



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, as part of its wide range of services offered to the citizens of Pittsburgh, **Citiparks** operates the **Schenley Park Skating Rink** at Overlook Drive in Schenley Park. Throughout the winter, the rink operates daily, offering a variety of Public and Special Sessions, four Special Events and a meeting and banquet room available for rental year round.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Special Sessions include Family Nights, Adult Only Nights and College ID Discount Sessions. Special Events are "Skate with Santa", "Mascot Skate", "The Curling Experience" and "Valentines on Ice"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first **Mascot Skate** was held in January 1988 with only 12 Mascots on the ice.. Since then the event has grown with strong early support from the late Mayor Bob O'Connor who brought his children and grandchildren to meet and greet the mascots and their fans; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year, **Citiparks** invites the public to attend its **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mascot Skate** on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 1:30-3:30PM where over 35 of the Pittsburgh area's favorite mascots including Iceburgh, Steely McBeam, the Pitt Panther, the Chil Fil A Cow, Alcosan's Frankie the Fish, the Penn State Nittany Lion, the Laroche College Red Hawk and more are expected to meet and greet fans, take pictures and enjoy television and newspaper coverage. Media sponsor this year is WSHH 99.7 and Eat 'N Park will provide Smiley Cookies for all the children and their parents while Conicella Pizza in Greenfield will provide pizza for the Mascots.

**WHEREAS**, special kudos go out to those who have made the **Annual Mascot Skate** such a tremendous success, this year hosting up to 500 children and parents. Event Manager for all 29 years has been Bill Backa with special thanks to former Rink Managers, Eric Vanden Hengel, Tom Driscoll, the late Web Kolling and the current Rink Manager Mirella Ranallo.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Citiparks** for its creative and resourceful event planning and commends the Schenley Park Skating Rink management for its successful **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mascot Skate**; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, January 9, 2016, to be "**MASCOT SKATE DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.