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Meeting Highlights Different Housing Options in Garfield

If renting or owning a new or renovated home in the next couple of years is high on your list of priorities, then developments unfolding in Garfield would offer an array of attractive options.

This was the message from a community meeting held at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center on October 7, where about 30 people in attendance heard from six different non-profit and for-profit development groups. Each is working on projects, both large and small, that could be ready for a ground-breaking in the neighborhood by the fall of 2011. KBK Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), Open Hand Ministries (OHM), S & A Homes, and Garfield Jubilee Association (GJA) all have developments of their own, and are collaborating with one another, in some instances.

"This is really an investment in the human capital of our community," Aggie Brose, Deputy Director of the BGC, told the audience. "It isn't just putting dollars into bricks and mortar." Several of the developments will offer credit counseling and homebuyer education to those who apply, while others will have support services for individuals and families seeking to rent a new home.

Among all of the groups, 94 rental townhomes are due to be built, nine for-sale houses are to be constructed, and at least five houses are to undergo renovation for future sale. Some projects are already underway, such as the renovation of two large houses at 219

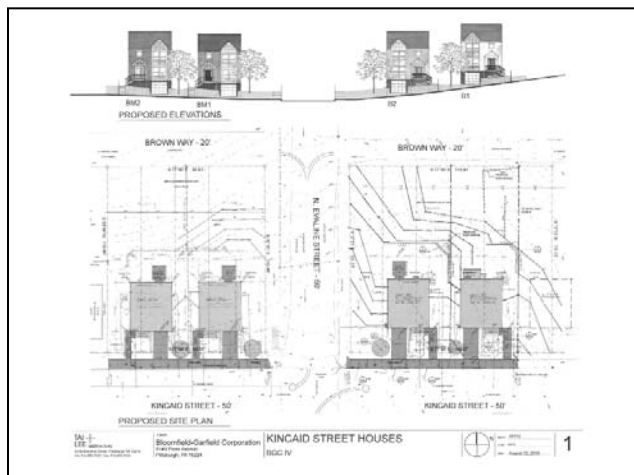
By Joe Reuben
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and 228 N. Fairmount Street by the BGC, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation. Each will have two apartments, one for the owner and one for a tenant.

Joann Monroe, executive director of GJA, announced that her organization will have a couple of homes available for purchase that will be a by-product of their Youthbuild construction training program. And Michael Stanton, the director of OHM, described the process his agency uses to identify and prepare people to buy the homes they renovate, as was the case recently with a house at 423 N. Fairmount Street (see related article, page 3). His goal is to make homeownership "possible for people who would otherwise be shut out from owning a home of their own."

Tisha Germany, a project manager with KBK Enterprises, briefed the crowd on the next 45 townhomes her firm will be building along Columbo Street as Phase III of the replacement of the Garfield Heights public housing project. At least half of the units will be reserved for individuals or families who qualify to live in public housing, and the rest will be available on the open market. Cory Luvrak, a manager with S & A Homes, shared plans next year to construct 49 rental townhomes on sites west of N. Atlantic Avenue on Dearborn, Broad, and Kincaid Streets. Twelve of the units will be designated for households receiving support services from East End Cooperative Ministries to

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ELEVATIONS AND SITE PLANS FOR FOUR NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT THIS WINTER IN THE 5100 BLOCK OF KINCAID STREET BY BLOOMFIELD-GARFIELD CORPORATION AND GARFIELD JUBILEE ASSOCIATION.

Pittsburgh CONNECTS Brings Innovative Technology Space to Region

Wireless Neighborhoods, a local youth-serving nonprofit, was recently awarded a \$750,000 federal economic stimulus grant to implement an exciting community technology project for the City. Pittsburgh CONNECTS (Creating an Organized Neighborhood Network to Enhance Community Technology Services) is a project designed to bring community organizations together with anchor institutions to open labs in four city neighborhoods: Garfield, East Liberty, the Hill District, and the South Hilltop. The ultimate goal is to increase the use of broadband technology by providing access, education and training, and connections to Web content and services for individuals in the city who may otherwise

lack access. Each lab will be equipped with 36 laptops, four multimedia desktops connected to broadband technology, and a training facility with a smart board. Community residents will be able to become members of the lab, giving them free access to technology and advance training. Members will also have the opportunity to check out laptops overnight and participate in an interest-free lease-to-own program. Members will be asked to put in some volunteer time at the lab in order to help support the sustainability of its operation.

In addition to being a computer learning space, these labs will also have the unique function of serving as

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The final deadline for all articles, ads, and Bulletin Board items for the December 2010 issue is **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010**. Placement is first-come, first-served. For more information: 412-441-6915.

New Afterschool Program Gears Up in Garfield

By Kirk Myers

Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.

The 2010 fall season has brought with it an exciting new afterschool program for local students in grades K-5. The program, which started September 28, currently has five staff members assisting 30 students with their school studies. With a focus on providing a safe environment for students after school, the staff walks students from Fort Pitt ALA to the afterschool site at the BGC Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Avenue, each day.

The program, a collaboration of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Family Resources, offers an academically enhancing experience for Garfield kids after the school day ends. The tutors use a curriculum built around academics, recreational activities, character development, and homework assistance. This afterschool program is offered to area families at no cost, thanks to funding from Wireless Neighborhoods.

For students in grades K-2, the tutors follow a course aligned with Pittsburgh Public School curriculum.

For students in grades 3-5, there is a concentration on practicing reading strategies and math skills to prepare them for the challenges of being Pittsburgh Promise-ready throughout high school. The staff also incorporates art projects and educational games into the learning process to provide a balanced set of learning tools for the students. To keep the students active and ready to learn, a hot meal is served along with a tasty snack at no extra cost to their families.

Earlier this month, the students took their first educational field trip to the Carnegie Science Center, where they were able to identify the real-world impact of the subjects they are studying. There will be more outside-the-classroom learning opportunities offered throughout the year. These trips provide students with hands-on learning opportunities they otherwise may not be afforded.

With the school year just getting underway, there is still time to enroll new students. The afterschool program runs six days a week, Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to enroll, please call 412-441-9833.

Tree Planting on Black Street

As reported in the October issue of *The Bulletin*, thanks

By Kathryn Vargas
Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.

character to this highly traveled street.

To the combined efforts of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, East Liberty Development Inc. and Negley Place Neighborhood Alliance, there will be 13 new street trees planted along Black Street later this month. The trees were awarded to the community by TreeVitalize, a program supported by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, with the goal of planting 20,000 trees in the City by 2012.

What makes this planting project unique is that it involves a collaboration between the Garfield and East Liberty neighborhoods. Black Street is something of a dividing line between the two communities, so this planting will have a positive impact on both. Representatives from Garfield and East Liberty believe the trees will bring a lot of

This is a community-supported planting. Part of the application process involved going door to door to property owners and receiving signed agreements that they would welcome and help care for a street tree if it were placed in front of their property. All 13 street trees have the support of the organizations involved and the community residents.

The BGC, ELDI, and Negley Place are currently looking for community volunteers to help out on the big tree-planting day. We invite community members of all ages to come out on November 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and help plant these trees. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer please, contact Gary Cirrincione at 412-661-2782 or visit <http://www.pittsburghforest.org/treeplanting2010> to register.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

[Regarding the Bulletin Board item on page 10 of the October *Bulletin* titled "L'ville Block Watch"] the official elected Pittsburgh Police block watch between 40th Street and Stanton Avenue below Butler Street is the People's Block Watch, which meets the second Wednesday of the month at 4825 Butler Street at 7 p.m. There is

only one block watch per area, and the advertised VSZT Block Watch is not it.

For further information contact Paul Smith at 412-687-3746 or Dorothy Tokarski at 412-683-7181.

Paul Smith
President, People's Block Watch



Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation board and staff members took to the phones on September 21 for the BGC's annual membership drive. WQED CEO Deborah Acklin generously donated phone bank space at the studios for the effort, which brought in both new members and renewals. Pictured from left above talking to potential donors are board member Jamita Poston and deputy director Aggie Brose. If we missed talking to you during the drive, or you haven't made your donation to the BGC yet, there's still time to do so. Just visit us online at www.bloomfield-garfield.org and click on the "Donate/Become a Member" button. You can make your donation via PayPal or print out a form to return in the mail with a check. You can also donate through the United Way; the BGC is Contributor Choice #260 (see page 6). Thanks to all who have helped make the 2010 membership drive better than last year's!

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING

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Open Hand Ministries Dedicates New Home on Fairmount

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

When Michael Stanton, director of Open Hand Ministries, first suggested that Linda Lighty purchase 423 N. Fairmount Street in Garfield, the building was nothing to speak of. Abandoned for six or seven years, the modest brick house, built in the 1920s, was filthy and blighted, requiring a lot of imagination to visualize it as a habitable space.

But on October 16th, Stanton and the Garfield community joined Ms. Lighty for a dedication and celebration of her completely renovated house. "Everything's so nice," Ms. Lighty says of her new home. "I like all the wood inside, and I like the [fenced-in] back yard," which is ideal for her two youngest children, aged 6 and 7.

"It was a big leap of faith," Stanton says. He credits Ms. Lighty with not only trusting him to help her through the first-time home-buying process, but also believing that he and his rehab team could turn the house into a quality place to live in a short amount of time. "She showed a lot of perseverance, hard work, and endurance," Stanton adds. "This was a remarkable example of faith."

Stanton says Open Hand identified 423 N. Fairmount three years ago as a good fit for its ministry. He and his team had already done work in the 300 and 500 blocks, and wanted to further stabilize the street. The mission of Open Hand is to provide low- to moderate-income families the opportunity for affordable homeownership by helping them purchase homes in stable blocks and surrounding them with "great neighbors" who become a sort of "community of care."

Working with Valley View Presbyterian Church, Stanton's ministry identified Ms. Lighty as a possible candidate for home ownership. She had been a longtime resident of the Garfield Heights public housing development, where she was raised, and also brought up her children. She had to vacate her home to make way for the construction of new rental housing on the site by KBK Enterprises.

Partnering with her and Garfield Jubilee Association, Open Hand Ministries helped boost what Stanton calls Ms. Lighty's "homeownership readiness," including extensive credit and finance counseling, and guide her through the mortgage process. She says that



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(ABOVE) OPEN HAND MINISTRIES' LATEST RENOVATED HOME IS ON A GOOD BLOCK OF NORTH FAIRMOUNT, SURROUNDED BY SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBORS. (RIGHT) THE KITCHEN IN THE MIDDLE OF A GUT RENOVATION.



Courtesy Open Hand Ministries

working with Stanton was "wonderful. He held my hand and walked me through the whole thing."

In addition, a unique aspect of Open Hand's mission is its continuing relationship with clients even after they move into their new homes. "Our clients are in our family now," Stanton points out. "We're not just talking about a house. We're talking about their whole being."

The rehab itself was "comprehensive," says Stanton. From February to June, 2010, the house was gutted, rewired, replumbed, insulated, and outfitted with a new boiler, roof, and windows, and refinished floors. His goal, Stanton observes, is sustainability — making home ownership affordable not just in terms of the mortgage, but also the monthly utility bills.


Also, "we like to add value to a

home," he notes, explaining why, for example, they opted for ceramic tile in the bathroom. "We're saying, 'You deserve this, you are valuable.'" All the while, Stanton keeps costs down by working with hundreds of volunteers supervised by trade skill professionals. For example, using four or five teams of five volunteers each, it was possible to install dry-wall in Ms. Lighty's house in two days instead of two weeks. Discounts from trade professionals allowed them to rewire the house for 60 percent of the market cost.

All this, Stanton says, demonstrates "the power of community. It's nothing short of a miracle."

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EYESORE OF THE MONTH

Nearby Neighbors Feel the Effects of Vacant Property

5472 Broad Street in Garfield has been nominated as this month's eyesore. According to the Allegheny County Real Estate website, the recorded owners are Paul and Lucille Robinson, whom a family member told the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation are both deceased. Records show that taxes are more than three years overdue. The current tax bill is being sent to another family member at 5442 Rosetta Street. According to the same family member, the disposition of the property at 5472 Broad is tied up in legal matters arising out of the estate of the late owners.

The house at 5472 Broad Street is currently vacant, with broken windows and in poor repair. There are bushes growing out of control, and the front is often cluttered with bottles, garbage, old shoes, and other debris. The garage in back has a roof that is starting to cave in. According to the Allegheny County Record Room, this property was condemned on March 4, 2009.

Nearby neighbors report having to help clean up and look after the vacant property. The attention they

have paid to it has played a large role in keeping the place in passable condition. However, prolonged vacancy and continued neglect will ultimately have a negative effect on nearby property values.

What is most damaging is that neighboring homeowners can be threatened with a loss of insurance coverage because of their proximity to vacant properties. The vacancy thus becomes a liability to other homes in the neighborhood, through no fault of homeowners who maintain their properties well. While

everyone has a right to own property, they also have a responsibility to maintain their property, pay their taxes, and not have a negative impact on their neighbors.

We invite the family members to share their plans for the future of this property. We hope that rather than let it continue to sit vacant and condemned, they will be able to place the property up for sale in the very near future and allow it to become an asset on the street once again. Please give the BGC a call at 412-441-6950 x15.



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Longtime Friendship Resident Honored with Father Henry Award

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Eileen Kraus Dobratz is a familiar face in Friendship and Garfield. She has lived on tiny Upsal Street since 1994, and served on the board and staff of Friendship Development Associates (FDA) and the board of Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC). On October 25, in recognition of her unflagging service to the East End, she received the Father Leo Henry Founders Award at the annual meeting of the BGC. The award, named for the founder of the BGC, is presented annually to the person who has best demonstrated a commitment to working for change in the community.

"I'm honored, and surprised," Eileen told *The Bulletin* over tea at Voluta, a favorite hangout conveniently located between the FDA and BGC offices on Penn Avenue. "My instinct was to brainstorm other people who deserve it more."

Aggie Brose, deputy director of the BGC, said that Eileen was chosen for her "tireless energy and for always coming up with strategies for change. She's a true volunteer in every sense. She always shows up."

Eileen was elected to the BGC board in 2002, via FDA. A BGC bylaw provides for one board member to be from the FDA board, and Eileen signed up for the considerable task of sitting on both. "I was very interested in what was going on in Garfield," she explained. Her background in finance – she holds an MBA and has worked as a financial analyst in university and hospital settings – led her to volunteer for the BGC's audit and finance committee.

Her work for the BGC board has also involved grant-writing; she secured funds from the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh (CDCP)

to draw up plans for a much-needed makeover of the BGC's Community Activity Center. Although plans were completed by EDGE Studio and unveiled in June 2008, "the economy fell apart right after that," Eileen explained, and the renovation was not able to move ahead, to her great disappointment. "Maybe we'll get to do that in the future."

Another project close to Eileen's heart is the Garfield Walking Group, a small but dedicated group of residents that strolls the neighborhood streets for both exercise and as a friendly patrol. The group is on hiatus until the warm weather returns, but Eileen said she feels they made a difference when they were out an about. "People noticed our presence," she said. "I really got to know the streets of Garfield, and liked talking to people. Plus, I loved stopping at the [Garfield Hill] market for a fudgsicle." Armed with their cell phones, the walkers once helped a young girl who had accidentally started a brushfire by calling the fire department.

Eileen is always on hand for community clean-ups, which she said she finds "rewarding work" because she can immediately see the improvement. She noted that the neighborhood has changed dramatically since her tenure on the board began. "I've seen a lot of changes," she said. "The new houses are a tremendous asset. Friendship was more rough and ready when I moved there – I was across the street from a crack house – and now look at it. Garfield's going to be next."

To the new board members just embarking on their first terms, this BGC veteran had words of advice. "Don't be intimidated by all the acronyms," she quipped, referring to all the community organizations and public agencies known only by initials. "And don't be afraid to ask questions. We've all been there."



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address crises in their lives. All will be affordable to individuals or families earning under \$35,000 per year.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh unveiled plans to build four homes along Kincaid Street that will be offered for sale to families earning 50 percent of the median household income for the Pittsburgh area. Each homebuyer will have to contribute several hundred hours of "sweat-equity" on their particular house.

The evening concluded with a

reminder from one Garfield resident that "there is much remaining to be done." The older gentleman cited vacant houses along N. Aiken Avenue that "are crying for something to be done" with them. Aggie Brose responded that the newly completed housing and land-use plan for Garfield will create a three- to five-year strategy to address conditions such as these as the "next steps in Garfield's revitalization."

Lawrenceville Launches New Neighborhood Website

By Patrick Bowman
Lawrenceville Corporation

The Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) launched lvpgh.com, Lawrenceville's new live-content based neighborhood website, on October 8th. The product of almost three years of planning and development, lvpgh.com will be a multi-faceted community forum for Lawrenceville residents and business owners alike, capable of showcasing Lawrenceville to Pittsburgh and the region as a unique and creative destination.

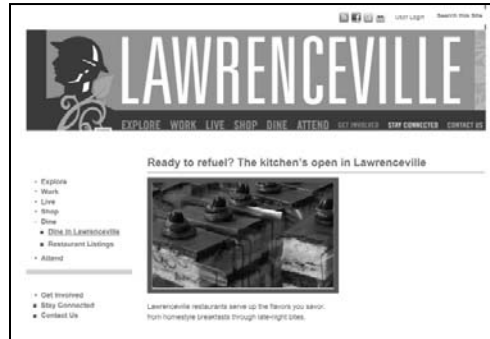
"The new website reflects our commitment to a comprehensive and innovative marketing strategy for Lawrenceville built upon expressed community priorities," said Lawrenceville Corporation Executive Director Matthew Galluzzo. "This multi-year project has been informed by a team of dedicated neighborhood volunteers who have ensured that the site addresses key neighborhood needs."

The community can engage with the new website through its live-con-

tent management system, developed by site designer Nate Boguszewski of art:product, which will allow Lawrenceville Corporation member businesses and organizations to open their own profiles on the site and share neighborhood news, local events for the community calendar and real estate listings. Lawrenceville businesses and organizations will also be able to add their information to a searchable database, making it easy for residents and visitors to discover all the neighborhood has to offer.

This user-generated content will then be integrated into a Google Map feature on the home page, showcasing all of the activity across lower, central and upper Lawrenceville. The site will also highlight the benefits of living in Lawrenceville, providing resources for people interested in

moving to the neighborhood, businesses interested in relocating, and those looking to shop, dine or enjoy Lawrenceville's nightlife.



And finally, the LC's previous website (www.lawrencevillecorp.com) will be integrated into lvpgh.com, providing project summaries and updates, online volunteer and business membership forms, and staff information.

Made possible through funding provided by Lawrenceville Corporation's NPP partner PNC Bank and the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Mainstreets Program, lvpgh.com will empower Lawrenceville residents and business owners to engage with the community like never before by contributing their own stories to the neighborhood's ongoing narrative for years to come.

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a community employment opportunity. There will be a coffee/snack bar attached to each lab run by community youth. Youth will be able to gain valuable work experience and learn how to operate a business. Each computer lab will be staffed by one full-time and three part-time employees, who will be hired from the local community.

Stephen MacIsaac, Executive Director of Wireless Neighborhoods, stated, "We envision these labs being community-owned and community-run; each lab will be different and unique to the culture of that particular community. We are currently working

with a number of organizations in each community to ensure that the location and operations of the space will best serve community residents."

This project is a collaborative effort to bring a powerful new resource to these four Pittsburgh neighborhoods. "The support of organizations throughout the Pittsburgh region will ultimately drive the success of the development of this project," MacIsaac reflected. All four computer learning centers are already deep in the planning stages, with the goal of having them up and running by summer 2011.



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Job Fair Returns to East Liberty



Rick Flanagan/BGC

Brittany Green of the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, 5321 Penn Avenue, helps a client get ready for the free East End Works Collaborative Job Fair on November 9, 2010, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.. The fair will take place at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 250 North Highland Avenue in East Liberty (across from the Home Depot parking lot). More than 60 employers and service providers will be on hand to talk to participants about jobs in banks, education/childcare, healthcare, hotels, retail, social services/nonprofits, and many more fields. Among the employers on hand will be Allegheny County Department of Human Services, BNY Mellon Financial, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, City of Pittsburgh Department of Personnel and Civil Service, Coro Leadership - Regional Internship Center, Dollar Bank, Holiday Inn Pittsburgh University Center, Home Instead Senior Care, Macy's, Pittsburgh Public Schools, PNC Bank, and YWCA Greater Pittsburgh. In addition, participants can learn about upcoming positions at the Target store that will open in East Liberty next year. For more information, call ENEC at 412-362-8580.

BGC Event Emphasizes Collaboration Across Neighborhoods, City

In recognition of the growing collaboration among

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community organizations in the East End of Pittsburgh, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) will host a luncheon called "Collaborate" on November 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

A special feature of this year's luncheon is a short film on the work of the BGC in the East End by Pittsburgh filmmaker Rich Fishkin, who has spent weeks chronicling BGC events and programs and shadowing key staff members. "Instead of a drab PowerPoint running off to the side somewhere, we thought a film would enliven the day with real folks and real events," said BGC Executive Director Rick Swartz.

The keynote speaker for "Collaborate" will be Grant Oliphant, President and CEO of The Pittsburgh Foundation, who has a long history in the foundation world, having previously worked with The Heinz Endowments. In addition, Mary Lou Tenenbaum, the longtime manager of the Real Estate Department of the city's Department of Finance, will receive a distinguished public service Award.

"These are two people in our world who really understand that collaboration is so important to achieve the goals of not only individual organizations but the entire city," noted Aggie Brose, deputy director of the BGC. "The common-thread problems and issues are clear across the city. If we share the skills, the knowledge, the funding, we can address the problems. Why reinvent the wheel? We need to recognize that there's some duplication in what we do as organizations and work together as a city, not just as individual neighborhoods."

With that sort of collaboration in mind, in 2008 the BGC joined with other East End community organizations to form an alliance called the East End Partnership. Collectively, these organizations have been working to promote more livable communities through collaborative planning, programming and investment. In addition to the BGC, participants

include Bloomfield Development Corporation, East Liberty Development, Inc., Friendship Development Associates, Lawrenceville Corporation, and Lawrenceville United.

Through the collaborative efforts of these six organizations, and also Garfield Jubilee Association, Pittsburgh's East End will eventually be a powerful regional driver for economic development through the next decade and beyond. Some of the exciting ideas that the partnership has been working on include: shared services, such as real estate, property and financial management; collabor-



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A SCENE FROM THE BGC'S 2009 LUNCHEON AT THE PAA.

ative strategies for funding large-scale projects across neighborhoods; coordination of arts-related development along historic Penn Avenue; and a comprehensive marketing and branding plan for the East End, featuring a combined calendar and communications vehicle as the centerpiece of the strategy.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made until November 5; tickets are \$60 each, and include hors d'oeuvres and a three-course meal. P.J. Maloney, KQV newscaster and the Vice President of the BGC's board of directors, will emcee the affair.

The "Collaborate" luncheon is made possible by sponsorships from Allegheny Valley Bank, Citizens Bank, Dollar Bank, PNC Bank, BNY Mellon, Steve Catranel Construction, First Niagara Bank, Lami Grubb Architects, The Learning Place, and the Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

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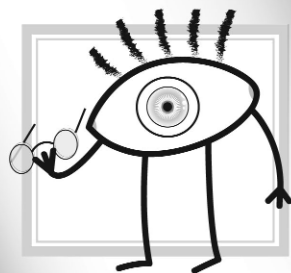
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THE BULLETIN: 35 YEARS OF ADVOCACY FOR THE EAST END

In continuing honor of The Bulletin's 35th anniversary, we take a look at our history, our accomplishments, and our future in this two-part series.

By Michael Rebinski
Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.

1975-1977: A People's Revolution

At a town meeting, strategically timed to take place just days before a local election, 500 residents and 25 candidates for office listened in rapt attention as Father Leo Henry of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish in Garfield announced the founding of the "Garfield-Bloomfield Corporation" (later, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, or BGC), a people's organization that would become a center of political power in the territory of his church (Garfield and Bloomfield north of Liberty Ave.), and galvanize residents to organize, participate, and actively shape their neighborhoods.

To this end, he had already published the first issue of the "Bulletin" – as in "church bulletin" – a local newspaper meant to "unite the people of God and promote a spirit of community." Volume 1, No. 1 of *The Bloomfield-Garfield Bulletin* (see inset), published 35 years ago this month in November 1975, begins with a "Personal [greeting] from the Pastor," a profile on St. Lawrence O'Toole, perspectives on St. Lawrence school appreciation day, and information on upcoming confirmations.

In the second issue, Father Henry allowed that the first had been overly "churchy," and vowed to publish an engaging balance of church news and community issues – something that would bring "understanding and acceptance between young and old, rich and poor, black and white . . ." Concurrently, he called on all of these groups to participate by becoming

members of the BGC. He stipulated that the corporation would not accept operating funds from government sources, and would rely solely on the support of community members (who could buy in for a \$5 share) and local businesses. It is impossible to convey on paper Father Henry's spirit and passion, or the electricity with which the community must have been ignited, the fire that moved and awakened so many people to their potential, but a brief excerpt of his November 1 speech (included in the December 1975 edition of *The Bulletin*) provides clues:

"You say – nothing can be done – I say – the heck there can't ... I pledge my salary for the next six months ... to hire the most capable community organizer money can find.... 'put your money where your mouth is'... we need a forceful and peaceful revolution; a people's revolution!... Ladies and gentlemen, the real and ultimate power lies with the people IF we know how to use it."

From that day, *The Bulletin* and the BGC have worked to fulfill Father Henry's vision – the BGC as the "muscle," the mobilization, the grassroots organization supported by its many shareholders in the community, and *The Bulletin* as the "mouth," publicizing the causes of the BGC and eventually the surrounding neighborhoods, and calling neighbors to arms to fight blight, crime, and an apathetic city government.

1977-1983: Gaining Strength

The late 1970s was an era of direct involvement, and the time in which the BGC and *The Bulletin* displayed



THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN, NOVEMBER 1975.

their most activist tendencies. Garfield and Bloomfield residents truly believed they should have a voice, and though it seemed unlikely, they raised that voice above the clamor of politicians. At the time, it often appeared as though Pittsburgh's neighborhoods competed for funding from the scraps left over from Golden

Triangle development – Renaissance I only dealt with downtown. Though community activism was hardly a new thing, this type of organized action, especially at the neighborhood level, was unheard of.

Yet it caught on; it was around this same time that similar community organizations were founded in Shadyside, East Liberty, Lawrenceville and the South Side. Residents were rewarded with high-profile victories; by 1983 they had demanded police protection and secured a dedicated beat policeman, blocked a methadone treatment center, cajoled a branch of Equibank into Garfield (see photo, next page) and then lobbied to extend its hours, attracted numerous businesses, and saw the first new construction on Penn Avenue in 50 years.

At times, the rate of resident participation was astounding. In a meeting with a police inspector over safety concerns in Garfield, the inspector was outnumbered by community members 200 to 1. Aggie Brose, current deputy director of the BGC,

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BULLETIN LOGOS OF THE PAST: FROM TOP, DECEMBER 1975; WINTER 1978, AND DECEMBER 1986.

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recalls a time when every core member of the BGC had at least five people he could contact to mobilize for meetings (this was, of course, before cell phones and social media).

"We had a fleet of buses," says Ms. Brose, "and we would get everyone together and go down and pack City Council."

The goal of *The Bulletin* and BGC was always twofold: first, solve neighborhood problems through direct action and mobilization, and second, care for the roots of neighborhood ills. A good example of this occurs in *The Bulletin's* pages in the Winter II 1978 issue, in which Mary Ann McGill reminisces about the people of the "North" and "South" streets, brought together by the pull of the commercial district on Penn Avenue, which had everything. She calls on residents to ask, "When did it change?" On the same page, an editorial calls for a united community, strengthened around the many victories it has achieved, not wallowing in its defeats.

Starting with Volume 3, No. 1 in 1977, Sister Sally Witt of the Sisters of St. Joseph became *The Bulletin's* first permanent editor. In her six years with the paper, she solidified its purpose and ensured that every issue came out to professional standards, increasing capacity to 12 pages. Working with countless volunteers from the parish and neighborhood, she dedicated herself to "take the



THE FALL 1978 ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL OF EQUIBANK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

news of what small groups in the community are doing and relate this to the community at large." To this day, no single *Bulletin* editor has served longer.

IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE: When did *Bloomfield-Garfield Bulletin* become simply *The Bulletin*? Which current *City Paper* editor and writer was once the editor of *The Bulletin*? When did *The Bulletin* begin to cover other neighborhoods in the East End? Get the answers to these questions and more!

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East Liberty Sets Up Email Action Teams

In 1999, East Liberty residents collaborated to

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East Liberty Development, Inc.

email, collaboration can take place to move the neigh-

borhood's priorities forward. design a community plan, "A Vision for East Liberty." Ten years later, East Liberty came together again to create "Many Voices Driving Neighborhood Change," an updated community plan that included the ideas of more stakeholders and expanded and refined the vision for the neighborhood. Now, residents have the chance again to speak their mind and collaborate to improve the area in which they live, work, shop, play, worship and invest.

In the spirit of the community plan, Email Action Teams are being established. These action teams are based on the eight task forces of the 2010 community plan: Safe Neighborhoods, Housing, Workforce, Commercial Core, Small Business, Parks & Recreation, Youth Engagement and Healthy Community Members. The idea is that, through

email, collaboration can take place to move the neighborhood's priorities forward.

These action teams will happen though the creation of a series of groups on Google. While East Liberty Development, Inc., will manage the technical aspects of the action teams (setting up the Google group, inviting initial members to join), the groups will all be moderated by committed residents and driven by the ideas and passions of the action team members.

Action teams will provide the opportunity to expand on the problems and solutions outlined in the community plan. Members can also share relevant news and websites with others in their action team, to discuss and generate new ideas for East Liberty. If you are interested in joining an email action team, please contact me at margaret.graham@eastliberty.org.

Energy Assessment Can Help You Save Money This Winter

Last year in *The Bulletin*, I wrote about Duquesne Light rebates, tax

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Friendship Preservation Group

EfficiencyPA.com, a cooperative marketing program based in

credits and energy audits. This year, I want to mention Duquesne Light's rebates, tax credits and ordering a "visit" from a certified home energy professional for a whole house assessment.

Why the change? Because a recent study found that people do not like the term "audits" even when it is associated with something as beneficial as finding the major sources of energy waste in a home; they would much prefer a "visit" from a home energy professional.

Given our natural reluctance towards action, is 30 to 50 percent home energy savings even possible? Yes, but it will probably take a big commitment, especially for those of us living in older homes. The study also suggested that we are more likely to undertake suggested improvements if we are part of a neighborhood group (see <http://drivingdemand.lbl.gov/>).

What to do first, second and third? Here are three suggestions from

Pittsburgh:

1. Order a visit from a certified home energy professional for a whole house assessment to find the obvious and, more importantly, hidden places that are wasting the most energy in your home.

2. Use the assessment report as your working guide. This is usually start with a good air sealing of your home, then adding insulation in the attic and walls for dramatic savings.

Once everything is nice and tight inside, you may not need as big a furnace as the one you have; a furnace that's too big will actually work much harder than it needs to and waste energy.

3. Collect the rewards. Call the energy assessor (auditor) back in and test the work and make sure the results have been achieved. Take your receipts and apply for rebates and tax credits where possible. Note, however, that the 30 percent or \$1,500 federal tax break is set to expire the end of this year.

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ARTica Brings Eclectic Mix of Local Art, Antiques to Penn Avenue

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

Peering in the window of ARTica, an “arts emporium” at 5110 Penn Avenue, you might spot anything from a chest that belonged to former Steelers coach Bill Cowher, to books on tattoo art, to paintings by local artists, to vintage clothing. Owner Christine Bethea, a found-object artist who opened ARTica almost three years ago with Brenda Brown, says she likes the “soup to nuts” feel of her shop. “It keeps it interesting,” she explains. “Shopping here is like a treasure hunt.” A lot of items come from her own extended family.

Technically a Pittsburgh native, Bethea was born here but moved around a lot with her Air Force family. In the mid-1970s, she decided to relo-

cate to “the hometown that I never lived in” and fell in love with the city. She’s been here ever since, making art in neighborhoods across the city.

About 10 years ago, she and Brown founded Passports: The Art Diversity Project – whose mission is “to enlighten, empower and enrich community through the arts” – and mounted several large art shows in the Garfield area, including the first Art Cubed at the Bloomfield-Garfield Community Activity Center. They became so familiar with the neighborhood that Jeffrey Dorsey and Matt Galluzzo, then-staff at Friendship Development Associates (FDA), said, “You need to open something” on the avenue, prompting the birth of ARTica.

Bethea was hesitant at first. “It felt like a store was going to be confining,” she notes. But when ARTica opened,



Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

OWNER CHRISTINE BETHEA SAYS YOU CAN FIND “IT” AT ARTica - NO MATTER WHAT “IT” IS.

she says she discovered “we had access to resources we didn’t have before. There were constantly projects going on. There was a lot of camaraderie.”

In fact, she observes now, the experience was like “moving into a neighborhood. People from other businesses stopped in to buy something or ask if we needed help.... Bob Ziller [from Awesome Books] refinished the floors. I thought it would be too hard.... That kind of encouragement from people keeps you going.” Bethea calls the feeling along the corridor a “pioneer spirit,” and says she finds the level of cooperation “amazing.”

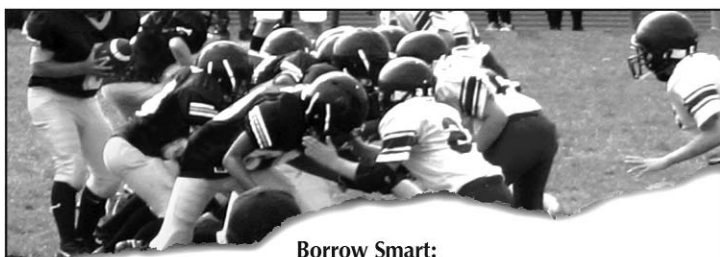
That cooperation made possible one of the projects she’s proudest of. Last

April’s exciting and successful Geek Art/Green Innovators (GA/GI) Festival was Bethea’s brainchild. The concept grew out of a workshop she took during Grow Pittsburgh’s annual Arbor Aid event in which participants were asked to add lighting to their wood art creations. At first perplexed by the assignment, Bethea says the merging of art and technology quickly clicked for her and the idea for GA/GI emerged. She approached FDA with the idea of layering the festival onto “Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn,” creating an eco-art and technology theme for the already-established gallery crawl, and the festival was off and running.

“Everybody wanted to be on board,” says Bethea. “The concept came together fast. It didn’t need a whole lot of explaining. Charlie Humphrey [of Pittsburgh Glass Center and Pittsburgh Center for the Arts] called it ‘an arts and technology barn-raising.’”

Next spring, GA/GI will stretch across two days, April 1 and 2, 2011, and will be “bigger and weirder,” Bethea says. “We’re looking to include the obscure, the untested, anything a little off-kilter that might not normally get showcased but that inspires people.”

As for ARTica, “If my stuff’s out on the street, I’m in,” explains Bethea about her hours, which are generally 12 to 6 p.m. on the weekends. The Cowher chest is marked “Sold,” but there are plenty of other treasures waiting to be found. “If there’s something you’re looking for, just ask,” Bethea says. “I probably have it.”



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The East End/East Liberty Historical Society in cooperation with the East Liberty Quarter Chamber of Commerce and East Liberty Development Inc. hosted a first-ever East Liberty History Festival on Saturday, October 2, in the parking lot behind Eastminster Presbyterian Church. On tap were demonstrations of early industrial processes such as forging and blast furnace operation; live entertainment by groups such as East End Male Chorus and Pittsburgh Folk Orchestra; and exhibits, including a recreation of the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater's wall of fame, with photos of famous East Liberty residents of the past (above).

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Lawrenceville Historical Society Produces New Film on Stephen Foster

by James Wudarczyk
Lawrenceville Historical Society

The Lawrenceville Historical Society (LHS) recently premiered its first DVD documentary. *Doo Dah Days: The Life of Stephen Foster* is the result of a two-year effort by John Kirch, a member of the LHS and 27-year veteran cameraman for KDKA-TV, who wrote the script, did much of the photography, and edited the film.

While there have been other documentaries about the famous 19th-century composer, this film's approach to the subject is unique in that it uses the "2009 Annual Doo Dah Days: The Stephen Collins Foster Musical Festival" as a background, and carefully intertwines Pittsburgh history and Allegheny Cemetery into the life of America's most beloved composer.

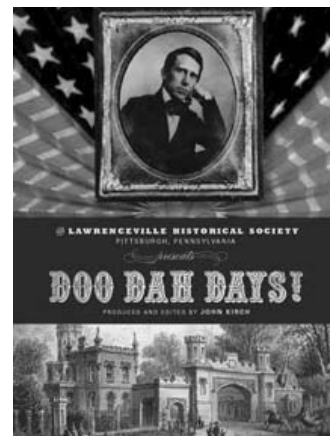
The film employs narration by KDKA-TV personality Dave Crawley and photography by Matthew Day and Tony Balko. It also judiciously incorporates commentaries on the life of Foster by Ellen Hunter Ulken, author of *Beautiful Dreamer*, and Lawrenceville historians Daniel Simkins, Martha Ressler, and Michael Murphy. Musical selections by a

number of groups, including the popular "Home Front," are included to give life and vibrancy to the documentary.

The documentary is an evolution that traces the life of the writer against a transforming national and local landscape. It is more than a testimony to Foster, however; it also honors those who continue to pay tribute to the America's greatest musical composer.

Although most of the film highlights *Doo Dah Days*, which is a joint venture of Allegheny Cemetery and the LHS, other segments deal with Foster's death in 1864. The film uses winter scenes in Allegheny Cemetery to suggest the feeling of sadness when Foster was brought home to be laid to rest. Then, against the backdrop of the magnificent stained glass window in the cemetery's Temple of Memories, the film artistically shows the students of Saint John Neumann Regional School as they perform a musical tribute to Foster.

Since Foster was born in Lawrenceville, on July 4, 1826, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, it was only appropriate that Lawrenceville residents honor their most famous



son. *Doo Dah Days: The Life of Stephen Foster* is an enduring testament that deserves a spot in every home and to be frequently watched. The film brings a fresh and inspiring look at its subject.

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Yoga Comes to the Neighborhood

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

Penn Avenue has a little bit of everything, from art galleries and pizza shops to nonprofits and restaurants. But one thing it didn't have until October 1 was a yoga studio. That's when Kimberly Musial opened the doors of The Yoga Hive in the new Glass Lofts at 5491 Penn.

Musial, a Pittsburgh native, attended the University of Pittsburgh, where she took her very first yoga class in 1999. "It transformed my semester," she recalls. "It made me able to focus. It really grounded me." She has been hooked ever since.

After college, she lived in various other cities, including Cambridge, Mass., where she was introduced to the teaching of Baron Baptiste, whose "hot power" style deeply influenced her. "We don't turn the heat up as much," she says of The Yoga Hive, although it is comfortably warm in the space on a chilly day in mid-October.

Her studio, she says, offers a variety of different styles, from vinyasa flow to kripalu and kundalini. Meditation and sound healing sessions are also available.

Asked why she decided to become a Glass Lofts pioneer, Musial explains that when she began planning her studio in May 2009, "I was initially targeting Oakland. But it's hard for new small-business owners to lease space there." On Penn Avenue, she found Friendship Development Associates willing and eager to help her find the right location. Since the nearest yoga studio is Yoga on Centre in East Liberty, which offers a completely different style of yoga, The Yoga Hive seemed like a smart fit for the neighborhood.

The studio was named, Musial says, after much brainstorming. She wanted to bring to mind community, activity, and movement, all of which are suggested by a beehive. Randie Snow, a local artist, created her logo, and raw:dep, a new architecture firm,

designed her lighting. The space is bright and beautiful, with cork floors and warm orange walls. The Yoga Hive also does onsite corporate yoga classes, yoga parties, and private lessons. Next summer, Musial hopes to teach a class in nearby Baum Grove, as she did this past August before her studio opened.

The Yoga Hive has classes seven days a week, with discounted rates for students, veterans, EBT/WIC, and seniors. Right now, it is offering a "new studio special": two weeks of unlimited yoga classes for just \$10.

"A lot of new students are intimidated by yoga, but it's really accessible," Musial comments. "Our teachers are trained to help people through the poses, and they don't force you to do a pose you aren't comfortable with. And if people show up and all they learn is breathing, that's still doing yoga." With a regular yoga practice, Musial says, "it's amazing what you can do" to address different physical problems and ailments.



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For more information, visit www.yogahivepgh.com or call 412-418-4913.

Pittsburgh JobCorps Hosts Health-Care Symposium



Courtesy PJCC

With baby boomers reaching retirement age and the population in general needing health-care services, training in the field has to be state of the art. "The time is now for incorporating high technology in the classroom, growing medicinal herbs, and learning how to mentor and guide youth into a field that needs their passion and skills," said Aretha Meggett, Nurse Assistant Instructor at the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center (PJCC) and committee chair of the second annual Health Care Symposium. The event was hosted by the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center from October 12 to 14 at the Sheraton Station Square. Health-care professionals and providers from Florida, Alabama, Virginia, Illinois, and the U.S. Department of Labor joined the 20 centers in the region to discuss the Health Occupations Career Cluster training program.

The three-day event was divided into Focus on Training; Going Green: The New Way to Be; and Strategies for Recruitment and Placement. Joe Garrett, Career Systems Development Corporation, the company that manages the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center, welcomed the group of 57 participants, and Marcia Hampton, the Division Chief from the Department of Labor's Philadelphia Regional Office, introduced the symposium and provided an overview. "All presenters were experts in their field," said Mark Douglas, Center Director for the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center. "The sessions were informative and enlightening."



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FAMOUS L'VILLE NAMES

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 November 18, join us for "American Names." John Webber will give the meaning, ethnicity, and history of the surnames of famous people from Pittsburgh and Lawrenceville. 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.

NEW BETHEL WOMEN'S MONTH

November is Celebration of Women's Month at New Bethel Baptist Church, 221 43rd Street, Lawrenceville. Come to a Prayer and Praise Breakfast, Saturday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. Also, Celebration of Women's Service, Sunday, November 14; preacher at 10:30 a.m., Pastor Diane Hobson, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church; preacher for 3:30 p.m., Pastor June Jeffries, New Life Baptist Church, Apollo, Pa. New Bethel's Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served Tuesday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 412-621-2155.

DIABETES EXPO

On Saturday, November 6, the American Diabetes Association EXPO Pittsburgh will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free event includes activities for people of all ages – including a Youth Pavilion with exciting activities and information for the whole family. EXPO Pittsburgh also provides the community with a unique opportunity get free health screenings, participate

in cooking demonstrations, talk to exhibitors and listen to leading experts about diabetes prevention and management.). An exciting addition to this year's event is Janice Taylor, a nationally known Life and Wellness Coach whom Oprah Winfrey has termed "a kooky genius." Taylor will be presenting twice during the event. For more information about diabetes or the EXPO Pittsburgh, call 1-888-DIABETES (1-888-342-2383), or visit diabetes.org/EXPOPITTSBURGH.

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FRIENDSHIP POET'S NEW BOOK

Friendship writer Angele Ellis's second book of poems, *Spared*, is now available for pre-sale as part of Main Street Rag Publication Company's Editor's Choice Chapbook Series. Ellis, a runner-up in this year's Main Street Rag Chapbook Contest, is a longtime community resident and activist. Her books include the co-authored diversity workbook *Dealing With Differences* (Corwin Press) and a previous book of poems, *Arab on Radar* (Six Gallery Press). For more information on *Spared*, go to: www.mainstreetrag.com/AEllis.html Pre-sales are 40 percent off list price.

RABIES CLINIC IN L'VILLE

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 first low-cost Rabies Clinic to the community on Saturday,

November 6, from 12 – 2 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. Also, the Big Easy will be having a low-cost Spay and Neuter Clinic on Friday, November 19. Please call for further details: Big Easy Animal Hospital, 5328 Butler Street, Lawrenceville, 412-908-9301 or visit www.tbeah.com.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET IN LAWRENCEVILLE

On Saturday, November 6, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., come to St. Augustine Auditorium at 220-37th Street in Lower Lawrenceville for buying, selling, meeting, greeting and eating! Tables are \$15 each or two for \$25. We have many Christmas items, including two artificial trees, stands, wreaths, and other décor; also small electronics, household items and new items suitable for gifts. Light refreshments for sale. Call 412-682-0413 to book a table, make a donation, schedule a pickup or get more info. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Angels Parish.

ENERGY REBATES

What is more important - saving money or conserving energy and protecting environment? Energy efficiency will achieve both. EfficiencyPA.com, a cooperative marketing program based in Pittsburgh, is dedicated to promoting energy savings and helping residents lower their energy bills. Currently, they are featuring almost two dozen energy efficiency rebates from Duquesne Light. These rebates range from programmable thermostats and dehumidifiers to solar water heaters to free disposal of your old refrigerator, plus a check for \$35. See the web site: <http://efficiencypa.com/duquesne> and access a constantly updated list of Duquesne Light residential rebates and application forms. Help us help you promote energy efficiency in your neighborhood and save money!

DANCE AT UNION PROJECT

The Union Project, 801 N. Negley Avenue, welcomes you and your family to get down to the sounds of Supa C and enjoy building communi-

ty simultaneously. The event is all ages and B.Y.O.J. (juice) and B.Y.O.B. with a valid I.D. A community that dances together stays together! Info at www.unionproject.org or by phone at 412-363-4550 x 21.

UNWRAPPED 2010

This year's "Unwrapped" celebration at the Union Project, 801 N. Negley Avenue, consists of two distinct but related events. On November 21 from 6 to 9 p.m., chef Kevin Sousa of the new Penn Avenue eatery NaCl: Salt of the Earth will hold an exclusive VIP dinner for 36 community supporters at his restaurant at 5523 Penn Avenue. Guests will be treated to Sousa's sought-after take on modern cuisine and will bring home full, handmade ceramic place settings created by the artists of Union Project's Ceramics Co-operative. Tickets for this dinner are \$250; for reservations, call 412-262-4550 x29. Meanwhile, on December 11, everyone is welcome to join in UP's community "Unwrapped" celebration featuring local food and drink, alternative holiday shopping, live music, interactive activities, an artist market, and the official unveiling of our community-restored stained glass windows. Guests will take home ceramic handmade birds to put on the tree, hang in the window, or give as gifts. Each simple bird is unique, made by many different hands, and offers an opportunity to give an alternative gift that also supports Union Project. Tickets are now available for purchase at www.unionproject.org or by phone at 412-363-4550 x 21.

STANTON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

The Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association is a newly incorporated organization whose mission is to be a voice for the residents of the Stanton Heights community. Election of board members to fill seats being vacated will take place at the Wednesday, November 17, community meeting held at Sunnyside Elementary School on Stanton Avenue at 6:30 p.m. A reception welcoming the new board members will take place after their installation at the first meeting of the new year, Wednesday, January 19. All membership meetings unless otherwise noted are at 6:30 p.m. at Sunnyside School. All are welcome. For more info: <http://stantonheights.wordpress.com>.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

VIEW, CHEW & CHAT

Family movie night at Stanton Heights Church, 4721 Stanton Avenue, the first Friday of each month. Come join us November 5 at 7 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn and drinks. Bring your family and friends for a quality time with neighbors.

VETERANS DAY IN ALLEGHENY CEMETERY

U.S. veterans, Civil War buffs, and all proud Pittsburghers are encouraged to join representatives from the Senator John Heinz History Center on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p.m., at Allegheny Cemetery, 4734 Butler Street, for a special Veterans Day Weekend observance. Local African-American veterans groups and political leaders will be on hand for a wreath-laying ceremony to honor the hundreds of United States Colored Troops (USCT) resting peacefully at historic Allegheny Cemetery. The ceremony is Allegheny County's contribution to a series of statewide commemoration and conservation events to mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Pennsylvania this year.

TENANT FOR UP CAFE SPACE

Union Project is seeking a tenant for its former café space. Interested individuals should review the accompanying Request For Proposal (RFP) which details the application process. Applicants must submit their Letter Of Interest before December 3 to be considered. Union Project will announce its final decision by February 1. A copy of the RFP is available on the Union Project website at www.unionproject.org/cafe.

NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING AT PJCC

The Pittsburgh Job Corps Center (PJCC) is offering Free Certified Nursing (CNA) Assistant training. Young persons age 17 to 24 are eligible. All Job Corps students receive a bus pass, on-site lunch, monthly stipend, clothing allowance, uniforms and a completion bonus of up to \$1,200.00. Classes are offered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or from noon to 8 p.m. Students attending the evening classes receive on-site dinner as part of the program. Candidates without a GED or high school diploma are still eligi-

ble. GED and high school diploma classes are offered at PJCC. Students can earn their GED and attend CNA classes at the same time. Students receive nine months of job placement assistance after leaving the Job Corps. Externships and work based learning assignments are available to all students. Most programs can be completed in under nine months. For more information, call 412-441-8779 or email comer.josh@jobcorps.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILLY STRAYHORN

Come to the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, 5421 Penn Avenue, on November 27 at 8 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of Billy Strayhorn, a native of Pittsburgh, a great composer and pianist, and the man responsible for many of Duke Ellington's jazz numbers, including "Take the 'A' Train." Strayhorn's finest music will be performed by Pittsburgh's finest musicians. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$15 for residents of 15206, and \$10 for students and artists. For more info, visit www.kelly-strayhorn.org or call 412-363-3000 x 107.

QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOR FILM SERIES

The Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, 5941 Penn Avenue, will present a four-part film series, "My People," highlighting the lives and experiences of queer people of color with award-winning films, expert hosts, performances, and panel discussions. A diverse selection of people, presenters, and films will encourage dialogue around categories of identity, faith, health and body, and activism. "My People" seeks to affirm underserved and underrepresented groups and help identify strong, active, and vibrant communities. Check the website, www.kelly-strayhorn.org, for a complete listing of films, performers, and speakers, or call 412-363-3000 x 107 for more info. Tickets are \$5; the films will be shown November 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:30 p.m.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lawrenceville will hold their annual breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$5 per person, which includes a hot breakfast, crafts, games, a photo with Santa, a treat bag, and a chance

to win great prizes. New location: St. Mary's Lower Lyceum on 45th Street. For ticket information, please call the office at 412-682-0929. No tickets will be sold at the door.

CLEAN-UP THANKS

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation would like to thank the 42 volunteers

from the University of Pittsburgh who came out and helped to clean up the neighborhood on October 16 as part of Pitt Cares day. They collected more than 50 bags of garbage! We would also like to express our gratitude to the Garfield residents who helped lead the cleaning teams throughout the neighborhood; thanks for investing in your community!

CARNEGIE LIBRARY HAPPENINGS - NOVEMBER

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - East Liberty Branch
130 S. Whitfield St. 412-363-8274

Pre-K Storytime

For ages 3-5. Thursdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m..

Family Study Buddies

For students in grades K-5 with their parents. Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m. This event is a series of monthly programs for children and parents to learn to work together to encourage students' school success in kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration required.

School-Age Fun: Fun with Pie

For ages 6-12. Monday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Kids Create: Origami

For ages 6-12, but adults are welcome too! Saturday, November 20,

3:30 p.m.

Family Fun Event: World Hello Day

For ages 3-12 with family members. Saturday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Lawrenceville Branch

279 Fisk St. 412-682-3668

Teen Advisory Council

Saturday, November 13, 2-3 p.m.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Main PC Center

4400 Forbes Avenue
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/pccenter/main/>
For more information about all our free computer classes, call the PC Center-Main Library at 412-578-2561.

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WITH THANKS

My son, RonDal Gilmore, age 32, was in a car accident on East Liberty Boulevard near Larimer on Friday, October 1, at about 3 a.m., and did not survive. To the person who stopped and stayed at RonDal's side until help arrived, I offer my deepest and most heartfelt thanks. God bless you!

Sheryl A. Smith



THE EAST END WORKS COLLABORATIVE JOB FAIR

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Plus: TARGET will be coming to the East Liberty area soon!
Get on-board to be considered for potential positions in your community!

EMPLOYMENT CENTERS NOW OFFERING FREE JOB PREPARATION:

Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center: Brittany Green, 412-362-8250
Homewood YMCA Career & Workforce Development Center: Carena Phillips, 412-241-2811 X 35
Hill Oakland Workforce Collaborative/Job Links: Darryl Daughtry, 412-621-3821
Hill District First Source Center: Ken Nesbit, 412-281-8482
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh: Roxanne Thomas, 412-456-5000 X 1048