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Hazelwood Green Quarterly August 2021

With programming in full swing at the Plaza, the completion of renovations at the Roundhouse, and other new developments percolating or underway, there are plenty of milestones to celebrate this summer at Hazelwood Green. Read on for the latest news and be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) @HazelwoodGreen for photos and updates.



Industrial Past Meets Sustainable Future at the Roundhouse

Renovation of the Roundhouse at Hazelwood Green is complete, with the iconic industrial structure embracing a new identity as the home to OneValley Pittsburgh. OneValley's accelerator and co-working space will serve entrepreneurs in the Hazelwood neighborhood and throughout the region.

Once part of the shuttered, 178-acre J & L Steel Mill, the 10-bay Roundhouse originally serviced and turned train engines. Now transformed to serve people instead of machines, the space has taken on new life speeding the delivery of groundbreaking innovations. The Roundhouse will also aim for LEED Gold Certification and is the first project to be tracked against Pittsburgh's new resiliency standards.

In preserving this important piece of Pittsburgh's past, the design – by GBBN Architects, Pittsburgh - uses a light touch to celebrate the existing structure while adapting it to a human scale. Partially built into a hillside, the Roundhouse was a cavernous two-story space, darkened by decades of industrial use and abandonment, but the removal of a century of soot from the brick walls and underside of the pine roof deck now warms the interior.

The addition of a partial second floor provides more office space (and a featured, glass-walled conference room) while also scaling the space down for the comfort of its human inhabitants. At the same time, the removal of unnecessary walls and the replacement of its giant, rolling garage doors with windows enables occupants to appreciate the volume of this light-filled space.

These windows also open views to outside, where a new public space uses native plants and public art to integrate the site's industrial remains – its turntable and the steel frame of an old shed – into the landscape of the Monongahela River. Fitted out with movable, mounted benches, the turntable itself has become an inviting and playful place for OneValley's tech entrepreneurs and members of the surrounding community to relax. The Roundhouse site also features custom made, locally crafted bike racks to encourage local visitors and support healthy, sustainable behaviors.



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Welcoming the OneValley Pittsburgh Innovation Center

OneValley, a global innovation platform, opened its new state-of-the-art Innovation Center and co-working space at the Roundhouse and launched its highly anticipated Pittsburgh Entrepreneurship Platform, fondly coined PEP, providing an online community platform and resource hub that connects startups and innovators to locally curated resources, services, mentors, and investors, while also providing a gateway to global networks. The Innovation Center will house local tech startups and will offer entrepreneurial-focused coworking spaces, smart indoor-outdoor collaborative working and events space, and flexible workshop and training rooms.

OneValley CEO Nikhil Sinha praised the local organizations that have supported this project, its mission to develop a vibrant entrepreneurial community, and its vision to build the next innovation hub in Pittsburgh.

"It's exciting to see this vision which has been years in the making coming to life with the support of our partners and strong advocates in democratizing innovation and empowering startups driving impactful change globally," he said. "Through the [Pittsburgh Startup Challenge](#), our first step in launching into the local market, we've already seen the exceptional talent, innovation, and ground-breaking technology coming out of the region, and now with the launch of PEP, we'll only see this talent and growth amplify. It's an incredibly exciting time for us."

The Pittsburgh Entrepreneurship Platform, which has been built in partnership with [Ascender](#) and generous support from the [Richard King Mellon Foundation](#), is powered by OneValley's Passport, a global innovation platform that supports over 40,000 entrepreneurs with vital tools, hundreds of resources, impactful discounted services, and network connections to mentors and investment and funding opportunities.

To learn more about the Pittsburgh Entrepreneurship Platform, click [here](#).



Plaza News and Happenings

From concerts and movie nights to walking tours and food trucks, Hazelwood Green Plaza is becoming a true destination as local neighbors and Pittsburghers discover and explore this brand new space. Be sure to follow Hazelwood Local on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) @HazelwoodLocal for the latest on Plaza and neighborhood happenings. Be sure to check out the recently completed granite water feature the next time you're at the site! Upcoming events at the Plaza include:

Sweat & Sway: Free Fitness Day

Sunday, August 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy a morning of fitness and movement from some of Pittsburgh's leading studios, instructors, and movement organizations. Suitable for all ages. RSVP [here](#).

Symphony on the Plaza

Saturday, September 18, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Join the Members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Brass for their first ever performance at Hazelwood Green Plaza. Enjoy a virtuosic program of classical favorites and Hollywood blockbusters, including music from The Green Hornet, Superman, and Star Wars. Plus, a special opening performance by the Center of Life Jazz Band! RSVP [here](#).



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New Healthy Ride Bike Station at Eliza & Lytle Streets

Hazelwood Green's Complete Streets design approach and carefully planned bike lane infrastructure make it the perfect place to bike for pleasure and a convenient, safe link for those commuting by bike into the city. Healthy Ride, Pittsburgh's non-profit bike share program, has made it even more convenient by expanding for the first time into the Hazelwood neighborhood with a new station located at Eliza Street & Lytle Street. Two additional new stations have also been placed: one at Technology Drive & Bates Street near the base of the Hot Metal Bridge; the second located in the parking lot at Eliza Furnace Trail & Swinburne Street, at the trailhead.



Up Next: CMU Robotics Innovation Center

Plans are underway for the new Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Innovation Center (RIC) at Hazelwood Green, which will occupy approximately eight acres and 150,000 square feet when completed. Seeded with a \$45 million lead grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, the RIC will further the vision of making Pittsburgh a global leader in advanced and additive manufacturing, next generation robotics development, and innovation. The RIC

will also create technology jobs and help to grow Pittsburgh's skilled workforce through training and educational opportunities that are accessible to the community.

Plans for the facility include reconfigurable high bays; testing facilities, including a unique large-footprint testing area; flexible spaces that address robotics systems at different scales; and pre-incubator space for the next generation of CMU-affiliated robotics companies. An additional \$30 million grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation will allow the university to expand its work through the Manufacturing Futures Institute (MFI), a permanent organization established to address the complex challenges facing U.S. and global manufacturing and to enhance economic development. Read the full announcement [here](#).



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