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## ENGINEERING BEGINS FOR PHASE 1 OF PENN AVE. RECONSTRUCTION



And we're off! Following a signature and review process that took more than a year, the contract for the engineering and design phase of Phase 1 of the Penn Avenue reconstruction project has at long last been signed. "We're underway. The work has begun," said Brian Krul, project manager for engineering firm L. R. Kimball & Associates. "It's going to be a fun ride these next two years."

Continuing the "ride" metaphor, the Penn Avenue project wasn't derailed over the past year, said Garfield native John Clark, who is Public Involvement/Traffic Data Manager for the project. It was just stuck in the contract process while state and federal agencies got on board and has now "picked up steam again."

As previously reported in *The Bulletin*, Phase 1 of the reconstruction is a \$5.5 million project spanning Mathilda to Evaline streets, and addressing congestion, safety and

deteriorating conditions along these four blocks. The project will also take in a half-block to the north and south, from Gem Way in Garfield to Comrie Way in Bloomfield (*see schematic above*).

"This is a new day in our neighborhood," said Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation deputy director Aggie Brose, who has been lobbying for this project since the late 1990s.

"Basically, we're tearing it all out and putting it all back new," explained Patrick Hassett, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Transportation and Engineering of the Pittsburgh Department of Public Works. The scope will include new pavement and markings, lighting, traffic signals, and streetscaping. Due to corridor width limitations, there will be no bike lane added.

"The tasks are pretty elaborate, and

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it's going to take some time to get through," Hassett said. "The level of engineering detail has to get down to inches, not feet." In fact, the laborious engineering and design stage will extend through the end of 2012, pushing actual construction to early 2013.

At about the halfway mark, in December 2011, there will be a public meeting to unveil the preliminary engineering and design plans. A second and final public meeting, to be held in the fall of 2012, will get the neighborhood ready for the details of construction: what will be closed, what the detours will look like, how buses will get through, and how construction will affect parking.

Right now, the first tangible sign of progress will be the appearance within a few weeks of surveyors along the four-block stretch. T.W.

Engineering Inc., the firm that has been subcontracted to handle surveying, was due to send out "a notice of intent to enter" to all property and business owners the week of February 14. Included in the notice was information about the need to inspect the vaults attached to commercial buildings – areas below the sidewalk where coal used to be stored. Owners will have the option of having their vaults filled in or retaining them.

The Penn Avenue Reconstruction Committee (PARC), made up of representatives of the city, state, Kimball and BGC, will meet every two months to "hound the process," said Hassett. "We'll be keeping things on schedule. Our other job is to be the communication vehicle with property owners."

In fact, property and business owners from Mathilda to Evaline are encouraged to attend the bimonthly

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# GARFIELD'S NEXT FIVE YEARS

By Michael Rebinski

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

What should Garfield look like in five years?

This question is of interest to anyone who has traversed the community, but particularly to residents of Garfield, business owners in the commercial district, and residents of adjacent neighborhoods. Using "Garfield 2030," the neighborhood plan as a resource, individuals from across the spectrum met four times during January and February to offer their insights into the initiatives they want to participate in and changes they want to see in Garfield. The practical and actionable steps and programs discussed at these meetings will form the basis of a three- to five-year implementation strategy.

A brief synopsis of each meeting follows:

## January 12 – "Good Houses"

This meeting was covered at length in the February 2011 issue of *The Bulletin*. You can view this issue online at [www.bloomfield-garfield.org](http://www.bloomfield-garfield.org).

[garfield.org/pages/Bulletin.html](http://garfield.org/pages/Bulletin.html).

## January 19 – "Great Streets"

What can we do to improve our streetscapes? Though two street clean-ups are held each year in Garfield, participants thought we should make a greater effort to attract more participants and hold the cleanups more frequently. Also, we should continue and expand the walking group — an informal club of Garfield residents who take regular walks around the neighborhood during the warmer months. Funding is available for tree planting, so we can identify blocks where this could work and get more residents certified as "tree tenders." Attendees discussed needed infrastructural improvements like better street lighting, a prioritized schedule for street paving, and maintenance of city steps.

## February 9 – "Community Greens"

What opportunities exist for creating green spaces in currently unused lots? Chris Koch from GTECH presented some possibilities, such as planting

sunflowers and flower gardens. Attendees suggested an inventory and prioritization of vacant lots, which would be available to anyone interested in starting a project. They also discussed creating a pilot "green alley" in Garfield, something that has not yet been tried in Pittsburgh. This project would transform an unused alleyway into a safe common space for the neighbors whose homes adjoin the alley. Lastly, participants talked about ways to "green" major thoroughfares and link streets (i.e., N. Aiken Ave., N. Mathilda).

## February 16 – "Hilltop Park"

The idea of establishing a hilltop park around the water tower continues to



ARTIST'S RENDERING OF HILLTOP PARK.

receive an enthusiastic response. Meeting participants envisioned a multi-purpose park featuring athletic fields, a track, a picnic area, and playgrounds. The park could become a regional destination and a defining part of Garfield's identity. Participants were realistic about the challenges facing this project, the most pressing of which are reaching a deal with the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh, which currently owns most of the land, and finding sources of funding.

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## GROCERY STORE DEVELOPER SHARES REVISED PLANS WITH COMMUNITY

A North Carolina-based developer proposing to build a 14,000-square-foot grocery store at 5200 Penn Avenue brought revised plans to the community on February 7 at a public meeting attended by approximately 50 neighborhood residents. If these plans are approved, the neighborhood would get its first full-service food store since Giant Eagle closed in 1987.

Rick Swartz, executive director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, opened the meeting by pointing out the importance of this investment opportunity. "Government money is getting scarce in this neighborhood," he said. "Next year there will be less money for development. This is a private developer who intends to use only their own money."

C. Brantley Tillman of Commercial Properties Inc. and his engineer, George Haberman, of the local firm Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc., unveiled revised site plans that addressed some of the concerns raised by their original drawings. At a meeting with nearby neighbors in December, residents of Coral Street objected to a truck delivery egress on

their residential street.

In the new plan, the parking lot faces South Pacific Avenue, with landscaping and fencing to separate it from the street and a 10-foot fence to shield Coral Street. The store building itself would abut the A&M Market at 5222 Penn. The change would allow trucks to enter on Penn and exit onto South Pacific instead of Coral. Tillman noted that trucks would be making deliveries three times a week, because it is a relatively small store. Deliveries would occur during store hours, roughly 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Aggie Brose, deputy director of the BGC, pointed out that she has already broached the idea with City Planning of making the 100 block of South Pacific two-way, so that trucks could exit the lot, turn right, and return to Penn Avenue, sparing the residential neighborhood the noise of trucks rumbling through. According to Amanda Purcell, municipal traffic engineer, "We typically require a petition from adjacent businesses or residents or property owners (70 percent majority support) and support from your

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Council person. With that, we will evaluate needed changes and implement if possible and practical."

Tillman and Haberman said the request from some neighbors that trucks both enter and exit the site from Penn and not from the side street could not be met due to an already very tight store and parking lot layout with no wiggle room.

When asked by Garfield resident Ryan England if he would "be willing to commit to elevated investment on the Penn Avenue side" to make the property attractive, Tillman agreed to work with local artists on exterior design elements for the store and lot. For example, he has already committed to have the glass mosaic created by local artist Daviea Davis and youths from Garfield CISP, which currently occupies the side of the A&M Market, moved to the Penn Avenue side of the proposed store.

"We want to make it attractive so people will want to shop there," Tillman said.

Although the new plan satisfied some of the neighbors' concerns, resi-

dents who had not attended the December meeting expressed additional qualms. One issue is the location of the parking lot along South Pacific, directly across from the lot for Family Dollar. Resident Jeffrey Dorsey and a few other neighbors said this constitutes weak urban design. Further, a parking lot on a corner provides no way to contain the noise and the lights, said Dorsey, who lives on South Pacific, catty-corner from the proposed development.

Tillman noted that the lot will have directional security lights on all night, but that bright parking lot lights and the store sign will be turned off at closing. He also addressed concerns about excessive noise from four to six air conditioners, to be located on the roof behind a parapet, by saying he would request a decibel reading from an existing store.

Although some residents made it clear they don't want the development — one attendee suggested Tillman look into Penn Circle instead — many more community members voiced strong support for the grocery store in what-

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## Kelly-Strayhorn Receives Diversity Award

By Margaret Graham

East Liberty Development Inc.

Coro Pittsburgh hosted the fourth annual MLK Leadership and Diversity Awards at Heinz Field, Friday, January 14. Awards were presented in two categories: the Diversity Award for organizations, and the Leadership Award for an individual. One of three awardees was East Liberty's performing arts center, the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater (KST).

KST received the Diversity Award for an organization of fewer than 50 employees. Diversity Awards are presented to organizations that have created an inclusive workplace and use diversity as a means for productivity and creation. KST was one of six organizations nominated in the "fewer than 50 employees" category. Other nominees included Civicslab, the Common Ground Project, Operation Better Block, Pittsburgh Disability Employment Project for Freedom, and Soul Pitt Media.

Though they were nominated by KST board member Karamagi Rujumba, KST Executive Director Janera Solomon and her team were not expecting to win the award.

"We were surprised that we won," said Solomon. "There are organizations bigger than us who were nominated."

Solomon hopes that the award will bring attention to the theater as well as to East Liberty. KST is celebrating its 12th year as a performing arts venue, and the staff hopes that hearing about the award will make people curious to find out what they offer.

Pamela's Diner won the Diversity Award for an organization with more than 50 employees, and Alma Lee Fox received the Leadership Award for an individual who provides outstanding leadership in either the business, non-profit or government sector.

To be included with these two icons "was an incredible honor," said Solomon. "Alma Lee Fox is known regionally, nationally for her work as a civil rights activist and of course Pamela's is such a widely known entity."

Organizations that are inclu-



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**KELLY-STRAYHORN THEATER, A  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ON  
PENN AVENUE IN EAST LIBERTY,  
RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM CORO  
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sive and diverse, like KST, are what keep East Liberty and the East End strong. "We're a community arts center in a diverse community, it's natural to be diverse," notes Solomon. "We're going to keep doing what we're doing."

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## Spring Open House Unveils Blossoming of Union Project

By Laura Harnish  
Union Project

The vision of breathing life back into a century-old, decaying church building has been coming to fruition over the past decade at Union Project, located at the intersection of Negley and Stanton avenues. Everyone is invited to see how community hands helped rebuild this historic space at the Spring Open House, Friday through Sunday, April 1 to 3.

Union Project's building, a historic landmark, has been restored over the past 10 years through more than 30,000 community volunteer hours and the generous support of individual donors and foundations. It is home to a variety of community classes, and filled with an ever-increasing number of events, ranging from workshops and community meetings to festivals, baby showers, and weddings. Recent capital improvements include the cleaning and repointing of the exterior stone walls and the replacement of the original slate roof. Inside, the Great Hall has been returned to its

original splendor through plaster work, repainting, acoustic improvements, new carpeting, and restored stained glass windows.

This weekend of family-friendly events will kick off with a chance to get your groove on at Club Family, a dance party for all ages in the Atrium on Friday, April 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. during the Penn Avenue "Unblurred" gallery showcase. Saturday morning, the GA/GI (Geek Art/Green Initiatives) Festival will bring its "Birds, Trees, and Robots" event to Union Project from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (See ad this page) Also, on Saturday, from 2 to 6 p.m., there will be a free clay activity in the ceramics studio. Also, the Great Hall and Atrium will be filled with a full range of vendors that can make your planned event at UP a success — local catering, linen rental, photography, and event planning. Finally, join us Sunday between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to learn about stewardship opportunities and make your mark at Union Project by participating in a volunteer project.



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**YouthLink Lab:** Are you under 21 and interested in assistance with job searching, resume building, or applying? Every Wednesday evening, from 5 to 7 p.m., the ENEC holds targeted help sessions for youths. Additionally, on the first and third Thursday of each month, the ENEC hosts this session at Peabody High School in the 108 Computer Lab, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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# AWESOME STOREFRONT

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The interior is just as interesting and distinctive as the exterior. Walking into Awesome Books, you are likely to be greeted by the resident store cats, Mojo and Cupcake Slim. You'll also find a diverse collection of well-kept and fairly priced used books in almost every subject. The selection changes frequently. According to Bob, the bookstore just celebrated its one-year anniversary; it opened last February on the night of the big blizzard.



THE COLORFUL, CREATIVE STOREFRONT OF AWESOME BOOKS AT 5111 PENN AVENUE.

After browsing through the books, you may get the opportunity to check out Laura's artist studio, which occupies the back room on the first floor. The studio houses

many of her clay and mosaic pieces.

Laura's art is instantly recognizable across the city. You can spot her distinctive mosaics at

Whole Foods, the Pittsburgh Zoo, Carlow University, and the Garfield YouthBuild office. She also has art installments in more than 50 area schools and in cities across the nation. Her work has been featured in a number of publications. We are lucky to have her artistic presence on the avenue.

There are about 40 empty storefronts along Penn Avenue waiting for a coat of paint or a mural, some inspiration, and a visionary business owner to take over a vacant building and turn it into a neighborhood asset. We thank Laura and Bob and other Penn Avenue business owners whose care and upkeep of their storefronts contribute to the vitality of our community.

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ever configuration can be worked out. A Garfield resident who currently has to pay car service to take her for groceries said she would rather use the travel money on food.

Nick Redondo, who lives on Coral directly behind the proposed site, said he "never had a problem with Giant Eagle" when it was there and that he welcomed "private money coming to the neighborhood." Garfield resident Vera England stated that she thought "this neighborhood would really benefit from a grocery store."

Bill Cornell, president of the BGC board and a resident of the 5000 block of Penn, noted that with development there is always "a balance between

inconveniences and benefits. In this case, I believe the benefits are overwhelming."

No agreement was reached on whether the community should support the grocery store when the plans eventually come before the city Zoning Board for approval. As Swartz pointed out, "The position of nearby neighbors carries a lot of weight." Interested residents signed up to form a committee to hash out concerns and make recommendations on how to move forward. Tillman observed before leaving the assembly, "If we don't have the neighborhood's support, we won't come."

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PARC meetings to become oriented with the project and to talk about their concerns and issues related to reconstruction, which has the potential to disrupt business. The next PARC meeting will be on Thursday, April 7, at 8 a.m. at the BGC's Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Avenue. Staff from the BGC will also be reaching out to individual property owners to try to get them engaged.

The reconstruction project will eventually extend from Doughboy Square in Lawrenceville to Negley Avenue in East Liberty, but the four blocks in Phase 1 were determined to have the greatest need. Hassett stressed that "we haven't forsaken the rest of the corridor.... Once Phase 1 is out to bid [in late 2012], we'll apply for funds for Phase 2," which will extend from Evaline to Aiken.

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## Public Reviews Plans for Proposed Butler Street Lounge

On January 27, Lawrenceville United and the Lawrenceville Corporation hosted a community-wide public meeting regarding the proposed business planned for 4305 Butler Street, following a series of informal meetings between the business owners, representatives from the community-based organizations, and elected officials.

As the proposed business presents a change of use for the site and a proposed liquor license, the meeting was held to inform the 200+ residents and business owners in attendance and to understand any concerns or issues residents might have with it. State Representative Adam Ravenstahl, Councilman Patrick Dowd, Stephanie Meyer from Senator Jim Ferlo's Office, Paul McKrell and Kim Graziani from Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Office, and Matt Hogue from Councilman Bruce Kraus's Office also participated in the meeting.

David Vizslay, Danielle Vizslay-Walker, and Tim Linz, the partners in ownership and the applicants for the liquor license for the bar/lounge, presented their plan for the new Industry Grill. Their tentative plans included:

- Proposed floor plan: front entrance is primary customer area, bar seating, bench seating along the wall with exposed brick, several café tables, private dining area in the back, see-through glass can be seen from front of house

(private room has capacity of 12-20 people).

- Full kitchen is in rear of space, along with ADA-accessible bathrooms.

- Menu is still being created but typical price points include: appetizers from \$6-8, entrées from \$6-12, pizzas \$10. Typical cocktail will cost \$12, beer from \$5-8.

- Target demographic is professionals, grad students, artists from Lawrenceville; idea is to keep it more of a local draw. Target age is 25-30.

- Management principles: Will enforce dress code, no low-price drink specials. After main dinner hours, will have doorman to enforce age restriction. No live entertainment planned (though they have applied for an amusement permit as part of their liquor license application).

- Hours of operation will be Tues-Thurs. 5-11pm, Fri/Sat 4pm-close (typically 2am); closed Sun/Mon.

- Ownership group plans to invest \$135k into the building (not including \$65k in equipment cost) for a total of around \$200K.

- Looking to create two dozen jobs, including Manager and Asst. Manager.

- Transit considerations: hoping main clientele is within walking distance; several dozen metered spots available. Applied for City of Pittsburgh bike

**By Lauren Byrne**  
Lawrenceville United

racks. Secured eight off-street parking spots in the rear, primarily for staff.

Following the presentation, the audience had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed plan. Many questions were asked and concerns raised about items presented in the business plan that could reflect their overall quality of life, including: David Vizslay's current business in Lawrenceville; his residential real estate portfolio; occupancy issues and enforcement; hours of operation; whether live entertainment will be offered; trash and dumpster issues; parking issues; security issues; noise issues; saturation issues; fire suppression and safety concerns; and the percentage of income in food sales vs. liquor sales.

Petitions were circulated at the close of the meeting; residents and business owners were able to state whether they were opposed to, or in support of, this plan and, more specifically, the owners' pursuit of a liquor license for the lounge. The majority of those in attendance signed petitions opposing the liquor license.

Mr. Vizslay, Ms. Vizslay-Walker, and Mr. Linz said that they were committed to working with the community and would make the community aware of any changes to the plan, as well as when

they seek any special exceptions or variances, and if any hearings are scheduled. Mr. Vizslay has also committed to working with Lawrenceville United and other stakeholders to create a strategy for improving some of his residential real estate properties and practices.

The time period for persons who have the legal standing for protesting or opposing the liquor license application ended on February 18. In response to concerns from residents, Lawrenceville United has formally requested a public hearing be held to give residents and stakeholders an opportunity to articulate concerns to the Liquor Control Board. At press time, this meeting had not yet been scheduled. Senator Ferlo and Councilman Dowd have also filed protests with the PLCB regarding this transfer of a liquor license to this location.

A zoning hearing has been scheduled for 9:20 a.m. on March 10, at the Robin Civic Building, located at 200 Ross Street in Downtown Pittsburgh. Residents will be given an opportunity to provide public testimony during these hearings. Please contact Lawrenceville United at 412-802-7220 or at [info@lunited.org](mailto:info@lunited.org) to review notes from the public meeting, or if you have questions regarding the zoning board hearing or concerns relative to this project.

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The Bulletin Board publishes listings of volunteer opportunities, free or low-cost events and classes, announcements, fundraising events, and services that are of particular interest to our neighborhoods. Send announcements to [Bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:Bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org) by the 15th of each month. We do not accept listings over the phone. Listings published on a space-available basis.

## SPRING CLEANING IN GARFIELD

Please join the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation in a citywide effort to support clean neighborhoods. We will be having our Garfield Spring Community Clean-up on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meet at the BGC Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Ave. Gloves, bags, light breakfast and lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Similar clean-ups will be happening in neighborhoods across the city; we hope that you will be able to join us! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kathryn Vargas at 412-441-6950 x 17.

## YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM

Build your community and get paid while in training! Earn your G.E.D. or high school diploma, and learn skills to increase your income. Join Garfield Jubilee's YouthBuild Program, in partnership with Hill House Association and Housing Authority of Pittsburgh. To apply, you must be interested in learning construction trades and in further education; serious and committed; between 16 and 24 years old; unemployed and out of school; and a resident of Pittsburgh. To qualify, you must have a birth certificate, proper ID and Social Security card. For more information, contact Renee Robinson or Tonya Daniels at Garfield Jubilee Association, 5315 Hillcrest Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 or 412-661-6275.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST TO SPEAK

Hear world-renowned green chemist and environmental activist Wilma Subra, winner of a MacArthur "Genius" Award, at Carlow University's Women's History Month event, Wednesday, March 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. Subra will talk about the environmental impact of the Gulf Oil spill and natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale. View clips from the film *Gasland*, in which Subra appears. Free and open to the public; snacks courtesy of East End Food Co-op. Kresge Theatre (Grace Library, 5th floor), Carlow University, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland. For more information, contact Dr. Katie Hogan at 412-578-6391 or [kjhogan@carlow.edu](mailto:kjhogan@carlow.edu).

## LAWRENCEVILLE HOSPITALITY GROUP

Lawrenceville Hospitality Association open membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Steven Foster Center, 286 Main Street. All residents are welcome to help plan upcoming Hospitality events, including the Welcome Basket project, a potential summer garden tour, the annual house tour and a special food-related fundraiser. It's not too early to nominate a house for the 2011 Hospitality House Tour scheduled for Sunday, October 2, from noon to 5 p.m. Any single-family home in the 6th, 9th or 10th wards that has been renovated or restored in thoughtful or unique manner is welcome to apply. Contact Kate at [kb\\_4738@yahoo.com](mailto:kb_4738@yahoo.com) or call 412-600-2068 for more information.

## MOST WANTED YOGA

Most Wanted Fine Art, located at 5015 Penn Avenue, is now offering Most Wanted Yoga with Elizabeth Clay. Clay has been practicing yoga for 10 years and teaching for five. Classes are suitable for all levels. Each class costs \$10, and the first one is free. Access the full class schedule at [www.mostwantedyoga.com](http://www.mostwantedyoga.com). For more information, contact Elizabeth Clay at 412-206-9638 or [info@most-wantedyoga.com](mailto:info@most-wantedyoga.com).

## CELEBRATE LIFE, CELEBRATE ART

Persad Center, Inc., is the nation's second oldest licensed counseling center specifically created to serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. The center's Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art auction and reception will be held at the August Wilson Center in downtown Pittsburgh on Monday, May 9, from 6 to 11 p.m. Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art brings together the work of more than 200 local, regional and international artists who donate original art and sculpture for a strolling cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception and a live and silent auction. General admission tickets are \$85. For more information, visit [www.persadevents.org](http://www.persadevents.org) or call 412-441-9786 x224.

## URBAN WOMEN FARMERS

The Pennsylvania Women's Agricultural Network (PA-WAGN) is a Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences program that supports women in agriculture - including urban farmers - by providing a positive learning environment, networking, and empowerment. To learn more about the program or to become a member, visit <http://agsci.psu.edu/wagn>.

## WWI DOUGHBOY LECTURE

The Lawrenceville Historical Society Lecture Series has gained such a fine reputation that more and more organizations contact us for help in getting speakers for them. You, too, can see what the excitement is about. On March 17, join us for "The Life of a WWI Doughboy." The neighborhood of Lawrenceville is blessed with one of the nation's best Doughboy statues. Lance Leonard, a local WWI re-enactor and historian, will talk about the experiences that were common for a WWI soldier on the front lines. Location: Canterbury Place, McVay Auditorium (1st floor), 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville, at 7 p.m. For more information, e-mail us at [info@LHS15201.org](mailto:info@LHS15201.org).

## APPLY FOR A HABITAT HOME

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh's mission is the elimination of substandard housing in Allegheny County and throughout the world. Habitat homes are built in partnership with the homeowner and the community and sold to families with an interest-free, 30-year mortgage. Beginning in 2011, HFHGP will be building four homes in Garfield. Applications for homeownership are now being accepted! Please visit [www.pittsburghhabitat.org](http://www.pittsburghhabitat.org) or contact Stephanie Raufer at [sraufer@pittsburghhabitat.org](mailto:sraufer@pittsburghhabitat.org) or 412-466-6710 x10 for more information on this new homeownership opportunity in Garfield.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

And where might you be plannin' to wear your green and dance a jig? Join us on Saturday, March 12, for the 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance and Fun Night at St. Augustine Hall, 220-37th Street, for Irish fare buffet dinner; dancing to the music of local DJ Dan Barr; beer and set-ups (BYOB); plus raffle baskets, and a whole lot more! Help us make this a new annual tradition in Lawrenceville. \$20 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Ages 21 and up. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Angels Parish. For tickets or info call 412-682-0929.

## A PLACE TO BELONG

Come visit the Door of Hope Community Church, 5225 Holmes Street, Lawrenceville, every Sunday at 11 a.m. for our church service. We also offer Sunday school for all age groups, plus Christians in Recovery, at 10 a.m. For any additional information, please call 412-781-0234 or email [doorofhopecommunity-church@verizon.net](mailto:doorofhopecommunity-church@verizon.net).

## MOVIE AT VALLEY VIEW

On Saturday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m. Valley View Presbyterian Church (601 N. Aiken Ave.) is hosting a movie night for the adults of the Garfield/Bloomfield community. The movie will be *Book of Eli* featuring Denzel Washington. There will be a discussion immediately following. Food and snacks provided for every-

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one's enjoyment. This event is part of the Holy Ground Peace Campaign through which we are seeking greater peace in our neighborhood and in the city of Pittsburgh. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Chad Collins at 412-708-6158.

### LOW-COST RABIES CLINIC

The Big Easy Animal Hospital reminds all pet owners that rabies is a serious yet preventable disease. State law requires that all pets over 3 months of age be vaccinated against rabies, with non-compliance resulting in fines of \$300 per day. In order to protect pets and people, the Big Easy will host its second low-cost Rabies Clinic to the community on Saturday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. Pet vaccines are available for just \$7 cash. All dogs and cats over 3 months of

age will be vaccinated on a first-come, first-served basis. For safety reasons, all dogs must be on leashes and all cats in carriers.

### BE A BUSINESS OWNER

Neighborhood Business, Inc., a non-profit that helps potential entrepreneurs learn the basics of owning a small business, will be presenting an orientation about its services on Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the BGC's Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Avenue, in Garfield. After this meeting, those interested in NBI's services will be able to enroll in a free 13-week program covering small business development, planning, marketing and finance. For more information, visit [www.neighborhoodbusinessinc.org](http://www.neighborhoodbusinessinc.org) or call 412-889-6073.

## The Right Care is Still Right Around the Corner

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### Outpatient Services

The campus will house a gastroenterology lab, Pharmacy, full Radiology services, Institute for Pain Medicine, Sleep Center; Radiation Oncology, Outpatient Infusion Center; Breast Diagnostic Imaging Center; Pelvic Floor Center; Lupus Center of Excellence, Joslin Diabetes Center (affiliate of the renowned Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston), and Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine affiliate, along with a host of other physicians' offices. Outpatient laboratory services will also continue to be available.

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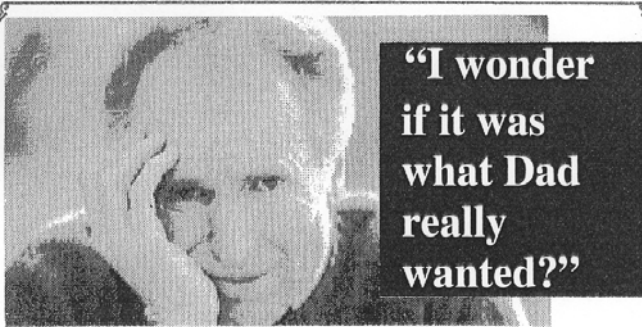
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## PATF Honors Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



Susan Orr/PATF

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force held its second annual concert in observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on Sunday, February 6, at the Homewood AME Zion Church in Homewood. The internationally acclaimed Pittsburgh Gospel Choir and Mt. Ararat Baptist Church Mass Choir performed at the free concert. Local religious leaders also spoke, and PATF F.A.I.T.H. Coordinator Tony Anderson oversaw the event. Pictured above, from left, are Trisha Gadson, Debra Dennison, Tony Anderson, Dwayne Fulton, and Dr. Herbert VRP Jones.

## DAT Welcomes Noted Choreographer



Susan Sparks/Dance Alloy

Dance Alloy Theater has commissioned work by renowned choreographer Ursula Payne (far left) for its Spring MainStage, to be held April 16-18 at the August Wilson Center downtown. Payne has been in-house at the DAT studios since mid-February in rehearsal for her dance, *Things You Miss*.

## Job Corps Students Visit Arlington Cemetery



Sarah Becker/PJCC

Ten students from the Leadership Academy at Pittsburgh Job Corps participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in February. "Not everyone has this opportunity. It is only by special request that permission is granted, and then the military guarding the tomb make the arrangements," said Andy Pope, Military Preparation instructor at PJCC.

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