



NITS E-GRAM #109

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Spaghetti Warehouse To Build the World's Largest Lasagna!

The Spaghetti Warehouse

Restaurant, 26th & Smallman Streets, will bake the World's Largest Lasagna to be unveiled at the 2008 Komen Pittsburgh Race for the Cure on Sunday, May 11. The 35' x 35' culinary giant will weigh 9,850 lbs. and feed 13,500 people. Nearly 250 volunteers will dish out \$3 slices on Race Day, with proceeds benefiting the fight against breast cancer through the Pittsburgh Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.



For those who prefer to bulk up on carbohydrates before the Race, **Spaghetti Warehouse** will hold a Pre-Race Pasta Power Kick Off on May 9-11 at the Strip District location. For \$20, guests can enjoy an entrée, salad, soft drink, glass of house wine or domestic beer and bread. The same menu is available without wine or beer for a cost of \$15. Tax and gratuity is included. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Komen Pittsburgh. Reservations are required.



"**Spaghetti Warehouse** has developed two creative and easy ways for community members to get involved in the fight against breast cancer," says Kathy Purcell, executive director, Pittsburgh Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "By simply purchasing a meal, guests will bring us one step closer to finding a cure."

"Komen Pittsburgh is an essential resource for the local community, and **Spaghetti Warehouse** is proud to support them with the 2008 Pittsburgh Race for the Cure," says Chris Beers, **Spaghetti Warehouse**.

And for a once in a lifetime opportunity, **Spaghetti Warehouse** is looking for volunteers to help build the World's Largest Lasagna! Non-profit groups, school groups, sports teams, or businesses can help to build the lasagna on Wednesday May 7, Thursday May 8, and Friday May 9. Volunteers to help set-up, serve, and clean-up the lasagna are needed on Sunday, May 11.

See the advertisement on page 3 of the NITS-e-gram and visit www.worldslargestlasagna.com for continuing information on the World's Largest Lasagna. For additional details about Spaghetti Warehouse's World's Largest Lasagna and the Pre-Race Pasta Power Kick Off, call 412-261-6511 and for more information on the Race for the Cure, visit www.komenpittsburgh.org.

St. Patrick's Day Lives at the Harp & Fiddle

Now that you have your "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" T-Shirt, your "Irish for a Day" button, your "Full of Blarney" Derby and all your other Irish regalia, you'll want to wear it more than once. That's why **Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle** is celebrating for three full days!



Thursday, March 13 – Finnegan's Wake is a stage production and re-enactment of the song with a performance by Red Hand Paddy and featuring a live corpse in a coffin! Come pay your respects to old Tim Finnegan and be sure to stay to see if he will rise again this year! Festivities start at 9:00 pm.



Saturday, March 15 – Parade Day will feature music all day, from noon to 1:00 am, both inside and outside, under the tent. Acts will include Mark Guiser, Whiskey Limerick, Red Hand Paddy and Guaranteed Irish.

Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day will feature another full day of music, from noon to midnight, with the acts listed above, and more!

So get ready to raise an icy cold Guinness and listen to the finest Irish music Pittsburgh has to offer. For more details, visit www.harpandfiddle.com.



Collage Annual Spring Sale

March is a great month to celebrate – St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and the **Collage** Annual Spring Sale, March 9 - 31. Many new arrivals make this sale particularly exciting – handbags in bright colors for spring, Ayala Bar and Ancient Glass jewelry from the Holy Land to add drama to your wardrobe, lamps, tapestries and stained glass to bring a fresh new look to your home. Mention that you saw the ad in the NITS-e-gram and receive an additional 5% off plus the regular discount of 15%. What a great way to celebrate the arrival of Spring!

Events

March 20 - Cardigans & Cupcakes, Heinz History Center. As part of "Won't You Be My Neighbor Days" and in honor of what would be Fred Rogers' 80th birthday, the History Center presents Cardigans & Cupcakes, a chance for families to celebrate their favorite moments from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. All children ages 10 and under will be admitted free. Activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.pghhistory.org



March 23 – Easter Brunch, Eleven. Brunch will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and guests will have their choice among appetizer, entrée and dessert courses. The fixed price is \$30.00 with a special menu for children at \$15.00. Reservations are

suggested. Call 412-201-5656 for reservations and to preview the menu, visit www.bigburrito.com/eleven/events/2008/23_easter/easter_brunch.shtml

April 4 – May 4 – Lydie Breeze, Open Stage Theatre. Lydie Breeze is a story so big it takes two plays to tell. These exciting plays, exploring three civil War veterans and their nurse, will be produced in repertory. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. For more information visit www.openstagetheatrepittsburgh.org

April 5 – Let Them Eat Cake, The Midwife Center. The third annual Let Them Eat Cake, benefiting **The Midwife Center**, will be held at the Children's Museum in Pittsburgh, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Amateur and professional cake bakers will participate in Pittsburgh's premier cake decorating and tasting event. For more information, visit www.midwifecenter.org



April 21 – A Conversation with Paul O'Neill & Cokie Roberts. Attend an evening with former U.S. Treasury Secretary, Paul O'Neill, and ABC news analyst, Cokie Roberts, to benefit **Gilda's Club of Western PA** at Heinz Hall. For more information, visit www.gildasclubwesternpa.com

April 27 – 200th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Patrick's. A Bicentennial Celebration Mass to honor Pittsburgh's first Roman Catholic parish will be held at **St. Stanislaus Kostka Church** at 11:00 a.m. Principal Celebrant will be the Most Reverend Bishop David A. Zubik



Have You Seen...

Wall-to-Wall Studios in the Strip District won two gold Addy Awards at the March 7, 2008 Pittsburgh American Advertising Awards for its pieces on Silk Screen: Asian American Film Festival. Read the story in the Post-Gazette at <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/08068/863470-28.stm>

The Yum Report: The Pittsburgh Popcorn Company



As Yum trundled through the Strip on Saturday, a new and heavenly fragrance joined the scent of roasting coffee and baking bread and biscotti. It was Yum's all-time favorite aroma – freshly popped popcorn. Pittsburgh has finally joined the big boys, like Chicago and New York, and has been blessed with its very own brand of gourmet popcorn, courtesy of **The Pittsburgh Popcorn Company**.



Rob Day and Genelle Passanante, who met at a popcorn store in New York, are fulfilling their long-time dream of bringing the concept of artisan crafted popcorn to the Strip. They have recently opened their doors at 209 21st Street and are offering flavors like Crunchy Caramel, Chunky Chocolate Caramel, Real Wisconsin Cheddar, Creamy Peanut Butter, Sweet and Salty Kettle Corn, as well as a Flavor of the Week.

The **Pittsburgh Popcorn Company** uses only the finest ingredients and carefully tests each recipe to ensure that each kernel is popped and coated to perfection. But the best part is that it's made fresh, every day right in front of you in the Strip!

Stop in for a sample and take home a bag or two of your favorite flavors. (You will be so glad you did!) Yum will be reporting additional information on **The Pittsburgh Popcorn Company** in coming weeks, but in the meantime, check their developing website at www.pghpopcorn.com for the latest information.

P.S. The Pittsburgh Popcorn Company ships nationwide so that if you have friends or family living in areas where they are not so fortunate as to have their very own gourmet popcorn, you can send them some of ours!

Welcome!



Welcome and thanks to our New and Renewing Members of Neighbors in the Strip:

Members:

Hampton Inn & Suites	In the Kitchen *NEW*
Mike Fineberg Co.	Patrick Edelen *NEW*
Print Management *NEW*	Schneider Downs
The Pittsburgh Popcorn Company *NEW*	



Answers to St. Patrick's Day Quiz: 1. March 17; 2. Banging a drum; 3. Herded and tended sheep and swine; 4. Patron saint of Ireland; 5. Self-appointed guardians of ancient treasure

See you next month...Cindy H.

P.S. If you have any questions, comments or news about the Strip, please e-mail me at cynthiahelffrich@yahoo.com

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March 9th through March 31st



Our Incredible 15-Layer Lasagne

The World's
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In the Strip District
2001 Smallman St.
412-261-6511
Free Parking