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Neighbors vow to fight closing of Observatory Hill post office

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By Diana Nelson Jones, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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The Observatory Hill post office closed at 2 p.m. yesterday, leaving a dozen residents along the sidewalk with protest signs vowing to work to get it reopened.

The U.S. Postal Service has deliberated closing the branch on Perrysville Avenue for the past year and shortened its hours -- to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. -- because of dwindling use. Some residents say those hours, rather than on either end of a work day, prevented them from using it.



Darrell Sapp, Post-Gazette
Kyra Humphries, of Observatory Hill, carries her sign to protest the closing of the Perrysville Avenue post office.

"We certainly sympathize," said Tad Kelly, a post office spokesman. "We know the emotional attachment folks have to a community post office. It's a business decision. We have to be fiscally responsible. We are not subsidized by tax dollars."

He said the postal service will pick up packages at people's homes and that "the Internet gives them everything they need."

Several post office users disagreed.

"We mail medicines," said Nancy Glass, a pharmacy technician at The Medicine Shoppe, which is just down the street. "We mail well over 100 packages a month." The closing represents "a terrible hardship," she

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said.

Carolyn Hatcher, who wore a cardboard sign that read "Seniors need this post office," said that going online "may be easier, but it's good to get out. It's good for the morale. Sometimes, after going to the post office, I keep walking to Riverview Park." She shook her head and bit her lip. "I really hate this. I need this post office."

"Where are you going to get \$1,800 to buy a computer?" asked Michael McCarthy, who held a sign that read, "Post office Keep Open!"

"I have enough trouble with a 39-cent stamp," he said.

Observatory Hill Inc., a neighborhood preservation and advocacy group, recently filed an appeal to get the decision reversed with the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, D.C., said Malcolm Hardie, president of the group.

"This will provide a hardship for seniors and people who do not have an automobile," he said. Beyond that, he said, it hurts the community.

"People want the personal, the hometown feel, someone they can talk to.

"I guess people think their school, their post office, even their mother, are going to be there forever."

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121 Richey Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15214
July 16, 2006

Malcolm Hardie, President
Observatory Hill, Inc.

Dear Mr. Hardie,

The Observatory Finance Station on Perrysville Avenue needs to reopen so that residents can make use of this important service again. This local postal station services residents of Summer Hill, Perry Hilltop, Observatory Hill and beyond. The need and financial profitability of the station has been established.

The Observatory Station needs to remain open for several reasons.

- ◇ Service to numerous senior residents who rely on public transportation
- ◇ No nearby postal stations available, with others over 4 miles distant
- ◇ Highly used by local businesses, churches/schools, organizations
- ◇ Profitable for many years; still profitable considering short hours
- ◇ Serves neighbors: foot traffic to banks, schools, commercial business nearby

Window service is very necessary and used by many families. In one recent eight week survey over 320 transactions took place each week, while the post office was open half time. The community is growing ~ with a new restaurant opening and plans to relocate WPXI/TV11 near the Observatory Station.

The proposed closing would seriously restrict service to:

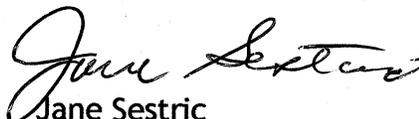
- A large high school and several child care centers,
- Six churches and their congregations,
- Twenty community businesses in the immediate area and many beyond, including banks, pharmacies, cafes, educational and non-profit facilities.

Closing of this office would cut service to state funded/regional organizations, including a regional legislative and magistrate's office, and regional seminary.

We see the strong need for a local post office, as the branch has been servicing the community for over 50 years. The manner in which the hours were cut two years ago without proper public notification, and the recent closing procedure, without public announcement to the broader community is not respectful of the needs of nearby residents. Please help us appeal the closing of this postal station, an important community service in Observatory Hill and surrounding communities, so that local residents can take advantage of postal service where they live. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Respectfully,


Richard Sestric


Jane Sestric

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July 20, 2006

Malcolm Hardie, President
Observatory Hill Inc.
3442 Perrysville Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Dear Malcolm,

Please forward this letter to the appropriate individuals.

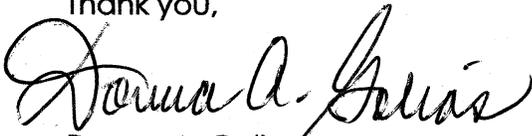
Having been a resident of Observatory Hill for 50 plus years I was amazed to learn that our Observatory Hill Post Office was closed this year. There have been other decisions made without my knowledge or the knowledge of this community pertaining to our post office. Some of these were: A 10 hour reduction in branch operations. A mailbox that was once convenient for drivers had been turned back to face the post office building. This branch was remodeled and made smaller and less visible to the public. I am sure there were other gradual subtle changes that were made for the ultimate demise of our post office without our knowledge until it was done.

What exactly is the reason for closing this post office? If it is because there is not enough business, then who are the people who have made this branch office so inconvenient and inaccessible to the community? The answer is you. This post office is a profitable branch.

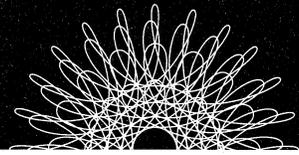
I am now asking you to reconsider. This post office has been sabotaged without anyone in the community knowing. Bring back branch hours that are convenient for everyone, not just for the non-working and this branch will be even more prosperous. Put our driver friendly mailbox back and you will have a full mailbox. Light the area at the post office to let the community and public know that there is a post office. Do this for the seniors, for the residents who do not drive and for the convenience of our thriving neighborhood.

Do the right thing; keep our Observatory Hill Post Office opened.

Thank you,



Donna A. Golias



July 10, 2006

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The Postal Rate Commission

Pipitone Group is an integrated marketing firm offering advertising, public relations, marketing technologies and strategy. We do a significant amount of mailing to clients. We have been located on Perrysville Avenue in the Observatory Hill section of Pittsburgh for over 10 years. Our business has been definitely impacted by the proposed closing of the Observatory Post Office and its diminished offerings over the years.

In addition, my home is located in this section of Pittsburgh, so I have a very real concern about the results of this closing on my neighborhood. Since this is a "walking" community, our residents and business owners rely on our services being close at hand. Within a two-block radius, we have a convenience store, two banks, drug store, pizza shop, restaurant, tavern, bakery, chiropractor, three beauty shops, barber shop, day care center, notary, thrift store, personal car detail & wash, church, fire station, Perry Traditional Academy high school, and our Post Office.

This closing of a vital part of this area will be bad for business and the community. Our senior citizens also rely on this post office being close by as part of their daily routine of walking to these stores.

Our Observatory Post Office is a viable community asset and provides a much-needed service to all patrons. While we are all trying, and succeeding, to build up and enhance our neighborhood, this closing would certainly be seen as a detriment to all those efforts.

This post office has never LOST money. While the revenues have been down recently, that fact is directly related to the reduced hours since 2002. These revenues will definitely increase by having regular hours, a copier, mailbox access 24/7, an OPEN sign on the window, and office interior lighting at night to promote mailbox rental.

We hope our plea and the pleas of all our businesses and citizens will be heard. We need and want our Post Office back.

Thank you.



Scott Pipitone
CEO, Pipitone Group

DATE OF POSTING: 7/11/05



DATE OF REMOVAL: 9/8/05



PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE OBSERVATORY FINANCE STATION
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
CITY DELIVERY SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 15214

1. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Observatory Finance and provide city delivery service administered by the Woods Run Station, located three miles away. City delivery by carrier is available for all customers. Local business customer – Allegheny Observatory, will install mailbox to accommodate curbside delivery. Present carrier will include daily delivery in current line of travel. An average of an additional 2-3 minutes per day, 6 days a week will be an add-on to the route. No cost incurred due to decrease in daily volume.

Post office box and retail services are available at 3 stations located 3-4 miles away. Window hours at all other facilities are longer with one facility having 24 hour lobby with Automated Postal Center (APC). All have Saturday hours.

What Review?

A review of the business activities of the Observatory Finance revealed that the office workload has declined, and the office qualifies for service only four hours per day.

*wrong to
inconsistent with
facts.*

Accordingly, the service hours were changed effective July 15, 2002, to 10:00AM to 2:00PM, Monday through Friday. Our office review revealed an average of 65 daily retail window transactions. Workload at the Observatory Finance has remained on the decline, however, the small number of customers served and minimal number of daily transactions conducted indicates that city delivery will continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service to the Observatory community.

The Observatory Finance office provides window and box service 20 hours a week from 10:00AM to 2:00PM, Monday through Friday, and from 10:00AM to 11:30AM, Saturday. Box service is provided to 27 customers. All customers can receive duplicate delivery. Retail services include the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes, and money orders; special services such as registered, certified, insured, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, COD, and Express Mail; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail. Walk-in Revenue for the past three years is as follows: FY02 WIR was \$116,285.75; FY03 WIR was 74,661.27; and FY04 WIR \$56,644.05. Revenue units are unavailable due to the fact that the entire city of Pittsburgh station and branches all were under the same finance number. There are no permit mailers and no postage meter customers.

*part-time:
Fulltime
Min: \$150,000.00
ANNUAL*

When this proposal is implemented, delivery services will be provided by the Woods Run Station. Retail services will be available at the Allegheny Station, located 4 miles away. Window services hours are from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday, and 8:00AM to 12:00PM, Saturday. Lobby hours are 6:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday, and 6:00AM to 3:00PM, Saturday. There are 423 Post Office boxes available. Box rental fees are \$24.00 (size 1), \$38.00 (size 2) and \$68.00 (size 3); these fees are less than Observatory Finance Station. Retail services are also available at the Kilbuck Station, located 3 miles away. Window services hours are from 7:00AM to 9:00PM, Monday through Friday, and 8:00AM to 2:00PM, Saturday. Lobby hours are 24 hours, Monday through Saturday. Box rental fees are \$29.00 (size 1), \$45.00 (size 2) and \$80.00 (size 3); these fees are the same as Observatory Finance Station. There are 104 Post Office boxes available. The Kilbuck Station has a 24 hour lobby available with an Automated Postal Center. These other facilities will provide expanded window service hours, ample post office boxes, increased parking spaces, and handicap accessibility.

On March 8, 2005, 27 questionnaires were distributed to all Observatory Finance postal box customers. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers. Sixteen questionnaires were returned. Twelve responses were unfavorable and four responses expressed no opinion regarding the proposal to close.

The proposal to close the Observatory Finance Station was posted with an invitation to public comment at the General Mail Facility. On May 5, 2005, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the General Mail Facility to answer questions and provide information to customers. Eight customers attended the meeting.

The following postal concerns were expressed at the community meeting:

Postal Concerns

1. Concern: Customer was concerned about vandalism to the Allegheny Observatory if a mailbox was installed due to close proximity to Riverview Park. The Observatory is also a Historical Landmark and concern is installation of a mailbox on building would not be appropriate.

Response: The Pittsburgh Postmaster personally drove up to review the area. It has been determined that Allegheny Observatory could benefit by curb line delivery. The carrier on that route can accommodate all delivery and when large parcels or accountables are involved, the carrier will take items into office for delivery. If no one is available to receive items, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Customer may pick items up at the Kilbuck Finance Office or request redelivery on another day. Customer's response to this was "all my needs will then be met with this arrangement".

2. Concern: Customers expressed concern over all alternative access channels that are available to the public would give more reason to close all post offices in the future.

Response: There will always be a need for the Postal Service to remain viable. Although this office has shown a decline in business, other post offices are extremely busy. By providing alternative access, the postal service is accommodating convenience and availability into the busy lives of today's population.

3. Concern: Customers expressed concern over need of PO Box for his business and what options are there.

Response: The manager of Kilbuck Station, which is located approximately 3 miles from Observatory Station, verified there are available PO Boxes for rent. Other benefits to the Kilbuck Station are that the lobby is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The customers were very pleased to hear the additional availability to access their box mail and stated that since it is for their businesses, the hours would be more beneficial.

4. Concern: Customers inquired about the time-frame the review covered to start the consideration of possible discontinuance of the Observatory Finance Station.

Response: There is an 8 week review that is done to determine generated revenue and transactions.

5. Concern: Customers felt that when the hours were cut back in July 2002, the hours were inconvenient which resulted in loss of business. Maybe the hours could be

changed to promote more business, possibly be either later in the day, or split hours throughout the day.

Response: The hours were determined by a WOS survey and proved to be the most beneficial to customers. Box customers need the early hours for early pick-up of their mail. The hours must coincide with clerk bids and labor issues are to be considered.

6. **Concern:** Customers feel that local senior citizens in the area rely on simple stamp purchases and this will be an inconvenience.

Response: The Stamps by Mail program will be a convenience to all customers, including senior citizens. The Postal Service order forms are incorporated in self-addressed, postage paid envelopes. Customers can obtain order envelopes from letter carriers, in Post Office lobbies, or by calling the local delivery unit to request the form. By completing the ordering form along with a personal check, the order can be mailed or given to their carrier. The stamp order will be filled and delivered with the next day's mail. Another resource available is 1-800-STAMP-24. Customers may order stamps and make purchases with major credit cards. This toll-free number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is a service charge, and stamps are delivered by mail within 3-5 business days. The customers were unaware of these services and were very interested in the opportunity for convenience.

7. **Concern:** Customers inquired as to the hours being changed to accommodate working customers.

Response: The hours were determined by a WOS survey and the current set hours were decided to be the most beneficial to majority of customers. Along with the results of the survey, there are labor issues and employee scheduling which is all part of determining the hours of operation.

8. **Concern:** Customer inquired to the facts that were included in the survey letter regarding the review that revealed an average of 65 daily retail window transactions. Is that a low number of transactions?

Response: That number is extremely low and is an indicator that office workload has declined. This reduced workload suggests that the maintenance of an independent office at Observatory Station may not be warranted.

9. **Concern:** Customer inquired to the fact that the Postal Service does not work to make a profit and feels that the office should not be closed due to lack of profit. Customer questioned the economic savings to the proposed closing.

Response: Economic savings are only one of several factors considered. The Postal Service's primary goal is to service customers. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility that is underutilized.

10. **Concern:** Customer felt if the hours were changed it would benefit local businesses, and inquired if the Postal Service would consider taking a customer survey regarding the need for better hours.

Response: The survey that is used is a survey run on our POS system. This survey shows when the transactions occur and the revenue generated which determines the decision on hours of service.

Customer
HAD to ASK !!

11. Concern: Customer stated that the post office is a vital part of the community. They were wondering if they would be able to stop the closing, and what recourse they would have. Would it be worth their effort to get the neighborhood to rally?

Response: Right now we are at the fact finding phase of the process. There are steps that the Postal Service is mandated to follow. It is a long process and copies of the "Summary of Post Office Change Regulations" are available at this meeting. Also, a copy was included in the initial survey questionnaire that was provided to box customers and walk-in customers. The written proposal will be prominently posted at the Observatory Station for 60 days, along with an "Invitation for Comments". At the end of the 60-day comment period, additional review will be made at lower and upper levels of postal management. When a final decision is made at Postal Headquarters in Washington, DC, that decision will be posted for 30 days, during which time customers may appeal the decision to Headquarters. Within 120 days, Postal Headquarters will render a decision.

12. Concern: Customer felt that a survey should have been given to every household in the entire community.

Response: The basic need was to have customers of the Observatory Station respond to the survey. All box customers and walk-in customers had opportunity to submit the survey with personal comments.

13. Concern: Customer inquired as to exactly where is Postal Headquarters.

Response: Postal Headquarters is located in Washington, DC at L'Enfant Plaza. All concerns stated today are going to be part of the docket that we submit to Headquarters.

14. Concern: Customer inquired as to where the proposal is going to be located?

Response: The proposal will be at the Observatory Station and will be open to the public for 60 days.

15. Concern: Customer asked what the local businesses are doing for their mail. Their mail should be contributing to the Observatory Station for revenue.

Response: This response was from one of the attendees – The local business does their own mailing by postage meter, or they have bulk mail that they run over to the General Mail Facility. The local businesses do not generally use the Observatory for any daily business mailings.

16. Concern: Customer stated that if the Observatory Station does close, they will be in need of box services. Will there be an available box to rent at the Allegheny Station, and is there a guarantee of availability?

Response: The manager of Allegheny Station assured the customer that there are available boxes for rental. In addition to available box services, the hours are 6:00AM – 5:00PM, which provide additional convenience to the current hours of 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

17. Concern: Customers were concerned about change of address procedures.

Response: Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service. First class mail and

"change service requested" mail will be forwarded. Change of address can also be done by accessing USPS.com.

18. Concern: Customer inquired about details of the Woods Run Station.

Response: Manager of the Woods Run Station provided details on delivery by the Woods Run Carrier Facility and on other finance offices including the Bellevue and Kilbuck Stations. Customers were also informed about the APC that is available in the Kilbuck Finance office. Customers were very interested in the services the APC can provide in the 24-hour lobby.

19. Concern: Customer inquired about the possibility of an APC being placed in Observatory Station.

Response: Placement of an APC in Observatory Station would not be feasible. There are only 14 APCs district wide. Placement of an APC requires usage of at least \$333 per day. Observatory does not generate enough revenue to justify that investment.

20. Concern: Customer inquired about what "RD" means.

Response: That is a term of addressing for rural deliveries. Since 9/11, addresses are being updated to be more specific to ensure easier location in the event of emergencies.

21. Concern: Customer inquired if the WOS surveys were going to continue and possibly have hours changed to split the day. Can more surveys be done?

Response: Due to labor issues, the hours cannot be split throughout the day. Surveys can be done at anytime. Window transactions do not warrant another survey at this time.

22. Concern: Customers expressed the wonderful neighborhood experience of walking down the street and stopping in to visit with the clerk. All employees have been very nice to just talk to while doing business. The prior one in particular always provided excellent service. It was unfortunate when this employee was held at gunpoint during a robbery at the post office. The customers feel this forced the employee into retirement.

Response: We appreciate your views on the excellent service you have all received. The Postal Service prides itself on maintaining our high level of customer service and delivery standards at affordable prices.

23. Concern: Customer was concerned with an incident that occurred while she was a box holder – there was a family emergency and she had to leave town unexpectedly, unable to submit a hold notice. If her mail is being delivered to her home, there would be an accumulation and then possible vandalism/robbery if people know she is not home.

Response: The Postal Service has options available for hold notifications – you can either access USPS.com or put in a hold notification, or you can call 1-800-ASK-USPS and submit a hold notice. Customers were unaware of the alternatives the Postal Service has available and were very pleased.

24. Concern: Customer requested that a door-to-door neighborhood survey be conducted.

Response: If additional surveys are sent out, we will consider doing a door-to-door survey.

Some advantages of a carrier service proposal are:

1. Carrier delivery service is beneficial to some senior citizens, the handicapped, and working people since customers will no longer need to travel to the Post Office to pick up their mail.
2. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
3. The carrier provides retail services, alleviating the need to go to the Post Office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience. Additionally, Carrier pickup service is a convenience that eliminates customers from coming into the post office.
4. Customers opting for carrier service will no longer have to pay Post Office box fees.
5. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the Post Office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of a carrier service proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet in the community.
2. Need to meet the carrier at the mailbox to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in mailing address. The community name and the ZIP Code will continue to be used in most instances in the new address.
4. Customers who want Post Office box service at a different Post Office may experience a box fee increase or decrease. However, free service is available through carrier delivery.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Observatory Hill area is located in the incorporated city of Pittsburgh. The area is administered politically by a mayor and council form of government. Police and fire protection is provided by the city of Pittsburgh. The community is comprised of a wide range of residents. There are some properties that have been restored and are quite attractive. There are also city housing plans near the post office as well, some of which are being closed.

There are two religious institutions in the community. Businesses include: Perry High School, magistrate's office, Allegheny Observatory, Gunn Co., Scott Pipitone Design, John Tremulak, Dr. Adamchic, Byzantine Seminary & Church, Gazy Lazor Candies/Collectibles, French Creek Peanut Co., Observatory Hill Inc., Thomas Consulting Group, Leonard Adams/Melacom, Rivertree Christian Ministry, daycare center, and Medicine Shop. Residents travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Observatory Finance Station will be available at the Kilbuck Finance Station. Government forms will also be available at the Kilbuck Finance Station.

There were no nonpostal concerns expressed on the returned questionnaires.

The following nonpostal concern expressed at the community meeting was:

Nonpostal Concern

1. Concern: Customers stated public parking in the area is an ongoing problem. The snorkel box was removed due to cars were parking in front of box.

Response: With the other post office locations available locally, parking is much more convenient for customers.

Based on the information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

To help preserve the community identity, the ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. It will continue to be listed in Publication 65, *National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory*.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The part-time flexible clerk will be utilized at the Allegheny Station and maintain similar hours of work. There is no full-time position that will be impacted by closing the Observatory Finance Station. No other employee will be adversely affected

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimated an annual savings of \$37,085.00 with a breakdown as follows:

Clerk Salary (PTF PS-5, Minimum, No COLA)	\$22,919.00
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	7,563.00
Rental Costs, Excluding Utilities	+ <u>6,603.00</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$37,085.00
Less Annual Costs of Replacement Services	- <u>0.00</u>
Total Annual Savings	\$37,085.00

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Observatory Finance and provide city delivery service administered by the Woods Run Station, located three miles away. City delivery by carrier is available for all customers. There is only one local business customer – Allegheny Observatory, who will install mailbox to accommodate curbside delivery. Present carrier will include daily delivery in current line of travel. An average of additional 2-3 minutes per day, 6 days a week will be absorbed to the route. No cost incurred due to decrease in daily volume.

The PTF clerk will report to the Allegheny Station for all assignments. No other employee will be adversely affected. Workload and customer use has declined.

The Observatory Finance Station provides 20 hours per week of box service to 27 customers. Daily retail window transactions average 65. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

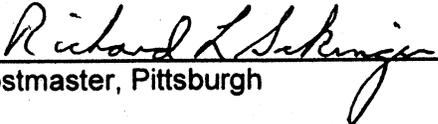
The Allegheny Station and Kilbuck Finance will continue to provide the same services, with additional hours of service available. There will be a loss of an office in the area. There will be ample post office boxes for all customers in the area. The ZIP Code will not be eliminated. Postal Box customers will need to submit a change of address. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$37,085.00 annually. The Allegheny Station and Kilbuck Finance offices are staffed by career postal employees to ensure that high standards of service are maintained.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and the proposal is warranted.

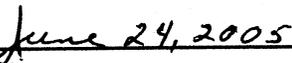
VII. NOTICES

- A. **Support Materials.** Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Observatory Finance Station during normal office hours.
- B. **This is a proposal.** It is not a final determination to close the Observatory Finance Station. If a final determination is made to close this station, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Rate Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



Postmaster, Pittsburgh



Date

Richard L. Sekinger
Postmaster, Pittsburgh

I am a resident of Observatory Hill, and am writing to voice my comments about your written proposal [docket number 15214]. Some items in your proposal are valid, while others are not. I will dwell on the latter.

- 1. In the second paragraph, you state “Post Office box and retail services are available at 3 stations located 3-4 miles away.” In succeeding paragraphs, you list only 2 stations that are available for retail services – Allegheny Station and Kilbuck Station.**
- 2. Don’t we already have city delivery service, provided by the Woods Run Station? The city delivery service is unable to furnish those services that are only available at a retail post office location. To use these services would require automobile or bus transportation, as it too far to walk to these other locations. Also, I do not believe that window and box services are available on Saturday at the Observatory Station.**
- 3. Re: 27 questionnaires distributed to box customers at Observatory Station. They were also available over the counter. A total of 16 questionnaires were returned. Isn’t this a rather meager and embarrassing response?**
- 4. Re: An invitation for public comment was posted at the Observatory Station. On May 5, 2005, representatives from the Postal Service were available to answer questions and provide information to customers. Eight [8] customers attended the meeting. This “community meeting” was poorly advertised, as witnessed by only 8 members were present. Is this another embarrassment?**
- 5. The bulk of the written proposal consisted of the “minutes” of that meeting, where concerns and responses were listed.**
- 6. Re: Items #5 and #7 - - hours were determined by a WOS. Where and when was this survey conducted? What specific labor issues and employee scheduling issues are involved?**
- 7. Re: Item #9 – profit. The U.S. Congress has decreed that NO post office will be closed because it is not making a profit. End of argument!**
- 8. Re: Item 12 – Your survey. Your efforts to have customers at the Observatory Station respond to the survey was very inadequate. As evidence, you received only 16 responses, some from box customers and an undisclosed number of retail customers.**

Retail customers, generally, do not linger or even look at the bulletin board.

II. Effect on Community - - Re: your list of businesses and religious institutions in the community:

a. You state there are two religious institutions in the community. False. There are 5 or 6.

b. Businesses listing - some are valid, others not

1) Magistrates office – not a business

2) Allegheny Observatory – not a business

3) Dr. Adamchic – his dental office has been closed and he has been deceased for many years.

b. Parking problems – Yes, parking problems do exist at times.

III. Re: Economic Savings – Your estimate of annual savings of \$37,085.00. The first two items are connected to the “clerk salary” and “fringe benefits.” Is it not true that, if this facility is to be closed, that the clerk will be employed at some other facility? If so, there are no savings. Your true savings are only from rental costs and utilities. Thus, your figure of annual savings seems to be invalid.

I trust this information will be taken into account. The community is planning a response to alter or cancel the proposed closing.

Yours,

**Dr. William Feriane
28 Richey Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15214**

POSTMASTER



October 3, 2005

Susan Rooney, President
Observatory Hill, Inc.
P.O. Box 7651
Pittsburgh, PA 15214-0651

Dear Ms. Rooney:

Thank you for the invitation to attend a community forum on the proposed closing of the Observatory Finance Station to be held on October 12.

Regrettably, the 60-day public posting of the proposal and invitation for customer comments has passed and we are in the review and decision stage of the proposal. The public posting was conducted from July 11, 2005 through September 9, 2005 at our Observatory, Allegheny and General Mail Facility (Kilbuck) Stations.

I have attached the Summary of Post Office Change Regulations that was made available to all who attended the community meeting on May 5, 2005 at the General Mail Facility. At the meeting, participants were made aware that their comments, along with those received during the 60-day public posting period would become part of the official proposal and would receive consideration by both local Postal management and Postal Headquarters when rendering a final decision.

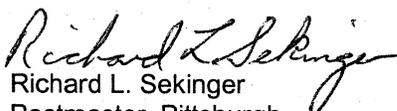
If Postal Headquarters finds that our local proposal is warranted, a Public Notice of Final Decision will be posted for 30 days, allowing the community the opportunity to appeal to the Postal Rate Commission. At that point, the Postal Rate Commission will render a final decision within 120 days.

If Postal Headquarters finds that the proposal is not warranted, the proposal will be denied and no further action will be taken to discontinue the Observatory Finance Station.

While I appreciate the invitation to participate in your community meeting, it would be inappropriate for me to attend since it is being conducted outside of the timeframes outlined above, which are required under Title 39, United States Code, Section 404(b).

I appreciate and respect the comments and concerns we have received from the community, and can assure you that careful consideration will be given to all issues raised. We remain committed to providing the Observatory community with excellent service. Please contact our Consumer Affairs Office at (412) 359-7845 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


Richard L. Sekinger
Postmaster, Pittsburgh

Enclosure

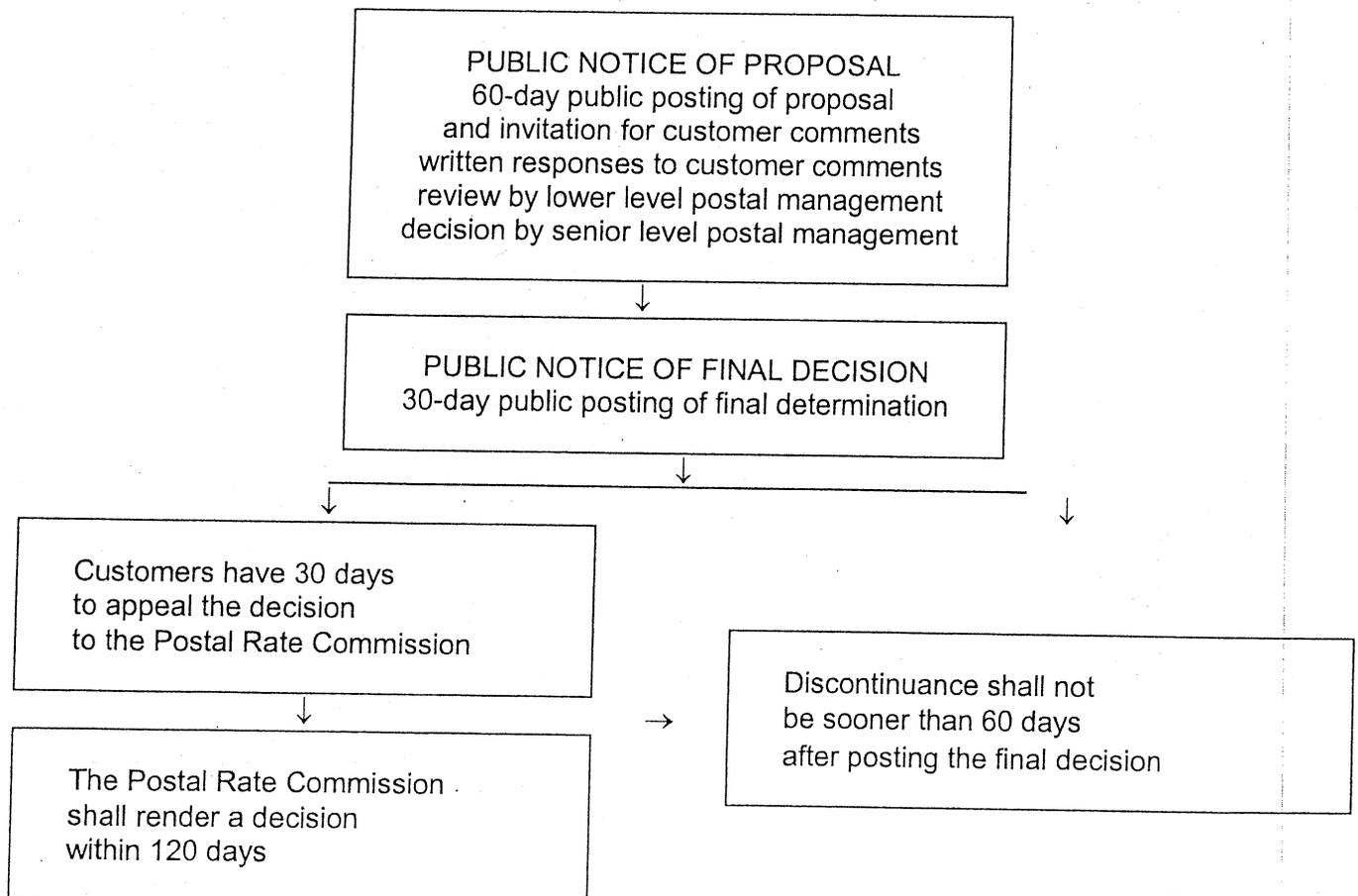
Cc: Keith J. Beppler, District Manager/Lead Executive

SUMMARY OF POST OFFICE CHANGE REGULATIONS

Certain regulations based on federal law apply when postal managers propose to replace a post office with an alternate form of postal service. These regulations are designed to ensure that the reasons for proposing such changes in postal service are fully disclosed at a stage when customers can make helpful contributions toward a final decision. The full text of the statutory regulations appears in Title 39, United States Code, Section 404(b), while the implementing regulations appear in Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 241.3.

An initial investigation and any subsequent formal proposal to discontinue a post office originate with postal field managers responsible for post offices in that area. The proposal must explain the services recommended as substitutes and the rationale that supports this recommendation. The written proposal is prominently posted for 60 days at affected post offices, along with an "Invitation for Comments," which formally invites customer comments. At the end of the 60-day comment period, additional review is made at lower and upper levels of postal management.

When a final decision is made at Postal Headquarters in Washington, DC, that decision is posted in affected post offices for 30 days, during which customers may appeal the decision to the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, DC. The Postal Rate Commission has 120 days to consider and decide an appeal. Even without an appeal, no post office may be closed sooner than 60 days after the public posting of the final decision.



POSTMASTER



July 14, 2006

Carolyn Hatcher
6 Waldorf Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15214-1903

Dear Ms. Hatcher:

This is in response to your recent request for reconsideration of the discontinuance of retail service operations at the Observatory Finance Station of the Pittsburgh Post Office.

I acknowledge your concerns and appreciate the opportunity to clarify our position. Federal regulations are designed to ensure that the reasons for proposing changes in postal service are fully disclosed at a stage when customers can make helpful contributions toward a final decision. The full text of the statutory regulations appears in Title 39, United States Code, Section 404(b), while the implementing regulations appear in Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 241.3.

In accordance with these regulations, the proposal to close the Observatory Finance Station explained the services recommended as substitutes and the rationale that supported this recommendation. The community was invited to a meeting held at the General Mail Facility. The written proposal was prominently posted for 60 days at the Observatory Finance Station, along with an additional invitation for comments. After receiving feedback from the community during the timeframe outlined in the referenced regulations, an additional review was made. Comments from the community and our review were incorporated into the formal proposal to close the Observatory Finance Station, Docket Number 15214.

We greatly appreciated the comments received from the Observatory community and their participation at the community meeting. You may be assured that input from the community was given the serious consideration it deserved, both locally and at our headquarters level.

We are confident that we can continue to provide excellent service to customers at other retail facilities nearby, which include the Allegheny Station, West View Branch, General Mail Facility Finance Station and the McKnight Branch, all of which are within four miles of the former Observatory location.

Both the General Mail Facility Finance Station and the McKnight Branch are equipped with a 24-hour lobby and an Automated Postal Center (APC) that enable customers to conduct transactions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I regret that I could not provide you with a more favorable response. If you would like to further discuss our available services, please call Jeffrey Herrman, Customer Service Manager at the Allegheny Station. Mr. Herrman can be reached at (412) 231-1536.

Sincerely,


Michael Cafaro
A/Postmaster, Pittsburgh

Richard Sekinger: Postmaster, Pittsburgh.

The Observatory Finance Station closure will impact, affect and be a hardship for 2000 seniors and others who use the Observatory Hill Finance Station.

The location of the Observatory Hill Station provides a critical mass of people for revenues to far exceed past expectations. Postal revenues will increase by allowing the Observatory Finance Station to provide service to customers 10 am to 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 9am to 12pm. Box holders can access their boxes 7am Monday to Friday up to 6pm and Saturday 7am until 2pm.

The areas seniors, families and those who do not have transportation to travel 3 to 4 miles away will partner with the post office. These patrons will generate foot traffic because their concerns are considered and acted upon. Seniors **walk** in this area because of Riverview Park. Why should we force seniors to wait, to ask, to depend upon their children to drive them to a post office 3 to 4 miles away? What about those seniors who do not have a family? The post office sits on a prime piece of real estate. It is the most convenient post office in the area sitting on top of a mountain called Observatory Hill.

This post office already serves Summer Hill, Brighton Heights, and parts of Perry Hill Top. There are four to five senior centers in the area. The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Center, Steel Workers Building, Brighton Senior Center, and The Senior Center on the corner of Burgess and Perrysville. There are 6 churches. Perry Traditional Academy High School is directly across the street and 125 teachers utilize the post office. The local pharmacy: The Medicine shop ships 121 prescription drug packages to seniors outside the area each month. It is located 95 feet away. The 20th Legislative District Office is on the left and Magistrates office is on its right of the post office. These offices and their clients use the post office. Perrysville Avenue is a state highway. The **volume** of automobiles passing the post office and connecting the main corridor is just 65 feet from the post office. The Observatory Hill Finance Station is a diamond in the rough. The postal **location** is ripe for innovative, visionary postal service that integrates its Observatory customer base attracting others and incorporates best strategies to increase revenues and provide outstanding postal service to customers.

Please allow people to continue to have pride and dignity in their ability to have their post office as part of their daily routine. A few minor alterations will signal a new day, thrill the community and increase business further. Allow the Observatory Hill Finance station to remain a vital community anchor that receives the attention it needs to provide excellent postal service to its customers and increase profits.

Observatory Finance Station is a viable **community asset**. It's a contributing reason people come to Observatory Hill in many ways. It's a respected and trusted business providing a much-needed service to all patrons. It's a convenient place to do your United States Postal business. **Senior citizens** need and want the post office open. Closure hurts 2000 seniors. It's a place easily accessible for single-family members. The post office is a viable asset for business owners at home or in the area to patronize. Please: keep post office open/ partner with the community. **Malcolm Hardie:** Resident/President O.H.I

DON WALKO, MEMBER
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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

July 7, 2006

Richard Sekinger, Postmaster
United States Postal Service
1001 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15290

RE: OBSERVATORY FINANCE STATION

Dear Mr. Sekinger,

While I understand that no appeal process applies to the closing of the Observatory Finance Station in Observatory Hill, I wanted to ask you to reconsider your decision. The closing of the station has caused a great deal of inconvenience for my district office, which is next door to the now vacant facility, and to many of the constituents we serve.

The Observatory Hill neighborhood has many challenges and great opportunities. The postal branch was an integral part of the Observatory Hill, Inc. neighborhood organization's community revitalization efforts. Its loss and the loss of pedestrian traffic that has ensued have hindered their efforts.

I would deeply appreciate your reconsideration of your decision to close the station. In the meantime, if I can be of service in any state-related matter don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Walko".

DON WALKO
State Representative

Cc: Malcolm Hardie, President
Observatory Hill, Inc.



LUKE RAVENSTAHL

President, Pittsburgh City Council



July 13, 2006

Malcolm Hardie
3442 Perrysville Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Dear Malcolm:

I am writing to give my full support towards efforts to reopen the Observatory Hill Post Office.

The Observatory Hill Post Office is a valuable asset to communities of the Northside. It provides convenience and reliability that greatly benefits many residents of my district, including many seniors. This post office has been an extremely important part of the Observatory Hill Community, and it is my hope that the Postal Rate Commission will see this through our letters.

I urge you to continue to support residents in their efforts to keep the Observatory Hill Post Office open.

Please contact my office at 412-255-2135 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Ravenstahl".

Luke Ravenstahl
Pittsburgh City Council, Dist. 1



LUKE RAVENSTAHL

President, Pittsburgh City Council



September 22, 2005

Congressman
Michael Doyle
225 Ross Street: 5th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Senator Rick Santorum
Landmarks Building
One Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Senator Arlen Specter
425 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Elected Official:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Observatory Hill. A proposal to close the Observatory Hill Post Office has recently been submitted.

The Observatory Hill Post Office is a valuable asset to communities of the Northside. It provides convenience and reliability that greatly benefits many residents of my district, and it is my hope that they will be able to secure the necessary financial support to continue in their efforts.

I urge you to support residents in their efforts to keep the Observatory Hill Post Office open.

Please contact my office at 412-255-2135 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Pittsburgh City Council, Dist. 1

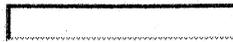
CC: Malcolm Hardie
Susan Rooney

Jackie Blakey-Tate, Principal
Perry Traditional Academy
3875 Perrysville Avenue
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July 7, 2006
The Medicine Shoppe
3900 Perrysville Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

To whom it may concern:

We at the Medicine Shoppe would like to inform you that the closing of the Observatory Hill Post Office has been a hardship not only to us, but our customers and the neighborhood.

The majority of our customers were not informed of the closing and are begging us for stamps and envelopes on a daily basis. Our neighborhood consists mostly of an elderly and low income population. They mostly depend on public transportation and would have to catch one or two buses in order to get to the nearest post office. Unless you were a regular daily visitor to Observatory P.O. people did not know about any talk of closing. It is not feasible for most elderly to order stamps and services on line as they don't use computers.

The Medicine Shoppe depended on the neighborhood post office because we mail approximately 125 packages a month. It was not only a cost savings but now we must have a delivery driver take them to another location. With the price of gasoline and taking employees away from their regular duties, this is not only money wasted but time as well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Rose Karichko, RPH
And Staff

Parkvale Bank

3908 Perrysville Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15214

(412) 231-3144

July 20, 2006

Observatory Hill, Inc.
Malcolm Hardie

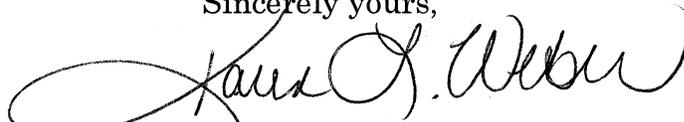
Dear Observatory Hill Board Members:

Observatory Hill is an area that is currently losing the things that make any neighborhood attractive to prospective homebuyers. Due to restructuring in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, we lost Chatham, our elementary school. Due to declining enrollment, we lost Incarnation, our other elementary school. A quick tour of our streets shows an increasing number of homes for sale. Losing the Post Office location will only contribute to the downward trend in this area.

The senior citizens that reside in Observatory Hill, who do not have access to transportation, rely on the Post Office because they can walk to it. The businesses in the area rely on the Post Office to send "certified" letters, or important correspondence that has to be sent "priority". The homeowners rely on the Post Office so they can have the convenience of staying in their own neighborhood to fulfill their postal needs. If we lose the Post Office, too, we are inviting those who have called this neighborhood their home to look elsewhere for another community that can provide them "one-stop shopping".

We feel it is important to keep the Post Office open, to keep this area growing, and to restore the feeling of a bright future for those who choose to call Observatory Hill their home.

Sincerely yours,



Karen L. Weber, Manager
Observatory Hill Branch

KLW

SCHORR BAKERY, INC.
3912 PERRYSVILLE AVE.
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15214

July 14, 2006

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of re-opening of the Observatory Hill Post Office. My father started the business in 1973 and I have had the business for the past 12 years. The business was on a decline at one time, but it has come back in the past 8years. I believe one of the reasons is because of the improvements in the neighborhood and a parking lot provided by the city.

We draw customers from the Northside, Brighton Height, North Hills, Shaler even as far as Cranberry Twp. We rely on the customers that we draw from other areas and the convenience of having a post office in the business district means alot to myself and our customers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Schorr".

Jim Schorr
Owner

Mr. Richard Sekinger, Postmaster
1001 California Avenue, Room 2012
Pittsburgh, PA 15290

RE: Observatory Hill Post Office Closing

Mr. Sekinger,

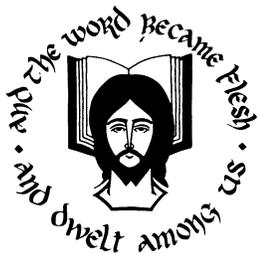
This letter is in response to the closing of the Observatory Hill post office on Perrysville Avenue. I have received several complaints from my customers and they have requested my support in trying to persuade the decision to reopen this post office location. We are located in a community that has a large senior citizen population and the closure of this location has had a major impact on these people especially. Many of my customers come from surrounding areas by taking the bus or walking because most have them do not have cars or are no longer able to drive. Having a bank, pharmacy, and post office as well as other businesses in the area made it possible for elderly citizens to be able to take care of their business conveniently such as banking, picking up prescriptions, and mailing letters or buying stamps right here in our neighborhood. Now, with the local post office closed these people have to go out of their way to another location which is hard when relying on public transportation.

Another important point to note is that the Observatory Hill area does have a small business community including stores, restaurants, banks, doctors' offices, and many professional offices etc. that would utilize the local post office. The closing of this location also affects these business owners and their employees. Also, these companies may lose business to competitors in other areas because our customers would travel to an area with a post office for all of their needs.

I hope that you will take my letter and any other letters received in regards to this matter seriously as I believe that the post office closing is a disservice to the residential and business community of Observatory Hill. If you have any further questions, please contact me at 412-321-4600.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter,


Michele Mook



Incarnation of the Lord Catholic Parish

4071 Franklin Road
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15214-1616

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412/931-2911
FAX: 412/931-2832

July 7, 2006

Mr. Malcolm Hardie, President
Observatory Hill Inc.
3442 Perrysville Avenue
Pittsburgh PA 15214

Dear (Malcolm ,)

Your help and support would be greatly appreciated regarding the re-opening of the Observatoy Hill Post Office on Perrysville Avenue.

This Post Office has served well the needs of many individuals as well as Business, Offices of Public Officals , Schools, Banks, Pharmacy, Funeral Home, and Churches in the area. The Post Office location is excellent and convenient for both residents of Observatory Hill, as well as, those of the surrounding community.

Several of our parishioners and a large number of senior citizens have expressed they have experienced both hardship and inconvenience with the closing of this Post Office, which has been a blessing to them for many, many years.

Hearing of the possibility of the re-opening of this Post Office has brought new hope and joy into the neighboring community once again! With your voice behind this endeavor, it is the hope of this community that our Post Office will once again become a reality!

Respectfully yours,

Sister Julie Makowski

Parish Secretary

Malcolm, the above is a copy of the letter send to :

Rep. Michael Doyle, Senator Rick Santorum, Arlen Specter % adam Pope,
Mr. Richard Sekinger, & Keith J. Beppler

PETERSON'S ASSISTED LIVING, INC.



Mr. Malcolm Hardie,
President, Observatory Hill Inc.,
3442 Perrysville Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa 15214

July 12, 2006

Dear Mr. Hardie:

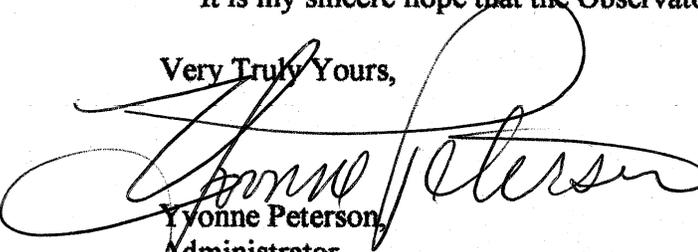
My name is Yvonne Peterson and my family has lived in the Observatory Hill Community for fifteen years. I was sadly disappointed with the decision to close our neighborhood post office. I have used the branch on countless occasions throughout the years because it was conveniently located near my home. The people that worked in our branch were always courteous, helpful, extremely knowledgeable and very professional.

Six years ago, my husband and I expanded our ties to the Observatory Hill area and opened a personal care home within walking distance of the post office. We currently take care of not only elderly, but also young and middle aged mentally disabled individuals. The post office was used by this facility on a frequent basis as many of our residents would send and receive countless letters and packages (especially during the holidays). It was a place where the people could walk to and purchase stamps, mail letters etc., and receive answers to routine, and many times, repetitive questions that would otherwise frustrate someone working (or customers standing in line) at a larger branch. The postal people at the Observatory Hill branch office were like family and went out of their way to service everyone (young, old or disabled).

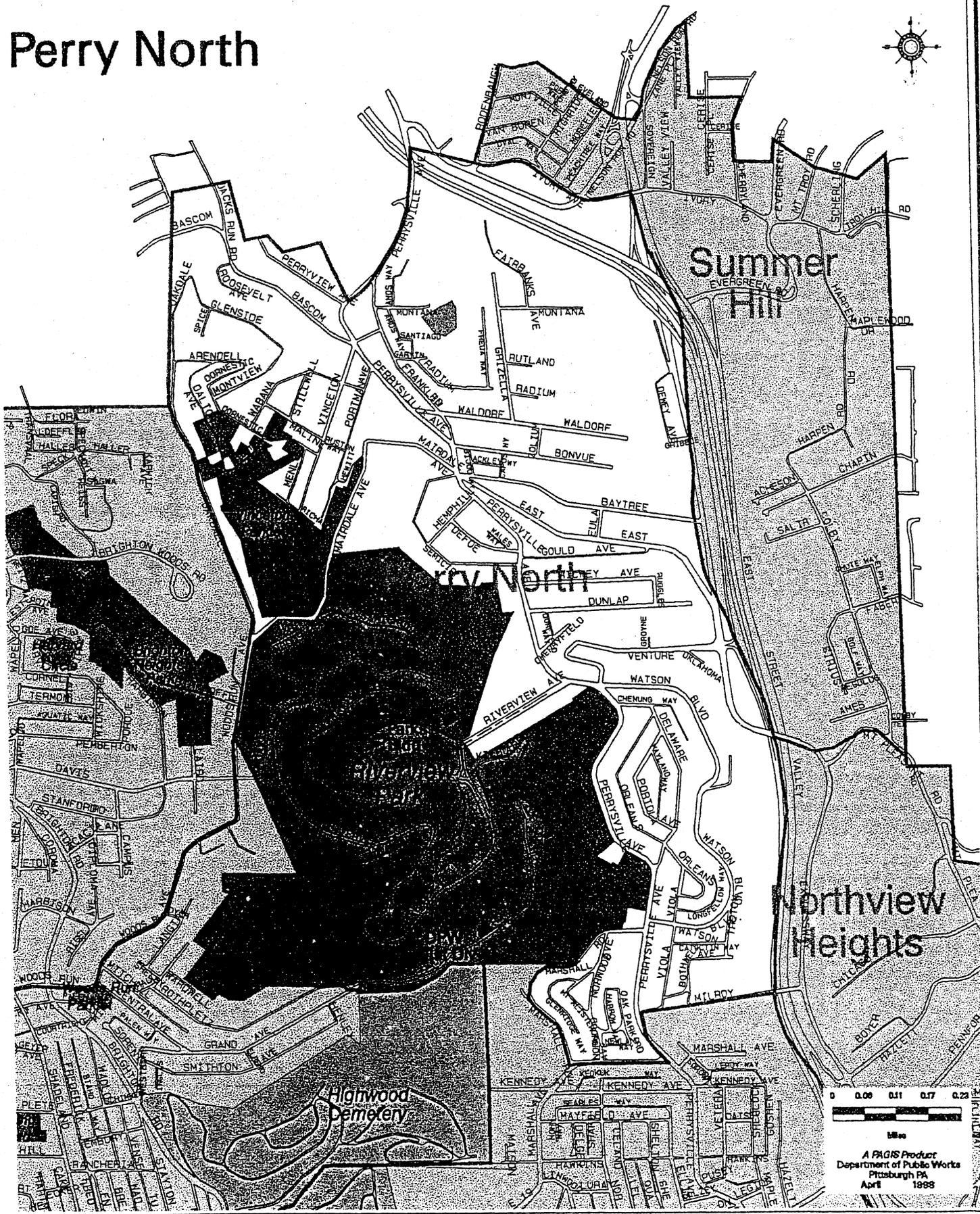
Now that the Observatory Hill Post Office no longer exist, residents that previously would walk around the corner to take care of their postal needs will now have to rely on others to assist them. Some will not be able to get to the alternate locations because they are too far away and they will not be able to successfully navigate through the public transportation system. Additionally, as the owner of a newly established business which requires countless hours, the additional time that I now spend on trips to an alternate location to take care of my postal needs to run my home, business and now two children in college could have been avoided.

It is my sincere hope that the Observatory Hill Post Office will be reopened.

Very Truly Yours,


Yvonne Peterson
Administrator

Perry North



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Pittsburgh PA
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To Keep Observatory Hill Post Office Open!

Residents of Observatory Hill and surrounding communities want and expect the Observatory Hill Post Office to remain OPEN. We expect there not to be any service disruptions for and reason what-so-ever.

Residents of Observatory Hill and surrounding communities are UNITED and believe that the post office location is excellent and convenient and the **POSTAL REVENUES WILL INCREASE** by having: extended hours, copier, and mail box access 24/7, an open sign on the window, parking for all patrons clearly enforced with signage that violators will receive a ticket and be towed. The office must have interior lighting at night to promote rental of mailboxes and reinforce the fact that a post office does exist instead of having the exterior completely dark at night.

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William Markowitz	3031 Mt Arister Rd	91	Wm Markowitz
Jane O'Connell	211 WATSON BLVD PON PA 15214	68	Jane O'Connell
Rose Borus	111 BONVUE ST - Pgh. PA. 15214		Rose Borus
Sabrina Lopez	11 DeFoe St. " " 15214	24	Sabrina Lopez
Michael J. McCarthy	4025 STILLWELL ST 15214	80	Michael J. McCarthy
Janet L Walker	165 Montview St, 15214		Janet L Walker
Carolyn Casewere	3500 Sirius St		Carolyn Casewere
RITA BABASH	3625 COLEY ST		Rita W. Babash
MJ KUBIAK	3354 DELAWARE ST	53	MJ Kubiak
Carolyn Hatcha	#6 Waldorf St 15214		Carolyn Hatcha
David DeLambert	3614 Colby St	33	David DeLambert
Nicole Butler	3702 Baytree St	35	Nicole Butler
Wendy Lane	#8 Dunlap St		Wendy Lane
Tom Thomas	#8 Dunlap St		Tom Thomas
Francesca Thudis	3442 Perrysville Avenue	48	Francesca Thudis
Kya Numphries	243 Watson Blvd. #2	37	Kya M. Numphries

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CAROLYNN RICHARDSON	4040 OAKDALE ST.	71	Carolynn Richardson
MARCELINE R. WESSLER	3801 BRIGHTON RD.	72	Marceline R. Wessler
DONALD J. TOMASIC	2205 ROCKLEDGE ST. PGH PA	70	Donald J. Tomasic
MARGARET REINHART	98 Renfer ST	78	Margaret Reinhart
Edwin Reinhard	98 Renfer ST.	83	Edwin Reinhard
MARGARET TOMASIC	2205 ROCKLEDGE ST	69	Margaret Tomasic
Frances M. Wisley	2121 Roanoke ave	88	Frances M. Wisley
Mabel York	506 McArthur Ave		Mabel York
Dorothy Smith	1213 Sandusky St.		Dorothy Smith
POLYANNA B. KENNEDY	3544 Fisher Terrace	74	Polyanna Kennedy
Paul Anschutz	301 Camelot	74	Paul Anschutz
Robert Anschutz	281 Camelot	76	Robert Anschutz
Richard Reardon	233 SEA BRIGHT ST	87	Richard Reardon
Ellen Klynowski	1020 Perrytown Place		Ellen Klynowski
Janet Steele	926 Yetta ave Pgh PA	42	Janet Steele
Jeremy O'Dell	6635 Dalzell Place	34	Jeremy O'Dell
Patricia Shaugnessy	2220 Perryville	54	Patricia Shaugnessy
Lorraine D. Toff	2225 Federal ST. Eft	56	Lorraine D. Toff

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Graver Walden	403 Grove St McKees Rocks P.A	38	Graver Walden
Damon Clay	1222 Boyle St	43	Damon Clay
Marty Scott	3076 Marshall Rd	48	Marty Scott
Carla Biaggi	3104 Norwood Ave Pgh PA	45	Carla Biaggi
Richard Fischer	3038 Marshall Rd. Pgh PA	56	Richard Fischer
Joni Kertis	3030 Norwood Ave Pgh. PA	37	Joni Kertis
JAMES KERTIS	3030 Norwood Ave	38	James Kertis
Benny Bragg	314 Norwood Ave	55	Benny Bragg
James Rooney	3032 Norwood Ave	61	James P. Rooney
SUSAN SEIDEN	3050 Marshall Road	18+	Susan Seiden
Lucia Cammarata	3030 Marshall Road	20+	Lucia Cammarata
Mary Angela Egg	119 Kirk Ave	56	Mary Angela Egg
Melnie Wloddek	3 Glenview Rd 15237	63	Melnie Wloddek
JULIA VIDIC	317 RICHY AVE 15214	33	Julia Vidic
Mike Crowner	6306 Stanton Ave. 15206	58	Mike Crowner
Howard W Bischoff	2933 Oak Park Rd 15214	53	Howard Bischoff
Mary Russo	2927 Oak Park Rd 15214	45	Mary Russo
Mary Wetheren	3005 Oak Park Rd Pgh PA	18+	Mary Wetheren

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RON V. BABASH	3623 COLBY ST Pgh. PA. 15214	92	Ronald V. Babash
JEAN FUELLER	3640 COLBY ST. Pgh 15214	59	Jean Fueller
EVAN FUELLER	3640 COLBY ST Pgh 15214	60	Evan Fueller
DON BENKO	3642 COLBY ST. PGH 15214	47	Donald Benko
Jackie Bento	3642 Colby St Pgh PA 15214	45	Jackie Bento
Gloria Benny	3660 Colby St 15214		Gloria Benny
Kim Benny	3660 Colby St 15214		Kim Benny
SUSAN JOYCE	3705 COLBY ST. 15214		Susan Joyce
DOUG JOYCE	3705 COLBY ST 15214		Douglas Joyce
ALICE JOYCE	3611 Colby St. 15214	72	Alice Joyce
Janice Patrick	3611 Colby ST 15214	41	Janice Patrick
Michael Fontana	3701 Colby St 15214		Michael Fontana
ERIC NOEL	3655 Colby ST. 15214	35	Eric Noel
Cynthia Noel	3655 Colby ST 15214	42	Cynthia Noel
Angela Caracciolo	3654 Colby St 15214	25	Angela M Caracciolo
Victoria E. Bryant	3648 Colby St 15214		Victoria E Bryant
Flossie Plakson	3636 Colby ST	84	Flossie Plakson
PAT FREISMUTH	321-CHUTE WAY	77	Pat Freismuth
Dominic Donald	3128 Marshall St	41	Dominic Donald

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DAW DUFFY	3627 ALLENDALE CIR	57	Daw Duffy
CHUCK ADKINS	1812 MORRELL ST	40	Chuck Adkins
KRISTEN JOES	110 PROSPECT ST. 15202	38	Kristen Joes
TENNY GIPE	2344 ATMORE ST	40	Tenny Gipe
JO ANNE GIPE	2344 ATMORE SE	34	JoAnne Gipe
JOSH GLICK	3321 PORTOLA AVE	22	Josh Glick
JESSE BYLIE	101 9TH STREET Pgh PA	24	Jesse Bylie
MATT DONLON	1851 CHELLIS ST 15202	22	Matt Donlon
ELLIOTT FLICK	3321 PORTOLA AVE Pgh, PA 15214	23	Elliott W. Flick
MIKE MCINTOSH	619 CLIFF AVE PITTSBURGH	27	Mike McIntosh
JEFF GAERTNER	637 PARK AVE. Pgh PA 15202	34	Jeff Gaertner
RICHARD GATHY	132 TEECE AVE APT A	34	Richard Gathy
SUE YAMEN	5856 ANDERSON ST.	21	Sue Yamen
RYAN WILLIAMS	15 SOUTH EUCLID AVE. PITTSBURGH PA, 15202	29	Ryan Williams
BOB DELBOS	603 N. BALPH		Bob Delbos
CHAD KNIGHT	3238 CALIFORNIA AVE ^{NORTHVILLE}		Chad Knight
RACHEL FEY	210 PLUMER AVE	28	Rachel Fey
ANDREA MIHELIC	113 NEWTON SQUARE	27	Andrea Mihelic

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Rose Jones	300 Dunlap St - 15214	43	Rose Jones
Lisa Derbus	300 Holly Hill Dr Pgh PA 15237	41	Lisa Derbus
Barbara Werrell	442 Bascom Ave. Pgh. 15214	68	Barbara Werrell
Ron Westerman	316 Preston Ave Pgh 15224	67	Ron Westerman
Sally Westerman	316 Preston Ave Pgh 15214	62	Sally Westerman
Edna M Callister	808 West View Park Dr. 15229	78	Edna M Callister
Dave Harding	3418 Delaware St Pgh. PA 15214	59	Dave R. Harding
Sherry Guster	1714 West Railroad St, Pgh 15106 3505 Pennsylvania Ave Pgh 15206	36	Sherry Guster
Edith Heidrich	241 Ridgewood Ave Pgh 15229	58	Edith Heidrich
Rev. Harry Heidrich	" "	59	Rev. Harry Heidrich
HARRY E MANN	530 SUNNYLAND AVE PITTSBURGH, PENNA. 15227	69	Harry E Mann
LINDA B. HABERSTICH SECRETARY OF RIVERVIEW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3505 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE	53	Linda B. Haberstich
Bonnie Bantz	111 Waldorf St Pgh., PA 15214	38	Bonnie Bantz
Raymond Bantz	111 Waldorf St. Pgh PA 15214	41	Raymond Bantz
Virginia Bickert	19 Munton St Pgh Pa 15214	45	Virginia Bickert
Joe Bickert	19 Munton St Pgh Pa 15214	49	Joe Bickert
Ann Bickert	4333 Swanson St Pgh Pa 15214		Ann Bickert
Charles Bickert	4333 Swanson St Pgh Pa 15214		Charles Bickert

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Karen Murphy	3225 ORLEANS ST	48	Karen Murphy
Al Hancock	3225 ORLEANS ST	57	Al Hancock
Yvonne Suola	3226 ORLEANS ST	49	Yvonne Suola
Barbara Sams	3232 ORLEANS ST Pgh 15214	58	Barbara Sams
Jenna Curcio	3228 Orleans St. Pgh 15214	55	Jenna Curcio
Jesse Suola	3226 Orleans St Pgh PA 15214	42	Jesse Suola
Ray E. Dew	3208 Orleans St Pgh. PA 15204	51	Ray E. Dew
Maryann Stumm	3208 ORLEANS ST Pgh. PA 15214	49	Maryann Stumm
Lisel Votler	3200 Orleans St Pittsburgh	38	Lisel Votler
John W.	3200 Orleans St. Pittsburgh	39	John W.
Don McCarty	3208 Perrysville Ave	48	Don McCarty
Kate R. Baker	3208 Perrysville Ave Pgh	46	Kate R. Baker
Alida Baker	3208 Perrysville Ave 15214	50	Alida Baker
Shawn L. Leebury	16 WATSON BLVD	41	Shawn Leebury
Thomas & Karen	16 WATSON	70	Thomas & Karen
Artie Cella	3101 Volta St Pgh, PA 15217	33	Artie Cella
MR ALLEN SNEED	1550 Lar St Pgh PA 15212	32	Mr Allen Sneed
Damien R. Hammond	1343 OAKHILL St.	31	Damien R. Hammond
Melanie G.	727 Gaywood DL 15233		Melanie G.

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Jessica Wainwright	3945 Perryville Ave	26	Jessica Wainwright
JENNIFER BRYANT	3943 Perryville AV	34	Jennifer Bryant
MELISEA LAINNE	2949 Perryville Ave	22	Melissa L. Laine
Robert Humphrey	2209 Fed. EXT.		Robert Humphrey
John Wagner	2823 Perryville	54	John Wagner
Todd Parnell	2525 Perryville Ave		Todd Parnell
MR SEA LORD LYELL, BROSIER	2505 Perryville		
Lynette Johnson	2503 MECHANIC STREET	44	Lynette Johnson
Joseph Walker	1962 Perryville	59	Joseph Walker
Robert Clawey	518 Chestnut Ave	74	Robert Clawey
D McLaughlin	114 Chester Ave	53	D McLaughlin
Gailby Jones	2951 N Charles St	45	Gailby Jones
Frank Jarvis	2957 N Charles St		Frank Jarvis
Charles Jones	207 Pusey Way Ash pr	42	Charles Jones
Jimmie Wain	526 Chantrelle St	52	Jimmie Wain
Eugene Roberts	3822 EAST ST	36	Eugene Roberts
Ebony Barrett	2525 Perryville #2	21	Ebony Barrett
Lelita Dye	2719 Shelton Ave	31	Lelita Dye

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Patrick Saunders	624 W. AVE., #26, Pgh., PA 15202	43	Patrick Saunders
Yvonne Miller	1228 HODG KISS ST Pgh PA 15202	50	Yvonne Miller
JAMES F WADLOW	323 AYCOE PCH PA 15202		James F Wadlow
Andrew Caruso	143 Kendall Ave		Andrew Caruso
James F. Lewis	35 S. Harrison Ave. Pgh. PA. 15202	59	James F. Lewis
Kristina Gungler	4113 Evergreen Rd.	20	Kristina Gungler
GERARD LOCOCO	3421 BRIGHTON Rd Pgh 15212	52	Gerard Lococo
Tom Dominys	901 Pine St Ambridge		Tom Dominys
Sherryl Pederson	744 Orchard Ave Pgh PA 15202	33	Sherryl Pederson
Chris Williams	2135 Winchester dr	20	Chris Williams
Rita Carlson	519 Dawson Ave. Pgh. PA 15202	36	Rita Carlson
Abel Peters	836 Onia River Blvd.	26	Abel Peters
Martina DiBattista	34 N. Starr Ave	18	Martina DiBattista
Victoria Green	600 Carolyn Ave Bellevue. 15202	23	Victoria Green
LORI JOHNSON	63 HAWLEY AVE BELLEVUE 15202	41	Lori Johnson
Mary M. O'Brien	63 Hawley Ave. Bellevue, PA 15202	42	Mary M. O'Brien
Jessica Hain	467 Dawson Ave Pgh. PA 15202	24	Jessica Hain
ANDY RUBACKY	606 CAROLYN AVE BELLEVUE PA 15202	30	Andy Rubacky
DORIAN HART	567 Lincoln Ave "	35	Dorian Hart

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Leslie Howell	" " "	46	Leslie Howell
Maggie Oberst	130 Marshall Ave.	45	Maggie Oberst
EDDY HARRIS	1635 SOPHIA ST 15212	69	Eddy Harris
Karla Ellis	2022 OSGOOD ST 15214	69	Karla Ellis
William KELLER	748 MAGYAN ST.	45	William Keller
Patricia Washington	321 Denton St		Patricia Washington
Philip Bohr	128 Dunlap ST 15214	61	Philip Bohr
John John	11 Helms Dr 15229	82	John John
John " "	" " " "	77	John " "
Anastasia Smith	4039 Perryville Ave	77	Anastasia Smith
James W. Bank	76 MAZER AVE. 15214	62	James W. Bank
George Yeager	3454 Perryville Ave 15212		George Yeager
Maxine Wolcott	3856 BOYD ST PENN 15214	53	Maxine Wolcott
Alfred Brautman	123 East Kennedy Ave		Alfred Brautman
Patricia Murphy	4126 1/2 Franklin Rd	58	Patricia Murphy
T.R. Murphy	4126 1/2 FRANKLIN RD	69	T.R. Murphy
VIRGINIA L. BUCHMANN	3506 Denton Ave 15212	69	Virginia Buchmann

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Daniel Lehany	135 Bascom Avenue	38	Daniel Lehany
John Konecny	139 Bascom Ave	52	John Konecny
Janet E. By	57 Bascom Ave	49	Janet E. By
FORN STARR	" " " "	60	Forn Starr
DANA REPASS	" " " "	38	Dana Repass
Kenneth Kropf	27 Bascom Ave.	43	Kenneth Kropf
Frank Daley	23 Bascom AVE	43	Frank Daley
Brenda Schuck	21 Bascom Ave	37	Brenda Schuck
Pete Hogan	15 Bascom Ave	21	Pete Hogan
ROSEMARIE HOGAN	15 BASCOM AVE	60	Rosemarie Hogan
Joe Hazard	11 Bascom Ave	35	Joe Hazard
Sutie Hazard	11 Bascom Ave	34	Sutie Hazard
Mary A. White	1844 Winhurst St	64	Mary A White
Bill White	" " "	64	Bill White
Jeff Arndt	36 Bascom Ave	40	Jeff Arndt
ROHMA KROPF	40 BASCOM ST	77	Rohma Kropf
JOE KROPF	40 BASCOM AVE	80	Joe Kropf

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Meredith Cochran	# 415, 601 Presley St. Pgh 15212	63	M Cochran
Chris Barth	4676 Wilburke Ave Pgh 15236	45	Chris Barth
Robert Carlson	165 Fairdale Ct. 15237	Senior	Robert Carlson
Mary Carlson	105 Fairdale Ct 15237	"	Mary Carlson
JAMES P KANE	4313 Orchardview Dr 15101	67	James P Kane
Norma R Arthur	453 Stanlet Dr 15227	83	NR Arthur
Jason B. Grant	3721 Parkview Ave Pgh 15213	34	Jason B. Grant
JAMES TOWARD	803 OHIO RIVER BLVD Pgh 15202	55	James Toward
Dean Valorie	422 maline St pgh 15214	19	Dean Valorie
Lester CLARK	3374 Perrysville Ave Pgh 15214	44	Lester B. Clark
Betty Ellen	300 DUNLAP STREET Pgh 15214	Senior	Betty Ellen
Carol Mann	2020 Pauline Ave Pgh 15216	69	Carol Mann
Barbara Pacher	537 Mt Pleasant Pa 15214	Senior	Barbara
Raymond Pacher	537 Mt Pleasant Pa 15214	74	Raymond Pacher
Barbara Ware	601 Presley St. Pgh, 15212	58	Barbara
Denis Ware	601 Presley St. Pgh 15212	60	Denis
MARY SIECLE	321 MILROY ST Pgh 15211	43	Mary Siecle
William Salinetto	25 Riverview Ave 15214	13	William

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Trish Johnson	3531 Diploma St. Pgh PA 15212	40	<i>Patricia Johnson</i>
LISA NOLAN	1246 INGHAM ST Pgh PA 15212	37	<i>Lisa Nolan</i>
Keith Nolan	1246 Ingham st Pgh PA 15212	35	<i>Keith Nolan</i>
Laura Zink	412 Grizzella Pgh 15214	41	<i>Laura Zink</i>
Amy L. Miller	3446 Pennysville Ave Pgh 15214	36	<i>Amy L Miller</i>
Kerry Mahoney	3446 Pennysville Ave #3 Pgh 15214	31	<i>Kerry Mahoney</i>
Jennifer Miller	3446 Pennysville Ave Pgh 15214	43	<i>Jennifer Miller</i>
Stacy L. Miller	5 Marshall Road Pgh. 15214	46	<i>Stacy L. Miller</i>
Alison B. Keelin	5 Marshall Road Pgh. 15214	43	<i>Alison B. Keelin</i>
Craig Carroy	2925 East Bordenner Road 15044 342 Stanford Ave. 15229	59	<i>Craig Carroy</i>
Barbara Carroy	2925 East Bordenner Road 15044 342 Stanford Avenue 15229	57	<i>Barbara Carroy</i>
Dorothy Carroy	342 Stanford Avenue 15229		<i>Dorothy Carroy</i>