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History Center to Host Tenth Annual Bocce Tournament & Festival

-Admission is FREE for spectators and includes live entertainment and more-

-Event proceeds benefit the History Center's Italian American Program-

WHAT: Support a worthy cause at the Senator John Heinz History Center's Tenth Annual Bocce Tournament & Festival on **Saturday, Aug. 10**, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., located under the Veterans Bridge overpass, adjacent to the History Center.

More than 40 four-person bocce teams will compete for first place while spectators enjoy live entertainment and delicious Italian food provided by Common Plea Catering.

Admission is FREE for spectators and includes performances by The Jaggerz, Pure Gold, and the Rhythm Aces with special guest Shari Richards.

To commemorate the milestone tenth year of the Bocce Tournament & Festival, the History Center's Italian American Program will raffle off a red 2019 Vespa 150. Raffle tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased in advance by emailing Teresa Dunn at tdunn@mascaroconstruction.com. (Only 150 raffle tickets will be sold.)

Chaired by Jack Mascaro of **Mascaro Construction Company**, proceeds from the Bocce Tournament & Festival benefit the History Center's Italian American Program, which is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Italian Americans in Western Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1990, the Italian American Program's collection is one of the largest in the country and home to artifacts, archival materials, and oral histories that document the pivotal role Italian Americans play in shaping our region.

WHY: A bowling sport of precision and accuracy, bocce was popularized in Pittsburgh by Italian American immigrants who settled in the region at the turn of the 20th century. By providing a venue for socialization, bocce helped immigrants preserve the language and customs of the Old World and provided an important link for young Italian Americans to learn more about their past.

WHEN: **Saturday, Aug. 10**
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Live entertainment schedule:

- Noon – The Rhythm Aces with special guest Shari Richards
- 2 p.m. – Pure Gold
- 4 p.m. – The Jaggerz

WHERE: Parking lot under the Veterans Bridge overpass, adjacent to the History Center
13th and Smallman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

****For more information, please visit heinzhistorycenter.org****



On Saturday, Aug. 10, the Heinz History Center will host its tenth annual Bocce Tournament & Festival to benefit the museum's Italian American Program. Spectators can watch competitive bocce games while enjoying delicious Italian food and live music.

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