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Construction project resumes on Penn Avenue

By Wesley Davis

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Penn Avenue—Matcon Diamond Inc., the city's general contractor, has resumed the reconstruction project on Penn Avenue, bringing an end to the winter work suspension that was in effect.

According to Pat Hassett, Assistant Director of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Public Works, all parties involved in the project "have of equal interest in getting this job done as soon as possible."

Aggie Brose, Deputy Director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, noted that "the completed project will include new sidewalks, beautiful trees, street furniture, light poles, curb bump-outs, bike racks, and recycling cans."

"There was no major investment by the city in Penn Avenue for 70 years," Brose added, underscoring the hopeful impact that long-planned upgrades could have on one of the more crucial roadways in the city.

The discovery of numerous underground vaults, hidden like Easter eggs beneath Penn Avenue, has complicated the

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ABOVE: Concerned residents gathered at the former site of the Bottom Dollar to advocate for a neighborhood grocery store at 5200 Penn Avenue. Follow the developing story about a community fighting for its grocery needs on page 11. Photo by Rick Flanagan.

Garfield Night Market makes a 2015 return

By Amber Epps

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - Slowly becoming something of a community tradition, Garfield's Night Market returns Friday, May 1, and will run through the first Friday in October. Each of last year's Friday

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Summer programs foster local youth employment

By Wesley Davis

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

East Liberty - Starting on April 10th, City of Pittsburgh officials will be accepting applications for the Pittsburgh Summer Learn and Earn youth employment program. Local 14- to 21-year-olds

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ABOVE: Starting on April 10th, applications for the Pittsburgh Summer Learn and Earn Program, a youth employment program for 14- to 21-year-olds, will be accepted at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Avenue. Photo by Rick Flanagan.

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markets attracted an average of 700 to 1,000 visitors; many attendees provided surveys with positive feedback, giving the event a general satisfaction rating of 4.4 (out of 5).

In response to the wishes of many market guests, the Night Market Manager is exploring options to provide live entertainment at this year's markets. The vendor application process has also been updated to make for a more affordable fee structure, allowing vendors to sign up for multiple dates and receive a discount for committing to operate throughout the entire season.

Some of last year's favorite vendors are returning, including Leona's Ice Cream and Le's Chicken on a Stick, will be returning. Those interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at this year's

Garfield Night Market should visit <http://garfieldnightmarket.org>. One can also find the Night Market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/garfieldnightmarket.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Commercial District Manager wants to gather neighborhood feedback. In an effort to engage the surrounding communities in all that Penn Avenue has to offer, the BGC welcomes input from residents on what kind of interesting activities could be added to the Night Market.

Feedback will be shared by the BGC with Penn Avenue businesses to embellish programming for future events. Send an email to mainstreets@bloomfield-garfield.org with "Feedback" in the subject line. Include your street address, zip code, and preference for joining the Night Market mailing list. ♦

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE



ABOVE: Zone 5 Commander Jason Lando fields questions in his office. Photo by Wesley Davis.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police has appointed Jason Lando as the new Zone 5 Commander. Zone 5 includes the Bloomfield, Garfield, Friendship, East Liberty, Highland Park, Larimer, Morningside, Stanton Height, and Homewood neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.

Commander Lando has more than 15 years of experience as a police officer, including stints as a lieutenant, detective, and sergeant. Zone 5 will soon begin operating a Community Response Car piloted by officers Jeffrey Crawford and Johnny Erevia.

The Community Response Car officers will respond to 311 complaints, according to Lando, and the officers will "get involved in community projects and programs, including working in the schools."

"Officer Karen McNeal will begin working with Community Relations Officer

Michael Gay on a variety of community engagement projects," Lando added.

The city's 311 response system assists officers with a variety of public safety and related complaints like potholes, graffiti, and parking issues. Residents can register complaints by dialing '311' from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. 311 complaints may also be registered by visiting www.pittsburghpa.gov/311/form.

Commander Lando stated that the increased number of officers dedicated to community engagement is a testament to Chief of Police Cameron McLay's commitment to building a stronger relationship between police and the surrounding community. He said residents should feel free to approach and welcome the new community officers to the neighborhood.

Paula Kellerman, Manager of Employment for the City's Department of Personnel and Civil Service Commission, led a workshop to help people apply to become police officers for the City of Pittsburgh. Kellerman urged potential applicants to visit the City's employment website at www.pghjobs.net.

Kellerman said that applications for the Police Officer position will be accepted until May 11th of this year, but encouraged those who are interested to begin the application process as soon as possible.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) thanked the previous Zone 5 Commander, Timothy O'Connor, for his extensive service and congratulate him on his new position as Chief of Police for Bethel Park. ♦

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'ArBrew Days' on Butler Street

By Molly Recka *Lawrenceville Corporation*

Lawrenceville - Early last year, Tree Pittsburgh endeavored to create Pittsburgh's very first 'urban forest' plan, an initiative that would plant seeds of change throughout the city.

On account of its low tree canopy, and residents' high level of volunteer engagement, Lawrenceville is now the pilot neighborhood for a master plan called "ReLeaf Lawrenceville."

The plan came to life last October with tree plantings, 'Tree Tender' certification classes, and pruning workshops. Thanks to Tree Pittsburgh's new initiative, the 'My Tree' program, Lawrenceville residents can now beatify their backyards by purchasing trees at a specially discounted rate.

A truly collaborative effort, ReLeaf Lawrenceville was conceived through coordination between a group of dedicated neighbors and Lawrenceville Tree Tenders, Lawrenceville United, and the Lawrenceville Corporation.

In recognizing the fruits of such diligent planning and planting efforts, the ReLeaf Lawrenceville Committee is organizing a clever neighborhood tribute for Arbor Day weekend.

"ArBrew Days" aims to slake Lawrenceville's thirst for change by engaging local bars and restaurants to serve celebratory, "tree-themed" drinks to revelers on the weekend of April 24 and 25.

Businesses have been eager to participate in the tree festivities, which will coincide with Lawrenceville's annual Art All Night event, and are now lining up to support the event.

Participating establishments will donate a portion of the proceeds towards funding future ReLeaf Lawrenceville Projects. Tree Pittsburgh hopes that this first ArBrew Days event will inspire other neighborhoods to create similar beatification projects throughout the city. ♦

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existing time-frame for completing Phase I of the reconstruction project. The completion date is currently set for April.

Matcon Diamond has guaranteed the city that its employees will be working forty-hour weeks to finish trenching the sidewalks, filling the vaults, and renovating streetscape features.

In early May, the Penn Avenue Reconstruction Committee (PARC) will hold a community meeting to discuss the next phase of the project. Local residents and business owners are welcome to learn more about the upcoming construction plans, and provide their input.

A continuation of the current project, Phase II will run along Penn Avenue from Evaline Street to Graham Street. The second phase will be governed by a new assessment of the project's scope of work, which evaluates any potential social and economic impacts that the Penn Ave. project could have on neighbors and businesses owners along the corridor.

To collect local feedback about the plans for Phase II construction, Hassett is asking all interested parties to attend the next community meeting. Details about that meeting will be forthcoming in the May issue of *The Bulletin*. ♦

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ABOVE: Matcon Diamond is back to work; construction workers trench a stretch of sidewalk along Penn Avenue. Photo by Rick Flanagan



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Penn Avenue Reconstruction Committee meeting



ABOVE: Speaking on behalf of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, Jim Ferlo (right) addresses neighborhood concerns at a Penn Avenue Reconstruction Committee meeting with local business owners and representatives from the offices of City Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess and Congressman Gainey. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With regard for journalistic impartiality, I recommend that another side of the Arsenal Park proposals be examined. The current plan is very insensitive to the historical nature of the facility because it calls for cutting away the historic pre-Civil War walls and removal of the stone caps.

Considering that the Allegheny Arsenal (1814-1926) was one of the most important military facilities in the city and country, these proposals are totally unacceptable. When hundreds of people signed a petition urging the city to provide maintenance and restorations to an important asset, they did not expect to see a cherished institution completely overhauled to the point that it bears little or no resemblance to its former character.

A proposed restaurant in the former gunpowder magazine would alter one of the oldest and most historic structures in the city. Also, there would be an increase in the possibility of a fire that could damage or destroy this early nineteenth century building.

Another questionable change would be to completely destroy the amphitheater, rather than restore broken flagstone and replace long-removed benches. The quaint charm of the amphitheater area would be replaced by steps that represent cold, crass, modern brutality.

If these proposals are implemented, it will be the most appalling Allegheny Arsenal disaster since the horrendous explosion of 1862.

Sincerely,

James Wudarczyk



ABOVE: As a reward for designing the winning logo of the Pittsburgh Summer Learn and Earn Program, Jasmine Harris (second from left), a participant in last year's program, received a new iPad during a ceremony with Mayor Peduto . Photo by Rick Flanagan.

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are invited to apply for this program in order to receive a paid, six-week summer work experience. Participants will also engage in other job trainings and enrichment opportunities.

Applications will be accepted at the following sites: Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), Goodwill's Southside location, the West End Works, and the Northside Coalition for Fair Housing office.

In an effort to encourage young people to apply for the program, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and the ENEC are working with the Carnegie Library's East Liberty branch to organize a summer job fair.

The job fair will take place on April 10th, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the branch, located at 130 S. Whitfield Street. ENEC Manager, Rick Flanagan, welcomes all young adults (between ages 14 and 21) to attend the Summer Job Fair and jump-start their professional careers.

"This job fair will serve as a kickoff event for the Pittsburgh Summer Learn and Earn program," Flanagan said.

Garfield student, Tamere Lester, said that he is very excited to take advantage of the program's offerings and looks forward to working this summer. Currently enrolled in the 9 grade, Lester believes that a summer job will "help prepare for future employment [and] add to my resume."

Families who are interested in applying for the Pittsburgh Summer Learn and Earn program should contact the ENEC at 412-362-8580.

Beginning in April, the Carnegie Library in East Liberty will play host to a "Get the Job" series for teens. "This five-week course will cover how to look for a job, build a great resume, write a cover letter, and then nail the interview," teen librarian Simon Rafferty said.

"The program culminates in a mock interview that will give teens the skills to be competitive in today's job market."

Rafferty added that this weekly course begins on Monday, April 6 and plans to reconvene at the library every week (from 5 to 6 p.m.) before the final mock interview on May 4.

Teens interested in registering for the "Get the Job" series should call the East Liberty branch of the Carnegie Library at 412-363-8232. ♦

BELOW: Rayquan Adams (left) and Reed Rankin get ready to start work at Wolfpack Electronics in East Liberty during last summer's youth employment program. Photo by Mallory Helbling.



ABOVE: Jasmine Clark (left) and Devon Allison (right) take a quick break from their internships for a photo opportunity with supervisor Shirley Gleditsch at the East End Community Thrift store on Penn Avenue. Photo by Mallory Helbling.

A large poster for Northway Oakland. The top half has a dark background with a geometric pattern of triangles in shades of purple, red, and blue. The text "NORTH WAY OAKLAND" is in small white capital letters. Below it, "NEW BUILDING. SAME CHURCH." is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath that, "A fresh start for us and you." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The bottom half of the poster shows a photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a mix of brick and light-colored panels. The building has a unique, angular design.

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Local tattoo artists raise money for building renovations

By Andrew McKeon *The Bulletin*

Garfield - The last time a local newspaper came to Garfield and interviewed anyone at Artisan Tattoo (5001 Penn Ave.), it ended up costing the store owners a lot of money.

Mel and Jason Angst have been operating their tattoo shop for nearly four years now, but it could all be over in less than six months.

When they first began planning for a downstairs café and a piercing shop to the second floor of the building, the Angsts were unfamiliar with the process of bringing a building up to commercial zoning code.

“I’ve got a quote for you. People ask me why I don’t just buy another building for less than these renovations cost. I tell them that I glued 250,000 pennies onto this floor, one by one, so I’m not going anywhere.”

– Mel Angst, Artisan Tattoo

“We owned another business before, but we were only renting that property,” Mel said. “It’s a whole different ballgame now that we own our business property.”

The store-owners soon obtained a building permit to renovate the façade structure of 5001 Penn Avenue.

Everything was on track for the café to open on schedule while the piercing shop was busy installing features upstairs to comply with the new zoning regulations.

Artisan’s owners describe their store as more than a tattoo shop ; it is a growing community’s potential “dream factory.”

“Not only do we use this space to feature art of all mediums, but also as a community forum for local non-profits and as a classroom space for arts education,” Mel said.

The Angsts have always welcomed any media interest about their plans, so they saw no harm in answering a few questions from a local reporter.

Unfortunately for Artisan Tattoo, it was journalistic due diligence that ultimately complicated their business plans.

Upon fact-checking some of the zoning records for 5001 Penn Avenue, the same reporter made a call downtown to speak with the Building Inspection Bureau for the Garfield neighborhood.

The newly appointed inspector noticed an inconsistency in some of the records for that location and decided to pay Artisan

Tattoo a surprise visit the very next day.

As a result of the inspector’s visit, the building must undergo significant renovations in order to simply keep its doors open.

A grand total of \$87,000 worth of renovations, including a very expensive fire escape with roofs, is required for Artisan Tattoo to stay in business. ADA compliance also dictates that the tattoo shop must renovate three different bathrooms.

“While we anticipated bumps in the road during our development, we never could have predicted these kinds of unfortunate scenarios,” Mel said.

“It puts everything that we’ve worked so hard for at risk. We have poured so much of ourselves into creating this space that it’s hard to imagine everything coming to an end so quickly.”

With less than six months to complete the project, the Angsts have turned to social media in an effort to raise funds that would help them deal with some of the costs.

“If we manage to raise this obnoxious amount of money, then we’re not only keeping *our* business alive,” Mel explained.

“We’re working with strictly local contractors and architects, not only to get this job done right, but also to contribute to Penn Avenue and its economic well-being while we’re at it.”

With a little help from another friend, they put together a very revealing, almost confessional, video piece highlighting the struggles of keeping a small business afloat in the face of such financial turmoil.

As of press time, Artisan Tattoo had raised almost \$20,000 toward its goal. Information about the fundraiser can be found at www.indiegogo.com/projects/keep-artisan-alive.

Mel encourages anyone interested in Artisan Tattoo to stop by the store. Now that they are making renovations, the store-owners want to inform others about how to comply with zoning codes. They are once again welcoming questions. ♦



ABOVE: Jason and Mel Angst, owners and operators of Artisan Tattoo (5001 Penn Ave.) in Garfield, try directing foot-traffic into their store while also completing a massive building renovation project. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

BELOW: Construction of a new fire escape behind Artisan Tattoo begins; a recent building inspection requires compliance with all ADA standards in order for the business to keep its doors open. Photo by Andrew McKeon.



Arsenal Schools launch Parent-Led program

By Dave Breingan *Lawrenceville United*

Lawrenceville – On any given school day, parents are making a difference at Arsenal Schools by volunteering in the Parent-Led program.

Participating parents greet students as they arrive, assist teachers with clerical duties, help staff during mealtimes, and even work with children inside the classroom.

“Sometimes, I work with a little boy who is still learning English,” Arsenal parent, Jer Pelling, said. “The smile on his face makes the ‘inconvenience’ of volunteering more than worth it.”

One of the major goals of the program is to develop participating parents’ leadership skills. Regular meetings and monthly parent workshops are open to the community, providing support for the parents and helping them build life skills to achieve personal goals.

Goodwill of Southwestern PA gave an in-depth presentation about leadership at the first parent workshop, held in February. After listening to an informative session about Goodwill’s various social services, parents signed up for GED courses, computer classes, career counseling, adult ‘English as a Second Language’ instruction, and more.

The next parent workshop, held on March 24, focused on how parents can effectively identify, prevent, and respond to bullying.

After months of coordinating with Lawrenceville United’s PEP Rally program and Arsenal’s principals, parents linked up with A+ Schools to finalize planning for the Parent Led Program. Three other Pittsburgh Public Schools (King, Langley, and Grandview) have also initiated this program.

“The Parent Led Program is all about partnerships that ultimately support the students,” says Amie Matson, Program Manager at A+ Schools. “It strengthens relationships with fellow parents, between parents and school staff, and also parents and community organizations.”

To get involved or to attend an upcoming parent workshop at Arsenal, please contact Dave Breingan at Dave@LUnited.org or call 412.802.7220. ♦

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Bloomfield Saturday Market returns

By Christina Howell *Bloomfield Development Corporation*

The Bloomfield Saturday Market wants to feature more of our neighbors as regular vendors. We welcome vendors of all kinds, including artists who craft their own goods.

The market is seeking out more ethnic food vendors, as well as producers of honey, maple syrup, eggs, and cheese. Vendor applications are now being accepted, with discounted fees available if payment is made before May 1.

Heavy programming, like live music and weekly cooking demonstrations, helps us attract new vendors and customers alike. In hosting the Bloomfield Saturday Market, West Penn Hospital/Allegheny Health Network will offer health information, giveaways, and free screenings to those in attendance.

The Bloomfield Saturday Market prides itself on accessibility; on-site restrooms, seating, and canopy shade are provided in order to make our neighborhood shoppers as comfortable as possible.

Special events like “Pet Day,” which features pet-friendly vendors and adoption-ready cats and dogs, help our vendors

reach new audiences. Science Day (coordinated with the Carnegie Science Center) is also a regular feature, as are neighborhood rummage sales.

Opening day is May 30th; kids can enjoy the various craft-making tables and explore a fire truck with local fire-fighters. We encourage the school-children to speak about what makes their school unique and what makes their teachers special.

The Bloomfield Saturday Market accepts SNAP, credit, and debit cards. A group of staff, vendors, and community members called the “Market Steering Committee,” makes decisions about market direction and other planning efforts.

The committee meets at 5 p.m., on the 2 Tuesday of every month, in the Daly Building (366 Gross Street, 15224) and is completely open to anyone who wants to join.

More information is available at www.bloomfieldnow.org. Vendors interested in participating may obtain contracts by calling 412.681.8800 or emailing christina@bloomfieldnow.com. ♦

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LOCAL 412 opens up on Penn Avenue

By Carrie Garrison *The Bulletin*

Penn Avenue - In November of 2014, Amber Epps and her business partner set out to share their passion for Pittsburgh's underground hip-hop culture by creating LOCAL 412, a retail store at 4901 Penn Ave.

Epps, a producer and artist in her own right, found the name by combining an acronym for "Love Our City A Lot" with the local area code.

The store will function as both a retail space (featuring clothing, jewelry, and candles made by local designers) and a gallery space where Pittsburgh's visual artists can display their work.

Epps, who also works for the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation as its Mainstreets Manager, mentioned that all the products will carry a hip-hop theme or relate to the four pillars of hip-hop (disc jockey, emcee, graffiti artistry, and breakdancing).

Jerel Webster, the fashion merchandiser for LOCAL 412, is an old friend of Epps who shares her passion for hip-hop. "I used to do graffiti, I used to rap, I used to deejay for a little bit," Webster said.

"I've been active with all the pillars of hip-hop," he went on to say. Working with his brother to design a clothing line called All Day I'm Crispy (ADIC) Attire, Webster also plans to showcase some of his street art in the store.



ABOVE: Paintings by Danielle Robinson and Billy Pilgrim paintings line the walls at LOCAL 412 (4901 Penn Ave.), building on the store's hip-hop theme with visuals that tell stories and speak to experience. Photo by Carrie Garrison.

"I felt that it was important to have a place where we can celebrate Pittsburgh's underground hip-hop culture while also using the space to preserve that very culture. I chose Garfield because I'm familiar with the neighborhood and because it's so receptive to a variety of art forms."

- Amber Epps, LOCAL 412

LOCAL 412 had its grand opening on March 6 at Penn Avenue's Unblurred event, which featured a game called "Rhyme Calisthenics." Contestants demonstrated their lyrical abilities with the aid of a spinning, carnival wheel of chance.

Artist Elana Schlenker, whose products reflect the gap in pay between men and women, will also be featured as a pop-up in the store for April. As the store builds

out its museum space over the next year, art curation will really begin taking shape.

Looking forward to establishing the storefront as a local beacon, and a national player in the growing world of hip-hop, Epps is very excited about this new venture.

"The idea," Epps said, "is to show people that hip-hop is an art-form. We are, however, open to other things beyond the scope of hip-hop."

She will draw upon neighborhood style to inform LOCAL 412's appeal and, maybe one day even host the Pittsburgh Underground Music Awards at her new space. ♦



ABOVE: Amber Epps hangs out at her new store, LOCAL 412 (4901 Penn Ave.), an art gallery/retail space that brings hip-hop styles to the changing Penn Avenue streetscape. Photo by Carrie Garrison.



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Proposal for new urban garden rebuffed

By Wesley Davis *Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

Garfield—On March 2, neighbors in the 4700 block of Kincaid Street, gathered at the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Activities Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.) to discuss Jennifer Sabol's proposal to build a community garden in Garfield, at the corner of Kincaid St. and Reno Way.

The City of Pittsburgh currently owns the specific plot of land at this location. Before completing a lease of the property, Sabol wanted to hold a community meeting to solicit local opinions about her plans.

Both lifelong and newer Garfield residents voiced their concerns about the proposed gardening site. The vacant lot in question is situated at the end of Kincaid St., facing local two-way traffic, and is currently littered with groundhog tunnels.

Sabol presented a month-by-month schedule that laid out how this ravaged lot could be transformed into a welcoming garden to "build community development, sustainability, and self-reliance."

Promising "designated days for all of the gardeners to get together to sow, weed, and harvest," Sabol envisioned her project as a way to contribute to the community's general well-being.

Neighbors at the meeting expressed their gratitude for such good intentions, but also their doubts about the location being a good fit for a garden.

The site has very limited access to water, but extended access to deer and poison ivy; construction of an eight-foot tall fence would be required to prevent deer from ruining the garden.

Another issue of great concern to some of

the avid gardeners in attendance was the viability of the soil. It has been years since the precise area was examined for underground contamination.

Amidst rumors that construction crews have regularly used the lot as an illegal dumping ground, many neighbors said that any vegetables grown there would be unfit for consumption.

The most critical issue, though, was parking. Residents testified to the parking issues already affecting those who live at the end of Kincaid Street.

Many said that the street has very limited access to parking as it is, so the influx of laborers and gardeners would only add to their parking woes. Some people even advocated for a parking lot to be built at the proposed garden site.

After gathering input from the community members, Sabol decided to heed their concerns and abandon any plans for a garden at the end of Kincaid St.

Aggie Brose, Deputy Director of the BGC, reminded the room that anyone could have simply leased this parcel of land and moved forward without consulting their new neighbors in Garfield.

Brose was not alone in thanking Sabol for her progressive gardening ideas, and also for such proper consideration of the community. A representative from Grow Pittsburgh offered to assist Sabol in finding a more suitable site for a community-based garden. ♦

Garfield Green Zone Meeting



ABOVE: Community members met at the BGC Activity Center on N. Pacific Avenue to discuss plans for the next Garfield Green Zone. Photo by Rick Flanagan.

Businesses eager to enjoy new Penn Avenue

By Amber Epps *Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

Penn Avenue - Now that both sides of the road are open on Penn Ave and the weather is getting warmer, excitement is brewing about what things will look like once all of the updates have been completed. Over the last few weeks, construction crews have been hard at work trenching the sidewalks and preparing to lay new utility lines underneath the avenue.

Foot traffic has increased since the roadway reopened to two-way traffic; better access was again available for parking along the avenue. "I was so excited the day I could finally look both ways to check for oncoming traffic," Nicolette Pawlowski said.

As the co-director of Los Sabrosos Dance Company, located at 4909 Penn Ave., Pawlowski feels the pain of local business operators, yet she appreciates the ongoing improvements.

"With cars driving and parking up and down the street, the road is more inviting. Pedestrians are now taking leisurely strolls on the sidewalks and boosting our walk-in traffic," Pawlowski said.

"It's like life has picked up on Penn Avenue and I know that things will only continue to strengthen from here on out," she added. "As business has started to grow, we've decided to feature more instructors of Ballet and West African Dance." ♦

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Lawrenceville Hosts Housing Seminar

By Helen Ewing *Lawrenceville United*

Lawrenceville - Some of the oldest homes in Allegheny County can be found in Lawrenceville; seventy-six percent of its houses were built before 1939. While such historical housing stock has certainly helped the neighborhood build character, it has also begun attracting many new residents.

Renters now account for more than half of the community, influencing neighborhood rental rates and raising questions about the neighborhood's new housing dynamics. The "Building a Better Lawrenceville" event will help residents and landlords learn how to care for their homes with respect for the neighborhood's unique history. Local experts will provide information about complying with modern safety, accessibility, and energy-efficiency standards.

On April 11th, from 9a.m. until 2p.m., Arsenal Middle School will host representatives from various non-profits and city departments (including Action-Housing, Neighbor Works, and Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group).

The morning session will focus on how to save money, save energy, and become a responsible homeowner in Lawrenceville. Afternoon speakers plan to address tenant and landlord issues, like renter's rights and the Fair Housing Act.

Judge Tony Ceoffe will advise tenants and landlords on protocols for contacting the Magistrate's office in the event of a housing dispute. Along with the city's Disruptive Properties Department and Police from Zone Two, Councilwoman Deborah Gross will address best practices for both landlords and tenants in a dense, growing neighborhood like Lawrenceville.

For Lawrenceville's project-oriented home-owners, The Design Center will offer mini-consultations to illustrate possibilities for home renovations. Local construction businesses and home-repair experts are encouraged to submit pertinent housing information that might benefit those in attendance.

In raising awareness for neighborhood housing issues, Lawrenceville United is working to foster more responsible, cooperative landlord-tenant relationships throughout the community. Email Helen Ewing at helen@lunited.org or call 412-802-7220 for more information. ♦

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Penn Avenue Against Graffiti

By Amber Epps *Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

Garfield - In order to address local graffiti issues, the City of Pittsburgh web site recommends that citizens follow different procedures to report ongoing acts of vandalism.

If you see someone in the act of vandalizing property, please call 911 immediately to report the incident. This duly notifies the Graffiti Task Force and the office of DPW's Graffiti Busters.

Once police arrive to assess and photograph the vandalism, a report will be filed, along with the pictures, to keep track of this ongoing problem.

If you notice that your property has been vandalized, you are asked to call 911, even if you are just renting the property.

Once a police report is filed, a CCR number will be issued, and you will be asked to contact the Mayors Response Center by dialing 311.

The property owner must then fill out a 'graffiti permission slip' and send it to the Graffiti Buster's Office, located in the

City's Traffic Division.

If you happen to notice graffiti on someone else's property, whether private or publicly-owned, you are asked to contact the Mayor's Response Line at 311. A report will be sent to the Graffiti Busters and the Graffiti Task Force.

According to the City of Pittsburgh website, graffiti will be removed from private property on a case-by-case basis, but only after a proper site evaluation has been conducted. Any graffiti that is located more than 10 feet above ground will not be removed by the city.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation is determined to work with the City of Pittsburgh to combat neighborhood vandalism. The city will keep track of graffiti as it is discovered and reported.

Citizens can also send an email describing the location of the graffiti to mainstreets@bloomfield-garfield.org. This will help inform myself and the BGC's Deputy Director of the problem. ♦

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BELOW: Flanked by supportive neighbors, Deputy Director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Aggie Brose, joins in holding a sign during the community rally at 5631 Baum Blvd.



Garfield wants a grocery store from page 1

Garfield - More than 100 neighbors gathered at 5200 Penn Avenue on Wednesday, March 18 for the "ALDI, Won't You Be Our Neighbor?" event.

Hungry for a grocery store in Garfield, local residents convened in the parking lot at the former Bottom Dollar store for a press conference featuring speakers like former State Senator Jim Ferlo and Melvin El (from the office of State Rep. Ed Gainey).

Speaking out on the recent closure of the Bottom Dollar store, Ferlo emphasized its impact upon local employment. As a member of the board of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, he acknowledged some commercial developers' disregard for the grocery needs of a growing community in Garfield.

Upon finalizing the site purchase from Del Haize, Inc., ALDI will make a decision about whether to open one of its own stores at the 5200 Penn Avenue location.

Aggie Brose, Deputy Director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, addressed the crowd to explain how ALDI was expected to make an announcement by March 31.

As of press time, the company's announcement was still pending. The Bulletin will continue reporting further developments

about site control, possible grocery vendors, and other plans for building.

After the press conference, a group of concerned residents walked, en masse, down Roup Street to the ALDI store located at 5631 Baum Boulevard. Neighbors then started shopping together to create a courteous demonstration of their community's grocery needs and demographic potential.

As they exited the store, shoppers pinned their receipts to a large sign that read: "ALDI, Don't Discount the Community. We have untapped buying power." Before long, a chorus of shoppers began chanting, "All these people are ALDI's people."

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation has pledged to work with the City of Pittsburgh, along with other community organizations and local non-profits, to bring a grocery store back to Garfield.

In order to advance the needs of a local 'food desert,' neighbors must join together and help turn the oasis of a grocery store into a reality for Penn Avenue.

To get involved in this ongoing advocacy for a grocery store in Garfield, please call the BGC events hotline at 412-206-9849 or contact Aggie Brose at aggie@bloomfield-garfield.org. ♦

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Community relations Police Officers



above: The newly expanded team of Zone 5 officers tackling community relations issues includes (from left to right) Officers Johnny Erevia, Michael Gay, Karen McNeal, and Jeffrey Crawford. Photo by Wesley Davis.

Alternative training and employment center opens in Bloomfield

By Emily Houvener *Bulletin Contributor*

Bloomfield - In conjunction with Trinity Health's Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, Pittsburgh Mercy Health System (PMHS) has announced the opening of a new facility at 4749 Baum Boulevard in Bloomfield.

The newly opened 'Pittsburgh Mercy Alternative Training and Employment Center' will serve up to 100 adults with intellectual disabilities.

The center will offer several programs, like school-to-work and community employment programs, to meet the unique educational and employment needs of adults with intellectual disabilities. The Adult Training Facility (ATF) and Senior programs, which were previously available at a smaller PMHS facility, are now open to expand at a bigger location.

Sue Hardy, who serves as a program director at PMHS, said the new center "offers the individuals we serve a wonderful, people-centered, strengths-based alternative to traditional activity centers and sheltered workshops."

"Our vision," she elaborated, "is to better prepare the individuals we serve for community employment by integrating services at this site with other community needs."

ATF provides vocational, functional, and social programs designed to enhance and maintain communication, job readiness, socialization, community awareness, volunteering, daily living, and basic vocational skills through supervised, individual, and group activities.

ATF also gives participants the opportunity to work on-site and volunteer in the community. This program is open to adults aged 22 and older.

The Senior Program serves individuals aged 60 and older by providing planned, slower-paced activities and work tasks. Enrolled seniors may take part in exercises involving daily orientation, recreational therapy, and various community activities.

The School-to-Work program is designed to help young adults (18- to 21-year-olds) with their transition into the workplace. Participants complete interest surveys to best match them with clerical, customer service, housekeeping, janitorial, and other jobs.

Additionally, job coaches provide on-site training and help in connecting young job-seekers with different workplace opportunities. The Community Employment Program provides further help with specialized job placement and employment support services.

Individuals receive specific training and support to aid their job search. The program also provides ongoing support to participating employers.

Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services' Senior Director Curt Constant explained, "In our new location, our experienced, compassionate team of professionals will help adults with intellectual disabilities achieve fullness of life through innovative programming and meaningful work activities."

Pittsburgh Mercy Alternative Training and Employment Center currently operates Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., but will expand its hours as new programs are added.

To learn more about program eligibility and services, call Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services at (412) 344-6400, or visit www.pmhs.org. ♦

Spring is in the air with flower and folk festival

By Martha Ann Terry *Friendship Community Group*

Friendship - The annual Friendship Flower and Folk Festival, affectionately referred to as 'f4,' will take place at Baum Grove (400 Roup St.) on Saturday, May 9. Hosted by the Friendship Community Group (FCG), this family-friendly event runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m..

Festival-goers may browse the 'Awesome Raffle,' check out the 'Gently Used Book Sale,' and enjoy the various arts and crafts, all while listening to local musicians in a beautiful outdoor setting.


Affiliated f4 vendors will display locally grown flowers and bedding plants, but the festival offers folks more than just flowers.

It now features an open-air market of community possibilities. Our neighborhood volunteers will assist visitors as they get to know exhibitors like Zero Fossil, Chicks in the Hood, Burgh's Bees, Steel City Grazers, and Penn Forest Natural Burials, among others.

This year, the FCG has identified Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania as its charity of choice. Fellow ARL supporters may donate items or monetary gifts on the day of the festival. Visit www.friendship-pgh.org or contact f4g@friendship-pgh.org for more information on attending f4. ♦



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A Season of Change

We can all remember coloring eggs, eating chocolate candies and wearing our finest clothing. But the true sentiment of Easter is the hope that it brings.

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City Police recruitment event



ABOVE: Paula Kellerman, from the City of Pittsburgh, addresses a group of interested residents to explain the protocol for applying to become a police officer. Photo by Rick Flanagan.

Affordable Care Act enrollment in Garfield

By Andrew McKeon *The Bulletin*

Garfield - The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center have teamed up with Get Covered America to host an upcoming health insurance enrollment event on April 7, from noon until 4 p.m., at 5321 Penn Avenue.

JustHarvest will provide assistance with food stamp enrollment.

Anyone who was fined for being unin-

sured can still enroll in Affordable Care Act plans until April 30th.

Everyone who now qualifies for enrollment will receive help to apply for Medicaid health insurance plans.

As it is only available for a limited time, all residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. To schedule a free appointment with a health insurance

expert, call 412-206-1298. ♦



Art All Night is Back

By Kayleigh Smith *Art All Night*

Lawrenceville - This year's non-juried, uncensored, 24-hour art show will feature submissions by artists from all walks of life.

Running from Saturday, April 25 until Sunday, April 26, the 18 installment of Art All Night will unfold again at Willow Street Development, located at 40th St. and Willow St. in Lawrenceville.

Art All Night features original artwork, activities for children and adults, and live entertainment.

On-site artists will collaborate to create works of art that will be featured in a live art auction on April 26, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public for the whole duration.

Children's activities will be held, during early hours on both days of the event. Children and families can build their own cardboard city, weave recycled materials, create silkscreen prints, and partake in other fun activities.

Organizers encourage all artists to participate by submitting one work to the show. To participate in the show, artists must drop off their work between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 25 at.

All artwork must arrive ready to be displayed. Art pickup takes place between 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on April 26. Any artists submitting work will need to show a photo ID during registration and pickup.

Art All Night is staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers, who could always use a hand with various tasks during the event. Visit artallnight.org to learn more about volunteering and donation opportunities. ♦

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April 3

GARFIELD

Exhibition Opening

The Irma Freeman Center for Imagination (5006 Penn Ave.) presents the opening reception from 7-10 p.m. of The Big Little Show: Art in Miniature, which is on exhibition from April 3 – June 20, 2015. A multi-artist exhibition curated by Sheila D. Ali with local and international exhibiting Artists: Abira Ali, Alberto Almarza, Bill Shannon, Douglas "Doug" Duerring, Eliza Henderson, Etta Cettera, Katy DeMent, Lavern Kemp, Lisa Demagall, Michael "Fig" Magnifico, Ryder Henry, Sandra Streiff, Sharon Serbin, Sheila Ali, Sherry Rusinak & Waylon Richmond.

April 4

LAWRENCEVILLE

The Big Hunt

You're invited to the biggest Easter Egg Hunt in Lawrenceville. It's the third Annual The Big Hunt sponsored by Encounter Church (in partnership with Lawrenceville United and Friends of Arsenal Park). Join us from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Arsenal Park in Lawrenceville. This year will be even bigger with 15,000 eggs, tons of candy, food, a bounce house, the Easter Bunny, a new EC Kidzone and more! This event is free of charge! Visit www.encounterpg.com for more details.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Church Easter Egg Hunt

Join us, The Morningside Church of God in Christ, 5173 Dearborn St., for an Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and bring a friend, have fun and be blessed. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

April 8

HOMEWOOD

Garden Herbs Workshop

Join us at Carnegie Library of Homewood, 7101 Homestead Ave., for a free event of exploring with fresh herbs! Join Bob Madden of Garden Dreams

Urban Farm & Nursery for the second installment of his three-part springtime gardening workshop and get to know garden herbs. We will learn how to plant, maintain, and harvest several popular herb varieties and will discuss some basic troubleshooting techniques. Most herbs grow happily in pots and window boxes, so don't let the lack of a garden bed keep you from joining in the fun! Visit eastendfood.coop/archives/4161 for more details. Call 412-242-3598 to reserve your spot.

April 10

GARFIELD

PULSEations event

Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE) is hosting its annual party and fundraiser, PULSEations, at the Union Project. We will be celebrating 20 years of PULSE in Pittsburgh, and we're expecting about 500 people to be at the event. There is going to be a special VIP reception, wheel throwing demonstrations in the ceramics studio, a silent auction, and more. For more information contact Rebecca Dyck at rdyck@pulsepittsburgh.com.

April 11

HOMEWOOD

World Hunger Simulation

Join us at 2 p.m. at the Carnegie Library of Homewood for a free event exploring world hunger. The University of Pittsburgh's chapter of the national FeelGood organization is committed to finding answers to these questions and wants you to join in the conversation. Julie Rusin and Katy Millins of the University of Pittsburgh's FeelGood chapter will facilitate an interactive simulation to help illuminate the systemic causes of global hunger and poverty and start a dialogue about the need for sustainable development. Visit eastendfood.coop/archives/4161 for more details on this exciting event. Call 412-242-3598 to reserve your spot.

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Jazz Uncorked

Jazz Uncorked will be a fun-filled evening with a fantastic live jazz group, passed desserts, a photo booth and much more! This is a 21+ event. Tickets will be available for purchase at select Healthy Active Living Centers and are \$6 for Seniors, in advance or at the door, for everyone else \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Please contact Bethanie Zapf at the Lawrenceville Healthy Active Living Center for more information at 412-622-6918 or e-mail bethanie.zapf@pittsburghpa.gov.

April 14

BLOOMFIELD

Seminar on Caregiving

When caring for loved ones, defining boundaries and setting limits with others is an essential part of self-care, but can be challenging in emotional relationships. Family relationships are often tested by the impact of the serious illness of a loved one and relationships become strained when expectations are unclear and poorly expressed. Learning to recognize your needs and limits, and state them without guilt requires awareness - and practice! Join Marcia Warren, LCSW from Caregiver head quarters from 6-7:30 p.m. to discuss the importance of "good boundaries", and learn how to recognize and ask for what we need in a loving, caring way. All are invited. Call 412-622-1212 to sign up.

April 15

HOMEWOOD

Allegheny Cleanways

Pittsburgh has been named the Most Livable City six times since 2000. We also pride ourselves on being one of the greenest cities. There is another side of Pittsburgh that we don't talk much about—the pockets of blight scattered throughout the hillsides and along our lovely rivers. Myrna Newman of Allegheny Cleanways will discuss a particular type of blight: illegal dumping. Join us to learn about the environmental, social, economic, and health costs associated with illegal dumping and how you can help Allegheny Cleanways reverse the damage. This event is free just call 412-242-3598 to reserve your spot and visit eastendfood.coop/archives/4161 for more details.

April 17

WILKINSBURG

Dream City Art Show

On Saturday, April 18, over 40 Wilksburg artists will present their work at 10 different sites across the Borough. Wilksburg has a rich history of cultivating art and creativity – and is currently home to artists of all ages and career levels. The day will begin at noon and include open studios, site specific projects and pop up exhibitions – ending with a gallery reception at Percolate Gallery (address) from 6-9 p.m. Artists James Shipman and Dee Briggs will open their studios and will additionally feature work with the Wilksburg Youth Project and the Wilksburg Girl Scouts. Local galleries Tip Type and Percolate will host on going exhibitions. Artist Bob Ziller will lead a hands-on painting workshop for people of all ages and artist's work will be installed in multiple pop-up locations for the one-day event. Participating artists include Terry Boyd, Charlotte Ka, Carin Mincemoyer, Brandon Boan, Errol Reynolds, John Sanders, Lazae LaSpina, the collective 181 and many others. All sites are within easy walking distance. Maps, ample parking and volunteers will be available to guide visitors at either starting point location – 606 South Avenue or 1412 Swissvale Avenue. All events and sites are free and open to the public.

April 19

LAWRENCEVILLE

Pancake Breakfast

The annual Holy Name Society "All the Pancakes You Can Eat" Breakfast will take place from 9 a.m. until noon at Saint Augustine Hall, 220 37 street. Adults, \$6.00 and children under 12, \$3.00. Tickets will be on sale in advance and at the door. Proceeds benefit local and parish charities.

April 22

HOMEWOOD

Organic Gardens Intro

Calling all beginner and budding gardeners: would you like to have a bounty of fresh and healthy produce at your doorstep this summer? This workshop will cover all the basic skills and methods you need to know to start digging in. Experienced urban farmer and garden educator Bob Madden will discuss layout, soil management, planting, watering, weeding, and of course, growing and harvesting some of your favorite veggies. Bob will answer your questions about gardening, and help you prepare to get growing. This event is free just call 412-242-3598 to reserve your spot and visit eastendfood.coop/archives/4161 for more details about getting started with organic gardens.

April 25

EAST LIBERTY

Spring into Health

Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kingsley Community Center, 6435 Frankstown Ave., for free health screenings and health resources. This is in celebration of National Minority Health Month. All are welcome. Call Jackie Blake or Christin Durham at 412-223-5742 for more information.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Art All Night

JVolunteers are needed for this unique event which is held at 40th and Willow St. from 4 p.m. on April 25 to 2 p.m. on April 26. This is a non-juried, uncensored, 24-hour show art show. The art show for children is held from 4-8 p.m. and again from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 26. Admission is free. Artists looking to participate should visit artallnight.org for more information.

April 29

HOMEWOOD

Cookbook Club

Join us at 7 p.m. at the East End Food Co-op Cafe Seating Area for a free event connecting with other local food lovers as we dive into some of our favorite cookbooks. Our Co-op welcomes gourmands and novice cooks alike to join us for the inaugural meeting of our Cookbook Club. We will brainstorm how the club should work and share homemade snacks, potluck style. Bring your ideas and a dish (along with a list of its ingredients) to

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April 30

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SQUIRREL HILL

Medical Ethics Seminar

Medical care ethics presentations will take place April 8 from 6-7 p.m. at the Carnegie Library-Squirrel Hill, 5801 Forbes Ave., and on April 22 from 7-8 p.m. at the Cooper Siegel Community Library, 403 Fox Chapel Road. The presentation topics directly relate to Allegheny County Library Association's 2015 One Book One Community book selection, "Five Days at Memorial" by Sheri Fink. Each presentation will be 30-45 minutes and will be followed by a rewarding session of questions and answers. There is no cost for admission at this seminar.

BLOOMFIELD

Neighborhood Awards

Northwood Realty Services, in partnership with In Community Magazines, is proud to offer a great opportunity for your residents to show pride in the places they call home and boost the reputation of your community. The 2015 Northwood Neighborhood Awards officially launches March 1 with a public call for nominations. We're encouraging all municipalities to help promote the awards, so you can be well represented among the winners. Categories include: Best all-around Neighborhood (East, West, North & South), Best Community

Event, Friendliest Neighborhood Park, Best Block Party, Best Architecture & Landscaping and Neighborhood Spirit (Children's submission). Residents will find out how their neighborhoods stack up when winners are announced on July 15. In addition to full bragging rights, overall winners in each category will win \$250 and be featured online and within selected issues of In Community's 32 local magazines that serve the four-county region. Visit www.Northwoodknowsneighborhoods.com starting March 1 through June 15 for more information and to nominate your favorite place or neighborhood.

Summer Camp Sign-Up

Calling all beginner and budding gardeners: would you like to have a bounty of fresh and healthy produce at your doorstep this summer? This workshop will cover all the basic skills and methods you need to know to start digging in. Experienced urban farmer and garden educator Bob Madden will discuss layout, soil management, planting, watering, weeding, and of course, growing and harvesting some of your favorite veggies. Bob will answer your questions about gardening, and help you prepare to get growing. This event is free. Please just call 412-242-3598 to reserve your spot and visit eastendfoodcoop/archives/4161 for more details.

FRIENDSHIP

Hospital Volunteership

We are looking for volunteers age 18 and older that can work between 2 and 24 hours per week. We need help with clerical work, customer service, transportation, and other areas. Meal vouchers will be provided after four hours of work and free parking will also be provided. Background checks are necessary to be eligible. To learn more or complete an application, please visit <https://www.ahn.org/locations/west-penn-hospital/volunteering> or call 412-578-5314. Applications are also available in Friendship Dining Room.

HOMEWOOD

Camp Cadet Application

he Allegheny County Camp Cadet program is accepting applications now through April 15 for its August 2015 program. Any boy or girl who resides in Allegheny County who is between the ages of 12 and 14 (and in good physical condition) is encouraged to apply. Allegheny County Camp Cadet is a non-profit, charitable organization that is funded by contributions from the community and is free to attendees. A mini-police academy program, Camp Cadet is designed to provide a better community understanding of law enforcement activities while simulating an atmosphere similar to a police training academy. For more information, please come and visit www.alleghenycountycampcadet.org. You can also contact Officer Mike Spagnoletti, Co-Director of Camp Cadet, at 412-473-1322 or via e-mail at mspagnoletti@county.allegheny.pa.us for an application or to receive more information about this special program.

GARFIELD

Public Allies Recruitment

The Public Allies Pittsburgh is a 10 month AmeriCorps program with full-time employment, professional development, and community service. Information sessions are held on April 11, at 1 p.m., April 15, at 5 p.m., and April 25, at 1 p.m., All sessions are held at Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave., RSVP to michaelb@publicallies.org or call 412-206-9849. For more information visit www.publicallies.org/pittsburgh

FRIENDSHIP

Pittsburgh Glass Center

PGC has a really cool and fun interactive exhibition going on right now featuring refurbished sign letters that visitors can move, wear and spell words with. Throughout the run of the exhibition, we're doing a word of the day on Instagram. Often, it's something we come up with but we also enjoy featuring a word spelled out by our visitors. We thought it might be fun to invite all our Penn Avenue neighbors to come in and spell a word that is relevant to their business, art, offering, etc. Any one of our staff members can take the photo and then we can schedule it to post out to our Instagram account tagging the associated business. We thought this could be a fun way to collaborate with our neighbors and try to generate a little buzz. Visitors can drop by anytime, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) and from 10a.m. until 4p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Join the Green Committee to work on a Love Your Block application and make plans for a spring project in the community. Meeting time is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the location will be posted on www.stantonheights.org or facebook.com/stantonheights.

STANTON HEIGHTS

Green Committee

Join the Green Committee to work on a Love Your Block application and make plans for a spring project in the community. Meeting time is 7 p.m., and the location will be posted on www.stantonheights.org or facebook.com/stantonheights.

GARFIELD

S&B Sewing Circle

This community gathering takes place on the third Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Assemble, 5125 Penn Ave. Participants – adults only, please – can bring a knitting, sewing, or crafting project to work on, and a dish to share. This event is BYOB.

Assemble Afterschool

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. join us at Assemble, 5125 Penn Ave. for free, hands-on making for kids in fourth through eighth grades. Tuesdays are for engineering, Wednesdays are for art, and Thursdays are for digital skills.

Night Market Vendors

Garfield Night Market was a success last year, and the planning process has already begun for this coming season. If you are a vendor, or are interested in becoming a vendor, send an email to garfield-nightmarket@gmail.com. Also, stay tuned to <http://garfieldnightmarket.org> for updates about market activities. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the street again this year.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Sunday Market

The Night Gallery hosts a market every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Come to 4936 Harrison St. for artisan bread, fresh coffee, and amazing jewelry.

Adult Game Night

Join your neighbors at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St., every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for board games, card games, or even video games. Participants must be 18 and up. Call 412-682-3668 for more information.

Little Learners

Come to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St., every Wednesday at 6 p.m. for family playtime. Using a wide array of age-appropriate toys, little learners will experience something exciting with their caregivers at their sides. Recommended for newborns to 3-year-olds and their families.

Youth Tennis Clinics

Beginner and intermediate tennis clinics for ages 6 to 10 are offered every Thursday night from 7 to 8 p.m. at Arsenal Middle School's gym, 220 40th St. No experience necessary. Rackets are provided or you can bring your own. \$10 per session, or \$45 for five sessions of your choosing. Non-marking shoes only. To pre-register, please contact Dave at Lawrenceville United, 412-802-7220 or Dave@LUnited.org.

Volunteers Needed


The Estelle S. Campbell Boys & Girls Club is looking for adult volunteers for arts and crafts, computers, sports, and/or fitness. Volunteers must have current child abuse and criminal clearances. For details about how to volunteer, call 412-682-4013.

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West Penn Hospital recruitment seminar



ABOVE: West Penn Hospital/ Allegheny Health Network staff give an employment presentation to connect applicants with professional career paths. Photo by Rick Flanagan.

Advance tickets available for Friendship House and Architecture Tour

By Luke Panza Friendship Community Group

Friendship - Tickets for the upcoming Friendship House and Architecture Tour will go on sale April 1.

The Friendship Community Group (FCG) has designated a local company, ShowClix, to handle online ticket sales. Those interested in participating may digitally purchase tickets on their phones to avoid any printing hassles.

Admission costs \$15, but discounted tickets are available for \$10 a piece until May 31. Ten to fifteen homes, as well as other architecturally significant buildings like churches, will be featured on the tour.

The FCG is reaching out to local businesses and organizing various sponsorships to help sustain tour operations.

As in years past, a trolley will be made available to transport tour-goers, driving them to participating houses along the designated route.

Several architects who reside in Friendship will teach visitors about the neighborhood's fascinating architectural evolution. Local history experts plan to share old stories about Friendship, elaborating upon some of its more famous residents and homeowners.

The tour does not take place until September 27, but tickets are now available (through ShowClix) so that potential tour-goers can make their plans well in advance. For more information, please visit FriendshipHouseTour.org. ♦

BELOW: Houses along South Pacific Ave. share a wonderfully elongated porch view, an architectural feature that has come to define Friendship's historical homes.. Photo by Jennifer Haven.



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