



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITY"

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbors,

Did you know that the City of Pittsburgh is the "Most Livable City" in America? As Mayor, it is my goal to make sure that all residents – regardless of age, ability or neighborhood – have the opportunity to get involved in their community, have a job and enjoy their lives with family and neighbors. From safe streets and neighborhood volunteerism, to Healthy Active Living centers and Citiparks programming, there is something for everyone to enjoy in Pittsburgh.

One of our city's greatest assets is our senior community. Pittsburgh's seniors have stood by our city as it transformed from a manufacturing powerhouse to a national leader in sustainable development and neighborhood growth. We work hard to meet the needs of our seniors, and their families, to ensure that they have the superior quality of life that they deserve.

Earlier this year, I proposed a reduction in the City's millage rate and an increase in tax relief programs to ensure that our residents – especially our low-income seniors – are not taxed out of their homes. Through the end of July, the City of Pittsburgh is offering a **Senior Tax Relief** (Act 77) exemption for income-eligible property owners or their spouses over the age of 55. Those who qualify may receive a 40% reduction in the value at which their property is taxed. Seniors may also qualify for the Homestead Exemption (Act 50), which reduces the value at which the property is taxed by \$15,000. Visit pittsburghpa.gov/propertytaxassist for more information.

All residents – but especially seniors – are encouraged to get involved in their neighborhood's Healthy Active Living Center. From year-round programming to the Winter and Summer Senior Games, our seniors have the opportunity to participate in physical activities and sports, take a variety of classes to develop health and wellness practices, and explore our neighborhoods by enjoying cultural activities. The 2013 Winter Senior games recently took place, when hundreds of residents over age 60 competed in a variety of activities, and we look forward to this summer's Games. Learn more about these programs, and more, at pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/healthy-active-living.

Spring is upon us and there will be many opportunities and activities for residents of all ages to enjoy all across the city. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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