

MEDIA ADVISORY

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BREAKING – More than 150 expected for community meeting to discuss childhood cancers in Southwestern Pennsylvania

More than 150 people have so far registered to attend the “Community Meeting on Childhood Cancers in SWPA” tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. Additionally, staff members from U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb, Pa. Sen. Camera Bartolotta, and Pa. Rep. Bud Cook are scheduled to attend.

Date: Tuesday, June 18

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Bella Sera, 414 Morganza Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317

The panel will talk about the issue of childhood cancer in the region, how being exposed to environmental pollution may play a part, and where we might go from here. The meeting will also allow members of the public to ask questions regarding the issue. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at bit.ly/EHP-Community-Meeting.

The public discussion is sponsored by the Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project (EHP). “EHP is hosting this community meeting because we know that parents and kids are worried about the heightened threat of cancer in our region,” said EHP Director Raina Rippel. “We want to bring those concerns to light, instead of hiding them in private meetings and incomplete studies.”

Panelists:

Bernard Goldstein, MD (Moderator)

Professor Emeritus and former Dean, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health

Janice Blanock

Cecil resident, Mother of the late Luke Blanock

Ned Ketyer, MD, FAAP

Pediatrician, Pediatric Alliance

Physicians for Social Responsibility (Board)

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About Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project

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