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## East End Organizations Launch New Space

By Paula Martinac  
*The Bulletin*

With hot dogs, hamburgers, and a visit from the mayor, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Youth Development Center (YDC) and the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC) celebrated the grand opening of their new, combined office space at 5321 Penn Avenue, and the launching of a collaboration between the two long-time organizations.

"This was a joint effort on the part of two boards of directors," said Rick Flanagan, director of the YDC and ENEC manager, at the July 23 event. "We're building bridges between the two organizations in programming, management, and finances."

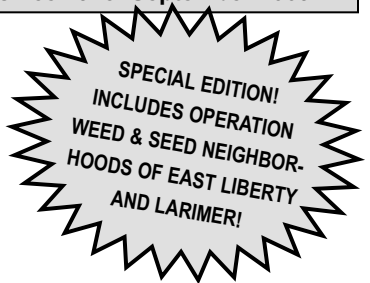
Bill Woodward, projects director of ENEC, said he felt "blessed to have more room for training and workforce development." Because both organizations provide employment counseling and training, "this [new office] will give us a lot more synergy in one space." The office space formerly housed the Bloomfield-Garfield Family Health Center, but has been renovated to accommodate the different needs of an employment training center. Students from Pittsburgh Job Corps installed a new Internet network and phone lines. (See photo below.)

Flanagan also unveiled the YDC's summer employment program, which used federal stimulus dollars awarded by the city to employ a record 90 young people in various internships and jobs throughout the

East End. (See related story, page 5.) On hand to talk about their experiences in the program were Jaquala Lowery, 19, a sociology major who interned at Children's Home of Pittsburgh, and DeVaughn Hopkins, 15, who worked on a conservation project at Healcrest Urban Farm in Garfield.

Lowery said that in addition to reading books to children, she learned how to conduct herself on a job interview, which will come in handy when she graduates from University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Hopkins said the work he and others did - cutting weeds and planting crops - "made people happy because we gave food back to the community."

Aggie Brose, president of the ENEC board, introduced Mayor



Luke Ravenstahl, whom she called "our biggest supporter." After praise for "the only employment center in the East End that offers technical assistance," the mayor cut the ceremonial ribbon and took a tour of the premises with Brose and summer youth employees.

"Stay in school," he advised the group of young people, who asked how he became mayor. "You could become mayor... maybe even younger than I was."



Molly Taleb/Pittsburgh Job Corps

THE PITTSBURGH JOB CORPS STUDENTS IN THE CISCO ACADEMY, ALONG WITH MAYOR LUKE RAVENSTAHL, AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY. THE PJCC STUDENTS PARTNERED WITH THE BGC AND ENEC TO INSTALL PHONES AND COMPUTERS FOR THE CENTER AS A LEARNING SERVICE PROJECT. (LEFT TO RIGHT, FRONT ROW): ANTONIO MARROW, CARLTON AKERS, KEANE COBB; (LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW) MICHAEL MORRIS, JAMES ROSE, MAYOR LUKE RAVENSTAHL, LOREN JOHNSON.

## Penn Avenue Revitalization Plan Moves Forward; Business Owners' Meeting Set

Traffic study accomplished? Check. Sidewalk and paving conditions studied? Check. Trees inventoried? Check. Lighting and streetscape recommendations made? Check.

At its August meeting, the Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan Committee (PACPPC) closed the book on the data collection process that has lasted more than a year. The project is now ready to head into the engineering and design stage for Phase 1 - the revitalization of the section of Penn between Mathilda and Evaline. L.Robert Kimball & Associates, the firm contracted by the city, will draw up the plans, and actual construction work is projected to begin in the fall of 2011.

Because construction will impact business along the avenue, the committee plans to start working with business owners now about the scope of the project. With that in mind, PACPPC has set up **two meetings** for those operating businesses from Mathilda to Evaline, to provide a complete understanding of the work to be done. Both meetings will be held on **October 1**, the first at 8 a.m. and another at 6 p.m., at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Avenue (at Dearborn). Business owners can choose the meeting that best suits their schedules; there is no need to attend both. At the meetings, a business owners' task force will be created to deal with concerns and issues as the revitalization plan progresses.

OCTOBER  
DEADLINE!

The **FINAL DEADLINE** for the **OCTOBER 2009** issue of The Bulletin is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**. This includes **ALL** classified ads, Bulletin Board announcements, story submissions, and ad space reservations. All content is accepted on a space-available basis. For more information, call 412-441-6915.

## PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

### New Program Aims to Reduce Gun Violence in the City

Back in September 2008, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and City Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess announced plans to implement a comprehensive crime reduction strategy targeting youth violence in the City of Pittsburgh. The program is called the Pittsburgh Initiative to Reduce Crime, or PIRC. After nearly a year of working to get details in place, PIRC will soon be up and running in Pittsburgh.

PIRC is based on a successful program that reduced gun violence by 70 percent and homicide rates by two-thirds in the city of Boston. Key to the program's success are the strong partnerships that it builds among the community, police, and government. Sending strong, clear messages to criminals that there will be swift, sure, and severe consequences for violence is another major component of PIRC.

Professor David M. Kennedy, the

**By Deadra Keener**  
*Public Safety Task Force  
Coordinator*

architect of the Boston program, is teaming with the Mayor and Councilman Burgess to help set up and run a successful program specifically tailored to our city. The most recent addition to the PIRC team is Jay Gilmer, the PIRC Coordinator. An attorney with experience as a community activist, Gilmer will champion the Pittsburgh initiative. "PIRC can only be successful if the work of law enforcement is complemented by the availability of social services and the vigorous participation of the community at large," said Gilmer.

The program has saved lives not only in Boston, but also in other cities that have replicated it, such as Cincinnati, High Point, N.C., and Chicago. With a dedicated team in Pittsburgh, PIRC is poised to save lives in Pittsburgh as it has done in other areas of the country.

### Changing the World... One Hour, One Child at a Time

The City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County are sponsoring a new initiative called "Be a 6th Grade Mentor," designed to begin preparing students for the Pittsburgh Promise. The program has been developed in partnership with United Way of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Youth Futures Commission, and The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The goal of the program is to provide mentors to 6th-grade students to guide them through changes that may affect their academic success. Sixth grade is a crossroads, when children may begin exhibiting

behavior or academic problems that can affect their future path in life.

The facts are clear: kids with mentors get better grades; are less likely to become involved with drugs and gangs; and are more likely to go to college. Mentors are positive role models and cheerleaders who help kids become motivated to think in terms of a career and to follow their dreams.

A volunteer mentor spends one hour a week with a student, sharing knowledge, time, and career experience. All training is provided.

For more information or to register, visit [bea6thgradementor.org](http://bea6thgradementor.org) or call 412-281-2535.

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## Councilman Burgess Meets His Public

On Tuesday, July 28, the Rev. Ricky Burgess, Pittsburgh City Council Member for District 9, met with about fifteen of his constituents from Garfield and Friendship at a community meeting at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center. The event was part of his "Neighborhood Meeting Series," being held in the various neighborhoods of his district over the new few months.

"I've spent the first 20 months [in the job] getting a handle on government," Burgess explained. "I was building relationships so now I can get things done."

Burgess went on to outline three initiatives that he and his staff are working on. The first is the awarding of community development block grants from the council member's Hope Fund, which is money allocated to District 9 by the city. The fund is administered by an outside entity, the POISE Foundation, because, as Burgess put it, "You don't have to be my political ally to get funding from me." Over the next three years, Burgess said he expects to disburse \$150,000 a year from the Hope Fund to organizations in the district.

Also in the works is the Pittsburgh Initiative to Reduce Crime (see related story, page 2), described as a "problem-oriented policing initiative" to reduce gun violence and disrupt the "group dynamic" among young people that fuels it. "Guns are also about poverty and hopelessness," said Burgess.

Finally, Burgess announced the formation of the Urban East End Planning and Development

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Collaborative, a program designed to increase the effectiveness of community-based groups and facilitate economic development in District 9. "This should jumpstart planning and development in the East End," Burgess said.

After his brief presentation, Burgess took questions from the audience. Several of the attendees raised concerns about vacant properties, but Burgess had no clear-cut answer. "If we could knock them all down, we would," he said, explaining that many of the properties in question are privately owned and cannot be touched. There are 15,000 abandoned houses across Pittsburgh, said Burgess.

With regard to other resident concerns, like building a neighborhood recreation area, Burgess explained that his hands are tied because of a lack of city funds. "The fastest way to get something done is to form a community group and do it yourself.... Sometimes residents have to make things happen." He referred those concerned about youth violence in their neighborhood to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.'s Public Safety Task Force, which he called "the best task force in the city that's community-based."

Acknowledging that the council member's office did not have many concrete answers for the people in attendance, Burgess's chief of staff, Sean Carter, said, "This stuff frustrates us as much as it does you." Then, when an attendee asked a question about garbage collection, Carter jumped at the chance to say, "I can do something about that!"



COUNCILMAN RICKY BURGESS OF DISTRICT 9 (LEFT) TALKS WITH BGC BOARD MEMBER GRADY ROBERTS JR. AFTER THE GARFIELD/FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY MEETING.

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and happenings!**

## SHOWCASE OF THE MONTH

In alternating months, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation highlights property owners who have admirably maintained or renovated their properties, or whose neglect hurts the neighborhood. Properties are nominated by community members. To nominate a property for either Showcase or Eyesore of the Month, call Aggie Brose at 412-441-6950 x 15.

### Bloomfield Homeowner Creates a "Pumpkin Patch" of Colors

This month, 228 S. Winebiddle Street in the 8th Ward, City of Pittsburgh, Bloomfield, was nominated as the "Showcase Property of the Month."

The recorded owner, according to the Allegheny County Real Estate website, is Mary C. Tabasko, who purchased the house in October 1996.

As the BGC staff approached the house, Ms. Tabasko was leaving for work. When we informed her that her property had been nominated for "Showcase of the Month," she was very surprised and pleased.

The house is a yellow-brick, old-style, two-story house, a credit to the street and community. Ms. Tabasko informed the BGC staff that the porch had just been painted by Chris Jackson Contractors. She chose autumn colors, orange and green, and refers to the porch as "My Pumpkin Patch." Her porch ornaments, including a gargoyle-like figure and a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, give the front of the house even more curb appeal, as do the bright patches of black-eyed Susans.

Ms. Tabasko has cleared the back yard of old trees, and has completely replaced the front sidewalk. She enjoys living in her home with her dog and cats.

We want to thank Ms. Tabasko for choosing Bloomfield to call home, and for being a good, responsible neighbor who invests in her community.



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**THIS HOME ON S. WINEBIDDLE HAS  
A NEW SIDEWALK, AND THE PORCH  
HAS BEEN FRESHLY PAINTED IN  
FALL COLORS.**

### What a Difference a Day Makes...

With the leadership of Rev. Chad Collins, Pastor of Valley View Presbyterian Church, and support from the Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) and residents of Garfield, volunteers gathered to clear away the weeds and debris from 237 and 235 N. Aiken Avenue. These houses were featured as "Eyesore Properties" in the August 2009 edition of *The Bulletin*. The clean-up work was completed in one day.

Valley View and PIIN met with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) to strategize ways to address the problem properties on N. Aiken. BGC agreed to be an advocate in getting the properties demolished by working with the city.

As the September issue of *The Bulletin* was going to press, VVC and PIIN were holding a Local Community Action Meeting on August 19 to address the blighted housing in Garfield on N. Aiken Avenue.



Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

**LAST MONTH'S EYESORE PROPERTIES ON  
N. AIKEN WERE CLEANED UP BY VOLUN-  
TEERS IN JUST ONE DAY.**

### "PASS THE BUDGET!"



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On July 23, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG) and other community organizations sponsored a press conference about the need for Pennsylvania to pass a state budget. About 75 concerned citizens gathered at Fairmont Apartments on Penn Avenue (see photo), calling on the state to raise revenue instead of slashing much-needed social programs. "Our legislators are scaring people, not educating them," said PCRG board vice president Aggie Brose, "and it's criminal. Without new revenue, the ripple effect of the cuts will be unbelievable... You won't get away from a tax increase. They'll be raising taxes here in Pittsburgh if the state doesn't." At press time, the state had still not passed a budget.



## Summer Employment Program “Stimulated” Young People

Work is not easy, and it can be even more challenging for a young person in school who is working through a summer vacation. However, gaining portable work skills while earning \$7.25 an hour can be life-changing.

A total of 554 youths were able to gain some of their earliest work experiences and skills this summer through the Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program, which was launched by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl on July 6. A total of \$1 million in federal “stimulus” money, \$150,000 from The Pittsburgh Foundation, and \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant money was allocated for the employment program for youths 14 to 21 years of age.

Through various youth-oriented organizations throughout the city, such as the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and Garfield Jubilee, the summer employees were able to work in one of two tracks - conservation or internship. As conservation employees, they engaged in environmental restoration projects to improve and beautify city parks, public properties, vacant lots, and other City of Pittsburgh-owned properties. The BGC project sites were located at Mossfield, Rosetta, and Healcrest Urban Farm.

As internship employees, the youths worked with various local banks, real estate agencies, child-care centers, hospitals, community centers, small business owners, and local government agencies, learning various aspects of the participating industries or organizations.

So, on hazy, hot, and humid Monday mornings, just after 8 a.m., dozens of East End neighborhood youths were en route to various summer work experiences throughout the city of Pittsburgh.

**By Jim Reid**  
*Bulletin Contributor*

One 15-year-old intern from East Liberty, Shantel Peterson, spent her summer at a local hair salon learning the owner-operator’s side of a business she had regularly experienced as a customer. She remarked of her experience, “I’ll remember the people I worked with this summer; hopefully, I can do this next year.”

The six-week work experience included YouthWorks JumpStart Success, an additional 16 hours of job-readiness training to better prepare the youths for the working world ahead of them. YouthWorks provides job-readiness training to young people aged 16-25, primarily in preparation for obtaining private/public sector employment. The training teaches basic workplace skills by leading instruction in topics such as career goal setting, communication skills, workplace etiquette, interviewing, resumes, employment forms, cover and thank you letters, and job searching resources. JumpStart Success is currently offered at the YouthWorks office as well as at selected community-based organizations, and has recently been provided at the Allegheny County East CareerLink Center.

Raheem Kirk, a 15-year-old from the Lincoln-Larimer area, said he will definitely remember the conservation crew experiences. “I never worked like this, in the sun and all,” he said. “I don’t think I could do this kind of thing again.”

Although the localized effect of this program’s spending on the city’s economy will be determined in months to come, an informal survey of BGC youth workers revealed personal care services (hair and nail salons), wireless communication services (cell phones), and local prepared foods shops and markets (pizza, burg-



Rick Swartz/BGC

THESE VEGETABLE BEDS AT HEALCREST FARM WERE PLANTED AND TENDED BY SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS.

ers, pop, and candy) to be the most immediate beneficiaries of our youth’s hard-earned coin.

The flip side was the cadre of diverse youth counselors who were given the responsibility of managing and mentoring the interns and conservation teams. Their days were filled with employee progress tracking, internecine squabbles, teachable

moments, and a growing sensation that something positive was happening for a small segment of our youth.

“It’s easy to work with kids that like you,” youth counselor Darcy Trunzo observed. “These kids make you earn their trust every day.”

And everyday, the counselors, staff, and management of the BGC would push, pull, wheedle, and cajole their

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## Voting's the Ticket To Making Your Voice Heard

By Gloria Forouzan  
Bulletin Contributor

Voting's a privilege, not a pain.

Over the years, I have worked on numerous local political campaigns and trained many people on the basics of running for office. Beginning this month, in a three-part series in *The Bulletin*, my goal is to answer frequently asked questions about voting and local elections.

*In the beginning...*

The candidates who appear on your ballot are determined by your election district. Election districts are the smallest of election units; they are the building blocks of voting divisions for every level of local government, from School Board to City and County Councils. All voters in your election district, regardless of party affiliation, vote at the same polling place.

Depending on the level of govern-

ment, your election district is combined with others to form a larger unit. In Pittsburgh, election districts form the city's wards. For example, central Lawrenceville's election districts make up Pittsburgh's 9th Ward. The wards are then joined to form voting districts.

To find out what your voting district is and where your polling place is, call the county's Elections Division at 412-350-4500, or go to their website's "Polling Place Locator": <http://apps.county.allegheny.pa.us/VoteDistricts>.

*Registering to vote*

This year's General Election is on November 3, 2009. The good news: You have a whole month to register; the deadline is October 6, 2009. Voters must be 18 years old, U.S. citizens, and residents of their district for at least 30 days.

Our local source of election wisdom

is Allegheny County's Elections Division. You can register to vote at their office: 542 Forbes Ave., Room 609 (downtown) Pittsburgh. Information: 412-350-4500.

More registration options:

1. Pick up a registration form at drivers' photo centers, public libraries, elected officials' local offices, and municipal offices.
2. Download a form at <http://www.dos.state.pa.us>

*About your application*

Despite information to the contrary, there is more than one political party in the city of Pittsburgh. When you register to vote, you'll be asked to check your party affiliation. The form lists five choices: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, No Affiliation, and Other.

If you need information on local political parties, you may reach them at the numbers below and on the Internet:

**Democratic Party:** 412-281-8901 or [www.alleghenydemocrats.com](http://www.alleghenydemocrats.com)  
**Green Party:** 412-231-1581 or [www.gpoac.org](http://www.gpoac.org)  
**Libertarian Party:** 412-904-2976 or [www.lppgh.org](http://www.lppgh.org)  
**Republican Party:** 412-458-0068 or [allegheny.mygopsite.com](http://allegheny.mygopsite.com)

*Absentee voting*

If you know you'll be out of town or otherwise unable to vote at your

polling place, you can vote ahead of time by absentee ballot.

First you must apply for an absentee ballot by either:

1. downloading an absentee ballot form: <https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us>
2. requesting a ballot be mailed to you from the County's Elections Division: 412-350-4520.

Next, you must complete and send in your ballot. The deadline for the County Board of Elections to receive your completed absentee ballot is October 30, 2009.

*Using your voice*

Communicating your suggestions, gripes, or praise directly to your elected representatives is always a good idea. Be sure to let them know you're a registered voter in their district.

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In the October issue, I will focus on the General Election. Email any questions by Sept. 10 to [gtforouzan@gmail.com](mailto:gtforouzan@gmail.com).



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**Young people, ages 21-35, are especially encouraged to attend!**

Please **RSVP to 412-441-6950 x 15** by Friday, September 18, if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!



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## Bloomfield Center Provides Emotional Support and Healing for Cancer Patients

Across from the Bloomfield Bridge sits an unassuming, tan-colored building that a lot of Pittsburghers probably pass daily without giving a thought. Unknown to many, the building houses the Cancer Caring Center, an organization that has been administering free support services to people with cancer for over two decades. "We're the best kept secret in town," says CCC's Director of Support Services, Bonnie Shields, MSW, LSW. "But when you need us, you find us."

The Cancer Caring Center was founded in 1988 at its present location, when local Burger King franchise owners got the idea of giving back to the community by starting a hotline for people dealing with cancer. They enlisted the financial assistance of the Burger King and Heinz Foundations. The need was great, and after the hotline was established, sup-

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port groups for individuals affected by different kinds of cancer got started one by one.

The center now offers an array of groups that meet not just in Bloomfield, but in all four corners of the city. "Pittsburghers don't like to cross bridges," Shields smiles. "We have great medical care here in Pittsburgh," adds Rebecca Whitlinger, CCC's executive director, "but people need the emotional piece, too."

Shields says that clients tend to feel alone in the beginning, facing a life-threatening diagnosis and an uncertain future. But "the connections are there if you want them," she adds. "Cancer is a club you never wanted to belong to, but once you're there, you make friends. People just start talking when they get together." Joining a group may not suit everyone, so CCC offers the privacy of one-on-one counseling, too.



THE MAIN ROOM AT CANCER CARING CENTER IS HOMEY AND COLORFUL.

Through the center, clients can find alternative therapies like reflexology, yoga, and Reiki, a gentle, hands-on healing. Starting this month, CCC begins sponsoring "Laughter Club Yoga" at the 1st Unitarian Church at Morewood and Ellsworth, partnering with Dave Russell, a Certified Laughter Yoga Leader. "It's not a stand-up routine," Shields cautions, but a program that demonstrates how simulated laughter can reduce stress and increase relaxation.

Since food and diet are essential to healing from cancer, CCC is also initiating a monthly nutrition night with Leslie Bonci, UPMC's Director of Nutrition. Attendees will be able to ask questions about dietary choices and sample different healthy foods.

Assisting Shields with support services over the past year was Stephanie Samolovitch, who came to CCC as an intern and stayed for the summer in a part-time paid position. Samolovitch is entering Pitt's School of Social Work this fall, with the intention of becoming an oncology social worker. She brings with her a unique perspective, as she herself was diagnosed with leukemia in 2005, and "wanted to connect with other cancer patients." She says she always shares her story with clients if the situation arises. "I

never hold back. I have a lot of hope."

Samolovitch says her favorite programs offered by CCC are those "that get families together," like Family Fun Days. For example, this fall, CCC will sponsor a "Country Day" on a horse farm for families affected by cancer. In partnership with Animal Friends, CCC also offers pet therapy for children aged 4 to 12 who either have cancer or have someone with cancer in their lives.

All of CCC's groups, therapies, and services - even a newsletter - are offered free of charge, through the support of foundations, corporations, and individual donors. The center also benefits from the annual Steelers Fashion Show, a golf outing, a 5K walk, and a Mt. Washington fundraiser called "Jeans, Jewels, and Jazz." The combined fundraising efforts make it possible for CCC to fulfill its mission - as Whitlinger puts it, "helping people move forward."

Cancer Caring Center is located at 4177 Liberty Avenue, in Bloomfield; phone: 412-622-1212. The center is open 9 to 5, Monday through Friday; clients can call ahead or drop in. Visit the center online at [www.cancercaring.org](http://www.cancercaring.org).

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## OPERATION WEED AND SEED

### Connect, Create, Incubate!

By Jeffrey Dorsey

*Union Project Interim Director*

The Union Project (UP) is a non-profit organization located at 801 N. Negley Avenue at the crossroads of six diverse neighborhoods: East Liberty, Friendship, Garfield, Highland Park, Morning Side, and Stanton Heights in the East End of Pittsburgh. To most passersby we look like an old church, due to the fact that in 2002 we renovated the former Union Baptist Church. However, within these historic stone walls lies an incubator.

While UP does not hatch eggs, we do metaphorically incubate a diverse range of ideas, art, creativity, leadership, and spirituality. The vision and work of the UP is to provide a safe place that cultivates and nurtures emerging artists, community leaders, and people of faith to create positive social change in the East End of Pittsburgh. To achieve our mission, we offer three distinct means of support: Space Rental, Technical Support, and Marketing.

#### **SPACE RENTAL**

Here at the Union Project, we want to be known as a place that offers top-of-the-line services at affordable

prices so that people of all economic levels can utilize our services. We do this via long-term leasing to tenants, hourly rental and co-op membership for artists.

*Long-term Lease Space to Tenants:* Union Project has 10 spaces for long-term lease. Seven of these spaces are currently occupied and leased by various community based non-profits and small businesses that help us achieve our mission by reaching diverse Pittsburgh communities and gathering them together for acts of creation, celebration, healing, and/or worship. Three of these 10 spaces are available for lease immediately, including one café and two office/commercial spaces.

*Hourly Rental:* UP rents various sections in our Church Building by the hour. They include:

1. The Great Hall - With a 300+ person capacity, this space includes the original stage and beautiful stained glass windows perfect for events like video/film screenings, weddings, conferences, concerts, and parties.
2. Coffee Bar - Located within the Great Hall and can be rented as part of an event or class.
3. Piano - Perfect for recitals, music,

or dance lessons.

4. The Atrium - With capacity for 30 people, this intimate space has excellent natural acoustics, great for lectures, workshops, poetry readings, live music, and community meetings.
5. Board / Resource Room - Includes audiovisual equipment, flat-screen television, kitchenette (and computer equipment also for rent), and is perfect for board meetings and retreats, classes, and tutoring.

*Co-Op Memberships/Classes:* The Union Project's lower level is home to the studio arts. Ceramics@UP, a full ceramics studio, includes wheels, electric and gas kilns, and offers affordable monthly co-op memberships and ceramic and stained glass classes.

#### **TECH SUPPORT**

Union Project offers technical support that includes basic equipment (sound systems, chairs, tables), free and discounted rates on usage of the Board/Resource Room, and our staff will even sign for your packages. Additional bookkeeping, consulting, and event planning services are also available and Ceramics@UP offers a wedding registry for handmade specialty ceramic items including dinner-

ware and mugs. Partnering with over 100 organizations, artists, and businesses, we can direct you to resources from DJs to caterers to volunteers to help your event, classes or workshop run smoothly.

#### **MARKETING**

What's more, The Union Project offers promotional support to you by experienced professionals. We market all user events, classes, announcements via our website and weekly email that reaches more than 5,000 recipients. Union Project can offer design services tailored to your needs and additional services to help you with press releases, public service announcements, and advice on reaching diverse communities.

Union Project staff, board members, tenants, and hundreds of community members believe in our vision and help us in countless ways, so our incubator naturally lends itself to synergies among ideas, people, organizations, and services.

*For more information on how you can Start UP at the Union Project call 412-363-4550 or stop in during our office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

#### **Upcoming Computer Classes at Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center**

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 8, Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC) will be conducting beginner computer classes that were previously been taught at the East Liberty branch of Carnegie Library. The classes will be "Intro to Computer," "Intro to the Internet," and "Intro to Word 2003." Materials for the classes have been generously shared by Carnegie Library while the East Liberty branch goes through a complete renovation.

The class schedule in September will be as follows:

<b>Tuesdays</b>	Intro to Computers	10 - 11:45 a.m.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Intro to the Internet	10 - 11:45 a.m.
<b>Thursdays</b>	Intro to Word 2003	10 - 11:45 a.m.

To register for a class, call ENEC at 412-362-8580. Walk ins are allowed based on availability. Normal ENEC hours for employment assistance are Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

#### **Personal Care Associate Opportunities at West Penn Hospital**

West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) is visiting the communities of Garfield, East Liberty, and Larimer to inform residents of an exciting paid training program for qualified individuals into the nursing field. The Personal Care Associate (PCA) position calls for dedicated, friendly, caring individuals that work as a nursing team member in taking care of patients. Applicants preferably should have experience in providing patient care or have a strong background in customer service. Periodically, WPAHS holds training classes (the current class of 10 selected applicants started on Monday, August 17) at West Penn Hospital that last five weeks, teaching trainees all that is required to enter the profession upon successfully passing a certification exam.

The first information session was held August 13 at the ENEC Activity Center in Garfield. Additional sessions will be held September 10 at Kingsley Association in Larimer and September 15 at Parental Stress Center in East Liberty. (See ad on page 15.) This is a partnering activity developed as part of the City of Pittsburgh's Operation Weed and Seed for the communities of Garfield, East Liberty, and Larimer. Look for the next WPAHS training session tentatively scheduled for October in job postings at [www.wpahs.org](http://www.wpahs.org).

#### **ABOUT OPERATION WEED & SEED**

**Operation Weed and Seed is a partnership of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, the U.S. Attorney for Western Pennsylvania, and community stakeholders in designated Weed and Seed sites.**



# OPERATION WEED AND SEED

## Seeding Change in Larimer

The “buzz” around the Larimer neighborhood is that redevelopment is on the way. Many are asking the most important questions of when, where, how, and by whom. While these answers are not concrete yet, let’s just connect some dots. After what seems to be decades, the Larimer neighborhood is finally getting economic development attention.

In 2008, the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) hired Jackson and Clark Partners to update the 10-year-old Larimer Community Plan with the participation of East Liberty Concerned Citizens Corporation (ELCCC) and key community stakeholders. This working partnership included: the City of Pittsburgh, Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl; U.S. Attorney of Western Pennsylvania; the City of Pittsburgh’s Operation Weed and Seed; the Greater East End Weed and Seed Steering Committee of Larimer, East Liberty, and Garfield; URA; Penn State Extension; G-Tech; and contracted technical assistance by East Liberty Development, Inc. Support came from the volunteer residents of the Larimer Neighborhood Stabilization Action Teams. Also involved were our local representatives: U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle; State Sen. Jim Ferlo, 38th

**By Ora Lee Carroll**

*Executive Director*

*East Liberty Concerned Citizens Corp.*

District; Rep. Joe Preston, Jr., 24th District; and City Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess, District 9.

Then, in February 2009, under the direction of Sen. Ferlo, a dynamic group of various Larimer stakeholders formed the Larimer Consensus Group (LCG). This group’s primary function was to provide community input to the various plans and projects in and around the Larimer corridor. LCG has taken on a life of its own, organizing itself to insure inclusiveness for community input in the planning process for community development projects, emulating what the Hill Consensus Group has done in the Hill District. LCG is building a strong collaboration for change, working from ground up.

LCG’s first assignment was to hire architectural services through an RFP process to develop a land use vision for the Larimer neighborhood and an adjacent section of East Liberty, and a market study and land use plan for the area surrounding Larimer Avenue. LCG selected Strada with Michael Stern as lead principal and planning team partners; Jerry Dettore, princi-

pal-in-charge, Michael Baker Corp.; Meg Sowell, Real Estate Advisors/Strategies; and Karen Brean, executive director, CTAC. ELCCC will keep the neighborhood informed of the progress of this exciting undertaking in Larimer.

In preparation for the new development, ELCCC has been busy working on rebuilding a positive image of Larimer and addressing public safety concerns, while continuing to organize the community.

ELCCC and residents continue to empower with beautification and greening the Meadow Street Bridge, the first greening project in Larimer in partnership with the Mayor’s Office, the U.S. Attorney, and Penn State Extension. The Meadow Street Bridge is the connecting gateway into Highland Park. Walnut Capital provided funds for signage at this site and for the Larimer Green Acres mural project, “We Fall Down, But We Get Back Up,” located at Frankstown and Paulson Avenues, near the Kingsley Association, and designed by ELCCC (see photo left).

Sen. Ferlo’s housing façade project, which will provide free home improvements to Larimer residents, is underway and will make a major image change in the Larimer community. Also on the horizon is the redevelopment of the former BP gas sta-

tion. According to the URA, “plans call for a Community Conservation and Energy Assistance Center to be created at the site... located at Larimer Avenue and East Liberty Boulevard. This center would serve the residents of Larimer and East Liberty, and provide a jumping-off point for greening and energy conservation programs in the neighborhood.”

Finally, the Kingsley Association is attracting clients from around the region with its various new programs. If you have not already stopped by, plan to do so to see the many programs going on there.

Last but not least, ELCCC wishes to thank Operation Weed and Seed under the Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl for its assistance in expanding the professional capacity of ELCCC to continue its role in community public safety efforts. The City of Pittsburgh’s Operation Weed and Seed hosted several members of the East Liberty, Garfield, and Larimer Weed and Seed Steering Committee to attend the 2009 CCDO National Weed and Seed Conference in Tampa, Fla., this past July. ELCCC, along with the entire Weed and Seed Steering Committee, is anxious to implement the techniques learned into our Weed and Seed neighborhoods. For more information, please feel free to contact ELCCC.

## Workers Prepare with OSHA 10 Safety Training

Larimer and East Liberty residents participated in an OSHA 10 Construction Safety & Health course at the Kingsley Association on July 7. The Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, Kingsley Association, and the East Liberty Section 3 Job Training & Referral Initiative (COR/ELDI Section 3 Initiative) partnered to organize the training and recruit local residents to benefit from this employment safety training program. John Lafayette of Compliance Management International was the industry trainer who presented and demonstrated the myriad safety issues that employees on construction and work sites are faced with every day. The 15 attendees each received a permanent certification card showing that they had successfully completed the 10-hour OSHA Construction Safety and Health Training Course. Catering for the

event was provided by Kokolatte’s of East Liberty.

Contractors that hire workers in various trades, especially those involved in the continued development of the greater East Liberty area, require job seekers to have the OSHA 10 certification before they can be considered for employment. Kevin Mickens of COR/ELDI works extensively with employers and developers in East Liberty and knows first hand how valuable this training is. “That permanent certification that you list on your resume and the OSHA 10 card that you slide into your wallet can put you into the hiring mix for the many ongoing building projects in our community,” says Mickens. Funding for the OSHA 10 training was provided by the City of Pittsburgh’s Operation Weed and Seed.



Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

## Childrens Hospital Visits Kingsley Association

The Discovery Program of Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP) paid a visit to the summer youth program at Kingsley Association on Wednesday, July 12. Youths participating in the Run Fun Fitness & Adventure Camp had a chance to learn all about the new CHP campus and how children are taken care of when they need medical services. Stephanie Colaberadino and Alanna Kanawalsky, coordinators of the CHP Discovery Program, visually presented the patient experience for the young people and answered dozens of questions. A surprising number of the camp participants had either been patients or knew of friends /family that had utilized the services of Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. Everyone agreed that CHP was a friendly place that took care of the medical needs of kids! This was another collaboration of partnering organizations involved in the City of Pittsburgh’s Operation Weed and Seed.

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## East End House Tours Showcase Homeowners' Hard Work

If it's fall, it must be time for house tours in the East End.

First up is the annual Friendship House Tour, now in its 16th year, a joint project of Friendship Development Associates and Friendship Preservation Group. This year, the tour's theme is "Kitchens and Baths," showcasing a variety of neighborhood homes and lofts that have made noteworthy renovations of those spaces. The tour takes place on Sunday, September 20.

*The Bulletin* got a sneak peek at one of the homes on the Friendship tour with owners Tim and Allison Seidel. When the Seidels purchased the building on S. Pacific Avenue in 2004, the house – like so many others in the neighborhood – had been divided into three apartments, one on each floor, and most of the original woodwork had been removed. The Seidels retained the third-floor apartment to generate income, but have been converting the first two floors back into a single-family living space.

That has meant a long and major overhaul, and after five years, only the first floor is near completion. They found a lot of what they needed for woodwork, cabinetry, and other fixtures at Construction Junction in Point Breeze or online at eBay. When asked if they did the work themselves, Tim smiled: "Mostly... I'm learning." Allison said the renovations have all been her husband's vision; he comes up with the designs and she "just does the grunt work... and helps pay for it."

The kitchen they inherited from the previous owner was a small, galley kitchen; they combined it with an equally small dining room to create the kitchen of their dreams: cork flooring; vintage sink, stove, and cabinets (which were once the art cabinets at Oakland Catholic High School); a pot filler (a long-armed faucet near the stove to eliminate carrying heavy pots of water from the sink); and, Allison's favorite, a large-screen kitchen computer.

The day of the house tour, a film by Nayda Collazo-Llorens called "Roaming" will be playing continuously on the kitchen screen, and guests can watch while enjoying appetizers donated by local restaurants. Tour attendees will also get a chance to see "before" photographs showing the extent of work the Seidels have done.

Two weeks after the Friendship tour, on Sunday, October 4, Lawrenceville will once again host its Hospitality House Tour. *The Bulletin* got a preview of one of the houses

By Paula Martinac  
*The Bulletin*

included this year: the beautifully renovated Davison Street home of Alissa Martin, who owns the Butler Street boutique Pavement, and her boyfriend, Jeb Jungwirth, a student in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Duquesne.

Martin and Jungwirth's row house was built just after the Civil War, in 1867, and has retained its original mantels and some of the woodwork. But when they bought it 14 months ago, the 1100-square-foot building "was unlivable," said Martin. Inside, they had to refinish all the floors, add new plumbing and heating, and install a new kitchen and bath. Plus, the renovations had to be quick: their lease had run out on their Butler Street apartment, and they were living with two dogs in a single room in a friend's house.

Magically, in just three months, they met their goal. Although a couple of neighborhood men did most of the actual work, Martin herself acted as general contractor. "I don't recommend it," she said, "but I learned how to do it better next time."

Outside, they repointed the bricks and painted the front façade – an unusual but striking mauve. "I really like how the color turned out. That

was the most dramatic change," Jungwirth said. The back yard, Martin noted, "was a pile of dirt," but they transformed it into a deck and small grass area on two levels.

The two are proud that they survived what Jungwirth called "a stressful renovation." Now they describe their house as their "sanctuary... a space that really matters."



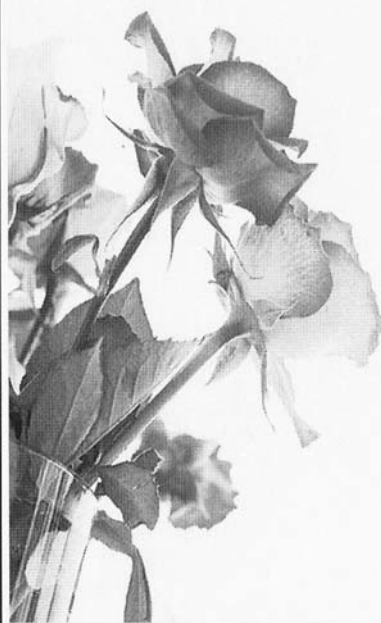
(TOP) A VINTAGE STOVE PURCHASED IN EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO, GRACES THE SEIDELS' KITCHEN IN FRIENDSHIP; (LEFT) ON THE LAWRENCEVILLE HOUSE TOUR IS A QUAIN 1867 ROW HOUSE PAINTED MAUVE.

Photos by Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

To purchase tickets (\$15) for the Friendship House Tour or for more information, go online at [www.friendshiphousetour.org](http://www.friendshiphousetour.org) or call Friendship Development Associates at 412-441-6147.

For more information about the Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour or to find out where to purchase tickets (\$12 in advance, \$15 on the day), visit [www.lawrenceville-housetour.org](http://www.lawrenceville-housetour.org).

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## A New Life Awaits Lawrenceville's Leslie Park Pool

**By Deborah Knox**  
Bulletin Contributor

On Saturday, Sept. 12, from 3 to 7 p.m., a decommissioned community swimming pool at 4700 Butler Street in Lawrenceville will pulse with activity - but not a drop of water. The site will host "Accordion Pool Party," an ethnic music and dance festival developed by residents Deborah Knox and Susan Englert, with inspiration from Pittsburgh performance artist Steven Pellegrino. Accordion Pool Party will be a quirky spectacle of culture and community pride.

The All-Accordion Orchestra is a group of 20 seasoned Pittsburgh accordionists that will be playing polkas, tangos, waltzes, and line dances from Israel, Bulgaria, and Greece in the deep end of the pool. In the flat, shallow end, dance instructors will be teaching dances for the tunes. The orchestra has been rehearsing all summer. Special guest Guinea West African Drum and Dance Ensemble will open the program.

A group of dedicated volunteers, with the help of crews from Lawrenceville United have been

cleaning up the site, which was a real mess.

Why a pool party? It's a "spring-board" event (pun intended) to do some meaningful, serious future planning for the empty pool. Beginning in early October, a consortium of resident groups, Councilman Patrick Dowd (District 7), CityParks representatives, and a group of urban planners will conduct a series of meetings to explore what's next for the blighted site. Who knows what is possible? A spray park? A skate park? A concert venue? Another pool? The group will welcome input from everyone.

The site is handicapped-accessible, and there is parking available behind the Teamsters Temple across the street.

Accordion Pool Party is supported in part by a Seed Award from the Sprout Fund and by a grant from the Lawrenceville Corporation's Mainstreets Community Event Microgrant Program. Support and guidance have also come from Councilman Dowd, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, City Parks Director Duane Ashley, State Sen. Jim Ferlo, Young Preservationists of Pittsburgh's Dan Holland, Lawrenceville



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Bloomfield-Garfield Family  
Health Center

**Poison ivy** causes a rash because of a reaction to the plant's urushiol oil. A person almost never has a problem after touching the plant's urushiol oil for the first time, but with repeat exposure about 85% of people will develop a rash.

Exposure can occur in different ways. Direct contact occurs when a person touches the plant itself. Indirect contact is when a person touches something that has urushiol oil stuck to it. This can occur with things like gardening tools or sports equipment. People can also be exposed to poison ivy via the air, especially if a poison ivy plant is burned and the airborne particles land on the skin.

The rash does not occur right away; in fact, it usually takes any-

where from 12 to 72 hours to develop. It happens because of a delayed hypersensitivity reaction in the body to the oil. The rash, also called an allergic contact dermatitis, can be red and swollen, and have multiple fluid-filled blisters. It is very itchy. The blisters are often fall in a straight line that demonstrates how the leaf brushed against the skin. The rash itself is not contagious.

To try to prevent poison ivy, wear long sleeves and long pants when working or playing outdoors in areas that contain poison ivy. Wear gloves when gardening. Try to avoid areas that you know contain poison ivy. If you think you have come in contact with the plant, wash your skin right away with soap and water. Make sure to wash any clothing that may have touched the plants as well.

Treatment of poison ivy can involve soothing oatmeal baths and over-the-counter anti-itch medicines. Your doctor may prescribe a topical steroid cream. In some severe cases, an oral steroid may be indicated. The rash usually goes away in one to two weeks. Sometimes the skin can get secondarily infected with bacteria. In those cases, antibiotics may be indicated.

Remember the old saying, "**Leaves of three, let it be,**" and avoid poison ivy until summer's over.

## Diabetes EXPO Highlights Disease's Impact on African-American Communities

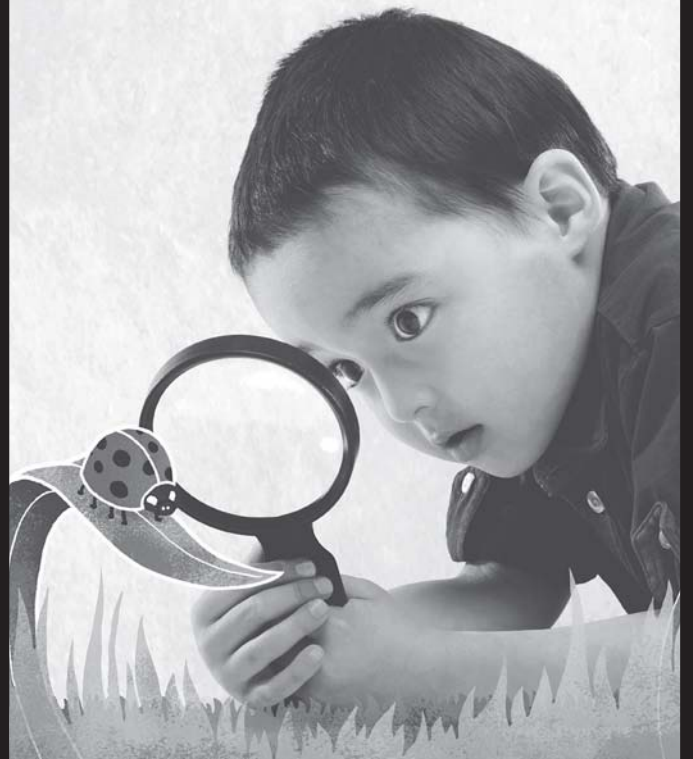
On Saturday, Sept. 12, the American Diabetes Association will host the Diabetes EXPO at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free, one-day event showcases the latest products and services for people with diabetes and features dance, exercise and cooking demonstrations, and health screenings. There will be activities for people of all ages, including a fun Youth Zone with activities and information for children with diabetes and their families. The Diabetes EXPO offers a unique opportunity to talk with health care experts and obtain important medical and nutritional information.

Diabetes is the nation's sixth deadliest disease and the leading cause of heart disease and stroke, adult blindness, kidney failure, and non-traumatic amputations. African Americans are twice as likely to suffer from diabetes-related blindness,

1.5 to 2.5 times more likely to suffer from lower limb amputations, and 2.6 to 5.6 times more likely to suffer from kidney disease. Twenty-five percent of the African-American community between the ages of 56 and 74 has diabetes. Because diabetes takes such a disproportionate toll in the African-American community, one of the many workshops at the Diabetes EXPO will address the concerns of African Americans living with the disease.

For more information about diabetes and the Diabetes EXPO, contact 412-824-1181 x 4608 or 1-888-DIABETES (1-888-342-2383). The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association has offices in every region of the country, providing services to hundreds of communities.

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## PRUDENTIAL RECRUITING EVENT

The Prudential Insurance Company of America and Landmarks Community Capital Corporation (LCCC) will be co-hosting an evening reception this fall focusing on recruiting in the East End. The reception will be held September 14 at Hosanna House at 807 Wallace Avenue in Wilksburg. In addition, Prudential will be participating in the September 9 career fair at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Liberty. Some facts about Prudential:

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## TNA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Neighborhood Academy is looking for professionals to speak to our students about their field. We are also looking for individuals to mentor both current students and graduates as they pursue their degrees and careers. Please contact Natasha Higgins at 412-362-2001 x 217, or [Natasha.Higgins@theneighborhoodacademy.org](mailto:Natasha.Higgins@theneighborhoodacademy.org) for more information.

## L'VILLE HOSPITALITY HOUSE TOUR

The 2009 Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, from noon to 5 p.m. The tour will begin at the Butler Street entrance to Allegheny Cemetery. Molly's Trolleys will be available to transport attendees throughout Lawrenceville's diverse neighborhoods. Advanced tickets go on sale September 15 at the following Lawrenceville businesses: Perk Me Up Coffee House, Coca Cafe, Jay Design, Dandelions, Pavement, and Gallery on 43rd. Advance ticket sales are \$12 and \$15 for tickets purchased the day of the tour. This year's tour will feature nine distinct homes as well as a very unusual ethnic building and a "hospitality" venue with refreshments and a surprise guest or two. For more information, visit the website at [www.lawrenceville-housetour.org](http://www.lawrenceville-housetour.org).

## HISTORY OF EAST LIBERTY

Al Mann of the East Liberty Historical Society will give a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the East Liberty Valley based on his recent book, as part of Lawrenceville Historical Society's 2009 lecture series. The event, which takes place on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m., is free and takes place at Canterbury Place, McVay Auditorium (1st Floor), 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville. For more information e-mail [info@LHS15201.org](mailto:info@LHS15201.org).

## MORNINGSIDE C.O.G.I.C. SEPT. PROGRAMS

Morningside Church of God in Christ, 5173 Dearborn Street in Garfield, presents several special programs in September. On Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be the church's annual outdoor Community Day, with food and other items to purchase, CPR training, other activities for the young and old. All are invited to come and enjoy a fun-filled day. On Sept. 6, at 4 p.m., the Young Women's Christian Council will sponsor a pre-pastoral anniversary service. The guests will be Pastor Keith Moncrief and the congregation of Kingdom Light Ministries. All are invited. Finally, the program "Characters of the Bible" will be presented in two installments: the Old Testament, on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.; and the New Testament, on Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. All are welcome. For more information on any of these programs, please call 412-361-9865.

## "UNBLURRED" GLASS EXTRAVAGANZA

A "Glass Extravaganza" will take place during the monthly Penn Avenue Arts Initiative "Unblurred" event on Friday, Sept. 4, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., at 5469 Penn Avenue. Multiple fused glass artists will show their work. Call 412-441-1029 for more information.

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## FALL CLASSES AT DAT

Can you believe that summer is almost over? Fall back into the routine by registering for Dance Alloy Theater School's 12-week fall semester, which begins on September 14. Choose from Hip Hop, Ballet, Modern, Middle Eastern, Salsa/Merengue, and Children's classes. Register now - don't wait! All classes are taught in a fun, creative, and noncompetitive environment by seasoned master teachers. If you have taken dance

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## ADULT CLASSES AT ARTICA

ARTica Art Gallery and Antiques at 5110 Penn Avenue will be offering classes in cooking in October; origami and holiday crafts in November and December; and quilting in January. Interested? Please send your contact name and info to [passports.art@gmail.com](mailto:passports.art@gmail.com) or call 412-596-6521.

## GARFIELD FARM STAND

Healcrest Urban Farm, whose entrance is at the corner of N. Pacific and Hillcrest Street in Garfield Heights, offers a farm stand every Thursday night until Sept. 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. Fresh produce is for sale right on the farm; come and enjoy live music, garden tours, and value-added products for sale such as all-natural lotions, soaps and shea butters, tea mixes, dried culinary herbs, and more. Healcrest Urban Farm accepts Farmers Market Nutrition Program Checks (FMNP) from WIC participants & Seniors. For more info: [www.healcrest.com](http://www.healcrest.com).

## FDA CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Friendship Development Associates, and it's time to celebrate. Please join us for a birthday party on October 2, as part of "Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn." The evening begins at 6 p.m. at the Glass Lofts, corner of N. Fairmount and Penn, with a short ceremony acknowledging the work that FDA has done over the past 20 years. The fun continues through the night with delicious food from Whole Foods Market, drinks, music, dancing, and a silent auction, including artwork from

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several Penn Avenue artists and gift certificates from some of the best hotspots in Pittsburgh. Various Penn Avenue artists will showcase ongoing demonstrations including TWEED clothing, which will be silk-screening one-of-a-kind t-shirts created exclusively for this event. Celebrate with your neighbors the hard work of FDA and its investment in the neighborhood and along Penn Avenue. Tickets for the event are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. This is one party you don't want to miss! For more information or to purchase tickets: <http://friendship-pgh.org/fda/20th-birthday-celebration/> or call 412-441-6147 x 7.

## "STATE OF THE AVENUE" MEETING

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative will host its 2009 "State of the Avenue" meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. at Most Wanted Fine Art, 5015 Penn Avenue, in Garfield. For information, contact [matthew@friendship-pgh.org](mailto:matthew@friendship-pgh.org) or call 412-441-6147 x4.

## NEW EXHIBITION AT TRINITY GALLERY

Trinity Gallery, located at 4747 Hatfield Street in Lawrenceville, will showcase the work of local artists Rebecca Bosko and Julie Pfirsch. The exhibition, entitled "Ink & Oil," will run from Sept. 12 through Oct. 17. The opening reception is on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., and is free to the public. For more information, contact Dan Glaser at 412-687-2458 or email [imdan@verizon.net](mailto:imdan@verizon.net).

## FREE PARENTING "WARMLINE"

Raising kids is a tough job! Do you ever wonder if you're doing things right? Call the Parenting Warmline at Family Resources at 412-641-4546 or 1-800-641-4546 (outside Allegheny County), or email [warmline@familyresourcesofpa.org](mailto:warmline@familyresourcesofpa.org). We offer free, confidential, non-medical information, referral, and support for parents and caregivers. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 1 to 5 p.m.

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**Thursday, September 10 6:30 p.m.**

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**Tuesday, September 15 6:30 p.m.**

Parental Stress Center, 5877 Commerce Street, in East Liberty

*(Across from Whole Foods – directions at <http://www.pscfamily.net>)*

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**412-362-8580**



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charges into challenging experiences and opportunities intended to reinforce positive work-place behavior. Parents and guardians were contacted; intern/crew supervisors were required to submit pre- and post-training assessments of their workers; and more importantly, the youths were constantly asked for feedback regarding the quality of their work experience.

Because of this feedback loop, the BGC team was able to make adjustment to youth placements, reinforce proper workplace behavior, and recommend rewards for a majority of the youth workers.

Pittsburgh Public Schools resume classes on September 3. Many Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program workers with be returning to city classrooms with lavish hairstyles, vibrant nail colors, new MP3 players, the latest sneakers, and fresh white T-shirts - but also an updated resume, six weeks of on-the-job training, a few stimulus dollars in their pockets, and perhaps, more than a few, memories and learned lessons from a priceless summer experience.

## EMPLOYMENT

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### LOOKING FOR YOUTHS AGED 17-21

The Out-of-School Youth Employment Program is recruiting for the 2009-2010 program year, and we are seeking energetic and motivated youths, 17 - 21 years of age, to participate. We have an exciting year of training, internships, and on-going workshops planned to catapult youth into the workforce feeling prepared and able to compete in a competitive job market.

All interested parties, contact Charis Rose at 412-441-9833. The Out-of-School Youth Employment Program is located at 5321 Penn Avenue in Garfield.

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### Morningside Church of God in Christ

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