

Saving Communities Presents

Drink against the Drink Tax!

Sunday, September 26, 7 to 11 PM

Molly Brannigan's
660 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15228



We Love Transit, and so does Molly's.

Molly's is a 4-minute walk from the Mt. Lebanon Junction of the Red Line. Take light rail and you don't have to worry about driving.

Featuring:

Live Music, including Irish balladeer Terry Griffith, author of "The Drink Tax Song."



Celebrity Bar Tenders who will donate their tips to the cause.

"Easy Lou," Pittsburgh's premier DJ.



"Chinese Raffle" (Choose which prizes you want to try to win.)

\$5 Door Charge is donated to fighting the drink tax.

RSVP in advance and get a flyer from Molly's worth 15% off your food charges at the event. Also, if you use that flyer, an additional 15% of the revenues from your meal purchase will be donated to our fight against the drink tax. Use the information below to RSVP. Include an address where we can send the flyer.



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Transit Pays for Itself

By making land valuable

The purpose of transportation is to make land valuable by making it accessible.

The “Golden Triangle” is the most valuable land in Western Pennsylvania because roads, transit lines, and even rivers converge there. Without transit, the value of Golden Triangle real estate would plummet.

The value of neighborhood business districts in urban areas would also fall without access to transit.

Transit increases residential land values, especially in high-density areas where people depend on transit the most. Landlords with properties near transit get higher rents, but other taxpayers bear the costs.

Transit increases land values, even in suburbs that are not directly served, because it relieves road and parking congestion, allowing commuters to travel to the city and find places to park.

Land value tax puts the lowest burden on home owners over their lifetimes of any broad-based tax. Property tax is the second-lowest.

Land owners reap windfalls from access to transportation at the expense of other taxpayers who paid for that transportation.

If a county property tax (or, better yet, a land value tax) captured less than 25% of the value that public transit creates, we wouldn't need state aid, a drink tax, a rental car tax, or any other arbitrary tax. Fares could be much, much lower - free, even.

The reason Allegheny County has a “crisis” is that our county leaders lack the courage to make those who benefit from transit pay for it. That's also why the county levies arbitrary taxes on bars and rental car companies.

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