

Vall-E-Vision

UPMC Update

MVI and the local communities are monitoring the closing of UPMC Braddock as it affects the entire Mon Valley.

Should the hospital close, the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County is inviting community members to offer their input in an on-line survey for future use of the facility. Please take a few moments to complete the survey by January 15:

www.braddockhospitalplan.com

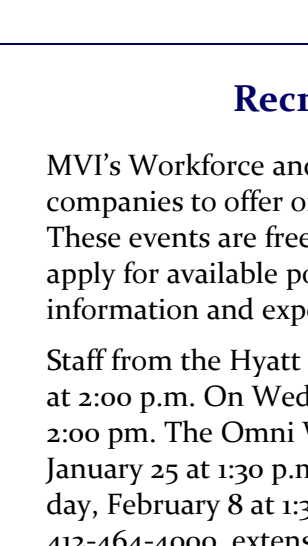
The Save Our Community Hospitals (SOCH) group will hold another demonstration on January 15 at 2:30 p.m. We hope that the group continues to work toward a solution that will be beneficial to all parties and that demonstrators will remain peaceful. [Visit SOCH on Facebook to learn more.](#)

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Despite the cold, volunteers came out on January 8 to show their support for Save Our Community Hospitals, a local group formed to protest the closing. The rally was held in front of the Cathedral of Learning on the Pitt campus.

MVI Selects Leadership For the New Year

MVI is proud to announce the 2010 Officers for MVI's Board of Delegates. The slate of officers includes incumbents John Martucci of GCCDC as President, Tina Doose of BEDCO AS VP, along with Sharon Alberts of HERC as Treasurer, and Alison Flora of NBCares as Secretary. These four volunteer Board members will steer the coalition's community efforts for the next year.



As part of the Kopp Glass Development, there was extensive demolition of blighted material for this building located at 2130 Monongahela Avenue.

Kopp Glass Corridor Construction Begins in Swissvale

One of busiest streets in Swissvale is undergoing an extreme makeover. Representatives from the Mon Valley Initiative and Swissvale Economic Development Corporation announced that construction for the Kopp Glass Redevelopment Project kicked off this week.

The initial phase of the project will result in construction of a new home and renovation of five existing structures on Palmer Street and Monongahela, Duquesne and Park avenues.

[Click here for the full story.](#)

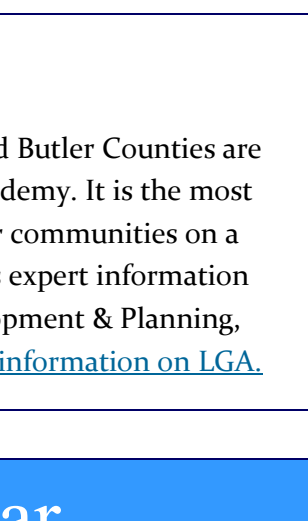
Recruiting Events for Job-Seekers

MVI's Workforce and Business Development Team is partnering with four companies to offer on-site recruiting events at MVI'S offices in Homestead. These events are free and open to the public. Job seekers will learn how to apply for available positions, desired qualifications and skills, and company information and expectations.

Staff from the Hyatt Regency-Airport will be at MVI on Thursday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. On Wednesday, January 20, Aerotek Staffing will be there at 2:00 pm. The Omni William Penn Hotel will host an event on Monday, January 25 at 1:30 p.m. Staff from Roomful Express will be at MVI on Monday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m. For more information or to register, please call 412-464-4000, extension 4001.

Save the Date!

The Steel Valley Salvation Army will host a Family Fun Night every second Wednesday of the month at Fuddruckers at the Waterfront from 5-8 p.m. There will be games and Movies from Best Buy and 99 cent Kids' Meals. 25% of the proceeds goes to The Salvation Army Steel Valley Corps to help families in need.



Tools for New Leaders

Newly elected officials from Allegheny, Westmoreland, and Butler Counties are now enrolled in a course offered by Local Government Academy. It is the most comprehensive course for individuals elected to serve their communities on a municipal board or a board of education. The course offers expert information on topics including Human Resources, Community Development & Planning, and Intergovernmental Relationships. [Click here for more information on LGA.](#)

January Calendar

- January 13: Join the Steel Valley Salvation Army for a night of fun!
- January 14: The Hyatt-Regency Airport will be at MVI for on-site recruiting.
- January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- January 20: Job seekers can visit MVI for a recruiting event with Aerotek Staffing.
- January 25: Staff from the Omni William Penn Hotel will hold an event for job-seekers at MVI.

Other Helpful Resources

- [Check out MVI events.](#)
- [Take a look at the latest MVI Homes.](#)
- Follow us on [Twitter](#) or friend us on [Facebook!](#)
- Become an advocate for Local Government with [LGA!](#)
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- [Sustainable Pittsburgh:](#) More than just Pittsburgh!
- Don't just grow: Grow Smart! Check out all that [Smart Growth Partnership](#) has to offer.

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