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Creative Nonfiction writes new chapter on Coral St.

By Ethan Lennox *Bulletin* contributor

Friendship - Cutting its unseen path through a residential neighborhood, abutting both school playgrounds and brick warehouses, Coral St. remains a secret to most Pittsburghers.

The street's humble profile might be mistaken for that of a sleepier township, but this book's pages are far more impressive than its jacket. Last year, when the Creative Nonfiction Foundation (CNF) moved from Shadyside to Friendship, 5119 Coral St. began truly buzzing with stories.

Dedicated to educational and publishing initiatives in the genre of literary nonfiction, the independent foundation defines itself as "true stories, well told." "We work with people to help them tell their stories better," Stephen Knezovich, CNF's director of marketing & publicity, told *the Bulletin*.

Publishing nonfiction narratives, personal essays, and long-form journalism of the highest caliber since 1993, CNF also prints a quarterly magazine, *Creative Nonfiction*, as well as a monthly mini-magazine and a book imprint

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ABOVE: Friendship residents of all ages greet runners with both encouragement and refreshments at the 21-mile mark of the Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday, May 7. Neighborhood volunteers collaborated to form a cheer squad around their "Inspiration Station" on S. Negley Ave. Read more about their good-humored focus on alternative energy in the "Neighborhood Focus" section on page 8. Photo by Carla Lukehart.

"How can neighborhoods improve if gov't hides in the weeds?"

By Rick Swartz *Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

Op-Ed / Pittsburgh - While the Commonwealth is looking hard at a \$2 billion budget deficit in the coming year, State Rep. Jake Wheatley - a former candidate for

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Garden tour looks to plant seeds of inspiration in Lawrenceville

By Kate Bayer & Nancy A. Olenik *Bulletin* contributors

Lawrenceville - Thousands of years ago, hunters and gatherers wandered the countryside munching on nuts, berries, and roots for sustenance. The domestication of

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ABOVE: Local customers survey produce and flowers at the East Liberty Farmers' Market, which will soon move to a new location. Read about the market's new plans on page 5. Photo by John Colombo.

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PENN AVE. UPDATE

Upon inspecting the Penn Ave. streetscape in May, the city's Department of Public Works (DPW) created a checklist of trees and plant beds that need to be repaired and/or replaced. Lisa Ceoffe, Supervisor of the DPW's Forestry Division, provided the Bulletin with the following information about upcoming public works projects on the avenue.

- Tree Work**

5021 Penn Ave. - Replace dead tree

4904 S. Millvale St. - Replace dead tree

4836 Penn Ave. - Remove dead wood and straighten tree

5008 Penn Ave. - Straighten and prune lower limbs.

N. Mathilda St. - Remove dead wood from Elm tree
- Plant Work**

S. Winebiddle St. - Up to ten new plants

S. Evaline St. - Replace entire planter (numbers to be confirmed from drawing)

N. Millvale Ave. - Up to ten new plants

S. Millvale Ave. - Up to ten new plants

Extra ten plants for good measure

Liriopi/grass replacement ♦



ABOVE: A weed-filled planter bed at the intersection of S. Evaline St. and Penn Ave. headlines the city's summer to-do list. The Forestry Division plans to replace these and other plants along the avenue in the coming months. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

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Garfield Community Land Trust: FAQs

By Isaac Beachy Bulletin contributor

Garfield - Residents and neighbors of Garfield continue to work to form a Garfield Community Land Trust (CLT) to keep rent and home prices in Garfield affordable and put future development of Garfield in the hands of the people who live in Garfield.

While many questions as to how a community land trust would operate still need to be discussed and decided on, below are some answers to questions that people often have. There will be a community forum focused on the community land trust on Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Valley View Presbyterian Church. To see more questions and answers, go to www.garfieldcommunitylandtrust.org.

Who is the "community" in a Community Land Trust (CLT)?

The community in a CLT is generally limited to a defined geographic area. It is up to the members of the CLT to determine where those boundaries are drawn. The CLT is accountable to everyone in those boundaries and everyone within those boundaries can be a member of the CLT.

How is a CLT accountable to the community?

A CLT is responsible directly to its members. Members of the CLT affect the decisions of the CLT through representatives on the board. Some CLTs put larger decisions (i.e. how to use a parcel of land) to a referendum upon which all members can vote.

What does it mean to be a member of a CLT?

To be a member, one must live within the boundaries of the community where the CLT is operating. CLTs are democratic organizations accountable to their membership. How much members are involved in decision making in the CLT is up to the membership. Some CLTs have membership primarily elect a representative board, while others conduct frequent referendums where every member gets one vote to make large decisions. Some CLTs have a nominal membership fee, while others charge no fee and consider every resident within the boundaries of the CLT to be an automatic member.

Who gets to buy CLT homes?

Every CLT determines its own priorities for who will be the principle beneficiaries of the CLT's activities. Many CLTs only sell to people with incomes below a percentage of the area median income, or first time buyers.

How do CLT homes remain affordable over time?

- CLTs preserve the affordability of homes over long stretches of time through a number of mechanisms:
- 1) CLTs control the price for which a CLT home can be resold. Every CLT crafts its own resale formula, tailoring it to meet the social priorities of the organization, the social needs of its community, and the economic realities of its real estate market. Regardless of the formula that is used, the sale price is usually lower than the home's market value. This below-market price is passed on to the next homebuyer, maintaining the relative affordability of the CLT home - one resale after another.
 - 2) The land on which they are built is protected from fluctuations in land market valuations by a legal "asset lock," which is a fundamental part of a CLT's structure.

Why does a land trust sell the house, but not the land under it?

Retaining ownership of the land accomplishes several goals. First, it means that the buyer does not have to finance the cost of the land when purchasing the home. Second, it ensures that the land trust will have the right to repurchase the home whenever it comes up for sale at the resale formula price. ♦

EYESORE OF THE MONTH

By Aggie Brose Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - The building at 4827 Penn Avenue has been nominated as an "Eyesore of the Month" for a third time, making it the first property in the area to earn this "triple crown" distinction.

4827 Penn Ave. is owned by Big Ham Group LLC. The principals of Big Ham Group, Joe Rewis and Bradley Yoder, purchased this property on February 9, 2012 for a price of \$1. Rewis and Yoder were contacted at their office - located at 1224 East Carson St., Suite 301.

In the May 2012 edition of *The Bulletin*, Rewis and Yoder indicated that they had recently purchased the building from Charlotte Onyundo and planned to find a tenant after renovating the space.

In the March 2015 edition of *The Bulletin*, 4827 Penn Ave. earned its second designation as a neighborhood eyesore. In the follow-up article, Rewis stated that he hoped to make the first floor of this building into a space for a bar or a doctor's office, with a rooftop deck on the second

floor. At the time, he said that substantial interior renovation was already underway.

Fast forward to May 2017 and the building looks much the same as it did in 2012 and 2015. Rewis now claims that he has shown the property to investors from different parts of the country and is working to prepare the building for a tenant by installing a new roof, renovating the interior of the building, re-pointing the brick, repairing a stairwell, and more.

Despite *the Bulletin's* repeated attempts to set up a tour of the building with Rewis, nothing could be arranged. While the 4800 block of Penn Avenue is currently experiencing a rebirth, properties like this are holding the street back from fully blossoming as a hub for commercial and arts activity.

If any reader would like to voice their concern to Rewis and Yoder about their eyesore property, and its effect on the surrounding neighborhood, they can be reached at (412) 431-7770. ♦

AT RIGHT: An "Eyesore of the Month" three times over, the building at 4827 Penn Ave. (at the N. Millvale Ave. intersection) has remained in disrepair ever since it was purchased in 2012. Although principal owners Joe Rewis and Bradley Yoder claim they are planning interior renovations, they have yet to make any significant changes to the building. Despite the strides made along Penn Ave., such negligent ownership will always have an affect on other local stakeholders' property values. Photo by Wesley Davis.



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PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

By Aggie Brose Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Zone 5 - The officers at Zone 5 are committed to connecting with the youths and families in the neighborhoods they serve. To that end, Zone 5 now offers two programs designed to help build strong relationships between cops and community. These small group meetings are geared towards young men and women (ages 13-19) and designed to break down the walls that exist between police officers and young adults.

Each session lasts about two hours and consists of a handful of police officers meeting for lunch or dinner with a small group of teens; officers will dine in street clothes and provide the food as well. The primary focus of these informal meetings is to build personal connections between local officers and young people.

Zone 5 is also encouraging residents and business owners who want to learn about local crime activity to register for its weekly email update. Arriving every Monday, this email newsletter provides information about crime incidents occurring in Zone 5 neighborhoods like Bloomfield, Garfield, Friendship, East Liberty and Homewood. To register for Zone 5's community crime update, please visit <http://eepurl.com/cNU4FD>. ♦

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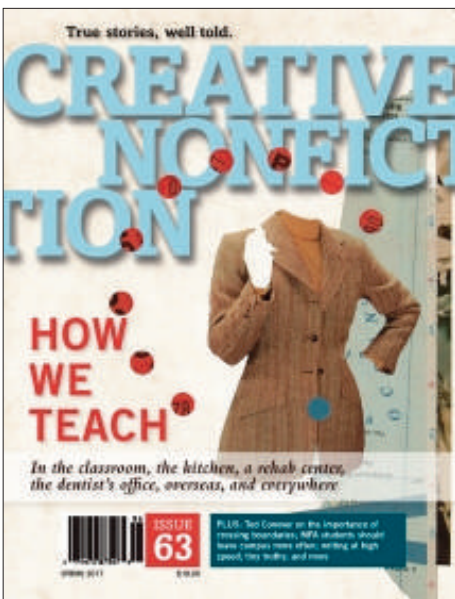
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called, “In Fact.” Everything the foundation does, Knezovich reminded, is “in the service of nonfiction writers and writing” and intended to expand the genre’s reach; CNF provides a variety of educational programming for writers of all experience levels.

Following the five-year success of its online courses - in which 2500 students from thirty different countries have passed through its “virtual doorway” - the foundation will offer monthly, on-site workshops this summer. These programs are designed to develop skills that, as Knezovich said, “maybe aren’t being taught in a standard writing program.”

Regional audiences - hailing from West Virginia, Ohio, and Buffalo, NY - are already planning interstate travel to engage with CNF’s programming. While the five-week, online courses are offered with some regularity, the workshops are a more unique, one-time offering.

Spanning a broad range of topics like the art of interviewing, writing about disability



ABOVE: *Creative Nonfiction's* quarterly publication showcases top-flight, literary nonfiction works from some of today's best local authors. Graphic courtesy of CNF.

and chronic illness, and “the writer as detective,” these workshops will be taught by experienced writers from the region - as well as far-flung writers just passing through town.

Between the online courses, on-site workshops, annual conferences, and mentoring programs, writers of all kinds are welcome to enroll. “No matter who you are, there should be something for you to take away,” Knezovich said.

From its previous digs, an apartment above a Shadyside jewelry store, CNF never could have offered such diverse programming. As things grew, both in publications and personnel, CNF began looking for a bigger space; Knezovich admitted that the foundation was fortunate to find its new headquarters in such an “arts-oriented” area of the city.

Boasting a flexible, first-floor space that can be reconfigured for various purposes, the building also houses a small gallery featuring *Creative Nonfiction* artwork, as well as a back courtyard that plays host to various readings.

Upon printing a new issue of its quarterly magazine, CNF will invite all “Unblurred: First Fridays” gallery crawlers to mingle with contributing writers at an almost-secret headquarters in Friendship.

Despite any appearances, unlocking the secret of Coral St. is simple: just a few steps away from Penn Ave. lies a street that might just be more storied than it looks. Visit <http://creativenonfiction.org> for more info. ♦



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Change afoot for East Liberty Farmers' Market

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

East Liberty – Ever since it was founded in 1998, the “East Liberty CitiParks Farmers’ Market” has been a staple in the local community. From late spring through fall, a variety of area farmers and vendors descend upon the parking lot at Station St. and North Euclid Ave. to sell a colorful array of fruits, vegetables, and other foodstuffs.

The weekly market has become a beloved, Monday afternoon meeting point where neighbors can chat while they pick up their groceries. East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI) is partnering with Just Harvest, a local economic justice nonprofit, to enhance the market’s publicity. As large-scale redevelopment continues in East Liberty, the two organizations are working to pinpoint the best long-term location - somewhere the market can retain its rightful place at the core of the neighborhood.

“It was actually brought to our attention by concerned community members who want to see the market get the attention it deserves in the changing landscape of East liberty,” Damilola Onakomaiya, a Pulse Pittsburgh Fellow who is currently working on the ELDI project, explained. “Since [the market] is a huge point of food accessibility in the neighborhood, through its Fresh Access food stamps program with Just Harvest, we knew this was an important community issue that needed to be addressed.”

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) recently selected Trek Development to build mixed-income housing on the current farmers’ market site (a.k.a. Mellon’s Orchard South), which includes two former parking lots. Trek plans to apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credits in the fall of 2017; should the funds be awarded, construction would start in 2018.

According to Kendall Pelling, Director of Land Recycling, ELDI has “been brainstorming potential locations with a group of the farmers, Just Harvest, and the East Liberty Community Planning Committee.” “The goal,” he said, “is to have a planning process that evaluates all options to determine the best one.”

The planning committee has resolved that relocating the market closer to transit hubs would afford more centralized access from across the neighborhood. Committee members are pushing for improved facilities - like lighting, bathroom access, and parking - that would improve business and make the market more attractive to new vendors and patrons.

Beyond physical improvements, ELDI is also exploring new marketing techniques. “We put up posters around the neighborhood and employed our social media to get the word out,” Onakomaiya said. “We have also gotten in touch with managers of apartment buildings in the neighborhood to help inform their tenants.”

She explained that the crux of her work has centered on organizing a group of stakeholders from all sides of the market to distinguish which event elements need to be updated. ELDI is currently seeking funding for a planning process that will put the stakeholders’ suggested improvements into action.

“We hope that this legacy can continue for many years to come, which is why we are dedicating so much of our time to seeing this project through,” Onakomaiya revealed.

The East Liberty Citiparks Farmers’ Market will likely relocate before or during the 2018 season. Readers may track the changes by subscribing to the ELDI newsletter at <http://www.eastliberty.org/newsletter/>. ♦

Local shoe drive benefits families near and far

By Sacoyia Reed *PEP Rally*

Lawrenceville - Housed at Lawrenceville United (LU), “Pep Rally” is a program that aims to rally parents and community partners to support and strengthen neighborhood public schools. In order to raise funds for its parent engagement, the program is now conducting a shoe drive through June 9.

Pep Rally will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected; Funds2Orgs will then purchase the footwear, providing Pep Rally with monies to cover programming costs and stipends for parent volunteers at Pittsburgh Arsenal Schools. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations.

This network helps impoverished people

start, maintain, and grow businesses in countries like Haiti and Honduras, as well as other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe, and house entrepreneurs and their families. Apparently, one budding businesswoman in Haiti eventually earned enough money to send to her son to law school.

“We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets that they would like donate to help those less fortunate become self-sufficient,” parent volunteer Tina Russell said. “It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Anyone can help the Pep Rally cause - and small businesses all over the globe - by donating gently worn, used, or new shoes at LU Family Resource Center (220 40th St.) in Lawrenceville. ♦

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Mayor of Pittsburgh - recently made a pretty convincing argument. As expressed in his press release, Wheatley believes that expanding a state program to fix broken neighborhoods would be an abdication of his responsibility to Pennsylvania's taxpayers. The state program to which Wheatley refers does not require the Commonwealth itself to send money to nonprofit organizations who are engaged in rebuilding their communities.

Rather, the twist with this program is that it allows corporations to direct monies otherwise earmarked for state government, in the form of taxes on their profits, to instead go to local nonprofit groups. The nonprofit is then able to hire staff who can work on serious problems like housing abandonment, blighted lots, homelessness, half-vacant commercial districts, and even unemployment in its area. These tax credits are derived from the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP); corporate donors can take a credit against their income taxes of up to 80% of the value of their contribution.

In Pittsburgh, the NAP is now being used by nonprofit organizations in the Hill District, Garfield, Lawrenceville, Homewood, the North Side, Hazelwood, Allentown, and Carrick. Outside the city, hard-pressed communities like Wilksburg and McKees Rocks are benefiting from NAP monies. The demand for the program is growing across the Commonwealth because people are seeing how the NAP can bring lasting change to these thrice-bitten communities.

Many believe that no increase in the NAP should be tolerated, especially when the state regularly blows stacks of \$100 bills through its windows as it builds towards another \$2 billion budget deficit. The BGC would like to see this NAP funding go from a cap of \$18 million, which has not grown at all from what it was in 2000, to \$36 million available annually.

But, the NAP wouldn't be such an important tool if our governors - starting with an old friend, Ed Rendell, from Philadelphia - hadn't whacked the budget for the Dept. of Community and Economic Development by 65% since 2005. If we were all farmers tilling the soil to better feed our communities, it'd be the equivalent to damming the river 150 miles upstream so that only a trickle of water finds its way to the more economically-

parched regions of Allegheny County.

Instead of relying on skeletal funding, groups across the county have been able to ask corporations like PNC Bank, Dollar Bank, Allegheny Valley Bank, and WesBanco Bank to ante up with their commitment to community development. While Rep. Wheatley would rather busy himself with rolling the loose pennies on his dresser into paper rolls and call it responsible legislating, the truth is that he has no alternative plan to help places like Garfield or the Hill District - where he happens to live - remain viable places for working-class families.

Were Pittsburgh to turn a deaf ear, the pittance the city itself is able to send the way of these small community development groups (\$700,000 for over 50 eligible neighborhoods) would be the only contribution. Efforts to build affordable housing, bring grocery stores back to neighborhood shopping districts, help high school seniors get their diplomas and go on to something bigger, and get unemployed adults interviews for real job openings, would grind to a halt. As change continues to present itself in his district, we're sure to hear a lot of rhetoric from Wheatley's impending re-election campaign about how disturbed he is by the displacement of poor people from his district.

Speaking of displacement, the Democratic presence in both the state House and state Senate is diminishing like the water tower in your car's rearview mirror. The "D's", as they're fondly known in the state Capitol, could well approach endangered species status in the next decade, because those who vote for Republicans well understand what it is they will be getting from their elected representatives. What can any of Rep. Wheatley's constituents reasonably expect him to deliver to them?

[Editor's note: the writer's opinions are solely his own; they do not necessarily reflect those of the organization for which he works.] ♦



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"Why I protested to keep school staff"

By Amir Hutchins University Prep student

[Editor's Note: In May, students at Uthe niversity Prep 6-12 school staged a peaceful protest to advocate for school staff members who might lose their jobs due to impending budget cuts. U-Prep student Amir Hutchins presents the following perspective as to why students banded together to demand answers from the Board of Education (BOE).]

Perspective

Hill District - I was involved in the protest was because I wanted to support my friends and make a change. We heard that there was a budget cut planned for our school, for whatever reason, and we were outraged because, in my opinion, we barely have any support at our school anyways. The Superintendent said that there is a thirty to one student-to-teacher ratio that we need to meet, but that doesn't take away the importance our teachers have in our lives.

The School Board is planning on taking away some important school staff; these staff people have impacted our lives in major ways and we wouldn't be who we are today without them. Taking them away would be taking away the emotional stability and people who are like family to the students. Instead of letting it happen like any average school, my friends came together and decided to do something about it.

The original plan was to make signs, wear tape over our mouths, and do a silent, peaceful protest to get the attention of the Board and the principal. However, when other students saw and heard that a protest was happening, they all joined, even if they didn't know what it was. We brought everybody to the auditorium to tell everyone why we were protesting, so they could decide whether they wanted to still support us or not. Some left and some stayed. Since we had a lot of people and they weren't quiet about what they felt, it became a bigger protest than we expected.

At first, we were going to wait until after school to march down to the BOE headquarters. But, we were too fired up after first hearing the Deputy Superintendent was coming to meet with us, and then hearing he wasn't. So, we marched and chanted all the way down there with about 100 students. As we marched through Oakland, we felt so much power and unity. We had the principal's support and we didn't have to wait for any traffic because the school police stopped traffic for us.

When we got there, the Deputy Superintendent was outside waiting for us. We walked into the BOE headquarters and got seated; the organizers of the protest sat in the front. The Board members introduced themselves and asked for a main speaker. Our response: we all said, almost simultaneously, "we're a team and we all speak together." One by one, we took turns and got to tell everyone why we were there and how we felt about losing our teachers. As everybody was letting out their feelings, other issues kept coming to mind and we let those out as well. We tried to keep it as respectful as possible.

Many of us asked why they didn't understand how taking away these staff members was like taking away people's family members, guidance, and emotional stability. Students' lives were changed completely after building relationships with them. They are our father and mother figures. Some students went from being depressed everyday to finding true happiness in life because of them. When students have mentors who actually care about them and show heart, then true bonds will come together and a difference will be made. We just hope they don't think that was the end because we will not stop until we get some answers about the proposed budget cuts. ♦



ABOVE: Visiting ceramics artist Sharif Bey (left) demonstrates his nationally renowned techniques for a captivated audience in Highland Park during the Union Project's "Mother of All Pottery Sales" on Sunday, April 23. Photo by Ben Filio.

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Friendship, five years running: neighbors boost marathoner morale

By Staci Backauskas *Friendship Community Group*

Friendship - Five years ago, organizers of the Pittsburgh Marathon offered grant money to communities along the route as a means of developing new ways to support runners in every marathon neighborhood. Friendship accepted the challenge and created the "Inspiration Station" at the intersection of S. Negley Ave. and Baum Blvd., where marathoners hit the race's 21-mile mark,

What started as a few neighbors passing out water and smiles has, over the years, evolved into an all-encompassing community event. During the May 7 marathon race, residents of all ages offered sustenance and encouragement to runners approaching their final push toward the finish line.

The Inspiration Station's 2017 theme of "alternative energy" proved quite inspiring. Friendship resident Norman Beck built a windmill with hand-painted pictures of his neighbors on each of the blades. Larry and Mary Ann Laude even brought a rake to sweep up bottles and cups, then separated everything to be recycled.

"There was another kind of alternative energy as well," Susan Spangler, who helped to coordinate the event, noted. "We celebrated the alternative energy that Friendship and all of the Pittsburgh communities provide to the runners."

Many young people were involved, including several who used street chalk to write messages of encouragement along the avenue. Two local girls, Rita Gianakis and Ila Waldrup, came up with the idea to make a 3-D sign of Wonder Woman running through bricks, conveying a message of "break through the wall." "At mile twenty-one, many of the runners fight fatigue, so we thought it was a great idea," Spangler said of the superhero sign.

Using materials from both the Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse and Construction Junction, volunteers assembled the inspirational visual to meet Gianakis and Waldrup's specifications. Alongside Wonder Woman and more than a dozen cheering volunteers, the Inspiration Station provided food and drinks for runners

"We celebrated the alternative energy that Friendship and all of the Pittsburgh communities provide to the runners."

— Susan Spangler, Friendship resident and "Inspiration Station" organizer



ABOVE: As runners begin hitting a 21-mile wall during the Pittsburgh Marathon, a humorous visage of "Wonder Woman" encourages them to fight through mounting fatigue and push themselves over the finish line. Photo courtesy of Susan Spangler.

and their supporters. New neighbors at Primanti Bros. (5491 Penn Ave.) furnished the station with breakfast sandwiches and a variety of lunch items, while Aldi (5200 Penn Ave.) awarded the project a grant to provide fresh fruit and other healthy eats.

Although they weren't participating in the marathon, team members from Crazy Mocha coffee shop at 5607 Baum Blvd. were still up and running before dawn to brew coffee for both the volunteers and the runners. "The goal of Crazy Mocha is well beyond just serving coffee," says owner Ken Zeff. "Our goal is to serve the communities we live and work in by helping organizations that provide good back to the neighborhood."

Spangler hopes to attract even more local participants next year. "It's a great way for us to come together as a community and support each other," she said. "We can't wait to do it again next year." ♦



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Breast cancer study sheds new light on lymphedema

By Jesse Miller Allegheny Health Network

Pittsburgh - Allegheny Health Network (AHN) researchers are undertaking a new study to investigate whether Lymphedema, one of the most common complications of breast cancer treatment, can be prevented or lessened in severity by using what is known as, "bio-impedance spectroscopy," to detect the condition early, before it has caused any symptoms.

More than 300,000 women are diagnosed annually with breast cancer in the U.S., and the number of long-term survivors is growing. Depending on the treatment used, anywhere from five to fifty percent of breast cancer patients will develop lymphedema, a collection of excess fluid that accumulates in the arm.

It can create a chronic condition marked by pain, numbness, loss of limb function, and subsequent decline in quality of life. According to AHN physician Michael Cowher, MD, Quality Assurance Director, Breast Surgical Oncology, and the study's principal investigator, "diagnosing lymphedema poses a significant challenge because traditional methods can be unreliable, costly, and unable to detect small accumulations of fluid, which can happen before the patient experiences symptoms."

Lymphedema is a progressive disease that begins as undetectable swelling; in its most severe form, the condition can resemble elephantiasis. Traditionally, women are diagnosed only after they exhibit clinically observable fluid accumulation.

Techniques for measuring arm circumference - tape measuring, infrared light, water displacement and patient self-assessment - do not reliably detect earliest-stage lymphedema.

"We believe that bioimpedance spectroscopy, a non-invasive and highly sensitive technology, may be able to detect lymphedema before it is visible to the doctor or patient," Dr. Cowher explained. "Measurements are made through electrodes attached to the patient's skin and the current is not felt by the patient, very similar to having an EKG."

Bioimpedance spectroscopy measures how easily a small, electrical current flows through the body - detecting water volume, along with lean and fat tissue; this method is also used to measure lean body mass.

"Our study will examine whether early treatment can slow progression of the disease, or shorten the treatment time needed," Dr. Cowher said. "We will also assess factors that may contribute to the development of lymphedema, such as obesity, smoking, or air travel."

The bioimpedance spectroscopy trial is open to women diagnosed with Stage I-III invasive breast cancer or Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS), and who are undergoing one of the following: mastectomy, axillary dissection, sentinel node biopsy, radiation therapy, or taxane-based chemotherapy. Participants will be randomly assigned to have arm measurements taken, either by tape measure or by bioimpedance spectroscopy.

For more information on trial enrollment, contact Samantha Cavolo at 412-359-6449. Learn more about the AHN Cancer Institute's clinical trials at <https://www.ahn.org/cancer-institute/clinical-trials-and-research>. ♦

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Garden Tour *continued from page 1*

wheat, barley and other plants allowed us to settle down in villages and towns. Kitchen gardens, also known as *potager* gardens, have been around for centuries. Households historically kept a separate space near their living quarters to grow fruits, vegetables, and herbs for their personal family use. These plots often included shrubs and perennials that added to a domicile’s ambiance.

As concrete and asphalt swallowed every square inch of space during industrialization and the creation of the modern city, the *potager* garden nearly disappeared. Fortunately, cities have recently begun to experience a rebirth of urban green spaces; many Lawrenceville residents are now planting seeds in their gardens, backyards, porches, and window sills.

A number of factors are responsible for this increased interest in urban gardening, the most obvious being the joy of planting a seed and watching it grow. Amateur gardeners can also save a few pennies at the grocery store while adding more variety and taste to their diets. Anecdotal evidence shows that people who garden will live longer and healthier lives than non-gardeners, possibly on account of better food safety. Home gardening allows one to control what products or methods are used to curb garden pests, fungus, or crop-destroying blights.

Modern day “food deserts” around Pittsburgh and other cities often lack grocery outlets that sell quality produce, so a kitchen garden can function as a produce oasis. A backyard garden is also an excellent way to spend quality time with children; teaching them where their food comes from, along with some basic biology and perhaps a few cooking skills, will pay dividends down the road.

During the annual Lawrenceville Garden Tour on Sunday, June 11, everyone will be able to experience some of the neighborhood’s most unique backyard spaces. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the free, self-guided walking tour will showcase ten urban gardens, backyards, and courtyards

The entrance to Allegheny Cemetery (4734 Butler St.) will function as the starting point for the tour, which is organized by the Lawrenceville Hospitality Association. For more information, visit www.lha15201.org. ♦

BELOW: Artists from BOOM Concepts and AIR (Artist Image Resource) help local children screen-print their own designs during a May 18 event at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland. Funds raised from the sale of custom-made t-shirts and posters postwill help local artists attend the Allied Media Conference in Detroit this June. During the conference, which has proven to be a launchpad for new ideas and skill sharing, BOOM will host a satellite salon space called, “Cultural Resistance and Radical Innovation.” Photo courtesy of Thomas Agnew.



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The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) is a membership organization that counts on residents and business owners like you to support its efforts.

“City Cycling” classes welcome new and seasoned riders

By Julie Mallis *Bike Pittsburgh*

Pittsburgh – As part of the “City Cycling” education program, now in its third year, Bike Pittsburgh is offering twenty-four different classes that cater to riders of all ability levels.

On-bike instruction classes - for new and seasoned riders alike - will help participants build skills and confidence, especially when it comes to riding on the street. These classes are generally split into three different options: “Level I,” “Level II,” and “Special Topics.”

Those who are entirely brand new to riding can also book a private one-on-one class instruction with one of Bike Pittsburgh’s esteemed League Certified Instructors (LCI’s). Level I classes (a.k.a. “Fundamentals”) help riders practice their

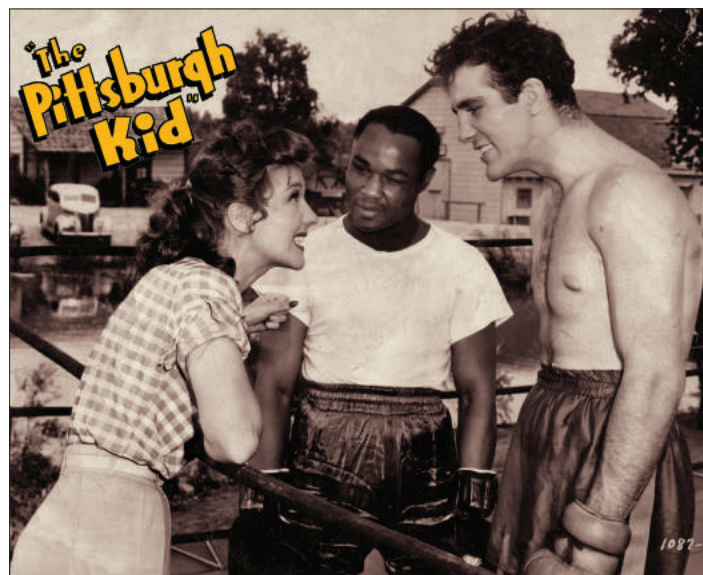
balancing and offer techniques for safe riding; fundamentals classes are offered through September on the third Tuesday of every month at The Wheel Mill (6815 Hamilton Ave.) in Homewood.

Level II classes (a.k.a. “Confident”) teach navigation of traffic patterns, lane positioning, bicycle maintenance, and crash avoidance. These classes take place on the third Saturday of every month, running through October.

Special topics classes include everything from bike maintenance to “playshops” at Carnegie Libraries (with kids aged five and under) to classes designed for instructing only women, non-binary, and Trans people. Visit bikepgh.org/citycycling for more information. ♦

Row House screens Hollywood debut of East Liberty boxing legend Billy Conn

A message from the Lawrenceville Historical Society



AT LEFT: The promotional poster for a 1941 film called, “The Pittsburgh Kid,” features actress Jean Parker (left) explaining the finer points of boxing to real-life world champions Henry Armstrong (center) and Billy Conn. Armstrong and Conn engage in a spirited sparring match in the film, which made its debut at the Fulton Theater in downtown Pittsburgh. Graphic courtesy of Tom Powers.

Lawrenceville - Row House Cinema (4115 Butler St.) and the Lawrenceville Historical Society are pleased to present the Pittsburgh revival of champion boxer and East Liberty native Billy Conn’s Hollywood debut, “The Pittsburgh Kid.”

With the help of Tim Conn, Billy’s eldest son, event organizers have obtained a copy of the 1941 film, along with a twenty-minute highlight film of the Joe Louis/Billy Conn championship match of June 18, 1941. Many sports analysts consider this fight the greatest championship boxing match of the twentieth century.

On Friday, June 23, Row House will supplement a 7 p.m. screening of Conn’s studio film with a panel discussion and screening of Conn’s greatest fight film; experts will comment on the Louis/Conn fight and provide the audience with background information about both legendary boxers. The panel will consist of: Post-Gazette columnist Gene Collier; Paul F. Kennedy, author of Billy Conn’s biography; Bucky Palermo, a Golden Gloves champ and wrestling/boxing referee; and Tim Conn.

“The Pittsburgh Kid,” which went into production just four weeks after Conn’s defeat to Joe Louis, made its debut at the Fulton Theater in downtown Pittsburgh on August 30, 1941. More information and advance ticket sales are available at <http://rowhousecinema.com>. ♦

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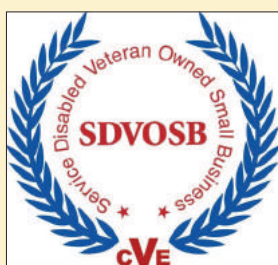
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Lawrenceville celebrates sustainability, women-owned businesses

By Rachel Webber *Lawrenceville Corporation*

Lawrenceville - On Thursday, June 8, the Lawrenceville Corporation's (LC) annual meeting and fundraiser will be held at the Roberto Clemente Museum from 6 to 9 p.m. This year, the celebration will focus on Lawrenceville's sustainability efforts and women-owned businesses.

A neighborhood known for its longevity, Lawrenceville is one of Pittsburgh's oldest neighborhoods and home to over twenty-four businesses that have remained open since 2000. Yet, it is no secret that new businesses are opening up shop along Butler St. all the time.

The annual LC meeting looks to celebrate both the historic authenticity and sustainable growth of the neighborhood as a model for a twenty-first century business district. Featuring tastes from certified sustainable restaurants, including Spirit and Kaleidoscope Café, the event's menu will also showcase craft wines and spirits from Engine House 25 Wines, Arsenal Cider House, and Roundabout Brewery.

A silent auction will highlight women-owned businesses and showcase exclusive items from Franktuary, Wildcard, 52nd

Street Market, Lawrenceville Vision Care, Thriftique, The Framery, Ki1ler Pancake, Gerbe Glass, The Candle Lab, Brambler Boutique, City Grows, Dr. Juliette Murcko, and Kelly Lane Design.

Members of the community, including volunteers, partners and business owners will be recognized for their service to the neighborhood. This year, the "Community Service Award" goes to the "AdvantAGE" program, Lawrenceville United's (LU) initiative to connect residents aged 55 and older to events, resources, and discounts that can make life easier and more enjoyable.

Relatedly, Dan Robinson, owner and chef at Kaleidoscope Café, will receive the "Mary Davis Award" for his contributions to the program; Robinson recently hosted a free dinner for Lawrenceville residents over the age of 55.

The event is free for Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) members and \$25 per ticket for non-members. Tickets are available online at lvpgh.com/blog. Visit [Lawrenceville.Pittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/Lawrenceville.Pittsburgh) on Facebook for event updates. ♦

Progressive dinner hits new stride in Stanton Heights

By Loren Kurpiewski *Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association*

Stanton Heights - The neighborhood's annual "Progressive Dinner" is gearing up for another summer of food, fun, and socialization. Scheduled for Saturday, June 17, at 5 p.m., the event began last summer as a way to encourage area residents to open up their houses and enjoy a meal with their neighbors.

This year's dinner, organized by Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association (SHNA) board member Liz Tafel promises to be another splendid affair, with neighbors from across Stanton Heights coming together to celebrate the start of summer. A progressive dinner, or "safari supper" (as it is referred to in the United Kingdom), begins with appetizers at a neighbor's house, then requires participants to travel to the next location (usually by foot) to partake in the next course.

Depending upon the size of the dinner party, the participants may be sectioned into two groups for the main meal, resulting in a slightly more intimate affair that can easily be accommodated by the host. Each successive host is only a short walk away and the meal features short breaks that serve as non-alcoholic "digestifs." A combination of a potluck and evening walk, the dinner was a raging success last June as many new neighbors attended.

Any Stanton Heights residents interested in attending the neighborhood event, or hosting one of the courses, are encouraged to RSVP; contact Tafel at LizTafel@gmail.com by June 12. Potential hosts can be assured that they do not need to provide an entire meal because each course is a potluck. This casual event provides a great opportunity for neighbors - both new and old - to share some food and conversation on a nice summer evening. ♦

Youth employment program seeks worksites to host summer interns



ABOVE: Theodore Jackson pours coffee at a local cafe, where he worked as part of a summer employment program. The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) plans to employ approximately 160 young adults this summer as a part of the "Pittsburgh Summer Learn and Earn" program. Students enrolled in the program will be paid by the BGC while they participate in work experience internships at businesses, nonprofit agencies, summer camps, and other locations across the city. Working approximately 25 hours per week from late June through early August, the students will be paid by the BGC and covered by its worker's compensation insurance. Anyone who would like to host summer interns may contact Rick Flanagan, Youth Development Director of the BGC, at 412-441-9833 or RickF@bloomfield-garfield.org. Photo courtesy of Wesley Davis.

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Property Transactions (March 16 - April 15, 2017)

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Bloomfield

Brian Ignatius to Steven T Yates at 524 S Mathilda St. for \$151,000.

Carmen J Bartuccio to CJ Thresher LLC at 5002 Friendship Ave. for \$1.

Gregory Kamerdze to Kelly Rottmund at 463 Taylor St. for \$0.

Nicola & Amy Balestra to Khalid & Fozia A Chatta at 5222 Powhattan St. for \$225,000.

Norryl LLC to Anakanio LLC at 242 Edmond St. for \$90,000.

Ohta LLC to Ke Ren at 420 S Aiken Ave. for \$108,000.

Paul & Maria Ficorilli to Anthony M Ficorilli at 231 Pearl St. for \$1.

Ralph D Peluso to Dominick Peluso at 441 Ella St. for \$0.

Ralph D Peluso to Dominick Peluso at 439 Orwell Way for \$0.

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Tait Tomb to Michael Stephen Dunbar at 629 Edmond St. for \$190,000.

Thomas J & Mildred P Martino to Martino Family Asset Protection Trust at 515 Aspen St. for \$1.

Ullum Properties LLC to River View Management LLC at 445 Ella St. for \$230,000.

Vera Colamarino to Chad Stuempges at 5209 Friendship Ave. for \$175,000.

Vincent A & Sarah Jean Talarico to Elizabeth Susan Campbell at 4002 Howley St. for \$170,000.

Friendship

No sales to report

Garfield

Charles K & Mary C Scott to Megan A Lindsey at 4709 Kincaid St. for \$168,750.

City Of Pittsburgh to Lillian Denhardt at 5209 Gem Way for \$16,620.

City Of Pittsburgh to Lillian Denhardt at 5211 Gem Way for \$16,620.

Della J Pennywell to Bradley George Macaulay at 4824 Schenley Ave. for \$55,000.

Frank T & Anne Melnyk to James Theodore & Jennifer Yookyung Melnyk at 5511 Margaretta St. for \$60,000.

Heidi Kennedy to Anakanio LLC at 5437 Kincaid St. for \$35,500.

Lee A Smith to Laura Elizabeth Longenecker at 5128 Penn Ave. for \$480,000.

Margaret C & Mark A Pennywell Rhodes to Bradley George Macaulay at 0 Schenley Ave. for \$55,000.

Michael B Vincent to Penn Unlimited LLC at 5107 Penn Ave. for \$80,000.

Oscar L & Carrie E Underwood to Erika M Hedin at 5110 Broad St. for \$80,000.

Quoc Pho to Jerome W Bitz at 5340 Kincaid St. for \$182,500.

Shawn R Adams to Wassie Goushe at 5158 Hillcrest St. for \$37,500.

Virginia Clemm to Loren Clemm at 337 N Aiken Ave. for \$0.

East Liberty

Bashar Altaher to Carlyn M Vandyke at 5419 Black St. for \$188,000.

Bunnie & Mamie I Lee to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 364 Enright Ct. for \$52,000.

Evelyn Johnson to Jason Hu at 604 Chislett

St. for \$90,000.

James B Goins to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 474 Enright Ct. for \$25,000.

Joann Broadus to Eric J Wallo at 711 N Saint Clair St. for \$240,000.

John Edward & Deborah J Knight Knight to John Edward Knight at 6105 Rodman St. for \$0.

Mary Worth Investment LP to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 356 Enright Ct. for \$25,000.

Saint Clair Apartments LP to Branden Anton Carr Fulciniti at 5812 Rippey St. for \$309,000.

Saint Clair Apartments LP to K Bennett Enterprises LLC at 422 N Saint Clair St. for \$94,000.

Smtobe Enterprises LLC to Kevin V Leonard at 602 N Euclid Ave. for \$460,000.

Lawrenceville

Angela Kemea to Angela & Syedfawad Asghar at 5151 Keystone St. for \$1.

Brian & Kathy Kiser to Chuck & Sons LLC at 5158 Keystone St. for \$225,000.

Brian D Mendelssohn to 124 42Nd Street Condominium Association at 124 42Nd St. for \$10.

Christopher M Copsey to Stella Trading LLC at 0 Locarna Way for \$160,000.

Christopher M Copsey to Stella Trading LLC at 107 44Th St. for \$160,000.

Darlene Ann Yurkovich to Immanuel Theiner at 219 40Th St. for \$285,000.

Dawson Family Revocable Living Trust to Matthew T Mcdermit at 4207 Post St. for \$155,000.

Debra A Stack to BJK 4051 Penn LLC at 4051 Penn Ave. for \$180,000.

Eustace J & Roberta M Burstynowicz to Alan S Burstynowicz at 4021 Arsenal Pl. for \$1.

George Haritos to Mad Momma Law Pgh Real Estate LLC at 4717 Butler St. for \$350,000.

Hal Medrano to 68 Seconds Inc at 222 Fisk St. for \$379,000.

Henry & Dorothy Gefert to Renee G & Ronald A Johns at 5413 Keystone St. for \$1.

Henry & Dorothy Gefert to Johns Renee G & Ronald A at 5411 Keystone St. for \$1.

Jaime J & Diane L Leitzel to Nikko J Leitzel at 159 1/2 42Nd St. for \$200,000.

James J Winner to James J Winner at 182 1/2 45Th St. for \$189,500.

Kincaid Associates to Matthew J Hogle at 4518 Davison St. for \$172,000.

Leonard J & Shirley M Bodack to Jonathan A Orie at 4922 Hatfield St. for \$182,500.

Lola 34 LLC to Anthony Guzzo Construction Inc at 186 34Th St. for \$82,500.

Mark N Shebetich to Gary Philip Nelson at 180 45Th St. for \$500,000.

Mark Restelli to Yanbing Ye at 4205 Dunkeld Way for \$42,000.

Mark Shebetich to Gary Philip Nelson at 182 Locarna Way for \$500,000.

Max Nickel to Cbcb Homes LLC at 5224

Carnegie St. for \$50,000.

Michael A Orlando to JHK Two LLC at 215 Fisk St. for \$286,000.

Michael Chirico to Tiffany L Chirico at 5605 Wickliff St. for \$1.

Michael Conte to Charles B & Allison C Kretchek at 167 38Th St. for \$545,000.

Michael Golensky to Michael L Kraemer at 0 Ewing St. for \$498,500.

Michael Golensky to Michael L Kraemer at 3826 Liberty Ave. for \$498,500.

Michael Nemeth to Cory Henson at 186 42nd St. for \$367,500.

Montella Management LLC to Deborah J Androvich at 263 38Th St. for \$365,000.

Montella Management LLC to Weston F Bettner at 3642 Mintwood St. for \$402,400.

John Marinack to Erin Andrzejewski at 4206 Post St. for \$150,000.

City Of Pittsburgh to Terrence J Franciscus at 5413 Carnegie St. for \$200.

Patricia A Waskiewicz to Ben J Briston at 225 Fisk St. for \$210,000.

Richard L Zeak to Cela Management & Investment LLC at 5122 Butler St. for \$637,735.

Richard L Zeak to Cela Management & Investment LLC at 5124 Butler St. for \$637,735.

Ronald Jardini to Joshua Jordan at 4835 Hatfield St. for \$322,000.

Scott Wig to K Bennett Enterprises LLC at 5309 Wickliff St. for \$72,000.

Sheila L Titus to Steel Town Properties M2 LLC at 188 39Th St. for \$120,000.

Steel Town Properties M2 LLC to Eric J Kordenbrock at 172 39Th St. for \$369,000.

Stella Trading LLC to Carla A & Brendan A Allen at 179 46Th St. for \$449,000.

Wylie Holdings LP to Christopher M Heath at 3425 Denny St. for \$114,000.

Stanton Heights

Andrew J & Lois Stewart Kravic to Charles A Cairone at 121 Stanton Ct. W for \$134,000.

City Of Pittsburgh to Liam F Lowe at 0 Camellia St. for \$200.

Gloria Tortorete to FSKC Properties LLC at 1539 Hawthorne St. for \$88,500.

Greg Sheffer to Kristin Schulz at 513 56Th St. for \$55,000.

Jeanne L Pearlman to Jeanne L Pearlman at 183 Stanton Ct. E for \$1.

Jessica T Varone to Jennifer M Sabol at 1016 Woodbine St. for \$115,000.

Nancy N Kohler to Matthew J Stansfield at 4701 Stanton Ave. for \$220,000.

Ronald F & Mary H Uselton to Scott P Kane at 1505 Woodbine St. for \$97,500.

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June 1 - Thursday

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June 2 - Friday

FRIENDSHIP
Montessori School Fun Fair

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June 3- Saturday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Farmers' Market Opens

The Lawrenceville Farmers' Market season is just around the corner; opening day is Saturday, June 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. Hosted this year in Arsenal Park, the market features fresh produce, locally sourced meats, baked goods, prepared foods, spirits, body products, and more. Credit, debit, and SNAP/EBT accepted. Spend \$5 in SNAP/EBT and receive \$2 more to spend at the market on fruits and veggies. The Lawrenceville Farmers Market is a program of Lawrenceville United. To volunteer or become a market vendor, contact market@lunited.org.

June 6 - Tuesday

LAWRENCEVILLE
Spring Membership Meeting

Join Lawrenceville United (LU) on June 6 at our "Spring Membership Meeting" - 6 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church (221 43rd St.). We have a number of dedicated candidates hoping to represent the 6th, 9th, and 10th Wards on LU's Board of Directors and this is your chance to make your voice heard. You must be a member to vote; membership dues are \$5 annually or \$35 for a lifetime. Renew your membership at the LU office. You may also submit your vote via mail. Ballots are available in our office. The deadline for voting is June 20. Call LU at 412-802-7220 for more info.

June 11 - Sunday

LAWRENCEVILLE
Free Garden Tour

The annual "Garden Tour," an event of the

Lawrenceville Hospitality Association, will be held on Sunday, June 12, beginning at 11 a.m. This free event is open to all and is a self-guided, walking tour throughout our historic neighborhood. This year's tour features 13 locations. Maps will only be available starting at 11 a.m. on June 11 at the entrance to Allegheny Cemetery (4734 Butler St.). Gardens will feature a variety of plants, sculptures, and water features. For more information, visit www.lha15201.org.

June 12 - Monday

BLOOMFIELD
Nutrition & Wellness

The Cancer Caring Center will offer a new nutrition program for cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones on the 2nd Monday of each month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Each program will address a trending topic in nutrition, along with a

recipe demonstration. Space is limited. Call 412-622-1212 to register.

June 17 - Saturday

STANTON HEIGHTS
Progressive Dinner

The Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association 2nd Annual Progressive Dinner is open to all Stanton Heights residents and promises to be a fun time for all. Please RSVP to Liz Tafel at LizTafel@gmail.com by June 12 if you are interested in attending, or if you would like to host one of the courses (appetizers, main meal, and dessert). It is a potluck, so hosts do not have to provide everything. This is a casual and fun evening for adults in Stanton Heights.

June 27 - Tuesday



Father's day is a special day of the year to remember our fathers and father figures.

Yet, as we know, it can also be a very difficult time for those who grew-up without or who have lost a father.

If your father is living, let him know how much he means to you. If he is deceased, take a few minutes to remember and reflect on how he has made you the person that you are.



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GARFIELD

"Past Present Future"

A photography exhibition called, "Past Present Future: Western Pennsylvania's People and Places," will be on display from June 27 to August 19 at Silver Eye Center for Photography (4808 Penn Ave.). The exhibition explores and celebrates the history, current moment, and future of photography in Pittsburgh. Visit silveryeye.org.

- Ongoing -

CITY-WIDE

Early Childhood Program

Pittsburgh Public Schools offers high quality infant, toddler and preschool programs in locations all around the city. Applications are being accepted online for the 2017-18 school year at: <https://early-childhood.pps.k12.pa.us/>.

EAST END

Tri-Ward Baseball

Boys and girls (ages 5 and up) from Bloomfield, Lawrenceville, and Garfield are encouraged to sign

up and play Tri-Ward baseball this summer. For more information, call Corky at 412-683-1828 or 412-427-7739.

GARFIELD

Open Call for Artists

Assemble is now accepting proposals for its 2018 Unblurred Artist Showcase. Assemble will select 10 local artists and makers for participation in a month-long show at Assemble's space on Penn Avenue from the months of February to November 2018. Chosen artists and makers will also have the opportunity to share skills, incubate creative ideas, and facilitate community-engaged projects. <http://assemblepgh.org/on-view/call4artists/>.

Employment Assistance

Are you looking for a job? Come on in to the East-side Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), located at 5321 Penn Ave. in Garfield. Meet with our staff to help you get hired. We have 20+ computers for job-searching and checking emails and we host hiring events every month with employers like Allegheny Health Network, Starbucks, Chipotle, The University of Pittsburgh, & many more. We also hold information sessions with CCAC to help you find your next career path. Call us at (412) 362-8580 or visit www.enecpittsburgh.org for more details.

Garfield Greenway

The Garfield Greenway working group will meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 p.m. with coordinated clean up activities the 2nd Saturday at 11 a.m. of each month for the duration of 2017. Meetings will be held at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.); Saturdays will involve site-specific locations throughout the neighborhood. For more information: 412-365-5781 or greenguild@gmail.com.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Affordable Homes 4 Sale

The Lawrenceville Corporation is building affordable homes for sale in Upper Lawrenceville as part of the Lawrenceville Community Land Trust. A maximum income restriction applies. If you are interested in becoming a homeowner, call Ed Nusser at 412-621-1616 (x 106) or email ed@lawrencevillecorp.com. Potential homeowners

may also visit www.lvpgh.com/CLT.

EAST LIBERTY

New Life Christian Fellowship at the Cube

Looking for a friendly church experience? Join us at New Life Christian Fellowship at 5877 Commerce St. in the Cube (across from Whole Foods) on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Your church experience will include lots of fun activities: fellowship every Sunday at the Holy Grounds Cafe, special dinners, outings, movies, holiday events, etc. We also provide Junior Church for the young ones. Hope to see you soon. Please enter the Cube building through the doors under the clock.

FRIENDSHIP

Adults Achieve

Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO, 250 S. Pacific Ave.) is looking to enroll 5 - 10 young adults who had their high school education derailed and now want to earn their diploma. On-line learning with flexible working hours. All high school credits are applied. No out-of-pocket cost for you. Call 412-681-7272 or e-mail earthenvessels98@gmail.com to learn more. Childcare available.

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Get a "Tree Planting Request Form" by emailing Garfield-Trees@gmail.com or calling 412-345-3831. You can also pick up a copy at the BGC's 5149 Penn Ave. office.

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