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ABOVE: Jason Sauer of Most Wanted Fine Art is planning an art car exhibit for the fall. Read the full story on page 12. Photo by Jeff Ault

## Conflict Kitchen, Waffle Shop Leaving East End

By Melinda Maloney *The Bulletin*

**East Liberty** – East Liberty will lose two of its most recognizable storefronts this August, when the Waffle Shop will close and Conflict Kitchen will relocate Downtown. A \$25,000 Root Award

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## Abandoned Buildings on Penn Change Hands

By Rich Engel *Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.*

**Garfield** – With many abandoned properties, only significant deterioration over time allows outside forces to begin to take effect. This has held true recently for the commercial buildings at 4827,

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## Making Progressive Dinner into Art

By Melinda Maloney *The Bulletin*

**Lawrenceville** - The first time Gab Cody participated in the Lawrenceville progressive dinner, about five years ago, was chaotic. "We had a 4-month-old child at the time, and it was a sort of comic

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## Plans to Replace Convenience Store on Hold

By Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

**Bloomfield** – Nick Redondo, a Bloomfield resident since 1959 and owner of the property at 300 S. Pacific that houses Brian & Cooper Food Mart, has had to temporarily suspend his plans to open a casual eatery in that location.

Although Brian & Cooper proprietor Nasir Raess was given a full eight months to find another location and clear out of the building, he has failed to do so, according to Redondo.

Redondo told *The Bulletin* that he has engaged an attorney, who is currently in negotiations with Raess' lawyer about vacating the premises.

For more than eight years, nearby neighbors have voiced complaints about Brian & Cooper, including the operation of a back-room bar and sale of pornography. Following a series of community meetings mediated by the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Redondo said he "began paying closer attention to what was going on there."

In July 2011, perceiving that the situation was not improving, Redondo said he gave Raess 90 days' notice. Raess asked for an extension. "Nasir and his family came to me crying and asked me not to close the

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ABOVE: West Penn Hospital President and CEO Duke Rupert visited the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center on April 12 to discuss the hospital's role in the community. Also pictured are Aggie Brose, board chair of the ENEC, and Gina Grubb, workforce developer. Photo by Paula Martinac

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## Meeting Launches Planning for Eastern Quadrant of Garfield

By Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

*Garfield* – In 2010, the Garfield community unveiled its community plan, “Garfield 2030,” laying out the vision of residents for the direction of the neighborhood over the next two decades.

Since then, groups of residents and stakeholders have been working to implement pieces of the plan. For example, Garfield Glen, a 45-unit rental development that is a project of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and S & A Homes, broke ground in February of this year. This development, scattered across the western part of Garfield, will help fulfill the desire expressed by residents for more quality, affordable rental housing.

Now, the BGC is taking a lead in looking at additional chunks of Garfield that are most in need of planning. One of these targeted areas is the small section of eastern Garfield that extends from Broad Street up to Rosetta, and from North Atlantic Avenue to Graham. This area has a large number of vacant, blighted properties that some residents worry are at risk for fires and other forms of vandalism.

“If we don’t get working on each block, events could overtake us,” explained BGC executive director Rick Swartz at a community meeting on March 29 at Radiant Life Alliance Church on Kincaid Street. He described the gathering as a “feeling-out type of meeting,” designed “to try to get something to flower here, like in other parts of Garfield.”

The six-month goal, Swartz noted, is to “come up with a strategy [for development] that this quadrant can support.” He made it clear, though, that “the neighborhood needs to plan for itself ... What can be done over the next 10 years?” The BGC’s deputy director, Aggie Brose, said, “We need people from the neighborhood

to identify problems and opportunities ... The cup is half full.”

Although only a handful of residents and one property owner showed up for this initial planning session, the conversation was lively and ideas flowed. Resident and homeowner Michelle Massie expressed interest in projects that would make Garfield “more desirable to young homeowners today.”

Geof Becker, who owns several rental properties in the neighborhood and said he would like to acquire more, said he supports “rehab as much as possible” over demolition and new construction. He gave the example of Lawrenceville, where the existing housing stock was “brought back” for renters and owners.

Some buildings, however, would need to be demolished because of their poor condition, making way for new housing, side yards and community green spaces – a strategic reduction in housing density. Three blighted properties in a row, for example, might be replaced with just one or two. Swartz described this effort as “surgical” and “methodical,” rather than a “clean sweep.”

Additional meetings will be held in the near future, giving more residents and property owners a chance to weigh in on the direction this quadrant should take. “Is this the time for [this part of] Garfield?” wondered Ms. Massie. “I think it is.”

For more about “Garfield 2030” and the community’s broad vision for the next 20 years, visit <http://bloomfield-garfield.org/housing/garfield-2030>. Watch *The Bulletin* and your mailbox for announcements of future community planning meetings on this part of the neighborhood. ♦

*BELOW: A tagger hit three buildings on Penn Avenue with graffiti on April 14, including the Persad Center, a nonprofit organization. If you spot graffiti, you can report it by calling 311 or notify the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation at 412-441-6950 x15. Photo by Rick Flanagan*





## Garfield Glen Goes Up



ABOVE: Garfield Glen, a 45-unit affordable rental development, is being built on scattered sites throughout the western end of Garfield. The development is a joint project of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and S & A Homes. The first units will be ready for tenants by June. To apply for Garfield Glen tenancy, contact NDC Real Estate Management at 412-647-7418.

## West Penn's Fate Rests with Insurance Commissioner

by Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

**Bloomfield** – In early April, the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division approved the takeover of West Penn Allegheny Health System by insurance giant Highmark Inc., bringing the preservation of WPAHS and with it, Bloomfield's West Penn Hospital one step closer to reality. But now the future of both West Penn and the entire system are in the hands of the Pennsylvania state insurance commissioner.

Commissioner Michael Consedine, along with his deputy commissioner and chief counsel, held two public hearings on April 17 about the proposed affiliation between insurance company Highmark Inc. and WPAHS. The purpose of the hearings, Consedine explained, was "to receive comments ... that will aid in making a decision" about whether Highmark and

WPAHS can move forward with their affiliation.

"This is a groundbreaking transaction," Consedine told the audience of more than 100, including union representatives, public officials, staff of other insurance companies, community members and hospital workers. "We are very interested in hearing from this community."

At the morning hearing, Highmark representatives J. Robert Baum, president of the board and acting CEO, and Deborah Rice, executive vice president, outlined plans for the affiliation. Both emphasized their company's concern for preserving healthcare choice in the region by shoring up WPAHS as a viable competitor for UPMC. Over the next four years, Highmark will

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## Conflict Kitchen *from page 1*

from the Sprout Fund will support Conflict Kitchen's move.

Although the East Liberty community might mourn the loss of Conflict Kitchen, a take-out restaurant that serves cuisine from countries with which the United States is in conflict, Jon Rubin, who co-founded the restaurant with Dawn Weleski, believes the move will further its mission.

"For the Conflict Kitchen, it's important that the project intersect with a pretty broad range of folks," Rubin said. "In East Liberty, during the week, most of the people who come to the project pretty much know about it, and we'd like an opportunity to be Downtown, where folks will stumble into what we're doing."

Although he has not yet found a new location, Rubin envisions a space more substantial than the East Liberty site. "We're looking to have a little bit of inside dining, which would be nice. The project is really built around conversation. It will allow us to let people hang out a little and hang out with our staff and have conversations," Rubin said.

Rubin also hopes that a new location will allow Conflict Kitchen to change its focus more rapidly in response to day-to-day political events. Currently, the restaurant rotates focus nations approximately every six months. It now features Venezuelan cuisine and featured Iranian and Afghani food in the past.

Conflict Kitchen's faster response to world events will help it serve a slightly different function in the community. "We can be a bit more like a news agency, so people can come to us when something is

happening in the world. We can provide an opportunity to look behind the headlines and discuss what people within that country are thinking and feeling about what's going on," Rubin said.

In contrast, Rubin feels that the Waffle Shop, which he directs, has already fulfilled its purpose. "It was really great and experimental, and I think we've added to the life of the neighborhood, but there comes a time when certain projects run their course," he said.

Rubin cited both economic and creative challenges to continuing the project. "One of the challenges is making enough money to support the projects. It's quite a difficult task, when we're sort of a restaurant and a talk-show experiment. It's kind of difficult maintaining that on a financial basis and on a creative basis. For me, I'm interested in the project remaining kind of unexpected. Once things start to become normal, it's time to shift," he said.

The Waffle Shop's billboard – easily recognizable in East Liberty's skyline – will remain after the restaurant itself closes. The billboard is a means for individuals to present thoughts and ideas through "writing in the sky." For more information on the billboard, visit [waffleshopbillboard.org](http://waffleshopbillboard.org).

The Waffle Shop will remain open until August, and a calendar of upcoming events is available at <http://waffleshop.org>. Conflict Kitchen's East Liberty location will also remain until August, although the Downtown space might open before then.

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## Earthen Vessels Unveils Building Renovation

By Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

**Bloomfield** – Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO) celebrated the completion of the first floor of its Pacific Sanctuary facility on March 30 with an open house and tours of the renovated space.

The Bloomfield-based ministry offers afterschool programs and a summer camp to dozens of neighborhood youths in the bright new community center. Different rooms are dedicated to programs for three separate age groups. There is also a computer lab for afterschool use.

Tutor Nick Denton, who works with second and third graders in the afterschool program, has been with EVO since 2010, when he came as an intern. “I see the kids respond,” he told *The Bulletin* about his decision to be part of the ministry. “It’s great to see them blossom. I felt it was so healthy for the community that I wanted to be part of it.”

EVO is part of Seeds of Hope Church, founded by Pastor John Paul Chaney and his wife, Marilyn, in 2002. The congregation purchased the 19th-century building, located at 250 South Pacific Avenue at the corner of Friendship Avenue, in 2007 with an eye to renovating it as a permanent space for its services and programs.

Once a Presbyterian church, the building had been abandoned and in disrepair since 2003, and targeted for demolition. EVO’s director of operations, Ryan England, a Garfield resident with a background in civil engineering, said that it took hundreds of corporate volunteers, Habitat for Humanity workers and many other dedicated souls, working mostly on Saturdays, to transform the first-floor space into a usable community center.

“We relied heavily on Pittsburgh Cares [which partners nonprofits with volunteers]. It was over \$100,000 worth of labor,” he estimated. EVO received donations of everything from building materials to plants and a piano. Professionals, including the project’s architect, also donated services.

The upstairs sanctuary is still in progress. A tour of the unfinished space, with its majestic vaulted ceiling, suggests it will be a beautiful venue for the congregation’s services, once completed.

“It’s not a lot of work that’s left to be done, but some of it is very expensive,” England noted. “About \$1.25 million in costs. That’s our big constraint.” ♦


BELOW: One of several bright and colorful afterschool areas in the newly renovated EVO community center. Photo by Paula Martinac



## Lawrenceville Is “Neighborhood of the Year”



**Lawrenceville** – Lawrenceville was named “Neighborhood of the Year” by the Clean Pittsburgh Commission at the annual Clean Pittsburgh Stewards Meet and Green on March 22 at the Schenley Park Ice Rink. During the event, Lawrenceville United (LU) staff Becky Thatcher and Lauren Byrne accepted a Bob Award, named after the late Mayor Bob O’Connor, for their cleaning and greening efforts in Lawrenceville in 2011; they are pictured above with Mrs. Judy O’Connor and City Council Member Corey O’Connor. Throughout 2011, LU collected 10,000 pounds of trash and debris, planted more than 300 flowers and close to 40 trees, stewarded five community gardens and made hundreds of trips up and down Butler Street and Penn Avenue cleaning sidewalks, tree pits and alleyways. LU and its partners have even more planned throughout 2012. There will be a community clean-up event on the third Saturday of each month from May to October. In addition, 72 trees will be planted in a single planting event as part of the TreeVitalize program through Western PA Conservancy, and a new vegetable garden for the community will be seeded. For a complete listing of clean-ups and greening projects underway in Lawrenceville, visit the community calendar at [www.lunited.org](http://www.lunited.org) or call 412-802-7220. ♦



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# Historic Highland Building Gets New Life

By Margaret Graham *East Liberty Development Inc.*

*East Liberty* – A groundbreaking ceremony on April 16 marked the official start of a project long in the making.

During the 25-year vacancy of the Highland Building, six developers tried and failed to rehab the historic property. High costs and a lack of parking made the project nearly impossible. Now thanks to tax credits and a \$4.5 million state grant for a parking garage, this historic building will get the care and use it deserves.

Highland Wallace Joint Venture, a partnership of Walnut Capital and Massaro Properties, is the developer on the Walnut on Highland project, which will include more than 100 apartments, a parking garage and retail space.

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and sits in the middle of a National Historic District. The project will be an historic renovation and adaptive reuse, making use of the space in a new way while paying respect to what Henry Clay Frick built 102 years ago with architect Daniel Burnham.

As Pittsburgh's star continues to rise in the national media's eyes, said Walnut Capital President Todd Reidbord, East Liberty will continue to be noticed for projects just like the Walnut on Highland.

"The world is watching," said Reidbord. "People are coming here to see how we're so successful."



ABOVE: Breaking ground for the redevelopment of the historic Highland Building in East Liberty. Photo by Margaret Graham

"This has been a long time coming," noted Mayor Luke Ravenstahl. "This project sits at a critical spot in the heart of East Liberty."

Mayor Ravenstahl thanked state Sen. Jim Ferlo, as well as former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell and current Governor Tom Corbett for their support in making the dream of rehabbing the Highland Building a reality.

Reidbord and Dave Massaro, president of Massaro Properties, thanked Mayor Ravenstahl's administration as well as all the private- and public-sector partners who made the project possible.

Pittsburgh District 9 Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess, Sen. Ferlo, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Pam Collier and Maelene Myers from East Liberty Development Inc. and Lars Olander of the East Liberty Quarter Chamber of Commerce also shared remarks.

Rev. Dr. Randy Bush of East Liberty Presbyterian Church gave the invocation, and spoke to the mood in East Liberty as revitalization continues.

"Change comes not because of plans and financing, but because of spirit," he said. ♦

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## EYESORE OF THE MONTH

### One Man's Spoils Can Be Another Man's Riches

By Aggie Brose Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Garfield* – BGC's eyesore of the month for May is in Garfield, at 5148 Hillcrest Street. According to the Allegheny County real estate website, the recorded owner is William D. Clemm. He acquired the property in October, 1992 for \$19,500. The tax bill mailing address is 4632 Whitehall Drive, Cleveland, OH 44121-4115. The property taxes have not been paid in years, and the property is not being maintained.

The property was nominated by nearby neighbors, who said it had been vandalized by "midnight plumbers" stealing the water pipes. Neighbors said they witnessed vandals coming out of the house and called the police. They reported to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation that the police did respond to the call.

BGC staff visited the property and found it to be abandoned and in great disrepair. It is presently boarded up on the first-floor level, but only in the front of the house. The front porch is piled high with old carpeting and debris, and the front yard, which is enclosed by a broken, rusted fence, is overgrown with weeds. The second-floor windows are broken, with glass lying on the porch roof and in the gutter.

The backyard is completely engulfed with junk such as old chairs and tires and overgrown weeds. It looked like someone had cared for the sloping yard at one time, as there were clumps of wild herbs, suggesting an herb garden.

BGC contacted the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI) record room. The record indicates a current violation for dangerous conditions and property maintenance issued

on April 3, 2012. There have also been 15 previous inspections from 2005 through 2010. BBI also informed us that the building is not condemnable.

BGC tried to locate the recorded owner, Mr. Clemm, in Cleveland, and found that the property where he was receiving tax bills was foreclosed on November 16, 2010 and placed on the sheriff's sale on December 12, 2011.

BGC called all the phone numbers related to this address, and none were in service. Staff also checked the obituaries and did not find any death notices for Clemm, so we would assume that he is out there somewhere ... but where?

So we now have a property adjacent to a homeowner who is very concerned that vandals will return and set the house on fire. This house poses a threat not only to the nearby neighbors, but also to the entire community. It robs them of their peace of mind and all of Garfield's homeowners of the value of the equity in their homes.

At press time, we learned that there could possibly be a resolution to this problem. A neighborhood resident is reportedly looking into getting the property placed in the City Treasurer's Sale, so that he can acquire it affordably and rehab it. *The Bulletin* will continue to follow up on this development and keep our readers informed.

There are a lot of hidden gems such as this one in Garfield that could be acquired through the Treasurer's Sale process. For more information, contact the City of Pittsburgh Department of Finance. Responsible



ABOVE: This abandoned bungalow on Hillcrest commands a panoramic view of the city. Photo by Paula Martinac

homeowners could call such properties home, instead of having them end up on a demolition list.

Hillcrest Street is the magnificent view of the city, which alone is worth the effort involved in saving this quaint little bungalow. ♦

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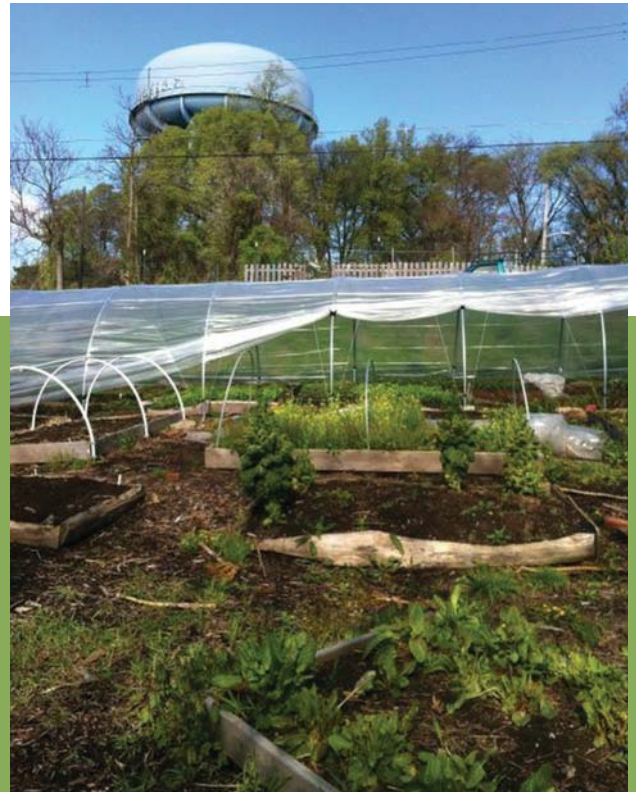
**Garfield Community Farm Adds Market in Fourth Year**

By Melinda Maloney *The Bulletin*

*Garfield* - Garfield Community Farm, now in its fourth growing season, exceeded founder John Creasy's expectations from the start.

"When we first started, we wanted to create a small community garden somewhere in Garfield, imagining that we would find a vacant lot. What we found was nearly 25 contiguous vacant lots up at the top at Garfield with three acres of land," Creasy, associate pastor at the Open Door Church in Highland Park, said.

The farm has surpassed Creasy's hopes not only in physical breadth, but in its scope as well. When the project began, he envisioned that it would be a community garden to grow food for Garfield residents. After an outpouring of support from churches, members of the community and funding organizations, it has become much more than that.



ABOVE: Garfield Community Farm sits high up on the hill, just below the water tower. Photo courtesy Garfield Community Farm

**"It's pretty difficult to get fresh produce when you live at the top of the hill in Garfield ..."**

"It's become a much larger project since [its start] because we ended up finding more land and support than we ever imagined," Creasy said.

For the first time this year, Garfield Community Farm will offer a farmers market from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Valley View Presbyterian Church, located at N. Aiken and Black Street. The market is slated to open by the first week of June, but might debut as early as mid-May.

The farm currently donates produce to Valley View's monthly food bank, and also offers community-supported agriculture (CSA) to about a dozen local families. The families who sign up for a CSA get a box of seasonal vegetables from the farm every week for 20 weeks. Creasy said participants in the CSA are mainly those who "want to make a significant lifestyle change by eating a lot more fruits and vegetables." The farmers market aims to reach those who "just want to buy some tomatoes."

Creasy hopes that the farmers market will allow more people in Garfield to access produce. "We know it's pretty difficult to get fresh produce when you live at the top of the hill in Garfield. We want to provide that service to everyone who lives up here," he said.

To meet that goal, the market will accept Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers, which are given through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Creasy is looking into how they can accept EBP cards.

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## How to Grow a Farm continued



ABOVE: Garfield Community Farm's Cornelius Deppe snips fresh chives for use in salads. Photo by Paula Martinac

The farm also has a new educational component. This year, it introduced a field trip program, and a class from Pittsburgh Fort Pitt made the first visit there this spring. Student visitors learn about planting, harvesting and preparing fresh produce firsthand – even getting to eat salad they make from vegetables fresh from the ground.

Although Creasy looks to boost production this year, the farm has only two people on staff. Most of the work

gets done by volunteers around the neighborhood and through the Open Door and Valley View churches. Creasy estimates that about 80 to 100 different people a month volunteer at the farm, some of them during a weekly work day, which occurs on Thursdays from 5:30 until dark.

Those interested in volunteering or learning more at the farm can email [garfieldcommunityfarm@gmail.com](mailto:garfieldcommunityfarm@gmail.com) or visit <http://garfieldfarm.com>. ♦

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## Fire-Damaged Home Gets Far-flung Help

By Paula Martinac *The Bulletin*

**Stanton Heights** – Claudia Pickett and her family will soon have a livable home again on Rosecrest Place, thanks to local community organizations and a host of volunteers from locations across the country.

*The Bulletin* toured the damaged home at 5162 Rosecrest Place with Mervin Martin, Mrs. Pickett's son, who has orchestrated the restoration effort. He explained that the house, where his family has lived for 32 years, had two fires in 2010. One was the result of faulty electrical wiring in a bedroom, and the other was accidentally set in the kitchen by Mrs. Pickett, who has Alzheimer's disease. The house suffered extensive smoke and water damage to the interior and to the roof.

Mr. Martin called the United Way and the Salvation Army looking for help restoring the house. An M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh who was formerly employed as an IT auditor, Mr. Martin has been working as his mother's caretaker since 2004. The home is paid for, but the homeowner's insurance had lapsed several weeks before the first fire occurred.

He eventually found his way to The Pittsburgh Project, a faith-based nonprofit that helps low-income city homeowners aged 60 and older through its Home Repair Ministry. Most of the work is done by volunteer church and student groups who come from many places around the country.

"We began work at his house in March of 2011 with an Alternative Spring Break group from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City," Lauren Pfeiffer, homeowner services manager for The Pittsburgh Project, told *The Bulletin* in an email. The group was a mix of ages, including some families. In the summer of that year, church groups from Grand Rapids, Mich., Saint Charles, Ill. and Youngstown, Ohio, also lent a hand to the effort.

The Pittsburgh Project was back in early 2012 with groups from Forest Hills in Pittsburgh, Port Mathilda, Pa., and Hilliard, Ohio. The final group was a contingent of college students from Viterbo University in far-off LaCrosse, Wis., who worked on



ABOVE: Mervin Martin in front of one of his home's new windows. Photo by Paula Martinac

replacing the kitchen walls and repairing the roof for five days this past March.

"I praise God I was able to find these people," said Mr. Martin of The Pittsburgh Project. "They're a really great group."

Mr. Martin also applied to a home-improvement program for East End homeowners run by Garfield Jubilee Association. In this program, GJA reviews applications from homeowners seeking to make improvements to their properties, and then parcels out materials donated by Home Depot – everything from sheet rock and doors to toilets and laminate flooring. Jim Copeland, GJA's construction manager, even threw in a circular saw and sander.

"We have tools we use to teach construction skills," explained Copeland, "and we have more than we can use." With this assistance, Mr. Martin was able to make the basement of his mother's home livable while the rest of the property is under restoration.

"I couldn't have done this on my own," Mr. Martin commented. He estimates that it will take the rest of the spring and summer to complete the work. In the meantime, his mother is living safely in a nursing home, "but I hope to have her back home by August." ♦

## Convenience Store from page 1

store," Redondo claimed. "I wanted to be considerate of his family, so I gave him until the end of February to leave." But when March 1 rolled around, Redondo's leniency was met with apparent defiance – and Brian & Cooper's lawyer.

As reported in the November issue of *The Bulletin*, Redondo has been planning a new, family-friendly spot that would offer gourmet coffee, breakfast and lunch foods and craft beers. "I've been going to food shows," explained Redondo. "I have everything planned, even the kind of sandwiches I want."

He said he plans to run the new establishment himself and be on-site every day. "I don't want neighbors to have to deal with panhandlers and the type of clientele the store currently attracts, like people

who start drinking 40-oz. malt liquors at 9 a.m."

Redondo had been lining up suppliers and contractors and getting his financing in order with the intention of opening this summer. He said he estimates the cost of build-out and set-up for the new business at about \$250,000.

But now he must add his own lawyer's fees into the cost. "I wasn't planning on this kind of expense," he told *The Bulletin*.

"Nick came to the community meetings. He didn't hide," said Aggie Brose, deputy director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. "He took a bashing from the neighbors. It's not his fault Brian & Cooper is still there." ♦

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## Abandoned Buildings from page 1

5009, 5011 and 5019 Penn Avenue. Now, these properties are either in the process of changing hands or have changed hands recently.

4827 Penn Avenue sits at the northwest corner of Penn and N. Millvale. It was owned by Amram and Charlotte Onyundo since 1985. In fact, the property was actively used at one time by Mr. Onyundo. After his death, the property fell into disuse. It was regularly tagged by graffiti writers, and its windows were vandalized.

Over several years, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) kept in touch with Mrs. Onyundo, asking her to take some corrective action, offering to help find her a responsible tenant or buyer and sometimes helping to remove graffiti from the property. In multiple meetings with Mrs. Onyundo in 2011, she emphasized that 4827 Penn and other properties she owns in Garfield were "her husband's business," with which she didn't interfere or become involved, even after his passing. At least one of her properties was torn down by the City; the cost of this demolition was charged to her.

Eventually, the deteriorating condition and appearance of 4827 Penn prompted BGC to contact the city's Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI). Inspector Jack McGoogan of BBI, in addition to issuing warnings and then later securing fines from Housing Court against the property, had several informal conversations with Mrs. Onyundo, one of which led to a meeting with potential buyers Joe Lewis and Brad Yoder.

In February, the Big Ham Group, whose principals are Lewis and Yoder, bought the property and began renovations almost immediately. They are currently seeking a tenant for the space. Big Ham has rejuvenated several properties on Mount Washington, including 313-324 Bigham

Street, which was renovated using a loan from the city's Urban Redevelopment Authority.

Buildings at 5009 and 5011 Penn Avenue were similarly mothballed by Cheryl and David Killian, the owners of record since 2005. They have also owned 5019 Penn Avenue, another neglected property, since 1997. Neighbors near these properties have complained to BGC, BBI, and the city's 311 line for several years, regarding illegal squatters, deteriorating roofs and wood-chuck infestation. These unoccupied structures were unsecured, completely overgrown with rear yards. According to Jason Sauer of 5015 Penn, the roofs of 5009 and 5019 developed serious breaches during the winter of 2009.

Following several years of on-and-off contacts with the Killians, BGC decided to pursue a more aggressive strategy to address the serious deterioration of the roofs at 5009 and 5019. After a Housing Court hearing before district magistrate Ron Costa last fall, substantial fines related to building code violations were handed down against the Killians. Soon afterwards, the properties were condemned by BBI. Things took a decided turn for the better, however, in late December when the Killians agreed to transfer ownership of all three buildings to the BGC.

On March 12, the board of the BGC voted to sell 5019 Penn to Kristian Kaseman, a local woodworker with a studio in the 5100 block of Penn Avenue. On April 9, the board voted to sell 5009-11 Penn to Nathan Hall, whose recent building renovation projects include several historic homes in East Liberty. Both new owners plan to begin repairs immediately and to have their roofs and first-floor spaces fully repaired within the next 18 months; the roof at 5019 has already been plied and sealed. ♦

## Facelift on Penn



ABOVE: Owner Nathan Hausler is replacing the 10 second-story windows of 5110-5118 Penn Ave. and updating the trim and signboards of the first-floor storefronts. Over one-third of the cost is being paid for by a grant from the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative. Eastern Hairlines and ARTica Boutique are two of the long-term storefront tenants. Photo by Rich Engel

## Grant Helps Garfield Computer Lab Offer G.E.D. Prep

By Melinda Maloney *The Bulletin*

**Garfield** - As of the beginning of April, more than 2,000 people had visited the Pittsburgh CONNECTS free computer labs in Garfield and Homewood. Jim Lenkner, project coordinator for Pittsburgh CONNECTS, hopes a \$25,000 grant these labs received from the Poise Foundation will help even more local residents avail themselves of their resources.

With the grant, Pittsburgh CONNECTS has added 20 more laptops each to its Garfield and Homewood labs. Lenkner noted that the laptops are easily transportable. "That enables Homewood and Garfield to have more resources and share them with other locations. They will become available to the whole community," Lenkner said. The Garfield lab is located at 5321 Penn Avenue, while the Homewood-Brushton lab is in the Homewood-Brushton YMCA at 7140 Bennett Street.

The grant will introduce more educa-

tional resources to the labs through new G.E.D. test preparation software from Access 21st Century and NovaNet, a K-12 academic program that helps students recover coursework and enhance learning. In the Garfield lab, Mondays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. are dedicated G.E.D. preparation time, but computers can be accessed to study on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from noon to 6 p.m. The Homewood lab is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

The Garfield lab is closely tied to the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, with which it shares space. "A lot of the ENEC's activities are in partnership with Pittsburgh CONNECTS. We like to share resources," Lenkner said. He added that Pittsburgh CONNECTS will work more closely with Homewood's Career and

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## West Penn from page 3

commit \$475 million to the effort. "We cannot stand passively by," noted Rice, while WPAHS – and choice – flounders.

The commissioner questioned Baum and Rice about the amount of investment in WPAHS, wondering if \$475 million was enough to "rescue" the system. Rice assured him that, under the affiliation plan, WPAHS "will become cash-flow positive," allowing it to compete effectively with UPMC.

On the flip side, WPAHS leaders painted a grim picture of what would happen if the affiliation does not meet the commissioner's approval. Dr. Keith Ghezzi, acting CEO of WPAHS, warned that "the impact to employment would be devastating" if WPAHS was forced to close, given that it employs almost 12,000 people.

During the public comment portion of the hearing, two neighborhood group

leaders gave impassioned appeals to approve the affiliation. Karla Owens, executive director of Bloomfield Development Corporation, shared her speaking time with colleague Aggie Brose, deputy director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. "It was a dark day when the [West Penn] ER closed," Owens told the panel. The fate of West Penn Hospital, she noted, "impacts over 700 businesses ... plus property owners around the hospital."

"We are blessed to have Highmark in our lives at this time," Brose added. "We need choice." She encouraged the commissioner to reach a decision "as fast as you can ... You have no idea the uncertainty this is having on our residents' lives."

The commissioner did not announce when he would make his final decision. ♦

## Gallery Owner Plans Art Car Exhibition

By Christine Bethea *Bulletin Contributor*

Garfield – Angel Jackson, a singer from Mt. Oliver, was shooting a video at the same time that Jason Sauer was giving this interview in his gallery, Most Wanted Fine Art, on 5015 Penn Avenue. This was not an unusual night for Sauer, who hosts this sort of thing all the time.

"People rent my space for just about anything in the arts," says Sauer. "One day we're doing concerts, the next we're printing T-shirts. We're open very late some evenings."

Sauer's strong work ethic comes from a classic Pennsylvania upbringing. His mother, who always encouraged him, advised, "Learn a good trade, son. Then you can do your artwork."

Most members of the Sauer family were in the auto business, including auto racing. It was through his mother's boyfriend, a printmaker, that Sauer got his first glimpse of the art world. And looking back, Sauer says he can see all the benefits of having learned both mechanics and art, especially when an opportunity comes along to blend the two jobs.

"I've been thinking for a while how we need to expand on all the good things happening here on Penn Avenue," he says. "We have a house tour, our Green & Screen projects. Our monthly art crawl plays host to techie events like the GA/GI Fest, but we can always do more." So Sauer has begun plans for a new event to premiere in the fall.

On the first Friday in October, during Unblurred – which coincides with Most Wanted Fine Art's fifth anniversary – the gallery will host an exhibit called "Print Kings." It will feature two of Sauer's mentors

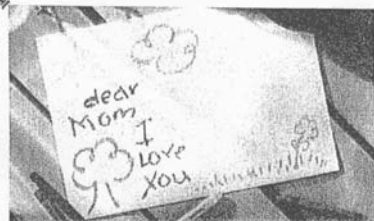
– Scott Frish, a professor from Texas, and John Lysak, from his alma mater, Edinboro University. Then on Saturday, October 6, Sauer has planned a full-scale street exhibition from 1 to 5 p.m. with a mega fleet of art cars.

"'Vehicular Abstraction' will be a juried exhibit," Sauer reports, "with celebrity judges." Judges include City Councilman Bill Peduto and George Patterson, two-time winner of the Pittsburgh Grand Prix.

Sauer's Army background makes him the perfect choice to round up this kind of colorful motorcade. He's got the strategy all laid out in his mind and knows what he wants. "When I say art, I mean I want art," he says. "Painted cars; cars with seashells glued on 'em. Not just the usual detailing. Fun and funky. I have 20 cans of Montana spray paint donated by Artists and Craftsman Supply, and the people to use them. We're going to have lots of beautiful cars displayed right in the heart of the Garfield."

Another part of the program is the "live" painting segment in which artists will bring their prepped cars and have three hours to complete a design in the hope of winning prizes. With many galleries open, and good food and music available, there will be plenty to keep the day moving along. Registering a car is only \$20, with a percentage of the proceeds to benefit the Red Cross.

"I see many more daytime activities rounding out our Penn Avenue event schedule," Sauer says. "We need to expand our Saturday programming, especially the day following Unblurred." ♦



### Reflecting on Mother's Day

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

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## Computer Lab from page 11

Workforce Development Center, also located in the Homewood-Brushton YMCA, in the future.

The grant also has a health component. Pittsburgh CONNECTS has partnered with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Nursing to provide health education and the West Penn Allegheny Health System to provide health assessment services. The project aims to teach participants how to use the Internet to find good, useful information about their health.

Although the project is three-pronged – seeking to use technology in the areas of education, employment, and health – Pittsburgh CONNECTS has an overall goal: “to provide rich resources so people will adopt technology at home,” according to Lenkner.

“These communities typically don’t use technology as frequently or efficiently as some others, so the government and city are willing to help with resources and

training,” he said.

Pittsburgh CONNECTS, a project of the Neighborhood Learning Alliance, was born out of a federally funded grant, which allowed for the creation of public computer labs in Garfield, Homewood, the Hilltop area of the South Side and the Hill District. The Poise Foundation's Hope Fund is augmenting that funding specifically in Homewood and Garfield. Councilman Ricky Burgess, who represents District 9, which includes Garfield and Homewood, founded the Hope Fund.

Pittsburgh CONNECTS received funding specifically from the Hope Fund's Neighborhood Needs program, which funds projects that benefit the community at large. These labs offer free programs for youth, job-seekers, and those simply seeking to learn more about how computers can improve their day-to-day lives. Stop by either location to learn more about its resources. ♦

## Progressive Dinner from page 1



ABOVE: Hayley Nielsen as Lauren and Alex Falberg as Humphrey in the feature film “Progression.” Movie still courtesy Gab Cody and Sam Turich

salad-hosting in which several of the ingredients never made it onto the plate,” Cody said.

Despite a tenuous first experience, that dinner provided the inspiration for Cody and partner Sam Turich's feature-length film, “Progression,” slated for release next winter.

“We were captivated by the idea that the progressive dinner is an event whose entire purpose is for the enjoyment of the community,” Cody said. “It’s a magical evening when you go into strangers’ homes, and you meet people from the neighborhood you’d never meet.”

That first evening, Cody and Turich met a lot of strangers – they had moved to Lawrenceville from New York just six weeks before the dinner. Although Turich grew up in Point Breeze, Cody was new to the area. “I got pregnant, and we decided that we wanted to live somewhere where we could continue to create art. We decided that Pittsburgh, for the size of the city, had so many more cultural events happening, so much more art, so much more theater than the other places we looked at that were comparable,” Cody said.

The dinner validated Cody and Turich's decision to settle in Lawrenceville. The couple was thrilled to meet “interesting, funny, smart, and strange people” and knew they had chosen the right neighborhood for settling down.

The quirkiness of that experience – and the dinners they attended in the following years – inspired “Progression,” although only a few specific events from the dinners made it into the film. “I think that our

overall experience absolutely informs the movie. There’s a couple in the film who meets and falls in love. One of the original 12 founders of the dinner and his wife met over the course of the progressive dinner. That is certainly an inspiration,” Cody said.

According to Cody, the film exaggerates real events to make them into comedy. “Luckily, some of the things that happen in the movie didn’t happen at the dinner – or it wouldn’t still be going on!” Cody laughed, mentioning a birth and some physical alterations that take place in the film.

Cody hopes that the film will not only convey the magic of the progressive dinner – a night she describes as “outside our normal doings and realities” – but of Pittsburgh as well. “We hope it will reveal the urbane, witty, progressive, contingent of folks who live in Pittsburgh, not just in Lawrenceville,” she said.

She also thinks the film will express the strong sense of community in Pittsburgh and the fact that many of its residents have deep roots with a strong identification in the city.

“I think the movie will reveal those two things that are in concert – the deep roots of the community that create a real identification with the neighborhood and the urbane, Paris of the Appalachia identity,” Cody said.

Cody and Turich have planned their own progressive dinner to raise money for the film for June 16. If you are interested in attending or would like to learn more about the film, email [progressionfilm@gmail.com](mailto:progressionfilm@gmail.com). For more information, visit [progressionmovie.com](http://progressionmovie.com). ♦



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Attention all 16- to 24-year-old job seekers. Youth-LINK and the PA CareerLink sponsor the 6th annual "Youth Career Fair" from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 William Penn Place. Meet hiring employers, talk to representatives from colleges and universities, and discuss your goals with experts. You'll receive a career fair bag filled with great gifts and have the chance to win door prizes. For more information, contact Youth-LINK at 412-632-1719.

**GARFIELD****PowerPoint Basics**

From 6 to 7 p.m., learn how to make professional looking presentations and slideshows with Microsoft PowerPoint at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Ave. Use the same tool that businesses and students use to present all their projects and ideas. Call 412-567-3891 to sign up via message.

May 7

**GARFIELD****Movers/Drivers Wanted**

Wanted: professional movers and drivers, experience desired but not required. Must be at least 21 and have a valid drivers' license and clean driving record for a rewarding career: travel, etc. Call ENEC at 412-362-8580 to reserve a seat for the 10 a.m. company presentation and pre-hire interviews at 5321 Penn Avenue.

May 8

**EAST LIBERTY****Dancer Auditions**

Kate Watson-Wallace will hold auditions for the anonymous bodies' new work, Mash Up Bodies from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater's Dance Alloy Studio at 5530 Penn Avenue. Call-backs will take place on May 9 from 5 to 8 pm.

**EAST LIBERTY****Microsoft Word Basics**

From noon to 1:30 p.m., come to the Carnegie Library East Liberty, 130 South Whitfield Street, to learn how to insert, delete, select, copy, cut, paste, format and drag/drop text in Microsoft Word. Call to sign up via message: 412-254-4007.

May 9

**GARFIELD****Job Search**

From 6 to 7 p.m. at 5321 Penn Avenue, learn about the key strategies to a successful job search and how to put them into effect in your job search. Please call 412-362-8580 to pre-register.

May 10

**GARFIELD****Microsoft Word Basics**

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May 11

**EAST LIBERTY****Resume Writing**

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., this training, offered at the Carnegie Library East Liberty at 130 South Whitfield Street and conducted by author Walter Fortson will teach you how to make your resume as effective as possible. Call to sign up via message: 412-254-4007.

**GARFIELD****HomeInstead**

HomeInstead seeks compassionate caregivers for one-on-one home care for seniors. No nursing cert. required but access to a car is strongly preferred. Call 412-362-8580 to reserve a seat for the 11 a.m. company presentation and pre-hire interviews at 5321 Penn Avenue. An additional session will be held on May 16th at 11 a.m.

May 12

**FRIENDSHIP****Flower and Folk Festival**

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Baum Grove (intersection of Harriet, Fairmount and Roup), come to the Friendship Flower and Folk Festival for music, fresh flowers, food, raffles, demonstrations and good times. Sponsored by Friendship - the Neighborhood, the event features locally grown flowers, vegetables, herbs and perennials for sale to support

the maintenance of Baum Grove. There will also be demonstrations on sustainable practices, gardening, and fitness and several activities for kids.

May 14

**GARFIELD****Bank Hiring**

At 10 a.m. at the ENEC at 5321 Penn Avenue, meet with First Commonwealth recruiters to begin your finance career. Call 412-362-8580 with questions.

May 15

**GARFIELD****Microsoft Excel Basics**

Our Excel class from 6 to 7 p.m. at 5321 Penn Avenue can teach you how to make a budget, track your spending, and more! Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

**EAST LIBERTY****Microsoft Excel Basics**

From noon to 1:30 p.m., this course, at the Carnegie Library East Liberty, 130 South Whitfield Street, will teach you how to work with a spreadsheet, create and manage a budget, and input basic formulas in Microsoft Excel. Call 412-254-4007 to sign up via message.

May 16

**GARFIELD****AARP WorkSearch**

Mature workers are valued and sought after by many companies and organizations. Come meet AARP WorkSearch representatives at 10 a.m. at the ENEC, 5321 Penn Avenue, and find out how you can be matched with a local employer in need of your skills. Please call 412-362-8580 to register.

May 16

**GARFIELD****Decision Workshop**

From 6 to 8 p.m. at this ENEC workshop, at 5321 Penn Avenue, you will take a deeper look at knowing yourself, your interests, aptitudes, teamwork styles, experiences and potential barriers to success, and how these relate to your personal choice of careers, schools, and in-demand jobs. Please call 412-362-8580 to register.

May 17

**GARFIELD****Microsoft Word Basics 2**

Following our Word Basics class, continue to learn how to create more appealing documents for personal or professional use from 2 to 3 p.m. at 5321 Penn Avenue. Topics may include but are not limited to text effects, template files, team document reviewing, etc. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

**GARFIELD****Excel: Charts and Graphs**

From 6 to 7 p.m., at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue, learn the beauty of turning hard data into graphical charts. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

May 20

**GARFIELD****Any Given Sundae!**

From 5-7 p.m. kick-off the summer months with an evening of ice cream at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue. All are welcome to come make a sundae on Sunday, use our lab computers, and get together with friends. Call 412-567-3891 to sign up via message.

May 21

**GARFIELD****Allegiance Staffing**

Need a job now? Allegiance Staffing will be on-site at 10 a.m. for more than 100 immediate openings for skilled labor positions, warehousing, drivers, production workers, servers, administration, maintenance workers, and many more. Background check and drug test will be conducted prior to hiring. Must call ENEC at 412-362-8580 to make an appointment for this hiring session.

May 22

**EAST LIBERTY****Power Point Basics**

From noon to 1:30 p.m., come to the Carnegie Library East Liberty, 130 South Whitfield Street, to learn about Power Point: the tools you need to present any type of information on any subject to any type or size audience. Call to sign up via message: 412-254-4007.

May 23

**GARFIELD****SMART Goal Setting**

Come to the ENEC at 5321 Penn Avenue from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to learn how to set Specific Measurable Action oriented and Realistic goals with Time-frames (or SMART Goals) and get FREE tools and templates to help you, your family or organization set goals, strategies, and projected outcomes. Call 412-362-8580 with questions.

May 24

**GARFIELD****Excel: Financial Formulas**

From 6 to 7 p.m. at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue, learn to use Excel to find out how much you need to pay monthly for a general loan, to calculate principle and interest per loan payment, find the future value of an investment, and much more. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

**Sorry, we do not accept listings over the phone.**

The Bulletin Board publishes listings of volunteer opportunities, free or low-cost events and classes, fundraising events and services that are of particular interest to our neighborhoods. Listings published on a space-available basis. **Announcements for the JUNE issue are due TUESDAY, MAY 15, via email submission to [bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:bulletin@bloomfield-garfield.org).**



# Volunteer Opportunities & Services

May 25

## EAST LIBERTY

### Live Debt-Free

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., learn how to build wealth, starting with exciting first steps that will rid you of toxic debt at the Carnegie Library East Liberty, 130 South Whitfield Street. New ways to help you stay free of the sticky grip of indebtedness so that stress is reduced and life can be enjoyed. Call 412-254-4007 to sign up.

May 30

## GARFIELD

### Omni William Penn

Recruiters from the Omni William Penn Hotel will be on-site at the ENEC, 5321 Penn Avenue, at 10 a.m. to fill a range of open hospitality and tourism positions. Positions available in housekeeping, front desk attendant, banquet service, and many more. Call the ENEC at 412-362-8580 to reserve a seat for the company presentation and pre-hire interviews.

## GARFIELD

### JobCorps of Pittsburgh

From 6 to 7:30 p.m., explore opportunities after high school and a wide range of career paths sponsored by JobCorps. These include apprenticeships, vocational tracks, and CCAC degrees. Recruiters will be on-hand at the ENEC, 5321 Penn Avenue, to meet youth and young adults ages 16-24. Call 412-362-8580 to RSVP.

May

## LAWRENCEVILLE

### Art Market

Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 12 and 13th, come to 4128 Butler Street to visit the Art Market. The Art Market features the work of artists with disabilities who work in Milestone, including jewelry, candles, and other unique decorative items. You can also order customized T-shirts with the artwork of your choice printed on it.

### ENEC Drop-In Sessions

Every Thursday from 9 to 10 p.m. Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center offers a weekly drop-in session to help you work on resume writing and format, cover letter development, job application process, career search and more at The Zone, 5217 Butler Street. Call to sign up: 412-465-0850.

### Computer Basics

Every Thursday during our ENEC session from 10:00 to 11 a.m. come to The Zone in Lawrenceville, 5217 Butler Street, and learn the basics of computers. Bring any questions and our Hands-On-Tech staff will be here to answer and teach you the basics of using a computer. Call to sign up via message: 412-465-0850.

### Church Services

Visit the Door of Hope Community Church, 5225 Holmes Street, every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for a

Church Service. We also offer Sunday School for all age groups, plus Christians in Recovery, at 10:00 a.m. We also have an Excellence in Relationships Study beginning on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rudy Coleman and all of us would love to meet you. For any additional information, please call us at 412-781-6440, email us at dohcc@dohcc.net or check out our Facebook page for our calendar and updates on activities.

### Garden Tour

If you are interested in showcasing your garden or getting involved by volunteering in the Lawrenceville Garden Tour on June 16, please contact the Lawrenceville Hospitality Association at kateb1950@gmail.com. All types and sizes of gardens are welcome: flowers, herbs, containers, shrubs, etc. Maps will be available at the Allegheny Cemetery. Time of the tour to be announced.

## GARFIELD

### Free Netbook Giveaway

Pittsburgh CONNECTS, 5321 Penn Avenue, and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation will be giving away a free Netbook computer at the beginning of June. Sign up with us for the first time, or bring a family member or friend for a free entry to win! Contest winner will be pulled on Saturday, June 16th at 1 p.m. Call for contest details at 412-362-8580.

### GED Open Preparation

Mondays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue, are dedicated time to come and work on a GED with the Access 21st Century GED preparation program. Study preparation software with practice tests assist in completing a degree. Although this time is set aside for GED use, computers can be accessed to study at any time Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and weekends from noon to 6 p.m. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891. Closed May 28.

### Adult Computer Lessons

Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. come to Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue, and learn the basics of computers. Bring any questions and our Hands-On Tech staff will be here to answer and teach you the basics of using a computer. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891. Closed May 28.

### Study Sessions

Mondays 5 to 9 p.m. are dedicated open sessions for 9th -12th grade students to complete end-of-year assignments and work on final test preparations at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue. Although this time is set aside for study, computers can be accessed to study at any time Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and weekends from noon to 6 p.m. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891. Closed May 28.

### Homework Sessions

Tuesdays 5 to 9 p.m. are open sessions for students K-8 to complete homework, research, and finals preparation at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue. Parents and guardians are welcome to come and assist students, or use computers for personal use while here with their children. Although this time is set aside for study, computers can be accessed to study at any time Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and weekends from noon to 6 p.m. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

## Construction Training

Register for Garfield Jubilee's state-approved construction training program to become certified in core construction skills, receive an OSHA 10-hour completion card, and learn or enhance your construction skills. This free training will prepare you for Section 3 jobs with local and national construction companies. To enroll contact Michelle Massie, program coordinator, at 412-661-7982 or mmassie@garfieldjubilee.org.

## Internet Basics

On Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Learn about the possibilities the internet can provide through basic navigation skills and how to use the internet to your advantage at Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

## Computer ABCs

On Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m., come to Pittsburgh Connects, 5321 Penn Avenue, to discover the basics of the computer from clicking the mouse to saving and attaching files. Call to sign up via message: 412-567-3891.

## UPMC Hiring Workshops

UPMC has many career options every day (over 1500), and this ENEC effort, every Thursday at 10 a.m. at 5321 Penn Avenue will bring you right to UPMC and also has guaranteed interviews for successful candidates who match job and hiring

needs and pass the POWRR steps and job requirements.

## Summer Jobs

Positions across many fun jobs - including at the zoo, Kennywood, Sandcastle, and more are being filled now for the summer. Call ENEC for details at 412-362-8580 and join us Wednesdays at 5 p.m. for YouthLINK nights.

## PNC Hiring Workshops

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., you can take the first steps toward your new career at the ENEC, 5321 Penn Avenue. Attend the full series of free workshops and assessments, and gain a guaranteed interview if you're a good fit for a banking or finance career. Call 412-362-8580 for more information.

## EAST END

### Summer Day Camp

Seeds of Hope Church Earthen Vessels Outreach announces its 11th year of summer day camp. Mondays and Fridays from June 18th to July 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., the camp includes hot breakfast and lunch. The morning will feature Bible study, math, reading, and computers, and afternoons will include sports, recreational activities, and arts and crafts. After-camp is available from 3:15 to 6 p.m. for \$20 weekly. Cost is \$240-\$340 for the entire summer. Scholarships and reduced rates are available based on income verification. Ages 4 to 14 can enroll, call 412-681-7272 or 412-414-2993.

# Classifieds

## Housing

**One-bedroom apartment** with small office or computer room. One-car garage, porch area and gas included. 409 South Pacific, Pgh, PA 15224. Rent \$865.00 monthly. Contact B. Murphy, 412-665-5208.

## Public Notice



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## Workshop

**What Is a Healthy Diet... And How Can I Get One?** Have you wanted to follow "a healthy diet" but felt confused about what that means and how to put it into practice? In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of healthy eating, including: understanding nutrition labels; portions versus servings; stocking a "healthy" pantry; balancing protein, carbs and fats; daily nutrient needs; and reducing your risk of chronic diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer. Led by Paula Martinac, M.A., M.S., nutrition educator/holistic health coach. Four Wednesday evenings, May 16 & 23, June 6 & 13, 6:30-7:45 p.m. The Nuin Center, 5655 Bryant Street, Highland Park. Cost: \$90; mention this ad for a \$10 discount. Class size is limited, so register early by calling 412-760-6809 or emailing Paula.NutritionU@gmail.com.

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**Summer youth employment – call 412-945-0562 for updated information**

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