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Healthy benefits of neighborhood green space in Garfield

By Kara Holsopple *The Allegheny Front*

Garfield - On Rosetta St., in the city's Garfield neighborhood, someone has posted signs that read, "Nobody wants to look at your garbage" and "Have some respect." They have used all capital letters for emphasis. This block is a haven for illegal dumping.

Waterlogged couch cushions, broken plastic toys, and even plastic water bottles filled with urine are just some of the treasures Meg Graham and a handful of other volunteers found during a community cleanup there earlier this spring. The hillside is covered in trash, but Graham, who is a landscaper, sees other possibilities when she looks around.

"You could have so many cool native plants growing in this area, that would be practically no maintenance," she said.

She and other neighbors organized the cleanup as part of a much larger project to turn this city block, and others connected to it, into a neighborhood "greenway."

Graham and business partner Jen Lazarro want to preserve parcels of vacant lots that have kind of gone wild. Garfield has hundreds of vacant lots

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ABOVE: At the East End Fruit Cart in Mellon Park, Jamel Haden (left) helps customers like Lando DePaulo - and his dog Lemmy - find the right fruit on a breezy July day. Haden and his two teenage co-workers use the mobile cart to bring fresh fruit to underserved neighborhoods throughout the city's East End. Follow the East End Fruit Cart story below. Photo by John Colombo.

East End Fruit Cart brings fresh food to underserved neighbors

By Andrew McKeon *the Bulletin*

East End - Last year, when Tim Lydon returned to his hometown of Pittsburgh after spending many moons living and working on farms out West, he could tell the

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VaultArt opens new Penn Ave. doors for artists with disabilities

By Amber Epps *Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

Garfield - Located at 5100 Penn Ave., what was once a PNC Bank is now filled with artists. Every day, VaultArt Studio has four or five artists working on a variety of

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ABOVE: By mid-July, the only remaining tenants at the former Penn Plaza Apartments buildings in East Liberty were the painted Disney characters on the wall of an old day-care facility. As of press time, even these characters had been cleared from the to-be-redeveloped site. Photo by John Colombo.

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East End groups push Council on Housing Opportunity Fund

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

Pittsburgh - City Council is feeling pressure from several community organizations in the East End to move forward with a commitment of up to \$10 million in local tax dollars annually to a newly-authorized Pittsburgh Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF).

Representatives of the Lawrenceville Corporation (LC), Lawrenceville United (LU), and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) attended a session at City Council on July 18 to promote the dedication of a 1% add-on to the deed transfer tax. Local and state governments currently share this tax revenue whenever property is sold or title is transferred; the tax on property sales in the city now stands at 4%.

The Fund's formation was approved in legislation passed by Council in late 2016. The Fund would draw on an as-yet-unidentified revenue source to address development of more affordably-priced housing in the city. This would be a first for Pittsburgh.

Advocates say the HOF would give nonprofit groups the ability to help new homebuyers purchase homes and provide assistance to existing homeowners struggling to remain in their neighborhoods. Historically, the city has used only state or federal dollars to pay for such initiatives. As has been reported in other local media, Council is currently hedging on what the revenue source should be for the Fund.

With the city still experiencing state oversight of its financial operations, there is seemingly no ability to divert existing tax dollars into the Fund, even as City Controller Michael Lamb reported in July that the city could be on its way to an operating surplus of as much as \$20 million for 2017. So, despite the municipal surplus, the quest is now on to identify an alternative source.

At Council's July session, LC's Ed Nusser, along with Rick Swartz and Aggie Brose of the BGC, countered objections from Councilwomen Theresa Kail-Smith and Darlene Harris about increasing the deed transfer tax to support the Fund. Kail-Smith and Harris said they have heard from "many of [their] constituents" who are opposed to the strategy.

It is known that both Councilman Corey O'Connor and Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak are also expressing reservations about tapping the tax in this manner. While several members of the local realtor community were in the audience that day, none were invited to the table to speak.

Nusser told Council that, without a dedicated source of revenue from the city, any monies to develop housing for those who cannot afford market prices will eventually disappear.

"The elimination of state funding for affordable housing is already well-documented," Nusser said. "What is coming next is the phasing-out of federal monies, such as Community Development Block Grants and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, should Congress decide to cut discretionary spending across the board."

Brose thanked Council for allowing the groups to engage in back-and-forth dialogue with its members, but reminded everyone that - with close to 100 vacant houses in Garfield, and over 400 vacant lots - the prospects of "leveraging new investment in the community over the next decade will be bleak if the city doesn't step up to the plate.

"I know it's not an easy decision for Council, given the politics of our time," she continued, "but it is a very necessary one." Swartz emphasized what he said is a secondary benefit to making such a fund operational: turning city taxpayers into "investors" in the future of their neighborhoods.

"This would be a new chapter in local governance. The funds would not be going to salaries or fringes for city workers, or to support the budgets of nonprofit groups," Swartz maintained.

"They would be spent on the economic regeneration of neighborhoods where blight and vacancy are still driving down property values. They would be spent to help long-term residents stay in neighborhoods that are seeing rapid change in their housing market. Local taxpayers would be able to see these objectives realized, first-hand, as the Fund begins to deploy its resources."

"We're not giving up. Even though Councilwoman Kail-Smith told us there aren't five votes for an increase in the deed transfer tax, we're going to continue to press the issue with Council members representing our part of the city," Brose declared after the meeting.

"We know they agree with us that the city needs to make a strong statement about not letting gentrification overrun our neighborhoods. But, they have to start-backing up those sentiments by finding a revenue source for the Fund." ♦

Letter-to-the-Editor

Dear *Bulletin* Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about the number of flyers and posters on the light poles along Penn Avenue, particularly from Mathilda to Pacific. These are unattractive and, when removed, leave unsightly remnants of the tape used to attach them. Because most items are not removed after the event, many are weathered, discolored, and severely out of date, adding to the unpleasantness.

Putting up these items is illegal, and I urge the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and other appropriate entities to discourage this practice by following up with the businesses, agencies and organizations responsible, since in most cases it is easy to identify the source of the item. Follow-up might begin with a reminder and request to stop; it could escalate to actually bringing charges. Another solution, proposed by the BGC, is to establish public bulletin boards where materials can be posted.

Work to improve this stretch of The Ave has been extensive and impressive, and I appreciate all the efforts to keep our "new" Penn Avenue attractive for all who visit it. I enjoy my time on Penn Avenue and am proud of the changes that have taken place; I don't want those to be overshadowed.

Yours truly,

Martha Ann Terry
Friendship resident

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PENN AVE. UPDATE

During Phase I of the Penn Ave. reconstruction project, many stakeholders remained unaware of the city's official protocol for sidewalk replacement. The Department of Public Works (DPW) urges local home- and business owners interested in sidewalk replacement to first consult the following.

Dear Property Owner,

As part of the Penn Avenue Phase I reconstruction - completed on June 1, 2016 - new concrete roadway, sidewalks and curbs were installed in the public right-of-way. Section 417.02 of the City Code of Ordinances stipulates that maintenance of the sidewalk and curb is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Right-of-Way Procedures Policy Manual contains a moratorium clause which states: "Permission to open newly constructed or renovated streets and sidewalks will not be granted for sixty months for concrete or concrete base streets with an asphalt or brick wearing course.

"Upon request made by the permittee, after being reviewed by the DPW, permission to open moratorium streets and sidewalks may be granted by the Director of Public Works when one of the following conditions is met: (a) An emergency that endangers life or property; (b) Interruption of essential utility service; (c) Service for buildings where no other reasonable means of providing service exists; or (d) Work that is mandated by City, State or Federal legislation."

If excavation into the roadway, sidewalk or curb becomes necessary because of the conditions listed in the policy, then all work must be replaced in kind and done in accordance with current City Standards for Construction. City Standards require that if a concrete slab (i.e. sidewalk) or base slab (i.e. street) is disturbed by an opening, then full slab or base slab replacement is required.

Any work that impacts the roadway, sidewalk or curbs must first be approved by DPW. Permits are required from DPW prior to the beginning of any work. All costs associated with any work/excavations are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Sincerely,

Michael Gable, CPRP
Director of Public Works

Community MVP Wesley Davis departs the BGC to pursue law degree in Philadelphia

By Aggie Brose Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield – If the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) were a basketball team, Wesley Davis would undoubtedly be one of its most valuable players.

In mid-July, Davis set out for Philadelphia to begin his studies at the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Not only in his role as Community Projects Coordinator at the BGC, but also in his endless capacities as a volunteer with the Garfield Community Action Team (GCAT) and other local organizations, Davis was truly a team player.

"He's the quietest person in the world, but he gets things done," GCAT member Gary Cirrincione said. "What more could you ask for?"

Upon arriving at the BGC four years ago, as an intern for *the Bulletin*, Davis began to get involved in local campaigns to improve

the quality of life in Garfield and other neighborhoods along Penn Ave.

By cleaning up litter, planting trees, and helping kids get jobs, he gently shepherded numerous initiatives to fruition. Davis also worked closely with local clients at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), where he connected people with career opportunities on a daily basis.

Volunteering on weeknights and weekends, he sacrificed his free time and went above and beyond to get things done. "There was no end to his commitment to the community," BGC Executive Director Rick Swartz said.

Davis helped organize community forums about the Penn Ave. Reconstruction Project, neighborhood events like National Night Out, BGC Board meetings, local hiring events, health fairs, and other initia-

tives. When the going got tough, Davis always had a funny saying like "there's trouble in paradise" to lighten the mood and help boost team morale. He provided valuable counsel to his co-workers on a number of different issues.

Davis was also instrumental in area campaigns to secure weekend bus service for Garfield's hilltop residents, to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana possession, and to bring a grocery store back to Penn Ave.

A selfless, exceptionally talented employee like Davis will surely be missed, not only by his fellow BGC staff members, but also by the many friends he's made over the years.

"Everyone loves Wes," Cirrincione said, echoing the sentiments of many local community members, "and we can't wait for him to return to his hometown." ♦

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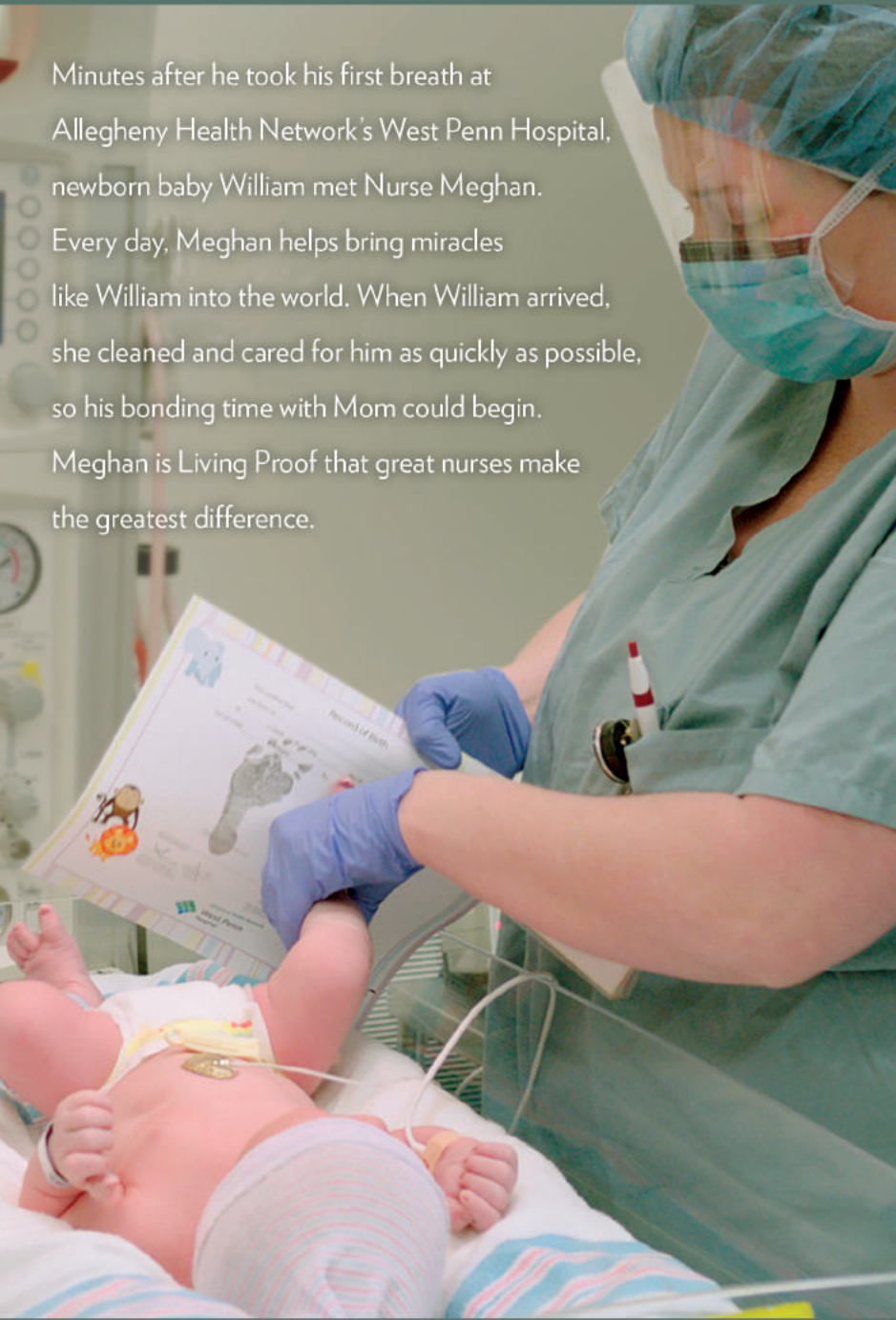
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ABOVE: Wesley Davis, the MVP of the BGC, readies to take his talents to Philadelphia, where he will study law at Temple University. Photo by Rick Flanagan.

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Peduto Administration debuts online database of for-sale City properties

By Timothy McNulty *City of Pittsburgh*

Pittsburgh - Aiming to make government services more efficient and user-friendly, the City of Pittsburgh launched an online database of City properties that are available for sale. Prior to 2015, there were no lists for people to find out what property the City had up for sale.

The new website from the Department of Finance, built with help from the Department of Innovation & Performance, allows interested buyers to view all available properties on an online map or search for them by street name or parcel number.

“Since the early 1990s, I have wanted to display the City’s tax and property information on a visual basis,” Finance Director Paul Leger said. “This administration has taken the first big step to getting that done and we will continue this process until all data from the department will be available visually as well as textually. It’s a dream come true and a real convenience for anybody looking to purchase City property.”

“I want to thank the Peduto Administration for working with me to launch this incredible new tool,” City Councilman Dan Gilman said. “This website is another step in the City’s technological transformation to make all city services more transparent, accessible, and user-friendly. Improving the process of city property sales helps to eliminate blight, create neighborhood stability, and allow a family to own a new home.”

The site can be directly accessed at www.pittsburghpa.gov/finance/. In 2015, the Peduto Administration started to list for-sale properties, but the lists were static, not regularly updated, and not user-friendly enough. Now, the for-sale list is visually based.

Those interested can simply look at a map of available properties throughout the city; it will be current, show a picture, and give tax information and assessed value. Properties for sale are shown as a dot on the map.

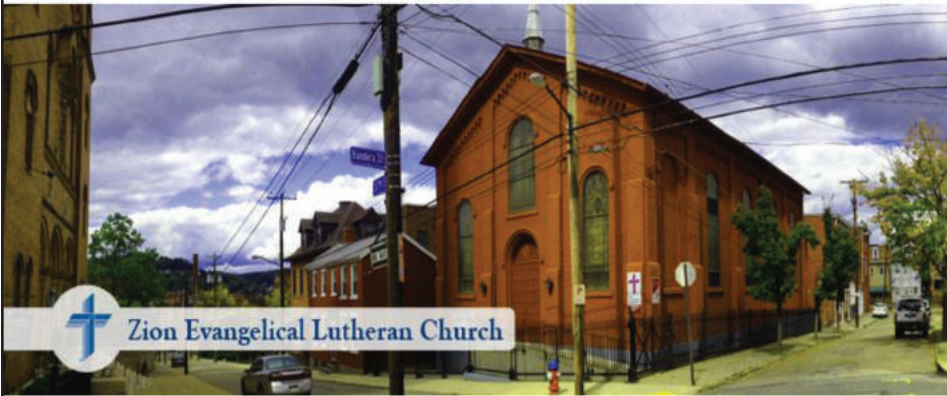
Improvements are planned to the new site, including an online application to purchase. In related news, the City also recently announced that permits may now be secured online for the first time, and some may be purchased with credit cards. ♦

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BELOW: Tim Lydon (left) and Jamel Haden juggle fruit and responsibilities at the East End Fruit Cart in Mellon Park. Bringing fresh fruit to underserved neighborhoods, the fruit cart project seeks to address local issues of food scarcity. Photo by John Colombo.



city had serious issues with food. Not the kind of food issues we often hear about (i.e. “Breaking News: Pittsburgh loves pierogies”), but the kind that many local residents seldom even notice (i.e. food scarcity in underserved neighborhoods).

"I'm really interested in issues of food scarcity and availability here in Pittsburgh. In the East End, there are plenty of places where people have no access to fresh fruits and vegetables."

Drawing on his understanding of the politics of food, Lydon decided that he could really make an impact by simply bringing fresh food to the people, in their neighborhoods.

So, he created the East End Fruit Cart, a mobile fruit stand that he tows all over the city's East End. Alongside three teenagers who run the fruit sales, Lydon posts up at a different public venue every day - from Monday through Saturday - to engage in a new kind of community outreach.

Created by a local artist, the cart and its cantilevered drapes are fairly impressive. But, the cart itself - and even the fruit - is only part of the story. What is most impressive is the intentional commerce that is at the heart of the project. On July 24, *the Bulletin* visited the fruit cart under Mellon Park's canopy shade, near the intersection of Fifth and Penn Aves.

“We’re in Homewood and we’re in Larimer, both places that have traditionally been considered ‘food deserts,’” Lydon explained. “We’re also in Oakland, which

people might not think of as a food desert. Outside of the farmers markets, there's nowhere to buy produce in Oakland."

In response to a question from intrepid *Bulletin* photographer John Colombo (“Why don’t you take the cart to local farmers markets?”), Lydon replied that he did not want to cut into any other vendors’ profits. Since the fruit cart sources its goods from local grocery stores, he said, it would be unfair to vend at farmers markets, where most vendors sell their own farm-sourced products to make a living.

When looking for funding, he sought counsel from the BGC's Rick Flanagan, Youth Development Director, and Rick Swartz, Executive Director. Lydon was eventually able to secure "Community Development Block Grant" monies, along with some fruit donations from Trader Joe's and a cooler from the East End Food Co-Op.

“We just got \$1,000 from Eat n’ Park yesterday,” he said. “Then, there is Bridgeway Capital, which is a nonprofit lending institution that has a department devoted to issues of food scarcity. We’re meeting with them next week.”

With the grant money on its way, the project vision called for a six-week timeline. Since Lydon could not wait any longer, he took it upon himself to kick-start the fruit cart funding.

"Most of the money still hasn't come through yet, but I knew this project had to

start on June 26. So, I just bought everything on my own credit cards," he said with a pause. "You could say I'm pretty committed to it."

Local teenager Jamel Haden, a former Learn & Earn program participant and current BGC employee, works with Lydon to gather data on all the fruit sales. He even learned something about his own palette. “I’d never eaten Kiwi before, but I like it now,” Haden revealed. “I thought it was bitter until I first tried it.”

He asks customers what they think about things like a “fair price” for plums (the cart’s best-seller), then enters that information into a tablet, using Square technology to track spending patterns and what fruit sells best at each location.

“One thing we’ve found is that there has to be an educational component, because people need to know how to prepare fruits and vegetables,” Lydon said. “We need to team up with someone who can teach others how to make healthier choices.”

As part of the project's social element, Haden and his teenage coworkers at the East End Fruit Cart sat down with representatives from 1Hood, a social justice

organization that uses art to raise awareness and mentor young Pittsburghers.

"[1Hood founder] Jasiri X made a real impression on the kids," Lydon said. "One of them has already applied for an internship [at 1Hood]. You know, it's important for the kids to meet community leaders who look like them."

The project's ultimate goal is to form inroads with local residents and build a network of community supported agriculture (CSA). Lydon believes this idea could create more of a laser-sharp focus on bringing food to neighborhoods that do not have access to fresh foods

“We could identify a neighborhood - for example, Homewood or Lincoln-Lemington or Larimer - and then find kids from that neighborhood to be neighborhood ambassadors,” he explained. “They’d literally be going door-to-door to ask their neighbors if they want to order fresh fruits and vegetables. So, it would be like a CSA program run by kids in each neighborhood.”

Learn more about the cart and its mobile mission to bring fresh food to East Enders at www.eastendfruitcart.com. ♦

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Garfield Greens Guild

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BELOW: Lining the street in Garfield, local residents' hand-made signs call for an end to the illegal dumping that continues to blight the neighborhood. Photo by Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front.



where houses have been torn down, as well as steep, wooded properties that were never developed.

"I kind of just want it to be a space where anyone in the neighborhood can feel interested or invited," Lazarro says. "They can just walk in the woods, or look at a tree for a second."

A majority of the properties are owned by the city, and a whole swath of them cuts horizontally through over eleven acres of the neighborhood. This green space is one of the things that attracted Graham when she moved here ten years ago. She says it feels special and unique in an urban setting.

The fact is, a lot of houses in Garfield don't come with trees or green space. The housing stock is dense and there is an absence of street trees on many blocks. Rick Swartz, executive director of the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation (BGC), says it is a luxury, in a sense, to be able to go outdoors and enjoy your backyard.

"We want to create a larger backyard for everybody to use," Swartz said.

Through a multi-year planning process for

the neighborhood, the BGC found residents were concerned about a lack of affordable housing. But, they also wanted more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. There are already a couple of playgrounds, community gardens, and small parks in Garfield. Swartz said they needed some help to figure out what to do with the mostly wooded space connecting them.

They got in touch with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The conservancy worked with a local architecture firm, EvolveEA, to map out a plan for what is possible in this space, like trails and improved lighting. Gavin Deming is a community specialist for gardens and green spaces at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. He said maintaining the wooded areas in Garfield would take some modest investment in terms of funding, but a lot of volunteer hours. The tops of many of the trees are covered in vines.

"That's when it gets unsafe and unhealthy," Deming said, "because it clouds out the sun from that tree." It is unsafe because the vines can actually pull trees down. There is a lot of poison ivy in the green space as well.

But, Deming said investing in keeping it green has all kinds of ecological benefits. It is habitat for birds and wildlife. Some neighbors have even spotted turkeys and foxes. Plus, Deming said the trees here capture a lot of rainwater, so it does not end up contributing to the city's combined sewer overflow problems.

The green space idea underway in Garfield could have even more value for the people living here.

Mark Berman is an environmental neuroscientist from the University of Chicago. He looked at green space in Toronto, and residents' own perceptions of how healthy they were. Berman found that if you had ten more trees per city block, it positively impacted people's perception by 1%.

"That sounds modest, but to get those equivalent benefits with money, you'd have to give every single household on that block \$10,000 or have them move to a neighborhood \$10,000 wealthier," Berman said. "Or make people seven years younger."

Berman does not know why yet. It could be because trees clean the air, or that green space encourages people to get outside and exercise. There is evidence that people benefit by just looking at trees.

Berman also found that street trees had more benefit than the ones in people's backyards, because everyone has access to them.

Bob Jones would like kids in Garfield to have more chances to explore, both inside and outside the neighborhood.

He is a lifelong resident of Garfield, and president of Brothers and Sisters Emerging (BASE), which offers afterschool programs and a summer camp. Neighbors can also probably catch him wearing a blue Garfield Gators T-shirt. He founded the youth football league and cheerleading

program that is a neighborhood institution.

Jones went to an initial meeting about the greenway. "If we're going to provide opportunities for young people to enjoy the landscape, then I'm all for it," he said. "If this is going to be developed in a way that even older folks can sit somewhere and read and be at peace within the trees and the shade? Then I'm all for it."

Still, Jones says there is also a crucial need for other amenities that build community for families here, like a YMCA or more ball-fields. He sees health issues here firsthand and said many young people in the neighborhood, and his programs, suffer from asthma.

According to the Allegheny County Health Department, black children in Pittsburgh experience higher rates of exposure to air pollution and asthma than white Pittsburghers. Eighty-five percent of Garfield's residents are African American.

Some recent studies have shown there is a relationship between respiratory diseases and green space.

Peter James at Harvard Medical School looked at 100,000 female nurses over an eight year period, and found those living near the most green areas had a 12% lower mortality rate than nurses living in the least green places. This was true even after accounting for age, economic status, race, and behaviors like smoking.

"And then, when we looked at specific causes of death, we found that the association between greenness and lower mortality were strongest for respiratory disease and cancer mortality," James said.

The findings were even stronger for people who lived closest to green space, and those who were more physically active.

Jodi Simms walks her dog Mukwa along the proposed greenway. She has lived in

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Garfield for over thirty-five years, since her daughter was born. Tired of people from outside the neighborhood dumping their trash here, she has even confronted some of them.

Simms says she cannot wait for the greenway project to get started, so that people start seeing this area as a place where people care. "One person can start

it, then another person see you starting it, and might come and help you. And that's how it gets started. That's how anything gets started," she said.

Meg Graham and Jen Lazarro are calling their group the "Garfield Greens Guild." They are hoping to survey as many Garfield residents as possible about how they might want to use the green space.

"I can guess what other people want for their neighborhood, but it's not going to be accurate. It's not going to be a real picture," Graham said.

With enough community support, one idea is to go to the city and propose the land be designated an official greenway. City Council would have to approve it, and the land would be taken out of the running for any residential development.

Andrew Dash with the Pittsburgh City Planning office says they are revamping the city's definition of a greenway. There are thirteen greenways in Pittsburgh, and traditionally they have been wooded hill-sides that are not really suitable for any other use. They are passive spaces. Dash says the city is coming out with a new guide this fall for residents who want to take charge of them.

Another option the Greens Guild is considering to keep the greenway is partnering with a parallel initiative in Garfield to form a land trust, an effort to preserve affordable housing in this neighborhood surrounded by upscale development.

Christine Mondor, from evolveEA, who worked on the initial plan for a greenway

in Garfield, said the conversation about a balance between open space and affordable housing is an important one to have. Many of the vacant properties that were identified as being part of the proposed greenway either have subsidence or are steep slopes. Some are unbuildable, and others would be too expensive.

She hopes the legacy of the plan she and others worked on, with community input, will be that residents see the connections between the spectacular view from the top of the neighborhood, the tree-lined alleys, and even a natural spring on the hillside.

"And," Mondor said, "to come up with a strategy to take care of them as a community asset, and not just extra space that needs a cleanup every now and then."

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ABOVE: Garfield resident Jodi Simms (right) is tired of people from outside the neighborhood dumping their trash near her home. Photo by Kara Holsopple, *The Allegheny Front*.



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Best-Made Shoes celebrates forty years of footwear in Bloomfield

By Andrew McKeon *the Bulletin*

Bloomfield - Upon walking into Best-Made Shoes (5143 Liberty Ave.), most customers quickly realize it is more than just a shoe store. For certified pedorthist Marc Rosen, footwear has been the family business for decades.

His father, the son of a shoemaker himself, moved from Florida to Pittsburgh forty years ago to open Best-Made Shoes at its original Liberty Ave. location, just a few blocks down the street. “Back then, shoes were made to last,” Rosen said. “These days, most shoes are built like junk.”

He sees the results every day, as new customers ask if he can help them figure out just why they are experiencing so much foot, leg, and back pain. The store’s customers come from all walks of life - from elderly people with arthritis to young athletes searching for the right arch supports.

When shopping for shoes, one of the most common mistakes people make, Rosen explained, is to believe that they know their own shoe size, which is usually different than the size their feet actually need. Modern day shoe outlets rarely help shoppers accurately address their footwear needs.

Most of these stores are oriented around self-serve shopping; the lengths of their customer service only extend to, as the pedorthist said, “a teen handing you a shoe off the rack.” Rosen’s father, Gene, customizes prescription footwear to meet the clinical needs of many Best-Made customers.

“We’re kind of teaching people about their feet.”

– Marc Rosen, Best-Made Shoes

Because it keeps attracting “destination commerce,” Rosen said his family’s shop has not been greatly affected by the changing demographics



ABOVE: At Best-Made Shoes (5143 Liberty Ave.) in Bloomfield, Marc Rosen (right) helps Tara Sherry-Torres find the right fit for a new pair of Birkenstocks. Rosen and his father, Gene, are celebrating the store’s forty years in the footwear business. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

in Bloomfield. “People come from all over the city, and even other states, to buy our shoes,” he told *the Bulletin*. “We’ve even got one guy who regularly drives in from Detroit to shop here.”

Now that more young people all over the city are eschewing car travel to instead commute by foot, Rosen’s selection of Birkenstocks and New Balance footwear is in high demand. And, for as much as websites like Amazon and Zappos have cut into the brick-and-mortar shoe business, the internet has simultaneously helped potential customers connect with Best-Made.

From the back room, where Rosen fields phone calls to schedule customer drop-off/pick-up and help people understand the nuts and bolts of their prescriptive footwear, the shoe store almost feels like a doctor’s office. Running a nationally accredited facility that accepts insurance plans and HMOs, Rosen knows the individual needs of his customers the way a specialist knows the specific needs of his patients.

“We’re kind of teaching them about their feet,” he said. “And it’s not always just the feet, because shoes affect many other parts of the body. That’s why you need to make sure your shoes have the right fit.”

Just like a doctor’s office, Best-Made also displays a humorous, quasi-motivational motto on a few vanity pillows dotted around the store. It is a mantra, Rosen said, for everyone to heed when they go shoe-shopping: “If the shoe fits, buy it in every color.”

To learn more about the local store and its services, call 412-621-9363 or visit www.bestmadeshoes.com. ♦

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projects inside the old bank building.

Part of ACHIEVA, an organization dedicated to supporting and empowering individuals with disabilities, VaultArt Studio is a progressive arts studio where those with intellectual and developmental disabilities can come to get studio support and access to materials.

A typical day is broken into two parts: lessons and independent practice. Receiving instruction from educators with fine arts backgrounds, the self-taught artists get many opportunities to hone their craft in the studio. They also get to help put on gallery events, exposing them to the arts community.

Benjy Blanco, creative arts manager for ACHIEVA, occasionally takes the artists on neighborhood walks because he feels it is important for them to meet other artists in the community. He said the artists generate a lot of valuable ideas and new creative concepts while interacting with the studio's neighbors.

When *the Bulletin* visited the studio in July, an artist named "Lee" said that what he really enjoys about VaultArt is being able

to engage in artistic critiques and speak about his paintings. As Lee worked on drawing a combination of animals, coins, and symbols, he mentioned how the studio's educators have aided his search for new artistic ideas and other procedural information.

Heather, an artist who was busy making a puppet out of felt, said she likes to create art because of its relaxing and calming process. VaultArt teachers have connected Heather with various media to help round out her artistic capabilities; she looks forward to making sculptures.

Just a few weeks after opening VaultArt's doors in June, the studio participated in the July 7 Unblurred gallery crawl, where it exhibited selected works from 15 artists. During this exhibition, the artists had the opportunity to present their work to the public and engage with others involved in the local arts community.

For the July 7 show, approximately 400 people visited the studio and the artists made over \$800 from the sale of their work. Every penny of each art sale goes directly to the artist who created the work. "[Unblurred] was such an amazing experi-

ence," Blanco said.

Haylee Ebersole, who teaches at VaultArt, is excited about the upcoming August exhibit, entitled "Proving Existence." She maintains that working in such a collaborative environment all day informs her own artistic practice.

Specializing in printmaking, Ebersole earned an MFA from Ohio University. She was also the recipient of the "Pittsburgh Emerging Artist of the Year" Award at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, as well as a "Creative Development" grant from the Heinz Endowments and the Pittsburgh Foundation.

"It's really exciting to see artists with no formal training get access to studio space and gallery representation," Ebersole said.

"It's also exciting to see them explore ideas, processes, and concepts that influence their processes and professional practices as artists." ♦



ABOVE: Herman, an artist at VaultArt studio (5100 Penn Ave.), studies various geodes while working on a new sculpture. Photo by Amber Epps.

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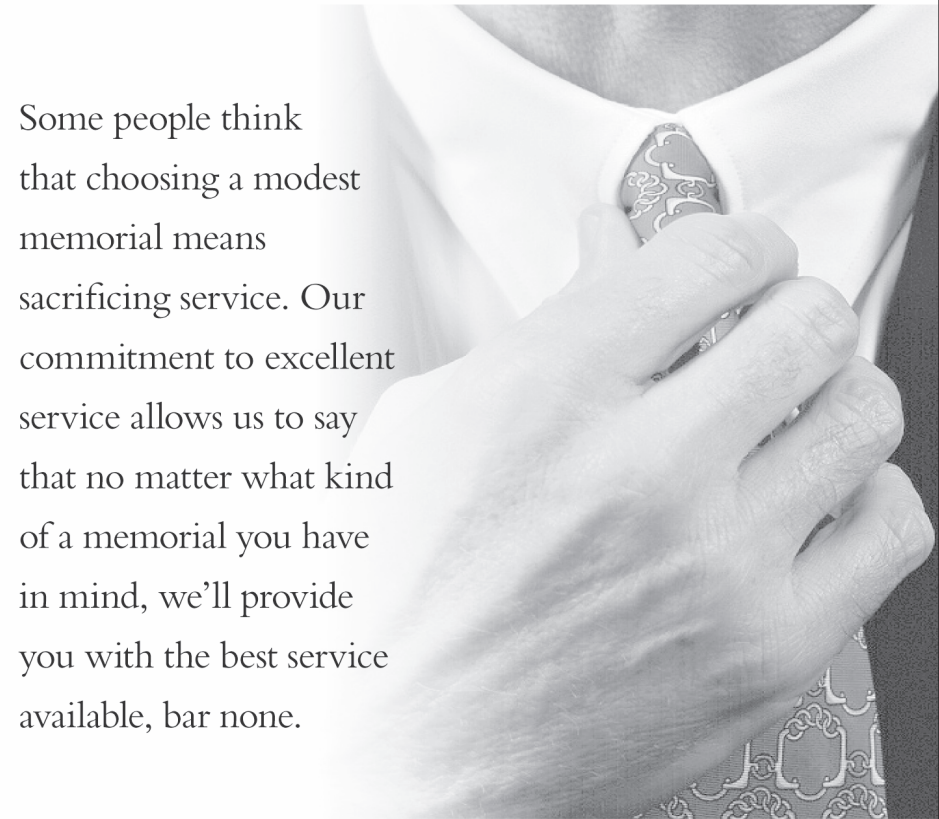
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BELOW: After moving to Pittsburgh in July 2016 from West Palm Beach, Florida, Pamela Schön has recently taken the position of Office Manager at the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. Schön has over eleven years of experience in office management with HR Block; in December, she will complete her Bachelor's degree in Business Management with a focus in Human Resources from Strayer University. Schön says she is excited to learn more about the local community while helping the BGC improve processes. Photo by Andrew McKeon.



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International Children’s Film Festival expands young minds in Lawrenceville

By Molly T. Ebert Row House Cinema

Lawrenceville - Now in its second year, the 2017 Pittsburgh International Children’s Film Festival will be held from July 28 to August 3 at Row House Cinema (4115 Butler St.).

Pittsburgh’s only film festival dedicated solely to children’s programming, it features a full week of kid-friendly films from around the globe, accompanied by family-friendly events.

“Our goal is to challenge and stimulate young people by showcasing both American and international cultures through the magic of cinema,” festival director Brian Mendelssohn said., “Even better, these films are just as fun for adults as they are for kids.”

The featured films tell diverse stories from all walks of life to help broaden young minds and imaginations. Complementary activities will help impart life lessons within the engaging environment of a movie theater.


The opening event on Friday, July 28, is “Drag Queen Storytime” with a screening of Jim Henson’s *The Muppets Take*

Manhattan. Drag queen Cherri Baum will enthrall the little ones with stories featuring themes of inclusivity and acceptance. Tickets, which cost \$7, include admission to storytime and the screening

A special “Family Day” will be held on Sunday, July 30. From Noon to 4 p.m., vendors from Nine Stories Bookstore, Songbird Artistry, and 2468 Kids will provide free crafts and activities while also selling kid-friendly items - everything from books to gender-neutral clothing.

Other festival events include “Cereal Cinema” with a screening of *My Neighbor Totoro* (by master animator Hayao Miyazaki). Kids can enjoy an all-you-can-eat cereal bar and storytime (specially designed for ages 3-7) with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Lawrenceville; complimentary snacks will be provided by Bloomfield’s Peanut Butter Jelly Time eatery.

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AHN & Highmark invest in new cancer services, collaborate with Johns Hopkins Medicine

By Jesse Miller Allegheny Health Network

Pittsburgh - Allegheny Health Network (AHN) and Highmark Health recently announced plans to invest more than \$200 million over the next two years to further enhance access to leading-edge oncology services in the western Pennsylvania region.

Included in the strategic plan is construction of a state-of-the-art academic cancer institute facility on the campus of Allegheny General Hospital (AGH), the establishment of additional community-based cancer treatment centers across western PA, investments in new technologies, and an expansion of Highmark and AHN's relationship with the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Medicine.

The broadened collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medicine will offer AHN cancer patients and Highmark members even greater access to the unique expertise of the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center team and novel therapies being explored through the Center's clinical trials research program.

"By almost every measure, the cancer program at Allegheny Health Network has long been one of the nation's best in terms of the quality and sophistication of the care it provides," David Holmberg, President and CEO of Highmark Health, said. "Today, we are taking a major step forward to further strengthen that tradition in order to meet the market demand of our patients, members, and communities in the years ahead."

The new cancer institute at AGH will serve as the hub for AHN's cancer-related academic and research activities; it will also house the hospital's quaternary medical and radiation oncology programs. Locations for the new community-based cancer treatment centers are currently being finalized, with construction slated to begin by the end of 2017.

As part of the expanded relationship with Johns Hopkins Medicine, AHN cancer patients will have enhanced access to clinical trials being led by the Hopkins team, including some that will be offered in western PA. The new agreement also establishes Johns Hopkins Medicine as a Preferred Referral Partner for Highmark patients for rare and complex adult and pediatric cancers.

The partnership includes a concierge program committed to helping members understand their benefits and, if needed, coordinate travel to Baltimore and streamline care at

Johns Hopkins Medicine at the best possible value.

"We are honored to be working with the oncologists at [AHN] toward our shared goal of providing the best cancer care for their patients," Paul Rothman, M.D., Dean of the Medical Faculty and CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine, said. "Additionally, we are pleased to now also be Highmark's Preferred Referral Partner, including across Highmark's Blue Card Network in western Pennsylvania as well as West Virginia and Delaware."

Cancer remains the second leading cause of death in the United States, and as the population ages, the number of new cancer cases is expected to grow significantly. There were 1.685 million new cancer cases in 2016, with a 50% increase expected over the next decade to more than 2.3 million annually. As screening and treatment methods improve, the number of cancer survivors is expected to rise from 11.7 million in 2007 to 18 million in 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"Collaboration among doctors and among institutions is essential to winning the war against this formidable disease," David Parda, M.D., Chair, AHN Cancer Institute said. "The partnership between Highmark Health, AHN and Johns Hopkins Medicine is an excellent example of how like-minded organizations can come together, share knowledge and resources, and develop new paradigms for care and coverage that advance our capabilities and have a meaningful impact on the lives of our patients." ♦

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Foreclosure begets new affordable housing in Larimer and East Liberty

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

East Liberty - In 2005, East Liberty Gardens, an affordable housing complex on Broad St., was in the early stages of foreclosure.

The sole remaining board member of East Liberty Housing, Inc. (ELHI), which oversaw the Gardens, joined staff from the local Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in approaching East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI) to help with the property.

Only a few months earlier, residents of the East Mall high-rise, another low-income housing development, received ninety-day eviction notices from HUD because the building was facing foreclosure.

While some residents were able to move into a soon-to-be-demolished sister building at Penn Circle, others received Section-8 vouchers and were left to find new housing all on their own. This proved to be an organizational and emotional disaster, one ELDI and its partners wanted to prevent from happening again with East Liberty Gardens.

As Ted Melnyk, firector of family, community, and social equity at ELDI, recounted, “The East Liberty Gardens building

presented many challenges - from overdue water bills totaling over \$750,000 to failed real estate audits to a management company who had essentially abandoned the property.”

To avoid the pitfalls of the past, ELDI hired experienced property managers to begin the turnaround effort. By 2007, the property was fully stabilized, financially sound and had an active board of directors. But this still did not change the fact that the building was beyond its useful life.

Enter the Choice Neighborhoods grant. In nearby Larimer, where the Larimer Consensus Group was trying to secure redevelopment grants, the long-divested neighborhood was desperate for funding. After striking out for years, the neighborhood group decided to single-handedly tackle the \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant in 2010.

A highly competitive federal grant, it demands a one-for-one replacement of affordable housing with mixed-income housing. However, in order to qualify for the grant, Larimer needed a minimum number of public housing units, which it was sorely lacking.

“ELDI came together with the Larimer Consensus Group and other stakeholders and together we determined East Liberty Gardens could be the key to help Larimer meet the grant’s requirements while also safeguarding the Gardens’ 127 units of affordable housing,” Melnyk said.

With much fanfare, the grant was awarded in the fall of 2014. It has since spurred multiple phases of mixed-income development in Larimer and East Liberty. In total, 465 units are being constructed, with approximately one-third of those units being Section-8, one-third affordable, and one-third market rate.

Regardless of how they are paid for, all of the units will look the same. This was an intentional effort from planners to avoid creating clusters of low-income housing, a practice which history has proven to be detrimental to both tenants and the neighborhood.

Unlike the hasty relocation of the earlier high-rise demolition, residents of East Liberty Gardens were assigned active case managers to assist with relocation. With this assistance, over one-third of the residents secured units in the new

development, much of it just a block away.

“The transition was really easy,” former Gardens resident Desi-Rai LaPrade revealed. “The property manager, Tracey Dyer, was really helpful with making sure my move out of East Liberty Gardens was stress-free.”

During her transition, LaPrade was introduced to the Circles Pittsburgh/Open Hand Ministries program, which prepares local residents for homeownership. The program helps participants find and renovate homes while also advising prospective homeowners who want to get their finances in order.

“I have learned so much from this program - budgeting, taxes, health and wellness — things I would have never learned without Circles and Open Hand Ministries” LaPrade said. She is excited to move into her new home once the renovations are completed next year.

“The results of this project have proven to us again that, when the entire community comes together around an inclusive plan,” Melnyk said, “we can make a difference that positively benefits everyone for generations.” ♦

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Alfonso J. & Lois J. Ranallo to Katherine Belardi at 515 Edmond St. for \$124,000.

Anita L. Upshaw to Connor W. Russell at 318 Ella St. for \$160,000.

Jill Macdowell to Rachel Rosnick at 231 Edmond St. for \$180,750.

John T. & Marguerite M. Tokarski to MLS Properties at 215 Taylor St. for \$30,000.

Michael M. Mcdowell to Manoj & Anuradha Srivastava at 705 Fitzgerald St. for \$300,500.

Nathan F. Good to James Turnshek at 218 S. Millvale Ave. for \$244,500.

Philip P. Luciano to John Keith Hohm at 253 S. Mathilda St. for \$495,000.

Samuel Hamilton to Anita Vujatovich at 231 Gross St. for \$249,500.

Friendship

No sales to report.

Garfield

15 Deer Run Lane LLC to Annah Darling at 5130 Dearborn St. for \$126,500.

City Of Pittsburgh to Bloomfield Garfield Corporation at 5213 Gem Way for \$1,000.

East Liberty Development Inc to 2020 Eighteen LLC at 5549 Columbo St. for \$44,000.

Melissa A. Neugebauer to Ross Wolcott at 5491 Penn Ave. Unit A201 for \$252,500.

Properties Nice Inc. to John V. Stullken at 5445 Rosetta St. for \$150,000.

Richard P. Swartz to Kulwant Pabla at 5222 Penn Ave. for \$225,000.

Saint Clair Apartments LP to A. & L. Holdings LLC at 5538 Black St. for \$96,000.

Tighe S. Argenbright to Ryan D. Foster at 248 N. Aiken Ave. for \$149,000.

William Thomas to 2020 Seventeen LLC at 5547 Columbo St. for \$43,000.

East Liberty

Seh Holdings LP to Shannon Plush at 6200 Saint Marie St. for \$160,000.

Lawrenceville

179 183 Lodi Way LLC to Raymond C. Vinopal at 181 Lodi Way for \$113,000.

Allison A. Truxal to Patrick C. Doyle at 417 42nd St. for \$216,875.

Anthony S. & Margaret Milczarek to Bethany L. Tillilie at 171 46th St. for \$195,000.

Becky Lynn Lewis to Michael A. Stoltz at 5159 Keystone St. for \$246,000.

Carol J. Peterson to Jillian Lapinski at 153 43rd 1/2 St. for \$232,500.

Caroline M. Watral to Charles R. Gunning at 5335 Carnegie St. for \$260,000.

Derek R. Ellis to Patrick Blanks at 172 38th St. for \$335,000.

E Properties & Development LLC to Daniel G. & Shari L. Schlosser at 5222 Keystone St. for \$40,000.

Eoan Develop LLC to I&M Charlotte Partners LLC at 3710 Charlotte St. for \$355,000.

Eric J. Macdonald to Russell A. & Paulette M. Clementoni at 3827 Liberty Ave. for \$264,000.

Francis E. & Mary Jane Popek to Kosko Homes LLC at 5214 Holmes St. for \$170,000.

Frank & Lisa Platt Cartieri to Danielle Linzer at 5257 Duncan St. for \$175,000.

HHI Properties LLC to Alexander Avakian at 4511 Davison St. for \$85,000.

Holly Moore to Hatfield 49 LLC at 4902 Hatfield St. for \$110,000.

James Edдер Jr. to Pgh Housing LLC at 147 45th St. for \$115,000.

JMT Development Inc. to Brian S. Goodman at 4065 St. Johns Way for \$535,000.

Kent Trans to Kgtg LLC at 3923 Woolslayer Way for \$110,000.

Kurt & Rebecca Reiser to Margaret A. Walkush at 5233 Dresden Way for \$75,000.

Kurt A. Reiser to Margaret A. Walkush at 5231 Dresden Way for \$145,000.

Leonid Grunis to Levi C. Shelton at 450 44th St. for \$320,000.

Manufacturing Corp B&L to Lawrenceville Investment Company LLC at 0 Harrison St. for \$440,000.

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Margaret Kelly to Legacy Real Estate Development LLC at 0 38th St. for \$130,000.

Matthew T. & Elizabeth Ann Smith to Michael C. & Lynn M. Brady at 3435 Ligonier St. for \$533,500.

Matthew T. Henning to Cara M. Delestienne at 247 Cobalt Way for \$180,000.

Olga C. & Leaneore A. Jurkovec to Ryan Mathews at 220 46th St. for \$183,000.

Quality Home Investments LLC to Lauren A. & Brandon Z. Bell at 5110 Carnegie St. for \$420,000.

Real Estate Equity Partners Inc. to Will S. Lindquister at 3951 Howley St. for \$375,000.

Richard J. Jr & Pamela A. Muto Klecha to Maria A. & Anthony J. Klecha at 327 Fisk St. for \$350,000.

Robert & Sheila S. Pasquantonio to Stella Trading LLC at 518 54th St. for \$115,000.

Robert Dulabon to Robert John Shields at 5144 Kent Way for \$175,250.

Rosemarie Moriarity to Irvin Gutierrez at 402 42nd St. for \$185,000.

Ryan Graziani to George Jebran Karam at 3506 Penn Ave. for \$390,000.

Ryan Perlson to Jon Knox at 203 54th St. for \$247,500.

Samuel Y. & Heather N. Saiki to Joseph Torrisi at 518 Kendall St. for \$102,500.

Steel Town Properties M2 LLC to Derek Ellis at 186 39th St. for \$500,000.

Stephan A. Roth to Mario J. Posteraro at 3432 Penn Ave. for \$277,000.

Steven M. Ladavat Jr. to Corey J. Dedomenic at 115 53rd St. for \$189,000.

Swell Dwellings LP to Alan J. & Lauren

Morris Mabry at 3455 Ligonier St. for \$341,500.

Synergy Capital LP to Charles Francis & Katie Ann Johnson at 138 43rd St. for \$625,000.

Teresa M. Strzyz to Timothy Kumper at 230 Fisk St. for \$40,000.

Tiffany Gp Inc. to Penn 45 LP at 283 46th St. for \$330,000.

Trans Kent to Kgtg LLC at 3925 Woolslayer Way for \$70,000.

Trans Kent to Kgtg LLC at 3927 Woolslayer Way for \$90,000.

Urban Capital Group LLC to Roxana Gheorghiu at 5126 Keystone St. for \$370,000.

William & Blanche Otis to Sara L. Renberg at 174 44th St. for \$210,000.

Stanton Heights

Christopher D. Lynch to Siler Kyle Evans at 4608 Coleridge St. for \$155,000.

Howard W. Zinsser to Brendan Makarewicz at 4375 Stanton Ave. for \$205,000.

Mark D. Guthrie to Gary Garrison at 4268 Stanton Ave. for \$216,500.

Megan L. & Ian A. Maclellan to Zeng Zheng at 0 Camelia St. for \$131,000.

Megan L. & Ian A. Maclellan to Zeng Zheng at 4401 Stanton Ave. for \$131,000.

Raymond R. & Janet L. Heim to Zachry J. Floro at 1036 Premier St. for \$161,000.

Ronald P. Garrett to F. Richard Heath at 1544 Woodbine St. for \$183,375.

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For questions, comments, or just to chat, feel free to contact Lillian at 412-335-6068 or email agent.lillian.pgh@gmail.com. ♦



Back to School... Already!

It's hard to believe that in a few weeks school will begin again. Before sending your children off, stop and read the following tips.

Young Students

Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14. So make sure that children:

- Look left, right then left again before crossing the street.
- Always try to cross a street when a crossing guard is present.
- Cross in front of the bus only after the driver signals it's okay.

High School Students

Statistics show that teen drivers are four times more likely to be involved in fatal crashes than more experienced drivers. If your children drive to school:

- Teach them, as well as, all passengers to buckle-up.
- Remind them to obey the speed limits
- Enforce no-drinking-and-driving rules.

College Students

The number one crime on college campuses is theft. One-out-of-every 10 college students will be robbed while away at school.

- Remind students to always lock dormitory doors.
- Tell students not to keep large amounts of money in their rooms.
- Have students mark personal property with identifiable marks.



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Community Land Trust: Public Forum

Community Forum for the Garfield Land Trust: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, at the Community Activity Center (113 N Pacific Ave. at Dearborn St.). Help sustain & increase affordable housing in Garfield. Read more at GarfieldLandTrust.org; you can also call 412-345-3831 or email GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com.

August 5 - Saturday

STANTON HEIGHTS

Community Festival

Festival held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sunnyside Elementary. Events include: music, food trucks, games, bounce house, balloon artist, face painting, public safety "touch-a-trucks," raffles, and giveaways. New addition this year is a craft and vendor fair, as well as a chance to learn about our Stanton Heights mosaic step project.

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BBQ Dinners for Sale

New Bethel Baptist Church (221 43rd St.) invites everyone to Lawrenceville for rib and chicken BBQ dinners, sweet potato pies, and pound cakes from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. To order, call 412-291-8185.

August 10- Thursday

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GASP Air Fair

"GASP for Clean Air! Sources, Symptoms, and Solutions" is an art exhibit put on by the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) that focuses on the air quality issues impacting Southwestern PA. This family-friendly exhibit uses a variety of interactive installations to address themes as they relate to air quality - such as environmental justice, human health, and the consequences of living in an increasingly industrialized world. The exhibit, hosted by Assemble at its 4824 Penn Ave. location, will run through August. Several nights will be open to the public, including during Unblurred: First Fridays on 8/4 (from 6-10 p.m.) and the Air Fair on 8/10 (from 6-8 p.m.). For more information, visit gasp-pgh.org.

August 12 - Saturday

FRIENDSHIP

"Extraordinary Embodiment"

Join Creative Nonfiction (5119 Coral Avenue) for "Extraordinary Embodiment: Writing Disability and Chronic Illness," a one-day workshop led by Sonya Huber, author of "Pain Woman Takes Your Keys: Essays from a Nervous System." Students will address clichés for writing about the body, chronic illness, and disability and learn how to write into and against those expectations. You'll leave this workshop with strategies for incorporating technical research into your writing; fresh material; and feedback on your work. Reserve your spot by visiting www.creativenonfiction.org/write-cnfn.

August 17 - Thursday

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"Past, Present, Future" Photography Panel

Join Silver Eye Center for Photography on Thursday, August 17, for a panel discussion with Pittsburgh-based artists, curators, and educators as they discuss Silver Eye's current exhibition, "Past Present Future," and some of the issues facing Pittsburgh photography and photographers today. The center will host the discussion at its 4808 Penn Ave. location from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Panelists include Charlee Brodsky, fine art documentary photographer and professor of photography at Carnegie Mellon University; Dan Leers, Curator of Photography, Carnegie Museum of Art; Ed Panar, photographer and co-founder of Spaces Corners; and David Oresick, Executive Director, Silver Eye Center for Photography. This event is free; please register at silvereve.org.

August 19 - Saturday

EAST LIBERTY

Backpack Give-Away

Forgot to purchase the perfect backpack for school? Now is the time to "Fill 'Er Up" with all of those school necessities (pens, pencils, markers, notebooks, folders, calculators etc.etc) New Life Christian Fellowship is having a free Fill 'Er Up Day to equip those backpacks in time for the start of school. Come to New Life Christian Fellowship (5877 Commerce St. - in The Cube) and receive what you need to complete those backpacks at 1 p.m. on August 13. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. Call 412-361-0177 with any questions.

Negley Place Flea

Negley Place Flea Market will run from 8:30 a.m.

to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, at 5529 Black St. (Sojourner House MOMS Play-Yard). Want to participate? Let us know by e-mail (negleyplace@gmail.com) or leave a message at 412-365-5716.

HIGHLAND PARK

Reunion Picnic

"Ruthven St., Herron Ave., Linoleum Way: Lawrenceville & Friends" will host its 5th reunion picnic on Saturday, Aug. 19, from Noon to 8 p.m. at the Rhododendron Pavilion in Highland Park. Bring your own basket. T-shirts will be available for \$20 each. Please RSVP to Margaret Dixon Evins (412-362-3206), Rebecca Jeffries (412-441-5963), or Loretta Millender (412-681-0712).

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"Back-to-School Bash"

Lawrenceville United's (LU) annual "Back-to-School Bash" will be held at Arsenal Park on Saturday, August 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event focuses on creating an accessible venue for families to connect with neighborhood public school staff in advance of the school year, meet youth program providers in the area, and sign up for fall out-of-school programs; students will also get free backpacks and school supplies so they can be materially prepared for school - and for having fun. Enjoy music, free food, face-painting, a bounce house, and other entertainment from local community providers while getting to know your neighborhood schools.

August 31- Thursday

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Financial Aid Night

On Thursday, August 31, Rep. Dom Costa will be hosting a Free Financial Aid Night at 6:30 p.m. at Scotus Hall (146 Hawthorne Rd. in Millvale). A PHEAA representative will be on site to give valuable information and answer any questions you may have about the college financial aid process. There is plenty of free parking.

- Ongoing -

GARFIELD

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 Greens Guild

The Garfield Greens Guild working group will meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 p.m.; coordinated clean up activities will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. 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, call 412-365-5781 or email greenguild@gmail.com.

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 their skills, incubate new and creative ideas, and facilitate community-engaged projects. For more info, please visit www.assemblephg.org/on-view/call4artists/.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Seeking Homes for Tour

Seeking renovated, restored, or newly constructed homes to be showcased on the 2017 Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour. Homes must be owner-occupied and not for sale. For more information, contact lawrencevillehospitality@gmail.com or visit www.lha15201.org. The 2017 Hospitality House Tour will be held on Sunday, October 1, from Noon to 5 p.m.

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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Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? Are you a caring, affectionate, dependable, responsible, and patient person over the age of 21? Three Rivers Youth is in search of qualified individuals to become foster parents for children and teens. Training is free and conveniently located in at our 6117 Broad St. location in East Liberty. Training incentives will be offered. Call 412-441-5020 for more information.

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://earlychildhood.pps.k12.pa.us/>.

Save the Date: September

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Annual "Unity for the Community" Day

Morningside Church of God in Christ (MCOGIC, 5173 Dearborn St.) invites everyone to come enjoy a day full of fun and entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, September 2**. Children can visit the Story-Book Mobile, participate in "open mic" sessions, and receive free backpacks and school supplies. Enjoy live music, mimes, gospel singers, inspirational speakers, vendors, delicious foods, and face-painting. Your support will help our efforts with the LaMont B. Shields Community Connection Senior & Youth Center - as well as our goal to feed 500 less-fortunate local people during upcoming events.

FRIENDSHIP

Annual House Tour

The Neighborhood of Friendship will open its doors on **Sunday, September 24**, for the annual House Tour, featuring some of our homes and company. Opportunities to participate are still available to showcase your home, volunteer for the event, and be featured as a sponsor. Please contact friendshiphousetour@gmail.com if interested.

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