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Community Meeting Gives Energetic Start to Penn Avenue Project

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

A geared-up, enthusiastic crowd of more than 150 people gathered in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Activity Center on March 11 to take part in a community meeting about the upcoming revitalization of Penn Avenue. "This has been 12 years in the making," said Aggie Brose, deputy director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, as she kicked off the evening's proceedings. "We're here to begin a dialogue with you."

The public meeting was sponsored by the City of Pittsburgh, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan Committee (PACPPC), an ad hoc group of community organizations and local and state officials. The pur-

pose of the meeting was twofold: to present the scope of the plan, and to listen to and record the comments and concerns of the community.

First on tap was a visual presentation by Patrick Hassett, assistant director of the Pittsburgh Department of Public Works' Bureau of Transportation and Engineering. He reviewed the geographic scope of the project, which extends from 34th Street in Lawrenceville to Negley Avenue on the edge of East Liberty, and enumerated the contents of what he called the "spatial envelope" of the \$4 to \$5 million project: lighting, signals and signage, pavements and sidewalks, street furniture and streetscape, and utilities.

Hassett went on to stress that the current project plugs into two previous studies, which many in the audience were familiar with: the Penn Corridor Urban Design Workshop and

the Penn Main District and Children's Hospital Community Centered Civic Design Impact Study and Action Plan. "We're not starting at Ground Zero," he said. Hassett emphasized the holistic vision of the plan, viewing the avenue as a conduit, as a place for business and living, as sustainable (i.e., environmentally friendly), and as distinct neighborhoods and districts with their own identities.

He next reviewed the schedule, in which construction does not begin until 2010 and continues in phases through 2013. "We're talking about a very congested corridor," Hassett said,

"so the thinking about it takes time. We're programming federal funds, and that takes time, too."

Following Hassett's presentation, audience members broke into smaller groups, depending on which section of the corridor they were most interested in. The groups were: 34th to 40th Streets (Arsenal/Historic



PENN AVE. PROJECT MANAGER BRIAN KRUL (CENTER, STANDING), OF L. ROBERT KIMBALL & ASSOCIATES, LISTENS TO THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS DURING THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS.

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Filmmaker Probes Story of East End Redevelopment



FROM *THE FEAR OF US*, BY CHRIS IVEY. AT THE OPENING OF THE FILM, NAMES OF EAST END NEIGHBORHOODS FLASH ACROSS THE SCREEN, ACCOMPANIED BY A VOICEOVER ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF GENTRIFICATION.

Talking to filmmaker Chris Ivey on the phone is a bit like interviewing a guy on a skateboard. The young African-American documentarian has so many projects in the works, and so many passionate ideas about his art, that it's hard to keep up with the flips and jumps of his thoughts.

"Everything just kept happening," he says, to explain how his documentary, *East of Liberty*, mushroomed from one film into two, then three, and now four. It all began in May 2005, when Ivey was hired to chronicle the demolition of East Mall, the

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low-income high-rise that spanned Penn Avenue at Penn Circle West.

The ceremony turned into a bit of a circus, with the condemned building marked as a paintball target for the occasion. Hearing the anger of former residents, Ivey knew he had a story, and a complex one at that - of residents displaced and opportunities seized, of race and class and gentrification. And *East of Liberty* was born.

Part One, *A Story of Good Intentions*, screened in Pittsburgh venues and in London last year. Part Two, *The Fear of Us*, just debuted at

the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater this past February and March. While the first chapter examined the former East Mall residents and their anger about losing their homes to "urban renewal," *The Fear of Us* delves into the business and development side of the East Liberty story.

Ivey interviewed many of the main business players, including representatives of Mosites Development (the company behind the Eastside shopping complex); the East Liberty Chamber of Commerce; community groups like East Liberty Development

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**MAY
DEADLINE!**

The **FINAL DEADLINE** for the **MAY 2008** issue of The Bulletin is **TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008**. This includes **ALL** classified ads, Bulletin Board announcements, story submissions, and ad space reservations. All content is accepted on a space-available basis. For more information, call 412-441-6915.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

Public Safety Task Force February 2008 Activity

- Feb. 1, 3:15 p.m. - Undercover detectives arrested a 22-year-old male for delivery of a controlled substance. The arrest was made after the individual attempted to sell heroin to one of the detectives in the parking lot of a convenience store at Penn and S. Millvale Aves.
- Feb. 6, 9 p.m. - Detectives from the city's Impact Squad arrested two males in the 5100 block of Penn Avenue. A 32-year-old male was observed selling crack cocaine to a 45-year-old male.
- Feb. 6, 1:38 a.m. - Detectives from the city's Impact Squad arrested an 18-year-old male for intent to deliver controlled substances (heroin and crack cocaine). The detectives observed the male conducting drug sales in the 5000 block of Dearborn Street prior to arresting him.
- Feb. 8, 9:35 p.m. - Detectives from the city's Impact Squad arrested a 16-year-old male for robbery of a 17-year-old female living in the area. Detectives apprehended the suspect after he was seen running with the victim's purse in his possession in the 5300 block of Penn Avenue. The victim told police the robbery occurred at the corner of Friendship Ave. and S. Winebiddle St. Police are attempting to determine if he was involved in several similar robberies in the same vicinity.
- Feb. 13, 8:28 p.m. - Detectives from the city's Impact Squad arrested a 44-year-old male for intent to deliver a controlled substance (crack cocaine) in the 5100 block of Dearborn Street. The detectives observed the male conducting drug sales in that vicinity and arrested him after a foot pursuit.
- Feb. 15, 5:19 p.m. - Undercover detectives arrested a 27-year-old male for intent to deliver a controlled substance (crack cocaine). The arrest was at an apartment in the 500 block of N. Negley Avenue, following an investigation of complaints about drug activity in the building.

Operation Weed and Seed Awards Funds for Local Youth Violence Prevention Programming

At the beginning of December, Operation Weed and Seed

By **Deadra Keener**
Public Safety Coordinator

employment)
• Garfield Jubilee Association:
Garfield Commu-

nity Festival (August event)
• Garfield Youth Sports/Bloomfield Garfield Corporation: *Youth Sports Program*
• Healcrest Urban Community Farm: *Growing Our Youth* (summer work program)
• Mount Ararat Community Activity Center: *Community LEARNS Summer Program* (academics combined with activities and educational field trips)
• Peabody High School: *Promise for the Future: Reducing Teen Violence and Enhancing Life Opportunities* (May community event; see page 4)
• Penn State Cooperative Extension of Allegheny County/East Liberty Concerned Citizens Corporation: *Tree Tenders Youth Program* (summer work program)
• Wireless Neighborhoods: *206 Youth Communication Project* (spring/summer work program for Peabody students)

The annual Operation Weed and Seed RFP has always required applicants to propose activities that help prevent or reduce crime and/or improve law enforcement relations in the target site. This year, the Steering Committee debated how best to leverage the funds for the most impact in the community.

After much discussion, the committee agreed on the theme "Reduction of Youth Violence." Applicants were encouraged to show a clear linkage between the proposed activity/program and some aspect of youth violence prevention. Preference was given to proposals that addressed the theme.

The Proposal Review Committee, which consists of community members who regularly attend the monthly meetings, received a number of exciting youth-oriented proposals. The following is a list of this year's awardees:

- East End Cooperative Ministries: *Hoop It Up* (basketball program)
- Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center: *Career Development Program* (in-school and out-of-school youth

The offices of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan serve as co-chairs for Operation Weed and Seed.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the organizations directly, or call the Operation Weed and Seed Office at 412-255-4773. Also, look for updates on these programs in upcoming *Bulletin* issues!

Public Safety Task Force Meeting

The BGC's Public Safety Task Force - composed of community leaders, law enforcement officers, and public officials - meets on the second Wednesday of each month in Garfield to share information on community safety issues and to review progress being made in the area of crime prevention in Bloomfield, Garfield, and Friendship. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are set aside so that business owners and residents can raise specific concerns, or present concrete information about criminal activity to the Task Force. The next scheduled meeting is:

Wednesday, April 9
Bloomfield-Garfield Corp. Community Activity Center
113 North Pacific Avenue (corner of Dearborn)
4:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Aggie Brose, chair of the Task Force, at 412-441-6950 x15.

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District); Fisk to Mathilda (Hospital/Business District); and Millvale to Negley (Arts/Retail District). There was also a fourth group for those interested in the overall plan for the corridor. In these break-out sessions, which were facilitated by representatives from PACPPC, audience members were asked to talk about how they use Penn Avenue. They were also able to voice both their likes and dislikes about the avenue, and to use maps to pinpoint where they had encountered problems.

A range of concerns echoed through the room, including pedestrian issues, such as dangerous intersections and sidewalks; bad street lighting; lack of parking; and traffic and congestion. Although the focus was on infrastructure, participants also cited public safety concerns, which they felt complicate the revitalization plan. Mary Ann McGill, administrator of

Laurentian Hall, at 5321 Penn Avenue, summed up concerns about safety by observing that "unless we clean up what's going on along the avenue, everything will be for naught." In addition, community members noted the many things they like about Penn Avenue, including the diversity of architecture, the bus system, the restaurants and businesses, and the vibrant arts community.

Matthew Galluzzo, Penn Avenue arts district manager and facilitator for the Arts/Retail District break-out session, was heartened by the energy he felt from Group 3. "The interest around this issue [of corridor revitalization] is palpable," Galluzzo noted. "The residents, business owners, and other stakeholders...understand that this may be the one chance we have in our lifetime to address a host of challenges on the avenue."

The next public meeting on the

Penn Avenue plan will occur later this year, probably late in the summer, when PACPPC will bring back proposals based on the input from the

March 11 meeting, and ask the community to narrow down "what we can afford," Hassett said, "and what should come first."



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MATTHEW GALLUZZO (LEFT) AND HENRY PYATT OF FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LED THE COMMUNITY DISCUSSION IN THE ARTS/RETAIL DISTRICT BREAK-OUT GROUP.

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Inc. (ELDI); and owners of small, African-American-owned businesses like the Shadow Lounge. The result is a rich stew of viewpoints, including those who see the new, white-owned development as beneficial to the community as a whole, as well as those who fear the pushing-out of traditional mom-and-pop black businesses. Controversially, Ivey ends the film with an admonishment from Ernest Prescott, former manager of the Shadow Lounge and an African American, who claims that the black community itself has allowed the change to happen by doing nothing.

That seems to be Ivey's thinking, too. "I'm really angry at people in the communities right now," he says. "It's time to wake up. People in Garfield, in Homewood, in Lincoln-Larimer - this could be your community in ten years." Indeed, *The Fear of Us* opens with the names of East End neighborhoods scrolling across the screen, and a voiceover by psychologist Mindy Fullilove talking about how gentrification happens. In Part Four, Ivey says he will expand this idea further with footage from other cities, demonstrating that "the same thing is happening all over the world."

Not surprisingly, spirited, sometimes heated, discussions tend to follow the screenings of Ivey's films. "We deserve a Walgreen's," objected ELDI executive director Maelene Myers at the March 2 screening. "I want to shop in my neighborhood and not have to drive to the suburbs. I'm tired of hearing about why we can't

have these things." Myers also asserted that the people displaced by the demolition of East Mall have returned to the neighborhood: "All our folks came back." The real story of East Liberty's redevelopment, she says, "is so much bigger."

Which is why *East of Liberty* needs to have so many parts. Part Three, which Ivey is working on now, is called *In Our Livable Times*, playing off the designation of Pittsburgh as the country's "most livable" city. It deals with youth culture and violence in particular. "Kids are living in dangerous times," Ivey observes. "They feel hopeless. I wanted to talk about what's in it for kids with all this development going on."

The films have largely been self-financed through Ivey's prior work making music videos, commercials, and other documentaries, but he has also received some foundation support. Recently, *East of Liberty* won a Pittsburgh 250 grant, allowing Ivey to screen the film more widely. He says he wants to show it outdoors when the weather gets warmer, in neighborhoods "that need to see it." The documentary series, he believes, "is real life for me. I really feel like I'm doing something."

East of Liberty: The Fear of Us will screen at *The Union Project* on Monday, April 28, as part of their "Owning Your Community" series. Call 412-363-4550 for more information.

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BULLETIN UPDATES

THERE'S ENCOURAGING NEWS to report on a front-page story that *The Bulletin* ran in its February issue, about the impending sale of the bar Pap's 'n Us at 5106 Penn Avenue. On March 19, community representatives from the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Friendship Development Associates, and Garfield Jubilee Association signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Zamir Zahavi of Zahavi-Penn Inc., who is in the process of trying to buy the bar and have its liquor license transferred to his new establishment.

As reported here in February, community members and groups had expressed grave concern about the possible Pap's sale and license transfer, since Zahavi had once managed Buff's Bar, the source of numerous neighborhood complaints. In addition, in recent months, Pap's had been brought to the attention of the city's Nuisance Bar Task Force. So, following a public meeting in early January in which the community aired many serious concerns about the future of Pap's, the BGC filed a petition of protest with the state

Liquor Control Board on Jan. 18 about the proposed license transfer.

However, following a meeting and numerous phone calls between Zahavi and community organization representatives, an MOU was created, establishing "a trust between him and the community," said Aggie Brose, deputy director of the BGC. Zahavi has agreed in writing to seven specific points that address the community's concerns, including, among others, specific hours of operation, no "dollar draft" specials, and employment of a private security officer on weekends.

In turn, community partners have agreed to help promote the grand opening of the bar, and to withdraw the petition of protest. The parties have also settled on joint undertakings, such as working together on planning the bar's façade renovation.

While the MOU is not in itself legally binding, "it's an agreement on both sides that's a sign of good trust and faith," said Brose. "This confirms to us that Zahavi wants to run a responsible establishment, and we're all committing to that goal."

ALSO IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE, we reported in our "Eyesore of the Month" feature that the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation was trying to locate the owner of the blighted property at 418 Wicklow Street in the city's 10th Ward, to ask why he had walked away from the property and left it subject to vandalism and decay. Because the BGC could not reach the owner by phone, the staff sent him a letter.

We'd now like to report that the owner, Mr. Fay Deveraux, did respond to the BGC's letter, and said that he had purchased the house and done some repairs, and that he would like to sell it. At the time we first spoke to him, he thought he had a potential buyer. When we contacted him again just before press time, he said he would entertain bids on the property. Anyone interested in the two-story, red brick, single-family house can reach him by calling 412-304-3044.

ERRATUM

In our "Showcase of the Month" in the March issue of *The Bulletin*, we neglected to include the name of the architect who worked on the renovation of the property at 4600 Penn Avenue. His name is Val Zarro, of Zarro Design Workshop Architects, located on the Southside. We regret the omission.

Peabody Community Day Targets Youth Violence

Do you have plans for May 10, 2008? Pittsburgh Peabody's second

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annual community day will take place on that day. The theme of this year's event is "Promise for the Future: Reducing Teen Violence and Enhancing Life Opportunities."

The event will include a variety of activities geared toward families and the neighborhood, and is designed to discuss the effects of violence on our community and reinforce the importance education plays in creating a lifetime of opportunities. Last year's event, which focused on "Excellence for All" and reducing violence, was a success, drawing close to 1,000 participants.

As a result of last year's event, suspensions related to violent altercations and drug use are down by 36 percent, as measured by comparing the first semester of the 2007-08 school year with the first semester of

the 2006-07 school year. Additionally, there was an increase of 15

new community partners who said they have a vested interest in Pittsburgh Peabody High School. Event organizers hope to have an even stronger impact this year.

The day-long event will begin with a large provider fair, featuring booths staffed by community organizations, and a continental breakfast. A series of speakers will follow, including local leaders and a national keynote speaker. Workshops sponsored by local area service providers will follow the speakers. The more than 30 workshop topics will be diversified to meet the needs of the community. A lunch catered by the Pittsburgh Peabody Culinary Arts Department will be provided to all participants. Finally, at end the day, the Union Project will facilitate a local talent showcase.



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FILMMAKER AND INACTIVE GANG MEMBER CLE "BONE" SLOAN WAS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT LAST YEAR'S PEABODY EVENT.

CASA Volunteers Strive to Make Children's Voices Heard

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program of Allegheny County recently swore in its 36th class of volunteers – 10 dedicated individuals who underwent six weeks of training to learn how best to advocate for abused and neglected children in the county court system. Among the graduates was East Liberty resident Phyllis Nettles, who says CASA allows her to use her knowledge and experience "to make a difference in the life of a child."

CASA volunteers are advocates for children who have been victims of abuse or neglect and have landed in the child welfare system. After a volunteer receives a case assignment, she or he regularly meets with the child, in addition to interviewing parents, doctors, teachers, and therapists to collect information to present in Juvenile Court.

CASA volunteers become, in effect, the "eyes and ears" of the juvenile court judges, who will decide whether a child will be reunited with his or her parent(s), or adopted by a relative or non-relative. In fact, the Honorable

Gene Strassburger, one of the judges presiding at the swearing-in, told the new CASA volunteers that he is "able to sleep better at night," knowing that they are working for children's best interests.

Ms. Nettles first heard about the CASA program several years ago and was immediately interested, because she had been a foster parent to her own grandson. "He ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), and I had to work through the system to get him the services he needed," she recalls. Although her grandson is now 16 and in a group home, she remains active in his life as his health and education guardian.

In addition, given her background as an administrator in the mental health field, she says she thought CASA would be a good fit for her. She is currently employed as an interviewer with Consumer Action Response Team (CART), which facilitates communication between people with mental illnesses and their service providers.

But it wasn't until this past fall that she finally had the time to dedicate to the program, which required a rigorous 40 hours of training. In the class-



Courtesy CASA of Allegheny County

THE 36TH CLASS OF CASA OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY VOLUNTEERS INCLUDED EAST LIBERTY RESIDENT PHYLLIS NETTLES (FAR LEFT).

es, "we learned a lot about ourselves," Ms. Nettles says. "You learn about all the different things you'll be dealing with, all the people. You get rid of your illusions, and you decide whether the program's really for you. You have a choice. Consistency is key – if you leave, it's detrimental to the child." The training included role playing, presentations by agencies like the county Office of Children, Youth & Families (CYF), and lessons on investigative techniques, report-writing, and similar topics.

Ms. Nettles says she expects to spend 20 hours a month or more working on her current case, which she was assigned in early March. Her main stipulation was that she be matched with an African-American child, since she wanted to "stick with

what I know." And since she was just starting out in the program, she asked to work with just one child instead of with multiple siblings. CASA honored both her requests.

The CASA program really makes a difference, Ms. Nettles says, because "if you don't have an advocate, you can get lost in the system. We're talking about children who are maybe at the worst point in their lives, and we're saying, 'There's somebody here to speak for you.' It just takes one person to help a child. I feel like I'm kind of a light shining in the darkness."

CASA trainings are held three times a year. For more information, e-mail info@pgh-casa.org or call 412-594-3606.

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IN EARLY MARCH, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY LEARNS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT PITTSBURGH PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL TRAVELED TO HARRISBURG FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE, "PROMISING PRACTICES, PROVEN STRATEGIES: WORKING TOGETHER FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S YOUTH." PICTURED (FROM LEFT) ARE STEPHEN MACISAAC, WIRELESS NEIGHBORHOODS (WN) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; ELLEN BOTKIN, WN EDUCATION COORDINATOR; REPRESENTATIVE JAKE WHEATLEY, WHO TOOK THE GROUP ON A TOUR OF THE CAPITOL; PEABODY STUDENTS LOLENE GERMANY, JOHN WALKER, AND KHALYL BRATTEN; JOE DOSTILIO, COMMUNITY LEARNS PROGRAM MANAGER; AND PEABODY STUDENT TONI HANSOM.

Annual Friendship Flower and Folk Festival Celebrates 11th Year

On Saturday, May 10, the birds will be singing, the flowers blooming and your neighbors will be swinging at the 11th annual Friendship Flower and Folk Festival. F4, as it's known, takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Baum Grove, at the intersection of Harriet, Fairmount, and Roup. The event this year promises to be as enjoyable as ever, with folk music, fresh flowers, and good times.

F4 is organized by Friendship residents and sponsored by the Friendship Preservation Group and Friendship Development Associates. Get your garden started and purchase beautiful, locally grown flowers, herbs, heirloom vegetables, and special Mother's Day Baskets. The proceeds support the maintenance of Baum Grove,

Friendship's own green space. In addition, enjoy deliciously grilled food, a fabulous raffle, and the ever-famous book sale. These proceeds support Friendship Preservation Group's efforts to enhance the quality of life for all Friendship residents through litter campaigns, zoning enforcement, and work with neighborhood schools.

At this year's festival, you'll enjoy acoustic, folk, and bluegrass music from many of the best local performers, and ongoing demonstrations by the Animal Rescue League and Health Works PA. Learn more about the Friendship community, and get a chance to meet and mingle with your

By Sarah Collins
Friendship Development Associates

neighbors. Kids will enjoy the climbing wall, craft tables, planting of seedlings just for mom, street space for bikes and skates, as well as a special kids' raffle. The highlight of the day will be the unveiling of Friendship's new logo.

In a special effort to help the Animal Rescue League, we will be collecting donated items to aid in their mission to provide temporary shelter, food, medical attention, and comfort to neglected and injured animals; to

restore lost animals to their owners or seek new homes for them, and to educate the public about the humane care of animals. They are in need of cat litter; cat, kitten, dog and puppy food; dog and cat toys; blankets and towels; hand and dish soap; bleach; paper towels; a mini refrigerator; and gift cards from PetCo, Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart, and Target to purchase supplies.

For more information about the festival or to order flowers call 412-441-6147 x 7 or visit www.friendship-pgh.org.



A SCENE FROM THE FRIENDSHIP FLOWER & FOLK FESTIVAL IN BAUM GROVE LAST SPRING.

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New Neighborhood Planning Manager Hired for Friendship

Henry Pyatt was recently named Neighborhood Planning Manager at Friendship Development Associates (FDA).

Pyatt will be managing and implementing the Elm Street Program and other projects through community planning and research.

A former resident of Friendship, Pyatt graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in Urban Studies with a Planning concentration.

Pyatt comes to FDA with a background in city planning, construction, and coordination experience. He served as Local Event Manager and Talent Finder for Street Teams USA, where he was responsible for both finding appropriate workers to suit each promotion and coordinating with traveling promotional tour man-

By Sarah Collins

Friendship Development Associates

agers to execute events at specific sites.

He has also worked as an intern at the City of Pittsburgh Planning Department. Through surveys, interviews, and Zoning Board Meetings, he was able to complete a study to certify a new Residential Permit Parking District.

In his spare time, Pyatt enjoys local music, maps and the history of our fair Commonwealth. Pyatt looks forward to using his prior experience and education to continue to

grow the Friendship community through the Elm Street Program.

FDA is a neighborhood-based community development corporation that uses place-based real estate development strategies to bring about lasting beneficial market change in an unstable real estate market.



Courtesy FDA

Art All Night Returns to Lawrenceville ...

It's ba-a-ck! "Art All Night" returns to Lawrenceville for another art marathon and community celebration. Billed as 24 hours of art and music, the 11th Annual Art All Night takes center stage on April 26-27.

Professional and amateur artists of all ages are invited to display and sell their work at this community event that's like no other. On Saturday, April 26, between 1 and 4 p.m., artists of all ages may bring one piece of art to the registration area at the former Roomful Express/Giant Eagle warehouse located at No. 2 57th Street.

Confused about how to get there? Don't be. Just head down Butler Street and turn at 57th Street toward the river. Then, make a left at the gate after you cross the railroad tracks. After registering, head out to grab a bite to eat before coming back for the show. Several local eateries are expected to offer discounts to artists who participate.

Admission to Art All Night is free, and the event is open to the public from 6 p.m. on the 26th through 2 p.m. on the 27th. WYEP-FM 91.3 will broadcast live from the event. Live entertainment, children's art activities, and snacks will also be available.

Last year, Art All Night featured work by 828 artists and was attended by upwards of 10,000 guests. This year, the team that puts on Art All Night is ratcheting it up a notch with a "green" (that is, environmentally friendly) theme. In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, we recommend car pooling for those attendees who aren't walking. The "Call for Artist" postcards will be limited to those individuals without e-mail addresses, and online registration will be encouraged.

By Lynne Glover
Bulletin Contributor

At Art All Night, there are no fees, no jury, and no censorship. And, just so you know, Art All Night is planned and coordinated by an all-volunteer organizing committee made up of residents and supporters of Pittsburgh's vibrant Lawrenceville neighborhood. Scores of additional volunteers help in the final stages to prepare the venue, construct exhibit panels, assist with registration, hang artwork, clean up, and much, much more.

So mark your calendars. Get out your watercolors, your cameras, your crayons or decoupage materials. Go crazy. You make, we'll hang it. For more information, or to register, volunteer, or become a donor, go to www.artallnight.org.



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VOLUNTEER TIM SCHOOLEY OF LAWRENCEVILLE HANGS ART IN PREPARATION FOR LAST YEAR'S ART ALL NIGHT.



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ART ALL NIGHT 2007 ATTRACTED MORE THAN 800 ARTISTS AND UPWARDS OF 10,000 PEOPLE.

... And So Does the Third Annual Blossom Tour

Lawrenceville businesses will open their doors for the third annual Lawrenceville Blossom

By Nadia Diboun
Lawrenceville Corporation

Tour, a free event to be held April 18-20. Twenty of Lawrenceville's most interesting and unique merchants will pass out a variety of flower and herb seeds to all visitors (while supplies last). Each merchant will offer a different packet of seeds, so visitors can collect all 20 and plant them for a beautiful garden.

The Blossom Tour begins on Friday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and continues on Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 20, noon to 5 p.m. Among the many activities throughout the day are bowling, tanning, shopping, getting refreshed with coffee and tea, and savoring local favorites like burgers, pierogi, cupcakes, and a variety of desserts.

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If you will be out of town for the primary or have a physical condition that prevents you from getting to the polls, the last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot is Tuesday, April 15.

Here's a guide to some other frequently asked questions about voting:

Where is my polling place?

- The location of your polling place is listed on your voter identification card. If you have registered but not received your card, contact the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500 or www.county.allegheny.pa.us/elect.
- You can also visit www.votespa.com to find your polling place address and get directions.

What identification will I need?

All voters who appear at a polling place for the first time must show proof of identification. Approved forms of photo ID include:

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- ID issued by any Commonwealth agency
- ID issued by the U.S. Government
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

Non-photo identification may be used when the voter does not have a photo ID. Non-photo ID must include the voter's name and

address. Approved forms of non-photo ID include:

- Voter's ID card issued by voter registration commission
- Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth
- Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government
- Firearm permit
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Current paycheck
- Government check

What should I do if I need assistance while voting?

All voters, but especially those who are disabled, have physical limitations, or have limited English proficiency, may ask for assistance at the polling place. Voters may also contact their county voter registration office before Election Day to ask

for assistance.

In addition, the Pennsylvania Department of State's website features instructional videos on how to use voting machines – go to www.dos.state.pa.us/voting. The Allegheny County Elections Division has an interactive demo on using voting machines – visit www.county.allegheny.pa.us/elect.

What if I have a complaint?

If you encounter problems on Election Day – for example, if you experience harassment or believe you have been discriminated against while attempting to vote – you may request a complaint form at the polling place. Or you may file a complaint by visiting www.votespa.com and downloading a "Statement of Complaint" through the HAVA (Help America Vote Act) link.

For more information on voting issues, please call 1-877-VOTESPA (877-868-3772) or visit www.votespa.com.

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Divorce in Pennsylvania: Whose Fault Is It, Anyway?

Part One of a Two-Part Series



Getting a divorce in Pennsylvania can be easy or difficult, depending upon how much the divorcing couple can cooperate with each other, their attorneys, and the courts. Under Title 23, Domestic Relations, Pennsylvania has two categories of divorce: no-fault and fault. This article lays out the divorce process and the differences in the two categories of divorce.

In order to get either type of divorce in this state, a married couple, or either the husband or wife, must have been a resident for at least six months prior to the initiation of the divorce process. A divorce is initiated by one of the parties by filing a legal document called a Complaint in Divorce. A divorce is not final until a decision granting a divorce has been made and a divorce decree is issued by the court.

A mutually-agreed-upon, no-fault divorce can be granted if the couple agrees to live "separate and apart" for a period of three months. This is the shortest time period allowed under Pennsylvania law for the granting of a divorce. It must be understood that the term "separate and apart" in the state

By Frank Pistella
*Neighborhood Legal
Services Association*

divorce code does not necessarily mean that the couple lives in separate homes. It means that, even though they may live in the same home, they are living separate lives and have very little to do with each other.

If one of the spouses does not agree to a no-fault divorce, it is still possible to have one granted, although it will take a longer time. Under these circumstances, the couple must have been living "separate and apart" for at least two years. The other requirement necessary for a no-fault divorce is that the marriage be irretrievably broken.

A divorce can also be granted in Pennsylvania if one of the parties is at fault. This type of divorce proceeding occurs if one spouse refuses to agree to a divorce, the couple has not lived "separate and apart" for the necessary two years, and the spouse seeking the divorce doesn't want to wait. Under these circumstances, the person seeking the divorce (the plaintiff) must prove that the other spouse (the defen-

dant) is at fault. This means that the plaintiff must demonstrate that the defendant did something wrong to the plaintiff, and that the plaintiff did little or nothing wrong to the defendant. If both spouses are at fault, no divorce will be granted.

The legal grounds for a fault divorce are desertion for a year or more; adultery; bigamy; cruel treatment that is a danger to the plaintiff's life; indignities, which is a pattern of conduct that makes the plaintiff's life unbearable; and a jail sentence of two years or more. There are also legal grounds for a divorce when the defendant has been in a mental institution. The two parts of these grounds are that the defendant must be in the mental institution for at least 18 months before the divorce is started, and will probably remain in the institution for at least 18 months after the divorce has been started.

Either type of divorce, no-fault or fault, can be stopped under the divorce code. In the case of a no-fault divorce, the defendant may prove that the divorce should not be granted by showing that the parties have not lived

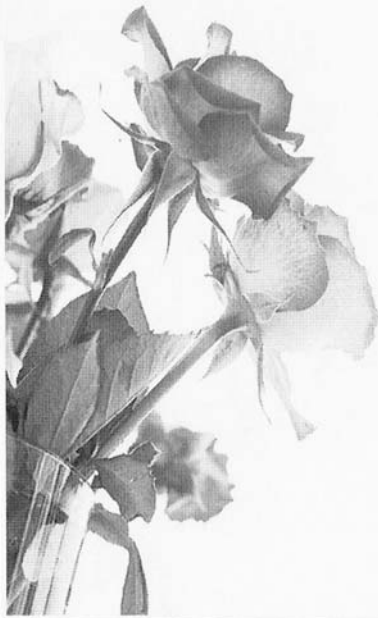
"separate and apart" for at least two years or that the marriage is not irretrievably broken. In fact, upon the request of the defendant, the court will order both parties to engage in, at least, limited marriage counseling to attempt to save the marriage. If the counseling is successful and the parties get back together, the divorce will not be effective until one party or the other asks the court to enter the final divorce decree. If the counseling is unsuccessful, the divorce can proceed as planned until finalized.

To stop a fault divorce, the defendant has to prove one of two things: that either the plaintiff is not an injured or innocent party, or that the facts claimed by the plaintiff are not true. These are what are referred to as "defenses" to a divorce. Other situations may exist, depending on the circumstances, but if they are successfully used as a defense to a divorce proceeding, the divorce will not be granted.

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Next month: The issues a party faces when going through a divorce.

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First in a series on BYOB restaurants in the East End - avoid the new drink tax when you Bring Your Own!

Last year, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* reported on plans to relocate the tiny, tucked-away, white-tablecloth, BYOB spot in Bloomfield called Café Roma to the former Mezzanotte space down the street. The hum about the move became louder when there was no sign of the anticipated move by March. When I recently called to make a reservation, Michelle Aliberta, the lovely wife of chef/owner Domenico Aliberta, blissfully informed me that Café Roma is still moving to the Mezzanotte space. Café Roma will temporarily close in the beginning of this month to prepare the new space, and will re-open in mid-April. It will remain a BYOB restaurant.

Café Roma has earned a reputation for the best Southern Italian food and "home-like" dining experience in the city. It has become a destination restaurant, with diners flocking to it from other neighborhoods, the suburbs, and out of town. This is no surprise, considering Sicilian chef Aliberta's motto is not just to feed his diners, but to share the atmosphere of a true Italian table, the main ingredient of which is freshness. Aliberta overnights his fish from places like New York and Boston. His poultry and lamb are provided by local farmers, and meats are hand-picked.

The present 30-seat space is cozy, but snug, with a black vintage tin ceiling

and warm yellow walls. My latest visit was on a snowy Saturday night in March. Due to the weather, I expected Café Roma to be empty, but just before 7 p.m., the space was packed. Diners filed in with their bottles of wine and stood patiently in the miniature vestibule.

Shortly after we were seated, the attentive wait-staff brought us warm ciabatta and focaccia breads with two tasty olive oil mixtures for dipping (one balsamic and another a tapenade mixture of olives, peppers, and fire-roasted tomatoes). Yum! Our "Stuzzichini" (appetizers) arrived next. The substantial serving of Polenta Sticks (\$8) is lightly fried and dressed in a flavorful mix of capers, anchovies, roasted red peppers, and a light tomato sauce. The freshly Smoked Salmon (\$9) is topped with mandarin oranges, savory dill sauce, capers, and thinly sliced red onions. Our taste buds were awakened and elated.

All dinner entrees are served with either soup or a side salad. The soup du jour was Pasta Fagioli with white beans (\$4). The mixed-greens salad is adorned with white raisins, cucumbers, tomatoes, and sunflower seeds, and topped with a scrumptious creamy white balsamic dressing. The seasonal menu includes an array of pasta, fish, and meat entrees ranging from \$18 to \$26.

The made-to-order Rigatoni Ai Carciofi (\$20) seemed like an excellent choice to fulfill my pasta craving. The pasta, cooked just right, sautéed with artichokes and fire-roasted tomatoes, and topped with a light spicy wine sauce, was delectable.

Our group of four was further delighted with these pasta dishes: Tagliatelle with Scallops (\$25), with jumbo scallops, hot sopressata, garlic, onions, fresh herbs, mushrooms and a light marinara sauce; Tagliatelle Boscaiola (\$20), with pancetta, mushrooms, peas, garlic, and a creamy white sauce topped with a hint of black truffle oil; and Tagliatelle Puttanesca (\$18), an intense mixture of black olives, capers, anchovies, and crushed red peppers combined with marinara sauce.

The desserts are made to order. We tried the Panacotta (\$8) drizzled with a raspberry sauce and fresh raspberries served atop a few scoops of vanilla ice cream in a filo cup. My personal favorite is the Strawberry-Lemon Martini (\$8), a mouth-watering mixture of vanilla ice cream, lemon curd, and freshly sliced strawberries beautifully served in a martini glass.

As we were leaving, an Italian saying that garnishes the menu at Café Roma came to mind: "Al tavolo non s'invecchia mai" - which simply means, "At the table, one never grows old."



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Source: American Heart Association

What Is High Blood Pressure?

By Amy J. DiPlacido, M.D.
Bloomfield-Garfield Family
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High blood pressure (also known as hypertension) is a common medical condition that can affect men, women, and children. Arteries are the blood vessels that carry blood away from the heart. A person has hypertension when blood passes through the arteries at a consistently higher pressure than normal.

There are two numbers to a blood pressure reading. The first number is the pressure in the artery while the heart is pumping. The second number, which is lower than the first number, is the pressure in the artery while the heart is relaxing between beats and filling with blood. The optimal blood pressure for a person will vary, depending on the person's other medical conditions (such as diabetes); however, a normal reading is generally considered to be 120/80.

Most of the time, the cause of hypertension is unknown. Sometimes there can be specific causes, such as problems with the kidneys or the balance of hormones in your

body. Some medicines, such as oral contraceptive pills, can cause high blood pressure, too.

It is possible to have symptoms such as headache, blurred vision, chest pain, or dizziness with hypertension. However, most people with high blood pressure have no symptoms of the disease.

The diagnosis of hypertension is not made by one blood pressure reading, because it is normal to have slight fluctuations over time. A person must have at least two high blood pressure readings in a doctor's office before being diagnosed. It is important for your arm to be at the level of your heart, and that the blood pressure cuff is the right size for your arm.

High blood pressure causes damage over the long term, even if a person cannot tell that he or she has it. It is important to treat it because it causes

damage to blood vessels and can enlarge the muscle of the heart, increasing the chance of having a heart attack or a stroke. It can also affect the kidneys. High blood pressure is actually one of the most common causes of kidney failure (along with diabetes) that requires dialysis in the United States. Hypertension can affect a person's vision, and could even cause or contribute to erectile dysfunction.

Lifestyle changes are always important when treating hypertension. This includes eating a healthy, low-salt diet rich in fruits and vegetables, getting plenty of exercise, and avoiding alcohol and tobacco products. It is important to maintain a healthy weight and to try to reduce stress. If these changes aren't enough, then there are many kinds of medicines that can help lower blood pressure.

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by Patrick N. Price
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COMMENTARY

Organizations Need to Actively Engage Community

Any member-based organization should ask itself how to get more people involved. Friendship Preservation Group (FPG) board members pondered this at their most recent meeting. If the group is truly to represent the community, there must be ongoing efforts to reach out to the entire community, to engage neighbors and encourage new people to participate. Not attempting to do this can easily turn a member-based neighborhood organization into a members-only organization that serves just a segment of the community.

During the course of our board discussion, an FPG member resisted such an effort, stating that numerous past attempts had been made to get

more people involved and had always failed. Studies show that typically no more than 10 percent of a group will actively participate. While I understand results may not always equal efforts, I still believe it's critical that any member group continually reach out to the community it serves.

In the case of Friendship and FPG, if 10 percent is the highest number we can hope for, we still have a very long way to go. With well over 2,500 Friendship residents, there are only 18 board members and

By Ian Miller
Friendship Preservation Group

A neighborhood should be less about the place, "the 'hood," than the people in it, the neighbors.

perhaps 50 others who are regularly involved in community events.

And the only result of not attempting to engage the community is that the community will not be engaged. No effort only ensures no change.

But the question remains, how does a neighborhood organization better

engage neighbors? It seems like an easy answer, but it is deceptively difficult and

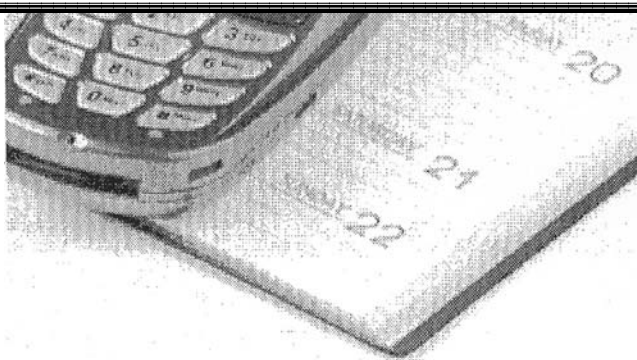
takes a lot of energy and time that most neighbors don't have to give.

For one, our group needs to better communicate its ideas and activities to the community. Efforts are underway to be proactive in contacting the media, developing new bulletin boards, and increasing our newsletter's reach. Additionally, "new" technologies of e-mail and the Web must provide quicker and more interactive, participatory communications, such as action alerts, interactive calendars, and an online forum. These are being developed.

Second, this community is not just

made up of property owners, but encompasses all who live and do business here. It's critical that the organization reflect this. Efforts to attract renters, new neighbors, business owners, and former members are all being discussed. The best means of engaging people, however, will always be face to face. A neighborhood should be less about the place, "the 'hood," than the people in it, the neighbors.

Finally, FPG is attempting to change its organizational focus from committee-based to event-based. While this doesn't necessarily change what is done, it hopefully will encourage more and new neighbors to pitch in to help with planning and preparing for the many events FPG is involved in: the Flower & Folk Festival, the House Tour, the yard sale, quarterly meetings, the holiday party, and more. By focusing on events, FPG hopes that folks will be more likely to help out on a tangible, definitive event than on an ongoing committee. Whether it's a leading role in planning or simply volunteering for an hour, the more people involved, the more successful the event, and ultimately, the greater sense of community created.



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In Memory and Honor of Jay Bernard



"Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore Art Thou...?"

Why he's right here – waiting for you at the Animal Rescue League, located at 6620 Hamilton Avenue! Romeo is true to his name and has quickly become a staff and volunteer favorite. He has been at the Rescue League since February 12, when he was brought in as a stray. Romeo is an 18-month-old Rottweiler mix with wonderful manners. He knows how to sit, and responds very well to people and food treats. Romeo is quick to bond with human friends and would love a home with adults or older, less active children. Romeo is fully vaccinated and ready to go home. Maybe that home is yours? Check him out - you are sure to fall in love. Call the Animal Rescue League at 412-661-6452, or visit their website at www.animalrescue.org.

Romeo's ID # is A04198158

BULLETIN BOARD

The Bulletin Board publishes listings of volunteer opportunities, free or low-cost events and classes, announcements, fundraising events, and services that are of particular interest to our neighborhoods. Send announcements to hgbulletin@yahoo.com by the 15th of each month. Information is published on a space-available basis.

SPRING "REDD UP" IN GARFIELD

A spring "Earth Against Litter" Redd Up will take place on the weekend of April 18-20 throughout the city. Almost 150 neighborhoods, boroughs, and townships will be participating. The Garfield Redd Up takes place on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to sign up and volunteer for this, please meet us at ModernFormations Gallery and Performance Space, 4919 Penn Avenue, by 9:30 a.m. on April 19 for coffee and bagels. We'll start the neighborhood cleanup at 10 a.m. Clean-up supplies will be provided by PA Cleanways. With strong participation, we send a powerful message to local governments and the public that citizens are doing their part to make Pittsburgh one of the cleanest cities in America!

FREE LEGAL FORUM FOR WOMEN

The Women and Children's Task Force is pleased to present the third annual Free Legal Forum for Women on Saturday, April 12, from 1-3 p.m., at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Highland Avenue. Attendees will be able to pose questions to and hear presentations from a panel of professionals on topics including: finding and retaining a lawyer, child custody, housing, parental rights, work-related issues, and more. So, bring your questions and a notebook to the Social Hall at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. To register for this event or for more information, please call 412-441-3800, x34.

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVICE FOR SENIORS

APPRISE is a free health insurance counseling program for Pennsylvanians with Medicare. In Allegheny County, APPRISE program services are delivered by staff and volunteers of Family Services of Western Pennsylvania in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the Allegheny County Area on Aging. APPRISE counselors are trained to answer your questions and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about

Medicare, Medicare supplemental insurance, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, and the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. For more information, visit <http://www.fswp.org/APPRISE.htm> or contact Bill McKendree at 412-661-1438 or McKendreeW@fswp.org.

HEAD START PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Parents of children ages 3 to 5 years old may enroll them in the Allegheny County or the City of Pittsburgh Head Start Programs. Head Start is a federally funded program that offers a broad range of services, including language development, math, science, reading, and social skills. Head Start services are provided free of charge to families when their income is at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/08poverty.shtml>). To enroll your child, call toll-free: 1-866-214-KIDS (5437).

GARFIELD RESIDENT'S POETRY COLLECTION



Garfield resident Elnora Fortson recently published her poetry collection, *Praise Poems for Sunday Mornings of Rejoicing*, with PublishAmerica, a Maryland-based house. Mrs. Fortson says her poetry encourages God's people to "keep on keeping on" through this world until that "great getting up morning," when all of God's people can take their place and praise Him day and night forever. She is an August Wilson Writing Contest poetry winner, recorded "Jesus Walks the Waters of My Soul" (Pennsylvania Council on the Arts grant), and authored *Women of the Bible*. Congratulations, Elnora!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS

The Allegheny County Health Department is seeking volunteers for its Medical Reserve Corps program. The program is looking for physicians, nurses, veterinarians, and behavioral health specialists who will volunteer in the event of a manmade or natural disaster. Volunteers are also needed in non-medical roles to provide administrative and logistical support during emergency response. The volunteers would be available to strengthen surge problems at hospitals and other

treatment sites. Information and applications are available at www.achd.net - Medical Reserve link. Interested individuals may also contact the Health Department at 412-578-8349.

VINTAGE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

Vintage Senior Center, 401 North Highland Avenue, East Liberty, is offering a two-session "Healthy Steps" fall-prevention program for older adults starting in April. For details, call 412-361-5003 x 104.

BOB O'CONNOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

You have until April 11 to nominate individuals for Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group's second annual Bob O'Connor Award for Leadership, Passion, and Commitment. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who exemplifies the late mayor's dedication and passion for improving city neighborhoods. Nomination forms are available online at www.bobconnoraward.com, and may be submitted on the website, in e-mail (staff@pcrg.org), via fax (412-391-6737), or through the mail to PCRG, 1901 Centre Ave., Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The 2008 honoree will be announced on May 1.

FREE HELP WITH WILLS

The Stephen Foster Community Center, 286 Main Street in Lawrenceville, offers senior citizens and all those who are income-eligible FREE legal assistance with wills, living wills, and powers of attorney. Call 412-621-3342.

CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSIONS

The Society of Yoruba Bead Artists (SYBA) seeks artists working in any medium including, but not limited to: textiles, wood, sculpture, glass, photography, poetry/prose, and clay for a juried exhibition titled "Transformation." Artists are asked to interpret Transformation, with beads a prominent design element. Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, February to April 2009. Entry form and prospectus, www.geocities.com/societyyorubabeadartists. Entry fee. Submission deadline: September 1, 2008.

SAVE THE DATE: F'SHIP HOUSE TOUR

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 21, Friendship hosts the 15th Annual Friendship House Tour. In the celebration of Pittsburgh's 250th birthday, Friendship is celebrating the pride and progress of our community by showcasing what makes us unique - architects and architecture! This year's tour is

titled, "Pride and Progress - the history of architects and architecture in Friendship." The tour begins at EDGE studio and features homes with interesting architectural amenities, as well as the homes and businesses of various architects in the community. A particularly interesting stop along the tour route will be the home of prominent 19th-century architect Charles M. Bartberger and the school he designed, now Pittsburgh Montessori. Please stay tuned as further information about the House Tour unfolds!

PITTSBURGH JOB CORPS' PROGRAMS

The Pittsburgh Job Corps Center sponsors students to attend CCAC at all branch campuses. We are a federally funded program operated by the U.S. Department of Labor. Pittsburgh Job Corps has openings for over 100 additional students in our Off-Center Training Program. Job Corps provides free tuition, fees and books, bus transportation, clothing allotments, and a bi-weekly stipend. Those students who are accepted are required to attend class full-time for the fall and spring (12-14 credits) and half-time for summer (6-7 credits). All classes must be taken during daylight hours. If you are interested in pursuing your education at CCAC, please contact Ms. Dottie Sweeney at 412-441-8665.



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"ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS"

Join St. Margaret Foundation and UPMC St. Margaret for a discussion about Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias, how they are diagnosed, treatment options and current research. Presented by Lois Lutz, Alzheimer's Association. Class is FREE but pre-registration is required due to class size. Located at Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk Street in Lawrenceville. Call 412-784-5313 to register or book online at www.stmargaret-foundation.org/events.

ARTIST/CRAFTSMAN DATABASE

Friendship and its surrounding communities of Garfield, Bloomfield, Shadyside and East Liberty have a plethora of art and craftsman talent. Friendship Development Associates and the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative would like to create an artist and craftsman database that houses the contact information of the diverse talents in our communities. This tool will help us identify the people in our neighborhoods with a specific craft, trade or talent and direct them to interested parties who would like to utilize their talent or services. So when we are approached with questions such as: "Where can I find someone to fix my glass chandelier?" or "Do you know someone who can repair my roof?" we can direct them to YOU! Please send your

name, address, email, phone, and trade, art, or craft to sarah@friendship-pgh.org. Please title the email "Artist Database." Please help spread the word about this effort to all of the talented people you know!

COMMUNITY ART DAY IN L'VILLE

The MGR Foundation invites families, children, and community members to join our Arsenal Middle School students in a FREE art-making activity. Come celebrate the great neighborhood of Lawrenceville! Build community through art! Meet your neighbors! Contribute to a community art piece! Be creative! Everyone is welcome. Saturday, April 12, 1-4 p.m., Blackbird Artist Studios, 3583 Butler Street, Lawrenceville. For more information: call 412-605-4700 or e-mail amy@mgrf.org

"SPIRIT OF HOME" STUDENT EXHIBIT

The MGR Foundation and Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh invite you to view "Spirit of Home: Old to New," a showcase of artwork from refugee and immigrant students at Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8. Come see and hear their stories! The opening reception is April 5, 6-9 p.m. at Blackbird Artist Studios, 3583 Butler Street, Lawrenceville. For more information, call 412-605-4700 or e-mail amy@mgrf.org

"PROJECT PROM" PUBLIC SALE

Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) is holding a public sale of formal dresses through its popular community outreach program, Project Prom, located at the Century III Mall, West Mifflin, third level above the Food Court. The sale will be held on April 2, 11, 18, and 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community can support this worthwhile project by purchasing dresses starting at \$5, with all proceeds benefiting youth through Project Prom and Simon Youth Foundation. Available for purchase is new and gently used donated formal wear that has been carefully screened to ensure it is clean, undamaged, and stylish. Project Prom benefits high-school-age students served by at least one DHS program, including services provided by child welfare, such as foster care; mental health; mental retardation or any other DHS services. For more information about Project Prom, visit the website: www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/project-prom, or call 412-350-3428.

URBAN GARDENING IN GARFIELD

Anyone interested in a garden plot on Dearborn St., please contact Tim Cimino at 412-363-9792. Tim will be happy to teach you some gardening basics, and also often has seedlings: tomato, peppers, kale, cucumber, swiss chard, and so on!

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Call to make an appointment, or stop by from 1 to 5 p.m., 5100 Penn Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Phone: 412-362-8580; fax: 412-362-8590.

"THE DIRTY BALL"

Attack Theatre's "Dirty Ball" returns on April 12, from 8 p.m. to midnight. This third annual gala features Attack Theatre's unique, high-voltage dancing and a special appearance by Dirty Burt's Traveling Western Revue. It's an evening of salacious sounds, luscious libations, dirty dancing, and a host of interactive art installations. The event takes place at the Pa. Macaroni Company Warehouse, 2501 Smallman Street. For more information, call 412-394-3353.

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Preschool Storytime

For ages 3-5. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., April 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Family Playshop

For ages 1-4 with a parent. Fridays, 10:30 a.m., April 4, 11, 18, and 25.

One Book Every Young Child: "Garden" Party

For ages 2-8 with an adult. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.

East Liberty PC Center:

Check out the following computer classes at the PC Center-East Liberty:

Healthcare & the Internet for Seniors

With so many health and medical websites, how do you find the most accurate information? Learn how to use a computer and the Internet to find better health and medical information. These classes for senior adults are brought to you by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University. NOTE: This class is designed for those 50 and older who have little or no computer experience. This program will be held for five (5) consecutive Wednesday morning: April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10:30a.m.-12 p.m.

Shopping on the WWW

Learn the basics of savvy shopping on the WWW, including how to find good deals and product reviews, and how to be sure your personal information is secure.

Prerequisite: Learn the WWW class or solid mouse, Windows, and WWW experience. Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

To register for these classes or for more information about our free computer classes, call the PC Center-East Liberty at 412-363-6105.

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One Book Every Young Child Celebration!

Please join us as we welcome the month of the young child, and the third annual "One Book, Every Young Child." Enjoy stories, songs and art activities for ages 3 to 5. Thursday, April 3,

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Storytime

For ages 3-5. Thursdays, 11:00 AM, April 3, 10, 17, and 24

Adult Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 14, 5 p.m. This month's title is *When We Get There*, by Shauna Seily.

Puppet Show

Our puppeteers proudly present an exciting new production of "Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock," a folk tale from West Africa and the Caribbean. Thursday, April 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.





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