



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, with its bright orange cart and rainbow-striped umbrella, **Gus and Yia-Yia's Iceball Cart** is something of an unofficial landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1934, the Kalaris family has been serving up hand-shaved, gourmet ice balls from, when Gus's dad, George, first operated the business and Gus's mom, Yia-Yia (Grandmother in Greek), was at the stand helping serve and chat with friends and customers; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer months, **Gus and Yia-Yia's** can be found each day from about 11am to 9:30pm in its customary location along Western Avenue, next to the tennis courts in West Park on Pittsburgh's North Side, as the sign on the cart reads "*Since Your Dad Was A Lad*"; and

**WHEREAS**, the ice is hand-shaved and the syrups, from recipes perfected by George in the late 1930s, come in a colorful assortment of flavors - pineapple, cherry, lemon, lime, orange, banana, grape, blueberry, root beer and the popular Rainbow; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stella and Gus Kalaris**, born and raised on the Northside, Stella grew up in the California-Kirkbride neighborhood and Gus's home was on Sandusky Street, just above AGH, have lived in Brighton Heights for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2012, at the Allegheny City Society Annual Meeting, held in the Magovern Conference Center at Allegheny General Hospital, **Gus and Stella Kalaris** are being honored for their dedicated communal efforts and as excellent examples for citizens across Pittsburgh's Northside;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate, **Stella and Gus Kalaris** on their award and does hereby declare April 25, 2012, to be "**Gus and Yia-Yia Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.