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ABOVE: Lino Tagliapietra, an internationally renowned glass artist from Italy, was artist-in-residence at the Pittsburgh Glass Center on Penn Avenue in Friendship during the last week in January. Photo by John Colombo Photography

Transforming Lawrenceville Block by Block

By Ed Nusser

Lawrenceville Corporation

Lawrenceville – After struggling with population loss and disinvestment for decades, Lawrenceville is currently experiencing neighborhood reinvestment on an unprecedented level. Thanks in no small part to comprehensive stabilization efforts that led to a 50 percent drop in crime from 2002 to 2010, Lawrenceville has become a destination neighborhood on the verge of major growth and stability. According to the US Census, in 1990, less

than 0.5 percent of Lawrenceville homes were valued at or above \$100,000, while in 2010, the share of homes valued over \$100,000 was nearly 25 percent.

Given the momentum of Lawrenceville's real estate market, the Lawrenceville Corporation sought avenues for current residents to benefit from the tide of new investment in the neighborhood. One such opportunity was the Residential Façade Improvement Program, or RFIP.

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Modern Townhomes Coming to Penn Avenue

By Paula Martinac

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Penn Avenue – On the frigid night of January 27, in the unheated space that used to house the Quiet Storm coffee-house, about 15 people showed up to hear E Properties and Development present its plans for what principal Emeka Onwugbenu ironically called “a very cool project.”

sizes will comprise Residences on Penn, to be constructed in the empty lots between S. Graham and S. Aiken Avenues. The vacant houses that occupied two of the lots were demolished in early February, making room for the new development, which will extend back to Cruger Way.

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ABOVE: Staff of Pittsburgh Sunnyside PreK-12 in Stanton Heights gathered on Feb. 4 to celebrate the school's designation as one of three STAR (Students and Teachers Achieving Results) schools in the Pittsburgh Public School system. The honor recognizes academic achievement and growth based on state test scores. This was Sunnyside's second year as a STAR school. Photo courtesy Laura Dadey

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PATF Observes Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



East Liberty – On February 7, State Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Allegheny, and the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force observed National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, which focuses on education, testing and treatment. As part of the education effort, Rep. Wheatley himself underwent the HIV test that day. Panelists for PATF's press conference on the state of Black HIV/AIDS in Southwestern PA included (left to right) Dr. Oladoyin Desalu, Executive Director of the AIDS Coalition of Southwestern PA; Andre Scott, Legal Assistant to Rep. Ed Gainey; Rep. Wheatley; Dr. Albertha Graham-Ellison, Vice President of Educating Teens about HIV/AIDS; Dr. Charles Christen, Executive Director of PATF; and Karen Battle, PATF Outreach Coordinator. Photo by Jason Herring/PATF

East End Businesses Network with Vegan Community

East End – Local animal rights organization Voices for Animals of Western Pennsylvania (VFA) has recently launched a new initiative designed to acknowledge and promote Pittsburgh as a vegan-friendly city for both residents and visitors alike. "Vegan" means containing no meat or animal products of any kind.

Known as Vegan Pittsburgh, this project's mission is "to create collaborative working relationships between Pittsburgh business owners and the local vegan community, in order to increase the visibility and accessibility of vegan dining options, goods, and services."

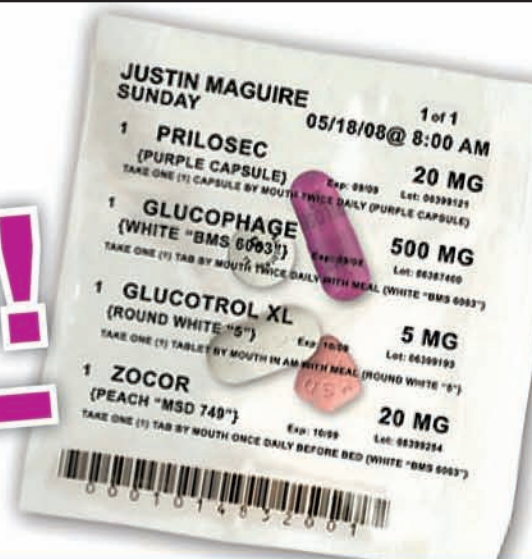
The project's website, VeganPittsburgh.org, serves as an electronic directory of locally owned restaurants and businesses that offer the best vegan dining options in the city. Participating restaurants listed on the website are given a folder packet of information about the project, including a "Vegan Friendly" decal to display on their door or window.

Currently, there are 26 establishments displaying the "Vegan Friendly" decal on their door, including East End favorites such as Plum, Spak Brothers, Franktuary, Round Corner Cantina, Embody Natural Health, Thai Cuisine, Coca Cafe and The Big Idea Cooperative Bookstore and Café, plus Eden and Oh Yeah! In Shadyside.

"People may be surprised to learn that Pittsburgh has an active vegan community," said Sarah Scholl, a representative of VFA. "As veganism continues to grow, we have seen a corresponding increase in businesses that are responding to this demand by making their establishments more vegan-friendly. Through the Vegan Pittsburgh project, we hope to recognize these local businesses and to connect them with consumers who have embraced this healthy and compassionate lifestyle."

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Corporation (PHDC) purchased the properties from Friendship Development Associates (FDA) in 2013, and then issued an RFP to developers. The PDHC is a nonprofit corporation housed within the city's Urban Redevelopment Authority. E Properties and Development was the chosen developer for the site.

Started in Lawrenceville about four years ago, E Properties has, according to Onwugbenu, completed about 15 or 16 townhomes in that neighborhood.

"We create custom homes without the price of a custom home," Onwugbenu said. Most properties are pre-sold, which allows homeowners to customize fixtures and appliances before construction.

E Properties "works a lot with Moss Architects," Onwugbenu noted. Andrew Moss was at the January 27 meeting to explain the site plans, set to be presented at the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment on February 20 (after the March issue had gone to press).

Moss outlined the challenges of building on the site. A 20"-diameter sewer line runs through the center, and had to be preserved. The architects came up with a compact plan for seven townhomes facing a long, narrow courtyard/driveway that will give Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority access to the sewer line but will "not be a public street." It is, Moss noted,

"a very efficient model," much like one the architectural firm is doing on a small lot on Bryant Street in Highland Park.

Cruger Way will provide entrance and egress for residents' cars, while pedestrians can access the courtyard and townhomes from an entryway on Penn. The plan originally called for a gated entrance, but strong negative reactions from neighbors and from groups such as the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation have caused the developer and architect to consider modifying that feature.

While most of the units will face the courtyard, two will have facades directly on Penn. The style is distinctly modern, but "they will fit the scale of Penn Avenue" and have "the same rhythm" and "brick character" of nearby buildings, stated Moss. There will also be a garden wall along Penn, with infill designed by a local artist to help close the gap between the two Penn facades.

Although none of the townhomes is fully ADA-compliant as a residence, one unit just off Cruger Way will be built so that it is "accessible for visitors." In short, a guest in a wheelchair could easily negotiate the front door, and there is an accessible bathroom in the unit.

The townhomes will vary in size from two to three bedrooms, each with a one- or two-car garage, a deck off one level and



ABOVE: Artist's rendering of the aerial view of Residences on Penn, showing the townhomes, Penn Avenue entrance and courtyard. Courtesy Moss Architects and E Properties and Development

an additional roof deck. The sticker prices will range from the low \$100,000s to about \$250,000, according to Onwugbenu.

The project is seeking two variances from the Zoning Board, including a setback from Cruger Way and a subdivi-

sion of the present lots into seven distinct parcels.

If all goes smoothly at the zoning hearing, Onwugbenu said he estimates construction will begin in the spring and take about a year to complete. ♦

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Lawrenceville Seniors Have an “Advantage”

By Becky Thatcher

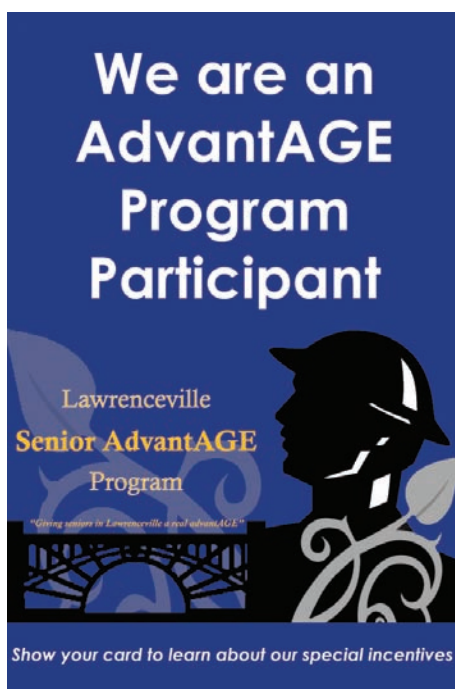
Lawrenceville United

Lawrenceville – More than 100 Lawrenceville seniors have signed up to participate in the Lawrenceville Senior AdvantAGE Program, and hundreds more have participated in the various activities offered through the program. Membership is open to any Lawrenceville resident aged 60 years or older, and the program’s objective is to connect residents to one another, existing services, the growing business district and new residents.

In 2013, residents participated in workshops focused on home-improvement opportunities, volunteer programs and city and county resources. The program also held mixers and other events to foster a sense of community between AdvantAGE members and neighbors on their block.

More is planned for 2014. On March 25th at 2 pm at The Zone, 5217 Butler Street, there will be a workshop featuring transportation and mobility programs available to AdvantAGE members and all residents 60 years or older. Copies of the Senior AdvantAGE Guide will be available.

In 2013, many events were funded through the AdvantAGE mini-grant program, including a community garden harvest party, a fundraiser for the local library and a “Beat the Blues” winter party for local residents. These mini-grants are still available to support projects, events or outings that connect a diverse group of residents and neighbors through community restoration or engagement activities. Grants range from \$10 to \$500.



ABOVE: Store window decal for Senior AdvantAGE program. Courtesy Lawrenceville United

The program continues to add businesses to the AdvantAGE Card list as well – these establishments offer special incentives to AdvantAGE members. In order to make using the card easier, all participating businesses have started displaying a small sign in their storefront windows that reads “We are an AdvantAGE Program Participant.”

If you would like more information on any of these programs or assistance with the mini-grant application; want to see a new initiative added to Senior AdvantAGE; or would like to sign up, please call 412-802-7220 or email becky@lunited.org.



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part of Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE), says it is not only cost-effective to grow your own food, but also empowering. Garfield Community Action Team (GCAT) member Vaccariello adds, “Urban gardens create an escape for those who live in the city.”

In 2011, PULSE cleared the vacant lot at 5414 Kincaid St. with a vision that the space could one day be a community garden, according to Thill. GCAT and PULSE partnered together to launch the community garden in 2012 and since then, the initiative has become a resident-led community garden.

Thill explains that the name “Gator Gardens” was originally selected for the space. Because of the Garfield Gators football team, the gator has become a familiar symbol of the Garfield community. With input from the community members who later became involved with the garden, the space was renamed “Kincaid Street Community Gardens.” The new name eliminates confusion with the football team and also makes explicit the location of the garden to the community.

In its debut season in 2013, the multi-level community garden had a total of 18 beds that were tended by 13 families and a dozen children. Participants have ownership over their assigned garden beds and can plant whatever they choose.

In January, the garden received a \$2,000 grant from Syngenta, an agri-business committed to sustainable agriculture, for the 2014 growing season. Vaccariello says,

“We plan to build 20 more raised garden beds and purchase good soil to fill them.” She mentioned that the new beds alone will use up most of the budget.

With the garden expansion from the grant, Thill says she hopes to recruit many more Garfield residents to get involved. When plots are assigned, Garfield residents will have priority in an effort to inspire a sense of community pride and ownership of the space.

Thill stresses that residents don’t have to be experienced with gardening to get involved – there is plenty of room in the garden for veteran and new gardeners alike. Vaccariello mentions that any funding left over from the grant will be put toward a demonstration area in the garden to teach the basics to new gardeners.

Thill describes the Kincaid Street Community Gardens as “an opportunity to be self-sufficient as a community.” Even if people are scared of bugs and worms, that shouldn’t stop them, Thill contends.

A Garden Work Day will take place at the garden from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 15. At 2 p.m., community members are invited to attend a “Seed Swap” at the same site. “Weeding Wednesdays” will start in April from 6 p.m. to sunset for kids and community members who would like to get a hold on the weeds in the garden each week. Contact gcatpgh@gmail.com or call 412-450-0371 if you are interested in acquiring a plot or more information.



BELOW: Garfield resident James checks in on his private bed in the Kincaid Street Community Gardens. Photo courtesy GCAT



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Interested in gardening this summer? For more information or to sign up for a garden bed, visit: <http://gcatpgh.com/kincaid-gardens/> or call: 412-450-0371

Learn To Be a Vendor at the Night Market



ABOVE: Last summer's Garfield Night Market was a busy, family-friendly event. Photo by John Colombo Photography

Garfield – The Garfield Night Market (GNM) was originally envisioned by the 6% Place Committee to become a self-sufficient neighborhood event planned, operated and largely vended by the Garfield community. But with fewer than 10 vendors from Garfield participating in the event during its launch in 2013, it became clear that potential vendor/ entrepreneurs might need some assistance getting started.

To pilot a peer-to-peer development program to teach some basics about running a small market-based business, the Sprout Fund awarded the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation a small Seed Award. The first of two Skill Share Parties was held on February 8 with the goal of getting to know Garfield residents who might be interested in being part of the market. Food was provided by Garfield resident, caterer and previous GNM vendor Bek Winters. Several of the former GNM vendors were available to talk with potential participants about their experience getting into business.

This program is open to any Garfield resident who has considered becoming an independent business owner in the market arena, selling food, crafts, art or other handmade items. If you have an interest in learning more about becoming a vendor but need some assistance getting started, mark March 8 on your calendar and call Samantha McDonough at 412-389-5521 to reserve a spot at the Skill Share Party. ♦

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Program Improves Face of Garfield Homes

by Ross Hackett
The Bulletin

Garfield – On February 13, approximately 40 Garfield residents gathered at the BGC Community Activity Center to hear about the Urban Redevelopment Authority’s (URA) Residential Façade Improvement Program, which is available this year to residents of Garfield.

Quianna Wasler of the URA and Rebecca Dyck of the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh presented the stipulations of the program and answered the questions of those that attended.

Wasler and Dyck described the process for acquiring a grant for exterior façade improvements, available to Garfield property owners within the designated boundaries. In order to be eligible, the property owner must propose a project that enhances the front or side exterior façade of the property that faces a public street. Alleyways, paper streets and back entrances are not qualified for the program.

The grants will pay for 50 percent of proposed project costs, up to \$5,000. A \$150 non-refundable fee must be paid to the URA with the initial application.

“This program is not only an opportunity for residents to fix things that are broken, but also an opportunity to make the neighborhood’s homes look as beautiful as possible,” Wasler said.

When the façade program was first offered in 2012, homeowner Kendall Pelling took advantage of it. A number of needed renovations kept Pelling busy when he first moved in to his Garfield home at 403 N. Fairmount St. in 2002.

One thing he never had the chance to work on, he said, was the lower portion of his front porch, which takes on a lot of water.

“When 2009 rolled around, the porch was rotting and the paint was peeling,” said Pelling. By 2012, he realized that the lead paint being tracked into the house was a serious health risk for his family, including his two young children, and stopped using the front door completely. He said that he knew he had to deal with it, but it was a big job.

After seeing a BGC flier for the Façade Program, Pelling applied and, through the program, received help from a local architect to think through the best way to repair the porch. From there, he explained that he simply had to find a contractor and work with the contractor’s schedule to get the job done.

“These opportunities don’t come around every day,” Pelling asserted. “It is one of the best ways for residents to get help with renovating their homes.” He said that it is easy to neglect things like façade improvements when you are busy working, taking care of kids and attending to other commitments.



At the URA meeting, Wasler urged attendees of the meeting to get their applications in as soon as possible because the façade program operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, the money for the program is a one-time allocation, so residents who are interested should take advantage of it while they can. To request an application or receive more information, email qwasler@ura.org. ♦



ABOVE: A close-up “before” photo of porch rot on the Pelling home on N. Fairmount Ave.; RIGHT: The repaired porch, for which Pelling received a matching grant from the URA. Photos by Kendall Pelling



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Arsenal Students Give their Hearts to Seniors

By Dave Breingan
Lawrenceville United

Lawrenceville – Students at Pittsburgh Arsenal Elementary School are accustomed to being called “All-Stars” – they hear it almost every day at the morning community meeting, they’re rewarded for “All-Star” behavior by earning points they can use at the school store each month, and many students even sport “Arsenal All-Star” wristbands.

But when children from Arsenal Elementary’s 21st Century Afterschool Program visited the senior community at nearby Canterbury Place, they earned another moniker: “angels.”

That’s what one Canterbury resident called the students who came to sing songs and deliver handmade Valentine’s Day cards for the seniors.

“We sang some old favorites, like ‘She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain,’ ‘Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star,’ and ‘This Old Man,’” said Nancy Walker, who coordinates the program at Arsenal. “It was a rewarding experience for the children and the residents enjoyed it thoroughly.”

As the children performed the songs, some of the seniors joined in by singing or clapping. But residents weren’t the only ones who had a good time, as Kim Walter

– a parent with three kids in the program – noted. “My children enjoy very much going to Canterbury Place and entertaining the seniors there. They always come home talking about it.”

The students visit Canterbury Place once a month through Arsenal Elementary’s 21st Century After School Program, which is operated through a partnership of Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Neighborhood Learning Alliance and the school. The program, which serves about 35 Arsenal children, aims to enhance academic growth through reading support, educational intervention and other structured activities.

Yet the children also find time to give back and to connect with their community. In addition to the monthly visits to Canterbury Place, the students have taken field trips to Animal Friends, where they donated dog toys and treats and learned about responsible pet care, and to North Park to find out about maple sugaring. In keeping with the program’s emphasis on reading skills, they also have a close relationship with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Lawrenceville branch, where they visit and benefit from a rich assortment of borrowed books. ♦

BELOW: Arsenal Elementary students entertain seniors at Canterbury Place once a month. Photo by Dave Breingan



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PPS Seniors Work with TechShop Pittsburgh in Afterschool Program

By Ross Hackett *The Bulletin*

East End – “Getting kids to think of themselves as makers and designers of ideas is crucial,” according to Jim Lenkner of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. With this conviction in mind, Lenkner recently established a new BGC afterschool program at TechShop Pittsburgh for high school seniors enrolled in Pittsburgh Public Schools.

TechShop Pittsburgh is a member-based industrial facility located in Bakery Square that gives community members of all skill levels the chance to use manufacturing tools and equipment to build their own inventions. Knowledgeable staff members are available full time to help develop ideas and improve technical skills.

In January, the BGC and its partner, the Neighborhood Learning Alliance (NLA), invited seniors from several city high schools in the East End to attend a tour of TechShop Pittsburgh and hear about the program. After the tour, eight students who were especially interested in learning skills in manufacturing and manufacturing technology joined.

In the program, students are able to use TechShop facilities to build things of their own design. The program’s purpose is to inspire kids to think creatively and independently about their own ideas. “Students are ultimately challenged to put on their design hats and become inventors,” explains Lenkner.

The eight students who joined the program receive a three-month membership to the TechShop facilities that started in February, the opportunity to enroll in six free classes of their choice and bus tickets to get them to Bakery Square twice a week. Classes available for students include computer-aided design, welding, 3D printing,



ABOVE: PPS seniors engaged a disassembly exercise at TechShop Pittsburgh. Photo by Jim Lenkner

“Students are ...
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their design hats and
become inventors.”

laser cutting and etching, electronics and many more. Participating seniors come from Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, the Science and Technology Academy and University Prep.

During the three months they are involved in the program, students will complete a personal project and a group project. For the personal project, students will learn woodworking and the physics of sound and pro-audio electronic devices as they each build professional hi-fi speakers that will be theirs to keep at the conclusion of the project.

The group project will require the eight participants to work together as a team to construct an innovation that will be useful to the larger community as well. Lenkner notes that the project will be unveiled to the community at the end of the program in May.

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present unique, emerging and existing technology and environmental projects to the general public in an open, artistic venue.

Since its debut, this arts event, presented in Garfield in conjunction with the April "Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn," has hosted a more diverse range of scientists, environmentalists, green vendors, eco-artists, fashion designers, videographers, architects, inventors, DIY'ers and university students than any other community event in the city. The festival's innovative flavor was rewarded by the Pittsburgh Technology Council in 2012 with a DATA award.

This year marks GA/GI's fifth anniversary, and the programming theme is "Earth, Wind & Fire" – a tribute to three of nature's greatest elements.

The primary focus on fire is a tribute to the city's firefighting forces. A Community Fire Safety Circle, at Penn Avenue and Winebiddle Street, will host a special raku pottery firing in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. The American Red Cross will be on hand to distribute health information, and local firefighters will make a special appearance with their fire engine. A fashion show, "Hotter Than Hell," will be held at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, 5472 Penn Ave., highlighting showstoppers by students from CAPA.

And what about the "wind" element? Jason and Nina Sauer of Most Wanted Fine Art, a GA/GI Fest partner, are



bringing in Brian Kane, a world-renowned balloon sculptor. Kane will create a giant floating aerial display over the MWFA gallery at 5015 Penn Ave.

Urban farmers will take care of the "earth" element. Even "water" makes a cameo appearance, quenching thirsty minds at Assemble's "Drop Project" educational exhibition at 5125 Penn Ave. In all, more than 40 businesses and galleries plan to participate this year.

"GA/GI is proud to support arts in Garfield with this special event," said Brenda Brown, of Passports: The Art Diversity Project, one of the producers of the festival. "This neighborhood, with its ongoing revitalization and pioneer spirit, makes opportunity for unique presentations."

The festival will be held on April 4th, and is produced by Passports in collaboration with the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative, a partnership of Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Friendship Development Associates.

For more information visit the festival website at www.gagifest5.blogspot.com. ♦

Inspiring Innovation continued

Field trips are being arranged for the students in the program to tour various manufacturing facilities. According to Lenkner, the field trips are meant to show students how new technologies are making a difference in the world, motivating them to consider careers in the manufacturing sector after they graduate.

Funding and program leadership for the TechShop component of this project is provided by New App for Making It in America (NAFMIA). NAFMIA is a project of the U.S. Department of Labor's Local Workforce Investment Board, which has partnered with TechShop Pittsburgh to help displaced workers find new careers in manufacturing. Additionally, NAFMIA is dedicated to introducing high school students to the opportunities that exist in manufacturing and design careers.

Although it has only recently begun, Lenkner says that the students are already learning new skills and enjoying their time at the TechShop – or as he calls it, "Pittsburgh's technology gymnasium." ♦

BELOW: The laser-cutting class at TechShop Pittsburgh challenges students to create their own designs. Photo by Jim Lenkner



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Transforming Lawrenceville *from page 1*

In late 2012, the Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) partnered with the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and an anonymous donor to capitalize a flexible grant pool to provide matching grants for property owners to undertake historically and contextually appropriate façade improvements. The administration of this grant program would not have been possible without the LC's financial partner, Allegheny Valley Bank (AVB).

Andrew Hasley, President and CEO of AVB, supported the administration of the RFIP Grant program saying, "AVB is proud to support the work of the Lawrenceville Corporation through the Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP). As a community bank, we share their philosophies by actively participating in and contributing to the communities we serve."

LC targeted RFIP grants to a 10-square-block area, using the Hatfield+Home development, which is currently under

construction, as the geographic center. Over the course of 2013 and early 2014, LC funded 14 projects that leveraged over \$250,000 in investment in Lawrenceville's housing stock.

The goals of this grant program were to encourage good and compatible design, educate homeowners on building improvements, provide incentives for home investment and home ownership and leverage funds for neighborhood investment. The maximum grant of \$5,000 helped many homeowners finance a project at a scale and of a quality they would have otherwise been hard-pressed to do.

The foundation of the RFIP is the "Lawrenceville Neighborhood Design Guidelines," a comprehensive neighborhood resource that encourages good design while educating homeowners on valuable building improvements. This hard-copy document provides homeowners with a roadmap for façade



ABOVE: Before and after shots of the same house, which was part of the Lawrenceville RFIP. Photos courtesy Lawrenceville Corporation

improvements that add to the architectural continuity of the surrounding neighborhood while increasing their property values. The "Design Guidelines" are full of helpful illustrations of possible design solutions and include a glossary of relevant architectural terms. The first edition of the guidelines was drafted and designed by the Joyce Design Group, a Lawrenceville-based architecture firm, and updated for

the RFIP by LC and graphic designer David Crawford.

The success of the RFIP may allow LC to re-capitalize the program for another round in 2014-2015, with the goal of making the program available throughout Lawrenceville. For a copy of the Neighborhood Design Guidelines, please call 412-621-1616 x106. ♦

Learning Is a Party at Assemble

Garfield — Assemble, a community space for arts and technology located at 5125 Penn Ave., provides opportunities for neighborhood children to look, learn and make in an informal educational environment during monthly Learning Parties.

The goal of Learning Parties is to make topics ranging from visual art to robotics to biological science accessible, understandable, inspiring and fun for neighborhood children ranging in age from 3 to 14.

Assemble's Learning Party activities are organized in stations, which are facilitated by a team of local experts, education specialists and volunteers. The stations are self-navigated by drop-in visitors, a combination of kids and parents, who may spend as much time as they like at each station.

In February, the Learning Party theme was "Games." Sixteen presenters, including games experts, designers, nerds and general enthusiasts, provided information and activities to share their game knowledge with the 45 children and 15 adults who came to check it out. (See photo at right; courtesy Assemble)

The next Learning Party theme is "Bikes," scheduled for April 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.assemblepgh.org/programs/learning-parties. ♦



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Cooking from page 1

family “loves to cook and loves to eat.” Cooking meals for families staying at the facility, which is located on the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC campus, has been a perfect fit.

“The Lehman family is one of our dearest volunteer groups,” notes Mindy Adleff, RMHC’s volunteer coordinator. The Lehman family is one of many family, church, corporate and college groups who not only cook for families at RMHC, but also absorb the costs of purchasing the food. Thanks to them, families staying at the house while their children undergo treatment at the hospital have homemade meals most nights of the month.

“After a long day at the hospital, they can at least have a hot meal,” explains Adleff. The apartments where the families stay have small efficiency kitchens with refrigerators, toasters and microwaves, but no real cooking facilities except for the community kitchen.

The Lehman family has been cooking for families at RMHC once a quarter since July 2012. Lehman explains that they started volunteering in memory of their daughter Emma, whom they lost to a cord accident in the womb in 2005. “There aren’t many interactive charities,” she observes. “We wanted to get our kids [ages 3 and 11] involved, to teach them about giving back.”

Adleff says there are a number of families who have stayed at RMHC and then want to “pay it forward” when they get home. “Sometimes their child is fine, and sometimes their child didn’t make it,” she comments.

The cost of cooking for about 40 to 60 people can be daunting, but Lehman rationalizes the hefty expense. “We spend about what we would spend if Emma were

alive and was engaged in doing an activity, like sports or dance,” she says.

Members of the Lehman family group – which includes Lehman, her husband, children, mother, brother and friends – take turns cooking. “We try to switch it up and keep it easy,” she says of the menu, which has included hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta dishes and soups. Although she herself had no prior experience cooking for large groups, she says her mother has worked in elementary school food service for years. “She is very useful!” Ms. Lehman laughs.

Dinner is generally served at the house between 5 and 6:30 p.m., with leftovers available until 9:30 for families who don’t make it back from the hospital in time. “Sometimes there’s enough for lunch the next day,” points out Adleff.

Cooking volunteers often stay and socialize with the families. Lehman says that with the first few dinners, “we didn’t know how much we could get involved,” so they just prepared the meal and left. But then a man whose baby daughter was in the hospital came into the kitchen one evening to talk to them, and “we really hit it off.”

The baby’s twin had not survived, so the man and his family were dealing with having to support their living daughter and grieve for the other. “Sometimes you meet people just for the day, and sometimes their stories really hit you, like that one,” notes Lehman. She says her family has since gotten Christmas cards and texts from the man and his wife with photos of the twin who survived and thrived.

Lehman says the experience with RMHC has been “very healing. It kind of grounds me,” she notes. “You get so busy ... you forget what’s important.” Volun-



ABOVE: The community kitchen at Ronald McDonald House. Photo by Paula Martinac

teering at RMHC also “keeps the memory of Emma alive. I think, ‘Emma, I couldn’t take care of you, but at least we’re helping to take care of these families.’” ♦

For more information on this program and other volunteer opportunities at RMHC, email mindy@rmhpcgh.org or call 412-246-1103.

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Arsenal 6-8 Students Prepare to Ride

By John Leemhuis
Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8

Lawrenceville – Most people are not thinking about riding a bike during the cold and snowy winter months of January and February, but the students at Arsenal 6-8 in Lawrenceville did just that. Every Wednesday, a group of 25 students participated in the partnership between Positive Spin and Free Ride to repair and assemble their very own bikes.

The 12-week program teaches students how to perform routine maintenance and repairs, so they can enjoy the independence and healthy recreation of riding a bike.

This is the second year for the afterschool

program, which is sponsored and organized by MGR Youth Empowerment and their Active Health Program Coordinator, Julie Mallis. In addition to the collaboration with Free Ride, students are also taught bicycle safety and etiquette as they maneuver the various biking trails in the East End.

Like most people in Pittsburgh this winter, the Arsenal students say they are looking forward to spring a little more than usual. Sixth-grader Dustin Hanovick spent January and February with his left foot in a walking boot and can't wait for March. "By the time the snow is gone, I'll be ready



ABOVE: Arsenal 6-8 students work together to assemble a recycled bike at the Free Ride facility on N. Lexington Avenue. Photo courtesy Patti Camper/Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8

to ride in more ways than one!" says Hanovick.

Keep an eye out for the group as they get back on the trails this spring. They won't be easy to miss crossing the 40th Street Bridge on their freshly maintained bicycles, heading toward the Riverfront Trails. ♦

Student Finds Camaraderie as a Volunteer

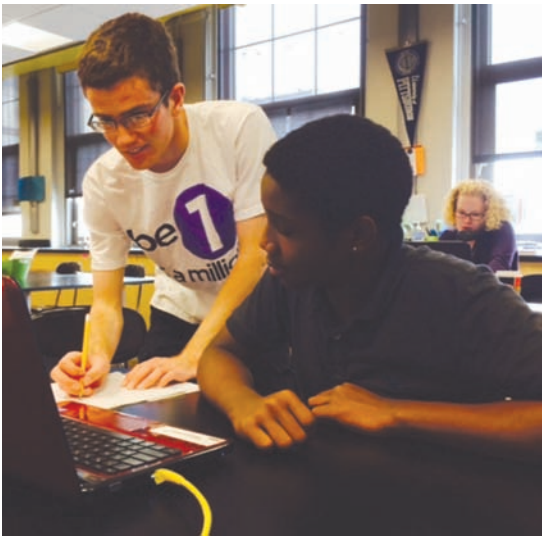
By Rachel Zadnik
Neighborhood Learning Alliance

Garfield – University of Pittsburgh freshman Peter Danielson is Neighborhood Learning Alliance's (NLA) March Volunteer of the Month. Danielson, from the Philadelphia area, is currently double-majoring in math and economics and runs on the University's cross country team.

Since the beginning of the school year, Danielson has been spending his time at Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy in Oakland. "The best part of volunteering with NLA is the people," he said. "Through NLA, I have met so many wonderful people that have helped make my experience at Pitt so great. It's always a treat to work with both the students and my fellow volunteers."

Danielson helps high school students recover failed credits as part of the "Everybody Graduates!" campaign launched by NLA. While mentoring and helping these students toward graduation, Danielson continues to give the kids all of the credit.

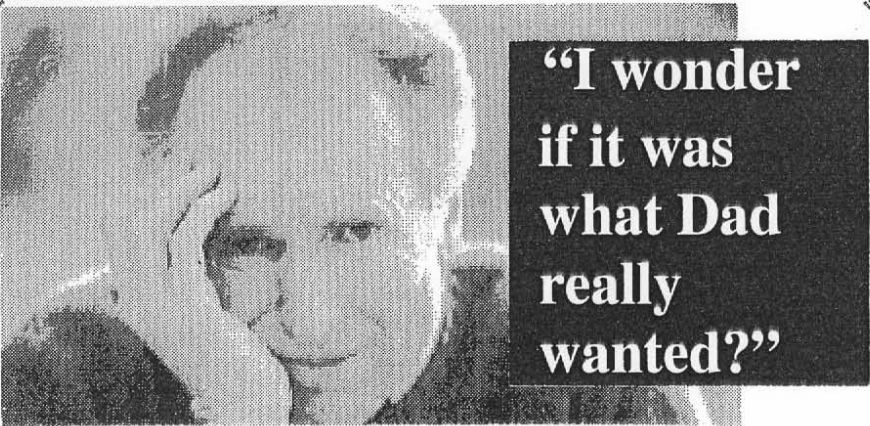
"I am always amazed at how much the students remember about me," he observed. "The students really do a great job of making you feel welcome at Sci-Tech, which I think is awesome."



ABOVE: Peter Danielson works with students at Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy. Photo by Rachel Zadnik

Erin Heryford, site coordinator of Sci-Tech's afterschool program, praised Danielson as "such an asset to these students. You can tell that he genuinely enjoys it and the kids enjoy having him around as well."

If you're interested in volunteering and becoming part of the "Everybody Graduates!" campaign, email Zadnik@neighborhoodlearning.org or call 412-363-1910. ♦



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Getting Fit ... Affordably

By Ross Hackett

The Bulletin

East Liberty – When speaking about the fitness center that she manages in the basement of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Jane Abrahm asserts, “We’re like a family down here.”

Accessed through the back entrance of the church, which is located at 250 North Highland Ave., this unique fitness center provides an affordable, family- and community-oriented facility to anyone interested in improving their health. Abrahm says, “Current members of the facility come from every walk of life because we welcome everyone, regardless of race, color, or creed.”

The facility opened because there was a strong need for a community initiative that provided a cheap and convenient workout facility for Pittsburgh residents, according to Abrahm. It is different from big-name gyms in the area because it does not ask members to sign an annual contract. Instead, membership works on a month-to-month basis to avoid the expensive, irrevocable yearly agreement required at many other gyms.

Abrahm explains that with this monthly membership system, members are able to commit to a month of membership as their time and budget permit them. The cost is \$20 a month for membership and \$5 to try for one day.

Despite the fact that the Eastminster Fitness Center is smaller than other gyms in the area, Abrahm asserts, “We have everything you need to get fit and stay fit.”

There are approximately 50 different machines, including weight machines, stationary bicycles, ellipticals and treadmills available for use in the fitness center. Additionally, free weights, heavy weights, boxing bags, and an exercise room for yoga and class instruction round out the facility. According to Abrahm, “Our fitness center is small, but it is never too crowded.”

Some of the current members of the facility offer their expertise to other members by volunteering to teach different fitness classes. In the past, these have included yoga, cardio aerobics and boot-camp fitness classes. There is also a television in the exercise room if



ABOVE: Eastminster Fitness Center has a full range of equipment. Photo by Ross Hackett

members wish to follow along with instructional fitness videos.

“We absolutely welcome those less experienced with fitness,” says Abrahm. “We are here to uplift and help one another.” She explains that the Eastminster Fitness Center is a comfortable environment with a strong sense of community. Members are always open to assisting each other by giving advice on dieting and healthy lifestyle practices, or by simply teaching new members how to use equipment properly.

The Eastminster Fitness Center is not just about fitness, however. “If you come in with something heavy on your heart, there will always be someone here to listen or talk to,” Abrahm adds. Good health is not just about fitness, she says – it is about “mind, body and spirit.”

Funding for the facility comes strictly from membership fees, but according to Abrahm, the center is hoping to hire a dietitian and personal trainer, add more classes and purchase new machines in the future.

The Eastminster Fitness Center is open every day but Sunday. From Monday through Friday, the hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 412-361-7788 x 107 or stop by the church for more information. ♦

Renowned Choreographer Performs at The Alloy Studios

By Jonathan Luginbill

Kelly Strayhorn Theater

Friendship – On March 7 and 8, New York-based choreographer Sidra Ball will present the world premiere of “garment,” a performance that explores bending and shifting identities in a playful and interactive arena, at The Alloy Studios, 5530 Penn Ave.

Bell was first introduced to Pittsburgh in 2009 on the recommendation of choreographer and Pittsburgh native Kyle Abraham. Bell and her company, Sidra Ball Dance New York, came to perform during Kelly Strayhorn Theater’s (KST) inaugural newMoves Contemporary Dance Festival. Bell says she found Pittsburgh to be “exciting, vibrating, warm, easy going, beautiful,” which also reflects the quality of the relationships she has made with the city’s best and brightest dance artists and supporters.

“There is a current of risk-taking in Pittsburgh that comes from the revitalization that is happening,” says Bell. “It has been so exciting to engage with artists, from young dancers to professional companies. This stems from the atmosphere of art, making, the confluence of ideas, and the [suspension] of judgment that exists in Pittsburgh.”

In 2011, Bell spent time with dance students at Point Park University when she was commissioned to choreograph a



ABOVE: KST executive director Janera Solomon (left) with choreographer Sidra Ball. Photo courtesy Kelly Strayhorn Theater

performance she later titled Lily. Garfield Lemonius, assistant professor in the dance department, recalls that “Sidra was able to get exactly what she wanted from the dancers, which reflects not only on the talent of the dancers, but on Sidra’s prowess as a teacher. Bell was “real, easy going, and able to challenge people at their own level.”

Tickets for “garment” are available at www.kelly-strayhorn.org. A special performance of will be presented as part of the artSEEDS student matinee series at 10 a.m. on March 7. The series engages middle and high school students with resident artists and educators. ♦

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Local Events Classes Announcements Fundraisers

March 1

LAWRENCEVILLE

Don’t Shoot the Bunny!

An exhibit of assemblage and metal collage by Robert Villamagna continues through April 11 at Gallery on 43rd Street, 187 43rd St. Gallery hours are 11 to 6, Tues. – Sat. For information call 412-683-6488 or visit www.galleryon43rdstreet.com. Gallery on 43rd Street is also on Facebook.

Pottery Classes

The spring session of ceramics classes begins at the new Ton Pottery, 158 41st St., one block off Butler Street. 12-week classes are offered for adults and kids in wheel throwing and hand-building. Ton Pottery also offers open studio time, classes and firing services for advanced potters, baby and me sessions, and a small retail shop. For information, visit www.tonpottery.com or call 412-863-3306.

Cash Bash

Our Lady of the Angels Parish invites residents to enjoy food, fun, and friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Augustine’s Auditorium, 220 37th St. With a ticket price of \$20, guests will receive food, beer, set ups, and two lucky numbers that offer a chance to win cash all evening. Contact parish@oloa.org or call 412-682-0929 for tickets and more information.

March 3

BLOOMFIELD

AARP Recruitment Event

AARP WorkSearch program is holding a recruitment event from 2 to 5 p.m. at West Penn Hospital School of Nursing, First Floor Auditorium, 4900 Friendship Ave. To qualify, you must be 55 or older, unemployed and a low-income Allegheny County resident. To determine eligibility, you must bring the following: PA ID or PA driver’s license, Social Security card, resume, void check or direct deposit authorization and documents showing past 12 months of income. To register for the AARP Recruitment Event, please call 412-362-8580.

March 4

GARFIELD

Computer Job Search

System analysts from UPMC will be at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave. from 4 to 6 p.m. to teach basic Internet technology skills needed in the job search and everyday life. The presentation will cover email etiquette, Microsoft Office basics, understanding computer specifications, Web security tips, computer hard-

ware basics and more. To register for the event, call 412-362-8580.

March 5

GARFIELD

Omni Hotel Recruitment

Omni William Penn Hotel recruiters will talk about their Open Hospitality and Tourism positions from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center, 113 North Pacific Ave. Available positions include housekeeping staff, cocktail server, front desk attendant, dining room attendant and many more. Call 412-362-8580 for registration and details.

STANTON HEIGHTS

Fish Fry

Join the Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association for a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Stanton Heights United Methodist Church, 4721 Stanton Ave. Fish dinners will be \$8 and fish sandwiches \$5. Please use the red door on the side of the church for entrance. Call 412-661-2587 or 412-782-3859 for pre-orders and details.

March 6

BLOOMFIELD

“We Love Woolslair”

Woolslair Elementary is hosting an evening of bingo, luminary decorating, face painting, dinner, and more for current and potential families from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 501 40th St. Families who are looking at kindergarten options are invited to come see the school, enjoy the activities, meet staff and get information about enrolling for 2014-2015. For more information, call the school office at 412-623-8800.

Literary Reading

Join Literary Arts Boom for flash fiction from 7 to 9 p.m. at the East End Book Exchange, 4754 Liberty Ave. This month’s reading includes a great lineup: Sherrie Flick, Ziggy Edwards and Jude Rosen. In addition, teens who participated in the February writing workshops will share their work. For more details about the readers, visit: bit.ly/LAB_Homunculus_FlashFiction.

March 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 information visit facebook.com/pennavenuearts.

“Surfacing” Reception

The Irma Freeman Center for Imagination, 5006 Penn Ave., presents the opening reception for “Surfacing,” a group exhibition featuring local artists working in a variety of materials and dimensions exploring the idea of emergence that exists just under any surface. The exhibit features work by Alberto Almarza, Ashley Andrykovitch, Nina Marie Barbuto and guest curator Samantha McDonough. Musical guests will be The Van Allen Belt. 7 to 10 p.m. Information: irmafreeman.org or 412-924-0634.

March 8

GARFIELD

Homebuyer Workshop

NeighborWorks® Western Pennsylvania will be facilitating a PNC-sponsored Homebuyer Education Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants will learn about the process of buying a home, starting with the question “Am I ready to buy?” to closing and move-in. The workshop will be held at the St. Maria Goretti Activity Center, 140 N. Atlantic Ave, and is free of charge to all participants. Pre-registration is required. Please call 412-281-9773 for registration or for more information.

March 10

GARFIELD

Get Covered America

A presentation on the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) will be held at the BGC Activity Center, 113 North Pacific Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m. You will get answers to questions such as: What is the Affordable Care Act? Do I need health insurance? How do I enroll in the Insurance Marketplace? After the presentation, sign up for a free one-on-one enrollment session. To register for the event, please call 412-362-8580.

March 12

GARFIELD

Manorcare Recruitment

Manorcare Health Services is holding a recruitment session from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave. Manorcare is looking to hire Registered Nurses, Licensed Practicing Nurses, and Certified Nursing Assistants. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, and 401(K) will be offered to employees. To register for the event, call 412-362-8580.

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.

March 15

GARFIELD

Spelling Bee

The Great Pittsburgh Spelling Bee takes place on Friday, March 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Assemble, 5125 Penn Ave. This spelling bee is a fundraiser for the Literary Arts Boom. First place winner will take home \$50, and second and third place winners will receive special secret prizes. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Pre-register at pghspellingbee.tumblr.com/ any time before the day of the event, then pay the \$5 registration fee in cash upon arrival on the night of the event. Information: pghspellingbee@gmail.com.

March 16

LAWRENCEVILLE

Encounter Church Launch

Come to the grand opening service of Encounter Church on March 16 at 10 a.m. at Arsenal Middle School, 220 40th St. Experience a friendly atmosphere, inspiring and heartfelt worship, and a teaching that’s both spiritual and relevant to your life. Plus, there is a kids’ program for children ages 6 weeks to 5th grade. Visit www.encounterpgh.com for more details.

March 18

LAWRENCEVILLE

Adult Game Night

Why should kids have all the fun? Join your neighbors for board games, word games or even video games at the Carnegie Library - Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St. Ages 18 and up only. 6 to 7:55 p.m.

March 19

STANTON HEIGHTS

Neighborhood Meeting

The Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Sunnyside School, 4801 Stanton Ave. There will be a presentation made by the firefighters on fire prevention and safety. Children are welcome to attend with parents.

March 20

GARFIELD

Superior Home Care

Superior Home Care is having on-site interviews for home health aide positions from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave. Positions offer paid time off and bonus potential each week for being dependable. Applicants must have a valid driver’s license, reliable transportation and a clean background. Call 412-362-8580 to register for the event.

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 April issue are due **Thursday, March 13, via email to bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org**.

Volunteer Opportunities & Services

LAWRENCEVILLE

Irish Pittsburgh

Author Patricia McElligott has put together a book called Irish Pittsburgh, which is available from Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. McElligott will demonstrate that there is more to Irish culture in Pittsburgh than Saint Patrick's Day. The free lecture is open to the public and will take place at 7 p.m. in the McVey Auditorium of Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk St.

March 21

GARFIELD

Word Circus

Join Most Wanted Fine Art, 5015 Penn Ave., for a free reading series presented by the Chatham MFA Creative Writing Program from 7:30 to 11 p.m. There will be an open mic in addition to a mix of readings from poetry and prose writers in the program. Call 412-328-4737 or visit www.most-wantedfineart.com for details.

BNY Mellon Recruitment

A BNY Mellon recruiter will be on hand from 2 to 4 pm at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center, 113 North Pacific Ave. Learn about open positions with BNY Mellon and their

locations; availability of full- and part-time positions; pay rates and benefits; and how to apply. Also, get answers to all your questions. To register for the event please call 412-362-8580.

March 22

GARFIELD

Snake Poems

Come to Most Wanted Fine Art, 5015 Penn Ave., from 7 to 11 p.m. for a free event titled "Snake Poems about Snakes." The event is sponsored by Rock Bottom Brewery. Call 412-328-4737 or visit www.most-wantedfineart.com for details.

March 27

GARFIELD

Senior Care Jobs

Come to the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave., from 1 to 3 p.m. for the Home Instead recruitment session. Home Instead is looking for a team of compassionate caregivers for one-on-one home care for seniors. A nursing certificate is not required, but prospective employees must have access to a car. Call 412-362-8580 for registration and details.

March

GARFIELD

Workshops for Kids

Assemble will host free drop-in workshops for elementary school-aged kids every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at 5125 Penn Ave. for the Crafternoon program. Each week, kids will have the opportunity to work with local artists, makers, and community organizations on make-and-takes or community-based projects. All materials provided. Please contact jess@assemblepgh.org or 412-540-5349.

Free Homework Help

Assemble offers free Homework Help sessions for youths in grades 1-8 every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 5125 Penn Ave. Volunteers provide one-on-one homework assistance to participants who need it, but kids may choose to work independently. Snacks provided. Contact jess@assemblepgh.org or 412-540-5349 for more details.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Computer Classes: E-mail

Do you want to get an e-mail account or learn how to manage your account better? Come to Carnegie Library – Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St., and attend a session at lunchtime every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. for assistance with any of your e-mail needs!

Teen Time

Want to learn how to make duct tape wallets? How about a game night with board games and the Xbox Kinect? Stop by Carnegie Library – Lawrenceville at 279 Fisk St. on Mondays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for fun activities, snacks and more! Grades 6-12.

'Tween Scene

Join Carnegie Library – Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St., for video games, board games and arts and crafts each Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Further Out

FRIENDSHIP

f4 Vendors Needed

Spring is just around the corner and the annual Friendship Folk and Flower Festival (f4) is soon to follow on May 10. The festival is looking for vendors of crafts, jewelry or anything handmade (no garage sale items, please). The fee to participate is \$15. Vendors receive a place for one table and 5 raffle ticket vouchers, vouchers for a sandwich and drink, a plant (excluding hanging baskets), and an item from the membership table (excluding T-shirts). Please respond by April 15 to Kathy Farrington at farringtonk@me.com or 412-362-0862 to reserve a space at this popular neighborhood festival.

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Calling All Gardeners

The annual Lawrenceville Garden Tour is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 21st 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. If you would like more information on how you can participate, contact Kate at 412-621-2573 or kateb1950@gmail.com. Homeowners and renters are all welcome to participate, and the tour will be free to visitors.



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