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URA Green-Lights Phase Two of Penn-Fairmount Master Plan

On June 14, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) approved \$1.8 million in grants and loans for the planned Glass Lofts in Garfield, also known as "Phase Two" of the Penn-Fairmount Master Plan. The public funding will allow construction on the lofts to begin, possibly at the end of July or in early August, according to Friendship Development Associates (FDA), which put the deal together.

The Glass Lofts, a mixed-use construction at the corner of Penn Avenue and North Fairmount on the site of the former Eat'n Park, will consist of 18 loft-style condominiums, a restaurant space, offices, and artist studios.

As designed by Arthur Lubetz

Associates

Architects, the condos vary in size, from 850 square feet on one floor, up to 1900 square feet on two floors, with prices ranging from \$127,500 to \$360,000. The units have open floor plans so that buyers can divide the spaces as they choose, and all have concrete floors and exposed ceiling ducts and pipes for a hip industrial look. They come with full kitchens, laundry hook-ups, and balconies with full glass doors. Indoor parking spaces are available for the larger condos, while residents in the smaller ones have access to an outdoor parking lot.

The construction will consist of two

By Paula Martinac

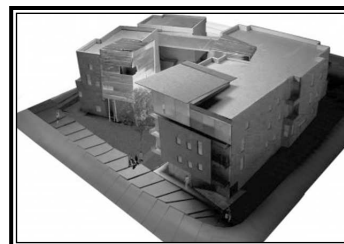
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buildings joined by a bridge, and will be environmentally friendly

and energy-efficient, or "green." The project committee that approved the plans for the Glass Lofts decided that "lower-income buyers would be interested in the lower utility costs" that "green" buildings provide, according to Sarah Collins of FDA.

The units should be completed and available for move-in sometime in summer 2008. Collins said FDA has already fielded requests from potential buyers.

The Penn-Fairmount Master Plan, a project totaling \$23 million, is a joint, community-driven venture of FDA,



Arthur Lubetz Associates Architects

ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE FORTHCOMING "GLASS LOFTS" AT PENN AND FAIRMOUNT

the Bloomfield-Garfield Corp. (BGC), Affirmative Investments, Garfield Jubilee, and Presbyterian

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Union Project's "Glass Action" Trains Stained-Glass Restoration Artists

By Paula Martinac

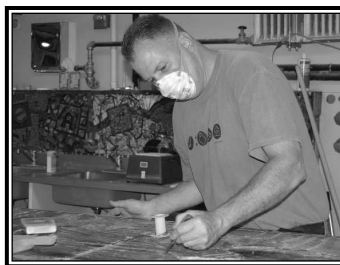
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The Union Project serves as a center where neighborhood people can "connect, create, and celebrate," according to its mission statement. In its home in the former Union Baptist Church, located at the corner of North Negley and Stanton, the organization sponsors community events, rents out offices and meeting space, and provides workspace for artists. And since early this year, its mission has also included training low-income individuals and past offenders in the art of stained-glass restoration, a program known as "Glass Action."

The Gothic-style church that the Union Project inhabits dates to 1903.

In 2001, the structure had been empty and neglected for 10 years when the organization's founders, a small group of Mennonite service workers, bought it with the plan of revitalizing it for the community. Much of the building's stained glass was cracked and dirty - "a \$1 million liability," says marketing manager Katrina Struloeff. "There weren't many reasonably priced restorers, and very few right here in the city." To restore the windows, the Union Project offered stained glass classes in which students learned by working on actual windows.

Glass Action grew from the idea that other churches and also private homeowners could benefit from "below market rate" stained glass restoration. Early this year, Ralph Mills came on



Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

RALPH MILLS RESTORES A HISTORIC RUDY BROTHERS STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

board as manager of Glass Action, and, in addition to continuing work on the Union Project's windows, he oversees a handful of outside contracts.

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**AUGUST
DEADLINE!**



The **FINAL DEADLINE** for the **August 2007** issue of The Bulletin is **Monday, July 16, 2007**. This includes ALL classified ads, Bulletin Board announcements, story submissions and ad space reservations. Information is accepted on a space-available basis. For more information, call 412-441-6915.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

The following is a summary of some of the recent work of the city's Impact and Vice Squads in dealing with street-level crimes occurring in the Garfield and adjacent areas.

- On the night of May 10, Impact detectives arrested a 29-year-old male for possession, with intent to deliver, of a controlled substance (crack cocaine) in the 5500 block of Baywood Street, East Liberty.
- On the night of May 14, Vice detectives placed a 36-year-old female under arrest for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at Penn Avenue and N. Graham Street. The arrest was made after the person could not provide an address for her place of residence.
- On the night of May 16, Vice detectives arrested a 35-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at Penn and N. Aiken Avenues. The arrest was made after the person could not provide an address for her place of residence.
- On the night of May 16, Vice detectives arrested a 41-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at Penn and N. Atlantic Avenues. The arrest was made after the person could not provide an address for her place of residence.
- On the night of May 23, Impact detectives encountered a group of males loitering in the 5400 block of Kincaid Street. When the detectives approached the group, they began to disperse. The detectives recovered a 9mm handgun left on the ground in the vicinity of where the individuals were standing. The weapon was turned over to the county's crime lab to determine if it might have been used previously in the commission of a crime.
- On the night of May 24, Impact detectives arrested a 22-year-old male in the 5100 block of Columbo Street for possession of a firearm without a license. The detectives stopped the person to investigate his possible involvement in an assault earlier on Penn Avenue. It was determined that this individual was not involved in that incident, but the discovery of the gun on his person triggered his arrest.
- On the early morning of May 25, Vice detectives arrested a 42-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at Penn Avenue and N. Fairmount Street. The individual was able to provide an address for her place of residence, so a summons for a future appearance at court was issued.
- In the early morning of May 25, Vice detectives arrested a 21-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at Broad Street and N. Negley Avenue. The individual was unable to verify an address for her place of residence and was placed under arrest.
- On the evening of May 30, Vice detectives arrested a 43-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution in the 5100 block of Penn Avenue. The individual could not confirm an address for her place of residence and was placed under arrest.
- In the early morning of June 5, Narcotics detectives assigned to the Greater Pittsburgh Fugitive Task Force arrested a 19-year old male at an address in the 5300 block of Cornwall Street. The individual was wanted in connection with the robberies of two pizza delivery drivers, one on April 7 in the 800 block of N. Atlantic Avenue, and the other on May 24 in the 5000 block of Rosetta Street.

Burglar-Proof Your Home for Summer Vacation

By Deadra Keener
Public Safety Coordinator

Planning your summer vacation? Keep in mind that most burglaries happen in July and August. In fact, according to the Burglary Prevention Council, most communities will experience a 10 to 18 percent increase in home burglaries during the summer. So while you are deciding which belongings to bring with you, also take steps to ensure that your other belongings will still be there when you return.

Following are tips to safeguard your residence while on vacation:

- **Lock up:** Pay special attention to first-floor windows and locks, making sure they are securely closed and locked. Over 60 percent of burglars come through a window that should have been locked, according to the National Crime Prevention Council. Also, make sure that your locks are quality and in good condition.
- **Remove window units:** Remove any window air conditioners – thieves can push in the unit and enter your home within seconds.
- **Unplug your garage:** Disable your garage door opener and make sure the door is securely locked. This prevents thieves from gaining garage and home access by using a universal remote.
- **Burglar-proof your yard:** Remove ladders, chairs, bins, tools, or other items that thieves could use to reach and/or break windows. Trim trees and shrubs that could provide cover for a would-be thief. Cut your grass before leaving, and line up someone to water and care for your lawn and garden as needed while you are away. An untended lawn is a signal to a thief that no one is home. Padlock/lock any gates, as this makes it much more difficult for thieves to carry items out.
- **Don't leave a paper trail:** Have your

mail service and newspaper deliveries temporarily stopped, or have a trusted

neighbor and/or friend pick up your mail and newspapers.

• **Let there be light:** Motion detector lights (security lights) for the outside will detect intruder movements and light up immediately. Automatic timers on lamps near the front and back windows will create an impression that someone is home.

• **Make some noise:** Automatic timers can also be used to turn a radio on and off for an extra "someone's home" touch.

• **Don't broadcast your absence:** Turn down the ringer on your home phone, and make sure not to announce on your outgoing message that you are away.

• **Hide temptation:** If leaving the curtains or blinds open, make sure that no valuables are in plain sight.

• **Don't "hide" spare keys:** Do not leave spare keys outside; rather, leave a spare key with a trusted neighbor/friend.

• **Use warning signs:** An alarm system or "Beware of Dog" sign can be effective, even if untrue...

• **Know your neighbors:** Enlist a trusted neighbor to leave a bag or two of garbage on your curb on garbage day. If you have a driveway, have a neighbor park there.

• **Enlist help:** Let trusted neighbors and friends know that you will be out of town and request they keep an eye out for any suspicious activity at your residence. Make sure to leave them an emergency number should they need to reach you immediately.

Now relax and enjoy your summer vacation with peace of mind, knowing your home is as safe as possible!

Zone Meetings

If you would like to stay up-to-date with police efforts in your area, then please attend your monthly zone meeting. The Zone 5 Meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Zone 5 Police Station in East Liberty. For more information, call Zone 5 at 412-665-3605. The Zone 2 Public Safety Council Meeting is held the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Hill House. For more information, call Zone 2 at 412-255-2827.

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Friendship Plans Lights, Action for National Night Out

Friendship is planning a strong showing for this year's National Night Out, an evening for neighborhoods all over the country to come together to demonstrate their commitment to public safety. On Tuesday, August 7, from 6 to 9 p.m., 11 Friendship neighbors will host open porch parties to demonstrate that urban neighborhoods can be lively, safe, and fun.

The starting point of Friendship's National Night Out will be Penn Avenue, where homeowners at 5432 and 5434 Penn, next to The Quiet Storm, will give away bags containing high-efficiency light bulbs - perfect for lighting front and back porches all year round - along with customized Friendship magnets and lighted key chains. Maps of party locations also will be available. One homeowner has promised live music at his porch party.

The Friendship Preservation Group

By Angele Ellis

Vice-President,

Friendship Preservation Group

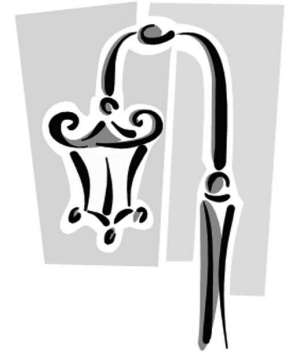
(FPG) is sponsoring the evening with the help of a state DCED grant that has supported several public safety initiatives in Friendship, including a new community guide. FPG board member and Fundraising Committee Chairperson Kim Nolf, who wrote the grant application, is hosting one of the porch parties.

"We see National Night out as a prime opportunity to build community and draw attention to public safety," said FPG board member and Public Safety Committee Chairperson Jami Rutherford, another porch party host.

FPG is coordinating this year's National Night Out with the Friendship Elm Street Program, one of whose goals is to provide better lighting for Friendship's streets and

alleyways. "As a capstone to my summer project, I needed to plan an event that would encourage residents to see how important street, porch, and alley lighting is to public safety. Courtney [Elm Street manager Courtney Ehrlichman] and I thought it would be great to do this on National Night Out," said Elm Street intern Veronica Milliner.

For more information, visit www.friendship-pgh.org.



National Night Out Facts

- National Night Out - "America's Night Out Against Crime" - was launched in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), a nonprofit crime prevention organization headquartered in Pennsylvania.
- In the first year of National Night Out, 2.5 million people in 400 communities in 23 states took part.
- By 2006, the number of participants had grown to 35.2 million across the country. Today, more than 11,000 communities in all 50 states, the U.S. territories, Canada, and military bases worldwide take part.

A Message from Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

The summer is here, and with the great weather come opportunities to get out and enjoy all that our city has to offer. Whether you attend a community festival, catch a movie at one of our Cinemas in the Park, or follow our riverfront trails, there are plenty of fun-filled ways to get out and enjoy Pittsburgh's summer.

While experiencing each of our neighborhoods this summer, we cannot forget to do our part in keeping our neighborhoods safe, clean, and thriving. To best understand the needs of our 88 neighborhoods, and how to meet those needs, it is imperative that I get into the community to meet with you. You who live and work in our neighborhoods are the experts on what is and isn't working, and what issues need to be addressed. I also want you to be aware of all of the services available to you. I am here to serve you, and the first step in doing so is making sure you know of all the ways my administration can help. I will be holding meetings, "Neighborhood Forums," throughout the city during the summer and fall. I have organized meetings at key locations within the neighborhoods, where we can get together to discuss policy issues, to address concerns or issues that you see facing the neighborhood, and to celebrate and build upon your community's strengths and assets. Our city has been named the most livable in

America, but I want to make each and every community within our great city livable, and I am asking for your help in finding ways and using our resources to achieve this.

In addition to working together to revitalize our neighborhoods, we can work together to set the course for our children's future. The program that I established and introduced to you last month, Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program (PYSEP) will give our youth working opportunities during the summer months. Reaching out to local youth, providing them with job opportunities and work skills, sets them on the road to a lifetime of success. We have secured positions for 232 applicants. This program will help keep youth safe during the summer months while also providing them with opportunities to earn money, to gain experience through on-the-job training, to develop a strong work ethic, and to gain a sense of community. This program will also help to foster a sense of community pride for the participants; at the same time it will help to fight blight throughout the City of Pittsburgh. This program will make a difference for these children, and for the City as a whole.

PSYEP is one of the many ways we are taking back our communities, creating a sense of community pride while making our streets safer and

cleaner. We are confronting and tackling major issues within our communities by teaming with Port Authority Security, District Attorney Steven Zappala, and local business owners, to close criminal businesses, and to help put an end to the nuisance behavior that inhibits positive change in our communities. We have done this in Market Square and in the Southside, and the results have been astounding. What has been accomplished in these two areas is just an example of the change occurring throughout the city.

While cleaning up the City, we are also greening up the City. As part of my Green Up Pittsburgh program, we are turning city-owned, vacant lots into parks and gardens. In partnership with the Redd Up Pittsburgh Crew, the

Penn State Cooperative Extension, and various community groups, we are turning blight into beauty by clearing out these lots and planting grass, trees, and gardens. The benefits from this program are endless in terms of safety and our environment. With the creation of the community gardens, in addition to our efforts in reducing gas emissions and promoting green building, our city is becoming the city of black, gold, and green.

I wish you a safe and happy summer, and encourage you to enjoy the summer by enjoying Pittsburgh.

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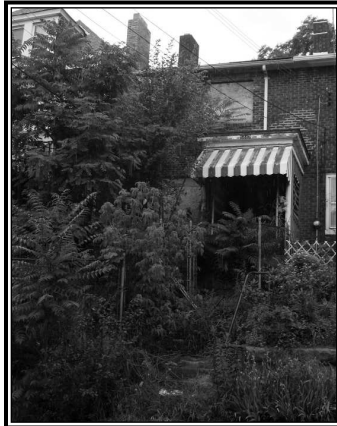
THE BLOOMFIELD-GARFIELD CORP'S EYESORE PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

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, please call Aggie Brose at 412-441-6950.

Scene of Murders and Fire Still Haunts Neighborhood

BGC recently received a nomination for 5447 Rosetta Street in the 11th Ward, City of Pittsburgh, as eyesore of the month.

It brought back memories to the staff of Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. Six years ago on June 11, there were two murders and a fire at the Rosetta Street house.



Rick Flanagan/BGC

Unaware that the house had not been demolished, the staff of the BGC visited the site and found the burnt-out property, overgrown with weeds. The house is the last in a row of three units on an otherwise well-maintained street.

The man who committed the crimes is now serving a 112-year jail sentence. But the house is still standing as a reminder of that horrible day in Garfield.

Rather than identify the people involved and re-open old wounds for their loved ones, our concern is for the neighbors who live nearby and still have this daily reminder of what happened six years ago.

BGC staff contacted the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI), which had no record of this house; it was not cited or condemned. The BBI staff told the BGC that, because the house was a murder/arson scene, the bureau probably had to wait for the investigation and subsequent trial to



Rick Flanagan/BGC

take place before dealing with the house. Unfortunately, because there were no complaints regarding the house following the trial, it may have slipped through the cracks.

The BBI staff says it is committed to following up on inspecting the house, and, if warranted, condemning and demolishing the property. BGC staff will work closely with the BBI to bring some resolution for the nearby neighbors, so that, hopefully, once the property is demolished, they can enjoy a garden or landscaped area on behalf of the neighbors who once lived there.

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In the May issue of *The Bulletin*, the page 3 article about a graduation project on recycling by Peabody High School students was incorrectly attributed to Kostoula Vallianos. The article was actually written by the students themselves - the Peabody Graduation Project, Class of 2007. *The Bulletin* regrets the error.



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BGC's Youth Program Helped Student Reach Her Goals

By Kevin Collier

Youth Development Program

Alesia McFadden is a few steps closer to living the dream, thanks to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Youth Development Program.

"I didn't really think about where I would end up working before I started in the program," she says. But less than a month after she began, she was employed at UPMC St. Margaret Family Health Center in Lawrenceville.

"It was a good opportunity, and it was my first job with a place that was designed to provide people with care." It was mostly clerical work, however, and soon she wanted to do something more.

After a few months, she told Gavin Deming, the BGC's Youth Employment Coordinator, that she was hungry for more challenging

employment. "I'd recently heard that the Carnegie Science Center (CSC) had an open position," he says. "I wasn't exactly sure where they'd put her. But I knew her personality and good customer service skills would help her tremendously."

And they did help. The Carnegie Science Center soon hired her to welcome and read to children visiting from field trips.

"I was so nervous my first day. The kids all piled off their buses and were looking at me. When I read them their itinerary for the day, they all started clapping. That's when I knew it was going to work out."

She split her time between working more than 20 hours a week at the CSC

and taking psychology classes at the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC).

"I like psychology because it's useful in so many ways," she says. "It's good for understanding both myself and other people. And I love to help people."

Because of Alesia's academic drive and great work ethic, Gavin told her in March about the Coro Center for Public Leadership summer fellowships, and offered to help her with the application process.

In May, she got the call – she'd been accepted into the prestigious 10-week program.

"My assignment with Coro is with

Pittsburgh Action Against Rape," Alesia explains. "It's a comprehensive counseling system for rape victims. There's adult counseling, child counseling, education, prevention training, group therapy. It's usually about eight months to a year before people exit the program. My job is to study how we can be more successful in getting people through more efficiently."

When the summer ends, Alesia will begin her third semester at CCAC. In a few years, she says, she'll be counseling or teaching psychology.

"The Youth Employment Program was really helpful. For anyone considering being in it, it's definitely not about quick money – if you need money fast and in a hurry, it's not for you. But if you would like to be prepared for the working world and exposed to various opportunities, it is for you. It's a great program, and they're very helpful."

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Youth Employment Program Matches Students with Interests

Since mid-April, 20 Peabody High School students

By John Rhoades
Youth Employment Program

have been learning valuable job skills across the community by participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) youth employment program. Nijole Rutherford, a junior from Garfield Heights, is working with famous Pittsburgh muralist Kyle Holbrook to bring art into the streets of East Liberty and Wilkinsburg. Another student from Garfield, Jamar Glover, helps coach the youth baseball league run by the Shadyside Boys and Girls Club. And on the edge of Highland Park, another Garfield resident, Ryeisha Clay, works at the Pittsburgh Zoo.

"I really like working at the zoo. And the program has helped me understand the process you've got to go through to get a job," Ryeisha said. The BGC's Youth Development Center designed the TANF program to match participants with work sites that suit their professional interests. "When I get older I want to be a veterinarian. And I've been working with animals, so it's helped me to get experience to be a veterinarian."

The 20 students who make up the

LEARNs after-school academic proficiency program, which has grown out of a partnership between the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, the Parental Stress Center, and Wireless Neighborhoods. "Too often, a tension will arise between high school students' academic careers and their desire for income through employment," said Joe Dostilio, program manager for Community LEARNs. "This tension gets worse when the young person is from a low-income home and is facing academic challenges. Our model uses employment as a reward for outstanding school and program performance."

All of these employment opportunities are made possible thanks to a collaboration between City of Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh Partnership, Wireless Neighborhoods, Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, and all of the work sites.

One work site, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, serves both as a Community LEARNs host site and as an employer of several TANF participants. "The

TANF program are all participants in the Community



Photo by John Rhoades

(LEFT TO RIGHT) TANF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS GERMAINE BUTLER, ALEXIS JACKSON, LONNESHIA NALLS, AND RENEE YANCEY AT THE ZOO

Community LEARNs program offers these students something to do with their time. Kids are out in the street because they don't have an alternative. But the Community LEARNs program provides structure they desperately need," said Denise Williams, executive director of the Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center. "The TANF participants are a tremendous help for us. The extra pairs of hands help the church. And the work sites

help train the kids for jobs in the future." Two students have already been asked by their employers to stay on at their work sites over the summer.

The Community LEARNs staff will continue to assist the young people with their academic, social, and career development needs. Reliable engagement with the youths whom the program serves is paramount to its continued success.

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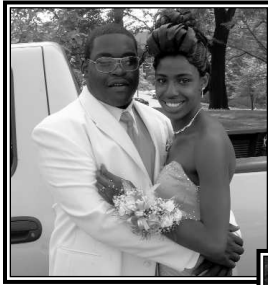
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Peabody High Students Celebrate Prom 2007

On May 24, Peabody seniors and Bloomfield-Garfield Corp. Youth Employment Program participants enjoyed a hot afternoon and evening with friends and relatives for one of the pinnacles of their high school career – the Prom. The photos in the “album” below were taken at the Peabody Prom Lineup that afternoon near the reservoir of Highland Park. The grand event took place in the evening at the Renaissance Hotel downtown, and the after-party was later that night at G.A.A. in the Strip District. For many students, the Prom provided a brief, mental “getaway” from preparing for final tests and looking ahead to their future after graduation.



Photos by Gavin Deming



(CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE): DRESSED-TO-IMPRESS SENIORS GROVER WALKER AND TANEIKA MCLEOD; JAHNAE HOLT AND ASHLEY SIMMONS; DAVON CARROLL, JOHNNY EDMUNDSON, BRIAN DURANT, JAMAR SPENCER, AND DEVON BROOKS, AT THE PEABODY PROM LINEUP IN HIGHLAND PARK.

Making “Words Rise Up” Into Art

By Bertha Nesser
and Paula Martinac

This spring at Ft. Pitt Accelerated Learning Academy, neighborhood artist Jill Flynn worked with the second-grade after-school art club, a program of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. Ms. Flynn taught hands-on African art activities to the children, including bringing a Nigerian folk story, “Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky,” to visual life. The sun and the moon, water, and a house were animated by the young artists in two- and three-dimensional art.

Ms. Flynn, a watercolorist, began working with the BGC’s after-school program in 2004, when she was invited to take part by Bertha Nesser, lead



Photo courtesy Bertha Nesser

ARTIST JILL FLYNN (CENTER) LEADING THE SECOND-GRADE ART CLUB. site coordinator. The artist “has brought enrichment to many children’s lives within the Garfield area,” says Ms. Nesser.

Ms. Flynn primarily uses painting activities to guide children in making a story visual. She refers to her teaching technique as “words rise up” art. In addition, she encourages students to experiment with many other materials to provide a wide range of artistic exploration. As one child discovered in the class, “I like chalk better than paint.”

Participating in the after-school art club, which ran from March 2 to April 27, were pupils DeJuan Webb, JeJuan Brown, Bobbie Barksdale, Quadora Dansby, Corey Williams, Rajeni Dyer, Desirea Jones, Tymere Sellers, and Deontay Turner.



Photo courtesy Bertha Nesser

DEJUAN WEBB HARD AT WORK IN THE AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLUB.

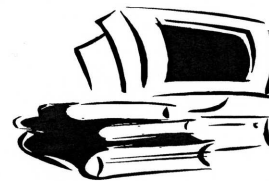


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8	34,570
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Lenders Prey on Home Buyers and Owners, Threaten Neighborhoods

By Frank Pistella

Neighborhood Legal Services Association

A lot has been in the news about "predatory lending," a credit practice that can make a bad situation worse. Predatory lending is the practice of making credit or loans available to someone who could not qualify at a more conventional interest rate. On a national level, in the five-year period between 1993 and 1998, the number of sub-prime loans approved grew by roughly 800 percent. Here in Allegheny County, during the period between 1995 to 2001, as the unemployment rate dropped from 6.8 percent to 4.2 percent, the number of home foreclosures climbed by 280 percent. Often a person's home is what becomes the true target for these predators.

The best protection against predators is always the least expensive - avoid them. Here are some of the things to look for in deciding if the credit offer is coming from a predator: high interest rates (always shop around for the best interest rate you can get); single premium life insurance (don't think that you have to have it or that it's

required for the loan; it's not); and high-pressure sales tactics (you can always say "NO").

Some of the ways a predator will stalk you are through telemarketing and "fast cash" schemes. Home improvement scams are another favorite tactic of the predator. The work may start out well, but then somehow the company has a series of problems and often leaves the homeowner with a half-finished job and a lien against their home.

The latest practice is to lend out money to homeowners in amounts well over the true value of their home. Remember, every time you refinance your home, the lender can charge new fees. This helps to eat away at the value of your home. Also, make sure that the loan contains provisions to pay your property taxes. Having to make high payments on the loan and pay property taxes on top of that takes

away even more of your home's value.

When the time comes to sign the loan agreement, always make sure that the terms in the contract are what was offered to you when you originally applied. If the terms in the contract are not the same as those offered in the beginning of your application process, you may have to do the safest thing - walk away from the loan. You are not obligated to sign anything. For most people, their home is their largest lifetime investment. Make sure you take all the necessary steps to protect your family, your home, and your neighborhood.

As always when dealing with the value of your biggest asset - your home - you should seek the advice of an attorney before signing anything. If your income is at or below 125 percent of poverty (see sidebar), or if you are 65 years of age or older, you can contact Neighborhood Legal Services Association for free advice at 412-255-6700. You may also visit us at www.nlsa.us.

Editor's Note: See page 15 for a free upcoming workshop on predatory lending, sponsored by Dollar Bank and hosted by the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation.

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Arts program launched at regional school

On its "Celebrate the Arts" day, St. John Neumann Regional Catholic Elementary School

by **Mary Anne Mackey Gould**
Director of Development
St. John Neumann Regional School

Art Studio in Lucca, Italy, demonstrated the art of using vine charcoal. This presentation captured

launched the "ARTS propel" program.. This new program provides an opportunity for students to develop their artistic talents in visual arts, music and drama. The classrooms take on an arts-studio environment in which students, like artists, are actively involved in making art.

Two local professional artists participated in the kick-off event on May 23. L a n i Cataldi, co-founder and director of the Gemini

Theater Company, performed "Jane's Jungle Adventure," an interactive musical story. The primary grade children had a wonderful time using their imaginations through dramatic role playing and singing.

John DelMonte, local artist teacher, exhibitor and founder of the Creative

the attention of the students from grades 4 through 8, who were amazed as they observed how a canvas can come to life from an idea in the mind. Students received their own personal sketchbooks, with a challenge to capture their imagination through their sketches.



Photo by George T. Mendel

The ARTS propel program will continue next school year to enhance the school's strong academic program by providing the students who live in

the communities of Bloomfield, Garfield, Lawrenceville, Stanton Heights and Polish Hill the unique opportunity of learning directly from professional artists. For additional information, either call (412) 481-6463 or send an e-mail to mak-gould@earthlink.net.

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There goes the clock

Here you are
sitting there
people think you would help
but you don't really care

They need your help
so why don't you go
I beg you to do it
but all you say is no

Come on, just help
these people are dying, crying
you say they'll be fine
but all you're doing is lying

Time is running out
you need to feed the poor
clothe the clotheless
mend their hearts that someone tore

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You ask who are these people
Well, I will tell you
they are the people of the world
and they really need your help, too


- Kaitlyn Flanagan, age 11

YOUTHSPEAK

Youth Poetry Corner



Submissions: Young people age 6-22, living in neighborhoods served by *The Bulletin*, are invited to submit a short poem, especially on social issues, for possible inclusion in "Youthspeak." Publication of poems will be occasional, and based on available space. Send to Editor, *The Bulletin*, 5149 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224, or e-mail bgcbulletin@yahoo.com. Please include your name, address, and age, and if possible, a recent photo.


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By Bill Stanhope and Kate Bayer
In Memory and Honor of Jay Bernard



Because Jay Bernard, who wrote this column for many years, was such an inspiration to us all in so many ways, and especially because he advocated for the most vulnerable among us – dogs, cats, and even roosters who found themselves alone, homeless, and unloved – we wish to honor his memory in this small way by continuing the “Good Dog” column. We hope you will take to heart Jay’s generosity of spirit and consider making one of these very special dogs your best friend.

“Star” is an 8-year-old hound/beagle mix who is shy and quiet, and appreciates

gentle handling. She seeks the approval of her human companions in everything she does and is very patient and polite. Star walks politely on a leash, never pulling or jumping, and is a wee bit shy around younger, more exuberant dogs. Star longs for a quiet home, perhaps with an older person or retired couple. She would surely light up a quiet, calm household.

We are grateful to the wonderful folks at Animal Friends for making this description of Star available to us. For information on adoption, visit www.animal-friends.org or call 412-847-7002.

S I M P L E

Professional Organizer Carol Briney
offers suggestions and answers your
questions about overcoming
the clutter in your life.

Do You Taste Your Food?

One day I sat in a hotel restaurant glancing hurriedly at my watch as I ate my lunch. My mind was far away on my next speaking engagement as I mentally listed and planned all of the projects I needed to have completed before I even arrived home from this event. My mind was going 100 miles-a-minute, and I was not thinking about my present situation of eating lunch in the cool, clean café and enjoying the delicious taste of the food I was eating.

Imagine my surprise when the waitress, an older, yet timeless woman, asked me, “Do you taste your food?” This question stopped me cold. I had never thought about it before. I suddenly realized that, although I speak on organizing, simplifying life, and learning to say “no, thank you,” I, too, had portions of my life that were spinning out of control. I, too, had times when I forgot to live in the present moment and just enjoy what was happening right then. This one thought-provoking question gave me a lot to ponder. How many times do I miss the world going on around me because my mind is onto the next thing on my agenda? How many opportunities do I miss to be of service to someone or just smile and be kind?

It is ironic that it is now so trendy to be “too busy.” So much of what we are about is “doing.” We rush through our days from work to home to dinner to a movie, and we never take the time to enjoy any of it. We often take a strange sort of pride in

By Carol Briney
Professional Organizer

our busyness. So much of our sense of worth comes from our

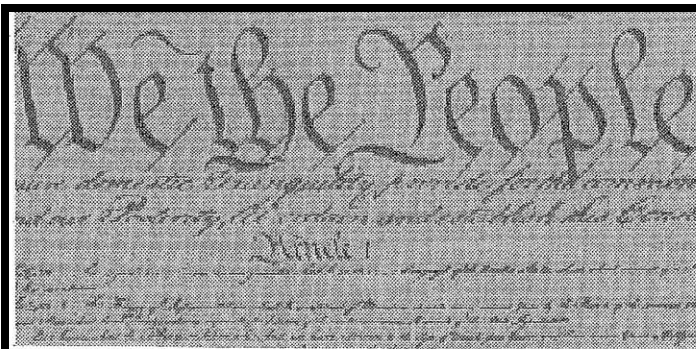
busyness. Could it be that we are attaching value to the “doing” instead of who we are as we are doing it? How many things are we missing because we are always thinking of what comes next?

It is important to remember that we are called human beings and not human doings. As a human being, I urge you to move toward a simplified life. Start thinking about all of the things that you do just because someone, usually the media, told you that you should. Are you caught up in the trivialities of life? So many times we buy things, we attend events, we watch movies and television programs, we vacation, all because it is trendy, or the media told us that is how we should live. Worse, while we are doing and purchasing, we are not even enjoying the moment - we are thinking about what we could do next.

As you scrutinize your life and how you spend your time, I believe you will realize what is important is not the quantity of the activities that you participate in, but who you are and what you accomplish by doing them. It is OK to say “no, thank you” to things that you do not enjoy. In fact, once you start saying “no” to the things you really don’t care for, you will feel a sense of freedom that you most likely have not felt in years.

Remember the old saying, “Stop and smell the roses?” I urge you to take the

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“Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no power of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people.”

-Ronald Reagan

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New Initiative Helps West Penn Employees Buy Homes Near Workplace

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital is offering a helping hand to eligible employees who want to own homes near their workplace, thanks to a unique collaborative initiative of West Penn Hospital, Freddie Mac, National City Bank, Omega Federal Credit Union, and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Pittsburgh.

The First-Time Homebuyer Benefit Pilot Program offers eligible West Penn Hospital employees a \$1,000 grant to pay closing costs on a home in one of five East End neighborhoods close to West Penn Hospital in Bloomfield. Workforce Home Benefit is open to employees with at least one year of service who are first-time homebuyers and meet other eligibility criteria.

The housing initiative also features home buyer education, low-interest or flexible mortgage loans, credit counseling and credit repair. In addition, eligible employees who need money for a down payment, or need to pay down debt that is stopping them from buying a house, may contribute to a matched savings account. Money is deducted directly from the employee's paycheck, and matched dollar-for-dol-

lar by the state after the savings goal is met.

"At West Penn Hospital, our goal is to help eligible employees who are interested in home ownership obtain their goal. Our participation in this collaborative initiative demonstrates our commitment to the communities we serve," said Mark R. Palmer, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

Representatives of Neighborhood Housing Services of Pittsburgh were at West Penn Hospital on June 22 and June 26, and will return on July 11 from 4-7 p.m. to tell employees more about the program.

"Homeownership strengthens communities," said Aggie Brose, President of The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Community Partnership and Co-Chair of its Resource Committee. "With this initiative, West Penn gives its employees a strong incentive to buy homes in selected East End neighborhoods."

To prepare employees for the challenges of homeownership, NHS of

By The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Staff

Pittsburgh will conduct free homebuyer education classes at West

Penn. The classes are designed to educate consumers about credit and money management, provide insight into how lenders access credit histories, and explain the role of credit in achieving financial goals such as homeownership.

A key part of the initiative involves giving hospital employees access to mortgage products and services that suit their needs. West Penn has chosen National City and Omega Federal Credit Union as its referral partners for mortgage programs. In addition to flexible mortgage programs, many hospital employees can take advantage of the mortgage products designed specifically for medical workers, police officers, firefighters and teachers. The mortgage lenders will work with employees to help them select the mortgage program that best meets their needs.

As one of the nation's largest investors in residential mortgages, Freddie Mac will purchase eligible

mortgages from National City and Omega Federal Credit Union.

The Workforce Home Benefit is a signature Freddie Mac initiative that is available across the country. Freddie Mac developed the offering to help employers throughout the United States foster homeownership for their employees.

West Penn's First-Time Home Buyer Benefit Pilot Program is a product of The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Community Partnership Resource Committee. The Hospital established The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Community Partnership in 1991 with a mission of "fostering healthy communities."

The Community Partnership consists of thirteen organizations located throughout the East End that work on a variety of issues aimed at strengthening the health of the residents and the infrastructure of the communities. The Resource Committee focuses on helping residents become employed, helping local businesses, and encouraging employees to live in the communities surrounding the hospital.

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time to do just that. Our time on this planet is short. We are here to learn, evolve, and grow spiritually. In order for this to happen, we need to be present. It is important to enjoy and be grateful for what is unfolding each moment of our lives.

I have always heard that when the student is ready, the teacher appears. I guess I was ready that day in the restaurant, because I have finally realized that time is the only thing I cannot store up during my journey on this planet. Each minute goes marching by whether I use it or not, and that time will never be back. I have learned that it is important to be in the

moment. Spirit spoke to me in that restaurant; yes, the words were spoken through a delightful waitress, but it was Spirit all the same. Take the time to actually taste your food. You just might be surprised by what you have been missing.

Until next time, I wish you the true riches of life, love, peace, happiness, and the time to enjoy it all.

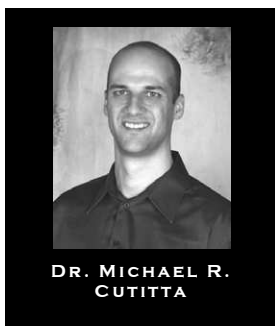
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For more than a century, America has honored Stephen Collins Foster in many ways for his creative musical genius. Foster was born in Lawrenceville on July 4, 1826. A historical marker at 3600 Penn Avenue honors the site of his birthplace.

Currently, at least three museums pay homage to the great composer of "truly American music." They are: Foster Hall in Indianapolis (opened in 1931); the Stephen Foster Memorial in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood (1937); and the Stephen Foster Museum in White Springs, Florida (1950). Even the famous industrialist Henry Ford tried to get into the act of honoring Foster by purchasing the so-called "White Cottage" for his Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. Ford believed the 3414 Penn Avenue residence to be Foster's birthplace. Many years later, research proved that Ford acquired the wrong house.

In 1900, composer Victor Herbert conducted a musical tribute to Foster, as the first statue in Foster's honor was unveiled in Highland Park; it was

By James Wudarczyk
Lawrenceville Historical Society

later moved to the entrance of Schenley Park, where it still stands today.

Many states have honored Foster's music, and some have embraced his works as state songs. Kentucky adopted "My Old Kentucky Home" in 1928. Seven years later, Florida chose "Old Folks at Home" as its song. And California came very close to selecting "Oh Susannah."

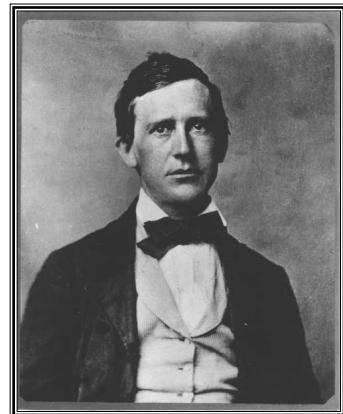
Not only has Foster's music been honored, but his image has been celebrated as well. Foster's likeness graced a 50-cent commemorative coin in 1935 and an American postage stamp in 1940. In 1953, a bust of Foster was unveiled in the Library of Congress.

Perhaps the greatest tribute paid to the 19th-century composer by a grateful nation took place in 1951 when the Congress of the United States dedicated January 13 as the annual Stephen C. Foster Day.

Without question, Foster was the most celebrated man ever to be born in Lawrenceville. Following his death on January 13, 1864, Foster's body was interred in Allegheny Cemetery, where it lies to this day beneath a very simple headstone.

Of all of the great tributes paid to Stephen Foster since his death more than 140 years ago, the most uniquely Pittsburgh celebration is "Doo Dah Days: The Stephen Foster Music and Heritage Festival."

This free event, started in 2006 as a joint venture between the Allegheny Cemetery Historical Association and the Lawrenceville Historical Society, turns the historical grounds of Allegheny Cemetery into a daylong tribute to Foster. The cemetery venue offers musical performances by four bands, carriage and Conestoga wagon rides, trolley tours, and interactive presentations near Foster's gravesite. Last year's event saw 1,400 attendees. This year's event takes place on Saturday, July 7, from 12-5 p.m., with WDUQ radio acting as media sponsor.



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Stephen C. Foster's Best-Known Songs

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began in December of 2006, and should be 50 percent completed by the fall, when renovation on the additional three homes will get underway. Each rehabbed house will offer a three-bedroom unit for the buyer, and a one-bedroom apartment for a possible tenant.

Because the Penn-Fairmount Master Plan is in a designated Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ), a state program that provides tax breaks to distressed urban communities, residents and businesses occupying the various spaces will enjoy property tax abatement through the end of 2010.

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Mills is also responsible for training apprentices; he has just one at present, but says he could handle as many as five or six at a time. And he's amply qualified to teach them, with more than 25 years of experience. Mills was working as a machinist in 1981 when he took a noncredit beginner class in stained glass at CCAC. He went on to learn the trade at Pittsburgh Stained Glass and at Stained Glass Resources. For 15 years, he operated a retail store that sold stained glass supplies and offered classes, but says he was "exhausted, working seven days a week." So, in 2002, he began doing stained-glass restoration full-time.

Mills says he hires Glass Action apprentices based primarily on "attitude," not prior experience. "I prefer to have people who've never done this work before," he notes. "They just have to be able to work with their hands and climb a ladder." That last criterion is vital, since stained glass windows may reach dizzying heights.

Apprentices, who are part-time employees with benefits, start by



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THE BALCONY WINDOW OF THE UNION PROJECT'S GREAT HALL IS BOARDED UP WHILE ITS STAINED GLASS PANELS ARE RESTORED.

doing "the grunge work," like cementing and cleaning, but eventually learn all the intricate steps involved in restoration. Although "everybody goes at their own pace," Mills estimates that a complete apprenticeship would take about three years. And with all the stained glass in Pittsburgh, adds Struloeff, restoration is a solid career choice.

A testament to the high-quality work of Glass Action, in June the Union Project received the Reflect Award from Cool Space Locator, a nonprofit real estate organization, in recognition of the innovative restoration of its historic church and windows.

For more information about Glass Action and applying to the apprenticeship program, contact the Union Project at 412-363-4500, or visit www.unionproject.org.

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Kang was one of the lead surgeons involved in the first reported replantation of a face and scalp.

Prior to joining West Penn Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Dr. Kang served as chief of hand surgery at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. He is a diplomate of both the American Board of Plastic Surgery and its subspecialty of surgery of the hand. He has lectured and published articles on numerous topics in plastic surgery and hand surgery.

Dr. Kang is now accepting new patients at the following location:

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It's a party and everyone's invited! Join in the festivities as the Lawrenceville Historical Society (LHS) and the Allegheny Cemetery Historical Association (ACHA) celebrate Stephen Foster's birthday at the second annual "Doo Dah Days, Stephen Foster Music and Heritage Festival," Saturday, July 7, from 12-5:00 p.m., at Allegheny Cemetery, Lawrenceville. "Doo Dah Days" will be bustling with activities. And like all grand parties, there will be much to do, see and hear. Event admission is free, so come commemorate Foster, his music and Pittsburgh's rich history. Media sponsorship for "Doo Dah Days" is provided by WDUQ-90.5 FM. For more "Doo Dah Day" information, visit <http://www.doodahdays.com> or call 412-325-1300. Free event parking behind the Teamster's Temple across from Allegheny Cemetery's gatehouse entrance on Butler Street.

SCHENLEY REUNION

Schenley High School Class of 1967 is having its 40th year reunion on August 17 at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road. Terrace Village reunion, August 18. A \$45 check or money order can be mailed to P.O. Box 9048, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15224 and should be made out to Elliot Coleman/Schenley Class of 1967. For more information, call 412 782-5281.

NEW 24-HOUR VETERANS HOTLINE

CONTACT Pittsburgh - Allegheny County's only 24-hour crisis and suicide hotline - has launched a new 24-hour Veterans Hotline for returning soldiers in the Greater Pittsburgh Area. The hotline provides a source of immediate, anonymous, round-the-clock, emotional support for returning soldiers and their families. Staffed by professionally trained volunteers, the Veterans Hotline was created in response to alarming increases in the rates of suicide among returning soldiers. Estimates show that there are more than 3,200 National Guard and Reservists in the Greater Pittsburgh Area who have completed one or more tours of duty in the Middle East. Research predicts that up to 20% of them will develop some form of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); however, many are reluctant to disclose symptoms because of the stigma attached to a mental illness could affect their jobs, service records, and redeployment status. Veterans and their families can call 412-820-HELP (4357) for assistance.

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL "ALL CLASSES" REUNION

Come join your former classmates and friends for a Peabody High Class Reunion for "ALL CLASSES" on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. The theme will be "Remembering Garfield, The Way It Was." The reunion will take place at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Activity Center, located at 140 N. Atlantic Avenue in Garfield from 6 p.m. til 12 a.m. After you've had the picnic with your families, join us for an evening of "Remembrance, Dance and Song." Hors d'oeuvres will be served; event is BYOB. Cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. For more information, please contact Michelle Glass-Franklin at 323-496-0412 or by e-mail at LHFfranklin@msn.com; or Roxanne Miles-Thomas at 412-661-2710 We hope to see you all there!!!

ANXIETY / DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

A panic-anxiety / depression support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at U.C.P. Community Center, 4638 Centre Avenue at Neville Street in Oakland. For information, call 412-255-1155, or just drop by. NO FEE.

"ALMOST AUTHORS" YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Almost Authors is a week-long writing program for youth, centering on fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. We work on exercises that challenge us in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere, and we welcome writers of all abilities and interests. Almost Authors is now celebrating its 15th year; come join us for some summertime writing!

WEEK ONE: JULY 16-20

Students entering 3rd and 4th grades: 9 a.m.-noon

Students entering 7th and 8th grades: 1-4 p.m.

WEEK TWO: JULY 23-27

Students entering 5th and 6th grades: 9 a.m.-noon

Students entering 9th through 12th grades: 1-4 p.m.

Each group contains no more than 10 students. Classes will only run if 5 or more students sign up. (Tell your friends!) Cost: \$125 for the week (checks payable to The Writing Studio or Julie Albright). Classes take place at the Kentucky Avenue School, corner of 5th and Negley Avenues in Shadyside (entrance on Kentucky Avenue). All writing materials will be provided, as will a snack and drink each day. To register, call 412-362-4714 with the name and age of the student and week you'd like to attend, or mail payment to: 153 S. Fairmount Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. All payments are due by the first day of the workshop.

F'SHIP AND L'VILLE PARTNER ON "ART2"

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative and Lawrenceville artists are teaming up to host Art2, a weekend of art featuring PAAI's Unblurred and Lawrenceville Artists' Studio Tour on July 6-7 and August 3-4. Each weekend kicks off on Friday, when various galleries in the Penn Avenue Arts District (4800-5500 Penn) will open their doors and showcase a variety of artwork and performances. For a complete list of venues, visit www.pennavenuearts.org closer to the date and click on the Unblurred icon. The celebration continues on Saturday, from 12-5 p.m., with the Lawrenceville Artists' Studio Tour. Artists will open their work studios to the public for free, self-guided walking tours. The focus is on seeing firsthand where artists work, the tools they use, and the steps they take in the creative process. Artists will be in their studios to talk to visitors. A list of participating artists will be available on the website closer to the date.

F'SHIP HOUSE TOUR

Mark your calendars! The 14th Annual Friendship House Tour will be held on Sunday, September 16, from 11am-5pm. As 2007 is the "Year of Glass" in Pittsburgh, the tour will begin at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, right in the heart of the Penn Avenue Arts District. Many of the homes on tour have interesting glass amenities as well. For more information, please contact Sarah at 412-441-6147 x 7.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT THIS SUMMER

Come to Community Movie Night every Thursday for six weeks this summer, from July 5-August 9. Showtime is at 6:15 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, 113 North Pacific Avenue (at Dearborn), in Garfield. Presented by Concerned Women for Christ (CWFC). The movie selection will be announced later. For more information, call 412-362-7486.

JOB CORPS SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

Pittsburgh Job Corps Center's free Off-Center Training Program has immediate openings for eligible students for the summer semester at CCAC. Job Corps provides: college tuition, fees, and books; PAT bus weekly transportation; living allowance; and clothing allowance. A childcare center is available on the Job Corps campus. Earn a 2-year associate's degree or 1-year certificate in: Business Career Programs; Computer and Information Technology; Health-Related Career Programs; Careers in

Technologies; or Social Service Career Programs. Eligibility: You must be 17 to 24 years of age, have either a high school diploma or a GED, and meet specific income requirements. Call 412-4418665 for more information, or visit <http://pittsburgh.jobcorps.gov>.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST HOSTS DRUMMING LESSONS

Imagine it, drumming out under the summer sky in the sweet evening air...Kelly Parker will be offering drumming lessons in the courtyard of First United Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 directly following Open Table worship gatherings at 6:30. The cost for the lessons is \$10 per lesson and \$4 extra to rent a drum. Ms Parker is also willing to sell her handmade drums for approximately \$200 each. If you would like to be a "Summer Drummer," please contact Gail Ransom at 412-681-4222 or fumcransom@aol.com. Or just show up in the courtyard some Wednesday evening. Perfect attendance throughout the summer is not mandatory. Come when you can. Located at the corners of Centre Ave., Aiken Ave., and Baum Blvd.

YW ENTERPRISING WOMEN PROGRAM

Do you dream of starting or growing a small business, but don't know where to start? YW Enterprising Women is a unique micro-enterprise training program of the YWCA, which serves low-to moderate-income women. YW Enterprising Women participants complete a 10-week program in which they develop business plans, set goals, and receive technical assistance and mentoring to help them form and build their own company. Following graduation, women are then eligible for a peer-lending program and to apply for micro-business loans from \$500 to \$5,000. The program is now in its second year and has graduated close to 100 participants who have established businesses ranging from event planning and catering services to beauty product lines and childcare centers. Register for the next class now - space is limited. Call 412-255-6749 to request an application.

NOAH'S ARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Everybody into the Ark! We're going on a journey! First United Methodist and Albright Community Church will be "talking to the animals" during their joint Vacation Bible School on July 23-27 9 a.m. -noon, followed by a family picnic until 1 p.m. Children ages 3-10 are welcome to participate in Bible stories about animals, a petting zoo, donations to Heifer International, games, crafts,

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snacks, and animal crackers in their soup! Parent, teens, and grandparent volunteers welcome. Please call Gail Ransom, 412-681-4222, or write to FUMCransom@aol.com to register you and/or your child. www.firstumcpittsburgh.org. First United Methodist Church is located at the corners of Centre Ave., Aiken Ave., and Baum Blvd.

"OPEN TABLE" WORSHIP AT FIRST METHODIST UNITED

First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh has been selected as a 2007-08 recipient of a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, a worship renewal funding project underwritten by the Lily Endowment, Inc. The church was one of 57 religious institutions in North America chosen to receive one of these prestigious grants. The \$15,000 grant will support the church's innovative, interactive Wednesday evening "Open Table" worship experience. The grant will underwrite weekly pre-worship innovations to refine the evening's service and four day long retreats for the planning team, participants, and members of various communities - including Bloomfield-Garfield residents. "Open Table Worship Gathering" begins with a simple meal at 6pm followed by pre-planning and worship at 6:30. You are welcome to attend any Wednesday evening. First United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Centre, Aiken, and Baum between Shadyside, Bloomfield, and Friendship, has been adamantly open to the GLBT community for more than 20 years. This particular service is an extension of the hearts of a congregation that has been opened to everyone for decades. For information, visit www.firstumcpittsburgh.org; FUMCransom@aol.com or 412.681.4222.

"JOY OF COOKIES" TOUR WANTS RECIPES

"The Joy of Cookies" Cookie Tour Committee is planning this year's event, to be held Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, in Lawrenceville. If you have a family cookie recipe or a favorite cookie recipe from a magazine or cookbook, and you are willing to share, please send them to: Dandelions, 4108 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201. You will be notified by mail if your recipe is selected for this year's tour and given credit for the recipe on the recipe card given out during the Cookie Tour. We are especially interested in cookie recipes from other countries, but all cookie recipes are welcome and will be considered. Please type or print the recipe, give the source if it is from a magazine or cookbook, and include your name, address and phone number. Deadline: Sept. 1. For more info, call 412-683-6488.

DIABETES SEMINAR AT CANTERBURY PLACE

A FREE seminar on Diabetes: A General Medical Overview on Monday, July 30, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville. Presented by the UPMC St. Margaret Diabetes Education Department. Pre-registration is required by calling 412-784-5313 or on line at www.stmargaret-foundation.org/events. Sponsored by St. Margaret Foundation, UPMC St. Margaret Diabetes Education Department and Canterbury Place.

FREE SEMINAR ON PREVENTING FALLS

A FREE seminar on Fall Prevention, Tuesday, July 10, 3:30 p.m. at Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville. Discussion on identifying risk factors for falls, what areas of the home are most associated with falls, and ways to correct environmental hazards within the home. Presented by the UPMC St. Margaret Occupational Therapy Department. Pre-registration is required by calling 412-784-5313 or online at www.stmargaret-foundation.org/events. Sponsored by St. Margaret Foundation, UPMC St. Margaret Occupational Therapy Department and Canterbury Place.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH TUTORING PROGRAM

The school year is coming to a close, and the New Bethel free tutoring program will also be closing to prepare new activities and class projects for the fall. Again we will offer Reading, Math, Language Arts. Classes will resume Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m.-noon, at New Bethel Church, 221 43rd St, Lawrenceville. Registration information may be obtained by calling Nicita Moses, Tutoring Administrator, at 412-728-4046 or send e-mail: nicitamoses@verizon.net. Please include: Your child's name, age, grade, and school attending, plus your home address and phone number, and the forms will be mailed to you. Forms Must be returned on or before August 15.

TRINITY HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Trinity Hospice is a community-based organization that affirms the belief that it is important to make every life as meaningful as possible, from the first days of a life-limiting illness to the last. Become a Parent/Family Care Volunteer and offer support and encouragement within your community. Hospice volunteers can also assist with special events, make crafts or cards for the patients, or if you like to sew, knit, or crochet, there are projects for you. Training is provided. Please contact Deborah Scott at 412-351-4494 or deborah.scott@trinityhospice.com.

ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING WORKSHOP

- Are you struggling to make your mortgage payments?
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Attend a **free** workshop to learn more about how to determine responsible lending opportunities.

Education is a powerful tool. It is the best way to protect your home and financial security. Learn how to determine the true cost of credit. Learn what to do when you are offered a credit arrangement that seems too good to be true.

Do you understand which lenders want you to succeed, and who is ripping you off? Dollar Bank cares and wants to protect your home and community from the dangers of foreclosure before it is too late. **Attend this workshop on anti-predatory lending!** Tuesday, July 17, 6-8 p.m., at the Community Activity Center, 113 North Pacific Avenue in Garfield. Sponsored by Dollar Bank and hosted by the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation.

F'SHIP RESIDENT WINS LITERARY PRIZE



Friendship resident Angele Ellis won third prize in the 2007 RAWI Competition in Creative Prose for "Desert Storms," a chapter of a novel in progress. She received her award at the organization's May conference in Dearborn, Mich. RAWI, the Radius of Arab American Writers, counts among its members poet and novelist Naomi Shihab Nye and Mohja Kahf, author of *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf*. To learn more about RAWI and read Angele's prizewinning entry, go to: http://rawi.org/CMS/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=89&Itemid=9. Congratulations, Angele!

SCHENLEY H.S. CLASS OF '57

Schenley High School Class of 1957 is holding a 50th reunion! For details, please contact Dorothy Moss White at 412-521-3819 or dotticom@aol.com.

ATTACK THEATRE GAME NIGHT

Game Night and the Seven-Minute Dance Series takes place July 6, 8-11 p.m., at Attack Theatre Studios, 4805 Penn Avenue. Join us as we gear up for summer with some good old-fashioned schoolyard fun and games: Four-Square, backgammon, 3-D tic-tac-toe, vintage Atari games, darts and Connect Four. Enjoy seven minutes of dance at 9 and 10 p.m. Donations appreciated.

C.O.G.I.C. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Morningside Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) will host a vacation Bible school for children age 4-16, with the theme of "Rescue Zone: Saved by God's Power." The program takes place July 30 -Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., with a closing service on the final day from 1-2:30 p.m. The event features Bible study, crafts, and music. For more information, call director Gertrude Shropshire at 412-361-9865. C.O.G.I.C. is located at 5173 Dearborn Street in Garfield.



**HAVE A HAPPY,
SAFE 4TH OF
JULY!**

"PICK UP PENN"

"Pick Up Penn," a joint project of Friendship Development Associates, Friendship Preservation Group, and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, will be held Tuesday, July 3, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers - and we have Penn Avenue Arts Initiative T-shirts as giveaways! All supplies are provided by the sponsoring organizations. Volunteers meet at 7 p.m. on S. Graham Street, across from The Quiet Storm coffee house. Future "Pick Up Penn" dates are Wednesday, August 1, and Wednesday, Sept. 5.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ON JUNE 21, 25 YOUNG PEOPLE participated in the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center's (ENEC) Youth Employment Fair, held at the Community Activity Center on North Pacific Avenue in Garfield. About a dozen employers and



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staffing agencies were present to recruit for openings in food service, health care, clerical work and data entry, and warehouse production. Also in attendance were vocational training programs such as the Pittsburgh Job Corps, the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute, Americorps, and the Bidwell Training Center.

ENEC is located at 5100 Penn Avenue, second floor; phone: 412-362-8580.

OF THE THOUSANDS OF APPLICANTS NATIONWIDE, Lawrenceville United - a community-based nonprofit giving voice to the concerns of Lawrenceville citizens - and the Pittsburgh Police Dept. were the 3rd place recipients of the prestigious Metropolitan Life/LISC Public Safety Community-Police Partnership Award. Along with the award comes a check in the amount of \$10,000 that will assist in neighborhood crime-fighting efforts.

The awards program allows MetLife Foundation and LISC to identify and honor partnerships that exhibit tangible accomplishments in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and evaluation of potent police-community collaborations.

STATE REP. JOE PRESTON, D-ALLEGHENY, said minimum-wage workers in his legislative district will be happy to know that the state's minimum hourly wage will increase to \$7.15 on July 1, the second increase in the wage this year.

The state's minimum wage will rise again to \$7.25 per hour on July 24, 2009, to match the federal minimum wage increase. An estimated 400,000 workers in Pennsylvania will be affected by the minimum-wage increase.

Recent changes to the federal minimum wage law will not impact Pennsylvania's wages in 2007 and 2008, except for the youth training wage, which is based on the current federal minimum wage of \$5.15, will increase to \$5.85 per hour on July 24, for employees under 20 years of age. The training wage will go up to \$6.55 per hour on July 24, 2008, and to \$7.25 an hour on July 24, 2009.

The minimum wage for employees of small businesses that employ 10 or fewer full-time workers will rise to \$6.65 per hour on July 1. Those workers will also see another minimum wage increase to \$7.15 per hour on July 1, 2008, and a third increase to \$7.25 an hour on July 24, 2009.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on June 6, 2007, with respect to a proposed nonprofit corporation, Longé Dominica, which is to be incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988. A brief summary of the purpose for which said corporation is organized is: to create community service and leadership opportunities in the Commonwealth of Dominica for individuals from around the world in hopes of empowering individuals to create lifelong connections and ultimately stronger communities in which to live.