



City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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WHEREAS, near the corner of Shadeland and Woodland Avenues in Brighton Heights you will find a barber shop that's been there for 51 years; and

WHEREAS, Ray Mustovic, age 77 has been cutting hair and shaving men at that location for all 51 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mustovic, a second generation barber, learned his craft through ten years as an apprentice under his father's wing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mustovic has seen many changes in his neighborhood from kids playing in the Horace Mann Elementary School, to a nuisance bar across the street and back to a district where neighbors walk freely, who drop by with pierogies and "the regulars" come into the shop - the guys who talk about the old days, sports and the like; and

WHEREAS, the barber shop has not changed a bit since opened in 1960, with the tin ceiling and two barrel-shaped Koken chairs, manufactured in the 1920's with hydraulics still working; and

WHEREAS, over the years, friends and neighbors have made the only changes to the pale green-painted walls by creating a gallery of local sports teams that date as far back as 1936, some still playing today like the Perry Commodores and North Catholic Trojans, and many from clubs that don't exist anymore like the 1946 Woods Run Cadets, the Sanguini Truckers from Sanguini's off Brighton Road, the Olympic Club from California Avenue; and

WHEREAS, walking in, the clients are taken back to that era, pointing out friends and relatives when they were skinny young things having fun playing football and basketball with their school, neighborhood, bar or work, the museum of local photos; and

WHEREAS, also framed and hanging on the wall is a copy of Bill Mazerowski sliding into home and the box score from the final game of the 1960 World Series, the photograph being from a different angle that one normally sees when they see the newspaper clipping, no one can remember which newspaper carried this particular clipping; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mustovic helps to care for his wife, Nina, has one daughter, Joan, one granddaughter, Autumn who is in college, a brother, Paul;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Ray Mustovic for his years of serving the public, giving most of the men in the neighborhood their first haircuts, and for preserving a piece of Brighton Heights history with his neighborhood sports museum, and does hereby

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declare April 26, 2011, “Ray Mustovic Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.