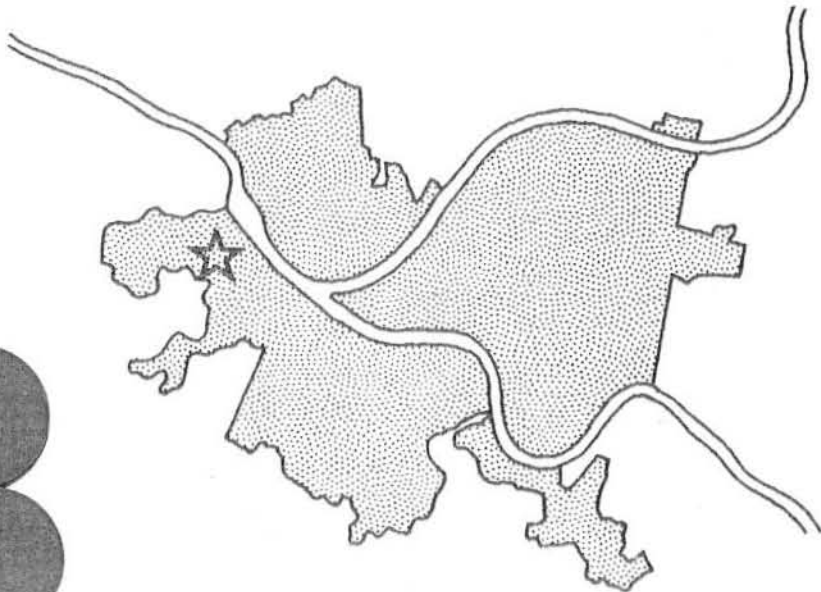


a community profile of
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PREFACE

One thing that citizens need if they are to take part in planning for their neighborhoods is up-to-date information about their neighborhoods. This booklet is an attempt by the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning to present information, primarily from the United States Census of Population and Housing, for use by citizens and community groups. Unfortunately, census material is not perfect; it may not have all the information that you need and it may not be in the most useful form for your purposes. It is, however, the best that is available.

Where possible, comparisons have been made between 1960 and 1970 characteristics, and between neighborhood and city-wide values, in order to better understand present neighborhood conditions.

The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau of Building Inspection; the crime data was compiled by the Bureau of Police; and the welfare data was provided by the Allegheny County Board of Public Assistance. The summary tapes from which much of the census information was extracted were provided by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission.

SHERADEN-CHARTIERS

This large community in the western part of the City encompasses several neighborhoods, such as part of Crafton Heights and West Sheraden, the Stafford Street hill, and that part of Chartiers City which is in the 20th Ward (bounded by Middletown Road.) The central section of Sheraden is around Langley High School on Chartiers Avenue and Sheraden Park.

The community is predominantly middle-income; but the housing ranges from the solid, medium-size brick houses built in the early part of the century to more recently constructed split-level and one-story houses on larger lots. The early German ethnic character of the community has recently become more mixed.

The child population, which increased in the 1960's has now levelled off, and the proportion of elderly persons has grown significantly.

A small commercial area exists near the high school, and several churches and two elementary schools - public and parochial - are scattered throughout this central district. The 188-unit Sheraden Park townhouse community and McGunnele Playground were built in the early '60's. Also constructed were several dozen new houses in the Chartiers City area.

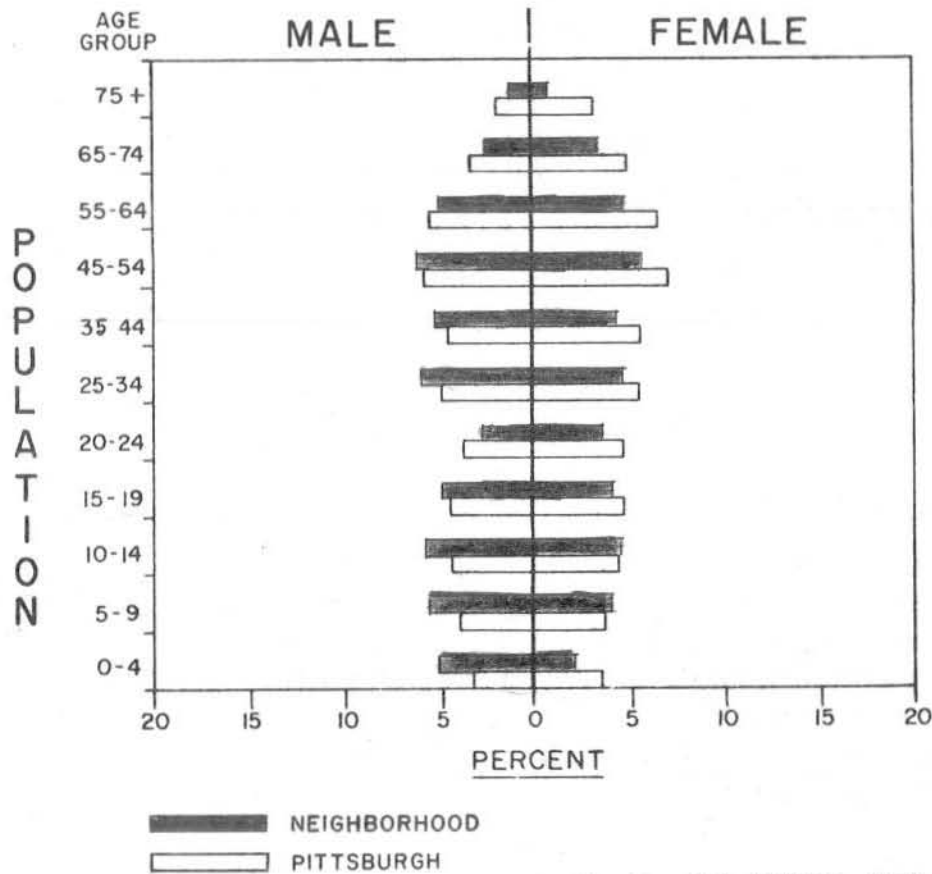
Included in the Sheraden-Chartiers community are Census Tracts 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Sheraden-Chartiers' population falls in the age 45-54 category, the smallest being the 75 & over age group. Citywide, more people are found in the age 45-54 group than in any other; the age 75 and older category is the smallest.

POPULATION CHANGE, 1960-1970

The population of Sheraden-Chartiers has changed from 9,971 in 1960 to 10,050 in 1970, representing a +.79% change. This compares to an average citywide change of -13.9%, where population declined from 604,332 in 1960 to 520,117 in 1970.

FAMILIES BY TYPE AND PRESENCE OF CHILDREN LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD

The predominant family-type in this neighborhood is the husband-wife-family - Children less than 18 category. The highest portion of families with incomes below poverty level is the female head - children less than 18 group.

MEDIAN AGE, 1970

The median age for the neighborhood is 29.9 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

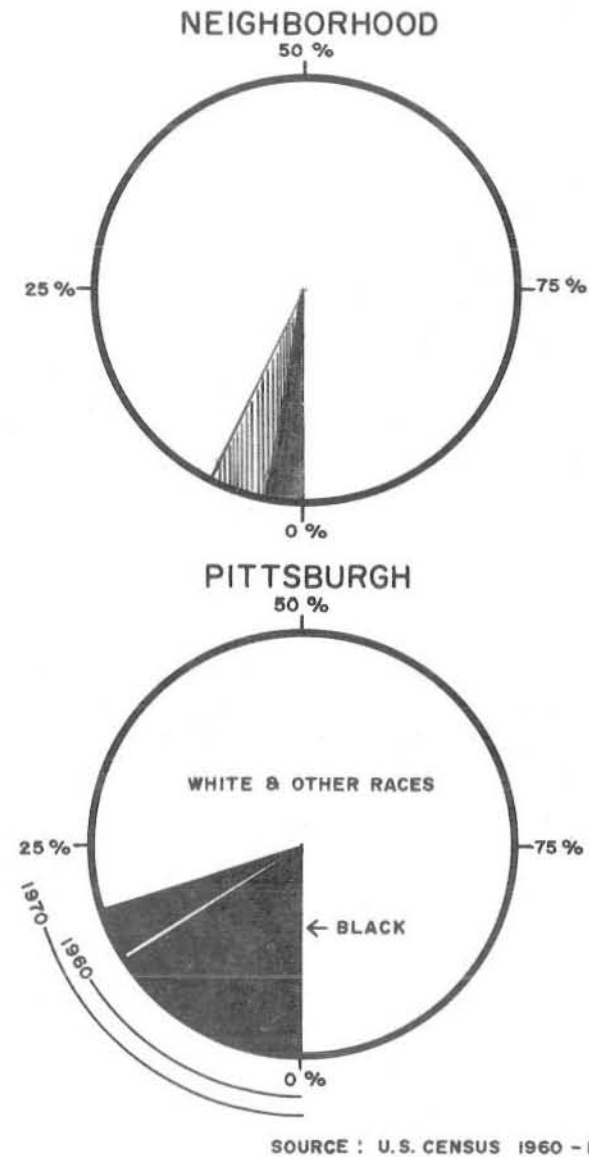
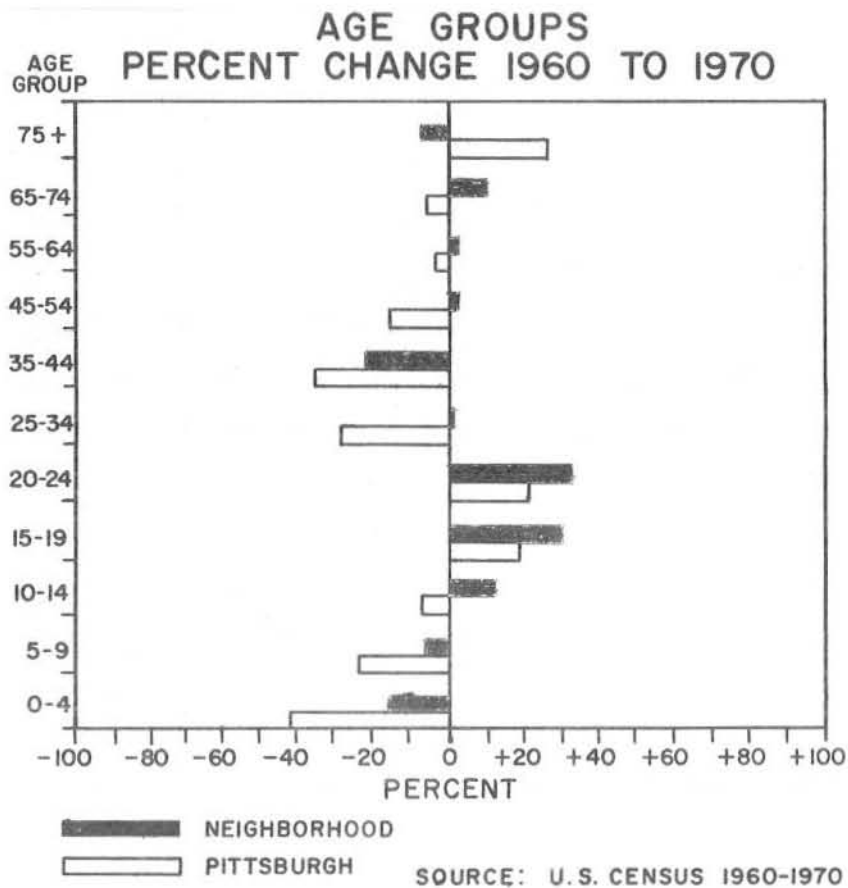
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Seven age brackets increased in population between 1960 and 1970 in the neighborhood. For the city, population in the 15-19, 20-24, and the 75 years and older age groups increased.

RACE

Black population in Sheraden-Chart. constituted 3.0% of its 1960 population, and 7.0% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



POPULATION

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 2,997; in 1970, 3,114, representing a +3.9% change. A total of 72.6% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 108 units were vacant, as compared to 85 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 2.7% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 8.1% of the 1960, and 4.9% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 2,764 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 29% of its population. For the city, 159,774 changed their place of residency during those years, which is 33% of the total population.

OCCUPANCY STATUS 1960 - 1970

	1960	1970	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	2997	3114	+ 3.9
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	2889	3029	+ 4.8
OWNER OCCUPIED	1991	2262	+ 13.6
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	66.4	72.6	
RENTER OCCUPIED	898	767	- 14.5
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	29.9	24.6	
VACANT UNITS	108	85	- 21.2
PERCENT VACANT	3.6	2.7	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 9847	\$ 12055	+ 22.7
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 76	\$ 100	+ 31.5
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	8.1	4.9	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 42 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$65,090 . For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 0.3 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 11.5 alterations per 1,000 units in the neighborhood. City-wide 3.6 new housing units and 16.2 alterations were undertaken per every 1,000 existing units.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 1972

	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
NEW HOUSING UNITS	1	\$ 10,000
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	3	12,245
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	2	5,500
ALTERATIONS	36	37,345
TOTAL	42	\$ 65,090

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

EDUCATION: YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS
25 YEARS AND OVER, 1960-1970

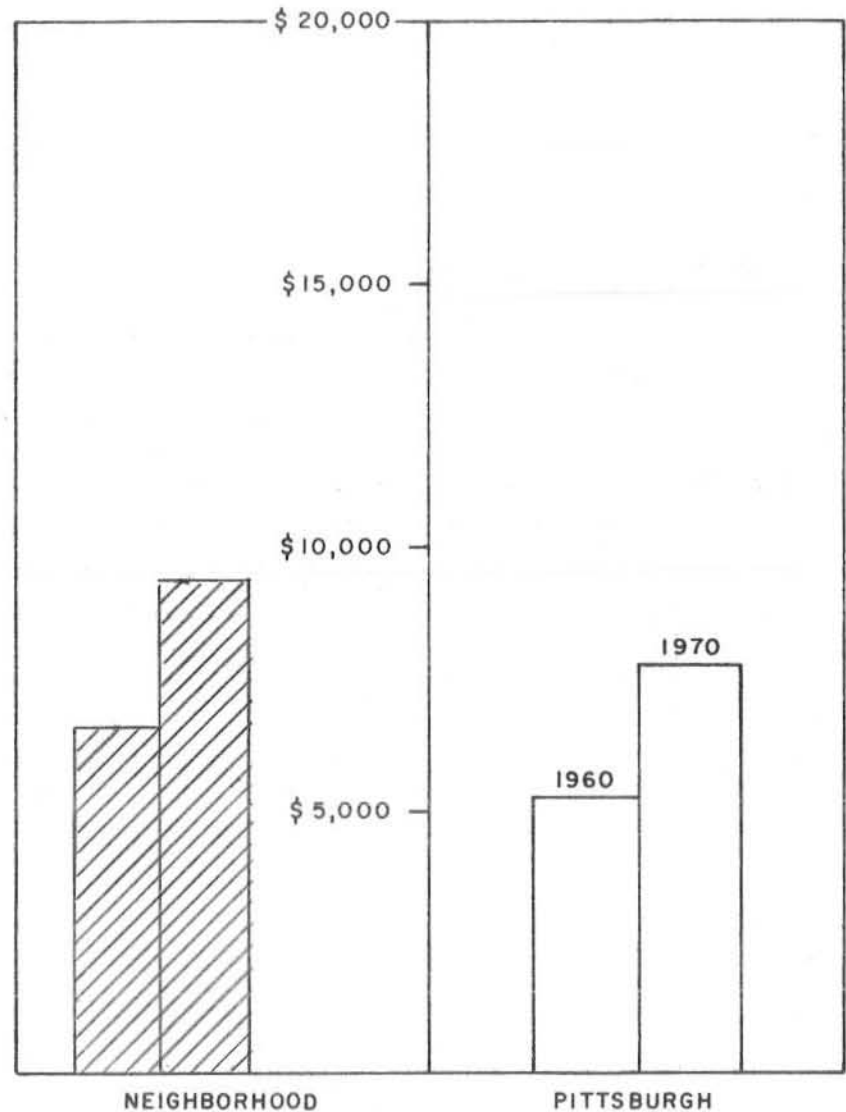
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

**SCHOOL YEARS
 COMPLETED BY PERSONS
 25 YEARS & OVER
 1960-1970**

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	118	2.0	73	1.3
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	2126	36.7	1295	23.1
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1331	23.0	1340	23.9
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1673	28.9	2318	41.4
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	306	5.3	325	5.8
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	235	4.1	250	4.5
TOTAL	5789	100.0	5601	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

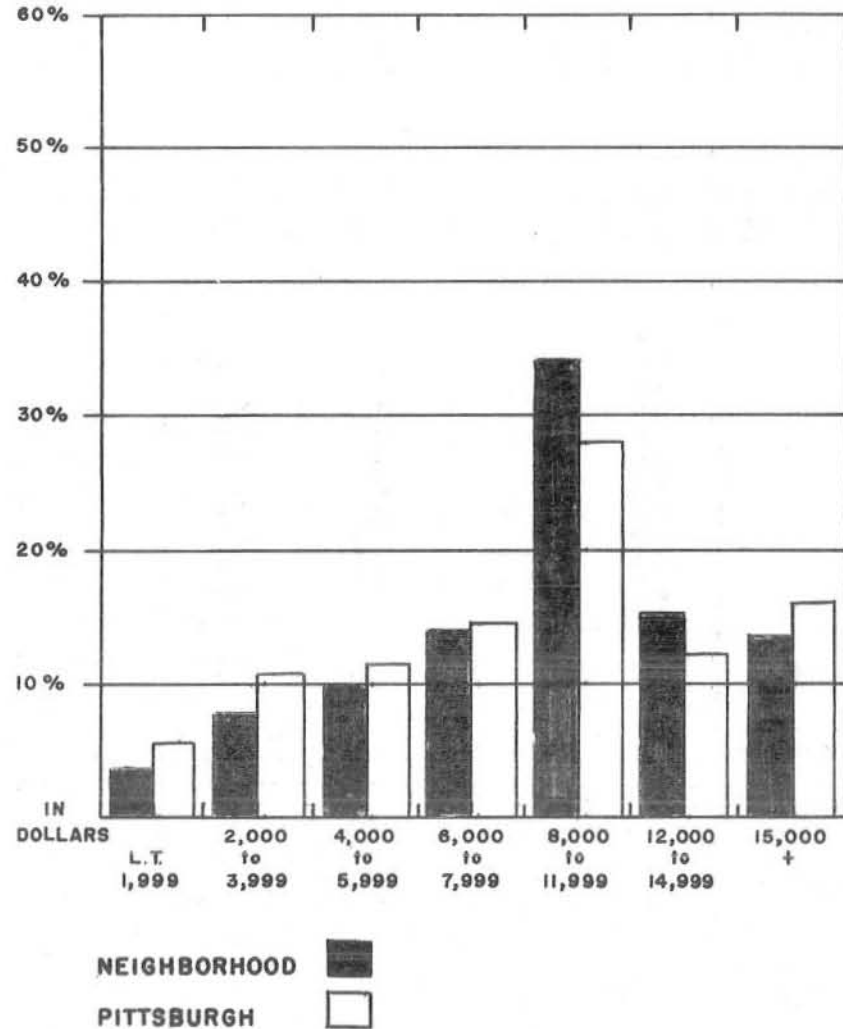


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
OF FAMILY INCOME
BY INCOME RANGES
(IN DOLLARS)**

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Sheraden-Chart. families was \$6,126 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$9,454, representing a ten year change of 54.3%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.



SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**OCCUPATION: MAJOR OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS
OF PERSONS 14 YEARS AND OVER, 1970**

The largest percentage of people in this neighborhood work in craftsmen foremen positions. This group constitutes 34% of the employed population. The largest percentage of people in the city work in sales & clerical positions, which represents 28% of the total population.

**MAJOR OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS
OF PERSONS 14 YEARS AND OVER, 1970**

	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE	SALES AND CLERICAL	CRAFTSMEN, OPERATIVES, FOREMEN	LABORERS, SERVICES, HOUSEHOLD WORKERS	TOTAL EMPLOYED
MALE	387	456	1212	402	2457
FEMALE	150	779	83	335	1347
TOTAL	537	1235	1295	737	3804
PERCENT OF TOTAL	14.10	32.45	34.03	19.36	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	30	.29
BLIND	11	.10
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	532	5.29
GENERAL	77	.76
AID TO DISABLED	9	.08
TOTAL	659	6.52

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE
MARCH 2, 1973

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES IN 1972

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	0	.00
RAPE	2	.02
ROBBERY	14	.14
ASSAULT	44	.44
BURGLARY	62	.62
LARCENY	74	.74
TOTAL	196	1.96

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 7% received public assistance in 1972. Citywide, 14% of the population received some kind of assistance in the same year.

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES, 1972

The crime rate listed here represents the number of arrests that were made for major crimes in 1972 as a ratio of the total population of the area. Major crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, and larceny. In 1972, the crime rate for this neighborhood was 1.96 ; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

SOURCE: ANNUAL REPORT OF MAJOR CRIMES
CITY OF PITTSBURGH
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1972

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities which serve Sheraden-Chartiers are not limited to those located within the confines of Sheraden-Chartiers. Although there are many community facilities in the general vicinity, this list is limited to police and fire stations, public libraries, public schools, City of Pittsburgh recreational facilities (indoor and outdoor), major hospitals, and major colleges and universities.

Community facilities for this neighborhood include:

Sheraden-Chartiers

Public Facilities

- No. 40 Fire Station
- Police District No. 8

Recreation

- Sheraden Park
- Chartiers Playground
- Mutual Street Court
- McGunnegle Playground

Schools

- Sheraden Elementary
- Chartiers Elementary
- Langley High

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