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ABOVE: On May 19, (l to r) Ann McGaffey, Bob Ziller, Laverne Stuckey, Grace Williams, Levi Cashdollar and Laura Jean McLaughlin worked on a sea creature sculpture that will join the octopus in the Octopus Garden on S. Aiken Ave. Photo by John Colombo Photography

Second Phase of Rental Development Under Consideration

By Joe Reuben

Bulletin Contributor

Garfield – With an overwhelming response to the construction of 45 single-family rental homes this past year, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and its partner, S & A Homes, are looking at a possible second phase to the Garfield Glen development, if financing can be obtained. Along with a host of limited partners, the two are part of the ownership entity known as Garfield Glen Housing LP.

Rick Swartz, executive director of the BGC, said recently that more than 650 people have applied for the 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom houses that only now are being completed after a number of weather-related delays.

“We were expecting 250, maybe 300 applications, at most,” he told *The Bulletin* in early May. “To see this many tells us that many working-class families who want to live in the East End can’t find good-quality rental units at a price they can afford.” Rents for 39 of the homes range from \$528 to \$758 per month, while six carry rents of under \$200 per month.

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Job Fair Benefits Applicants, Employers

By Jill Harkins *The Bulletin*

East End – The annual East End Works Collaborative Job Fair was held on May 8, and more than 70 employers and around 1,200 applicants looking for immediate work attended.

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What's Up with Fort Pitt School?

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin Contributor*

Garfield – This month marks the one-year anniversary since the Pittsburgh Public Schools closed Fort Pitt Elementary in Garfield and sent roughly 200 students and their families scurrying to

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CCCHS Adds “Living Wall” to Courtyard

By Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

Lawrenceville – The unattractive, utilitarian chainlink fence that borders the courtyard of Career Connections Charter High School on Butler Street will soon get an ecologically friendly and

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ABOVE: The East End Works Collaborative Job Fair attracted 1,200 applicants and more than 70 employers. See story starting above left. Photo by Adam Flanagan

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ABOVE: Putting the finishing touches on one of the Phase 1 Garfield Glen rental houses. Photo by Rick Swartz

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Phase I of Garfield Glen was made possible by an award of federal tax credits from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to the limited partnership in July of 2010. That award enabled the partnership to raise \$10 million from private investors, who became limited partners in the development.

The city's Urban Redevelopment Authority provided a \$1.7 million loan to the project. Garfield Glen Housing LP was then able to start construction on the 45 homes in February of 2012, and is on track to have all site-related work finished this month.

With lots it already owns on Kincaid, Broad and Dearborn Streets, Garfield Glen Housing LP would like to build another 18 to 20 houses as part of a second phase, according to Swartz. The city is also assisting by taking a number of tax-delinquent properties through a system that will ultimately make them available for sale to the BGC.

However, Swartz noted that the process by which the PHFA awards tax credits is a competitive one, and only a handful of projects in Allegheny County receive allocations of tax credits in any given year. He observed that it could be two or three years before a second phase actually broke ground. He also stated that a second phase would probably offer a distinctive change in terms of the design of the homes.

"The Garfield 2030 Plan set a goal of adding as many as 500 new housing units to the neighborhood over a 20-year period," Swartz said. "Some of that number will be for home ownership, and some of it for rental. The community said it wanted to see a balance maintained between the two, and if we can continue to find the funding for both, then the two trains can move down the track together. It'll be a challenge for the city's next mayor to see that neighborhoods like Garfield don't stall out in coming back from decades of decline." ♦

Fundraising for Gun Buyback Proceeds

By Carolyn Ristau

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

East End – In May, the fundraising campaign for the Gun Buyback Initiative kicked off its second phase—grassroots fundraising.

In the first phase, the fundraising committee sent donation request letters to a targeted list of primary funders. As of press time, the Mayor's Office and Highmark had verbally committed to donating to the program, but were still determining how much to give. The Pittsburgh Foundation is taking the donation request to its board, which meets again in July. Several of the other targeted funders are also reviewing the request. The initiative has received a donation from State Sen. Jim Ferlo.

The grassroots effort is reaching out to the community through various media, including Facebook, Twitter, *The Bulletin* and word of mouth. Anyone interested can donate by credit card on www.razoo.com/story/gun-buyback-initiative or by check made payable to "BGC-Gun Buyback" and sent to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's (BGC) main office, 5149 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224. There is also a PayPal donation button on the BGC's website on the Public Safety page (<http://bloomfield-garfield.org/public-safety/gun-buyback>)

The organizers anticipate collecting 1,200 weapons, said Aggie Brose, deputy director of the BGC, and will pay \$100 for handguns and rifles and \$250 for assault weapons. This requires raising \$150,000 to cover the compensation. However, based on experiences in other cities, that may be insufficient to meet the demand. Several gun buybacks have reported running out of funds to compensate the number of weapons brought in.

Once \$50,000 has been raised, the date and location for the buyback will be scheduled. Sites currently under consideration are the BGC's Community Activity Center and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center downtown.

The fundraising committee is comprised of representatives from the BGC and Lawrenceville United and the offices of County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, City Councilman Patrick Dowd and State Rep. Edward Gainey.

"Please support our Gun Buyback Initiative by donating any amount you are able," Brose said. "If we get 500 donations of at least \$10 each, we will have a buyback." ♦

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Community Farm Targeted by Vandals

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

Garfield – The community farm that sits at the top of Garfield, below the water tower, has been a neighborhood treasure since 2008, offering fresh, organic vegetables to the surrounding community and education programs to local school children. But now Garfield Community Farm has fallen victim to escalating vandalism, possibly by neighborhood teens.

According to John Creasy, one of the farm's founders and staff members, Cornelius Franz-Deppe, the farm apprentice, had been raising animals at Wild Red's Farm in Stanton Heights and needed a place for them to spend the winter. So he brought them to the Garfield farm, and "the animals did great," said Creasy.

Then in March, staff found one of the ducks dead. A few weeks later, Creasy was at the farm tending to the animals with his three children, ages 3, 5 and 7, when "a big group of boisterous teenagers showed up," he explained. "It was an interesting group of kids, so we showed them the chickens and rabbits. Some kids hung back, but then they were petting the chicks." The kids were in the 12- to 15-year-old age range, said Creasy.

That Sunday, glass in the new bioshelter was broken, and one chick and an older chicken were shot dead with a pellet gun. A rabbit was also shot, but survived the attack. The next day, another chick was killed.

Two weeks later, on Sunday, May 5 – "Sunday seems to be the dangerous time," noted Creasy – vandals broke into the farm's shed, stealing organic fertilizer and pesticide. "They may have thought they could make a bomb, but you can't do that with organic material," explained Creasy. In addition, they stole "some of the scarier-looking tools," like a scythe with an 18-inch blade. Finally, they lit a fire in the shed, which fortunately smoldered and went out.

Both the Zone 5 police and community leaders have gotten involved, and the farm's animals have all been moved to new homes for their safety. Neighbors are on the lookout for suspicious activity, and one neighborhood leader has been able to talk to some of the teens who may have been responsible for the damage. One youth has reportedly admitted to taking part in the vandalism.

"The good thing is our neighborhood network and community got strengthened by this," Creasy pointed out. "The saddest thing is that the animals have been the highlight of our school tours, and now they're gone. The little kids lose out on the experience."

Creasy said the farm is looking into new security measures, like a fence and concealed cameras, but the expense is beyond their means. Anyone who would like to contribute to the effort is invited to make a check payable to the Open Door Church, 801 N. Negley Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206, with a memo noting that it is for Garfield Community Farm – either for the farm in general or for security measures in particular. All donations are tax-deductible, Creasy noted.

In the meantime, the building of the bio-shelter has been on hold until the vandalism is under control, but construction will resume soon. The farm has already sold out its Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares for the 2013 season, in which members receive a box of fresh produce each week in exchange for a small fee. Look for the annual Garfield Community Farm market to start up on June 12 and continue on Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. at Valley View Presbyterian Church, located at 601 N. Aiken Ave. at Black Street.

For updates and information on the farm, visit www.garfieldfarm.com. ♦

BELOW: A new bioshelter at Garfield Community Farm is under construction. Photo courtesy John Creasy



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Left: Corner of Mathilda Street and Penn Avenue



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Paving the Way in Lawrenceville

By Maya Henry

Lawrenceville Corporation

Lawrenceville – Approximately 230,000 square feet of sidewalk line the commercial corridors of Butler Street and Penn Avenue in Lawrenceville. Many of these sidewalks have seen better days. According to a 2012 sidewalk inventory completed by Community Technical Assistance Center of Pittsburgh, roughly 52 percent of the sidewalks are either immediate hazards or in need of major repair.

With 29 new businesses having opened their doors over the past 18 months in the neighborhood, the Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) is working to ensure that the business district is experienced safely and enjoyably by visitors. To that end, and in cooperation with the Office of State Sen. Jim Ferlo, LC has recently been awarded a \$200,000 competitive grant from the Allegheny County Office of Economic Development to support the implementation of the Lawrenceville Sidewalk Restoration Program (LSRP).

LSRP provides matching funds to support sidewalk restoration in the neighborhood's primary commercial corridors of Butler Street (between 33rd and 57th Streets) and Penn Avenue (between 40th and 45th Streets). Each property within the targeted area – regardless of zoning designation or use – is eligible for a matching grant, and property owners are responsible for paying only 50 percent of the project costs, to be matched dollar for dollar. For Sen. Ferlo, LSRP reflects his priorities for commercial district revitalization. "For the past 25 years, I have supported business district development that reflects the principles of Main Street and focuses on public/private partnerships," he noted.

"Lawrenceville property owners and businesses have been asking for this type of assistance for years," explained Matthew Galluzzo, executive director of LC. "In

response to those requests, we developed and capitalized this program. It is unlike any other in the region. It enables individual Lawrenceville property owners to leverage significant public investment for infrastructure improvements that are often too expensive to undertake."

Based on recommendations made in the 2009 Lola Merchant Strategy, LSRP is a targeted effort to address poor sidewalk conditions in Lawrenceville's business districts. "The need is certainly there," said Galluzzo. "Both Butler Street and Penn Avenue are destination business districts, yet both suffer from decaying sidewalk infrastructure. This program represents a major opportunity to property owners, providing the necessary incentives to reestablish the walkability of the neighborhood."

Since the start of the program last fall, more than 100 estimates have been completed, over \$200,000 of the work completed and more than 20,000 square feet of new sidewalks have been installed on Butler and Penn. An additional \$50,000 was recently awarded to LC from the Urban Redevelopment Authority for LSRP, which will enable the program to be offered until May 2014.

LC administers the program, and Costa Contracting performs all sidewalk restoration work, which may include sidewalks, curbs, and ADA-compliant corners. Costa is the direct liaison with each interested property owner to determine the appropriate project scope and provide cost estimates. Funds are committed on a project-by-project basis following review and approval by the Lawrenceville Corporation.

Property owners wishing to complete a sidewalk project are encouraged to contact Ed Nusser at LC at 412-621-1616 x 103 or ed@lawrencevillecorp.com. ♦

Job Fair from page 1

As in previous years, the fair was held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, but Usama Al-Teraifi, Employment Coordinator at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), a co-host, said this year an increase in volunteers "helped the event to run more seamlessly." Volunteers came from organizations such as the Student Conservation Association and the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, and helped with various activities, such as registering and setting up.

Employers at the fair included past attendees, such as Two Men and a Truck, the Omni William Penn Hotel and BNY Mellon, as well as new visitors from Comcast, Carnegie Mellon University and the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, among others.

The fair opened to the general public at 4 p.m., but from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. it was open only to a very specific group of people: children and young adults in foster care, veterans, and individuals with background challenges, whether they related to criminal charges or disabilities. Al-Teraifi said that the fair is organized this way because "we want to have these groups with employers before it gets crowded. We want to give them priority."

The employers know about this part of the fair in advance, and many employers who come reflect the fair's commitment to these groups. For example, Home Depot, who was in attendance at the fair, has a commitment to hire a certain number of

veterans each year. Al-Teraifi said, "Companies like these are committed to these groups not only in the job fair, but outside of it, too."

According to Rick Flanagan, Manager of the ENEC, although no real hiring takes place at a job fair, such an event benefits everyone involved. Flanagan said of the applicants, "It gives them an opportunity to better understand who is hiring, to meet and get to know a recruiter, and to better understand one particular application process." It gives employers an opportunity to collect names of those interested and to let the public know in an inexpensive way that they are hiring.

Michael Swartzendruber, the Human Resources Administrator for the Community College of Allegheny County, said, "This job fair attracts one of the best turnouts we've seen from job fairs. It helps CCAC establish a presence with the community it serves and allows us to build awareness of our online job application system."

In addition, the fair benefits the employment center, because it brings in 1,200 new people the ENEC can work with on an on-going basis. Flanagan, Al-Teraifi and their colleagues can identify individuals actively seeking employment and invite them to smaller events and programs, such as resume building, within the center in the future.

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Taking the PULSE of Penn Avenue

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

Garfield – The neighborhood welcomes another new face this month, when PULSE, an organization that trains young adults to be future nonprofit leaders, moves to a storefront at 5151 Penn Ave.

After six or seven years in a 150-square-foot office in the Union Project in Highland Park, PULSE had simply outgrown its space, explained executive director Chris Cooke. And that's a good thing. Since August 2012, the organization has grown from one staff member to two, and is adding a third staffer this summer. "It was time to expand our space," he said.

Having offices on Penn "has been a dream of ours for a while," said Cooke. "There's so much happening here."

PULSE participants are recent college graduates interested in contributing their talents to the nonprofit sector. For one year, each participant spends 35 hours a week volunteering for a local nonprofit whose mission and goals match his or her own vocational interests. So, for example, a participant with an interest in urban farming and food justice might be paired with Garfield Community Farm.

In return, participants receive room and

board in one of two group houses, where they live communally with other "PULSE-ers," as Cooke calls them. The first house that PULSE opened is located at 5615 Stanton Ave. in Highland Park, and the second is at 221 N. Graham St. in Garfield. Participants also become actively involved in the surrounding community. With the help of volunteers, PULSE turned three empty lots behind the Graham Street residence into a community garden, where 13 neighbors and five children now enjoy raised beds for growing their own food.

Cooke said PULSE will be launching a third house this summer in a different neighborhood. "The long-term goal is to have houses in many neighborhoods," he said, noting that he'd personally like to see one PULSE group house in each of Pittsburgh's 90 communities.

In addition to housing, PULSE-ers receive health insurance, a small monthly stipend and professional development in the form of seminars and networking sessions. At the completion of their service, they may qualify for a \$6,000 AmeriCorps Education Award or Loan Forbearance.

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ABOVE: A "For Sale" sign has gone up on the former Fort Pitt Elementary School. Photo by Paula Martinac

find new schools for the 2012-2013 year.

Until recently, it's been difficult to divine what would transpire with the building and the surrounding property. Would it be put up for sale, and, if so, when and for how much? Would a school ever have a chance of re-occupying the building? Would the community have a role in determining its re-use?

Some answers have begun to fall into place, with the recent placement of a sign on the building announcing that Fort Pitt is "for sale." However, the firm that posted the sign, Fourth River Development, does not know what price the school district is seeking for the property because one has not been set by the school board. Fourth River has been hired by the district to help it dispose of shuttered schools.

According to Sara Blumenstein, who works for cityLab, a not-for-profit, self-described "do tank," the district will be required to commission three appraisals on the building, and then compare them with the outstanding debt on the property.

"Evidently, the school district has tracked the investments it's made in the building over the years, and how much was borrowed to pay for that work," she advised *The Bulletin* recently. "Their goal is to recover as much of that investment from the sale as they possibly can." If the amount of debt exceeds the value established in any of the three appraisals, the district may have to set the sale price at the higher number regardless, she speculated.

Blumenstein conceded that obtaining an appraisal to gauge the market value of a vacant school building will not be an

easy task for the district. "What would be a comparable property? Is an empty school in Garfield worth less or more than an empty school building in Hazelwood or Morningside?" she asked. "There is no income coming in on the property to use as a yardstick. Would they look at the sale of the former school building across from Bakery Square to Walnut Capital last year, and try somehow to compare Fort Pitt with that? Is it the land itself that is of greater value, as was the case with the sale of that site to Walnut Capital?"

Because community interest in the future of Fort Pitt is fairly strong, Fourth River agreed to do a walk-through of the building on June 5th with a small delegation of community representatives. Rick Swartz, executive director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, who said he is joining the tour, admitted that a long process awaits Garfield in determining how Fort Pitt is ultimately re-used.

"If the school district seeks in excess of \$1 million for the property, as many expect will be the case, then you're looking at raising more than \$2 million to adapt the building for a new tenant, or group of tenants," said Swartz. "That will not be done in a year's time. But many in the neighborhood feel that some effort needs to be made to lock down what that use is, and not have the property remain vacant for years on end."

Swartz invited anyone interested in being part of the planning process for Fort Pitt's reuse to contact him at RickS@bloomfield-garfield.org. ♦

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CCCHS Students Host Runway Event

Lawrenceville – On April 27th, young women in the group Leaders in Training for Tomorrow (LIFT) at Career Connections Charter High School transformed the Grey Box Theater on Butler Street into a New York City Fashion Week runway.

The young women prepared for weeks to put together the fashion show, according to CCCHS Student Affairs Liaison Vanessa Boyd. The purpose of the event was to bring awareness to teen domestic violence. The show sold out, raising \$175 for the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. The LIFT students also collected donations of shampoo, conditioner, makeup, lotions and other personal-care products.

The show was emceed by Joelle Felder, and the lead runway managers were Monet Griffin and Zemariah Water. Dest-tenae Oliver helped to choreograph a dance number, which the students performed to Beyonce's "Who Run the World? (Girls)," a girls' anthem.

"The young ladies were extremely happy to have engaged in an event that will be able to change lives," said Mrs. Boyd. "It is always rewarding to see young people participate in healthy activities. We salute these female coyotes." – *from press release*

Volunteers Needed to Help with GED Classes

Garfield – Cameron dropped out of high school 12 years ago. During the day, he works as a laborer in a sheet metal shop in Lawrenceville. Now in his 30s and stuck in a low-paying job with no chance of advancement, Cameron decided it was now or never for him. He needed a high school diploma to get any kind of a better job. That dream was fulfilled in April of this year when he earned his GED.

Thanks to a partnership between the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC) and the Neighborhood Learning Alliance (NLA), Cameron and others have participated in a free GED study program held twice a week at the ENEC at 5321 Penn Ave. The cost of the exam is paid by the NLA, but seats are limited. For anyone in our community looking to earn a GED, this is the time to take action.

Beginning in 2014, earning a GED will get harder for everyone when a new set of tests and standards are introduced, and anyone who has not already passed the test will need to start over. Donald Block, Executive Director of GPLC, acknowledged that "the GED is no longer viewed as a second-class or low-level high school credential. Research has shown that many regular high school graduates would be unable to pass the exams."

The cost to take the computer-based GED exam will increase in 2014 to \$120 or more, and the forthcoming changes are leading to greater enrollment in all GED programs. Many programs now have waiting lists.

Volunteers are needed. GPLC provides training and materials for volunteer tutors willing to help others on the path toward earning a GED. With help from the staff of the ENEC, adult classes are held at the center on a schedule that meets the needs of the students. A library of print and computer-based resources is available, as well as practice exams.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help their neighbors earn a diploma should contact Erin Heryford at 412-441-9833. – *Jim Lenkner, Neighborhood Learning Alliance*

Lawrenceville WORKS! Launched

Lawrenceville – A major initiative aimed at reducing unemployment in Lawrenceville by linking residents to job-training programs is being launched by a partnership that includes two community organizations – Lawrenceville United and Lawrenceville Corporation – and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania, which is based in Lawrenceville. The initiative, called Lawrenceville WORKS!, is funded by a grant from UPMC Health Plan and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

A key element of the new program is that Goodwill will hire a full-time Community Employment and Resource Specialist who will be dedicated to helping job seekers from the Lawrenceville area. Local residents who need jobs will be assisted individually by the Goodwill staff person and guided through various job-training and support programs to prepare them for work. In addition, the Goodwill staff person will help individuals deal with personal barriers to employment by connecting them to supportive services and community resources.

The new employment service will be introduced at a special kick-off event on June 20, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Goodwill Workforce Development Center, 118 52nd St. Residents are invited to come learn about the new program and about the various programs and services that are available to help people achieve their employment objectives.

Matthew Galluzzo, Executive Director of Lawrenceville Corporation, said local employers will play an important part in the new program. "We are seeking collaborative partnerships with Lawrenceville employers to identify their needs so we can provide them with job-ready employees from the local area," he said. "In addition, pilot programs are being explored specifically around growing industries in Lawrenceville, including the hospitality and construction fields." – *from press release*

PSTF Warns Residents: "Remove It or Lose It"

East End – This spring, several East End neighborhoods experienced a rash of car break-ins. As a result, the Public Safety Task Force (PSTF) would like to remind residents of a few simple steps that will reduce the likelihood of their cars being targeted:

- Remove all valuables from view
- Lock your vehicle and secure all windows and sunroofs
- Never leave a firearm in your vehicle – not even in the glove box or trunk
- Park in well-lit areas
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Digging Garfield



Garfield – Summit Academy, a private, residential boys' high school in Butler, Pa., for court-adjudicated youths, was a big help to Garfield in early May. Led by Jeff Harshman, 14 students and their teachers picked up trash and greened up several of Penn Avenue's green spaces. Along with Most Wanted Contracting (part of Most Wanted Fine Art), they mulched and weeded garden beds and tree pits along the avenue, and then ventured up to Kite Hill Park to mow the grass. Garfield can always use an extra hand to help keep the streets and green spaces clean. Check out Garfield Community Action Team's calendar on page 11 for volunteer opportunities in June. *Photo by Jason Sauer*

EYESORE OF THE MONTH

Will the Real Henry Morgan Please Stand Up?

By Aggie Brose

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield – Our eyesore property of the month is at 5324 Hillcrest St. According to the Allegheny County real estate website, the owner of record is Henry Morgan, who acquired the property in March 2005 for just \$400.

The tax bill mailing address is 5324 Hillcrest St., the property is tax-delinquent and it has been vacant and abandoned for years. The property has been condemned by the Bureau of Building Inspection.

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation staff attempted to reach Mr. Morgan to find out his plans for the property, but the only Henry Morgan we found was the character actor who starred in the 1970s TV series *M*A*S*H* and died a few years ago. We doubt *that* Henry Morgan owned property on Hillcrest.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of *Garfield's* Henry Morgan, please call the BGC at 412-441-6950 x15. If we cannot reach Mr. Morgan, the BGC will be forced to request the demolition of the property. This block has many beautiful, well-kept homes, and Mr. Morgan's house is stealing



ABOVE: The owner of 5324 Hillcrest St. bought the property, then left it to rot. Photo by Paula Martinac

value from the neighboring properties.

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Taking the Roundabout Way to a Dream

New Microbrewery on Tap for Butler Street

By Jill Harkins *The Bulletin*

Lawrenceville – Steve Sloan stands in what once was a granite shop on the corner of 4901 Butler St., where he hopes to open a local microbrewery sometime in the near future. He and his wife, who is from New Zealand, have named it Roundabout Brewery, engaging their own long history of travel, but ultimate return to Pittsburgh. Sloan said they want to start a business on Butler Street in a local and creative way.

When Sloan obtained a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Florida a couple of decades ago, he had no plans of becoming a brewer. He said he had no idea what he wanted to do, and he spent some time figuring out what could be done with a chemistry degree that did not involve lab work. He relocated to Hawaii to teach middle-school kids and coach football, but the teaching part of that equation did not agree with him. "Teachers should be paid hundreds of thousands of dollars a year," he joked about his time in the Aloha State.

Sloan started brewing at home at this time, and eventually met the brew master at Kona Brewing Company. "He was looking for someone and I was looking for



ABOVE: Steve Sloan with some of the new brewing equipment purchased for Roundabout Brewery. Photo by Paula Martinac

“Lawrenceville seems to have the right mix of craft beer drinkers.”

something, and with that I was able to use my science background, but outside of a lab.” After a course in brewing microbiology at the Seibel Institute of Technology in Chicago and extensive experience at various breweries, Sloan was able to study for and take exams on his own that usually require multiple classes. “I definitely learned a lot more working for breweries. One of these days I need to tally them up, but I think I’ve worked in about a dozen.”

Sloan listed breweries and wineries in Colorado, California, Missouri, Florida and New Zealand as just a few where he has put in hours. But just like a traffic circle in New Zealand, called a roundabout, turns you back around so that you’re facing in the direction you came from, Sloan and his wife found themselves back in Pittsburgh. On their return a few years ago, Sloan spent some time working at Lawrenceville’s own Church Brew Works.

Now Sloan wants to do something on his own. He picked the warehouse at 4901 Butler St. because of the steady traffic on Butler and because “Lawrenceville seems to have the right mix of craft beer drinkers.” Initially the space will serve as a growler shop, meaning they will produce and sell pre-bottled 64-ounce brews. Sloan plans to have five or six craft beers on tap at a time, with a total of 30 or so throughout the year, some of which will have New Zealand themes. He told *The Bulletin* he would rather produce fewer kinds of beer if it means that he can pay more attention to the quality.



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Assemble's M3 Prepares for Second Year

By Emily Rice
Assemble

Garfield – Assemble, a community space for arts + technology, is gearing up for the second summer of Materials, Media and Me (M3), a series of Saturday afternoon workshops for children ages 8 to 10. Each week, a different artist or technologist will introduce a material, show students how to use the material and lead them through a project.

The M3 classes have expanded this year to include and highlight Natural Found Objects, Time + Place, Cardboard, Electricity, Body + Movement, Code, Sound, Wood, Light + Shadow, Man-made Found Objects, Food Chemistry + Perception and Fiber.

Students will explore the properties of the materials with the instructors – How does it bend? How can you attach it to another material? What can I make with this? – before planning their own project. At the end of the class, children will have a take-home creation to share with the group. Featured artists, makers and technologists who are taking part and are local to Bloomfield, Garfield and Friendship include Will Schough, Anya Weitzman, Joel Brown and Kevin Clancy.

Materials, Media and Me is one of Assemble's many programs that use an educational approach known as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). This way of thinking about learning explores the similar ways that scientists, makers and artists approach projects.

"In a world where information and technology become more malleable every day, it is our responsibility to youths to challenge them to think beyond the existing and to experiment with everyday materials to communicate their ideas," explains Assemble's founder and president, Nina Barbuto. Assemble educators and staff will encourage students to think about what they want to express, plan and create a project and share the results.

Assemble is a non-profit founded in 2011, which envisions a diverse community that creates, connects and learns through the experience of art and technology. This program is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



ABOVE: Children creating projects at last year's M3 at Assemble. Photo courtesy Nina Barbuto/Assemble

M3 classes will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturdays from June 8 through August 17. Each class costs \$5, with materials and snacks provided. Scholarships are available and limited. Classes will be

held at Assemble, 5125 Penn Ave., in Garfield. Drop by Assemble for more information and to sign up, or visit www.assemblepgh.org. ♦



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CCCHS from page 1

much-needed facelift.

"We wanted to utilize the courtyard," explained Jessica Cieslak, CCCHS's marketing director. "We thought about a deck, so we could have programs and speakers." But the cost was astronomical, she stated – about \$28,000. So they settled on something more affordable – a sprucing-up of the chain-link fence with what is commonly called a "living wall" or sometimes a "vertical garden."

A former art teacher at CCCHS, Cieslak got the idea for the fence rehab because she said she has "loved living walls for years." Living walls are lush, modular installations created on interior and exterior walls, fences or railings, made of eco-friendly hanging planters filled with flowers, vegetables or other plants.

CCCHS is working with a company

called Woolly Pocket, which manufactures planters from recycled plastic. The company has a program called Woolly School Garden, which includes a kit consisting of 50 pocket-style planters, seeds, compost tea, a gardening manual and education programs. No soil is included in the package, and Cieslak is looking for local vendors to donate the many bags of dirt needed to plant all the pockets. Woolly Pocket also sponsors a webpage for each school on which staff and students can fundraise for the \$1,000 necessary to launch the program.

Cieslak has approached a Lawrenceville landscaper to help with the design of the wall. She said she expects the plants to be succulents, which require less maintenance than flowers and vegetables. The plan is to have 20 volunteers from American Eagle come to the school on June 4 to



ABOVE: This summer, CCCHS's chainlink fence will be transformed into a "living wall" of plants. Photo by Paula Martinac

help students and staff weed, mulch and plant the wall.

"Whatever doesn't get finished that day will be done by the students," said Cieslak. The Student Council and Student Ambassador Group are always looking for projects, she noted. Planting should be completed by mid-June, with a celebration to be announced. "We want it done before school's out on June 20."

"Lawrenceville United has been wonderful," Cieslak added, "and Lawrenceville Garden Association is on board, too." At the celebration event, the gardening group will give a presentation and lecture on urban gardening, while CCCHS teachers will be on hand to talk about how plants help mitigate global warming through the gases they emit.

"We'll be celebrating the facelift as well as talking about the 'why' behind the wall," Cieslak explained. The project, she said, not only reinvents the fence, but also teaches students about the importance of community involvement.

Down the road, Cieslak said CCCHS still hopes to revamp the entire courtyard. "This is phase 1 of a larger-scope project," she said. "We want to complete the courtyard so we can have programs there. We've been calling it the 'Career Courtyard.'"

Donations are welcome to help finance the school's effort. To contribute to the CCCHS garden, send checks payable to CCCHS Woolly Garden, to Sharon Zaborowski at CCCHS, 4412 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201. ♦

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Arsenal Celebrates End of Transitional Year

By Judy Flaherty

Pittsburgh Arsenal PreK-5

Lawrenceville – This was a transitional year for Pittsburgh Arsenal PreK-5, in which the school welcomed 90 students from the former Pittsburgh Fort Pitt Elementary and 160 students from Pittsburgh McCleary PreSchool. The physical space was transformed to accommodate eight preschool classes and 12 kindergarten through 5th grade classes. On the first day of school, all students united in solidarity to wear the school colors of blue, yellow and khaki.

Throughout the year, there were three Family Fun Nights, held in October, December and May. Students and families gathered to play games, dance, make crafts, play volleyball, watch movies and share food and refreshments.

Among the many other activities students took part in, the Arsenal basketball team was organized to give 4th- and 5th-grade boys and girls the opportunity to play the game and learn good sportsmanship. In addition, students were able to participate in Girl Scouts, Strong Women/Strong Girls, Art Club and African Drumming. Three students won awards in the All City District Art Show, and 10 5th-grade students

contributed their experiences in the Culturally Responsive Art Education project called Rites of Passage. Students also traveled to the Carnegie Science Center, the Children's Museum and the Pittsburgh Zoo.

The last event of the school year will be the Fifth Annual Art Show on Thursday, June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Families and community members are invited to celebrate the artwork created by the students and spend an evening making art. ♦

BELOW: Student Hamadi Mganga prepares to silkscreen his artwork, which will be part of the Rites of Passage mural. Photo by Judy Flaherty



Arts in Motion Rocks Penn Avenue

By Samantha McDonough

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Penn Avenue – The Penn Avenue Arts District is heating up for the summer, so don't miss the excitement in store.

On Friday, June 7, Penn Avenue Arts Initiative (PAAI) hosts the first Unblurred of the summer, with fantastic shows and exhibits lined up in galleries and local businesses. Unblurred happens every first Friday of the month between 6 and 10 p.m. (Times may vary depending on the venue.)

For double the fun in June, an on-street festival called "Arts in Motion" will take place on Saturday, June 15, in the block of Penn between Atlantic and Pacific Avenues. At the event, pick up a new Penn Avenue business district map, a colorful guide to everything to see and do along the corridor.

The Arts in Motion stage will feature a wide variety of entertainment all afternoon. Here is the tentative line-up:

Noon–12:30 Hill Dance Academy Theatre (children's dance performance)

12:40–1:10 Vox Lumina (tribal folk)

1:20–1:50 Geen Stovall (R&B styled acoustic music)

2:00–2:30 Bryan William Kinney (singer-songwriter)

2:35–3:20 Turpentiners (bluegrass)

3:30–4:10 Soundwave (steel drum ensemble)

4:20–5:05 Mega-Def (hip-hop)

5:15–6:00 The Van Allen Belt (electro-pop)

Children can enjoy the family activity area, where Carnegie Museum of Art's Children Studio, the Irma Freeman Center for Imagination and Assemble will all be providing kid-friendly activities, including crafting and face-painting. Some of the best local artists and artisans will be vending their art and wares, along with a special mini "I Made It! Market" nestled into the event. Food will be available from booths run by Verde Mexican Kitchen + Cantina, BRGR and Fukuda, among other local favorites.

Please check out the PAAI Facebook page for these events and other updates of what's happening on Penn Avenue: www.facebook.com/pennave.artsinitiative. Also check out the new website; although currently still under construction, it should be up and running sometime this month: www.pennavenue.org. ♦

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Mosaic-Making Crafternoon @ Assemble

Saturday, June 1, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Assemble Gallery, 5125 Penn Ave.

GCAT and Assemble are teaming up to make mosaics pavers for the new garden at Nelson Mandela Peace Park on Evaline Street. All ages are welcome!

Garden & Pick-up Penn Ave

Saturday, June 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Most Wanted Fine Art, 5015 Penn Ave.

In addition to our monthly litter pick-ups, we'll be working on our green spaces along Penn Ave; planting and weeding the garden beds. Join the fun and help make Garfield beautiful! More dates at: <http://gcatpgh.com/calendar/>

GCAT Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Assemble Gallery, 5125 Penn Ave.

Goodwill Honors New Graduates

By Paula Martinac

The Bulletin

Lawrenceville – To the ceremonial tune of “Pomp and Circumstance,” Goodwill of Southwestern Pa. graduated 35 students on May 9 from three separate educational programs – the Goodwill Literacy Initiative (which includes GED preparation), the Goodwill Employment Training Center and the Goodwill Citizenship program.

Student speakers Angelo Godfrey and Carrie Sawyer addressed their peers, followed by a commencement address by Michele Tedder, founder and CEO of Joy for Life, a life purpose, career and marriage and family coaching organization.

Among the Goodwill graduates was Dominique Laughlin, a Lawrenceville resident who brought along a retinue of supporters that included her mother and

3-year-old daughter. Laughlin was enrolled in Goodwill’s GED preparatory program from December to February, and “scored very, very well” on the test, according to her instructor, Dan Guzewicz. She had dropped out of Pittsburgh Allderdice High School in 11th grade to have her daughter, and said “it was hard to go back” after the baby was born. Goodwill’s GED program gave her the opportunity to finish her studies and earn her high school equivalency diploma right in her neighborhood.

“The teachers are obviously awesome,” she said. “They accept you and try to help you out.”

Laughlin will be enrolled in a childcare management program at Community College of Allegheny County in the fall. Her dream, she said, is to own and operate



ABOVE: Dominique Laughlin studied for and successfully passed the GED exam under the guidance of Goodwill instructor Dan Guzewicz. Photo by Paula Martinac


a childcare facility of her own; right now, she has her foot in the door of her chosen career by working at It’s a Small World Childcare Center in Bloomfield. She also said she has created “a little classroom” in her house, where she gives lessons to her daughter.

Guzewicz pointed out that, starting in 2014, the GED test will be taken on computers instead of on paper and will be harder. “The current test was written 10 years ago, so it needs to be updated to

reflect the changing times,” he explained.

In addition to GED prep, Goodwill offers diploma programs in administrative office skills and healthcare office skills; low-cost basic computer training; and a program to assist immigrants in becoming naturalized U.S. citizens.


To learn more about Goodwill’s education and training programs, visit www.goodwillswpa.org. ♦



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Brewery from page 8

Sloan said he hopes to expand the business, eventually having a small tasting area and even some New Zealand food. First, however, he needs to get the initial business up and running. When asked when the brewery would open, Sloan hesitated for at least a minute before saying, “Hopefully by July?” He noted his progress in the process so far, easily getting licensed federally and by the state of Pennsylvania to brew beer and gaining support from the residents of Lawrenceville. He is currently working to obtain occupancy permits from the city, which is his last barrier before opening day.

Lauren Byrne, Executive Director of Lawrenceville United, said that the organization feels Sloan’s business “will have a very small impact on the adjacent residents” because it will not be open late and will not need much parking. Through an open community meeting, the organization found that none of the area’s residents had objections, and that many were actually quite excited about the business. Byrne said Lawrenceville United hopes “the city will take the support of the neighborhood into consideration” as Sloan works through the process of obtaining occupancy permits. The structure, she noted, never had the correct permits even before Sloan took over as owner of the building.

For now, Sloan has a warehouse full of beer-brewing equipment, both old and new, some of which he shipped from the United Kingdom. In addition, he has a drive to start the unique business that’s been brewing in his mind for 17 years. Although he may eventually expand his small business a bit, he expressed reservations about becoming too big. “If we can be small and do some creative things and keep it local and the quality good, I’d much rather do that.” ♦



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PULSE from page 5

Cooke pointed out that many of their participants, past and present, have been artists, and that the new PULSE storefront makes it easier for them to take part in Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn. The new space is split-level, with a large front room that Cooke said will be used for art exhibits and performances, as well as seminars and meetings. Up a small flight of stairs is a cozy nook that will serve as an informal gathering and hanging-out space, and behind that are two offices for staff. With a disco ball that throws red light, the bathroom has become a sort of conversation piece. The entire space was carefully renovated by owner Stephan Koledin, who lives upstairs.

"We're very excited to have PULSE moving in and look forward to them being a strong partner and participant in the Penn Ave district," said Koledin. "We hope to have them in the space for many years to come."

On June 7, PULSE will host an open house from 7 to 10 p.m. so the community can see the new space and meet the participants. "We want people to get to know us," Cooke explained. "There are so many people we want to connect with."

To learn more about becoming either a PULSE participant or a nonprofit partner, visit www.pulsepittsburgh.org. ♦



ABOVE: PULSE's Chris Cooke in the 5151 Penn Ave. space before the nonprofit officially moved in to the space. Photo by Paula Martinac



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EAST LIBERTY**Summer Dance Party**

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LAWRENCEVILLE**Book Sale**

The Lawrenceville Branch of the Carnegie Library will be holding its Friends of the Library Book Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 279 Fisk St. All books will be between 50 cents and \$1, but this sale is for members only, so you may be asked to join or update your annual \$5 membership to the Friends. Refreshments will be served, and the children's room will be open. For more info, call 412-682-3668.

June 4

LAWRENCEVILLE**Gardening Work Day**

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lawrenceville Branch Community Garden needs your help! The library will be holding a "Gardening Thyme" Open Work Day every Tuesday in June at 7 p.m. at 279 Fisk St. The event will include garden plot preparation, weeding, planting and more. The library will also be accepting donations of containers (preferably portable), soil, tools, gloves and untreated wood. For more information, call 412-682-3668.

June 5

GARFIELD**UPMC Job Recruitment**

The Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center invites job seekers to attend a UPMC Recruitment Session at 1 p.m. at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Ave. Learn about the ENEC's partnership with UPMC, which gives applicants insight into the application and hiring process. Call the ENEC to register, 412-362-8580.

June 7

PENN AVENUE**Unblurred**

The first Friday of each month, from 6 to 11 p.m., various venues in the Penn Avenue Arts District, 4800-5500 Penn Ave., open their doors to showcase the work of a variety of artists and performers. For more info, visit facebook.com/pennavenuearts.

Art Exhibit Opening

The Irma Freeman Center for Imagination presents an Opening Reception for "Copper Foil Portraits 1940s - 1970s" by Irma Freeman. Come make mini copper foil portraits at the art table and hear music by Stranger Convention and Community Capoeira Angola of Pittsburgh. For more information on the music, visit <http://c-cap.webstarts.com/>.

GARFIELD**Storytelling Presentation**

Come to the 13th edition of Show-n-Tell at Caturday, How I Found Garfield, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 5139 Penn Ave, featuring presentations and stories from Garfield residents about what brought them to the neighborhood and what keeps them here. This presentation is brought to you in collaboration with cityLAB. Doors open at 5 p.m., presentations at 6.

June 8

GARFIELD**Yard Sale**

A street sale on Kincaid Street will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., as well as on every second Saturday of the month through September. Various houses in the 5400 block of Kincaid Street between N. Fairmount Street and N. Graham Street will be selling a variety of goods, including tools, camping gear, toys, books, games and household items. There will also be entertainment and food throughout the day, including blues and jazz music and a BBQ cookout.

Open Mic Night

Come perform in or just watch the Garfield Hip Hop Open Mic Night from 7 to 10 p.m. at Most Wanted Fine Art, 5015 Penn Ave. It is free to perform and attend. Open Mic is limited to 3 songs. Sign up is on a first come, first serve basis. Virtual rap squad The Impossibulls, which specializes in bringing beats, rhymes, life, and good vibes through their music, will perform at 9 p.m. No registration required.

Pick Up Penn

Come volunteer with Most Wanted Fine Art for Pick Up Penn, a neighborhood clean-up at 10 a.m. at 5015 Penn Ave. Refreshments will be provided. No registration required.

June 9

GARFIELD**Digital Video Editing Workshop**

Come learn about Go-Fast tips and tricks for Final Cut Pro X from Apple Certified Trainer Nathan Fullerton at this workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. at Most Wanted Fine Arts, 5015 Penn Ave. It is free for 2013 48 Hour Film Project participants, \$10 for non-48HFP participants, and \$5 for past 48HFP participants. Fullerton has been participating in the 48HFP since 2008, and recently completed his first feature film, *Scream Park*. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop and have Final Cut Pro X installed. For more information and to register visit www.48hourfilm.com/pittsburgh.

June 11

EAST LIBERTY**Pre-K Program**

The East Liberty Branch of the Carnegie Library will be holding a Gnome & Fairy Magic program for Pre-K children at 6 p.m. at 130 S. Whitfield Street. For more information, call 412-363-8232.

June 12

GARFIELD**Public Safety Task Force**

The Public Safety Task Force has convened monthly in Garfield since 2000. At the table are representatives from the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, the Bureau of Police, other neighborhood organizations, the offices of the Mayor and City Council members, various city and county departments and the state. Community members are invited to bring specific concerns to PSTF's monthly meeting during the first 15 minutes. The meeting starts at 4 p.m. at BGC's Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Ave. For more info: 412-441-6950 x15.

Free Business Lecture

Come listen to Melissa Stein of Stein Wealth talk about business in "Lessons from the 6% Place: Financial Planning for Freelancers," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Assemble, 5125 Penn Ave. This presentation is a free business education series for freelancers and other creative entrepreneurs that seeks to make the business part of running your own creative business less scary with spirited workshops led by subject experts. Come with questions. RSVP at lessons.citylabpgh.org.

June 15

LAWRENCEVILLE**LU Has Moved**

Starting this day, Lawrenceville United (LU) will have a new location, at 4839 Butler St. As the organization continues to evolve with the neighborhood, it has outgrown its long-time home at 4825 Butler St. LU continues to support the community with an "open door" policy, so please feel free to visit at the new space, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number remains the same: 412-802-7220.

June 17

LAWRENCEVILLE**Summer Day Camp**

Send your children to Summer Day Camp from June 17 to August 16 at the Boys and Girls Club at 4600 Butler St. Camp includes sports programs, indoor and outdoor games, computer learning labs, fitness programs, game room activities, arts and crafts and a field trip to North Park. Each child receives breakfast and lunch daily. Registration fee is \$75 per week. For ages 5-12. Registration forms can be picked up at the front desk. Call 412-682-4013 for more info.

June 20

GARFIELD**Literary Reading**

Join Literary Arts Boom [The LAB] at 5125 Penn Ave. (Assemble) for our Homunculus series of literary readings for adults, which double as mini-fundraisers for the free youth programming we offer. Suggested donation. Contact 773-425-1531 or literaryartsboom@gmail.com for information.

June 22

LAWRENCEVILLE**Garden Tour**

The Lawrenceville Garden Tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free to the public. Maps for the self-guided tour will be available inside the Allegheny Cemetery at the Community Garden near 52nd Street and Butler.

Beer Brewing Class

Join the Lawrenceville Branch of the Carnegie Library for three hours of fun and fermentation at "Beer Brewing 101: Beer Making for Beginners" at 2 p.m. at 279 Fisk St. Learn the basics of brewing beer through a completely hands-on demonstration from brew kettle to bottle. Each participant will have the opportunity to experience first-hand the entire process. Free samples and brewing resource packets will be provided upon completion of the workshop. For more information, call 412-682-3668.

EAST LIBERTY**Family Dance Party**

Grab your dancing shoes and join the fun at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater's dance party from noon to 4 p.m. at 5941 Penn Ave. Visit www.kelly-strayhorn.org for details.

Family Fun Day

The East Liberty Branch of the Carnegie Library will be holding a Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 130 S. Whitfield Street. Activities for children, teens and adults. For info, call 412-363-8232.

June 24

LAWRENCEVILLE**Summer Camp**

First day for Summer Celebration Day Camp for children ages 4 to 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pitts-

Sorry, we do not accept listings by phone.

The Bulletin Board publishes listings of volunteer opportunities, free or low-cost events and classes, fundraising events and services that are of particular interest to our neighborhoods. Listings published on a space-available basis; we cannot guarantee placement.

Announcements for the July issue are due Friday, June 14, via email to bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org.

Volunteer Opportunities & Services

June 24

LAWRENCEVILLE

Summer Camp

First day for Summer Celebration Day Camp for children ages 4 to 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8, 220 40th Street; camp runs until August 2. Lunch and afternoon snack provided. Campers have access to Arsenal's pool, outdoor patio, soccer field and gym. Swim lessons are also available for an additional fee. For more info about the camp and to register, call 412-802-7220 or go to lunited.org/documents/CampRegistrationFlyer_dis_tribute.pdf.

June 25

LAWRENCEVILLE

Adult Game Night

Come to the the Lawrenceville Branch of the Carnegie Library for board games, word games and video games at 6 p.m. at 279 Fisk St. Ages 18 and up only. For more information, call 412-682-3668.

June 29

EAST LIBERTY

Movies at the Library

The East Liberty Branch of the Carnegie Library will be holding a "Movies @ the Library: School Age Fun" event at 130 S. Whitfield Street from 2 to 4 p.m.

There will be a movie selection for children ages 8-12. For more information, call 412-363-8232.

PENN AVENUE

Storytelling and Song

Come out for a night of performance-based storytelling and song celebrating the release of the *Rust Belt Rising Almanac* from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Irma Freeman Center for Imagination, 5006 Penn Ave. This is the first anthology in an almanac series published by Philadelphia publishing company The Head & The Hand Press. Press founder Nic Esposito and Philadelphia musician Todd Henkin from the band The Great Unknown will share stories of the almanac in an a-typical book talk.

Further Out

HILL DISTRICT

Swim & Waterpolo

Training sessions will be offered from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in June, July and August, at Citiparks Ammon Rec Center outdoor pool at 2217 Bedford Ave. with Coach Mark Rauterkus, BGC and Pittsburgh Obama Academy. For high school and middle school students and those 9 and older. For more information, call 412-298-3432.

GARFIELD

Garfield Night Market

The Garfield Night Market seeks vendors for the summer who will sell a mix of food, local produce

and handmade items. For its pilot year, vendors will sell their goods at the Night Market for no fee. If you want to be a vendor, volunteer or sponsor, visit nightmarket.citylabpgh.org. For more information, contact info@citylabpgh.org or 412-434-7080.

FRIENDSHIP

Yard Sale

The Friendship Preservation Group is planning a neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5 for advertising and signage, so take advantage of the opportunity to get rid of unwanted things. To participate, email Jennifer Wilhelm at FPYardsale@gmail.com. Selling is limited to homes between Gross and Negley.

SHADYSIDE

48 Hour Film Project

Can you imagine writing, shooting, editing and scoring a movie all in 48 hours? The 48 Hour Film Project is the oldest and largest timed film competition in the world, taking place in over 110 cities worldwide. The 48HFP will return to Pittsburgh for its 7th year the weekend of July 12 - 14, 2013. Film-making teams will gather for the first time at Eddy Tower on Chatham University's campus. Registration is open. Early Bird Registration is \$140. For more info, visit <http://www.48hourfilm.com/en/pittsburgh/>.

EAST LIBERTY

Historical Exhibition

The East Liberty Valley Historical Society will hold a major Exhibition in August of 2013. This event will feature paintings, decorative arts, antique cars and other historic artifacts celebrating the impressive history and works of individuals and institutions in the East End area from its 18th Century beginnings

to the "Glory Days" of the 20th Century. To discuss any possibilities, contact Al Mann, President, East Liberty Valley Historical Society, 1251 N. Sheridan Ave., alfred.mann@verizon.net or 412-661-5947.

FRIENDSHIP

House Tour

The 2013 Friendship House Tour, planned for September 22, is looking for homes to showcase on this year's tour. Old homes, new homes, newly remodeled, partially remodeled, and apartments (with landlord permission) are welcome. The Friendship Community Group is also looking for volunteers to help plan and execute this event. Planning meetings will occur monthly. Email housetour@friendship-pgh.org

GARFIELD

Car Festival

Pittsburgh Art & Car Festival will return to Penn Avenue Sept. 28. Most Wanted Fine Art is looking for artists, vendors, and participants for the car show. Participation is free. Email mostwantedfineart@yahoo.com for details.

On-Going

GARFIELD

Warmline

Call the confidential Parenting Warmline at Family Resources for support, information and referral, 412-641-4546. It is a free, live, confidential service where you can find information, referrals and support for any non-medical parenting concern. The Parenting Warmline answers from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A New Day in the Neighborhood

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Everywhere you look there are new neighbors, new businesses and new homes. Vacant lots, a neglected playground and the streetscape along Penn have all been beautified. An arts festival will hit Penn in mid-June, and a night market for food, produce and crafts is also on its way.

That makes it a great day to become a member of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation or renew your membership. In the past 12 months, the BGC has been working hard on projects like these, with partners in Garfield, Bloomfield and Friendship. Let's take a quick tour of the BGC's accomplishments since last June:

- ♦ Construction of new single-family homes in Garfield for first-time homebuyers, bringing to 48 the number completed since 2002
- ♦ Operation of the "MainStreets" program that helped produce three beautification projects on Penn Avenue and assisted three building owners with storefront makeovers
- ♦ Construction of 45 single-family rental houses in Garfield, which are now being offered to working-class households
- ♦ On-going co-sponsorship of the Penn Ave. Arts Initiative, which resulted in 12 first Friday Unblurred events
- ♦ Hosting of planning sessions to move forward the \$5-million reconstruction of Penn Ave. infrastructure between Mathilda and Evaline Sts., beginning in August 2013
- ♦ Hosting three major community meetings to obtain residents' input on plans for a proposed 18,000-square-foot grocery store at 5200 Penn Ave., which led to the store's approval by the city's zoning board
- ♦ Continuous interaction with law enforcement through monthly meetings of the Public Safety Task Force to pinpoint and address serious criminal activity in the community
- ♦ Publication of a monthly community newspaper, *The Bulletin*, mailed free to 18,000 households and providing an in-depth, vibrant forum for the exchange of information

Please consider investing in your community by becoming a member of the BGC, at whatever level you can afford. Thank you in advance for your support of our work.

YES! I want to invest in my neighborhood through membership in the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation:

\$10 \$20 \$30 \$50 Other \$ _____

You can direct your donation to a particular program, or allow us to use it in the area of greatest need by leaving the following program buttons unchecked:

- ☐ Youth education and employment
- ☐ Publication of *The Bulletin*
- ☐ Housing development
- ☐ Public safety initiative
- ☐ Penn Avenue revitalization

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Please make checks payable to Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and mail to: Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, ATTN: Membership, 5149 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

You can also donate securely online via PayPal/credit card at www.bloomfield-garfield.org, or through the United Way at your place of employment; the BGC is donor choice #260.



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