highest publicly accessible floor of the building, for some stellar views of Oakland.

## **Mellon Square**

Built as an elevated urban oasis, Mellon Square offers visitors to downtown a lush green space amidst the towering banks and hotels. This modern garden plaza is built atop a parking garage and features walking paths, fountains and benches to relax on. A popular lunchtime spot for downtown workers, Mellon Square features numerous species of trees, shrubs and flowers. Grab a book or

grab a friend, lose the phone and look up.

## **Mt. Washington**

Can't get enough of the City's impressive skyline? Mt. Washington offers what many see as the best view in Pittsburgh. The entire city can be seen from the mountain's overlooks, which can be reached via a short trip up the Duquesne and Monongahela inclines. The overlooks include the Grandview Overlook and West End Overlook and are popular spots for memorable photo opportunities. Wedding parties, prom groups and newly engaged couples often take to Mt. Washington for photos.

## **The South Side Slopes**

The vast majority of this section of Pittsburgh's South Side neighborhood is literally built on the side of a hill and is famous for the numerous public staircases installed to help residents and hikers navigate the terrain. These staircases offer panoramic views of the city skyline that span from the McKees Rocks to Homestead neighborhoods.

## **31st Street Bridge**

This arch bridge carries traffic across the Allegheny River between the Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Troy Hill and the Strip District. In addition to sweeping views of the river, visitors strolling along the bridge get an overhead view of Herr Island, also known as Washington's Landing. The location, where George Washington was said to have spent a night after his raft capsized on a mission during the French and Indian War, is now home to a marina and a waterfront residential community. ■

# PARKS & RECREATION



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Staff Writer

Pittsburgh is home to many parks that offer a variety of activities and experiences, giving residents and sightseers alike the opportunity to take a break from the busy streets of the City. They're far from carbon copies of each other, though — each park has its own distinct identity, encompassing walking paths, fountains, stunning views and more.

## **Schenley Park**

The closest park to Oakland and the University of Pittsburgh is Schenley Park, which offers biking, hiking and walking trails. The two-mile Panther Hollow Trail boasts Panther Hollow Lake, a body of water beneath the Panther Hollow Bridge that offers a nice place to relax and enjoy the wooded view. Schenley Park is also home to the historic Phipps Conservatory — a botanical garden and greenhouse that allows visitors to enjoy beautifully arranged gardens as well as educational exhibits on local and foreign flora.

Across the street from Phipps is Schenley Park's Flagstaff Hill, a stretch of green bordering Carnegie Mellon University perfect for picnics and games of Frisbee. Schenley Park is home to a disc golf course with three different tees and an outdoor ice rink in the winter. For those who like to relax through a regular game of golf, the Bob O'Connor Golf Course offers 18 holes just up the road.

## **Frick Park**

Another popular destination in the City is Frick Park, which also contains numerous trails and activities. A good way to start off a trip at the park is to explore the Frick Environmental Center. This state-of-the-art building is a wonderful educational tool about the environment around us, offering informative classrooms and hands-on courses about sustainability. The Frick Environmental Center is a living building, meaning the building produces more energy than it consumes.

Dog owners can take a trip to a spacious off-leash dog park for exercise and socialization, and parents can take their kids to visit the Blue Slide Playground, known for its long blue slide memorialized in late rapper and Pittsburgh native Mac Miller's debut album "Blue Slide Park." Emerald View Park

A trip to Pittsburgh without enjoying the view of the skyline is a missed opportunity. Fortunately, Emerald View Park on Mt. Washington offers spectacular vistas for locals and visitors alike from its multiple overlooks that jut out from the hillside and provide a breathtaking view of Pittsburgh's sprawling cityscape. The overlooks are easily accessible via the Monongahela Incline, an iconic cable-operated freight car originally used for transporting miners and freight up the slope. The incline was reopened in the '60s for public use and offers a glimpse into the history of Pittsburgh.

## **River Tours**

For those wishing to ride along the three rivers of Pittsburgh, the Gateway Clipper Fleet grants the opportunity. The fleet consists of five boats that tour the rivers, showcasing the City's skyline, bridges and wildlife along the way. Although the fleet does offer tour cruises, the boats can also be used as shuttles after sporting events on the North Shore.

## **Three Rivers Heritage Trail**

If you want to explore Pittsburgh's rivers, but tend to get seasick, the Three Rivers Heritage Trail may be a better option for you. The trail runs along the banks of the Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny and connects to several other trails. On the North Shore, it extends past Heinz Field and PNC Park along the Allegheny River. Another part of Three Rivers runs adjacent to the Monongahela River as well as South Side and Station Square. This portion of the path connects to the Eliza Furnace trail and can be followed to Schenley Park in Oakland. The final part of the trail outlines the City's historic Point State Park.

## **Point State Park**

Point State Park is located at the junction of the three rivers and is a relatively urban park. Just across the street from Downtown, the park is easily accessible, located near several major roads and the Gateway T Station. Besides the dozens of benches that invite visitors to rest along the riverfront, The Point boasts a large fountain that sprays water more than one hundred feet in the air. Boating and fishing are permitted and hiking and biking trails run through the park. The Fort Pitt Museum also resides in the park, commemorating the fort's importance during the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, the Whiskey Rebellion and the founding of Pittsburgh. ■

# FARMERS MARKET FALL IN THE 'BURGH

**Sarah Shearer**  
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Farmers markets aren't just about picking up a cucumber or a crate of strawberries anymore. This is 2019 — people are flocking to stands and filling their burlap bags with bottles of local olive oil, goat-milk soaps and pressed juices. Here's the short list of must-hit markets if you're passing through and want a taste of local foodie life in the 'Burgh.

## **Bloomfield**

**Bloomfield Saturday Market**  
**Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 5050 Liberty Ave.**

This 40-vendor market features a wide variety of local specialties including hummus, honey and kombucha.

Runs through Nov. 2, reopens in late spring.

## **Downtown**

**Market Square Farmers Market**  
**Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Market Square**

Located in the heart of Downtown, you won't need longer than a lunch break to get grocery shopping done at this market — and while you're there, you can pick up some lunch, too. Shop for local dairy products

and produce as well as a wide selection of ready-to-eat foods.

Runs through Oct. 31, reopens in May.

## **Lawrenceville**

**Lawrenceville Farmers Market**  
**Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. in Arsenal Park.**

Vendors selling an assortment of fresh produce, as well as cheeses, olive oil, fresh eggs and organic teas.

Runs through Oct. 29, reopens in June.

## **North Side**

**North Side Farmers Market**  
**Fridays, 3-7 p.m. at East Park outside of Allegheny General Hospital**

Fill up your flower beds with a variety of plants or buy some fresh-cut flowers for your home or cubicle at the North Side market, in addition to your standard fruits, vegetables and baked goods.

Runs through Nov. 23, reopens in May.

## **South Side**

**Southside Farmers Market**  
**Tuesdays, 3:30-7:30 p.m. on the corner of Carson and 18th streets.**

This market is smaller than others with only about a dozen vendors, but offers a selection of fresh, organic produce as well as jams, herbs and soaps.

Runs through Nov. 26, reopens in May.

## **Wilkesburg**

**Wilkesburg Thursday Open Market**  
**Thursdays, 3-6:30 p.m. at 733 South Ave.**

Visitors can purchase produce and prepared foods as well as crafts from local artisans at this market. Bring the kids along for henna and face painting, too!

Runs through Nov. 14, reopens in June. ■



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THE WATERFRONT

# From world-class musicians to polka-dot mannequins, PITTSBURGH ARTS HAS IT ALL

Joanna Li

The arts are found on every corner of Pittsburgh, whether it's street art, university theater departments or even live Broadway theater. With the wide array of options, it's hard not to find something of interest — especially for students — since many of these organizations offer university discounts. Here's a list of some of the nation's best performance and visual art venues in the City of Bridges.

## Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Pricing and performance schedule at [pittsburghsymphony.org](http://pittsburghsymphony.org).

From classical Beethoven to current Drake, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra does it all. The orchestra finds its home at Heinz Hall in downtown Pittsburgh. Performing music for all ages, the symphony has performed classical, pop and educational concerts for the Pittsburgh community since its founding in 1896. With three Grammys to date, the PSO is known as one of the top orchestras in the world — a title exhibited in its schedule of prominent international concerts.

## Benedum Center for the Performing Arts

Pricing and events schedule at [culturaldistrict.org](http://culturaldistrict.org).

The Benedum Center for the Performing Arts is the popular venue for all things theater in Pittsburgh. Resident companies include the Pittsburgh Ballet, the Pittsburgh Opera and the Pittsburgh CLO — all of which provide a wide array of theatrical shows to its Pittsburgh audience. The theater also houses the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh series, in which touring Broadway show companies perform.

## Andy Warhol Museum

**Hours:**  
**Tue-Thurs & Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Fri: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Admission:**  
**Adults \$20, children, students and seniors \$10**

As hometown to arguably the most iconic figure in pop art, it's only right for Pittsburgh to celebrate its very own Andy Warhol. Located on the North Shore, the Andy Warhol Museum is dedicated to the artist himself and his artwork. As the largest museum in the United States dedicated to a single artist, the presented art is both interactive and illusional. The museum is also free for university students around the Pittsburgh area.

## Mattress Factory

**Hours:**  
**Tue-Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Sun: 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Admission:**  
**Free for Pittsburgh students, adults \$20, students and seniors \$15, veterans \$10**

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult

The Mattress Factory is a contemporary art museum in the Mexican War Streets neighborhood of Pittsburgh's North Side. To the surprise of many, the museum doesn't exhibit mattresses — instead, it presents works of art from local resident artists. From holes in the ground to polka-dot mannequins, the museum displays dramatic works of art that are interactive and out of the ordinary. Factory Installed, a collection of nine new exhibitions by different artists, opened in September of this year and will be on display through 2020. Admission is free to students at local universities.

## Carnegie Museum of Art

**Hours:**  
**Fri-Wed: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Thurs: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Admission:**  
**Free for Pittsburgh students, adults**

**\$19.95, \$14.95 seniors, \$11.95 students and children**

The Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland was founded in 1895 and today boasts the most robust art collection of any museum in the city. Scottish-American industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, who made his fortune in the railway and steel industries, directed the museum in 1896 to showcase the works of the "Old masters of tomorrow" in regular exhibitions of contemporary art.

The main collection includes more than 30,000 pieces from artists ranging from French impressionist Claude Monet to Pittsburgh documentary photographer Charles "Teenie" Harris — but the fun doesn't stop when the galleries' daytime hours end. Once a month, the museum hosts "Third Thursdays," events with rotating themes that are almost always home to music, dancing, interactive art and — for 21+ visitors — a cash bar.

## Randyland

**Hours:**  
**Mon-Sun: 10 a.m.-dusk**  
**Admission:**  
**Free entry**

Located in the North Side, Randyland is a landmark building of Pittsburgh and is often called one of the most colorful public art landmarks. Local artist Randy Gilson moved to the North Side in 1982, where he spent his time as a community activist planting illicit vegetable and flower gardens on abandoned properties.

He purchased what would become one of the most Instagrammed spots in Pittsburgh for \$10,000 in 1995, and continues to spend his time dumpster-diving for oddities. His collection currently includes countless plastic pink flamingos, large acrylic dinosaurs and dozens of one-of-a-kind styrofoam mannequin heads. This staple is free to the public and, with the tiniest bit of luck, visitors may meet the artist himself. ■



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# BREWERIES IN THE 'BURGH

**Alexa Marzina**

Pittsburgh has a strong German population, so it makes sense that Pittsburghers love to indulge in more than a few beers from time to time. Some popular favorites include Yuengling and Iron City — no, not the light version — and either would be a good bet to order if you're ever confused by a brewery's offerings. Nothing compares to sipping on a local brew, so it's lucky that so many breweries are based in Pittsburgh.

## **Hop Farm Brewing Co.** **5601 Butler St.**

Hours: Wed-Thur: 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Fri: 4:30 p.m. to midnight  
Sat: noon to midnight  
Sun: noon to 6 p.m.

Happy Hour: \$2 off drafts. Wed-Fri  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hop Farm's home base is in Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville neighborhood, so you know it's trendy — or not, depending on if that's something you like in a brewery. Hop Farm is "dedicated to the responsible use of our natural resources," and grows its own hops organically. Its namesake IPA is a favorite among restaurant can lists, but its other brews, like its rotating seasonal drafts, may be harder to find. It uses locally sourced protein and offers a \$10 beer and burger special on Wednesdays.

## **Grist House Craft Brewery** **10 E. Sherman St.**

Hours: Wed-Fri: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sat: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sun: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Happy Hour: \$1 off pints. Wed-Fri  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Grist House is located on the site of an old slaughterhouse, so you have an automatic conversation-starter when you go there, alone or otherwise. If that doesn't go well, then stuff your face with delicious food from one of Grist House's rotating food truck visitors. The most important feature here is the open patio, which means this establishment is dog-friendly.

## **Eleventh Hour** **3711 Charlotte St.**

Hours: Wed-Fri: 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sat: noon to 11 p.m.  
Sun: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Besides boasting a variety of specialties



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cialty beers on tap, Eleventh Hour offers options for the hungry customer, not just the thirsty one. The taproom recently entered into a partnership with Blue Sparrow, a company purveying global street food. Guests are welcome to purchase Korean BBQ or Mexican brownies from the repurposed vintage Greyhound bus out front before heading in to sample a pale ale or aged stout. Eleventh Hour also invites guests to have food delivered right to the taproom using any food delivery app.

## **Voodoo Brewery** **205 E. 9th Ave.**

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Fri: 3 p.m. to midnight  
Sat: noon to midnight  
Sun: noon to 8 p.m.

Voodoo prides its beers on being "quirky, funky and fun," though of course, that's up to you to decide. It has a few standard flavors that are always available and a massive rotating list of seasonal favorites, so you'll have to make a few trips to try them all.

## **Cinderlands Beer Co.** **3705 Butler St.**

Hours: Tues-Th: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sun: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

If you like to eat while you sip your brews, Cinderlands is a great haven for

you. Its food menu is extensive — including snacks, appetizers, sandwiches and more — and there is a special Sunday brunch menu from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., so go ahead and drink your breakfast alcohol without shame.

## **Hitchhiker Brewing Co.** **1500 S. Canal St.**

Hours: Tues-Fri: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 11:30 a.m. to midnight  
Sun: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hitchhiker's motto is "a beer for every mile marker," though its taproom also houses a growing assortment of wine and spirit barrels. Tours are available for \$25 on the first Saturday of every month. They also include a beer tasting and glassware to take home.

## **Spoonwood Brewing Co.** **5981 Baptist Road**

Hours: Tues-Thurs: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sun: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

This brewery offers a nice range of brews from IPAs to stouts to classic ales, each with its own subtle flavor notes that you will want to savor. Spoonwood includes the most extensive menu out of the venues on this list, so be sure to come hungry as well as thirsty. ■



# THE CITY OF STAGES

by Sarah Connor | Contributing Editor

Even though Pittsburgh's PPG Paints Arena is one of the biggest hubs for sports and music events alike, there are dozens of other places the City has to offer for guests who want to enjoy live music. Fans can get their groove on in a variety of places, from bars to basements to former churches.

## Stage AE

The North Side's Stage AE sits between the famous sports stadiums Heinz Field and PNC Park, and features both indoor and outdoor concert halls. Stage AE is often the home of concerts for rising but still widely popular artists. Some recent guests to Stage AE include Tyler, the Creator; Bastille; ILLENIUUM; Judah & The Lion; and Third Eye Blind.

The venue offers bars and concessions at both the indoor and outdoor locations, though the outdoor location only hosts shows from May to September. Stage AE is also home to many festivals that have been held at the stage's outdoor venue, including Pittsburgh Magazine's Best of the 'Burgh Party and XFest. Some shows coming to Stage AE in winter 2020 include Chance the Rapper and Celine Dion.

## Mr. Smalls Theatre

For a local band showcase or a performance by a rising indie band, Mr. Smalls in Millvale is a hot spot. When driving past the venue, it doesn't look like a place for concerts. It looks like a church — and that's

because it once was.

Mr. Smalls features a main-stage theater with a balcony, bar and standing room on the first floor. There is also an area called The Funhouse on the second floor, which is a bar with standing room access. Local bands and artists typically perform their showcases at The Funhouse while bigger acts take the main-stage theater.

## Spirit

In the neighborhood of Lawrenceville sits the popular bar and music hall Spirit, which hosts open mic nights, live music and DJs.

Though Spirit is not on Butler Street, the main road of Lawrenceville, it sits just out of the way on 51st Street. Local bands and smaller touring acts tend to perform at Spirit. The venue also boasts a pizza parlor.

## PPG Paints Arena

Though PPG Paints Arena is home to the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, it can also house some of the biggest concerts that come through Pittsburgh. Some notable names to have headlined the arena include Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Halsey and Panic! At The Disco.

Tickets at PPG Paints can be pricey, but worth it. For big concerts, there is usually a general admission floor setup at the foot of the stage, but seats in the upper sections can be more affordable. ■



# A GUIDE TO PITTSBURGH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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**U**ber is incredibly popular in Pittsburgh. Its pioneering autonomous vehicle program is headquartered in the Hazelwood neighborhood along the Monongahela River, and many residents use Ubers to get around the City.

Uber is especially popular among college students. If you're arriving to Pittsburgh on a late flight, returning from a sporting event miles away from Pitt or are ready to go home after a crazy night in South Oakland, Uber is an appealing option.

Yet, the better option for regular commuting and getting around town is to reject cars altogether and take a multimodal approach — take the train, the bus or a bike, or simply walk.

## THE T

The most exciting transportation option is Pittsburgh's light-rail system. The T is like a bite-size version of the New York Subway if you have a really small mouth. Once you're Downtown, it becomes an option to travel a bit north or far south.

Going north, you don't have many options. It can get you up to the baseball and football stadiums in the North Side, but all lines stop at Heinz Field. But if you're feeling really adventurous, you can take the T all the way to southern suburbs like Dormont, Mt. Lebanon and Library — that is, as long as the lines aren't blocked by derailed freight trains.

## BUSES

The crown jewel of Pittsburgh public transit is the bus system. Buses will get you to most places you need to go. If you're in Oakland, the 61 and 71 buses are your lifelines. Heading west, all of them

will take you Downtown, where you can just walk across the Roberto Clemente Bridge to get to PNC Park or Heinz Field. Alternatively, taking them east will get you to Shadyside and Squirrel Hill, where you can feast on a wide variety of foods, drink some coffee or enjoy a movie on Walnut, Murray or Forbes.

Buses other than the 61 and 71 pass through Oakland too. The 54 will take you to South Side and the Strip District, both hotspots for good food and shopping. The 75 can take you all the way through East Liberty to the Waterworks, a shopping center across the Monongahela River. If you have a flight to catch, the 28X can take you all the way out to the airport. This is a better option than Ubering — you can stop for some Swedish meatballs or delicious cinnamon rolls at Ikea along the way. No matter what neighborhood you want to explore, you can catch a bus to get where you need to go.

## BIKING

As long as it's not too snowy out, biking is a fast option. If you own a bike, you can cycle along the 77 miles of bike lanes in Pittsburgh to get to almost any neighborhood. From Oakland, it's just a quick ride through Schenley Park to get down to the southern section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, connecting the neighborhood to South Side and Downtown with a trail that parallels the interstate highway. Another section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail runs along the Allegheny River. It offers easy access to the sports stadiums, and for a good workout — and a bad smell — you can follow it all the way west to Alcosan, the sewage treatment

facility for Allegheny County.

Bike-friendly infrastructure along Pittsburgh roads is growing, too. The combination of Bayard Street and Ellsworth Avenue provides a solid connection to Shadyside and East Liberty, and Bloomfield and Lawrenceville have sharrowed roads — roads that have arrows on the ground to mark a shared lane. And don't fret if you forget your bike when you visit Pittsburgh. Healthy Ride offers rental bikes at stations throughout Pittsburgh for just \$2 per 30 minutes.

## OTHER OPTIONS

If bikes really aren't your thing, Scoobi's electric scooters can get you to the same places for a slightly higher fee. The scooters have been in Pittsburgh for about a year now and can travel up to 30 mph.

You can always just walk if you're able. At 456 acres, Schenley Park offers hiking to residents and visitors of the Oakland neighborhood. Equipped with miles of trails that snake around ponds and through golf courses, Schenley is a great place to get lost in. Farther east, Frick Park provides even more hiking opportunities, arguably with better views for sunrises and sunsets.

It's also possible to get to surrounding neighborhoods on foot. If you're on Pitt's campus, Shadyside and Squirrel Hill are within a 45-minute walk. On a pleasant fall weekend, a meandering stroll out east would give you the perfect opportunity to get your steps in.

So delete your Uber app and scrap any ideas of a rental car. Embrace the diverse transportation options in Pittsburgh and use them to their fullest. ■

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# AN ARRAY OF FAITHS: *Pittsburgh's places of worship*



Pittsburgh's diversity in heritage and food extends to its faith and religious scene. The City offers services and places of worship for a multitude of faith denominations, from towering Catholic cathedrals to historic Hindu temples, as well as mosques, synagogues and more. Here is a short sampling of what you can find in Pittsburgh, whether you're looking to catch a service or explore some of the City's most stunning architecture. | By Sarah Shearer

## CHURCHES

Catholic

**St. Paul Cathedral**  
108 North Dithridge St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

St. Paul Cathedral is the mother church of the Pittsburgh Diocese, sitting high on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Craig Street in Oakland. The church holds four Sunday masses and several daily masses. Stop in anytime during the day to catch a glimpse of its ornate architecture and the stained glass decorating the cathedral's interior and exterior.

Sunday mass is held each week at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant

**Allegheny Center Alliance Church**  
250 East Ohio St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

This Christian and Missionary church has been in the North Side for more than 120 years and serves more than 3,000 attendees. The church offers four services from Saturday evening through Sunday.

Sunday services are held at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Trinity Cathedral**  
325 Oliver Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

This Episcopal Cathedral is located in the heart of Downtown. Descendants of Pennsylvania founder William Penn deeded the church's property in 1787 to the congregation founders, who designed the first iteration of the church in 1825. It's current facade, built in the new English Gothic style, was constructed in 1872. Check out a Sunday service or stop in to take a look around during the day.

Sunday services are held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## TEMPLES

**Temple Sinai**  
5505 Forbes Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

This Jewish Temple is a "Home for Jewish Inspiration, Innovation and Inclusion." Located on Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill, Temple Sinai has several services and events throughout the week, including a weekly Shabbat service Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

## MOSQUES

**The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh**  
4100 Bigelow Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Located in Oakland, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh is a welcoming community for visitors who want to attend the five daily prayers, Sunday school class or other events. Juma'a prayer is held every Friday at 1:10 p.m.

## HINDU TEMPLE

**Sri Venkateswara Temple**  
1230 McCully Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

The Sri Venkateswara Temple is located outside the City in Penn Hills, but offers plenty of services, making the 30-minute trip from Downtown worthwhile. One of the earliest traditional Hindu temples built in the United States, this temple features a tall white top that visitors coming to the City from the east may see from Interstate 376. ■

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# PPG AQUARIUM AND PITTSBURGH ZOO

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Located in Highland Park, the world-class Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium is an expansive, nationally-ranked facility offering families the chance to learn about animals and the conservation of their habitats.

The zoo exhibits more than 4,000 animals representing 475 species, including 20 threatened or endangered species. The most heart-stopping exhibits feature animals such as fierce Siberian tigers and Komodo dragons. The Amur tiger is especially impressive — there's a window along the back wall where the animal likes to pace, with only a thick pane of glass separating onlookers from the predator. Among the zoo's most beloved inhabitants is Mai, a one-armed gibbon who was saved by the zoo's staff following a bite from a previous mate.

One of the most remarkable sections of the zoo is the PPG Aquarium, located toward the back of the park. Guests can gen-

tly pet stingrays or watch otters swim from beneath the surface. The aquarium is full of vibrant fish, turtles, crocodiles, crustaceans and plant life from the ocean, seas and freshwater rivers. The largest tank stands over 25 feet tall, and features many of these creatures together in a mini-ecosystem.

The zoo and aquarium both offer workshops for teachers on how to bring conservation into the classroom by teaching their students about composting, recycling and gardening. The Pittsburgh Zoo also collaborated with the Green Building Alliance to install a green roof — a roof covered in vegetation and plant life — above the polar bear exhibit, lowering the cost for cooling the exhibit and providing more space for wildlife to thrive. The zoo received the Humane Conservation Program certification from the American Humane Association in 2016 — the highest achieve-

ment available for animal care — for its many efforts.

For visitors wishing to become better acquainted with the animals that the zoo and aquarium care for, there are chances to get up close and personal with certain animals for an extra fee. The Wild Encounters program consists of intimate, 30-minute tours that take guests through the daily routine of a zookeeper, showing them how to feed sharks or handle red pandas. Book online in advance to ensure your spot on one of these popular tours.

The zoo and aquarium are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day this fall, but make sure to arrive before the gates close at 4 p.m. Admission is \$16.95 for adults, \$15.95 for senior citizens and \$14 for children. Visit the Pittsburgh Zoo's website for some helpful driving directions, along with more information about its exhibits and philanthropic causes. ■

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# Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens



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## by Maggie Koontz

Located in Schenley Park on Schenley Drive, many locals consider Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to be one of the most beautiful places in Oakland. Built in 1893, this biodiverse greenhouse has 14 rooms and 23 gardens spread throughout its various wings. On their journey through Phipps, visitors can see all kinds of plants, from bonsai trees and palm trees to local flowers and produce.

In the main area known as the Palm Court, palms both big and small shade the public from the sun, making it a wonderful spot to sit and chat. This Victorian-inspired room was renovated by Phipps in 2018, adding new glass panes and making the entrance to the rest of the indoor displays even more grand.

Phipps has a wide variety of types of rooms. Some maintain the same displays year-round, while others change seasonally. Perhaps the most fragrant and eye-catching year-round room is the Orchid Room. The sweet smells of dozens of different species of orchids have guests sniffing every flower they encounter.

Those looking to learn about flora not commonly found in Pittsburgh can turn to the Desert Room, which showcases various cacti and plants from hot desert climates. Walking into it can be a bit of a shock because of its stifling

temperature and lack of humidity. The Fern Room offers a similar experience, full of ferns from various tropical climates, some small and some very large.

In the Tropical Fruit and Spice Room, local and foreign fruits hang from high trees or grow low to the ground. Phipps also has a few outdoor gardens on the property. Depending on where guests exit, they can explore the Rooftop Edible Garden where Phipps grows food, the Japanese Courtyard Garden which is home to trees such as bonsais or the Children's Discovery Garden, which has many activities for kids to enjoy, such as a giant tree stump to climb and plants to water.

The conservatory changes its rooms seasonally, so visitors can visit multiple times a year and see new exhibits. Every summer, Phipps opens its Butterfly Forest to educate and entertain the public with various species of butterflies.

Aside from the themed rooms, Phipps also has rooms that are used to create art or showcase seasonal plants. For the 2019 summer season, Phipps is hosting Van Gogh in Bloom, which features reimaginings of the renowned post-impressionist's work using flowers and trees.

In the Tropical Forest Conservatory Phipps holds its special events and exhibits, as well educational exhibits about conservation and

renewable energy. The most current exhibit is the Tropical Forest Cuba, which is an immersive exhibit dedicated to showcasing Cuban flora.

Upcoming events include the conservatory's fall flower show, the return of its garden railroad, a Halloween Happenings bash for the kids in late October and the annual fall gala in mid-November.

Not only is Phipps the perfect spot for a date or an outing with friends, it also educates the public on how to be more sustainable. Phipps' Center for Sustainable Landscapes — which generates all of its own energy and treats its captured water on-site — has earned four top green-building certifications, the first building in the United States to do so.

Phipps also has a small cafe with organic, locally sourced, sustainable food where you can grab lunch or a drink. The cafe has a variety of dietary options — including vegan and vegetarian — and most of its waste is recycled or composted.

Phipps is open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has extended hours on Friday, closing at 10 p.m. instead. The conservatory is free for Pitt students with their student ID, \$11.95 for children 2-18, \$16.95 for seniors over 61 or non-Pitt students with their IDs and \$17.95 for adults 19-61. ■



# Pittsburgh trivia cheat sheet

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**P**ittsburgh is home to 446 bridges — more than any other city in the world — hence the nickname “City of Bridges.”

Pittsburgh is the largest city in the Appalachian region.

Pittsburgh at one point had an official “Inspector of Steps” — a necessary position when there are more than 700 sets of public stairs within the City limits.

Carnegie Mellon University computer scientist Scott Fahlman invented the emoticon in Pittsburgh in 1980.

Pitt researcher Dr. Jonas Salk created the polio vaccine in Pittsburgh in 1955.

Jim Delligatti, a local McDonald’s franchisee, invented the Big Mac in the Pittsburgh suburbs and began selling them in 1967.

The world’s first T. Rex skeleton is currently displayed at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Pittsburgh became home to the first nickelodeon, or modern movie theater, in 1905.

The St. Anthony Chapel in Pittsburgh is home to more Catholic relics than anywhere else in the world, except the Vatican.

Pittsburgh is home to the steepest street in the United States — Beechview’s Canton Avenue rests at a sharp 37 degrees.

The first commercial radio station in the world, KDKA, launched in Pittsburgh in 1920 at a frequency of 545 kHz. It now operates at 1020 kHz.

The first World Series in baseball was held between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boston Americans in 1903. Four of the eight games played were hosted in Pittsburgh at the former Exposition Park. Boston won the series five games to three.

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Pittsburgh was responsible for 80% of the glass made in the United States in 1920.

The Fort Pitt Blockhouse in Point State Park is the oldest structure in Western Pennsylvania and dates back to 1764.

Pittsburgh opened the world’s first retractable dome stadium for a major sports team — the Civic Arena — in 1961. It closed in 2010.

Pittsburgh was officially spelled without an “h” between 1891 and 1911. The letter was reinstated following a public campaign.

The University of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral of Learning is the second tallest educational building in the world.

The country of Czechoslovakia was officially created in Pittsburgh when the Czechs and the Slovaks signed the Pittsburgh Agreement in 1918.

Pittsburgh boasts 12 bars per 10,000 residents, more than any other city in the country.

The first baseball game broadcast on the radio was a match between the Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies at Forbes Field in 1921 (the Pirates won).

Pittsburgh is home to the last wooden street in Pennsylvania — Roslyn Place in Shadyside, which was constructed in 1914.

Pittsburgh touts the world’s largest bike museum, Bicycle Heaven, located in the North Side. It’s free to the public.

The first gas station in America opened its pumps in East Liberty in 1913.

Babe Ruth hit the last three home runs of his career at Pittsburgh’s Forbes Field in 1935.

The Carnegie Museum of Art was the world’s first modern art museum when it opened in 1895.

The Steelers formed a brief union with the Eagles during the 1943-44 season due to a lack of players, forming the Steagles.

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland

is the largest memorial in America dedicated to all branches of military service.

The Andy Warhol Museum is the largest single-artist museum in North America.

Steel made in Pittsburgh was used in the construction of several iconic buildings and bridges in other cities, including the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Pittsburgh’s WQED was the first community-sponsored television station in the country when it began broadcasting in 1954.

Pittsburgh has been consistently ranked as one of the most livable cities in the United States in the past decade.

It rains or snows an average of 151 days per year in Pittsburgh — two more than Seattle.

Pittsburgh ranks second on the all-time sports championships list, despite lacking a pro basketball team.

J. Howard Miller, an art student at Carnegie Tech, was responsible for creating the famous WWII poster “Rosie the Riveter.”

The first Ferris wheel was invented in 1893 by native Pittsburgher George W. Ferris.

Pittsburgh native Sam Isaly invented the Klondike Bar in 1929.

With six victories, the Pittsburgh Steelers are tied for the most Super Bowls in the NFL.

Pittsburgh was named after British statesman William Pitt by Gen. John Forbes after it was captured from the French during the Seven Years’ War in 1758.

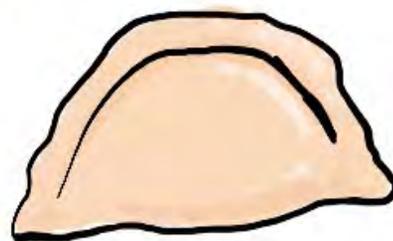
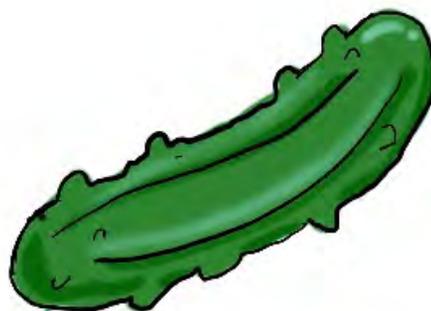
The very first Bingo game, invented by Hugh J. Ward, was called in Pittsburgh in the beginning of the 1920s.

The world’s first kidney, liver and heart transplant was performed at the Presbyterian-University Hospital in 1989. ■



# PITTSBURGH FOR DUMMIES

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Spend enough time in the Steel City and you'll notice that Pittsburghers have some very particular traits that make them stand out from denizens of other cities. Here's a little cheat sheet to help you understand the quirks and customs of "Yinzers" during your stay in their territory, whether you're on the road, in the stands or just trying to communicate with the locals.

## It's a Burgh Thing

Don't be concerned if someone turns left at an intersection before opposing traffic even has a chance to blink – OK, be concerned, but don't be surprised. The practice is so common here it's referred to as "The Pittsburgh Left." Newcomers are usually baffled by the action, but natives consider it a courtesy – City streets are narrow, and employing the "Pittsburgh Left" can help prevent traffic from bottling up. As for parking, if you see an old, weathered chair sitting in a space, keep driving. Pittsburghers treat old lawn furniture as a perfectly acceptable tool for reserving parking spaces – especially the spots they spent hours digging out of the snow.

## Black and Yellow, Black and Yellow

Pittsburgh's been bleeding these two colors since the late 1800s, when the black-and-gold flag of Pittsburgh was created based on the colors of William Pitt's coat of arms. Pittsburgh is also the only city in the United States in which all professional sports teams share the same colors – the Penguins, Pirates and Steelers all sport black and gold jerseys. From Brookline to Point Breeze, it's hard not to spot a local advertisement, storefront sign or Terrible Towel – the Steelers' official rally towel – sporting the iconic City colors.

## Language!

If you're lucky, you may run into some Pittsburghers who still speak the declining western Pennsylvania English dialect, known as "Pittsburghese." The dialect is the result of overlapping immigrant communities throughout Pittsburgh's history, namely Scots-Irish, Pennsylvania German, Croatian, Polish and Ukrainian.

These people will refer to themselves as "Yinzers" and replace the more commonly known "y'all" with their own version, "yinz." Being called a "jagoff" by a Yinzer is about as complimentary as it sounds – the term refers to an irritating or inept person. Remember, in their presence, it's pop, not soda, slippy, not slippery, and gumband, not rubberband.

## Western PA Gourmet

Every city has its staple dishes, and Pittsburgh is no exception. Your local Yinzer will insist you stop by a Primanti's for the shop's trademark french fries-and-coleslaw "sammich," or by Pamela's Diner for a plate of hotcakes. The average Pittsburgher goes crazy for pierogies, chipped ham, kielbasa, cabbage rolls and the native brew, Iron City Beer.

## Particular Potties

Not many cities can tout their own toilets. A "Pittsburgh Toilet" is a common fixture in local pre-World War II houses, although it's honestly not much different in function from other toilets. What makes it special – albeit a bit uncomfortable to use – is that it's always in the basement and usually out in the open, often without a sink to wash your hands in. They were originally built this way to prevent sewage backups in the nicer parts of the house and are said to have been used by coal and steel workers in the City's industrial heyday. ■

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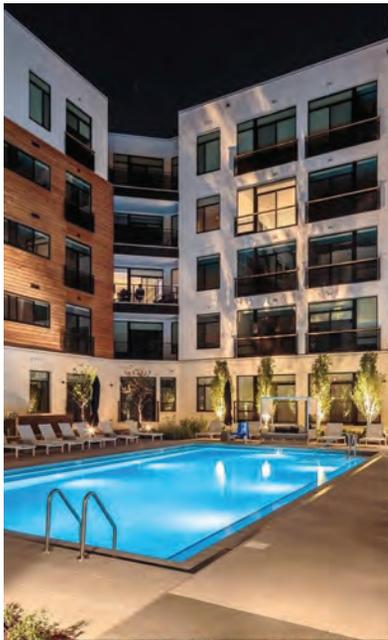
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