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## City Council Tries to Tackle Problem Properties

By Mandy Kendall

*The Bulletin*

Trying to tackle the city's problem properties has become a priority for city Council, as evidenced by two bills currently being considered by Council.

In late January, Councilmen Len Bodack and Dan Deasy introduced the Vacant Property Ordinance, Bill No 2007-1112. The purpose of the bill is to establish a program for identifying and registering vacant properties, to determine the responsibilities of owners of buildings and vacant structures, and to speed their rehabilitation, thus eliminating blight. Owners of vacant properties will be required to register their property within 30 days of it becoming vacant, or the Bureau of Building Inspection informing the owner of vacant status, although there will be no fee for registration. The bill also requires owners to submit a plan for securing and sealing the

building, and either demolishing or rehabbing it. Plans will be subject to review and approval by the Bureau of Building Inspection to ensure compliance with current building codes.

Failure to register and submit a plan within the thirty-day deadline can result in a fine of up to \$300 per day until registered. Exceptions are possible for up to 90 days in the event of damage from fire or weather. A list of vacant properties will be presented to City Council and the Mayor's Office every six months.

A public hearing on Bill 2007-1112 has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Councilmen Darlene Harris and Douglas Shields have signed on as co-sponsors.

Rental properties can also be a source

of problems in the city. According to Adriene Aul of the Vacant Property Working Group, Pittsburgh is the largest urban area in Pennsylvania that does not require any registration or licensing for residential rental properties.

Bill No. 2007-1117, introduced in early February by Councilman Dan Deasy, would require all rental property located in the City of Pittsburgh to be registered and regulated.

The legislation would require a \$25 annual permit fee per rental unit and mandatory inspection of all rental units once every two years. In addition, all landlords would need to have on file a valid address and phone number of the person responsible for the property, along with an annually updated list of tenants. Landlords would also need to be

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## Children's Home to Hold Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Children's Home of Pittsburgh will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 13, 2007, to commemorate the grand opening of their new building located at 5324 Penn Avenue.

The ceremony will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and include light refreshments, remarks, and tours of the building.

All guests to the ceremony must RSVP by contacting The Children's Home of Pittsburgh at 412-441-4884 or e-mailing [bmcintyre@chomephg.org](mailto:bmcintyre@chomephg.org). Several hundred guests are expected.

The building officially opens for business on Monday, March 19, 2007.

Questions or concerns regarding the day's activities can be addressed to Robin Weber at 412-441-4884 ext. 234.

## Local State Legislators Announce Committee Appointments

By Mandy Kendall

*The Bulletin*

Local legislators have begun to announce tier committee appointments for the 2007-2008 legislative session.

District 21 State Representative Elisabeth (Lisa) Bennington, who recently returned from the Pennsylvania Leadership Academy at the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government, received several prestigious House committee assignments.

"It was an honor to be selected to participate in the Leadership Academy at Fels," said Bennington. "The approaches we discussed to boost cooperation in Harrisburg to meet and overcome the Commonwealth's challenges will be more important than ever this session."

The leadership academy is comprised of five members from each caucus in the General Assembly and five members of executive agencies. The participants convene for several days in Philadelphia and Harrisburg to explore possible solutions to the state's most pressing issues.

Bennington's appointment to four House committees. She will serve on the Judiciary, Finance, Environmental Resources and Energy, and Commerce committees during the 2007-08 legislative session.

District 24 State Representative Joseph Preston, was reappointed as Democratic Chairman of the House Consumer Affairs Committee, where he will take over as majority chairman, allowing him to lead the House on many consumer-related issues affecting Pennsylvanians.

Preston also was seated as a member on the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee by House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene.

Preston intends to introduce a resolution reauthorizing the House Select Committee on Information Security to review state procedures to ensure that

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## Community Invited to Review Plans for New Garfield Public Housing Development

*From Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Garfield Jubilee Association*

Why are the boards going up at the Garfield Public Housing Community? The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Garfield Jubilee Association invite you to come find out what is in store for public housing in Garfield at an informational meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Activity Building at the corner of N. Pacific Avenue and Broad Street.

KBK Enterprises, the developer of the new housing community that will replace the current Garfield Public Housing Community, and representatives from the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh will be on hand to discuss their master site plan, and specifically Phase I, which will include 90 replacement units and a community building.



*Rick Flanagan / Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

KBK will present site drawings and their plans to change both the infrastructure of the site and their plans to integrate the look of the site into the neighborhood as a whole. Funding for the project will also be discussed.

All community members are encouraged to attend.

For more information on the meeting, please contact the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation at 412-441-6950 or Garfield Jubilee Association at 412-665-5200.

**APRIL  
DEADLINE!**



The **FINAL DEADLINE** for the **April 2007** issue of The Bulletin is **Thursday, March 15, 2006**. 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

### State House Judiciary Committee Holds State-Wide Informational Meetings on Crime, Violence, Drug and Gun Prevention

State House  
Judiciary

From the Office of State  
Representative Thomas Caltagirone

Committee Chairman Thomas Caltagirone, D-Reading, has announced the panel will hold a series of informational meetings across the Commonwealth to get citizen input on issues and proposed legislation related to crime, violence and gun policies.

"The chorus of voices asking the legislature to take action and address crime, violence, drugs and guns grows louder each day," said Caltagirone, who recently was named Judiciary Committee chairman by the House Democratic leadership.

"I want the Judiciary Committee to do more than hold hearings on individual pieces of legislation; I want the committee members to have a broad understanding of these issues. And I want us to hear directly from people around Pennsylvania about how these issues impact their communities."

Caltagirone said that the meetings, in Berks County, Erie, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Scranton, will culminate in April with a final major policy hearing in Harrisburg. The statewide meetings will give people from various interest groups the opportunity to be heard by the committee.

"We have no interest in stacking these hearings in favor of one constituency or another," Caltagirone

said. "During the Committee of the Whole that was held in the fall, members from both sides of the aisle presented worthwhile proposals that ranged from putting more police on the streets to investing in long-term preventative solutions. As I see it, the only way we can stop the violence plaguing our communities is to start looking for practical common-sense solutions."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Phila., was the driving force behind the Committee of the Whole, a three-day session devoted to a discussion of legislation and ideas to address crime and violence. It was the first time in a decade that the legislature took a serious look at the issues.

"People like to say crime and violence are urban problems or a Philadelphia problem," Evans said. "That's simply not true. The anecdotal evidence and the statistics show that crime, especially as it relates to illegal handguns and drugs, is impacting all of our communities. I hear from mayors every day who say, 'please help us solve this problem.'"

The Pittsburgh informational meeting has been scheduled for March 28. Time and location have for the meeting have not yet been determined, but will be available closer to the meeting date by calling 717-783-8024.

### E-Mail Block Watches: Taking a Byte Out of Crime

Block watch  
signs and stickers

By Angele Ellis

Public Safety Task Force Coordinator

sheet.

still send the message that a neighborhood cares about controlling crime. But in today's busy world, an e-mail block watch can become an electronic grapevine for neighbors to communicate news about criminal incidents -- both to each other and to the police.

E-mail block watches -- each covering a section of a neighborhood from two to eight blocks -- have been successfully established in neighborhoods that include Friendship and Southwest East Liberty.

To establish an e-mail block watch in your area, take the following steps:

1. Get in touch with interested neighbors by sponsoring an evening or weekend public safety meeting at someone's home or at a local church or school. You can set this up in any or all of following ways:

- Distribute a flyer inviting neighbors in the targeted area to the meeting.
- Put an invitation to the meeting in your neighborhood's print or electronic newsletter.
- Telephone or visit neighbors you want to come to the meeting.

2. At the meeting, be sure to provide:

- A sign-up sheet asking for names, addresses, phone numbers (home, work and cell), and e-mail addresses (work and home).
- Name tags.
- Refreshments.

3. After neighbors have helped themselves to refreshments, conduct the meeting using this simple agenda. One person should agree to lead the discussion, and another to make notes.

- Ask everyone to fill in the sign-up

person to introduce himself or herself by name and street address.

- Lead a discussion of the problems with crime that neighbors have experienced, asking everyone to contribute in turn.
- Encourage neighbors to report crime to the authorities by stating that before posting an incident to the e-mail list, they must first report the incident through 9-1-1.
- Remind neighbors that the e-mail block watch is for reporting crime only, not for promoting other neighborhood, work or social events.
- End the meeting by assigning one person to be responsible for adding, changing, and deleting addresses on the e-mail block watch list. This person also can send out periodic reminders and summaries.
- Add the police to your e-mail block watch list. The e-mail address of new Zone 5 Commander RaShall Brackney is rashall.brackney@city.pittsburgh.pa.us

E-mail block watches make neighbors more vigilant in observing and reporting crime, and help to build community solidarity.

"This is a good way for residents to discover patterns of crime, and to warn and inform each other," says Susan Petersen, board president of the Friendship Preservation Group.

"Hopefully, this information will link back not just to neighbors and police, but to criminals -- warning them to stay away from certain neighborhoods."

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### Zone Meetings

If you would like to stay up-to-date with police efforts in your area, then please attend one of the monthly zone meetings, held by each zone's police dept.

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

## City Leadership Races Heat Up as Candidates Compete for Democratic Endorsement

In last month's political update, readers were informed that the current city council members in

By Michelle Burton-Brown  
For The Bulletin

and political groups will be organizing forums and debates. Janis Williams, one of

Districts 7 and 9 were being challenged by a number of contenders.

District 7 incumbent, Councilman Len Bodack, now has two challengers to his city council seat as both Patrick Dowd and Tom Fallon seek the Democratic endorsement.

City Council District 9, which is currently served by Councilwoman Twanda Carlisle, appears to have at least six candidates seeking the Democratic Party endorsement, and four who plan to run independently. In addition to incumbent Twanda Carlisle, Leah Kirkland, Rachel Cooper, Gerald Brown, Rick Burgess and Randall Taylor have registered to seek the Democratic party endorsement.

In addition to those who have registered with the Democratic Committee, Shawn Carter, K. Chase Patterson, Judy Ginyard and Ora Lee Carroll have also announced their candidacy.

To be considered for party endorsement, candidates were required to register with the Democratic Committee by submitting a Letter of Intent and a filing fee by February 15, 2007. Candidates must also register with the Board of Elections.

The Allegheny County Democratic Committee announced that the 2007 Endorsement Meeting will take place on March 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IBEW Hall on Hot Metal Street, South Side. There, committee members will vote for the candidate they think should be endorsed by the party.

To educate voters and learn more about the challengers' platforms, several organizations

the organizers of the February 28 forum held at the Union Project in Highland Park, says that the political arena in Allegheny County is slowly changing and many organizations are natural allies on issues such as voter's rights and voter education.

"The participants who organized the [Union Project] event wanted to provide their members with an opportunity to hear from candidates in three important races before the Primary Election on May 15th," said Williams.

"The Mayor's race is important not only to Pittsburgh residents, but impacts all of Allegheny County," Williams said. "The 7th District is the only seat up for re-election this year that represents the college students living in North Oakland. The 9th District has public safety issues and chronic unemployment, which works against families. Our coalition of organizations felt that all candidates should have an opportunity to talk to voters about their vision."

Ward chairs and committee members will work diligently over the next eight to ten weeks, holding meetings, candidate forums and petition parties, to determine who will best serve the Districts and the City of Pittsburgh. The responsibilities of a committee person is to communicate to party leaders the opinions and views of the people in their community, to register new voters, provide voter education, and to "Rock the Vote" at every election in support

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## Free Tax Help Could Mean up to \$4536 in Returns

Could filing your taxes mean that the government might owe YOU money? You could be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) if you have been working, even part time - up to \$4539 for 2006. The catch? You MUST file a tax return and the appropriate forms.

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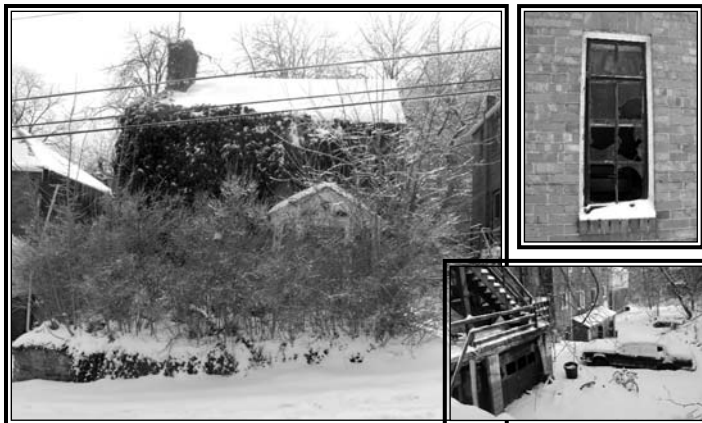
The property at 5536 Colombo Street was  
nominated for Eyesore of the Month and  
according to the Allegheny County Real  
Estate Web Site, Zone Investments  
Partnership is the recorded owner. There is no  
known address to which tax bills can be deliv-  
ered, which makes holding the owner respon-  
sible for the condition of their property that  
much more difficult. The property is tax  
delinquent.

The BGC staff visited the property in mid-  
February and found that it was abandoned.  
The first floor entries were boarded up, with  
the exception of open windows in the attached  
garage in the rear. There was an abandoned  
car in the side yard, and debris in the front and  
back yards. The hedges, weeds and vines have  
so completely covered the front of the house  
that it is almost impossible to see from the  
street.

BGC staff contacted the Bureau of Building  
Inspection (BBI) and found that the property  
had no record of outstanding violations  
against it.

This property is directly across the street  
from Rogers School, putting it within the  
1,000 sq. ft. school safety zone created by the  
school district and the city administration in  
2006.

The house is abandoned and needs a new  
owner before it ends up on a demolition list.



Mandy Kendall / The Bulletin

Even though our City Council members are in  
the process of creating legislation to address  
abandoned housing, it is too late for 5536  
Colombo Street – what it needs is someone to  
acquire it and call it home. There is a shortage  
of affordable housing in the city, yet homes  
like this sit abandoned and become eyesores  
and nuisances in our neighborhoods. This  
property could be a wealth builder for anyone  
willing to put some “sweat equity” into it. The  
building is listed as a two-family unit, which  
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# Excellence for All:

## Peabody Hosts Community Building Event

As the new Principal at Peabody High School, I have been continually impressed with the level of community and parental involvement in our school. We recognize community organizations and parents as our partners and understand that our goals are similar. As community members, parents and community organizations, your help is vital to the success of our school and its ongoing effort to increase student achievement and prepare students for their futures.

Our Superintendent has outlined goals in his "Excellence for All" plan that has high expectations for students, staff and the community. To meet these goals, the staff and administration at Peabody are implementing innovative strategies to confront challenges that have plagued the school in recent years. Specifically, we are working to connect the resources of the community and the school district to provide meaningful opportunities for community involvement and the advancement of our young people. As a first step, Peabody is hosting an exciting opportunity entitled, "Excellence for All: An East End Community Building

By Principal John Vater  
Peabody High School

Event."  
Peabody High School will bring

together East End residents of all ages, community organizations, and service providers to take part in a community-building event. The event will feature the services of area of providers and highlight important programs and initiatives in the East End. Speakers and workshop presenters will be on hand to discuss issues that address the needs of our student body and surrounding community.

As we prepare for this important event, we must continue to concentrate on efforts that drive the achievement of Peabody students and advance the East End community. We, the staff of Peabody, are working hard to encourage true parental involvement and community partnerships, and to utilize our resources and those of our partners for the benefit all Peabody families. I hope you will join the Peabody staff and our community partners on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact the school at (412) 665-2050 or access our Community Event link at <http://www.pghboe.net/> if further information is required.



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## A Community-Building Event to Support East End Students and Families

On May 5, 2007, Peabody High School will be collaborating with their community partners to host 'Excellence for All: An East End Community-Building Event.' Superintendent Mark Roosevelt will provide introductory remarks about the important role that residents of all ages, community organizations and service providers play in improving the academic performance for all East End students through *Excellence for All*.

*Excellence for All* provides a road map for improving the academic performance of all students in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

The purpose of the event is to connect the resources of the community, provide meaningful opportunities for community involvement and strengthen the East-End community for the advancement of all students.

In addition, speakers and workshop presenters will be on site to discuss issues that address the needs of students and the surrounding community such as, employment opportunities, money-management and home ownership, on-going prevention efforts to address area violence, Peabody's Public Safety Magnet and parent involvement.

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## PRC / Appliance Warehouse Offers Appliance Recycling

The Pennsylvania  
Resources Council,

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PA Resources Council

ter/graffiti prevention,  
and waste reduction.

David Mazza, PRC's Regional Director said, "In addition to providing individuals with a no cost solution to properly disposing of their unwanted freon-containing appliances, this partnership will allow PRC to expand its work in the community and help focus its efforts on reducing the harmful effects that litter and graffiti have locally."

Fred Landay, owner of the Appliance Warehouse stated, "Working with PRC provides us the opportunity to give back to the community while capturing items that pose a challenge for residents to properly dispose of."

If individuals are unable to drop off appliances on their own, call Appliance Warehouse to schedule a pickup. Although a fee will be assessed for pickup, mention the phrase "Don't be a litterbug", (which is one of PRC's catch slogans), and receive a 10% discount off the pickup service. For more information or to schedule a pickup, call the Appliance Warehouse at 1-888-GO-FREON (463-7399). One may also visit [www.appliancedisposal.org](http://www.appliancedisposal.org) or [www.prc.org](http://www.prc.org).

Appliance Warehouse employs over 50 individuals and is located at 523 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, 15203. The company has been recycling appliances since the early 1990s. Its 60,000 sq. ft. facility is designed to recycle major appliances daily.

Established in 1939, PRC is one of the oldest, non-profit environmental organizations in the Commonwealth. PRC created the Litterbug icon in 1952 and coined the phrase "Don't Be A Litterbug".

Any individuals, businesses, townships, boroughs, or municipalities that may have old or unwanted appliances lying around now have an opportunity to recycle these items for free. There is no limit to the number of appliances that may be dropped off. Freon will be removed at Appliance Warehouse by EPA certified technicians.

This partnership results in two primary benefits. First, individuals are able to safely and legally dispose of their unwanted appliances free of charge. This helps eliminate the illegal dumping of appliances and ensures that any freon contained in these appliances is collected and recycled in a responsible manner meeting all state and federal guidelines. Secondly, by dropping off appliances at the Appliance Warehouse, individuals are helping to support grassroots community efforts to eliminate litter and graffiti from their neighborhoods. PRC's three primary service areas are recycling, lit-

### COMMITTEES, From Page 1

personal information is secure and safe in state agencies data bases. The Select Committee on Information Security is comprised of members from four House committees.

District 20 State Representative Don Walko has been appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts on the House Judiciary Committee. As chairman, Walko intends to explore the impact of mandatory minimum sentences on the prison population and review proposals to change the system for selecting appellate court judges from an election-based system to a "merit selection" system.

As a member of the Insurance Committee, Walko will be involved in reviewing Governor Ed Rendell's proposed health plan for Pennsylvania.

Walko will also be returning to serve on the House Appropriations, Professional Licensure and Urban Affairs committees.

In the state senate, District 38 Senator Jim Ferlo will be serving as the Minority Chair of the Local Government Committee, along with serving on the committees for Community, Economic & Recreational Development; Finance; Labor & Industry; and Urban Affairs & Housing.

Contact information for each of these legislators can be found on the facing page.

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up-to-date on their taxes and resolve any outstanding violations. Fines of up to \$1000 per infraction would be imposed for violations of the ordinance.

Co-sponsors of the bill include councilmen Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle, Darlene Harris. As of The Bulletin's press time, a public hearing date had not yet been set for the ordinance.

Finally, council will hold a cable cast post-agenda meeting, at the request of Councilman Jim Motznik, on Tuesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m., to discuss the implementation of Ordinance No. 4 of 2005, concerning nuisance properties.

The ordinance, passed in 2005, calls for a property to be designated as a nuisance property if it is cited, or police are called to the property on three or more occasions within a 60 day period (five or more times for a property with 5 or more units).

In attendance for the cable cast will be Mayor Luke Ravenstahl; Deputy Police Chief Paul Donaldson; Kathy Kraus Manager of the Office of Municipal Investigations, Bureau of Public Safety; Chief Ron Graziano, Bureau of Building Inspection; Celia Liss Law Department; Howard Stern, Director, City Information Systems, and Eugene Ricciardi, District Magistrate.

# A Message from The Mayor

Dear Neighbors, **By Mayor Luke Ravenstahl** about issues of crime and safety in their neighborhoods.  
*City of Pittsburgh*

While many refer to Pittsburgh as a city of bridges, to me it is a city of eighty-eight unique, distinct and valuable neighborhoods. It is our neighborhoods, and the people and businesses that comprise them, that define who and what we are. As we build a greater city that benefits us all, it must be done in each of our neighborhoods –leaving no neighborhood behind. It is a “neighborhoods first” agenda to which I am committed.

One of my top priorities is to ensure that the streets of our neighborhoods are among the safest and cleanest in the country. Together, street by street and block by block, Police Chief Nate Harper and I have worked to make every neighborhood safer by getting our police force back into our communities and business districts where they belong. We’ve increased our neighborhood foot patrols- or ‘park and walks’- by fifty-percent over last year. By investing in technology, like increasing the number of mobile data terminals in our police vehicles, we have reduced time officers spend on paperwork, allowing them to spend thirty-percent more time patrolling our streets.

This month we also created a new community oriented crime-fighting program connecting neighborhood groups to our officers in a joint effort to make our streets safer. The Community’s Technical Investigative and Preparedness Section (C-TIPS) is a dedicated detective unit with the specific goal of resolving the public safety concerns of community groups, faith based organizations and business owners. C-TIPS detectives establish relationships with these members by seeking first-hand input from them

Citizens can reach C-TIPS by dialing Pittsburgh’s new 3-1-1 Response Line, The C-TIPS program is anonymous, free and-with your help- it will work..

Development and revitalization are taking place all over Pittsburgh. While much has been made in years past of efforts to boost development of residential and commercial property Downtown, much of my work has taken place in our other neighborhoods. I am particularly energized by our successful efforts to buy back \$64 million worth of tax liens on 10,000 parcels of properties at a fraction of the cost. By regaining control of these tax liens we took a giant leap in eliminating blight caused by vacant properties in our neighborhoods. We opened the door for citizens, community groups and developers to revitalize properties. We are already advancing housing projects that had stalled for years due to the complications arising from the tax liens. New development is on its way now where once we had only blight, making unprecedented progress in neighborhood redevelopment and speeding up our city’s continued fiscal recovery.

We are off to a great start, but I recognize that there is much more to be done. Over the next few months I will be talking about many more new ideas and programs. They will all have a common theme: a fresh and bold vision for a new and better Pittsburgh. It’s a vision for Pittsburgh that improves our economy and creates jobs, that makes our streets among the safest and cleanest in America, and it is a vision that is financially sound and prudent. I look forward to continuing to work with you as, together, we make our shared vision a reality.

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-- Shirley Borner

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# S I M P L E

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



## THE 30-SECOND RULE

This month's topic is one that is near and dear to my heart.

In our culture, it is now in vogue to be "too busy". If I hear that once, I hear it 10 times a day. "I would love to do that but I just don't have the time." The 30-second rule is a wonderful discipline for everyone who is "too busy."

What is stated in the 30-second rule is that if ANYTHING takes less than 30 seconds to accomplish then do it now. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL LATER! Some examples of this rule are how long does it take to put your keys where they truly belong rather than setting them somewhere that for the moment is convenient, but will cause you wasted time later looking for them? What about throwing out the junk mail? Toss it when it is in your hand instead of laying it down for a minute, only to forget about it and move on to the next project that calls for your attention.

By using the 30-second rule you will

**By Carol Briney**  
Professional Organizer

complete small tasks before they become major challenges.

The 30-second rule takes some getting used to. At first our procrastination tendencies will say that it takes too much time to do this. We might even fight ourselves for a few days because it can be difficult to change our longstanding habits.

My suggestion to you is to stick with this new discipline until it becomes habit.

In closing I ask you, "If you don't have time to do it right when will you have the time to do it over?"

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

*Carol Briney is a speaker, trainer and holistic organizing consultant. She can be reached at 412-781-8773. To find out how to attend one of her workshops, or to schedule one for your group go to [www.universallor.com](http://www.universallor.com)*

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### Living a Safer Life:

Home Safety, Fraud, and More  
For adults. Tuesday March 13 at 3 p.m.

### Welcome Spring with Beatrix Potter

For all ages. Wednesday, March 21, 5p.m.

### Book Club

The book this month is "Magic Time" by Doug Marlette. Monday, March 5 from 5 - 5:45 p.m.

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### Family Fun Event

For families with children ages 4-10. Stories, and activities celebrating families. Saturday, March 17, 2p.m.

### Preschool Storytime

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### Tell-a-Tale Theater

For ages 3-7. Featuring the book "Arthur Writes a Story" by Marc Brown. Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m.

### East Liberty PC Center:

Introduction to Computers



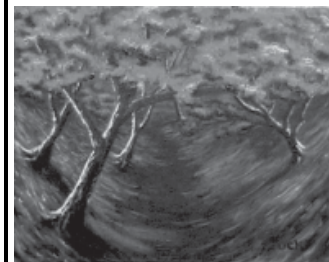
Do you know how to use a mouse? What about the different parts of the computer? If you are unsure about any of these questions, this class is for you! Learn the basics of a computer, mouse and keyboard as a prerequisite for all our other computer classes. NOTE: This class is designed for those who have little or no computer experience. Thursday, March 1, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, March 13, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Introduction to Library Services

Learn how to search the online catalog, about the library's databases, and how the library works. Prerequisite: Learn the WWW or solid mouse, keyboarding, Windows, and Internet experience. Saturday, March 17 from 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. This service has been funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds administered by the Office of the Commonwealth Libraries.

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of party candidates. Every four years, committee people elect a party member to serve as their ward chairperson.

Each ward is represented by Republican and Democratic ward chairs. The ward leaders form the parties' policy-making organization on the city level. Ward chairs elect the parties city chairperson, who supervises the full-time operations of the party office and endorses candidates among those competing for nomination in the primary.

Melvin Gay, committeeman for the 10th Ward, believes that voters are the most important part of the political process. Gay, who is a coach for the Garfield Gators youth football team, said, "the best way to show you care about where you live is by voting. I am not sure who I'm backing in the upcoming election, but I will say this: whoever wins needs to understand that they have four years to improve the quality of life in the 9th District. If that is not one of their goals they are not worthy to represent the fine citizens of our district."

Kim Long, a committeewoman in Garfield, said that her neighborhood is divided between two zip codes, two wards and two council districts and is sometimes overlooked by representatives. Long said constituents would like to see a large, state-of-art, multi-functional build-

ing in the Garfield area. "We'd like to see a recreation facility where community members can play sports and exercise that also offers cultural arts such as drawing, vocal, music production and drama. A place where our youth's talents can be identified, nourished and directed toward something positive."

Chuck Frazier, 13th Ward Chairman, expects the endorsement process to streamline the number of candidates competing for the 9th District seat so that a frontrunner will emerge. "I believe the constituents in District 9 hope that the candidate who is selected will bring development, stability and jobs to the area."

District 7 encompasses Bloomfield, East Liberty, Friendship, Garfield, Highland Park, Lawrenceville, Morningside, Polish Hill and Stanton Heights. District 9 includes Homewood, East Liberty, East Hills, Larimer, Lincoln-Lemington, Belmar and portions of Point Breeze, Friendship and Garfield.

There are currently no Republican candidates running for Mayor or the District 7 or 9 Council seats.

For a listing of candidate debates and scheduled events, check out the Democratic Committee website at: [www.allegenydemocrats.com](http://www.allegenydemocrats.com). Keep watching The Bulletin for political updates.

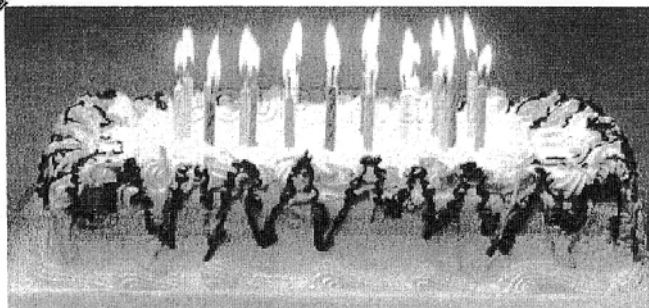
*Next issue: Candidate Profiles.*

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Tanner is a Bull Terrier mix and has a lot of energy and enthusiasm as a young 18 month old doggy should have, but he still needs someone who will spend the time to teach him the rules. He has a very gentle nature. Because he is a strong pup, he'll be better with older children.

If you'd like to meet Tanner or for more information call or stop by the Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania, 6620 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206, 412.661.6452 Ext. 215.

*GOOD DOG is written by Jay Bernard, a "foster parent" for shelter dogs. Each month the column features an animal up for adoption by local shelters or tips for dog owners.*



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### 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." Hor d'oures 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!!!

### JOE NEGRI JAZZ CONCERT

Pittsburgh jazz guitarist Joe Negri will perform Saturday, March 24, at Scotus Hall, 146 Hawthorne Road in Millvale, during the sixth annual Hearts and Hands Gala to benefit the Change a Heart: Franciscan Volunteer Program. Negri will be joined by vocalist Maureen Budway, Max Leake on electric piano, Brian Stahurski on bass and percussionist Tom Wendt. The event begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, a silent auction, 50/50 drawing and chances to win prizes from the locked-box. As one of the most recognized names in Pittsburgh music circles, Negri also serves on the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University. He is known nationally for his frequent appearances as Handyman Negri on Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Tickets are \$30 in advance; or \$35 at the door. For tickets,

or more information, please call 412.821.0861, or send an e-mail to volunteer@millvalefranciscans.org.

### PANIC-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.

### FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TOUR YEAR OF GLASS

Mark your calendars! The 14th Annual Friendship House Tour will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2007, 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.

### UNBLURRED: FIRST FRIDAYS ON PENN

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative hosts Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn Friday, March 2nd. Unblurred is a monthly event that opens the Penn Avenue Arts District (4800-5500 Penn) for exploration by adults and children. This month's Unblurred showcases Pittsburgh's Community Gallery Project, a city-wide event celebrating youth artwork in Pittsburgh! Be sure to visit EDGE studio, The Clay Penn, Inter\*Architecture and AKA Goods, all showcasing youth artwork and representing the East End! The evening also features events at Dance Alloy Theater, Attack Theatre and Imagebox. For a complete schedule visit [www.pennaveuearts.org](http://www.pennaveuearts.org) or pick up a handbill/map at participating locations.

### GARFIELD FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

The Garfield Family Support Center provides free services to parents of young children to keep them abreast of their early childhood developmental expectations, as well as having the opportunity to enhance their parenting skills. The Support center is a place in the community for parents and children to come together to share, support one another and learn about their community's resources and special events. The mission of the Garfield Family Support Center is to provide support and interact with families living in the Garfield community. The support center will focus on bringing families together to promote unity, leadership and awareness of the Garfield community. All Garfield residents who have children ages 0-5 years will be offered this free program and a full spectrum of services will also be

available to school age children including homework and tutoring assistance. In addition, vocational training, educational programming and recreational activities will also be offered to teens and young adults. The Garfield Family Support Center offers the following services: • Home visits for individual parents w/ Children ages 0-5 years. • Child development activities • Family Goal plans • Parent to Parent interaction groups • Parent and child play interaction groups • Child development screenings • Health Insurance assistance • Computer classes for parents and children • Parent and child read to succeed program • Education and Employment and Career assistance • Housing Assistance • Conference lab for parent and group meetings • Health and Child care information • Food Bank • Family referral services to community/ Human and Social services. How do you sign up for these great programs here at Garfield Family Support Center? For more information about the Garfield Family Support Center, contact us at (412) 661-9560 or just stop by the Garfield Family Support Center located at 5315 Hillcrest Street in Garfield.

### YOUNG WRITERS & ILLUSTRATORS CONTEST

Children from kindergarten to third grade are encouraged to write and illustrate their own stories and enter them in the Thirteenth Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. These stories will be judged locally and the winners submitted to the national contest. Here is how to enter: First, download the entry form from [www.wqed.com](http://www.wqed.com) with the official rules. Next, write your story! It must be completely original and have from 50 to 200 words for Grades K-1 and from 100 to 350 words for Grades 2-3. It also must have 5 colorful illustrations, also made just by you! Then, mail in your story and completed entry form, postmarked by March 31, 2007 to: WQED Multimedia, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, ATTN: Reading Rainbow Contest. For questions, contact Charlese White at 412-622-1533 or send email to [cwhite@wqed.org](mailto:cwhite@wqed.org).

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale, 146 Hawthorne Road. The public is invited to attend. World Day of Prayer is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men from more than 170 countries in prayer. Christian women from Paraguay, who served as the writers of this year's worship service, invite participants to gain a better understanding of their country and its needs. Among those participating in the Millvale service will be representatives from the First United Church of Christ, Christ Lutheran

Church, Millvale United Methodist Church, Holy Spirit Church, St. Nicholas Church, Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale and North Hills Community Outreach.

### PHOTOS NEEDED FOR EAST END /E. LIBERTY HISTORICAL BOOK

The East End/East Liberty Historical Society, a non-profit organization, has been commissioned to write an illustrated book on the history of our area, to be published by Arcadia Press, a major publisher of community books. We are looking for photographs to include in the book. They can be from any era. Any photographs we want to use would be scanned and returned immediately to their owners. If you have anything you would like to offer to the project, please contact Al Mann at 412-661-5947 or via e-mail at [alfredmann\\_6@msn.com](mailto:alfredmann_6@msn.com).

### MORTGAGES FOR MOTHERS

Mortgages for Mothers, a Free Home Buying Workshop, will be held on Saturday, March 3, at the Sheraton Station Square. Feature Speaker will be KDKA's Lynne Hayes-Freeland. Counselors will be on hand to show you how you, too can own a home! Topics will include grant money for closing costs; mortgage options with no down payment; Programs to help public housing residents, section 8 tenants and renters (minimum annual family income of \$12,000 required); counseling programs for those with less than perfect credit; and a free credit report and evaluation. Registration and Continental Breakfast begin at 9 a.m. For more information, or for reservations, please call 1-800-345-DOLLAR.

### NEW BETHEL CHURCH SKILL BUILDERS TUTORING

New Bethel Church Skill Builders Tutoring, located at 221 43rd Street, is looking to recruit students grades 1 through 9 who require Math, Reading, & Language Arts tutoring and homework help during the school year on Saturdays from 10a.m.-noon. If you are in need of help in these areas, then this is the place for you! All groups of study are FREE of charge and all students will be offered snack at the end of the session. Please contact: Nicita Moses, Tutoring Administrator at 412-728-4046 from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday or by e-mail at [nicitamoses@verizon.net](mailto:nicitamoses@verizon.net) or contact: Dallane Ratley, Tutoring Instructor at 412-605-0126.

### EMPTY BOWLS DINNER

The 12th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner will be held Sunday, March 11, 2007, at Rodef Shalom Congregation in Oakland from 3 - 7 pm. A benefit for Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest, A

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Center for Action Against Hunger, Empty Bowls is a simple meal of soup and bread that reminds us that many of our neighbors are struggling to feed their families. Soups are donated by local caterers and restaurants. The family-friendly event has live music and children's activities, draws over 1,000 people, and over 11 years has raised more than \$200,000 to fight hunger in our communities. The occasion's most unique feature is, of course, the bowls. Each ticket holder chooses a ceramic bowl from among over 1,000 on display, hand-made by potters, professional and amateur, from all over the area. Tickets for the Empty Bowls Dinner are \$20, available now at [www.justharvest.org](http://www.justharvest.org) or [www.pittsburgh-foodbank.org](http://www.pittsburgh-foodbank.org), or by calling 412-431-8960.

### TRINITY GALLERY HOSTS GALLERY EXHIBITION

Trinity Gallery's first major exhibition of outside artists will showcase the work of local artists Jayne Osgood and Jesse Sharrard. The exhibition will run from March 10 through April 21, 2007. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and is free to the public. A Pittsburgh native who returned to Pittsburgh from Marin County, California, Jayne Osgood uses varied subject matter and mix media to create visually appealing images. She is a graphic designer and illustrator who specializes in architectural illustration. After studying English and Art at Tulane University in New Orleans, Jesse Sharrard's new work is an expression of his written thoughts through painting and sculpture. His artistic talent also lends itself to the culinary arts as he is a classically trained chef who works at an upscale area restaurant. Jesse will cater the opening reception. For more information, contact Dan Gaser at 412-687-2458 or e-mail at [imdan@verizon.net](mailto:imdan@verizon.net).

### LAWRENCEVILLE UNITED JIMMY BUFFET PARTY

Lawrenceville United presents a Jimmy Buffett "Live" Party featuring Tom Watt on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Lawrenceville Moose. Donation is \$15. Tickets available at Nied's Hotel and at the door.

### ITC SPEECH CONTEST

International Training in Communication, ITC, will have its annual speech contest on Thursday, March 1, 2007. Janet Kaye of Lawrenceville will serve as Program Leader for the evening. Ms. Kaye won the contest last year at the Golden Triangle Club, then went on to represent the Pittsburgh area in New Jersey. ITC is a training organization to develop leadership skills, learn parliamentary procedures, plan an agenda, gain confidence in speaking and self esteem. The contest will be held at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church on South Highland Avenue to begin at 7:00 pm. Meetings are free and

open to the public. For information, call 412-681-0283

### LIVING STATIONS - THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Our Lady of the Angels parish would like to invite the public to join us for an inspiring and spiritual Lenten event. We are hosting the Living Stations - the Passion of the Christ - on Sunday, March 11 at 8 p.m. at the Holy Family Church on 44th Street. The presentation is being conducted by adults and young people from Saint Ferdinands Parish. It is the first time that this form of Lenten service is being held in the Lawrenceville area and we would like all the churches to join us.

### MIDDLE EASTERN / BELLY DANCE CLASSES

Mesmerized by the dance but can't feel the rhythm? Come to Tracie York School of Dance for Hip Solos: Middle Eastern / Belly Dance on March 24 and learn these dances step-by-step in the company of other women. Class will run from 12 - 2 p.m. and is for all levels. Cost is \$25. For more information, please call 412-478-8146 or visit [www.traciekordance.com](http://www.traciekordance.com).

### CALL FOR GLASS ARTISTS

The Union Project is seeking artists working in glass and glassware to participate in Margaritas in March (March 23, 2007) in conjunction with Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass 2007. Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass 2007 is a city-wide celebration of glass and glass art. Participants include organizations and individuals from many different backgrounds -- from museums to gallery owners, churches to artists. Additionally, Pittsburgh will play host to the 37th Annual Glass Art Society Conference from June 7-9. For its part in Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass 2007, the Union Project is planning to host several events involving and celebrating glass art. Margaritas in March will involve the sale of handmade glasses, margarita tasting and music. Artists will recover 70% of the revenues from the sale of these glasses. The remaining 30% of the sales will go the Union Project to help recover the cost of the events and to contribute to the organization's operational costs. For more information please contact Hilary at [hilary@unionproject.org](mailto:hilary@unionproject.org) or at 412.363.4550 x 26.

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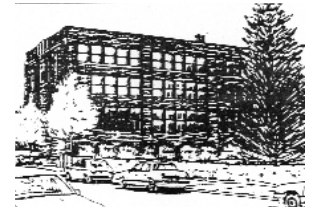
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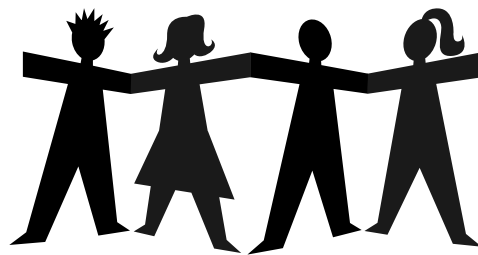
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