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## New Garfield rental housing ready to lease in August



By Richard Swartz  
*BGC Executive Director*

The construction of 90 new townhouses along Mossfield Street in Garfield is making such rapid progress that the developers think they will be able to start accepting applications from prospective tenants in August.

At a meeting last month, Keith Key, president of KBK Enterprises and a partner with the city Housing Authority in the development, told an audience of 50 community members that the first tenants could be moving

in by late October. "Our timeline for the project calls for construction to be completed by December on all 90 units," he said. "We will notify the public when the application process actually opens, and all persons interested in renting a townhome will be asked to apply then." Key said this includes those who had lived in the former Garfield Heights project. He said former residents of the public housing community will be given first

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## Animal Rescue League celebrates 100 years

By Kate Bayer  
*Bulletin Contributor*

A cacophony of barking dogs greeted me as I walked into the housing area of the Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania located on Hamilton Ave. in East Liberty. As I walked up and down the aisle of cages, I was greeted by one wagging tail and one mournful gaze after another. How could I leave here without taking each and everyone of these beautiful and loving animals home? The answer, of course, is that I couldn't. But what I could do is tell the story and hope that in doing so, others would be inspired to visit this wonderful community resource and make one of these animals their own.

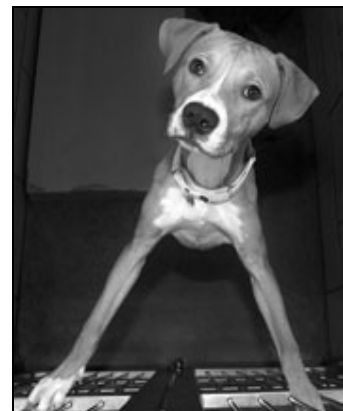
A two-year old black, female pit bull terrier named Feisty stole my heart with her big brown eyes and exuberant nature. I could tell that this was a dog who would love you for the rest of her life and ask for little in return. Tiffany Tiberio, Marketing and Special Events Director for the Animal Rescue League, told me that large black dogs aren't as likely to be adopted as others and that Feisty was becoming more agitated and distressed each day that she spent in the shelter.

Feisty wasn't the only dog with a similar story. I also met Rusty, a two-year old shepherd-retriever who had spent his whole life in a pen. He lacked any kind of social skills with either people or animals and was fearful, shy and nervous. Through the work of the shelter staff and volunteers Rusty has made tremendous progress in just a few short weeks and will soon be ready for adoption and a family of his own.

According to Ms. Tiberio, the amount of time spent



How can you say no  
to these faces?



in the shelter varies from animal to animal. Puppies, along with small and purebred dogs, are usually adopted quickly. Unfortunately, the majority of dogs who come to the shelter are either large or aging, making them difficult to place. As an Open-Door Shelter, the Animal Rescue League turns no animal away, regardless of its condition, and there is no time limit for how long animals are kept. Unfortunately, the longer an animal spends in the shelter environment, the more likely it is to develop undesirable behaviors that will decrease the chances of adoption.

The Animal Rescue League uses their many resources such as training and behavior modification, breaks from the shelter through volunteer foster family placement, or temporary stays at their Rosedale facility in Verona to help reduce the stress for those most at risk.

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## Rental housing

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preference, but will have to meet the same requirements as other applicants.

The 100 rowhouses on Cornwall St. and N. Atlantic Ave. in Garfield still owned and managed by the city Housing Authority are scheduled for demolition to accommodate what A. Fulton Meacham, the authority's executive director, described as Phase IV of the replacement of the public housing project. All four phases are projected to cost in excess of \$60 million.

All of the new units will be owned by the two entities under a for-profit partnership and managed by KBK, said Meacham. Phases II and III include the construction of at least another 130 apartments or townhomes, some of which may be for elderly persons, but all of which will be marketed to a diverse mix of people, he said.

"We no longer use the term 'public' housing," Meacham explained. "It is simply affordable housing. In fact, the new development will not even be known as Garfield Heights. It will just be part of the existing neighborhood, Garfield. We want to take down the lines of separation that for too long have existed in communities around such developments."

Rents for 70 of the first 90 homes will be based on the tenant's ability to pay, said Key. Of those, 50 will be reserved for applicants earning 30% or less of Pittsburgh's median household income. They will pay a maximum of 30% of their monthly income in rent. For households earning up to 80% of median income, Key said rents will be \$650 for a 2-bedroom unit and \$725 for a 3-bedroom. There will be a handful of one-story four- and five-bedroom units for populations with special needs -- "persons with issues such as physical disabilities,

who can't take steps," said KBK representative Tisha Germany.

The remaining 20 houses will have no income limits and will rent for \$725 for a 2-bedroom and \$875 for a 3-bedroom.

Key also said the developers have received a commitment from the PA Housing Finance Agency to finance a portion of the cost to construct 45 townhomes under Phase II. Additional funds still need to be secured before construction can actually start, he said.

A tentative ground-breaking on this phase has been set for October of this year.

The meeting was hosted by Garfield Jubilee Association and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. Diona Jones of GJA said they are working with the developers to secure jobs on the project for local residents and subcontractors and 13 residents are currently working at the site, including four graduates from GJA's Youthbuild program. Jones said those interested in these job opportunities should call GJA at 412-665-5200.

Another contact point is Roxanne Thomas of the Housing Authority is as well, who can be reached at 412-395-3950, ext. 1064.

In a related action the same day, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh approved using some interim funds to assist with all of the public improvements to be built at the site of Phase I. The improvements, expected to cost \$2.6 million, will include roadways, curbs, street lighting, storm and sanitary sewers, and water lines. About \$1.6 million of this work will be paid by the Housing Authority, and just over \$1 million by the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority. Costa Contracting, Inc. was the lowest "responsible" bidder. The URA will provide \$500,000 to get the work started, to be reimbursed as the work progresses.



## Difficulty sleeping?

By Amy DiPlacido, MD

Bloomfield-Garfield Family Health Center

Most of us are familiar with having a poor night's sleep from time to time. But for people who never sleep well, constant fatigue can really lower their quality of life.

There are many reasons why people do not sleep well. Things like stress, anxiety, depression, medications, and obstructive sleep apnea can all contribute. Some people have trouble falling asleep, while others may wake up several times at night and have trouble staying asleep.

Poor sleep affects us in many ways. Our reaction time slows. We have a poor attention span. We may even see changes in our mood.

The first step towards fighting fatigue is to make lifestyle changes that promote better sleep. For example:

1. Go to sleep at the same time consistently (even on weekends).
2. Wake up at the same time every day, also including weekends.
3. Avoid coffee and other caffeinated beverages in the evening.
4. Use the bed only for sleep and sex. Do not do other things in bed like reading or watching TV.
5. Resist the temptation to take naps during the day.
6. Exercise regularly.
7. Cut back on or even quit using alcohol and tobacco products.

Your health care provider may offer other suggestions based on your medical history.

Some people may need medication to help them sleep, although they should be used sparingly as some can be habit-forming.

## If you still can't sleep, drop by Art All Night

Art All Night Lawrenceville — an annual celebration of arts, community and creativity—is back for its 12th straight year on April 25 (starting at 6 p.m.) and 26 (ending at 2 p.m.).

The event, which attracts upwards of 7,500 attendees each year, features work by more than 800 artists, live music, interactive arts activities for children and adults, performance artists, a live broadcast by WYEP-FM. This year, Art All Night takes place at the brand new red warehouse building at 3510 Smallman Street in Lawrenceville. (Turn off of Butler Street toward the river on 35<sup>th</sup> or 36<sup>th</sup> St.) Admission is FREE, and the event is open to the public.

Art All Night offers every artist of any skill level the opportunity to showcase one piece of artwork in the exhibit: no fees, no jury, no censorship. It is planned and coordinated by an all-volunteer organizing committee comprised of residents and supporters of Pittsburgh's vibrant Lawrenceville neighborhood. Scores of additional volunteers help to prepare the venue, construct exhibit panels, assist with registration, hang artwork and much, much more.

To learn more about the event, including how to register artwork and how to get involved as a donor or volunteer, visit [www.artallnight.org](http://www.artallnight.org).

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Ever since Z-Best Barbecue Chicken & Ribs opened just a short time ago, people have been asking, "Have you tried that new barbecue place yet?"

You must know where it is – just follow your nose to 5165 Penn Avenue, across from the Family Dollar.

It's take-out only and calling ahead is probably the best bet -- standing and waiting for your order is torture 'cause everything smells so good! You can order just their meats, which are slow-cooked on an open pit, or a dinner. Pork ribs and chicken are available anytime, but you need to call at least two hours ahead for beef ribs and whole chickens.

There's a selection of sauces – the typical hot or mild barbecue sauce and a very tasty mustard sauce that is

especially good on chicken.

Prices range from \$20 for a whole slab of ribs and \$9 for a whole chicken, to a rib dinner for \$10 or a rib and chicken wing dinner for \$8.50. Dinners come with your choice of cornbread or a dinner roll and two sides: greens, green beans, baked beans, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, potato salad or cole slaw. There's even a cake or pie of the day.

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## The Lunchbox of Pittsburgh

When the staff of Children's Hospital finishes the move to its new Lawrenceville location, The Lunchbox of Pittsburgh will be ready to feed them.

In the meantime, residents and employees of local businesses can get a head start on getting to know the new lunch place in town. Owner Brian Peltz has renovated his former rental property at the corner of 44th and Calvin Streets into a convenient place to grab your morning coffee and Danish or a tasty and affordable lunch.

The Lunch Box of Pittsburgh is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Their menu includes round deli sandwiches (\$4.25), deli hoagies (\$5.95); both meal- and side-size salads; two soups daily (\$3.19); hot dogs (\$1.79) and kielbasa (\$3.29); and Fish Fry Friday which features a cod fillet sandwich, crab cakes, and fried butterfry shrimp.

The Lunchbox proudly brews Nicholas Coffee and serves Stash premium teas. Of course all the snack goodies you could want are also available -- from chips to candy to ice

cream.

There is no indoor seating, but once the weather turns warm, customers will be invited to enjoy their meals on the outside patio. Peltz even plans to prepare hamburgers and hotdogs outside on the grill, too.

Customers are encouraged to call, email or fax in their order ahead of time so that it's ready to pick up. Free delivery is available within walking distance (minimum order \$15).

If you are feeding a crowd, sandwich rings can be ordered one day in advance.

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## "You Can't Go Back To Constantinople"

By Lisa Porter Werner  
Bulletin Contributor



## But you should go back to the Istanbul Grille

and served with lemon wedges (yum!); red lentil soup (\$4.50), a thick, rustic puree oozing with the taste of tomatoes, garlic and cumin; and green lentil soup (\$4.50), a hearty bowl similar to the consistency of the red lentil, but not quite as thick, with a milder flavor bursting with hints of mint.

The rest of the menu is comprised of salads, vegetarian and chicken, lamb and beef entrees. I ordered two entrees to share with the table: Turkish string beans (\$7.99), fresh string beans prepared in a savory tomato sauce with onions and garlic, served on a platter with rice and salad; and the evening's special, vegetarian stuffed peppers, (\$11.99), one green and one red pepper stuffed with lentils, rice, pine nuts and currants so tender that they fell apart when I cut into them, accompanied by a side of yogurt sauce and a salad. Both dishes were outstanding, perfectly cooked and full of flavor and the ingredients were so fresh that even the carnivores in our group were impressed!

We were pleased with the exceptionally delicious veggie kebabs (\$11.99), hefty slices of eggplant, green and red peppers, onions and zucchini marinated in an olive oil and spice based dressing, grilled to perfection and served on a platter with rice and salad; the zucchini pancakes (\$10.99), mashed zucchini mixed with herbs and fried until golden brown, served with yogurt sauce; and the fresh doner kebab (gyro) prepared with lamb, (\$12.99), made fresh daily, seasoned and rotated on self-basting vertical splits, accompanied by warm pita, rice and vegetables.

Our group had to try at least one of the house-made desserts. We chose the pistachio rice pudding (\$3.50) and were not disappointed -- the smooth creamy dessert was divine.

The Istanbul Grille is B.Y.O.B and does not charge a corkage fee. Gokalp may relocate to Lawrenceville, and I'm glad he'll remain in the East End because I've been back several times, and the food has been consistently delicious.

Eleven years ago, at the age of 29, Coskun (Josh) Gokalp moved from his homeland of Istanbul, Turkey to Manhattan thinking he'd learn English and possibly buy a vacation home somewhere in the U.S.

When he came to Pittsburgh to visit a friend three years ago, he decided to stay. "Everything is so affordable here compared to New York (City)," he explained. "And there were no true (certified) Halal restaurants in the city for Muslims, so I just decided to stay and open a restaurant here."

Similar to the Hebrew term, "Kosher," "Halal" is the preparation of food in compliance with Muslim dietary laws.

Gokalp first opened the Istanbul Grille on N. Craig Street, in Oakland, but quickly outgrew the tiny space. The need to expand led him to relocate the restaurant to the corner of S. Graham St. and Centre Ave.

The Middle Eastern cuisine served at the Istanbul Grille is seasonal and relies on the availability of nuts, grains, spices and fresh produce. Every dish is made in-house from scratch and a new menu is printed every few days.

The unpretentious, pleasing restaurant -- which seats about 60 -- is warmed by tapestries fastened to the ceiling, cherry-wood tables and booths upholstered in fabric of purple, cream and red geometric shapes.

Our party of five waited no more than 20 minutes on a spring-like Saturday night in March, although it is typically difficult to secure a table without a reservation on evenings when there is live music: from American Jazz to Greek folk music to "Ishtar," Pittsburgh's own "BellyRock" band which, accompanied by belly dancers, performs Middle Eastern and Mediterranean songs popular in mid-20th-century belly dancing night clubs.

We started our meal with the incredibly delicious baba ganush (\$5.99), grilled eggplant smashed like mashed potatoes, mixed with lemon juice, garlic, olive oil and tahini (sesame paste), accompanied by warm grilled pita. Our group was awed by the smoky, charred, garlic-y tasting dish, the best baba ganush I've ever tasted. We also tried: stuffed grape leaves (\$4.99), filled with lentils and rice

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## BLOOMFIELD-GARFIELD CORPORATION'S

# EYESORE PROPERTY

OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight either property owners whose neglect hurts the neighborhood or those who have admirably maintained or renovated their properties. Properties are nominated by community members. To nominate a property for either Eyesore or Showcase Property of the Month, call Aggie Brose at 412-441-6950.



## The Mystery of 608 S. Millvale

The property at 608 South Millvale Ave. in Pittsburgh's 8th Ward was nominated for the Eyesore Property of the Month. According to Allegheny County's Real Estate Website, Robert M. King is the recorded owner. The tax bill mailing address is Global Financial LLC, P.O. Box 1547, Great Falls, MT 59403. Mr. King acquired the property in July, 2002 for \$64,000.00. Taxes are current.

The mystery is WHY did he acquire the property???

The complainant that nominated the property told us the house has been vacant for the past ten years. The property includes a two-car garage in the rear and during every wind storm, tar paper from the garage flies all over the surrounding area. Nearby neighbors said they "try to keep the neighborhood decent by picking up the tar paper and spraying the weeds around the property."

BGC staff contacted the Bureau of Building Inspection and found the property has been cited and still has an open file on the citation, which, in addition to showing it vacant and open, includes broken windows, rot-

ted window frames, broken doors, plaster falling off lath, and a structurally unsound front porch column.

On a recent visit, BGC staff found the building vacant and blighted. There was a poor attempt to board the windows and secure the doors. The side of the building is covered with graffiti, tar paper lays alongside the house, and debris has accumulated in the rear stair well. What is even more outrageous is that this unit is a duplex and the adjoining owner, whose unit is well maintained, has had to endure this for years.

BGC found Mr. King listed in the phone book at 608 S. Millvale Ave. with an unpublished number. Why would he acquire the property and let it sit vacant, with no investment, and still claim his address address as 608 S. Millvale Ave.? Yes, he is paying taxes, but he allows this vacant and blighted property to destroy the quality of life in the neighborhood. BGC finds that unacceptable

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. King is asked to contact the BGC at 412-441-6950 ext. 15.

## East End Historical Festival planned

The East End/East Liberty Historical Society is hoping that historic-themed events and activities will be the key to increasing the number of visitors to the area in the next few years. They have begun planning a major history-themed festival scheduled to be held at the intersection of Penn and S. Highland Avenues in 2010.

The Society recently held a wine and cheese party to recruit persons interested in participating in the group's activities. Dozens of people gathered to look at the rare books and historic photographs and postcards featuring the East End that were on display and listen as Society member Charles Honeywell described the festival plans. The walls were lined with photographs and posters dating back more than a century that prompted more than one interested viewer to wonder aloud about the subjects pictured. A line of people waited patiently to leaf through plat plans from the 1800s and early 1900s to find their houses or other properties near and dear to their hearts.

One display featured a number of fascinating facts about the East Liberty Valley, which stretches from Stanton Heights, Highland Park and Morningside, through East Liberty and into parts of Shadyside, Bloomfield and Friendship. Did you know that there used to be a lake where Silver Lake Drive is, right off Washington Blvd.? It was considered a drowning hazard for area youth, so it was filled in and a drive-in theater was built in its place.

The Historical Society is seeking members and interested residents to help out with the group's activities. There are many ways to volunteer your time and talent.

A Historical Events Committee will focus on having a major East End festival on a Saturday in the summer of 2010. Current plans include Native American groups to exhibit their dancing and crafts; a Revolutionary War reenactment group to illustrate the drills, uniforms, weapons and foods common during the late 1700s (one of the many soldiers who marched through East Liberty Valley during the French & Indian War was George Washington!); a canoe-making demonstration that will show the many types of canoes constructed over the years, including strip, birch bark, and dugout; and the opportunity to watch a fully-operational 3000-degree iron-making blast furnace and aluminum furnace pour hot metal, as well as many other demonstrations.

It is hoped that local church and civic groups will have booths to tell of their own individual histories, in addition to guided tours that will introduce participants to more than 20 major event locations in the East End, including the 1863 Civil War site and the Negro Opera house, among others.

The Society is looking for volunteers interested in joining one of their other committees: Membership, Local Collections, Finance, Heritage Center Location, and Architectural Interest. For information call 412-661-9660.

# There's an East End coffeehouse for every taste

By Stacie Chandler  
Interim Bulletin Editor

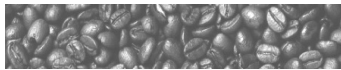
It may have taken a little longer to happen here than in other cities, but coffee shops are cropping up everywhere in Pittsburgh. Of course there's the ubiquitous Starbucks on every other corner, a café in every book store, and gourmet coffee drinks in grocery stores and mini-marts, but it's the independent, unique coffee shops that are creating a buzz.

How do you find them? Well, you could "Google" Pittsburgh coffee houses, but I couldn't find a listing that included all the businesses I know of in just our circulation area. And some people will quibble about how you define a coffee house. I would say a true coffee house offers more than just a good cup of coffee – although high-quality coffee drinks prepared by knowledgeable professionals is a requirement. In addition to a myriad of coffee-based drinks, there are all kinds of teas, cocoas, some ice cream drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages. Most also serve food – some focus on light fare, such as soups and sandwiches, others on desserts and pastries.

The thing about coffee houses is that they are a place for people to gather for as many reasons as there are people. Each one has a personality and the fun is in exploring them all until you find the one that is the best fit for you.

The former nuisance-bar-turned-coffeehouse has been a hipster hang-out since it opened in the fall of 2001. With its funky Craig's List décor and much-admired vegetarian and vegan cuisine (Voted Best Vegan/Vegetarian 2008 by readers of the City Paper), the Quiet Storm is a favorite for everyone in the neighborhood and beyond. Cyclists descend to sit on sidewalk tables for Sunday brunch, moms and tots drop by to pass a quiet afternoon, and movers and shakers schedule intimate meetings. Visit [www.quietstormcoffee.com](http://www.quietstormcoffee.com)

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

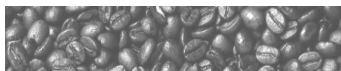


## GARFIELD

**G) Volutto Coffee**  
5467 Penn Avenue

The most recent addition to the East End coffeehouse scene is this sleek and sophisticated café. Volutto serves up expertly brewed French press coffee drinks, as well as tasty pastries and baked goods. The soothing colors and enormous windows make it bright and airy on even the most dreary rainy day.

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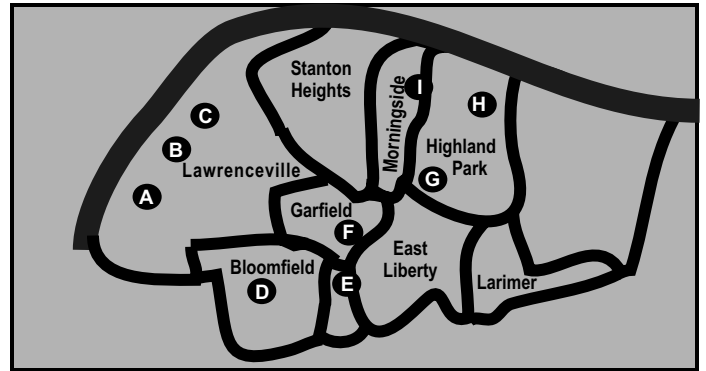


## HIGHLAND PARK

**H) Eat UP Café**  
801 N. Negley Avenue

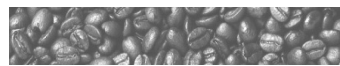
Housed in the former church that is now the Union Project, this café has undergone a number of management and personality changes in its few short years of existence. The interior is cozy, with beautiful stained glass windows and both comfy chairs and private tables that attract teachers from local schools for their planning periods and neighborhood book groups, as well as local residents. The café partners with Starbucks for their Barista Training program, which helps youth transition from foster care into independent adult living. There are lots of breakfast and lunch items on the menu, so stop in any time. [www.unionproject.org/CAFE](http://www.unionproject.org/CAFE)

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. **CLOSED SUNDAY**



**I) Enrico's Tazza d'Oro**  
1125 N Highland Avenue

To many, this coffeeshop's picture is next to the word coffeeshop in the dictionary. It's a neighborhood fixture, beloved by those who walk over with their child/dog/friend from a nearby home, as well as studious students and business types having an informal meeting. Rarely empty, Tazza d'Oro is bustling with customers from morning till night. Is it the great coffee? The talented baristas? The good food? The convenient location? Check out their website at [www.tazzadoro.net](http://www.tazzadoro.net). But it's probably best to drop by and see for yourself.



## LAWRENCEVILLE

**A) Crazy Mocha**  
4032 Butler Street

On a recent morning visit, this was a peaceful oasis compared to the rumbling trucks and honking cars outside on Butler Street. With its two-level seating and cozy room tucked in back, customers are sure to find a quiet place to chat with friends, curl up with a book, or work on a laptop, thanks to the free wireless. There's the usual selection of capably crafted coffee drinks and Stash teas, as well as non-coffee treats. You can grab a biscotti, muffin, bagel or coffeecake or a quick lunch with the prepared sandwiches and salads.

Hours: Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**C) Perk Me Up**  
4407 Butler St

Open during the morning and early-afternoon hours, this coffeehouse caters to the morning coffee and pastry set, as well as those looking for Perk Me Up's reasonably-priced, generously-proportioned sandwiches. Their home-made baked goods are

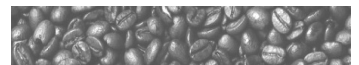
quite tasty, too. There was a bustling lunch crowd during a recent visit and almost everyone added a cookie, muffin or scone to their order.

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday:

**B) Your Inner Vagabond**  
4130 Butler Street

Since opening its doors a little more than a year ago, this Coffeehouse and World Lounge has a decidedly Middle Eastern flavor, from its colorful and comfy cushions and pillows to its menu which features Turkish, as well as other coffees, and dessert, mezze, and tapas specialties from many corners of the world. Already a favorite, it was voted Best Coffeehouse 2008 by readers of the City Paper. You can drop by for one of its musical events, or belly dancing or even Sexist Board Game Night. Their website will tell you what's up next - [www.yourinner-vagabond.com](http://www.yourinner-vagabond.com).

Hours: Tuesday -Thursday: 4 p.m. to midnight; Friday: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Saturday: noon to 2 a.m.; Sunday: noon to 11 p.m.



## MORNINGSIDE

**J) Morning Glory Coffeehouse,**  
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## BLOOMFIELD

**D) Crazy Mocha**  
4525 Liberty Avenue

One of the best people-watching places in the East End is sitting in the big front window at this Crazy Mocha location. The busy pedestrian traffic on Liberty Ave. offers plenty to see while sipping on your favorite coffee or tea beverage. There's lots of outdoor seating in fine weather, too. And don't forget to take a peek at the selection of movies available from Dreaming Ant Video, located in the back of the coffee shop.

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday: 7 a.m. to Midnight; Saturday: 8 a.m. to Midnight; Sunday: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.



## FRIENDSHIP

**F) The Quiet Storm**  
Coffeehouse & Restaurant  
5430 Penn Avenue



# It's kindergarten time for your 5-year-old

If your child will be five years old by September 1, 2009, it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Fort Pitt Accelerated Learning Academy, located at 5101 Hillcrest Street in Garfield, will hold its Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, April 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There will be a petting zoo, children's activities and refreshments for all participants.

District-wide Kindergarten registration will be held April 20 to 24 at your child's neighborhood school (during school hours) or at PPS Administrative Building, 341 S. Bellefield Ave. in Oakland. (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). To determine your neighborhood school, visit [pghboe.net](http://pghboe.net).

All students that register for Kindergarten in the Pittsburgh Public Schools will receive a free book and become eligible for up to \$10,000 per year or \$40,000 for college through the Pittsburgh Promise scholarship program, regardless of family income.

To complete the registration process, you will need to bring the

following documents:

- Two current proofs of residence (driver's license, utility bill, tax statement, evidence of receiving checks from public assistance or Social Security);
- Birth or baptismal certificate;
- Immunization records with dates\*;
- Parent/Guardian identification.

A kindergarten readiness checklist provided by the Pittsburgh Public Schools is printed at right. A child who meets most of the criteria most of the time is considered to be ready to start kindergarten.

*\*Under Pennsylvania School Immunization Requirements, students in grades K-12 need to have the vaccines listed in the box at right. Proof of immunization must be provided by a written report showing immunization dates. If immunization is against religious, moral or ethical beliefs, the parents must provide a signed document stating the reason. If immunization is not medically advisable, a physician must provide a medical exemption statement to the school nurse practitioner.*

## Pittsburgh Public Schools

### Vaccination Requirements

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- 4 doses of diphtheria (1 dose after the 4th birthday); 3 doses if series started after 7 years of age
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles
- 2 doses of mumps
- 1 dose of rubella
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella or written statement from physician/designee indicating month and year of disease or serologic proof of immunity

## Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

*A child who meets most of these criteria -- most of the time -- is likely to be ready for school.*

### Academic Skills

- Knows name, age, address and phone number
- Writes name
- Identifies the letters in his/her name
- Identifies colors
- Identifies shapes and can copy shapes from a picture
- Draws a person
- Recognizes numbers 1 through 10

### Physical/Motor Skills

- Ties shoes
- Colors mostly within the lines
- Uses scissors with some skill
- Touches each finger to the thumb
- Hops on one foot more than 3 times in a row
- Catches a large bouncing ball
- Puts on a jacket and at least attempts to button/zip it
- Uses a fork and spoon

### Social/Emotional Skills

- Interacts well with other children
- Follows direction
- Puts toys away
- Speaks up, communicates needs
- Is patient and respectful
- Stays with an activity for 15-20 minutes
- Uses bathroom independently
- Uses a tissue when coughing or sneezing

## Head Start registration

The Head Start programs of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh are currently enrolling children age's three to five for the upcoming school year.

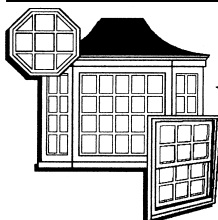
Head Start is a federally funded program that provides pre-school children with comprehensive and flexible programming designed to promote kindergarten readiness by increasing language development, pre-reading, pre-math, writing and social skills. Parents of children with special needs

are encouraged to enroll.

Head Start provides FREE quality early education services to families who meet the required federal guidelines. To enroll your child, call 1-866-214-KIDS (5437).

For more information about the early childhood education programs offered by Allegheny County Department of Human Services and the City of Pittsburgh, visit [www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/head-start.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/head-start.aspx)

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## Rescue League

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Man's best friend isn't the only furry or four-footed creature at the Animal Rescue League. Last year they cared for 8,000 surrendered family pets including dogs, cats, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, chinchillas, birds and even an alligator. Happily, in 2008 the Animal Rescue League was able to place 5,000 animals during their Drive for Five campaign — a goal they plan to meet again this year. Part of the success of the Animal Rescue League is the result of the efforts of more than 300 volunteers who spend an average of 20 hours a week at the shelter walking the dogs, playing with the cats and rabbits, cleaning cages, and helping with adoptions.

A new initiative of the Animal Rescue League is their partnership

with five area Petco stores. Adoptable cats are placed in the stores and cared for by volunteers. This partnership has helped the shelter place one-third of its available and adoptable cats and, according to Joe Tedesco, Offsite Adoptions Manager, is an important part of the Animal Rescue League's community outreach and education component.

If you would like to help this wonderful community resource, you can do so by volunteering your time, making a donation of blankets, toys, treadmills and pet food, or by becoming a foster family.

You can also visit their website at [www.animalrescue.org](http://www.animalrescue.org) and check out their wish list, along with other valuable information on clinic hours, spay and neuter programs and ways you can avoid surrendering your pet.

April is national Prevention of Cruelty to Animals month.

## A sure sign of Spring

On Saturday, May 9 the birds will be singing, the flowers blooming and your neighbors will be swinging at the 12th annual Friendship Folk and Flower Festival! And now is the time to order your locally grown flowers, herbs, heirloom vegetables and special Mother's Day Baskets. You can pick them up when you join the Friendship community from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for some folk music, fresh flowers and fun.

Plant sale proceeds help maintain Baum Grove, Friendship's own green space. Friendship Preservation Group will offer delicious grilled food, a

fabulous raffle, and the ever-famous book sale to support its efforts to enhance the quality of life in Friendship through litter campaigns, zoning enforcement and work with neighborhood schools.

There will be acoustic, folk, and bluegrass music from the best of local performers and ongoing demonstrations by the Pittsburgh Glass Center, a Zumba demonstration, skateboarding demonstrations by Mr. Smalls, and more. Lots of kids' activities, too. For information or to order flowers call 412-441-6147, x7 or visit [www.friendship-pgh.org](http://www.friendship-pgh.org).

## Hop Aboard Bucco!

### Pirates home opener is April 6

Here's the secret to having fun going to and from the ballpark: avoid the Northshore traffic and prices. Pittsburgh Water Limo is again cruising fans and families to PNC Park on *Miss Pittsburgh*, a comfy, enclosed and heated riverboat. Just relax and enjoy the city views from the water on your way to the ballpark.

Aboard *Miss Pittsburgh*, getting to and from the games is half the fun! The trip takes only seven minutes and round-trip tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. A one-way trip for adults is \$4.

Starting 90 minutes before each game, Pittsburgh Water Limo runs four trips — one every half-hour (there's a similar schedule at the end of the game). Cruises leave from the LockWall One Marina at the Cork Factory in the Strip District (23rd and Railroad Streets) and dock at the Roberto Clemente Bridge by PNC Park. *Miss Pittsburgh* holds 49 people, so bring your family and friends along, but reservations are required. Limited free parking is available at the docks and on the streets. The Cork Factory garage offers parking for up




to four hours for \$4.

Pittsburgh Water Limo is Coast Guard-certified to operate on all three rivers. Their captains and crew bring over 150 years of nautical experience to their operation.


Beverages are available on-board. During the Opening Week Special, all alcoholic drinks are only \$2. In cooperation with the Neighbors in the Strip, Pittsburgh Water Limo is offering bang for your Buc(cos). Spend \$10 anywhere in the Strip District, bring your same-day receipt to the boat and receive your first beverage free. Or spend \$10 at select Strip restaurants, including Spaghetti Warehouse & Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle, and get half off your round-trip ticket with a same-day receipt.

For reservations and information, call 412-221-LIMO (5466) or visit [www.PghWaterLimo.com](http://www.PghWaterLimo.com).



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# Job-hunting in a tough economy

## Look close to home

Children's Hospital will be opening at its new Lawrenceville location in May and there are still positions available that need to be filled.

The staff at Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center will assist job seekers in developing resumes for UPMC, as well as help with the online application process.

To explore the available positions, visit [www.upmc.com](http://www.upmc.com) and look under the "Careers" heading.

You can apply directly for Environmental Aides positions by submitting a resume via fax to C. Sciallo at 412-454-7720 or by email to [sciallocj2@upmc.edu](mailto:sciallocj2@upmc.edu).

## Or expand your search a bit

Many people are finding it a lot harder to find jobs in this economy. What with lay-offs and hiring freezes, the competition for the few open positions is fierce. Sometimes you may find that you have to cast your net wider, and the Airport Corridor Transportation Association wants to help.

The commercial area around the Parkway East in Robinson is chock full of businesses – restaurants, movie theaters, department stores, specialty stores, warehouse stores, professional offices and corporate headquarters. There are literally hundreds of businesses located in a small area and many of them are looking for help.

And, yes, you can get there without a car!

Job-seekers should know that it is possible to work at one of the many airport-area businesses and get there via public transportation. The 28X bus, which departs frequently throughout the day from stops in both Oakland and Downtown, takes riders to the stop at IKEA in Robinson Town Center.

From there, riders can catch a free shuttle provided by ACTA to any business in a 1.5-mile radius. And you can tell your driver what time to pick you up and take you back to the IKEA shelter for your return trip on the 28X.

Currently the free shuttles runs during the 28X peak ridership hours: from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. ACTA hopes to expand service to fill in the gaps by mid-summer. It's easy, convenient and affordable.

For those who are new to riding public transportation, ACTA has some advice. Everyone should start at the Port Authority Transit website, [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org). There you'll find all the resources you need. The Trip Planner link allows you to find out if you can get from here to there by bus. It will show you the route, times, and connections and give you up to three options.

Bus stops are marked by signs that list the routes that stop at that location. Be sure that you are standing on the right side of the street to catch the inbound or outbound bus for a particular route. Currently, Port Authority is testing Route Shout at some stops, a system that allows riders to access scheduled bus arrival times via cell phone text messages. If you are at a Route Shout stop, you'll see a sign explaining how to send a text message on your cell phone to learn when the next bus is due at your stop.

Many first-time riders are uncertain about when and how to pay their fare. Riders pay as they board the bus on inbound routes (toward downtown) and pay as they exit the bus on outbound routes (away from downtown). Between 7 p.m. and 4 a.m., all routes are "pay-as-you-board." It is important to know that there is no change given on the bus. You should carry exact change for your fare and transfer, if necessary. The fares for the various zones are available at [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org).

For more information about the services provided by Airport Corridor Transportation Association, visit their website at [www.acta-pgh.org](http://www.acta-pgh.org) or call 412-809-3508.

## Out of School Job Program

By Robyn Doyle

BGC Youth Development Center



Stephen Porter, a 22-year-old Westinghouse High School graduate, has been involved in Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.'s Out of School Youth Employment Program since September 2008.

After job-hunting unsuccessfully for five months, Stephen received a flyer in the mail describing the BGC program. He attended an orientation session and jumped aboard. Since then, he's completed Job Readiness Training, attended financial literacy seminars, participated in academic enrichment, and acquired his Microsoft Office Specialist Certification.

The BGC sets high standards for Out of School Youth Employment Program participants. The intense training provides youth with pre-employment skills and empowerment that increase job retention, promote career advancement, and eventually lead to greater self-sufficiency in the community.

Program Coordinators Charis Walker and Robyn Doyle offer men-

toring opportunities, arrange work sites that parallel youth interests, and procure supplemental materials for participants. Stephen said he particularly appreciated the one-on-one counseling he received which helped him establish his career expectations, as well as Home Depot's donation of the tools he needed for his job.

In October, Stephen began paid work training with Loffert Electric, one of the BGC's worksite partners. Chris Loffert, a long-time Worksite Partner has mentored a number of youth. As a worksite supervisor, Loffert guided Stephen in professionalism and monitored his successes.

Loffert taught Stephen how to wire a fuse box, run wires, and change switches and plugs. As Stephen's participation in the program is drawing to a close, Stephen says he is "on the right path".

He has been hired permanently by Loffert Electric and is looking forward to a bright future. Stephen imagines himself acquiring his electrical certification and continuing his employment with Loffert full-time. He hopes to someday buy a nice home where he can raise his two-year-old daughter Makaylah.

## Career Fair for ages 16-25

This year a Career Fair for Youth will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. during Pittsburgh's annual Youth Workforce Development Conference on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Omni William Penn Hotel.

For more information about the Career Fair or conference, call the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center at 412-362-8580 or visit [www.regonline.com/Pathfinders2009](http://www.regonline.com/Pathfinders2009).

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# Family fun and parenting support at FCC

Sometimes it's hard to be a parent. There are so many choices to be made and who knows how to decide?

What do I feed my baby? When can she eat regular food? How do I know if she's developing normally? Is preschool a good idea? What are some games I can play with my baby?

If you are looking for answers to questions like these, perhaps the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Family Care Connection in Lawrenceville can help. Located at 5235 Butler Street, the FCC is dedicated to promoting the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of neighborhood families.

The FCC offers free services such as play groups, positive parenting classes, wellness sessions for adults and children, developmental screenings, family fun events and field trips, home visits, a nursing staff, and assistance with goal planning.

With a Parent Council that meets regularly to evaluate programs and class offerings, the FCC is constantly evolving – adding new services and exploring new programming to meet the needs of the families it serves.

While many of the services are aimed at families with children from birth to five years, the FCC has been adding more and more for older chil-

dren and their families. They've offered babysitting classes and hygiene workshops for middle school-age youth, and are planning an after-school program for middle school students.

Families who enroll in the FCC have access to a wide variety of resources and assistance, from referrals for heating, food and housing programs, to transportation and child care for medical appointments.

"When families enroll in our home visits," explained Suzanne Rubiano, the Center's RN, "we help them evaluate their household and set some goals. We are always building from their strengths. Everyone has a strength."

FCC staff members say the support of Children's Hospital, which will be moving to the new Lawrenceville facility next month means they have incredible resources available to them. They can offer health screenings and expert advice on everything from head lice to the flu, and have used the services of translators to assist families who do not speak English.

Many participants find FCC during times of crisis such as a loss of housing, loss of income, or unexpected

pregnancy. Some participants find that parenthood can lead to a sense of social isolation, and they seek out the social interaction and support the center offers.

The staff finds ways to keep parents upbeat and positive. One of the favorite activities is the twice-yearly Pamper Day, in which mothers hop aboard the center's van and spend the day having manicures and other relaxing treats. Participants have found a source of friendship and parenting resources that keep them coming back long after their children have grown, said Sandra Duceour, the FCC Interim Coordinator.

The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Family Care Connection will hold an open house on Sunday April 5, in conjunction with the new Children's Hospital Community Open

House that same day. All are invited to drop by for a visit.

For more information call 412-784-8683 or drop by Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### **PEABODY YEARBOOKS**

Copies of the Peabody High School yearbook from the years 1988 through 2002 are available now for only \$25 each. If you never got a yearbook, now is your chance. Call the school at 412-665-2092 and leave a message.

### **MERTON CENTER EVENT**

The Thomas Merton Center is hosting an Open House Fundraiser showcasing local artists and businesses from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 2 at 5125 Penn Ave. There will be live music, food, artwork, and items from the Thomas Merton Center's archives.

### **RAFFLE ITEMS SOUGHT**

Spring is on its way. What better way to welcome the season than by donating an item to the Friendship Folk and Flower Festival Raffle! Donations can be event tickets, a store-bought item, a gift certificate or something creative. Do you have a talent or service you can offer? Renovation? Gardening? Car maintenance? Legal services? Any and all donations are appreciated, and will help to make this year's raffle a huge success. All proceeds benefit the Friendship community. For info or to make a donation, email Hilary Lackner at [hilary@lackner.net](mailto:hilary@lackner.net) or Amy Melder at [amymelder@hotmail.com](mailto:amymelder@hotmail.com).

### **MYSTERY LOVERS**

Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lawrenceville presents *Mystery's Most Wanted* production of: "Mobsters, Molls and Marinara", a murder mystery dinner theater that will transport you back to 1920's Chicago---a time of prohibition, gangsters, raccoon coats, flappers, gambling, and the speakeasy.

On Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m., Holy Family Social Hall (256 44th Street) will be turned into a 1920's restaurant and speakeasy. Enjoy an evening of laughter and good times as

we serve dinner between the acts of the show. Ticket includes an authentic Italian dinner, dessert, professional dinner theater, beer, soda and coffee. BYOB. Prizes awarded if you can figure out whodunit! Tickets are \$25. For information or tickets call 412-682-0929. Tickets are limited.

### **FRIENDSHIP MEETING**

Friendship Preservation Group will hold its quarterly community meeting on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Children's Home, 5324 Penn Ave.

The meeting is open to all Friendship residents and babysitting is available. It's a pot luck, so bring a dish to share!

Friendship's quarterly community meetings are a time to come together, see neighbors, catch up on individual doings and goings-on, and chat over a casual supper.

The meeting will start at with dinner followed by an open floor to raise any kind of questions with each other and the neighborhood board before the focus is on transportation and a guest speaker from Port Authority.

### **CHRONIC DISEASE?**

Vintage senior community center, 401 North Highland Avenue, East

Liberty (across from Home Depot), will offer a FREE 6-week "Healthy View" chronic disease self-management course.

Designed by Stanford University, the course is helpful for any ongoing health condition, such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease, chronic pain, asthma, cancer or any other condition that affects your daily life.

Choose Mondays 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., starting April 6 or Wednesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m., beginning April 8.

Preregistration required. Call 412-

### **ART AND MUSIC**

Join the children of St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School as they present an evening of original music and art on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, 225 37th Street in Lawrenceville.

the program is presented with DreamMakers Professional Artists Mentoring Program, created by Pittsburgh Gateways Corp. For information, call 412-682-5096.

### **BELLYDANCE CLASS**

Nawal is teaching a beginner bellydance class at the Wilkins School Community Center located at 7604 Charleston S. in Regent Square on Saturdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

The class runs as six-week series but is on-going, so once the first series ends a new one will begin. You are welcome to join the class at any time. Drop-ins are welcome.

Bellydance is fun and great exercise for all ages and body types. Come learn a new dance and have fun. For more information, contact Nawal at [miacnor@aol.com](mailto:miacnor@aol.com) or 412-298-6871.

### **JOIN TROOP 73**

Currently more than 20 boys, ages 11 to 17 make up Boy Scout Troop 73. The boys, from Lawrenceville, Morningside, Stanton Heights and Highland Park, meet Monday evenings at the Stephen Foster Community Center on Main St. in Lawrenceville. Troop 73 camps monthly -- cabin camping, survival camping and backpacking. Each June, they spend a week at the Boy Scout's Heritage Reservation where they fish, shoot arrows, swim, hike, build campfires, canoe, earn merit badges and more.

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#### **PenguinFest Kick-Off**

Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special guest reader for "If You Were a Penguin." For ages 2 to 8 with family member.

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. For ages 3-5.

#### **Baby/Toddler Lapsit**

Fridays, 10:30 a.m., April 17 and 24. For parents and children ages 6 months to 3 years.

#### **Origami**

Saturday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m. For adults and children.

#### **One Book, Every Young Child: Penguin Fun**

Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. For ages 2-8 with family member.

#### **East Liberty PC Center:**

##### **Introduction to Computers**

Do you know how to use a mouse? Do you know where the Enter key is? What about the different parts of the computer? If you are unsure about any of these questions, this class is for you! Learn the basics of a computer, mouse and keyboard as a prerequisite for all our other computer classes.

NOTE: This class is designed for those who have little or no computer experience. Wednesday, April 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. OR Thursday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, April 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

##### **Introduction to CareerLink**

Learn all about this job assistance website, how to sign up for its services, and more.

Prerequisite: Introduction to

Windows class or solid mouse, keyboarding and Windows skills.

Thursday, April 16 from 2:30-4:30pm To register for these classes or for more information about our free computer classes, call the PC Center-East Liberty at 412-363-6105.

**Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh  
Lawrenceville Branch**

**279 Fisk Street 412-682-3668**

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays, 11 a.m., April 2, 9, 23 and 30.

#### **Adult Book Discussion**

Monday, April 13, 5 p.m.

"The Giver" by Lois Lowry

#### **Terrific Tales for Twos and Threes**

Saturdays, April 4 and 25, 10:30 a.m. For ages 2-3.

#### **Art workshops: "Imagine the Future..."**

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, and 27; 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. For children and teens ages 8 and up.

## BULLETIN BOARD

munity service projects. Last year they planted flowers on Polish Hill in the spring and built a raised bed box for the residents at Canterbury Place. Most recently they helped the Rotary Club serve breakfast at their recent fundraiser.

If you are interested in learning more about Scouting with Troop 73, contact Scoutmaster Bob McKinstry at 412-661-2963 to arrange a visit.

### COGIC 80TH ANNIV.

This month, the Morningside Church Of God In Christ will hold its final services in celebration of the church's 80th anniversary.

On Palm Sunday, April 5 at 4 p.m. the Sunshine Band will sponsor "The M&M Story" for children and a musical, "At the Cross," for adults.

The Grand Finale Service on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 4 p.m. will feature a special guest, Pastor Tyrone Tillman and the congregation of the First Church Of God In Christ of Braddock.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend these services at Morningside Church Of God In Christ, 5173

Dearborn Street at Pacific Ave. in Garfield.

### BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies in Bloomfield will be starting its second year as soon as planting season opens. We are looking for gardeners to help install a butterfly station in Friendship Park to promote Bloomfield as a butterfly habitat or to plant for butterflies in your own garden. For more info, go to [butterfliesinbloomfield.org](http://butterfliesinbloomfield.org) or call Lyn Ferlo at 412 688-0590.

#### Morningside Church of God in Christ

5173 Dearborn Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
Office: (412) 361-9865 Fax: (412) 363-5414  
Elder Lamont B. Shields, Pastor

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship..... 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer ..... 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Bible Band .. 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening-YPWW (Young  
People Willing Workers).. 6:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening Evangelistic Service ....  
7:00 p.m.

"For God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

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## GET ON BOARD TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!

Join the staff of West Penn Hospital for the annual Children's Health Fair featuring fun health and safety topics!

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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The Western Pennsylvania Hospital

Kids and their families will enjoy a variety of health-related activities, nutritious snacks, games and more.

Teach your children that being healthy can be fun too!

Complimentary parking is available in the hospital's parking garage, located on the corner of Liberty and South Millvale avenues. Present your parking ticket at the Fair's registration table for validation.

For more information,  
call 412-578-5644.



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## Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital has announced a number of upcoming activities.

A community preview for patient families, neighbors and all who would like to see the new hospital will be held on Sunday, April 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. is a private, invitation-only event and tour for government officials, community leaders and other honored guests.

CHP staff will conduct a mock patient move, utilizing mannequins that will be transported via ambulance to the new Lawrenceville campus on Sunday, April 19 from 2 to 6 p.m.

On Saturday, May 2 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. an estimated 150 patients will be moved from the current location in Oakland to the new hospital in Lawrenceville.

## Magnet schools

The Pittsburgh Public Schools will hold an open dialogue session on its newly proposed magnet registration process on Thursday, April 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the library of Pittsburgh Allegheny K-5, at 810 Arch St.

After a brief presentation, small group discussions will focus on key aspects of the proposed process, including a weighted lottery system for admission to oversubscribed magnet schools and programs. The District hopes to create a transparent, easy to navigate, legally sound and consistent magnet application process. The Board is expected to vote on the proposed changes at the April 29 Legislative Meeting, in time for the 2009 Magnet Registration Period for admission in the 2010-11 school year. RSVP to superintendentoffice@pghboe.net no later than 5 p.m. on April 7.



### Notice of Public Meeting Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Date:** April 16, 2009

**Location:** Saint Lawrence O'Toole Activity Building  
Corner of North Atlantic Ave / Broad Street

**Time:** 6:00PM – Sign In/Refreshments  
6:30PM – Presentation and Q&A  
7:30PM – Group Breakout Stations / Discussions

The City of Pittsburgh, in cooperation with the PA Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan Committee, will conduct a second public meeting for the Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan Study. The first Public Meeting was held in March of 2008. L. Robert Kimball & Associates is near completion in formulating a Corridor Phasing Plan to advise the City in programming and advancing transportation improvements along Penn Avenue from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Negley Avenue.

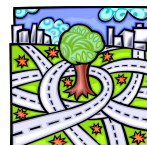
The purpose of the meeting is threefold: 1) review the previous Public Meeting comments and community concerns; 2) discuss what has been completed since the last Public Meeting; and 3) detail the next steps and phases of the project including potential timelines.

The project is located on Penn Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Negley Avenue, approximately 2 miles in length. The project limits extend through the City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Garfield, Friendship, and East Liberty. The scope of the study is to assess Penn Avenue transportation infrastructure needs and develop and implement a list of prioritized improvements for construction.

The project team will be present at the public meeting to discuss and provide a better understanding of the project needs and prioritized transportation improvements.

The meeting location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Anyone who needs additional information, has special needs, or requires special aids should contact:

Patrick Hassett, Assistant Director, City of Pittsburgh, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Transportation and Engineering at [pat.hassett@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:pat.hassett@city.pittsburgh.pa.us) or 412-255-2883



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