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Candidates Face Off on Education

By Ross Hackett
The Bulletin

East Liberty – On April 8, Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network and Yinzerca-tion co-hosted a debate among the Democratic candidates for governor at the Barack Obama Academy of Interna-tional Studies, 515 N Highland Ave.

All four declared candidates in the democratic primary for Governor of Pennsylvania were in attendance for the only forum focused solely on education – and all agreed it is the number one issue in the state.

The candidates appearing were Rob McCord, current Treasurer of Pennsyl-vania; former Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protec-tion Katie McGinty; U.S. Representative Allyson Schwartz of the 13th Congres-sional district; and businessman Tom Wolf, who served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

Lisa Sylvester of WXPI moderated the debate, enforcing a 60-second time limit as the candidates answered each of the questions coming from the community members and the audience.

The four candidates agreed that Tom

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ABOVE: A live performance of Yemaya, the Yoruba goddess of the sea, expressed by Teanna Medina at Cafe Con Leche, a series of celebrations of Latino culture at Most Wanted Fine Art. The next event in the series will be on May 10; see page 14 for details. Photo by John Colombo Photography

Insurance Initiative Enjoys Success

By Wesley Davis
Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center

Penn Avenue – While Stephen Harvan was an AARP volunteer at Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), he was able to utilize the ENEC's services for assistance in finding a job.

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Arsenal Student Group Makes a Difference

By Tyler Hackaday and Martel Edwell
8th Grade, Arsenal Middle School

Lawrenceville – Every Friday at 9 a.m., 17 male students at Pitts-burgh Arsenal Middle School meet in the school library. They're the members of the Male Social Leadership Group, and they meet

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ABOVE: On March 29, Garfield's Little Free Library was fully stocked and open for business at the Kincaid Street Community Gardens. Photo by James Souder

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Neighborhood Nonprofits Open Doors on May 6

Penn Avenue – May 6 is Pittsburgh’s Day of Giving, an annual day when local non-profits can appeal to the community for donations that will be matched by The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Several Penn Avenue non-profits in the Bloomfield and Garfield neighborhoods are banding together, offering open houses from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on that day, which will include refreshments and other surprises. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the organizations’ facilities, learn more about the great work happening in the neighborhood and make Day of Giving donations on-site.

Reminiscent of a “house tour,” the open houses are a fun way for neighboring non-profits to collaborate and encourage the community to get involved with its local organizations. At press time, the Children’s Home of Pittsburgh & Lemieux Family Center (5324 Penn), Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (5321 Penn), Pittsburgh Glass Center (5472 Penn) and the Sprout Fund (5423 Penn) planned to participate, but more organizations and local vendors will be joining in and offering giveaways throughout the day.

For more information about the Day of Giving, visit www.pittsburghgives.org. – *Jennifer March, Children’s Home of Pittsburgh*

Mural Planned for New Development

East Liberty – New construction is nothing new in East Liberty these days. But one new development will have a unique element – a public mural.

East Liberty Place South, the newest project from The Community Builders, Inc., is currently under construction at the corner of Penn and South Euclid Avenues (formerly Penn Circle North). The development will feature 52 units of mixed-income housing, first-floor retail space, and a mural on the building’s stair tower designed with input from East Liberty residents.

According to Sallyann Kluz, Associate Director of the Office of Public Art at the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, residents of nearby East Liberty Place North and New Pennley Place met with artist Leslie Ansley in September and March to talk about their vision for public art on the new building. At a meeting on April 7, Ansley reported back on the project to the larger East Liberty community.

Ansley’s artwork is called “Convergence.” According to Kluz, “People were in favor of the project overall and very supportive.” The building is located across S. Beatty Street from the Novum Pharmaceutical Research Services building, which boasts a Sprout Fund mural. From some vantage points, both pieces of public art will be visible, a consideration the artist kept in mind, said Kluz.

Residents involved in the process “felt a lot of pride and ownership over what they saw develop,” which was important for the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, Kluz said. “It [will become] a symbol of their community,” – *Margaret Graham, ELDI*

BELOW: (left) Artist’s rendering of the mural on the side of East Liberty Place South; (right) artist Leslie Ansley with her original painting, “Convergence,” which she donated to The Community Builders and will hang in the building’s lobby. Photo courtesy ELDI



Become a Citizen Tree Advocate

East End – Learn how to become an advocate for the trees in your community and turn your knowledge into action. Join Tree Pittsburgh’s newly developed citizen advocacy program, “Stand Up for Trees.”

In a two-part class, residents will learn the state of Pittsburgh’s urban forest, including stressors and challenges that trees face. They will also learn how the local government is organized, and the key players who help manage the trees in public spaces. Participants will be provided with techniques for engaging key officials and agencies to help protect and increase the tree canopy in various neighborhoods across the city. They will also hear testimony from local citizens, discover the many benefits of trees, meet neighbors making a difference, and learn how to apply for trees in specific communities.

The classes take place May 21 and 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh–Allegheny Branch, 1230 Federal St. on the North Side. To become a tree advocate, you must attend both classes. For more information and to register, visit treepittsburgh.org/stand-up-for-trees.

This course is modeled on the successful Casey Trees “Stand Up For Trees” in Washington, D.C., and is made possible with generous support from the Pittsburgh Foundation. – *Margaret Graham, Tree Pittsburgh*

Community Coalition Explores Magnet Program for Woolslair

Bloomfield – A coalition of interested stakeholders at Pittsburgh Woolslair Elementary School has begun working on a proposal to introduce a new, cutting-edge curriculum and Magnet program for the school.

After Woolslair was marked for closure last fall, the Pittsburgh Public School Board reversed course by voting to keep the school open, and now has the chance to raise enrollment by instituting major changes. The Woolslair Vision Group (WVG), a collective of teachers, parents, and community members, is spearheading the proposed change in curriculum and program status and will seek the School Board’s approval.

“A STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math] curriculum is what we’re hearing that parents want,” said Kathy Michelotti, a teacher at Woolslair. “That change, coupled with becoming a Pittsburgh Public Magnet program that still gives preference to those within the traditional ‘feeder’ area, would reposition Woolslair as a competitive school.”

At a community forum on April 24, parents and community members learned more details about the possible new direction for the school from members of the WVG. Many of the forum participants had responded earlier through a community process of surveys and meetings, leading the group to identify a STEAM curriculum and write a proposal that will be presented to the School Board in the fall.

At the forum, Assemble gallery and community space, located at 5125 Penn Ave. in Garfield, hosted a STEAM-themed activity for children to complete while parents learned more about the proposed changes. The day before the forum, the WVG met with Councilwoman Deb Gross to talk through the plans and expected hurdles.

Valerie Allman, a parent at Woolslair, stated, “We’re working hard to ensure we’re doing the research and reaching out to everyone we can in order to have the greatest chance of success.”

The Woolslair Vision Group meets almost weekly, generally on Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. To confirm the date of the next meeting, call or email Eric Rosenquist at 412-431-5900 or eric_rosenquist@pft400.org. – *Christina Howell, Bloomfield Development Corporation*

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Bloomfield Saturday Market Debuts May 31

By Christina Howell

Bloomfield Development Corporation

Bloomfield – On Saturday, May 31, something big is starting in Bloomfield. At 8 a.m., the first Bloomfield Saturday Market will open on the large parking lot located at 5050 Liberty Ave., generously donated by West Penn Hospital, part of Allegheny Health Network

A project of the Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC), the Saturday Market aims to improve the health of Bloomfield's residents by connecting the community with local growers, producers, and health and safety providers and services; providing a place for people to create connections; and driving business and attention to the business district.

Spanning 23 Saturdays and ending November 1, the Market will also feature musicians, dancers, and performances by local groups, including several by Bloomfield's own Pittsburgh Dance Center. However, the main focus will be on nutrition and health education.

The Market currently has about 20 vendors signed up. Cooking demonstrations highlighting the food available at the

Market will take place most weeks, as will free health screenings. Fitness providers, healthy living organizations, and nutrition experts will also be on hand to give instruction and provide demonstrations.

At a community meeting held on April 2, response from residents was overwhelmingly positive. Those in attendance remarked that they were looking forward to a low-key, fun atmosphere where anyone can learn how to cook an artichoke, have their blood pressure checked, find out where to best position smoke detectors in their homes, and have a professional show them the proper way to install a child's car seat.

Shelly Majcen, Executive Director of the BDC, said, "Our board and staff have been focused on the Saturday Market since last spring, fundraising to support a full-time manager. Bloomfield's business owners are looking forward to increased pedestrian traffic, raised awareness of the community's viability, and even becoming vendors themselves." ♦

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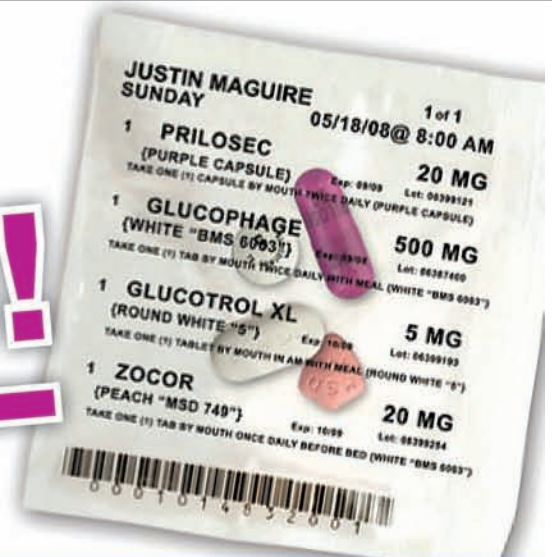
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BGC Youth Program Welcomes New Hires

By Ross Hackett

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Garfield – Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) recently welcomed two new and one returning employee to its team at the Youth Development Center, 5321 Penn Ave.

A native of East Liberty, Vanessa Thompson says she is excited to assume her role as Out-of-School Youth Employment Coordinator. Thompson grew up in East Liberty and attended Pittsburgh Westinghouse High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Chatham University in 2012 and is currently working to acquire her Master's in Business Administration at Chatham.

Thompson's background includes stints with AmeriCorps as a Volunteer Service Associate in the office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and a leadership role as a Scholar Representative of the Pittsburgh Promise program.

Thompson works with 20 youths between the ages of 17 and 21 who have their high school diplomas or G.E.D. "I sit down with them and ask them what their goals are," she said. Thompson provides resume help, interview practice,



Vanessa Thompson. Photo by Ross Hackett

career guidance and temporary job placement. "I hope to find a way to get students interested in a variety of interests that will provide a bigger scope of opportunities," she added.

Lyndsey Rozzi, originally from New Castle, Pa., holds a complementary position to Thompson as one of two In School Youth Employment Coordinators. She

has been working with 34 high school students in Pittsburgh's public school system to secure employment opportunities, provide employment-training programs and help them find and apply to a college for education after graduation. Many of Rozzi's students have secured paid work through programs such as Reading and Homework Warriors sponsored by the BGC's partner, Neighborhood Learning Alliance (NLA).

Rozzi obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2003 and has been in Pittsburgh ever since. She completed a term of service with the Peace Corps in the Eastern European country of Moldova, working as a Community and Organizational Development Advisor. Of her time in the Peace Corps, she said, "It taught me how to deal with anything and everything."

As a former Classroom Therapist and Teacher's Assistant at Wesley Spectrum Highland School in Baldwin, Rozzi has experience working with students with a range of mental and emotional capacities. According to Rozzi, the most rewarding part of her position thus far has simply

Lyndsey Rozzi. Photo by Ross Hackett



Brian Mallow. Photo by Ross Hackett

been "seeing the kids succeed."

Brian Mallow, an intern at the Youth Development Center from October 2012 to April 2013, has recently rejoined the YDC staff. Originally from eastern Pennsylvania, he has been in Pittsburgh for the past 12 years and is currently finishing his graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh to obtain his Master's in Social Work.

According to Mallow, "I was hired to write a grant and remained on staff as a Program Coordinator with the understanding that I would manage the summer program." He will be working on the Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program (PSYEP), a six-week program that secures paid summer internships for youths aged 14-21.

Last year, 40 PSYEP participants worked at more than 30 different sites. Youths work a total of 30 paid hours a week through the program, said Mallow. About his new position, Mallow said, "I hope to gain more experience managing youth programs and improve upon last year's PSYEP." ♦

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State Attorney General Attends Roundtable on Public Safety

By Julie Collins

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

East End – Common themes echoed around the room at a roundtable discussion held on Friday, April 4th at the Courtyard Marriot Hotel in Shadyside. The topic of the discussion was “Public Safety and Crime Reduction: A Critical Element in Revitalizing our Communities and Neighborhood Business Districts,” with the Honorable PA Attorney General Kathleen Kane as the guest attendee.

The event was hosted by State Senator Jim Ferlo and Deputy Director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), Aggie Brose, with guests ranging from elected officials to community leaders.

One common theme was the need for collaboration between multiple groups such as law enforcement, community groups, businesses, and schools. As Kane pointed out, neighborhood crime is not just one group’s problem, “it is everybody’s problem.”

Kane stressed that her office is not just interested in arrests and prosecutions; she wants to prevent people from becoming victims. One big piece of prevention is educating people, especially young people, on public safety. Another guest, State

Senator Wayne Fontana, reiterated the need to educate young people but also to push legislation that promotes gun safety.

The Attorney General commended the the Public Safety Task Force initiatives of the BGC and Lawrenceville United for bringing together the officials and community groups who work to improve public safety in the neighborhood and for putting theories into practice.

A different model is the successful block watch program in Bloomfield. It is a two-pronged approach, explained Janet Scullion of the Bloomfield Citizens Council, which includes letting neighbors know the organization is there and building partnerships between citizens, elected officials and the police. Zone 5 police commander Tim O’Connor attested that both of these public safety initiatives help to reduce crime in those neighborhoods.

Bringing together elected officials and community leaders for this roundtable created a lively discussion designed to spur more groups to use collaborative approaches to public safety issues. ♦



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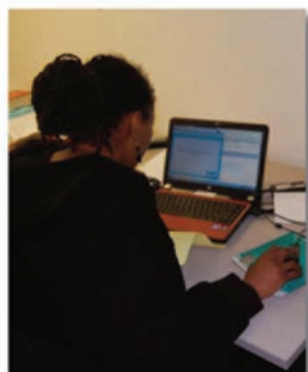


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Insurance from page 1

Harvan notes that while he was unemployed, he frequently worried about his lack of health insurance coverage because he has “a pacemaker defibrillator” implanted in his chest and will need a new one soon.

Harvan took several steps to improve his health, including decreasing his salt consumption, exercising, and “taking my medicine like a religion.” But without health insurance coverage from his previous employer, he says, “I was scared.”

During his period of unemployment, Harvan “did not qualify for Medicaid,” he explains. After finding full-time employment as a Loan Counselor with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), Harvan was able

to enroll in a health insurance plan through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace with the help of insurance enrollment specialists at ENEC.

These insurance enrollment specialists, called Navigators or Certified Application Counselors, “knew all the little tricks and nuances of the health insurance enrollment website [healthcare.gov]. They were so adept and helpful,” Harvan says.

Usama Al-Teraifi, ENEC’s Lead Employment Coordinator was responsible for coordinating the ENEC’s Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment initiative. Al-Teraifi says that, “ENEC helped 418 individuals to enroll in insurance plans” through the marketplace.

Al-Teraifi praises the health insurance specialists from Pitt’s Outreach and Enrollment Team, East Liberty Family Health Care Center, Squirrel Hill Health Center, Consumer Health Coalition, and Allegheny Intermediate Unit for their assistance in conducting enrollment meetings at ENEC. Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation provided vital office and technology resources and “Get Covered America” assisted with education and

outreach initiatives, Al-Teraifi adds.

While the next open enrollment period for the ACA Marketplace will not begin until November 15, 2014, Al-Teraifi explains that individuals “may qualify for a special enrollment period of 60 days following certain life events.” Life events that allow a special enrollment period include changes in insurance or employment status, marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, and several other factors.

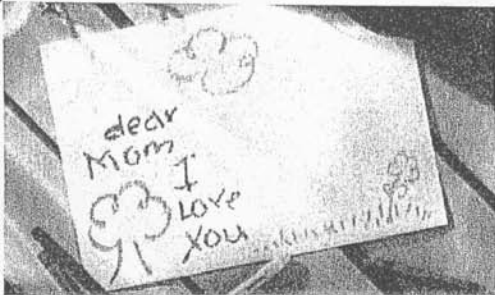
For individuals who qualify for “Medicaid or CHIP, you can sign up at any time,” says Al-Teraifi, and for those who “don’t qualify for subsidized insurance or public health options, your best course of action will be to simply speak to an agent or provider and purchase private insurance outside of the Marketplace.”

ENEC’s health insurance and education projects are supported by The Heinz Endowments, The Pittsburgh Foundation, The Jewish Healthcare Foundation, and Staunton Farms Foundation.

Individuals seeking additional information and enrollment assistance are encouraged to contact ENEC by calling 412-362-8580 or visiting the ENEC at 5321 Penn Ave. from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, and on Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. ♦



ABOVE: Stephen Harvan got health insurance with the help of the ENEC. Photo by Wesley Davis



Reflecting on Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day can be a sad time for those whose mothers are no longer living.

Whether this is your first Mother’s Day without your mother or if it has been years since she has died, there are many ways to honor your deceased mother or grandmother on Mother’s Day.

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- **Consider taking flowers to the cemetery.**
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Let the Hiring Begin



Penn Avenue – In anticipation of the opening of the Bottom Dollar grocery store on Penn Avenue the first week in June, the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC) partnered with store representatives to hold three hiring events in April, which resulted in job offers for almost 60 people.

More than 100 people attended an initial preparatory workshop at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center on April 1, and 88 came to a second workshop on April 3. In these two sessions, attendees learned about Bottom Dollar's hiring policies, store culture and open positions, and also got help preparing for interviews and developing their resumes.

At an April 8th Bottom Dollar recruitment event, applicants were interviewed by store representatives. People who had participated in the preparatory workshops wore stickers denoting that they had attended both.

According to the ENEC's tally, 218 people turned out for the hiring event, with 58 being offered positions on the spot, reported Usama Al-Teraifi, Lead Employment Coordinator of the ENEC. "Our folks got there early and were well-prepared," noted Rick Flanagan, Manager of the ENEC.

Those who accepted positions were slated to start working immediately at other Bottom Dollar stores in the Greater Pittsburgh area, to gain experience in time for the opening of the store at 5200 Penn Ave. – *Paula Martinac, The Bulletin*

Garfield Night Market Returns

Penn Avenue – The Garfield Night Market is returning to Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn, starting May 2nd.

In its debut year in 2013, the Night Market was viewed as a huge success. This year, the market will run from May through October on each first Friday of the month on the block of North Pacific Avenue between Penn Avenue and Dearborn Street from 6 to 10 p.m.

Amber Epps joined the Night Market team at the beginning of April to become the market manager. Epps says she is pleased to be part of the event and looks forward to making community connections.

A resident artist at Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery, 5015 Penn Ave., Epps has been hosting the Pittsburgh Underground Music Awards. In addition, Epps was also one the *New Pittsburgh Courier's*



ABOVE: Amber Epps is the new Garfield Night Market Manager.

Fab 40 in 2014. – *Samantha McDonough, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*



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Local Students Learn to Speak Up for Environmental Justice

By Marcin Jaroszewicz MGR Youth Empowerment

Lawrenceville – The children of Pittsburgh live in an urban ecology of toxins. A recent study conducted by the Pa. Department of Health reported that 13 percent of children in Allegheny County suffer from asthma, a rate roughly 7 percent higher than the national average.

Researchers at Duke University discovered that the noxious runoff from a hydraulic fracturing water treatment plant located along the Allegheny River has poured enough radium into the water to render it a “radioactive wasteland,” based on government standards. Lead poisoning, which can inhibit brain development and cause learning and behavioral problems, affects an estimated 7,600 children in Allegheny County.

Children in low-income households in urban environments often experience more frequent exposure to air and waterborne pollutants. In a city where 1 in 8 residents live below the poverty line and where a child of color is 79 percent more likely



ABOVE: Students at Arsenal Middle School take part in an empowering new Environmental Justice program. Photo courtesy MGR Youth Empowerment

“Young people ... are able to craft a perfect mix of matter-of-factness and guts.”

than his or her white counterpart to live in a neighborhood where industrial pollution poses the greatest hazards, an unhealthy situation can turn into an unjust situation.

For MGR Youth Empowerment, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring youths to promote changes in their communities, it's of critical importance for young people to become advocates for their health. In a city that's often praised for its green innovation and livability, Pittsburgh sets new trends and standards for environmental wellness and community prosperity, but excludes youth voices from the conversation.

Because of the lack of representation and agency of young people in the environmental discussion, MGR Youth Empowerment has partnered with the students of Pittsburgh Arsenal Middle School to create an Environmental Justice (EJ) program. The program provides information and support for youths to advocate for the changes they would like to see in their communities and city.

When prompted, one student defined environmental justice as an effort to “stop bad things [that] kill you,” an idea that strikes the essence of the issue – damage to the environment equals damage to those in it. Young people bear the brunt of environmental hazards, and deserve a chance to correct this imbalance.

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As part of Project 15206, zip code residents may be qualified to receive a **free or discounted rain container**. The rain container acts as a way to delay water from entering into our combined sewer system, thus preventing water pollution and flash flooding. With water and sanitation prices set to rise, rain containers are a great way to lower your bills while reducing stormwater problems in your neighborhood.

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Interested in helping with Project 15206 installations? Yes ☐ No ☐

Questions/comments? _____

Healthy Communities from page 8

The EJ program explores topics related to environmental improvement and community activism, including environmental science, social justice, and human ecology and health. The program allows for lessons and activities to be integrated into the school day as well as after classes to enable more students to participate. It also welcomes guest speakers to share their environmental justice work with students. Most recently, members of the Beehive Collective, a group that creates murals to tell the complex stories of environmental and social issues, was added to the program’s speaker lineup.

MGR Youth Empowerment’s Environmental Justice program strives to strengthen youth literacy of environmental and social advocacy in order to accelerate the process of change in underserved communities. MGR and the staff of Arsenal Middle School believe that young people can and will do more, provided they have the

opportunity. As DeVonte Williams, a coordinator for MGR’s EJ program remarks, “Young people, especially 13-year-olds, have a way with words – they are able to craft a perfect mix of matter-of-factness and guts.” ♦

BELOW: MGR Environmental Justice students prepare mini herb gardens. Photo courtesy MGR Youth Empowerment



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Lawrenceville Kicks Off Giant Block Party

By Becky Thatcher

Lawrenceville United

Lawrenceville – Lawrenceville United, working in tandem with the Senior AdvantAGE Program, will hold a neighborhood-wide block party this summer on August 16. Local residents will coordinate block clean-ups and parties for their blocks in an effort to meet their neighbors and to preserve the strong sense of community that Lawrenceville has long enjoyed.

The block party idea stemmed from a series of mixers held in 2013 for longtime and new residents in which residents expressed interest in this community-building activity. Some blocks have been doing parties for years, designating a Saturday morning to clean the block and then inviting all neighbors for a barbeque and fun in the afternoon and evening.

To entice and support neighbors interested in the project, the Senior AdvantAGE Program is going to cover the cost of a block party permit to block off the street, with an additional \$25 for party supplies.

While this event is primarily to encourage residents to get to know one another, it is also about giving back. Each block is encouraged to incorporate some kind of service activity into the day. These

activities could include planting flower pots along the block, picking up trash and debris, hosting a bake sale to raise money for one of a volunteer-driven community group, or some other creative way of addressing issues within the block and community.

Block parties will be encouraged to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lawrenceville United will create a map of all participating blocks, as well as a description of planned activities. Neighbors without their own block party are encouraged to stop by the party closest to their block.

In order to make this a successful event, LU is asking all Lawrenceville residents to get involved and recruit people to join their block parties. If you would like to participate, aim to get at least 50 percent of the people on your block to sign up via a form that LU will provide. Residents of busy streets like Stanton Avenue are encouraged to join in a party on an adjacent block.

Applications are available starting May 1 at the LU office at 4839 Butler St. or online at www.lunited.org in the “News” section; they will be due July 6. For additional information, please call 412-802-7220. ♦

Volunteer Looks Forward to Teaching

By Rachel Zadnik

Neighborhood Learning Alliance

Garfield – Frank Paciaroni, 19, is Neighborhood Learning Alliance’s Volunteer of the Month. Paciaroni, a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh, is an aspiring history teacher lending a helping hand at Pittsburgh Science & Technology Academy in Oakland.

Paciaroni can often be seen assisting students with their homework and projects, facilitating discussions about possible future careers and getting in on a game of “Extreme Checkers.”

Through his experiences at Sci-Tech, Paciaroni has solidified his decision to go into teaching. “While volunteering, I realized that this is something I want to do for the rest of my life.” Erin Heryford, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation’s afterschool staff member at Sci-Tech, adds that Paciaroni “is always involved with the kids. Frank has just been fantastic. The kids enjoy having him



ABOVE: Erin Heryford and Frank Paciaroni and at a volunteer appreciation event on Saturday, April 12. Photo by Rachel Zadnik

around. I can see him being a great teacher one day.”

If you’re interested in volunteering with NLA, email Zadnik@neighborhoodlearning.org or call 412-363-1910. ♦

Arsenal Group from page 1

to discuss ideas on how to improve the school – whether that means planning a day of service in Arsenal Park or helping the elementary school with announcements at the school's morning community meeting.

The group is organized by juvenile probation officer Mark Johnson, Solomon Armstead, and Larry Jetter. They teach the members about self-identity, giving back, and being a leader. Members are taught to think of themselves as future CEOs, lawyers, and doctors.

"We started the group to expose students to different opportunities in the community, the pathway to college and career, and drug and alcohol prevention and education," says Johnson, who has been leading the program for over a

decade.

But the group does more than just talk. In February, the group turned discussion into action by volunteering at Arsenal's Early Childhood Center for Valentine's Day. The group mentored the younger children by finger-painting and reading with them.

The group also took a strong leadership role in Arsenal Middle School's Diversity Night in February. The Diversity Night celebrated African-American History Month with a multicultural pot-luck dinner, African drumming performance, Civil Rights Movement trivia game, and awards to positive role models in the community, like local business owner Sam Sing and Garfield youth leader Bob Jones – both of whom are Arsenal alumni. Members of the Male Social Leadership



ABOVE: Mark Johnson (center) works with the Male Social Leadership Group at Pittsburgh Arsenal Middle School. Photo by Dave Breingan

Group signed families in, emceed the event, served food, helped set up, and even closed the night with an original poem written by one of the members.

Even though the school year is winding down, the group is still dreaming big. Plans for the future include helping plan a service day at Arsenal Park, mentoring and tutoring elementary school students, and volunteering to help with bag checks, lunch and bus dismissal. Seventh grader Dorail Walls cites Margaret Mead's famous quote as an inspiration: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed

citizens can change the world."

And for the members of the Male Social Leadership Group, their personal futures are looking bright, with many of the graduating 8th graders gaining admission into competitive high schools, including Shady Side Academy, and Pittsburgh CAPA, SciTech, and Taylor Allderdice, which was recently named by the *Washington Post* as one of America's most challenging high schools.

"The group has helped me to do better in school and to make better choices in life," says 8th grader Robert Whitley. ♦

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F4 = Flower Power



Friendship – On Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friendship Community Group will hold its annual Friendship Flower and Folk Festival (F4), at Baum Grove, 400 Roup Ave.

This family-friendly outdoor event is planned and put on by neighborhood volunteers. Locally grown flowers and bedding plants will be sold, and festival-goers can browse the Awesome Raffle, Gently Used Book Sale and arts and crafts vendors all while listening to local musicians. Exhibitors include Mad Science, Chicks in the Hood, Burgh's Bees, Bike Pittsburgh and Penn Forest Natural Burials, among others. This year, Friendship Community Group has identified Animal Rescue League as its charity of choice, for which items and monetary gifts will be accepted the day of the festival. *Photo by James Southard*

Candidates from page 1

Corbett's education cuts must be restored. To fund education, all candidates said they support a tax on natural gas drilling. McCord set himself apart with a proposed 10 percent severance tax on the industry, the highest of all the candidates. He proclaimed, "The other candidates have put forward proposals that would put hundreds of millions of dollars in the drillers pockets."

In addition to a tax on drilling, Wolf suggested a shift of priority from failing charter schools and a "move away from such a heavy reliance on property tax" to fund public education. Schwartz announced that the lack of education funding was the very issue that inspired her to enter the race and that restored funding is her top priority.

About early childhood education, Schwartz asserted, "We need to make smart investments," claiming that quality preschool and full-day kindergarten have significant economic returns in the long run. McGinty explained, "Only one in six kids in Pennsylvania today has access to high quality pre-K education" because too many families fall through the cracks,

unable to receive assistance from the state.

All four candidates echoed the belief that Pennsylvania's Common Core Standards are subjecting teachers and students to too much standardized testing. Schwartz said, "I would continue the Common Core Curriculum; I think we have to not keep changing the expectations for teachers and students," adding that tests are necessary, but should only be conducted when useful. McCord suggested a more reasonable approach to holding schools and teachers accountable than "constantly forcing people to march to the drummer of the testing industry," especially the teachers who are pressured to teach specifically to the tests.

When the candidates were asked how they would balance the concern of safety and violence with regard to zero tolerance policies that criminalize minor offenses in schools, Wolf replied, "In the end, our schools have to be safe havens where people can come and learn in safety. We have to find a balance and do it fairly, but the priority is to make our schools safe." McGinty responded that dollars have been stripped from behavioral and mental

health programs, and the schools are bearing the burden. "We have to give schools the tools to provide a safe and nurturing environment," she said.

The candidates were united in their belief that independent charter and cyber schools need to be held more accountable. "I'll stand for the charters that are working for our kids," said McGinty, adding that a "fair and transparent" funding formula is necessary for such institutions. Schwartz called for the closure of failing charter schools and declared, "I would not let any taxpayer dollars go to cyber charters, and use that \$336 million for our public schools." McCord maintained that real transparency and accountability of charter schools is necessary to "make sure that when we are funding innovation we have real transparency and accountability and make sure we are not balancing the books on the backs of the poor children who are left behind in public schools."

When asked to prioritize nutritious

lunches, physical education, recess and nursing staff, each of which received funding cuts under Corbett's administration, Wolf replied, "All need to be back in the school system with fair and adequate funding; these things should not be sacrificed." McGinty mentioned, "Obesity and other health problems diminish children's futures. A kid's capacity to learn is enhanced by each of these things."

Candidates agreed that community schools are a vital piece of neighborhood life and should not be closed for larger, far-reaching schools. Wolf said, "If community schools are done right, they are more than just a delivery mechanism for education and shouldn't be closed for economics."

These candidates will vie for votes in the primary election on May 20, with the winner moving on to face the Republican nominee for Governor in the fall. ♦

Don't forget to vote in the Pennsylvania primary on May 20! Voter ID is not required, unless you are voting in a new polling place. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Allegheny County. For information on where to vote, visit www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us.



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Young Entrepreneurs Open Space on Penn

By Ross Hackett

The Bulletin

Garfield – “I feel strongly about helping to showcase other people’s talents,” explains Thomas Agnew, the young Pittsburgh entrepreneur who started a quarterly youth lifestyle publication called *Jenesis Magazine*. Teaming up with local artist Darrell Kinsel, the two have opened an unnamed space at 5139 Penn Ave. to help other people showcase their businesses and art.

Originally from Freemont, Ohio, Agnew first moved to Pittsburgh in 2002 to attend the Art Institute of Pittsburgh for Graphic Design. While in school, he worked a number of part-time jobs and says that he quickly realized he needed to work for himself.

In 2007, he started *Jenesis*, targeted to young people between the ages of 18 and 34. “I didn’t want to cover the same stories and individuals as other magazines,” Agnew says. Rather, he started the magazine to put a spotlight on independent rappers, singers, producers, entrepreneurs and fashion designers that needed an extra push.

Although the magazine has taken off with an online readership extending to 150 different countries, Agnew sees the opening of the new space as the “magazine going from infant to toddler stage.” His goals for the physical space parallel the idea behind his magazine.

Agnew clarifies, “This is not just a home for the magazine. We want to offer the space to people who are putting themselves and their businesses out there.” He says that people are doing great things in Pittsburgh and the space could be a hub for displaying art and marketing businesses in an effort to move them forward. For example, Agnew and Kinsel invited a dessert and appetizer catering company called Sweet Little Eats to sell treats during the April Unblurred, which gave the small business valuable exposure.

Agnew says that the business partnership with Kinsel began when they started talking about different grant programs and opportunities available to young artists and entrepreneurs in the city. “I’ve known Darrell for a while,” he explains. “We really connected when we did a fundraising event together.”

After looking first to The Heinz Endowments for funding support, they were directed to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. The BGC has since leased the space on Penn to Agnew and Kinsel for a one-year incubation period.

According to Agnew, “Right now, the BGC is here to help us find opportunities to fund the space and keep it going once we take over the lease around November.” He says the BGC has been a tremendous support in teaching them how to fund and

sustain a space, and it has “really been a blessing.”

Welcoming guests for the first time, 5139 Penn had a soft opening on April 4 during Unblurred to let the community know that the space was there and available. The artwork of Kinsel and another local artist, Julie Mallis, was featured.

Kinsel and Agnew say they have the community in mind with their goals for the space. “There are not a lot of storefronts on Penn that are run by young people,” Agnew explains. “We want to show youths that they can do something here.” ♦



ABOVE: Thomas Agnew in front of his unnamed space at 5139 Penn Ave.

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- **Weeding Wednesdays** - May 7th, May 14th, May 21st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Children's Workshop: Healthy Vegetables** - Saturday May 24th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Children and families are welcome to attend this FREE and fun educational workshop provided by Magee-Womens hospital.
- **Garden Work Day** - May 24th, from 3 - 6 pm.
- **Garden Social** - May 24th, 6 pm.
Enjoy s'mores provided by the garden, or bring a snack to share.

Interested in gardening this summer? We still have a few garden beds left! For more information or to sign up for a garden bed, visit us online at: <http://gcatpgh.com/kincaid-gardens/> or call: 412-450-0371

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Local Events
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May 1

GARFIELD

Alorica Recruitment

Alorica Call Center is holding a recruitment session from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave. Looking for customer service agents, two weeks of paid training, average \$250 to \$300 a month in bonus/incentives, 401K, tuition reimbursement, casual dress code. 90 percent of Alorica managers are promoted from within. To register for the event, call 412-362-8580.

Free GED Course

New student enrollment today through May 31st for a free GED Course at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave., Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. Free tutoring, pre-tests and practice tests included. Help with exam fees and registration. Contact Weenta Girmay, GED Coordinator, at 724-264-5834.

EAST LIBERTY

Healinh Lectures

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Ave., will host two free public lectures on “The Holy Spirit, Healing, and Holiness.” “Broken-heartedness/Sin and Healing/Holiness” will begin at 2 p.m. and “The Holy Spirit and Healing/Holiness” starts at 3:45 p.m. Call 412-924-1345 or visit www.pts.edu/AD_2014 for more information.

Ancient Music Concert

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary’s Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology, 616 N. Highland Ave., will host “Music from Stone, Clay, and Papyrus: Ancient Music from Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece” at 7:30 p.m. Philip and Gayle Neuman will perform music of ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece with voice and a wide variety of replicas including double reed pipes, lyre, sistrum, Greek and Egyptian trumpets, and others. This event and the Kelso Museum are free and open to the public. Call 412-924-1394 or visit www.pts.edu/Archaeology-Lectures for more information.

May 2

EAST LIBERTY

Science/Faith Lectures

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Ave., will host “Galaxies, Genes, and the Glory of God: Intersections of Science and Christian Faith.” Deborah Haarsma, president of BioLogos Foundation, will present three free public lectures at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. on science and theology.

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 June issue are due Tuesday, May 13, via email to bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org.**

Call 412-924-1345 or visit www.pts.edu/Henderson for more information.

BLOOMFIELD

“Junk Collector” Exhibit

Opening reception for Robert Pollard’s “Junk Collector and Scrabble King” exhibition at Irma Freeman Center for Imagination, 5006 Penn Ave. Pollard, who is best known for his sustained, prolific songwriting and recording, was creating collages even before he was writing songs. Often satirical, political, dark and sarcastic, his collages can also be whimsical, innocent and uplifting. Reception will feature musical guest ATS. 7 to 10 p.m.

GARFIELD

Garfield Night Market

The Garfield Night Market returns with 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, or email garfieldnightmarket@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, 4800-5500 Penn Ave., open their doors to showcase the work of a variety of artists and performers. This month’s Unblurred coincides with the fifth annual GA/GI Fest – for information, visit gagifest5.blogspot.com.

May 3

GARFIELD

Workshops for Kids

As part of its Saturday Crafternoon program, Assemble hosts free drop-in workshops for elementary school-aged kids on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at 5125 Penn Ave. 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 for more details.

May 4

LAWRENCEVILLE

Walking Tour

The annual Lawrenceville Historical Society spring walking tour will take place starting at 1 p.m. at the corner of Stanton Avenue and Butler Street. Local historian and author Jim Wudarczyk will lead the 1½ hour tour, which explores the rich history of the

area’s institutions and storied past. Wear comfortable shoes. The tour repeats May 11 at the same time and starting point. No reservations required. The tour is free and open to the public.

May 5

GARFIELD

Kite Hill Park Meeting

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Brothers and Sisters Emerging, 5315 Hillcrest St., to discuss a housing development proposed for Kite Hill Park. The meeting is open to neighbors living in the vicinity of the park.

May 6

PENN AVENUE

Day of Giving Tours

Take tours of Penn Avenue nonprofit organizations and donate on-site during the Day of Giving, and your donation of \$25 to \$1,000 will be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation. Refreshments and some giveaways at participating nonprofits, including Children’s Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center (5324 Penn), Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (5321 Penn), Pittsburgh Glass Center (5472 Penn) and the Sprout Fund (5423 Penn). 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can also donate online from 6 a.m. to midnight: www.PittsburghGives.org.

GARFIELD

Free Homework Help

Assemble offers free homework help sessions for youths in grades 1 to 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. Youth participants can bring homework, a book or a personal project to work on. Snacks provided. Contact jess@assemblepgh.org or 412-540-5349 for more details.

May 7

EAST LIBERTY

Violence Seminar

Moms and Cops Collaborative is sponsoring a free one-day training seminar, “Violence Against Women and Children,” from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Ave. Registration is required and seating is limited to first 100 attendees. Free breakfast and lunch provided. To register, contact Nancy Mundy at mundynl@umpc.edu, and for additional information, contact Police Headquarters at 412-323-7821.

LAWRENCEVILLE

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May 9

LAWRENCEVILLE

Blossom Tour

Celebrate spring and Mom’s Day in Lawrenceville at the annual Blossom Tour. Enjoy a day of shopping while collecting flower, herb and vegetable seeds at 30 participating shops. Take a break for breakfast, lunch or dinner at any of the 13 participating restaurants, coffee shops and bakeries. Tour continues May 10 and 11. For more information, call 412-683-6488, or visit Facebook.com/LawrencevilleBlossomTour or lvpggh.com.

May 10

GARFIELD

The Amazing Plantain

Café Con Leche, a series of celebrations of Latino culture, continues with “The Amazing Plantain” at Most Wanted Fine Art, 5015 Penn Ave., from 7 to 10 p.m. This free event explores the history and cultural significance of the plantain while showcasing various plantain-based dishes. Food and live performances all evening. For more information, visit www.cafeconlechePGH.com.

FRIENDSHIP

Art with Heart

Art with Heart LLC fused glass will be on sale at Friendship Folk and Flower Festival) in Baum Grove, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EAST LIBERTY

“Madeline” Celebration

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the children’s book “Madeline” at Carnegie Library-East Liberty, 130 S. Whitfield St., 1 to 2 p.m.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Award Nominations

Today is the deadline for nominations for the Rotary Club of Lawrenceville’s Donald R. Canfield Community Activity Award. This award recognizes individuals, groups, associations or companies who create ideas and motivate actions to improve the living and business conditions of Lawrenceville. The winner receives a monetary award along with a plaque. The winner and nominees will be honored at a luncheon ceremony on Thursday, May 29. Please send nominations and a narrative of no more than 100 words to Luci Casile at luci.casile@pnc.com or mail your nomination to: Luci Casile, c/o PNC Bank, 1105 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh PA 15238.

May 11

OAKLAND

Teen Writing Workshop

Teens can remix their writing with The LAB using quotes, lyrics, images, and random words to prompt and mix it up. The workshop will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Main Branch – Teen Department, 4400

Volunteer Opportunities & Services

Forbes Ave. Register for free at bit.ly/LAB-write-read-series and learn more about other LAB events at www.literaryartsboom.org/calendar.

May 14

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.

May 15

GARFIELD

Veterans Presentation

The Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), 5321 Penn Ave., is sponsoring a presentation for veterans from 1 to 2:30 p.m. featuring Karen Payne, career advisor and case manager at the Veterans Leadership Program (VLP) of Western PA. Find out about services VLP provides to veterans and their families, such as housing, life skills training, referrals for supportive services, vocational counseling, resume preparation, job development workshops, job fairs, individualized assessment and one-on-one assistance in supporting veterans in their job search and helping them remove barriers to employment. To register for the event, call 412-362-8580.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Legendary Locals

The Lawrenceville Historical Society's public lecture series continues at 7 p.m. at the McVey Auditorium of Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk St., with human interest writer Joann Cantrell, speaking on "Legendary Locals of Pittsburgh." No reservations are required. The event is free and open to the public.

BLOOMFIELD

Farmers Market

The Pittsburgh Citiparks Bloomfield Farmers Market begins its season and continues every Thursday until November from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Just Harvest's Fresh Access program will be available at this market, enabling food stamp (SNAP) shoppers to use their benefits with participating vendors. Those wishing to purchase market items using credit or debit cards can do so via Fresh Access as well. The service is free for food stamp 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. More information on the program and the location of other participating farmers markets is available at www.justharvest.org/get-help/fresh-access/.

May 16

LAWRENCEVILLE

Book Sale Preview

Get first dibs on great books at great prices at the Lawrenceville Friends' members-only preview party, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Carnegie Library-Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St. Membership in Friends of CLP-Lawrenceville is only \$5 annually, and you can join or renew at the door. Enjoy great company, complimentary refreshments and amazing deals on books before we open the book sale to the public on Saturday morning.

May 17

LAWRENCEVILLE

Book Sale

Gently used books and audiovisual materials for sale, priced at 50¢ to \$2. Carnegie Library-Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk St., 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EAST LIBERTY

Origami

Kids can learn to make origami (folded paper art) at Carnegie Library-East Liberty, 130 S. Whitfield St. at 3:30 p.m.

BLOOMFIELD

Coach Purse Bingo

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for Coach Purse Bingo at Saint Maria Goretti School Social Hall, 321 Edmond St. One Coach purse prize per game, plus consolation prizes are all Coach items. \$25 advance tickets; call 412-621-5199 to purchase. \$30 at the door. Limited seating. 9 cards; 15 games; 2 specials for \$1 each. Refreshments, raffles, door prizes.

GARFIELD

MakerDate

Assemble gallery and community space, located at 5125 Penn Ave., will host its third annual MakerDate auction at the Kaufmann Center, 1825 Centre Ave., at 7 p.m. MakerDate is not your traditional fundraiser. Attendees have the unique chance to bid on "dates" with artists, craft makers, designers, technologists and innovators, who will work with you to make a piece of art, create a personalized piece of technology, or practice a new skill. If even for one night, you get to be an Assembler and open your own creative connections. Get your tickets before the early bird registration closes on May 5 by visiting: tinyurl.com/makerdate2014.

May 18

GARFIELD

Annual Woman's Day

Morningside Baptist Church, 4846 Sullivan St., is hosting its Annual Woman's Day celebration, featuring speaker Marcella Moore of Greater Works Outreach Church at 11 a.m. and Sister Denise White and the choir of Showers of Blessings Ministry at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

May 21

GARFIELD

Shopper Workshop

Are you looking to turn your hobby of secret shopping or regular errands into a check? Come join us for this special workshop on how to become a paid member of the Secret Shoppers Association with mystery shopper expert Bill Woodward. Don't miss out on your chance at a new, exciting job! 6 to 7 p.m. at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave. To register for the event, call 412-362-8580.

May 22

GARFIELD

Home Instead

Home Instead is holding a recruitment session from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Ave. Looking for Compassionate Caregivers for one-on-one home care for seniors. No nursing certificate necessary. Must have access to a car. To register for the event, call 412-362-8580.

May 28

EAST LIBERTY

Pre-K Program

Come to "What's the BIG Idea? Math & Science for Pre-Schoolers" at Carnegie Library-East Liberty, 130 S. Whitfield St., at 6:30 p.m.

Further Out

GARFIELD

Assemble Summer Camp

Assemble, located at 5125 Penn Ave., will host nine one-week summer camps that will run from June 16 through the week of August 11. Each camp serves a specific age group, but students in Grades

Classifieds

Real Estate

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

Rental Needed

Italian artist hoping to relocate to Pittsburgh, the city of his mother, seeking inexpensive sublet for himself, wife, 2 daughters (7 and 11 y.o.) from last days of June to first days of September while in city looking for work. Lawrenceville, Garfield or East Liberty preferred. Please contact Guglielmo Botter at gubotte66@gmail.com.

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Call 412-441-6915 for rates.

1-8 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, please visit assemblepg.org.

STANTON HEIGHTS

Freedom Camp

Looking for a great way to spend your summer? If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, we have the program for you. Valley View Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Aiken Ave., will once again offer Freedom Camp. Freedom Camp begins on June 23rd and will continue through July 24th. The camp will run 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Camp 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.

LAWRENCEVILLE

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.

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 for registration and details. (Selling is limited to homes between Gross and Negley).

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Framehouse Is Picture Perfect

by Christine Bethea
Bulletin Contributor

Lawrenceville – "Minneapolis, two places in California, Atlanta ..." Kathleen Milcot, owner of the Framehouse in Lawrenceville, paused before mentioning New Jersey, then added, "We lived in at least nine places before moving to Pittsburgh." Now she says she's "100 percent in love with the city." The Davenport, Iowa native spoke with the same pride as any native Yinzer.

Eight years ago, Milcot owned Gallery in the Square on College Avenue in Shady-side, and decided to open a second space in Lawrenceville, at the Icehouse, 100 43rd St. But then the economy took a downturn in 2008.

"People needed food, not art," Milcot reasoned when even their corporate clientele fell off. She closed the shop on College Avenue and concentrated her efforts at the Icehouse.

"At that time, no one had heard of the Icehouse. Rent was reasonable, and when one of the larger spaces opened up, we moved right in," Milcot said. Today, given the popularity of the building, that might be more difficult.

Although not an artist herself, Milcot explained that in her childhood she was taken to every cultural event that came to town. Years later, when her brother opened a gallery in Davenport, she knew she wanted one, too.

The location at #107 in the Icehouse combines the best of two worlds – a gallery and a frame store that gives customers both quality and good service. Tom Cascone, the store manager, came up with the idea to have the company negotiate to buy discontinued and overstocked moldings, many high end. "Then we can pass on the savings," Milcot said.

The only negative to buying these moldings is that "when they're gone, they're gone," she noted. Still, the benefits far outweigh this small inconvenience. Framehouse has more than 100 styles of moldings, and the staff to confidently make them work in any interior.

In addition to custom framing, other services include specialty design, posters, prints and original art, as well as art and photo restoration.



ABOVE: The Framehouse includes both framing services and an art gallery. Photo by Christine Bethea

At the Framehouse gallery, the most recent exhibition was "Works on Paper by Women," curated by Graham Shearing, a former art critic for the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*. Milcot said she expects it to become an annual exhibition.

"We love the Icehouse and Lawrence-

ville," Milcot said. "We feel the energy and the growth of the East End, and we're happy we're part of it."

For more information, call 412-586-4559 or visit www.framehouseonline.com.





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