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Discover Pittsburgh's North City, a collection of neighborhoods that offer location, beauty and more. From the urban streets to quiet suburbs and panoramic views, North City has it all.

Stroll through the Mexican War Streets and be reminded of Center City Philadelphia; enjoy the German characteristics of Deutschtown; the early suburban beauty of Observatory Hill or the panoramic views found in Spring Hill and Troy Hill.

Most neighborhoods offer direct bus service to downtown, or you can walk there from a few. Two routes even connect the North City to the Universities in Oakland.



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Landmark Could Open A New Chapter

At times it would seem that there wasn't a buyer for this landmark at E. North and Cedar, but a sold sign recently appeared on the building. With a little luck we'll see big changes soon.

North City Coffee Watch

Beleza Community Coffeehouse, located at the corner of Buena Vista and Jacksonia in the Mexican War Streets opened on Saturday, February 25th. Beleza marks the long-awaited arrival of a coffee shop to the North City Flats.

Observers and residents see it as more important than just a location for coffee, but a "third-place" where real community building can take place. A third-place is a space outside of work and home where people can interact.

Beleza is four blocks north of North Ave, one block in from Brighton (the corner where the *Family Dollar* Store is located).

Business hours will be 6am-5pm M-F, 8am-8pm Saturdays, and 8am-4pm on Sundays.



Beleza will be serving quality coffee and specialty drinks from *Peace Coffee*, (although the folks at *Peace* coffee list *Beleza*, they should learn how to spell Pittsburgh) wonderful tea from Rishi Tea, Jones Soda and juices.

[Check out our map](#) to see where else you can find coffee!

Housing, Casino's Planned For Station Square

Forest City Enterprises recently unveiled plans for over \$1 billion of investment at Station Square on the South Shore, including what the company calls a dramatic new investment in the vitality of downtown Pittsburgh. In addition to new housing, the plan includes a \$512 million casino managed by Harrah's Entertainment Inc. The plan is contingent on securing a license from the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission and competing with proposals in the Hill District and North Shore.

The plan expands Station Square into a bustling new urban mixed-use residential and entertainment community. This will include ground-floor retail, sidewalk dining and cafe eateries, a 400,000-square-foot, \$512 million Harrah's Station Square Casino with 3,000 slots, an additional 200 rooms at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel and 1,250 residential condominium units. All of these new elements will be connected by pedestrian scaled streets, creating a neighborhood look and feel. The residential units will have porches and stoops, accompanied by new parks and a riverside esplanade offering improved river access. With more than 50 acres at Station Square, the plan also allows for future

Meow In The Mix?

PNC, DelMonte and Heinz are familiar logos in North City. Could a popular cat food one day shine yellow on the three rivers? Stranger things have happened. The popular cat food may soon be added to the line-up of local brands. The possibilities for naming abound...
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PennDot Puts Route 28 Plans Online

PennDot has made its revised plans for Rt 28 reconstruction available online. The new plans save St. Nicolas Church. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009. [more](#) Also see rendering of 31st Bridge reconstruction, currently underway. [more](#)

Developments To Rise on North City's Shores

It would seem the competition for casino building has spurred some additional ideas and potential new investment. Word is *Forest City* may develop South Shore condos with or without the Casino license. Likewise, after pulling his bid for a North Shore Casino near *PNC Park*, Merrill Stabile wants to develop anyway. According to the *Post-Gazette* (which undoubtedly must find some joy in the new parking garage rising in front of the *Tribune-Review* sign), Stabile and Kratsa Properties are putting together plans for a proposed residential, retail, entertainment and hotel development at the site. In other recent developments, the developer of the *DelMonte* and *Equitable* office buildings, *Continental* recently announced the addition of three restaurants in time for the All-Star game in July.

Quiznos on Federal Bites the Heavenly Sub

It was nice out today so I headed over to Steve's New York Hot Dogs on Federal. The counter traffic at Steve's was flowing onto the sidewalk, so I decided to have a Quiznos Sub. Well, Quiznos had closed. "Your electricity has been turned off," the sign on the door read. Well, one less place to eat lunch. It was back to Allegheny General Hospital cafeteria for me.

Competition Underway For West End Bridge Trail Crossing

A competition is underway for a West End Bridge Crossing for the river trail system. The winning span will conquer the Ohio and allow pedestrians to access the South Shore. For more information on the competition, visit the website <http://www.riverlifecompetition.org>

The Best Views in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh's North City is filled with breathtaking views and panoramas. Colorful houses dot green hillsides that turn into vibrant orange yellow and reds in the fall. Winter only opens up the vista from the hillsides exposing the steel sculptures lining the banks of the Three Rivers where they form the Golden Triangle. The most well-known view in Pittsburgh is from Grandview Avenue in Mount Washington. For more than a century the inclines have carried workers and sightseers up the mount to get a glimpse of what USA Weekend recently called the second best site in the United States. Find more about [North City's vistas](#).

Now At the Mattress Factory

"[Messages and Communications](#)" features new work by six artists that explore issues and ideas surrounding how we communicate. The exhibition will run through April 2, 2006.
"This exhibition is really a distillation of what is happening in our society now. We are more informed—perhaps over informed—and have lost touch with communication in its intimate form, like books and letters. Now news is constantly streaming. We are surrounded by information."
-Barbara Luderowski, Executive/Artistic Director

Looking for New Construction in A North City Neighborhood?

Many newly constructed or rehabilitated homes are on the market now, many with buyer incentives. Deutschtown, Mexican War Streets, Fineview, Brighton Heights and others have homes and condo's waiting for

expansion of the casino to 5,000 slots and the creation of a new hotel tower with 300-500 rooms.

you. For information, call 412-322-2000.

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"Forest City Enterprises and Harrah's Entertainment bring a world-class team with unparalleled experience to Pittsburgh. When we sold Station Square twelve years ago, we chose Harrah's and Forest City from a large field because we knew they would create high quality development, jobs and revenue for revitalizing our neighborhoods," said Art Ziegler, president of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. "Forest City is a \$7.8 billion economic development company with a long standing commitment to Pittsburgh and existing investment of \$1 billion in today's dollars in Pennsylvania.

Station Square is the most successful tourist attraction in Western Pennsylvania, attracting 2.5 million visitors each year. Harrah's is the most successful gaming company in the world, with 36 properties and projects in development worldwide."

A study conducted by Christiansen Capital Advisors projects the creation of 10,377 jobs with total wages of \$321.5 million in the first year of operations. The study also projects gaming tax revenues of \$180.7 million to Pennsylvania and \$10.6 million each for Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh in the first year of operations. About \$155 million of the property's revenues are projected to come from customers coming from outside Allegheny County.

DKS Associates, a national recognized transportation engineer, in conjunction with Pittsburgh's GAI Consultants developed a transportation impact study that showed the strengths of this location. Station Square is the only site that benefits from all types of available transportation: water taxis, the Light Rail "T", the Incline, buses, cars, and even bicycles and pedestrian access. The location also offers direct access from the Interstate off the Fort Pitt Bridge, creating a smooth flow of vehicles and access to parking.