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## Kite Hill Should Remain a Park, Neighbors Say

By Julie Collins

*Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

*Garfield* – In July 2013, the Pittsburgh Planning Commission formally adopted the City of Pittsburgh's Open Space Plan. The Open Space Plan encompasses for the first time the City's priorities for maintenance and future investment in open spaces, parks and playgrounds citywide. In this plan, the City decided to decommission Kite Hill Park in Garfield, which means that it will no longer devote any

resources to sustaining the playground's infrastructure.

Because of this decision, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) decided to propose a new idea for the site – the creation of a “pocket neighborhood,” a cluster of houses with a common green space.

Before any serious planning or develop-

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## Living Small in Garfield

By Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

*Garfield* – cityLAB, a nonprofit that bills itself as a “do tank, not a think tank,” is gearing up to build a tiny house on a vacant lot on

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By Meredith McNair *Office of State Senator Jim Ferlo*

*East Liberty* – In recent years, severe storms in western Pennsylvania have caused a number of problems due to excess stormwater: flash

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By James Wudarczyk *Lawrenceville Historical Society*

*Lawrenceville* – On April 5, 1814, William Barclay Foster, a prominent Pittsburgh merchant, purchased a 123-acre tract of land for \$35,000

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## Retaining Affordable Housing

By Paula Martinac

*The Bulletin*

*East End* – What is affordable housing and how can the city of Pittsburgh ensure its residents don't get priced out of the shifting housing market? These and other questions were tackled by panelists at “Affordable Housing for a Changing Landscape,” a roundtable held at the Kingsley Association on May 10 and attended by about 50 people.

The event was co-sponsored by Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), Neighborhood Allies and BNY Mellon.

Moderator Paul Guggenheimer, host of WESA-FM's “Essential Pittsburgh,” launched the discussion with salient facts about rising housing costs. While average home sale prices are up \$20,000 in the city since 2009, he noted, that isn't necessarily

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ABOVE: Deirdre Kane (right), proprietor of the 52nd Street Market with business partner Dora Walmsley, recently received a Jefferson Award for her volunteer service. Read the story on page 9. Photo by Paula Martinac



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Zoning Board OKs Group Home, with Conditions

**Garfield** – The city’s Zoning Board of Adjustment gave the green light in May to the opening of a “community home” at 4926 Dearborn St. in Garfield, giving the home’s owner, Kumar Williams, the special exception to the zoning code that he was seeking.

But in deference to concerns raised by both the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and several nearby neighbors, the board attached a list of conditions that Williams will have to meet if he is to secure an occupancy permit. The home will be able to accept only persons with disabilities, or those who are going through a period of “adjustment” in their personal lives.

The board went on to stipulate that individuals recently paroled from jail or given probation by the state or federal court systems are barred from residency. Furthermore, all residents will have to be of the same gender, with only five bedrooms to be utilized at any given time.

Following a tour of the home in late March, the BGC had raised doubts that there would be staffing on-site to help residents who are suffering from serious emotional or behavioral problems. Williams admitted in his testimony before the board at an April hearing that he has never operated a facility of this type. The board responded to this concern by mandating that space be reserved for an office for professional staff somewhere within the property, and that staff would have to be available to the occupants, either in person or by phone, at all times.

“While, truthfully, this isn’t the win that we were hoping for, it does put some safeguards in place for the residents who live in close proximity to the property,” Rick Swartz, BGC’s executive director, told *The Bulletin* recently. “Whether Mr. Williams intends to abide by them will be another story. The City has given the use its conditional approval. If the home does become a nuisance down the road, then it will be the City that will have to account for its decision.” – *Joe Reuben, The Bulletin*

### AutoZone Store Proposed for Former Babyland

**Friendship** – The owners of the former Babyland properties have filed an application with the City of Pittsburgh’s Zoning Administrator to build an AutoZone retail outlet on four parcels they purchased in June of 2012, following the closing of the longtime, iconic store in 2011.

A group identified as “5542 Penn LP” is asking the City to allow five variances that would permit the construction of a one-story masonry building with 15 parking spaces at 5534-42 Penn Ave. The demolition of the old Babyland building, along with the razing of two buildings on the opposite side of an existing parking lot, would be necessary in order to accommodate the new auto parts store.

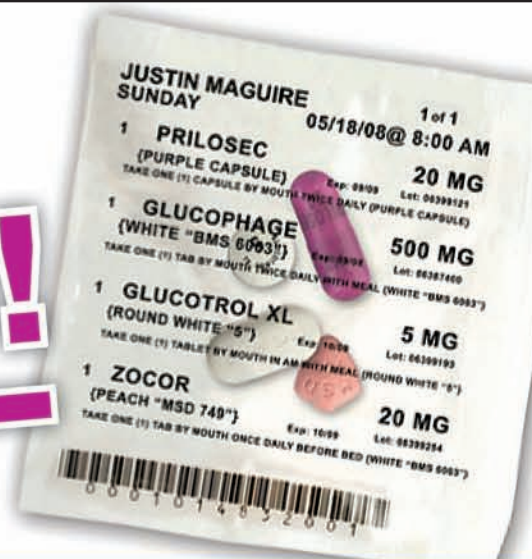
Believed to be comprised of members of the locally known Gumberg family, the limited partnership paid \$518,860 for the four parcels in question. They are now assessed for a combined value of \$367,600.

The new building would be situated at the corner of Penn and South Negley Avenues, where the existing structure at 5542 Penn still stands. A larger parking field would cover some of the present parking area, plus the lots on which two buildings at 5534 and 5536 Penn now sit.

The variances would give the developers relief from: 1) a requirement that relates to the building’s frontage along Penn (65 percent required, 50 percent offered); 2) ground-floor transparency (60 percent required, 0 percent provided); 3) an entry door off of Penn (one required, none offered); 4) exterior materials and façade treatment that should be consistent with the existing architectural context; and 5) a 30-foot setback from an adjoining residential area (no setback offered).

The Zoning Board has scheduled a public hearing in the matter for 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, in its large meeting room, first floor, 200 Ross St. in downtown Pittsburgh. – *Rick Swartz, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

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# Tiny Houses from page 1



ABOVE: A contemporary design called "Minim" was the overwhelming favorite of attendees at the May 13 Tiny House Planning Session held by cityLAB. Photo courtesy cityLAB

North Atlantic Avenue near Dearborn Street.

cityLAB has held a series of public planning sessions at Assemble on Penn Avenue to take the pulse of the neighborhood on the issue of small, affordable housing units under 600 square feet in size. An initial meeting in December found residents eager to learn more about tiny houses but "with no clue how to make it happen," said Eve Picker, executive director of cityLAB, at a second meeting on May 13.

Picker explained that the December meeting results "changed the course of the project." After analyzing the data gathered at that meeting, cityLAB decided to actually build a tiny house, blog about the process and write a how-to manual so others could follow suit.

The purpose of the May planning meeting was to present seven tiny house plans and have community members choose their top three designs for a tiny home in Garfield. "We're trying to work our way through and see what everyone wants," Picker explained.

Picker noted that the North Atlantic site was identified because it met all the criteria the attendees of the December meeting had set forth – proximity to public transportation and to Penn Avenue, space for gardening and "tiny but not teeny-tiny," said Picker. The site is sandwiched between a house and another vacant lot that is destined to become a side

lot to the adjacent house. cityLAB will be closing on the purchase of the lot once it has the construction financing in place, she said.

Attendees at the May meeting were asked to rank seven design plans, which were reviewed in a PowerPoint presentation, on the basis of specific criteria: how they fit into the streetscape; overall design quality; functionality; quality of interior space; potential for outdoor space; and whether they could see themselves living in the house.

The designs ranged in size from just 196 square feet up to 461 square feet. Many were traditional two-story designs with ornamental trim, but a few were very sleek, modern, one-story structures. The house a majority of attendees voted for was a contemporary design called Minim, with a footprint of just 210 square feet that uses interior space efficiently and leaves significant room for outdoor living.

Picker said cityLAB still needs to secure financing for the project, and intends to sell the house after it is constructed. "Our intention has been to make Garfield visible," she noted. "This type of housing gets a lot of attention, and it might solve a few problems with affordable housing in the city."

For more about the tiny house project and to follow the blog, visit [www.citylabpgh.org/experiments/tiny-houses](http://www.citylabpgh.org/experiments/tiny-houses). ♦

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ABOVE: Residents say they want Kite Hill to remain a park. Photo by Kathryn Vargas

ment could occur, however, the BGC chose to seek input from nearby neighbors about their wishes for the park and the proposed development. On May 5, a community meeting was held at Brothers and Sisters Emerging on Hillcrest Street. All nearby neighbors were invited to learn about the housing plan and share their opinions.

The neighbors spoke with what appeared to be a unanimous voice: they said the best use for the site would be for

Kite Hill to remain a public green space. They maintained that many children use the park and basketball court, and that very little crime occurs in the park.

Because of this consensus from the residents, the BGC set aside its housing plan. The next steps discussed at the meeting included trying to get the City to reverse its decision to decommission the park, and/or to fundraise to provide resources for neighbors to maintain the park. A numbers of neighbors said they perform routine maintenance on the park by cutting the grass and painting basketball lines.

The BGC agreed to help residents try to change the City's decision, and Deputy Director Aggie Brose subsequently contacted Councilman Ricky Burgess to schedule a post-agenda meeting at Council. City officials such as the Public Works Director and City Planning Department will be invited to the meeting to hear residents' concerns for the park's future. The goal for this meeting will be to show officials that residents do indeed use the park and that it is an asset to the neighborhood the City should continue to invest in. ♦

## Bloomfield Saturday Market Takes Shape

by Christina Howell

*Bloomfield Development Corporation*

*Bloomfield* – From May 31 to November 1, the Bloomfield Saturday Market will feature approximately 20 farmers, local food producers, prepared food vendors, and artists, with tents and colorful signs attracting the attention of passersby.

The new open-air market will run rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the West Penn Hospital open-air parking lot, 5050 Liberty Ave., between South Winebiddle and Gross Streets.

Bloomfield's own DJ Butcher Block; Garfield's Healcrest Urban Farm; Freedom Farms, featured on the reality show "Farm Kings"; Zeke's Coffee; and the Pittsburgh Pie Guy are just a few vendors who will sell their locally grown and produced food. At every market, Allegheny Health Network will give away four free Pirates tickets to one lucky visitor.

Included in the monthly programming line-up are: 1st Saturday Concert Series of free, family-friendly concerts beginning at 11 a.m.; 2nd Saturday Get Moving – exercise demonstrations and the opportunity to join in a variety of exercise types for all

ages; 3rd Saturday Live Well, in which visitors explore everything from home renovation resources to nutrition and massage; and 4th Saturdays Safety First, which will feature different emergency service providers and their vehicles, in addition to smoke detector giveaways, child safety seat checks, and bike safety checks. ♦

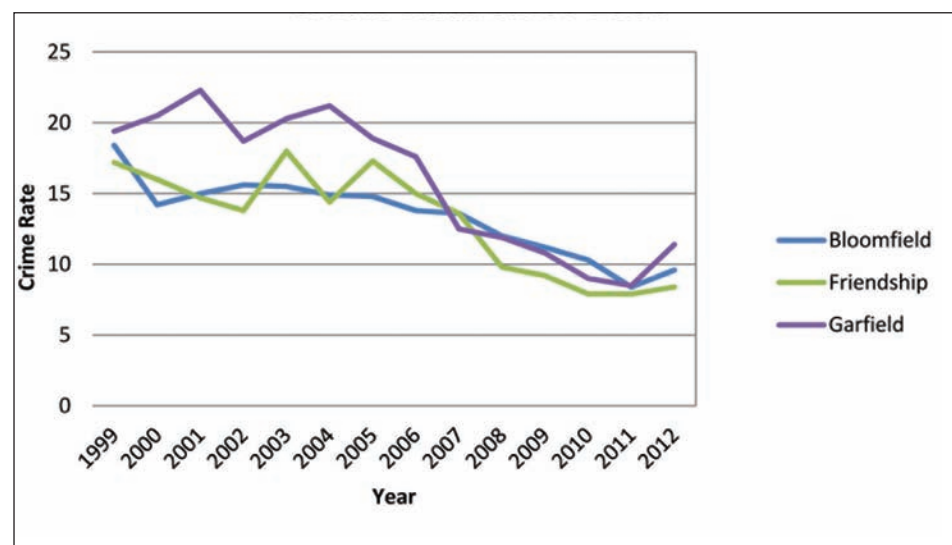




# Crime Rate Improves in East End

By Julie Collins

*Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*



ABOVE: Crime rates have gone down consistently in Bloomfield, Garfield and Friendship since 1999.

**Garfield** – Crime affects everyone's daily lives, from the route you take to get to the store, to the area in which you choose to live. As many people have witnessed, crime in the East End has decreased in the past decade. From 1999 to 2012, the combined crime rate in Bloomfield, Garfield and Friendship, for example, decreased by 47 percent. Crime rate is calculated by combining all reported crimes in a neighborhood and dividing that number by the neighborhood's population.

What many may be surprised to discover is that the crime rate in Garfield is only slightly higher than the crime rate in Bloomfield and Friendship. Garfield reached a high crime rate of 22.3 in 2001, but in 2011, the crime rate hit a low of 8.5. That equates to a 62 percent decrease in reported crime in Garfield over those 10 years. From 2010 to 2012, all three neighborhoods averaged a crime rate below 10. This is one of the lowest crime rates seen in these neighborhoods in the past few decades.

Reduction in crime in Garfield can be attributed to many different factors. One way the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation attempts to reduce crime is through meetings of its monthly Public Safety Task Force (PSTF). With the exception of an initial 15-minute period for resident concerns, the meeting is closed to the public. Invited guests include police, probation and parole officers and other city and county officials, who share information that is not public knowledge. These groups are invited because they

wield power in the city. The monthly meeting brings together multiple groups to communicate about issues that they otherwise might not collaborate on. This keeps all groups informed of neighborhood "hotspots" – places where suspicious activity takes place – and criminal activity.

Many initiatives in Garfield are not necessarily aimed at reducing crime, but may have that effect regardless. One example is maintaining the neighborhood's green spaces and vacant lots, which not only helps make the neighborhood look better, but deters crimes from happening in places where criminals can lurk. Many volunteers and volunteer groups in all three neighborhoods work to maintain vacant lots and community gardens for the public to enjoy.

New housing developments and renovation of housing help make the neighborhood look better while showing that people care about their homes. Crime also frequently happens in areas of neglect or abandonment, where there are few eyes on the street. Physical improvements to the neighborhood help foster a sense of community and keep residents watching out for suspicious activity. These are just a few of the countless activities that contribute to reduction of crime in any neighborhood.

Unfortunately, there is no one silver bullet to reduce crime. Luckily, in all three neighborhoods there are many organizations and volunteers who work to make the community a better place and, in turn, reduce crime. ♦



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# Housing

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good news for the 45 percent of residents who make under \$30,000. At the same time, rents have soared from an average of \$529 a month in 2007 to \$650 today.

Guggenheimer introduced the panelists, who included Jerome Jackson, Executive Director of Operation Better Block in Homewood; Carl Redwood, Board President of the Hill District Consensus Group; Tom Cummings, Program Director of the Urban Development Authority; David Weber, Government Relations & Special Services Officer at the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh; Matt Smuts, Community Coordinator for the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group; Christiane Leach, Artist Relations Coordinator for

the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council; Rick Swartz, Executive Director of the BGC; and Fred Brown, Associate Director of Program Development at the Kingsley Association.

Redwood defined “affordable housing” as “not paying more than 30 percent of your income for rent and utilities.” A lot of affordable housing in the city – especially public housing – has been eliminated, he said, with nothing to replace it. Cummings observed that “resources for affordable housing are no longer there at the state or federal levels. They’re down by 50 percent.”

Jackson defined “affordable” homeownership as residents being able to pay the

mortgage and also to maintain their homes. However, many lower-income families run into problems “when something breaks.” Swartz added that often newer, energy-efficient homes work better for these families than rehabbed older homes with higher utility bills. He put forward the idea of instituting property tax deferrals for lower-income homeowners. “If people don’t have to pay the full property taxes for up to 10 years, that could really help more lower-income people become homeowners.”

But even middle-class people sometimes have trouble buying homes. “[They] get outbid by speculators, even if they’re making enough money,” Leach observed, who gave an example from her own experience of trying to purchase a house in Homewood. “Cash is king. People [from outside the city] are buying up whole blocks in Homewood.” Swartz agreed that “a lot of speculators scoop up property before the city can even get it into the hands of responsible developers.”

One issue the panelists in general raised was how to get big developers like Walnut Capital to set aside below-market-rate units in their rental developments, such as Bakery Square 2.0. Redwood said, “The city and the URA have the hammer, but they’re not using their leverage. They should require an inclusionary policy [from the big developers]. A 30 percent

policy will start to solve the problem [of too few affordable rental units]” – meaning that a third of the units in a new development could be reserved for lower-income residents, instead of all being designated market-rate.

“If you get public dollars, there should be public benefit,” remarked one of the attendees.

Leach raised the larger question of why many African Americans in the city make so little money; the average salary for them is \$22,000 across the city and \$18,000 in the Hill District, with women earning even less than men. Absent a livable minimum wage nationally, another attendee commented that Pittsburgh “needs a city-wide minimum wage that’s livable,” which cities such as San Francisco and New York have instituted. In addition, Guggenheimer wondered if Pittsburgh could create a rent control system like New York City.

A third attendee told the story of people in one neighborhood banding together to save a single house and rehab it for a lower-income family. Jackson, in particular, was enthusiastic about her story. “Start with one house,” he said. “That’s what we did in Operation Better Block. And then we made it a model that we’re trying to recreate on a larger scale.” ♦



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## Students Sample Health Careers



Bloomfield – High school students got a taste of different healthcare career options at the West Penn Hospital Career Fair on May 1, co-sponsored by Neighborhood Learning Alliance, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center. Staff members from the departments of nursing, pharmacy, radiology, EEG, respiratory therapy and others were on hand to advise students about opportunities in various fields and their educational requirements. Young people also toured West Penn’s innovative STAR Center (Simulation, Teaching and Academic Research Center, shown in photo) – a “virtual” hospital where students and professionals alike can master clinical skills. Photo by Rick Flanagan



## Green Infrastructure *from page 1*

flooding, loss of life, property and infrastructure damage and pollution of local waterways.

In response, State Senator Jim Ferlo is spearheading a new initiative, Project 15206, that seeks to combat these problems by implementing sustainable, high-impact, green infrastructure installations throughout the 15206 ZIP code over the next two years. The 15206 ZIP code covers Larimer, East Liberty, Morningside, Highland Park and Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar, as well as parts of adjacent neighborhoods.

The goal of the project is to improve water quality by reducing stormwater overflows into the region's combined sewer system. Project 15206 will also help prevent flash flooding in targeted areas and potentially lower household water and sewer fees for residents.

Unlike conventional "gray" infrastructure, or stormwater conveyance pipes, green infrastructure allows stormwater to infiltrate the soil, which helps remove pollutants and recharge groundwater. Green infrastructure will also contribute to removing stormwater from the sanitary

sewer system that is unnecessarily treated by the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN).

Led by the Penn State Center, Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc. and the office of Senator Ferlo, with support from the City of Pittsburgh, Project 15206 is a collaborative effort among community, government, academic and philanthropic leaders. The collection of neighborhood implementation projects that will comprise Project 15206 have the potential to promote best practices that can then spark related projects across the Pittsburgh area.

One primary component of Project 15206 is the Rain Container Initiative. Rain containers will be available to households throughout the neighborhoods of the 15206 ZIP code as a way to delay water from entering into the combined sewer system. Rain containers are attached to a disconnected downspout and collect water for a later use, such as watering a garden or washing a car. With water and sanitation prices expected to rise, rain containers are a great way to lower utility bills while reducing stormwater problems



in the community.

Rain containers will be priced based on gross household income, with some residents qualifying for a free rain container. 15206 residents interested in having a rain container installed can submit a request at [www.Project15206.org](http://www.Project15206.org) or by calling 412-501-3950. Rain container installations will take place this summer and will be done in part by local high school youths, certified to perform them. The students will be employed by the Student Conservation Association through the Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program (PSYEP).

Another part of Project 15206 is the Tree Bioswale Initiative, which aims to install tree bioswales – stormwater run-off systems – along residential streets with particular focus on Larimer and Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar. Currently, these neighborhoods have very few street trees.

Larger scale projects include a series of high-capacity bioswales along Negley Run Boulevard, designed to help prevent flash floods and water pooling on Washington Boulevard. There are also opportunities to enhance the Heth's Run Project with significant green infrastructure features that build off the original vision's intent. Discussions are also underway with multiple institutional property owners who own land situated near major roadways and whose sites have the potential to hold large green infrastructure installations.

Community members are encouraged to get involved in Project 15206 by attending neighborhood meetings and volunteering to help with installations. More information and regular updates can be found at [www.Project15206.org](http://www.Project15206.org) as well as the Project 15206 pages on Facebook and Twitter. ♦

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# Neighborhood FOCUS

## Fashioning the New from the Old

**Young Penn Avenue Design Team Puts a New Spin on Streetwear**

By Christine Bethea *Bulletin Contributor*

*Penn Avenue* – With its spring line out, Daily Bread at 5450 Penn Ave. rocks. Literally. A threesome of 20-something entrepreneurs has been hosting fab events at the past few “Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn,” with music, moxie and fashion savvy inspired by “city life, hip hop, rock music, graffiti and skateboarding.”

Owners Nigel Calvimontes, Bill Niels and Alex Avakian were high school students on a junket to Costa Rica, sponsored by the Oakland School, when they met around 2004 and their interests immediately clicked.

Niels began Daily Bread online in 2009, as a blog, with photos about youth culture. The site quickly caught on and by late 2010, Niels was designing and branding his first seasonal clothing line. Within the next few years of business, he had collaborated with some of the country’s most well-known artists. Before long, Calvimontes and Avakian joined the business.

Together again, the three took the fashion of their generation to task and decided that a “street look” did not have to be a “grunge look.”

“Billy is definitely the creative force,” said Avakian. “He’s always on the lookout for a new angle on street wear. Nigel keeps us motivated and on task. We’re a great team.”

Daily Bread prides itself on taking street-wear classics – hats and T’s – and putting



ABOVE: Streetwear designed by the team at Daily Bread on Penn Avenue. Photo courtesy Daily Bread

**“It’s important to us to grow our business where other new companies are evolving.”**

a new spin on them by producing the clothing in fabrics from the mid-1930s to the 1970s. Currently, even textiles from the 1800s – which they are finding at estate sales or online – are under consideration.

“Our combined goal is to add even some more vintage flavor to our street wear,” said Avakian. “We’re looking at creating some high-end items, too. Like high-quality button-down shirts.”

The three chose their current location on Penn Avenue due to Nico Hartkopf, who owns Artchitype in the same building and became their landlord. Avakian credits him with the support of their company and another budding business in the same location called Refresh, which renovates and restyles old sneakers.

“Taking us on was a risk, in an under-developed part of the Penn Avenue business district, but being here keeps us in touch with our market,” Avakian explained. “It’s also important to us to grow our business where other new companies are evolving.”

The trio is planning a special celebration for the July 4th Unblurred, with classic cars, a variety of artists and other holiday programming. Normal shop hours at Daily Bread are noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Learn more at [Dailybreadpa.com](http://Dailybreadpa.com). ♦

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# Two Neighborhood Volunteers Win Awards

By Paula Martinac

The Bulletin

*Garfield/Lawrenceville* – The most active volunteers always say that giving back to the community is its own reward. But getting recognition for volunteer service isn't half bad.

Two local volunteers recently garnered awards for the time and effort they put into their neighborhoods. In April, Garfield Community Action Team's Minette Vaccariello won a Bob Award for "Volunteer of the Year" from the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for her work cleaning and greening the neighborhood. (Garfield was a winner, too, taking home the Bob Award for "Neighborhood of the Year.")

"It was a lovely surprise," Vaccariello told *The Bulletin*. She credited the other volunteers in the neighborhood with fueling her own desire to pitch in. "The people that I work with have so much energy."

Vaccariello said that one big challenge with GCAT's work is trying to keep up with the initial work done on greened sites. "It's great when you get the money [to fix up a site]," she said. "The maintenance stuff isn't as sexy" – it's harder to get volunteers to turn out to weed than to plant, she said.

She noted, for example, the ubiquitous knotweed that takes over any greening project in Garfield. Even though GCAT volunteer Gary Cirrincione devised a way to smother the knotweed with old carpeting, "it still comes poking out."

She explained, though, that young men with the Garfield Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP) are going to start helping to maintain the sites, which should keep them looking neat.

Vaccariello said she is particularly proud of the Kincaid Street Community Gardens. "It's the biggest thing we've done. A lot of neighbors have signed up [for plots]."

She noted that she hasn't been as active in the past few months, having just given birth to daughter Rosette in March. But pretty soon, "I'm going to strap her on my back and get out and garden," Vaccariello laughed.

In Lawrenceville, volunteer Deirdre Kane recently won a prestigious Jefferson Award for her work with the Lawrenceville Organic Community Garden.

The Jefferson Awards were created more than 40 years ago as a kind of "Nobel Prize" for public service. Kane was recognized by her employer, Highmark, Inc., which is one of only 23 organizations in the United States that serves as a Jefferson Awards Champion.

For her volunteer efforts, Kane was presented with \$1,000 to donate to the nonprofit of her choice – in her case, the Community Garden, which she said will use the money to buy seeds and start up its growing season.

Lawrenceville born and raised, Kane said her volunteer service began several years back when she decided to help with Lawrenceville United's regular neighborhood clean-ups. "It was easy to do," she said of the cleaning effort. "You just show up and they give you gloves. It's only as few hours." But soon she was



ABOVE: Minette Vaccariello won a Bob Award in April. Photo by John Colombo Photography

hooked and wanted to make a bigger commitment – she joined the LU board

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# Volunteer Does Her Part to Boost Graduation Rate

By Rachel Zadnik  
Neighborhood Learning Alliance

*East End* – Diana MacQuarrie, an East End native, is Neighborhood Learning Alliance’s (NLA) Volunteer of the Month for June. MacQuarrie helps students stay on track toward graduation, solidify their future plans and make great connections at Pittsburgh Obama Academy in East Liberty.

The avid crafter says she enjoys helping students with their studies and mentions that “being supportive and other little things make me enormously happy.”

She says she feels that the “Everybody Graduates!” campaign – a city-wide campaign to raise the high school graduation rate of Pittsburgh Public School students – is a good fit for her because “now more than ever, [Pittsburgh] schools need our help. If you can carve out a few hours out of your week, you can make a real difference.”

Although busy with a full-time job, transforming her yard into a habitat for butterflies and bees and spending time with her husband, family and friends, MacQuarrie still commits to spending time with neighborhood high school students. She notes that her volunteer work is not always about homework and academics, but sometimes also focuses on life skills.

“The other day I helped a senior applying to Pitt,” MacQuarrie recalls. “She needed to call the Admissions Office to get more information and was fretting about forgetting what she was supposed to say. I had her practice with me, and it really eased her anxiety so she was able to make the call. It was simple!”

MacQuarrie says she wants other volunteers to join in the “Everybody Graduates!” cause. “Let’s make Pittsburgh one of the top cities for graduation rate – why can’t we be known for that?”

If you’re interested in volunteering with NLA, email [Zadnik@neighborhoodlearning.org](mailto:Zadnik@neighborhoodlearning.org) or call 412-363-1910. ♦



ABOVE: Diana MacQuarrie takes time out of her many activities to help PPS students work toward graduation. Photo by Rachel Zadnik

# Kelly Strayhorn Kicks Off Summer Arts Series

By Paula Simon  
Kelly Strayhorn Theater



ABOVE: Members of Ethel will perform as part of Chamber Music Pittsburgh’s “Just Summer” series at KST. Photo by James Ewing

*East Liberty* – As the spring season winds to a close, Kelly Strayhorn Theater (KST) prepares for another big summer full of performances, music and celebrations. Formerly known as Celebrate East Liberty, KST’s East Liberty LIVE! presents an exciting summer arts series that contributes to the sustained vitality of East Liberty and the East End.

Starting June 11 through August 23, East Liberty LIVE! delivers extensive and affordable programming for children, families and audiences who work, live, and play in the East End.

With a variety of events taking place in and around KST and The Alloy Studios, East Liberty LIVE! offers more than 20 events for audiences to enjoy. KST invites artists, residents and business owners to participate in the events and find new ways to connect with the community.

The festivities kick off with Beats N’ Eats, a midday dance party every second Wednesday of June, July and August. The party includes a guest DJ and special lunch and drink menu with a different local restaurant each month.

Audiences can explore new and inventive performances with KST’s Alloy Residency series. This summer will spotlight a selection of local and international acts like Dean Moss & Gamophyte Inc.’s showing of “johnbrown,” an interdisciplinary performance work created with visual artist Laylah Ali. The performance,

which premieres this fall at The Kitchen in New York City, meditates on the legacy of the 19th-century white abolitionist John Brown.

Later in the summer, KST partners with Chamber Music Pittsburgh for the second installment of “Just Summer,” a concert series highlighting a wide variety of styles. On July 18, international sensation and vintage Cuban band Conjunto Chappottin stops by KST. They later visit New York City’s Lincoln Center as part of their first-ever U.S. tour.

For the younger crowd, KST offers children and families a chance to celebrate summer through its FAMILYtime programming. On July 12, Let’s Move! Family Dance Party features kid-friendly music and encourages families to get creative through crafts, dancing and music. In August, Iron Cross Ministry’s Gospel Xplosion returns with an uplifting, family-friendly concert that includes face painting, double-dutch and an open mic session.

The theater wraps up East Liberty LIVE! with a birthday party for movie icon Gene Kelly. The celebration marks the dance legend’s 102nd birthday with cake and a film screening of his classic 1952 film “Singin’ in the Rain.”

Events take place at the KST main stage, 5941 Penn Ave., and The Alloy Studios, 5530 Penn Ave. A complete schedule is located at [www.kelly-strayhorn.org](http://www.kelly-strayhorn.org). ♦

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and shortly thereafter laid out the town of Lawrenceville. To commemorate this historic occasion, the Lawrenceville Historical Society has issued a commemorative coin with an image of our neighborhood's founder on one side and a picture of the doughboy statue on the reverse side.

Only 200 of these commemorative coins have been minted. This beautiful, limited-edition coin will be on sale at the annual Doo Dah Days celebration in Allegheny Cemetery on Saturday, July 12. The cost of a coin is \$15.00.

William Foster was an American hero. Because the U.S. government had serious financial problems during the War of 1812, merchants refused to accept federal

notes for payment of military goods. In December 1814, Foster advanced his own funds and line of credit to furnish materials for General Andrew Jackson's troops at New Orleans. Without those supplies, the American forces might have lost the famous battle. He never received full compensation for his loan to the federal government, and he spent most of his life trying to no avail to recoup his money, legal fees and interest.

A few days following the purchase of the tract, Foster sold 30 acres of his newly acquired property to the military for purposes of an arsenal. Remnants of the historic Allegheny Arsenal may still be seen between 39th and 40th Streets. He also donated a plot for the burial of



ABOVE: Proof of the front and back of the Lawrenceville bicentennial coin minted by Challenge Coins R Us. The coins will be sold for \$15 each at Doo Dah Days in Allegheny Cemetery on July 12th. The silver coin is 1.75" in diameter. Photo courtesy Tom Powers

soldiers on the grounds currently occupied by Foster Community Center on Main Street in Lawrenceville.

Foster also erected a large frame house in the proximity of the present day 3600 block of Penn Avenue. He called it "The White Cottage." The name of the homestead was deceptive because the house contained seven stately rooms and a large center hall, as well as a "summer kitchen" for baking and cooking during the warmer months. It was on these grounds on July 4, 1826, that William Foster hosted a large Independence Day dinner for the soldiers stationed at the Arsenal and prominent members of the Pittsburgh community. At noon on that day, his son, Stephen Collins Foster, who would become a celebrated composer, was born.

Ironically, although today Lawrenceville is undergoing a massive real estate boom,

Foster's land investments proved to be his downfall. He sold most of his lots on credit. When the economy soured in the 1820s, some of his creditors were unable to meet their financial obligations to him. Consequently, he could not meet his loan payments and the bank repossessed his properties.

Over the course of his life, Foster served in the state legislature, was elected twice as mayor of Allegheny City (presently the North Side of Pittsburgh), and held various appointed political positions. He is buried near his famous son in Allegheny Cemetery. While his plain marker notes the dates of his birth and death (1779-1855) and acknowledges that he served as a Commissary of Purchase during the War of 1812, there is no mention that he was the founder of Lawrenceville. ♦

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# Lawrenceville Market Returns

By Becky Thatcher and Nathan Liddell

Lawrenceville United and Lawrenceville Farmers' Market

Lawrenceville – The Lawrenceville Farmers' Market is back for its fourth year, beginning June 7 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in the Goodwill parking lot at 118 52nd St. The market, which runs through October, will host nearly a dozen local growers and producers; selections will include seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, local meats and treats.

Celebrations kick off with the Opening Day Pig Roast, where community members will have the chance to stop by Butcher on Butler's to grab some food. Afterwards, there will be a short walk down Harrison Street to McCandless Avenue for a picnic at the 10th Ward Riverfront, held in partnership with Lawrenceville United (LU) and the Lawrenceville Corporation.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair to the picnic, which will last from 1 to 7 p.m. and will include music and food and beverage vendors throughout the day.

Each additional week the Market will host a variety of events and attractions to keep the summer's schedule lively. These events include:

- Fun Comes First: The first Saturday of every month will feature picnic-style



lunches, artisanal demonstrations and kids' activities.

- Second Saturday Sale: On the second Saturday of every month, a partnership with the Neighborhood Flea will bring handmade crafts, goods and artwork to the market.

- Saturday Is for Growing: On the third Saturday, a variety of gardening classes and demonstrations through the Lawrenceville Organic Community Gardens, as well as activities for children and adults, will be offered.

- Here's to Your Health: Fourth Saturdays of the month feature free monthly health screenings and chair massages provided by Cutitta Chiropractic. Nutrition-based cooking classes will also be available.

Market-goers can keep up to date by visiting LU's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LawrencevillePGHFarmersMarket>. ♦

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# Employment Program Recruits Recent Grads

By Taia Pandolfi

The Bulletin

Garfield – For recent graduates of high school, the employment opportunities in Pittsburgh may seem bleak. Given the tough competition for jobs in the city, a number of training programs could help these graduates prepare for the workforce.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Out-of-School Youth Employment program, which provides comprehensive job training and personalized workshops for professional skills, begins recruitment for the upcoming year starting June 1. It will accept 20 students, ages 17 to 22, with a high school diploma or GED.

Vanessa Thompson, the current Program Coordinator, is preparing for the recruitment push that will run through December, when applications are due. The program, which lasts for one year, focuses on first developing a core skill set:

**“Some students want to do nursing, but maybe that's because everyone in their family is a nurse. I want to widen their experience.”**

customer service, resume building, and interviewing. After this is completed, the students are assessed individually, according to their interests and abilities, to create a tailored plan for their future.

“I'm hoping to be able to show them a variety of opportunities,” Thompson said. “Some students want to do nursing, but maybe that's because everyone in their family is a nurse. I want to widen their experience.”

She said she plans to do this by taking her students on tours of different employment sectors and having them meet with professionals from a number of fields. Thompson has also planned a visit to Bidwell Training Center on the North Side

to explore the possibility of higher education for those who are interested.

Some students are motivated by their parents to apply for the Out-of-School Youth Employment program and fulfill the commitments, but for others the program's wide benefits and opportunities are enough encouragement to stay involved. “Those are the students that know they need a little help,” said Thompson, “but they want to do it on their own strength.”

Once students complete the initial resume, interview, and professionalism training, there are opportunities for temporary job placement in local establishments. These vary depending on the students' fields of interest, and have the potential to become permanent positions.

After the program is completed, Thompson said she makes herself available to graduated students for one year in order to ensure that the program sufficiently prepared them for employment or further education. This support system is intended both to provide students with a familiar outlet for advice and to find any holes that may exist in the current training program for future students.

The program offers bus passes and pays participants twice per month. For more information about the program or the application process, please contact Vanessa Thompson at [vanessa@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:vanessa@bloomfield-garfield.org) or call the program's office at 412-441-9833. ♦



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# Tennis, Anyone?

By Dave Breingan

Lawrenceville United

*Lawrenceville* – Long thought of as a country club sport, tennis has arrived as a free afterschool program at two neighborhood elementary schools, with the notion that tennis is for everyone and for all ages.

Twenty students from each of two schools – Pittsburgh Arsenal PreK-5 and Pittsburgh Woolslair K-5 – participate in the four-week afterschool program. The tennis program is new to both schools this year and introduces students to the sport in a fun, fast-paced way that's tailored to the ages of the students. The program is led by Jose Mieres, who coordinates the tennis programs for CitiParks and has done afterschool programs for students from Environmental Charter School and Pittsburgh Langley as well.

"Tennis is a great confidence builder for kids," says Mieres. "It's a challenging individual sport, but it also promotes social development and good sportsmanship."

Using smaller courts, smaller racquets, lower bouncing balls and simplified

scoring, students are encouraged to "play to learn" rather than "learn to play."

"I like all the activities," says Baylen Loosier, a 2nd-grader at Arsenal who participates in the tennis program. "We play 'ice cream' and have to keep the cherry on the ice cream," he says, referring to a drill that has the kids practice balance and ball handling by imagining a racket as an ice cream cone and the tennis ball as the cherry on top.

Even the parents are jumping in on the sport. During one session at Arsenal, Mieres invited a mother who had been quietly watching her student from the sidelines to help demonstrate a 3-point game to the kids. Initially reluctant, she said she'd never played tennis before. But after a little persuasion and some cheering from the kids, she began serving and even moving from the "challenger's side" to the "champion's side."

The inclusiveness and universality of the sport is perhaps best demonstrated by the



ABOVE: Students at Pittsburgh Arsenal PreK-5 practice their balance and ball handling during a four-week afterschool tennis program. Photo by Meghan Loosier

diversity of the Arsenal student participants – children raised in Lawrenceville and Garfield play alongside kids who were born in China, Somalia and Mexico. The program has been so popular that it was expanded to accommodate additional kids, and yet has still had to turn children away. Almost all of the students had never

played tennis before the program began.

"The structure of the program is really beneficial," says Meghan Loosier, a parent who volunteers with the program at Arsenal. "It demonstrates self-control as well as physical abilities and healthy sportsmanship." ♦

## SNAP Expands at Local Farmers' Markets

by Emily Cleath

Just Harvest

*East End* – Just Harvest's Fresh Access program is expanding. Fresh Access enables Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – formerly known as food stamps) shoppers to use their benefits at participating farmers' markets. Those wishing to purchase market items using credit or debit cards can do so via Just Harvest's Fresh Access kiosk as well.

Thanks to a partnership with the Bloomfield Development Corporation, Fresh Access will operate at the Bloomfield Saturday Market at 5050 Liberty Ave. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June to October.

Fresh Access will also be at the Lawrenceville Farmers' Market in the Goodwill parking lot at 118 52nd St. on Saturdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. through October. Fresh Access will continue to run at the Pittsburgh CitiParks Bloomfield Farmers' Market on Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. through November, and the Citiparks East Liberty Farmers' Market at 5800 Penn Circle West (recently renamed Euclid Avenue) on Mondays from 3:30 to



7:30 p.m., May to November.

The service is free for SNAP shoppers, but credit and debit card users will be asked to contribute \$1 per transaction to help cover program costs. Shoppers should approach the Just Harvest tent at the market to receive tokens.

More information on the program and the location of other participating farmers' markets is available at <http://www.justharvest.org/get-help/fresh-access>. ♦

## Volunteers from page 9

of directors four years ago, and found her way to the Community Garden, even though she had no gardening experience whatsoever.

"I wanted to be part of positive change," she explained of her burgeoning volunteer efforts. Although she's lived in other neighborhoods, she said she feels a special affinity for Lawrenceville. "People care for each other here," she observed.

In her "spare" time, Kane owns and operates the 52nd Street Market with business partner Dora Walmsey. "I open up the store at 6:45," she noted. After a full day at Highmark as a senior marketing production analyst, "I come back after work, and Dora and I close up together." She said that "it's exhausting," but that "it's something I'm passionate about."

The day she talked to *The Bulletin*, Kane had just finished a mentoring gig with 3rd-graders. Where does the time come from for all these activities? She said it helps that her employer encourages and



ABOVE: Deirdre Kane, 2014 Jefferson Award winner, with David Holmberg, Highmark Inc. president of diversified business (left), and Ray Carson, Highmark Health executive vice president and chief human resources officer (right).

supports volunteerism. In addition, "I don't have kids," she explained. "Giving back is just in my nature." ♦



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**GARFIELD**

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Every Sunday in June the Healcrest Urban Farm accepts volunteers between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The upcoming Sundays are June 8, June 15, June 22 and June 29.

**Farm Tours**

Healcrest Urban Farm offers Farm Tours with Farmer Meg every Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m. By donation. Tours are free for volunteers. The upcoming dates are June 8, June 15, June 22 and June 29.

June 2

**BLOOMFIELD**

**Yoga for EveryBODY**

Marlene Fritsch, a Yoga Alliance certified instructor and 16 year cancer survivor, will present an introduction/information session at Cancer Caring Center, 4117 Liberty Ave. from 6 to 7:30 p.m. She will talk about the importance of breathing while welcoming all limitations. Dress comfortably and bring a mat if you have one. Bring a friend or family member, and call 412-622-1212 to sign up.

June 5

**PENN AVENUE**

**Grand Opening**

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June 6

**GARFIELD**

**Garfield Night Market**

The Garfield Night Market sponsors food, crafts and fun for families from 6 to 10 p.m. on North Pacific Avenue between Penn and Dearborn. Interested in being a vendor or a volunteer? Visit [garfieldnightmarket.org](http://garfieldnightmarket.org), or email [garfieldnight-market@gmail.com](mailto:garfieldnight-market@gmail.com).

**PENN AVENUE**

**Unblurred**

The first Friday of each month, from 6 to 11 p.m., various venues in the Penn Avenue Arts District,

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June 8

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**Jammin' for Wishes**

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June 11

**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 information, call 412-441-6950 x15.

June 12

**GARFIELD**

**Farm Tour**

As the Healcrest Urban Farm's gardens burst with the vibrant colors of the summer, come to a plant walk identifying medicinal herbs in the gardens, meadows and woods around the farm. Tour runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and focuses on the rare and native plants cultivated on the farm and how to help these plants flourish. Discuss sustainable growing and harvesting practices, the medicinal properties and constituents of various species, and how to use these plants to aid in healing the body, mind and spirit. Rain date: Thursday, June 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

June 14

**EAST LIBERTY**

**A Whale of a Tale**

Visit the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-East Liberty at 130 S. Whitfield St. at 1 p.m. Listen to a story about whales and participate in a science

project. For children ages Kindergarten to second grade. Call 412-363-8274 to register.

**Pre-K Program: Bubble Bonanza**

Visit the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-East Liberty at 130 S. Whitfield St. at 11 a.m. Listen to a story and then make fun bubble art. For ages 3 to 5. Call 412-363-8274 to register.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**

**Minecrafternoon**

Come to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Lawrenceville at 279 Fisk St. from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be game time, including Minecraft, Jeopardy, create-a-hat, Pin the Tail on the Minecraft Animal, and more antics. If you come, you can build it.

June 16

**LAWRENCEVILLE**

**Explore STEM!**

Explore basic STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville branch at 279 Fisk St. from 7 to 7:45 p.m. This program is family friendly and is recommended for children ages 2 and up and their families.

**BLOOMFIELD**

**EVO Summer Camp**

Camp for children ages 3 to 14 years old begins. Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO) and the Seeds of Hope Church offer a summer filled with field trips, arts, games, education, religious study and fun. Camp will last Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Before and after camp care are available at an additional cost. The Youth Envisioning Success (YES) Academy Camp is also run by EVO. It offers middle-school campers the opportunity to work on entrepreneurial skills and participate in an entrepreneurial simulation. Camp runs until July 26. Call for registration and cost information at 412-414-2993 or 412-681-7272.

**GARFIELD**

**Summer Camps**

Assemble, located at 5125 Penn Ave., will host nine one-week summer camps that kick off today and run through the week of August 11. Each camp serves a specific age group, but students in grades 1 to 8 will be eligible to attend. Weekly focuses will include the following: Design Camp, Scratch Camp, DJ Musical Instrument Camp, Movie Camp, Video Game Design Camp, Crafternoon Camp, STEAM Camp, and Food Camp. Children will be able to explore their creative interests under the guidance of working artists in the community, and hopefully be inspired to pursue these interests beyond the scope of the camp. For more information and to register, please visit [assemblepgh.org/summer-camps](http://assemblepgh.org/summer-camps).

June 17

**LAWRENCEVILLE**

**Ready Freddy Kindergarten Club**

Family Care Connection, located at 5235 Butler St., will be offering a free program designed to help make the transition into Kindergarten as smooth as possible for students and their parents. The Ready Freddy program will be held from June 17 to June 18 and June 24 to June 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please call Ms. Linda for more details or to register at 412-784-8683.

June 18

**HIGHLAND PARK**

**Summer Family Yoga**

A family friendly yoga class will be offered at The Union Project in Highland Park. The class for ages 5 to 11 will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and the class for ages 11 to 18 will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate in the class with their children. Donation-based class fee (recommended \$5 to \$15 per person). Please bring a yoga mat to class, if you have one. Also, plan on arriving at least 10 to 15 minutes prior to the class start time. Classes are taught by therapeutic yoga instructor Ali Popivchak, RYT. Feel free to email Ali with any questions prior to class at [ali.popivchak@gmail.com](mailto:ali.popivchak@gmail.com).

June 19

**LAWRENCEVILLE**

**Snugglebugs Storytime**

Snugglebugs is back at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Lawrenceville from 10:30 to 11 a.m. today and June 26. Caregivers, babies and toddlers, snuggle together for a program of books, rhymes, songs, fingerplays and fun.

**BLOOMFIELD**

**Art Therapy Group**

Come to the Cancer Caring Center, 4117 Liberty Ave., on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for an art therapy group, a creative and supportive outlet for adults touched by cancer. Facilitator Brant E. Meehan, MSW, has organized, facilitated and created therapeutic art programs in the Pittsburgh area for 10+ years. A different topic and art material are presented and experienced each month. Artists and non-artists welcome.

June 21

**LAWRENCEVILLE**

**Calling All Gardeners**

The annual Lawrenceville Garden Tour runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Lawrenceville residents who engage in any kind of outdoor efforts are invited to participate. All types of gardens welcome: traditional, container, herb, water and even art or sculpture gardens. For more information on how

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 13, via email to [bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org).**



# Volunteer Opportunities & Services

to participate, contact Kate at 412-621-2573 or [kateb1950@gmail.com](mailto:kateb1950@gmail.com). Homeowners and renters are all welcome to participate, and the tour will be free to visitors.

June 22

## FRIENDSHIP

### Book Club

Plan to attend a meeting of the Friendship Area co-ed book club. Force yourself to do some reading and meet some new people. Perfect if you are new to the area. Crazy Mocha Café (Baum and Roup), 7:30 p.m. Email Jeff at [jeff@jefftobe.com](mailto:jeff@jefftobe.com) for the book title and start reading.

June 23

## STANTON HEIGHTS

### Freedom Camp

Looking for a great way to spend your summer? If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, Valley View Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Aiken Ave., will once again offer Freedom Camp, which starts today and continues through July 24. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and includes breakfast, lunch, academics, crafts, Bible studies, weekly field trips and a variety of activities. For additional information or to obtain an application, call 412-361-0870.

June 24

## EAST LIBERTY

### Game-O-Rama

Stop by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch at 130 S. Whitfield St. for our board game program at 1 p.m. Play board games like Checkers, Outburst Jr. and more. For older children (ages 8 to 12). No registration needed.

June 25

## LAWRENCEVILLE

### Community Meeting

Tree Pittsburgh has collected surveys from Lawrenceville residents to inform recommenda-

tions about the neighborhood's urban forest. The next community meeting takes place tonight at the Goodwill Lawrenceville Store offices at 118 52nd St. from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants can provide input into the plan for enhancing Lawrenceville's tree canopy. Meetings are free and refreshments will be served. For more information about community events, meetings and the planning schedule, visit [www.treepittsburgh.org/lawrenceville](http://www.treepittsburgh.org/lawrenceville) or call 412-362-6360 or email Jen Kullgren at [jen@treepittsburgh.org](mailto:jen@treepittsburgh.org).

June 29

## SHADYSIDE

### Art with Heart @ YART

YART, the art yard sale at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shernise Allen's Art with Heart LLC will have a booth.

## Further Out

## FRIENDSHIP

### Yard Sale

The annual Friendship Yard Sale will be held Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's just \$10 to sign up so take advantage of the opportunity to get rid of some stuff. Visit [friendshipyardsale.blogspot.com](http://friendshipyardsale.blogspot.com) for registration and details. (Selling is limited to homes between Gross and Negley).

## On-Going

## EAST LIBERTY

### Job Search Help

The Coalition of Organized Residents of East Liberty (COR) can help with finding employment. Search for opportunities at COR's full-functioning computer lab. Get help with resume building and cover letter writing. Job opportunities in construction, retail and more. Contact COR for more details at 412-661-2600.

**Send your Bulletin Board listings in early to make sure they're included!**

## Bloomfield Students Win Green Poster Contest



ABOVE: Ngoc Ngo of Saint Maria Goretti School in Bloomfield won 2nd place in the Allegheny County Health Department's environmental poster contest.

**Bloomfield** – Two local middle-school students of Saint Maria Goretti School placed second and third in an Environmental Poster Contest.

The theme – “Travel Green, Travel Clean” – inspired them to create posters depicting how they would reduce pollution every day through alternative means of transportation. The contest, sponsored by the Allegheny County Health Department, is in its 15th year.

A major focus of the project was to not only create ideas for environmentally friendly travel, but also to encourage others to consider the impact daily travel decisions can have on air pollution.

Ngoc Ngo won second place in the contest for a poster depicting a tree that represents the two sides of the fight for environmentally friendly travel options. One side of the tree stretches lushly across the poster, suggesting green ideas for travel and helpful information. The other side of the tree, barren and grey, is surrounded by smog-producing cars and factories.

Alyssa Sanchez, whose poster focused on ways to reduce pollution, won third place. Her ideas included walking, carpooling, riding bikes and using hybrid vehicles.

The winning posters are available for viewing on the Allegheny County Health Department's web site at [www.achd.net/air/2014postercontest](http://www.achd.net/air/2014postercontest). – *from a press release*

# Classifieds

## Real Estate

Newlyweds seeking older house, fixer-upper or vacant lot in Lawrenceville. Please call Rich at 412-290-7069.

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\* GCAT is an initiative of the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation Elm Street District \*

## GCAT CHAT

**GCAT Monthly Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at Assemble, 5125 Penn Avenue

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**Weeding Wednesdays at Kincaid Street Community Garden**  
June 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 6-8 p.m. 5414 Kincaid Street (between N. Aiken and N. Graham Streets)

**See photos and learn about Garfield's resident community garden:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/KincaidStreetCommunityGarden> (like us too!)





**Thursday, June 5, 2014  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Early Access for Veterans, Foster Care  
Youth, and People with Criminal  
Background Issues from  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
250 N. Highland Avenue  
(Across from Home Depot)**

**MEET 70+ EMPLOYERS – BANKS, TRAINING  
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