

Making our region more inclusive of all ages



McKeesport Block Party

Food, Music & More! | August 16, 1-4pm

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Don't miss our McKeesport Block Party

Picture a neighborhood where generations don't just coexist, but connect. Join us for a **free neighborhood block party** in McKeesport—one of our Age-Friendly Neighborhoods—on

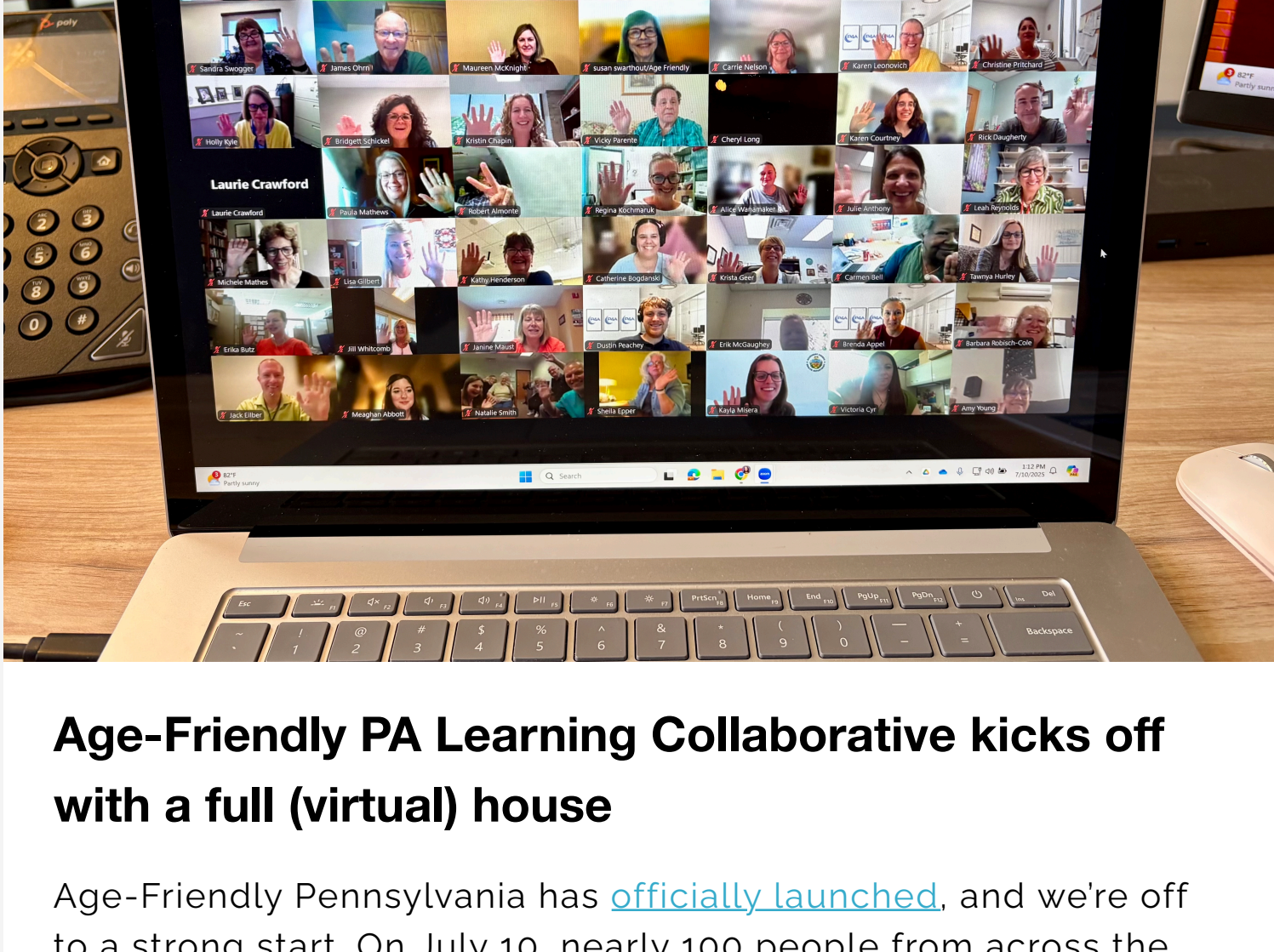
Saturday, August 16, 1-4 pm.

Drop by to enjoy entertainment by the Val Vazquez Jazz Group and refreshments by McKeesport's own We Understand the Assignment Catering. Connect with neighbors over giant McKeesport-themed coloring pages, enter to win a prize at our raffle and share your own story at our intergenerational storytelling station. Plus, stroll past the first-floor windows of the People's Building to experience a new [large-scale photo installation](#) spotlighting longtime members of the community.

Bring a neighbor! [Registration](#) is not required, but is greatly appreciated.

Can't make it? Join us in Sharpsburg on Saturday, August 23 during their [Summer Sizzler](#), and save the date for our Beechview Block Party on Saturday, September 13!

RSVP FOR 8/16



Age-Friendly PA Learning Collaborative kicks off with a full (virtual) house

Age-Friendly Pennsylvania has [officially launched](#), and we're off to a strong start. On July 10, nearly 100 people from across the Commonwealth joined our first Learning Collaborative session to connect leaders from existing Age-Friendly Communities with those new to the network. We're proud to lead this monthly series in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. Join our next Zoom session on Thursday, August 14 at 1pm.

REGISTER HERE



Community Panel shows the power of connection in Braddock—from steel mills to shared meals

What do you get when you mix old friends, new faces and wood-fired pizza? A perfect summer day in Braddock! Last month, Mary Carey—a founding member of our [Community Panel](#)—invited Panel members past and present for pizza at the Braddock Community Oven, across the street from the historic Edgar Thompson Steel Mill. We loved connecting with neighbors of all ages, including surprise guest [Tony Buba](#).

SEE PHOTOS



Meet our community connectors in Westmoreland and Washington Counties

We are thrilled to welcome Margie Zelenak (left) and Paula Mathews (right) as Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh and [SWPPA's](#) new regional Community Engagement Coordinators. Over the next several months, they'll be meeting and greeting with leaders in Westmoreland and Washington Counties. Know locals ready to advance age inclusion there? Please reach out at margie@agefriendlypgh.org and paula@agefriendlypgh.org.

MEET THEM



In the News

AARP Bulletin highlights Age-Friendly PA

In a story introducing Pennsylvania as part of the Age-Friendly Network, AARP Bulletin spotlighted a few community initiatives, including our own! The piece gives a shoutout to our first group of [Age-Friendly Neighborhoods](#)—Clairton, Coraopolis and the Hill District—and the resident-led projects that emerged there, including outdoor yoga sessions and biweekly grocery trips.

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Next Pittsburgh spotlights All Together Now! music festival

"Pittsburgh is a town of benevolence." [All Together Now!](#) debuts Aug. 7-10 as Pittsburgh's music festival benefitting our growing immigrant community, featuring four days of bluegrass, blues, swing, Irish, rock and more. The festival is being organized by Susan Spangler (left) and Ted Cmarada (right)—Longtime Age-Friendly champions and partners with their work with Lively Pittsburgh. Not sure which show to attend? Consider the Sock Hop Dance Party on Friday, Aug. 8 featuring The Doo Wop Doctors, with frontman (and former SWPPA Board Chair) Al Condeluci.

GET TICKETS



Medicaid matters—and it's being cut

The largest care cuts in U.S. history were recently approved. These devastating cuts aren't just happening to the 3 million Pennsylvanians who currently rely on the program. They're happening to everyone, threatening our freedom to age in community. That's why it's more important than ever to keep advocating for a more caring, connected world. One small next step: Make your voice heard at this Medicaid vigil.

JOIN VIGIL



Upcoming Events

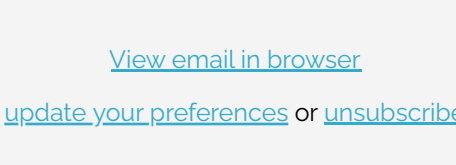
- Sun., July 27, 10 am-2 pm: [Open Streets in Lawrenceville and the Strip District](#)
- Aug. 7-10: [All Together Now! A Benefit Music Festival for Pittsburgh's Immigrant Community](#)
- Fri., Aug. 8, 9 am: [Dementia Friends Virtual Info Session](#)
- Sun., Aug. 10, 12-5 pm: [Walk-n-Roll for Life Wellness Resource Fair](#)
- Thu., Aug. 14, 1-2 pm: [Age-Friendly PA Virtual Learning Collaborative](#)
- Sat., Aug. 16, 1-4 pm: [Age-Friendly's Block Party in McKeesport](#)
- Wed., Aug. 20, 12 pm: [Pitt OLLI Virtual Open House](#)
- Sat., Aug. 23, 12-3 pm: [Age-Friendly Hub at Sharpsburg's Summer Sizzler](#)
- Sept. 29-Oct. 3: [Week Without Driving PGH](#)
- Tue., Sept. 30, 6 pm: [Introduction to PA Department of Aging CareKit in East Liberty](#)



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