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## Key Bank ready to unlock potential at ex-Babyland site

By Joe Reuben

*Bulletin contributor*

*Penn Ave.* - At a time when banks are downsizing their national branch networks in favor of electronic banking, it appears that the Garfield-Friendship commercial district might be the beneficiary of a new branch office by this time next year.

KeyBank (headquartered in Cleveland, OH) has been working on plans to construct a one-story building, located at Penn and S. Negley Aves., which would take in all of the properties once associated with the Babyland retail store.

The bank would move its long-standing East Liberty branch - a N. Highland Ave. property that it bought outright from First Niagara Bank - into the new facility, together with its drive-thru operation (currently on Baum Blvd.).

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**ABOVE:** Retired Steelers linebacker James Harrison steps off the bus wearing his game face on Saturday, Dec. 15. This was no ordinary road game, though. Harrison joined former Steelers running back and NFL Hall-of-Famer Jerome Bettis on his delivery route as the "Bus Stops Here" campaign brought toys to The Children's Home (5324 Penn Ave.) in Garfield. See more of the action, including photos of Steelers past and present (Charlie Batch, Arthur Moats, and Josh Dobbs) on page 11. Photo by John Colombo.



**ABOVE:** At a Dec. 8 "Open House" hosted by Pittsburgh's Zone 5 Police, Bulletin contributor Barry Werber (right) speaks with the SWAT officer who saved his life during the Tree of Life shooting. Photo courtesy of PGH Bureau of Police - Zone 5.

## Pittsburgh reveals gun control bills promised after Tree of Life shooting

By Jeffrey Benzing *PublicSource*

*Pittsburgh* - City officials on Friday, Dec. 14, announced a trio of gun control bills in response to the Oct. 27 shooting deaths of 11 people at Tree of Life synagogue.

Opposition is expected to be fierce. State law broadly prohibits local municipalities from restricting gun ownership. The National Rifle Association (NRA) - which has sued the city twice in 10 years - announced its opposition yesterday, saying Pittsburgh showed a "wholesale disregard of the rule of law."

But in a Downtown press conference that included Gov. Tom Wolf, state lawmakers and local gun control advocates, Pittsburgh officials vowed to fight.

"Today, Pittsburgh is going to be a leader in building a statewide coalition to fight gun violence and the gun lobby," said Councilman Corey O'Connor, who previously explained that Pittsburgh intends to scatter the NRA's focus by lobbying cities nationwide to pass similar bills.

The proposed bills would ban assault weapons within city limits, prohibit own-

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COMING TO DOUGHBOY SQUARE**

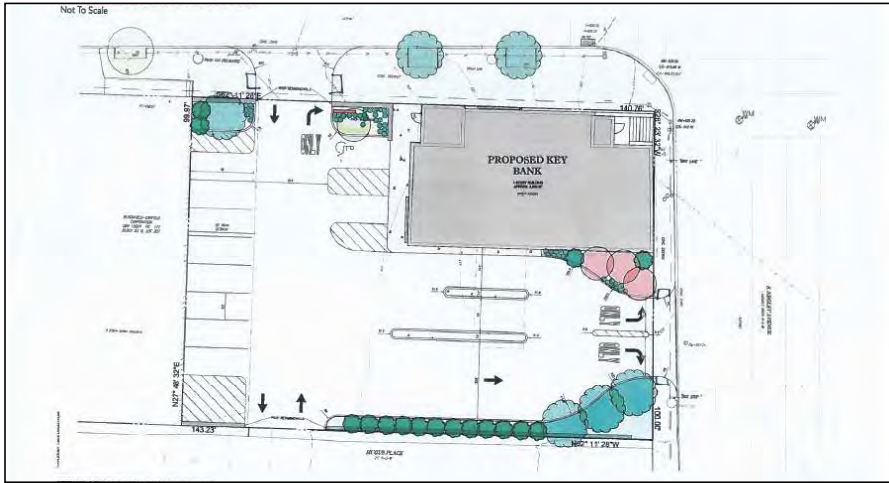
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#100 OPENS IN GARFIELD**

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**BELOW:** The master plan for Key Bank's new branch office at S. Negley & Penn Aves. includes curb cuts and a new bus shelter. Graphic courtesy of Key Bank.



The site in question is owned by LG Realty Partners, which purchased the three vacant buildings and parking lot that comprise the site back in 2011.

Since then, LG Realty has struggled to find a tenant for the property that would draw support from nearby property owners and community groups. An effort by LG Realty to place an AutoZone store on the site failed in 2016; the state's Commonwealth Court upheld a decision by the city zoning board to reject the developers' request for an assortment of zoning variances attached to the project.

The bank's plans will be subject to a hearing on Thursday, Jan. 17, before the same zoning board. But this time, only one variance, or exception, to the district's zoning code is being sought: the ability to add a "curb cut" off of S. Negley Ave., permitting traffic to enter and exit the site.

Although the developers will keep an existing curb cut into the property from Penn, all traffic coming west on Penn, or heading north-south on Negley Ave., would be hindered from entering the site without a S. Negley curb cut. This is the result of a median strip that runs the length of the first block on Penn, preventing cars coming west on Penn from crossing the opposing lane of traffic into the site.

Two of the local community groups that argued against the variances for

the AutoZone store appear to be in support of the new plan. At its December meeting, the board of directors for the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation voted to endorse the project; as of press time, the Friendship Community Group is apparently leaning in that direction as well.

Still, these community groups have raised several valid concerns. One centers on how to handle an existing bus stop on S. Negley Ave. Both groups say they have received assurances from the developers that a separate waiting area will be created along that side of the site for area bus riders to use.

The proposed height of a free-standing sign pole was also a subject of concern, but the developers have now made a commitment that it will not be higher than the roof line for the new building.

Other neighbors have commented on the somewhat bland exterior design, and the absence of a buffering wall along the rear of the site. In response, KeyBank plans to modify the structure's facade along S. Negley with some brick detailing, and will plant taller shrubs along Hugus Way to lessen the impact on the adjoining residential area.

Bank customers will be able to enter the new branch office from a staircase at the corner of Penn and S. Negley, as well as from a wheelchair-accessible entrance in the rear parking lot. ♦



**ABOVE:** The new bank's Penn Ave. profile will accommodate drive-thru banking. Graphic courtesy of Key Bank.

## Lawrenceville groups redesign approach to public safety issues

By Dave Breingan *Lawrenceville United*

**Lawrenceville** - Without question, the neighborhood's public safety has changed a lot in recent years. Since Lawrenceville United (LU) got its start in 2001, the total crime rate has dropped 60% throughout the neighborhood, and the trend appears to be enduring.

With a crime rate of 55 total crimes per 1,000 residents in 2017, Lawrenceville boasted the lowest crime rate in the entire coverage area of Zone 2 Police; its numbers were well below the City's overall 92.2 crime rate. While there is much to be proud of, there is still plenty of work to do in order to make sure that Lawrenceville is safe for all. The neighborhood's steady increase in fatal overdoses has finally stabilized, but the death toll is still wreaking havoc on local families who are losing loved ones to the opioid epidemic.

A disturbing trend has recently surfaced in Lawrenceville; more than 10 incidents of hate-based vandalism or messaging have been reported to LU over the past 6 months. Flyers from national hate groups have popped up along Butler St., along with specifically anti-Semitic screeds following the Tree of Life massacre.

In response to this "hate-messaging," LU will host a Jan. 28 community meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Goodwill's Workforce Development Center (118 52nd St.). Joining representatives from the FBI's Domestic Terrorism Unit, and experts from the Bureau's Hate Crimes division, LU will invite comment from local neighbors. The meeting's agenda includes an overview of hate crime laws, information on how to identify hate groups in Western PA, and analysis of how Lawrenceville's recent activity relates to regional and national trends.

Among its public safety efforts in 2018, LU focused on the disparities in public safety, especially in regards to the neighborhood's marginalized populations. Together with Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) and Caffè D'Amore, LU hosted intervention training last year, where nearly 60 local residents attended. Advocacy organization "Pittsburgh Action Against Rape" joined presenter Heather Manning for an instructional run-down of how a bystander can intervene when witnessing sexual violence.

In May, LU partnered with the Pittsburgh Police Bureau and Just Collaboration to provide community members with training on implicit bias, along with steps to identify and mitigate the unconscious prejudices we all carry. To continue addressing larger issues like these in 2019, LU and Zone 2 Police will forego each ward's regularly scheduled "block watches" in favor of a Lawrenceville-wide "Public Safety Meeting," scheduled for each calendar quarter.

Intended to cover broader areas of concern for the entire community, these meetings provide neighbors with a public forum to document local input. Meetings will be held in January, April, July, and October. During the other months, Lawrenceville's regularly scheduled block watches will convene at their usual meeting times, focusing on each Ward's monthly crime reports.

The first Lawrenceville-Wide Public Safety Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville branch (279 Fisk St.). Agenda items will include a review of the neighborhood's 2018 crime trends, as well as an update on public safety cameras - forthcoming to Lawrenceville in 2019. Light refreshments will be provided, and childcare is available by request. For more info, please visit [www.LUnited.org](http://www.LUnited.org) or contact LU at 412-802-7220. ♦



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## Energy Innovation Center offers paid training for tech careers

By Amber Epps Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Garfield* - In partnership with UPMC, the Energy Innovation Center (EIC) has created an opportunity for under-employed and unemployed individuals: a paid training program that could lead to employment with UPMC. The center is located at 1435 Bedford Ave. in the lower Hill District.

The Environmental Services Technician (EVS) training program is 5 weeks long (150 hours); participants are paid \$13 an hour. Training provides participants with hands-on experience in an environment that is designed to look exactly like what they might find in a modern hospital.

Trainees also learn how to operate the equipment that they would encounter in a typical work environment, including patient rooms, operating rooms, hospital office space, and other areas. Upon successful completion of the

program, participants are considered for EVS positions with any of five UPMC hospitals. The purpose of this program is to decrease barriers to employment, provide supportive services, and increase job retention.

Individuals with little or no work experience, along with those who have criminal records, are encouraged to apply; note that there are limitations on the types of convictions for criminal offenses that an individual working in a hospital setting can have. In order to join the program, interested parties must first complete an application under the guidance of a community partner such as the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center.

For more info, or to set up an appointment, contact 412-441-9833 (ext. 23) or [Rachelle@EnecPittsburgh.com](mailto:Rachelle@EnecPittsburgh.com). ♦

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## Gun Control *continued from page 1*

ership of gun accessories such as bump stocks and armor-piercing bullets and enable courts to temporarily remove guns from individuals if family members or law enforcement believe they pose a significant danger to themselves or others.

O'Connor said they will be formally introduced in city council on Tuesday.

O'Connor said Pittsburgh has sent customizable text of the three bills to every third-class city in the state, which the 53 cities smaller in population than Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. Already O'Connor said he has heard from a handful of mayors in the Pittsburgh suburbs who are "fully supportive." He did not name municipalities.

Mayor Bill Peduto said the city has reached out to leaders in more than 100 cities nationwide, urging them also to pass gun laws. Pittsburgh's bills are slotted for final passage in mid-February, marking the one-year anniversary of the mass shooting in Parkland, Fla.

[The Dec. 14] announcement falls on the six-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn. The NRA yesterday publicly opposed the bills, based on sample language of the laws Pittsburgh sent to other cities.

"Each of the proposed ordinances, on its face, would be bad policy, constitutionally suspect, and ineffective in preventing or reducing firearm-related crime," the NRA said on a posting on its website, adding that the bills are "squarely prohibited by Pennsylvania state law."

The NRA did not provide further comment Friday [Dec. 14].

In the past, state lawmakers have explicitly opposed local gun control efforts.

In the early 1990s, both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia passed ordinances regulating assault weapons, but state lawmakers responded by amending the Uniform Firearms Act to explicitly prohibit local control. Pennsylvania's Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Act also prohibits municipalities from regulating the "transfer, ownership, transportation or possession of firearms."

However, Councilwoman Erika Strassburger pointed to language in Pennsylva-

nia's Constitution guaranteeing a right to "peace, safety and happiness" as a reason for taking action.

"The inability for local governments to enact their own common sense gun control measures defies this principle to its core," said Strassburger, whose district includes the Tree of Life synagogue.

The AR-15 assault-style rifle used in the Tree of Life shooting was legally purchased. Gunman Robert Bowers also carried three legally purchased handguns.

Strassburger notes that she was a junior in high school during the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School, which set off nationwide conversation about gun control and safety.

"Frankly, I find it shameful that we haven't found a way by now toward meaningful permanent action at the federal level," she said.

Rep. Dan Frankel, a Democrat who represents Squirrel Hill, is pushing to remove statewide prohibitions on local gun control. He is seeking support for legislation to strip state laws of language that impedes cities like Pittsburgh passing gun legislation.

Pittsburgh previously passed an ordinance requiring residents to report if they realized their firearms were lost or stolen. The 2008 ordinance is not enforced. It drew unsuccessful lawsuits from the NRA in 2009 and in 2015.

Meanwhile, in 2014, state lawmakers voted to remove legal barriers for groups like the NRA to sue cities like Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania's Supreme Court deemed the law unconstitutional because it passed as an amendment to an unrelated bill.

"If the elected officials of the commonwealth refuse to take action, local officials have the right to do so," Frankel said Friday [Dec. 14]. "In fact, they have the obligation to do so."

The Legislature this year did pass a law to force quicker surrender of firearms owned by convicted domestic abusers or subjects of protection-from-abuse orders [PFAs]. Frankel called that the sole success of a caucus focused on gun legislation that he helped form after the Columbine shooting.

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Earlier this week, Councilmen R. Daniel Lavelle and Rev. Ricky Burgess introduced measures to increase funding for the city's group violence intervention initiative, raise \$1 million in funds for violence prevention programming and to create committees for local officials and community members as part of the "STOP the Violence Initiative."

Several officials acknowledged that the pain of gun violence is common in Pittsburgh, not merely in mass shootings. Those shootings disproportionately impact the city's black community.

"We know for decades and decades, gun violence on the streets of Pittsburgh and other areas across the country has taken far too many of our sons and daughters and our mothers and fathers," Strassburger said.

In its Thursday posting, the NRA said Pittsburgh is acting against state law and showing a disregard for "the fundamental rights of Pittsburgh citizens."

Peduto responded Friday [Dec. 14] by saying the NRA has spent decades arguing that "there is nothing we can do" to lessen "mass homicide and the deaths that are occurring on a daily basis" across the country. He said he invites debate from the NRA during public comments to city council.

"I will welcome them to walk the streets of the City of Pittsburgh," Peduto said, "to hear from real Americans about what it is that we want to see done."

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## City Council restores \$2.5 Million to URA budget for housing, economic dev.

By Rick Swartz Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Pittsburgh* - The passage of a half-percent increase in the deed transfer tax last year by City Council was intended to generate up to \$10 million annually in new revenues for affordable housing programs and projects in the city.

What it was evidently not intended to do, according to housing advocacy groups and community organizations, was to replace the funds that the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) was already receiving from the city for this purpose.

The URA is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to engage in housing and economic development activities on the city's behalf. Its five-member board of directors is appointed by Pittsburgh's mayor.

So, when Mayor Bill Peduto presented his capital budget for 2019 to City Council in early November, a number of budget-watchers were surprised to see a decrease of over \$5 million in local and federal funds that the city had committed to the URA in 2018 - prior to the passage of the tax increase.

On November 29, the URA's executive director, Robert Rubinstein appeared before City Council and underscored what the loss of these revenues would mean to his agency, stating that it would leave the URA "woefully underfunded." It was clear to most Council members that Mr. Rubinstein was not on board with the Mayor's proposed cuts, which would have removed \$4.1 million that was given to the agency in 2018 for housing development.

"When City Council passed the half-percent increase in the deed transfer tax at the end of 2017, the legislation clearly stated that new revenue generated by the higher tax was not to replace funds that the city already was

committing to the URA for affordable housing," Mark Fatla, executive director for the Northside Leadership Conference, observed.

Together with other community leaders and advocates, Fatla discussed the effects of the cut at a Dec. 7 meeting in Garfield. "This cut, if it stands, will effectively negate much of the impact that the addition of revenues from this new source [the deed transfer tax] was intended to accomplish."

During the first two weeks of December, Council members submitted a flurry of amendments to the chair of Council's finance committee, Rev. Ricky Burgess. Then, on Dec. 18, Council voted to restore \$2.5 million of the proposed cuts to the URA's 2019 budget.

According to sources close to the negotiations, this compromise had the apparent blessing of the Mayor's office. However, some housing advocates like Crystal Jennings - an organizer with a coalition formed in 2016 to advocate for several hundred low-income tenants being evicted from the Penn Plaza apartment complex in East Liberty - viewed the vote as merely a partial victory.

Jennings promised that she would "continue fighting to see an even greater commitment to affordable housing from the Peduto administration as 2019 unfolds."

Councilman Daniel Lavelle responded that a budget is a "fluid document, subject to political and societal pressures. If the URA cannot meet the demand from communities and developers for this kind of funding from what they'll have in the way of resources," he said, "then Council will be willing to revisit the issue later on." ♦

**BELOW:** Paul Johnson, Youth Programs Coordinator (left), is shown here with Tia Miles, a College & Career Readiness Program participant. Although Miles has been awarded a full scholarship to Robert Morris University, she is waiting to hear back from other colleges before making her final decision. Photo by Amber Epps.



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## LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR

Hello,

I just read the "BBQ in review: Walter's Southern Kitchen" article in the December issue of the Bulletin. Based on the information provided in this review, I'd like to suggest perhaps skipping out on the concept of the "BBQ in review" section in future issues. At least, if they're all written by The Occasional Diner.

The article starts out by mentioning that they're not Texas-style BBQ fans, nor have they been to Texas. But somehow this makes them qualified to run a BBQ review column?

On to the main problem with the article: if it's a BBQ review column, I'd expect there to be something describing the BBQ that is served at the restaurant. In the entire full-page article, there is one sentence that mentioned the food at Walter's. Part of that single sentence enumerated the items ordered, without even mentioning the way that they were prepared. And, even at that, the "ribs" item didn't even mention what animal they came from. Granted, when it comes to BBQ ribs, they are generally from a pig. But, given that this is a review for a Texas-style BBQ joint, which is beef-focused, it's not a safe assumption to make to assume that it's pork ribs.

Now that I revisit the article, it's not clear whether Walter's is even Texas-style or not. While the reviewer mentions that they're not fans of Texas-style BBQ and that they've never been to Texas, there is no explicit connection to why that is relevant in this review. Is Walter's Texas BBQ? Would the reviewer even know?

Anyway, back to the part of the one sentence that mentioned the food ordered there. It describes the items as "nicely done" and "tasty." That's it. Those are the only words used to [illustrate] the barely-described items that were ordered. If I were to randomly pick a Google or Yelp review of a restaurant, I'd bet that it would be more descriptive of the food that is available at a restaurant. You know, the main reason that people read restaurant reviews.

Thanks,

Will Dormann

[Ed.Note: We here at The Bulletin appreciate your feedback. Our publication welcomes every viewpoint, no matter the angle. When it comes to food critiques, we have faith in The Occasional Diner, a reliable contributor who's never professed to any degree of professionalism. This is a food column for the common human - a casual rendering of how each eatery might feel to the average pedestrian.

Whether or not Walter's centers its menu around Texas barbecue (it does), the new Lawrenceville eatery remains subject to public critique. Although the first review might have seemed bereft of context, please consider the following critique's perspective [at right]. Next month, we'll review the Bloomfield anomaly that is "Sugar & Smoke" (4428 Liberty Ave.), a Southern BBQ joint located in Little Italy.] ♦

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## BBQ in Review: Spork Pit

By The Occasional Diner Bulletin contributor

*Garfield* - When visiting Spork Pit (5349 Penn Ave.) on my lunch hour, I wasn't sure how to actually order.

I was told to fill out a piece of paper to indicate what I wanted, then hand it to the woman behind the counter.

I ordered a half pound of turkey, mac & cheese, and potato salad. I was really looking forward to trying the greens, but was disappointed to learn that they are cooked with pork. My bill came to about \$25 (which included a \$3 soda).

The turkey was okay, but I wasn't impressed. It was a bit dry and not really flavorful. Before deciding to take it home, I tried my hand at the two BBQ sauces on the table. I didn't care for ei-

ther one. Both were runny and full of vinegar; I was hoping for something richer in flavor.

The mac & cheese was lackluster. If I didn't have a soda, I wouldn't have eaten it. The potato salad was alright, but underwhelming.

For a place that makes the innocuous "Pittsburgh doesn't know good BBQ" claim, I get the feeling that they may have a completely different idea of what "good" actually means. Showcase BBQ in Homewood is still my favorite by far. Hands down.

[Ed. Note: Tell us about your dining experiences at the restaurants profiled in this column.] ♦



**ABOVE:** Boasting a luxurious porch setting, Spork Pit (5349 Penn Ave.) remains a "sometimes-seasonal" hub in the winter months. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

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## BGC Holiday Party - Friday, Dec. 14

**BELOW:** A young party-goer directs everyone's attention to some more kid-friendly activities during the BGC Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 14.



**BELOW:** Santa's tallest elf performs juggling feats at the BGC Holiday Party.



**ABOVE:** Santa takes a moment to recognize one of his biggest fans at the BGC Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 14.

**AT RIGHT:** Arts & Crafts tables abound at the BGC Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 14. Thanks to various community organizations' efforts, local youths crafted holiday cards, tactile mementos, and other seasonal items at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.).



## Affordable housing comes to Doughboy Sq.

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

*Lawrenceville* - On Dec. 13, the board of the city's Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) approved the sale of four land parcels in the 3300 block of Penn Ave., near Doughboy Square.

This sale clears the way for construction of thirty-five apartments - to be housed within two separate buildings in the block - in Lawrenceville.

The rental housing development will be overseen by ACTION-Housing, Inc., a nonprofit agency headquartered in the Downtown area. The project will provide a mix of mostly one- and two-bedroom units, eight of which will be reserved for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Thirty of the one- and two-bedroom apartments will carry rents tailored to households whose incomes are under \$35,000 annually. The plans also incorporate a single three-bedroom unit, which could be rented to a family of three with an annual income of as high as \$41,400 per year. The remaining four apartments will be leased to households whose incomes are under \$11,000 per year.

To assist any tenants who have physical and/or intellectual disabilities, ACTION is partnering with another nonprofit, ACHIEVA, a county-funded agency that will provide a range of supportive services to those households.

Additionally, the project is to include 1,000 sq. ft. of first-floor commercial space situated below the dwellings planned for 3400 Penn Ave. A second building, to be constructed at 3350 Penn Ave., will feature an outdoor plaza at Penn & 34th St.

An ACTION-Housing representative told the URA board members that the project has received a commitment of federal tax credits from the PA Housing

**BELOW:** Lawrenceville's Doughboy Square will soon be home to affordable housing in the 3300 block of Penn Ave. Rendering courtesy of ACTION-Housing.



Finance Agency, along with a \$230,000 grant award from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Pittsburgh. Use of the tax credits, according to IRS rules, requires that the ownership structure take the form of a for-profit, limited partnership.

The investors who buy the tax credits will then own 99.9% of the project for the first 15 years it is under lease to the tenants. The total project cost is estimated to be \$13,484,000. ACTION-Housing will hold a community meeting in early 2019 to get feedback from neighboring property owners on the plans.

Anyone with questions about the development should contact Lena Andrews at 412-281-2102, ext. 2028. ♦

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# Neighborhood FOCUS

## PGH Fringe Festival relocates to Penn Ave. corridor

By Staci Backauskas *Bulletin contributor*

*Penn Ave.* - Since its creation in 2014, the Pittsburgh Fringe Festival has taken place on the Northside every year. For its sixth installment, the festival is moving in April to a two-mile stretch of Penn Ave. (with Negley Ave. as its median point), running through the heart of the East Liberty and Garfield business districts.

A bonanza of performance and expression, the concept of Fringe sprung from a desire to restore the arts after WWII. As one of the least bombed cities in Europe, Edinburgh, Scotland, was chosen to host; luminaries of ballet, opera, theater, and music came from around the world to participate.

Some of the arts organizations who were left off the inaugural bill refused their fate and decided to perform anyway, popping up in the “fringes” of Edinburgh. With all the main theaters in town booked, they used whatever venues they could find, from pubs and churches to open spaces and empty stores.

The following year, reviewers began to talk about quality shows happening on the fringe of the main festival. To everyone’s surprise, people were attending these off-shoot performances in large numbers. In 2018, Edinburgh’s Fringe celebrated its 70th anniversary; it has now become the world’s largest arts festival, boasting over 50,000 performances of 3,500 shows every summer.

The concept has birthed some of North America’s best-known Fringe festivals, including Edmonton, Alberta, Orlando, New Orleans, and Hollywood -

**BELOW:** Pittsburgh Fringe has grand plans for its April run along Penn Ave. Photo courtesy of Pittsburgh Fringe Festival.



“The buses and bike stations make this a perfect Fringe location.”

– Xela Batchelder, Pittsburgh Fringe Festival

all known for their edgy and under-the-radar performances.

“Fringe is my life,” Xela Batchelder, Pittsburgh Fringe’s executive director, recently told *The Bulletin*. A recognized Fringe expert, Batchelder even teaches a class at Washington & Jefferson College on the concept’s finer points; a trip to Edinburgh is part of the curriculum.

“Dan Stiker was thinking about bringing Fringe to Pittsburgh in 2013,” Batchelder explained. “It really was serendipity that brought us together.” Although Stiker is no longer involved, the festival continues to grow. When the Kelly Strayhorn Theater expressed an interest in being involved, Batchelder was excited to move to the East End.

In the spirit of Fringe, Pittsburgh’s festival (held April 4-7) will occupy both traditional and non-traditional venues along Penn Ave. to feature local, national, and international acts. Festival organizers are currently seeking more venues, located within one block (north or south) of Penn Ave. Performances will range from full-scale theater productions and one-person shows to music recitals and comedy acts.

“We really look forward to developing partnerships,” Batchelder said. “The buses and bike stations make this a perfect Fringe location.”

An informational meeting is planned for late January. Performers and venue owners are encouraged to get more details at [www.PittsburghFringe.org](http://www.PittsburghFringe.org). ♦



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### NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS UPDATE

We have an update on the subject of last month’s Neighborhood Focus. East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI) was successful in obtaining a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Pittsburgh (FHLBB) in the amount of \$750,000, a substantial portion of which will be used to renovate the 7 houses in Garfield that were mentioned in the story. This award, made through the FHLBB’s “Affordable Housing Program,” assures that the single-family homes in question can now be renovated for families earning under \$60,000/year to purchase. Anyone interested in getting details about these homes may call Rick Swartz at 412-441-6950 (ext. 11) or email Kendall Pelling at ELDI ([Kendall.Pelling@eastliberty.org](mailto:Kendall.Pelling@eastliberty.org)).



## 'Scattered-site' units aim to balance East Liberty housing market

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

*East Liberty* – Scattered throughout the neighborhood, 20 affordable housing units are now complete and ready for move-in.

The “scattered-site” apartments were built by East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI) in partnership with an initiative known as HELP, started by City Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess.

ELDI recently transferred ownership of the properties to the city Housing Authority, which will manage them as low-income rental housing. Intended to replace former Housing Authority units torn down as a part of Larimer’s “Choice Neighborhoods” redevelopment, the units were constructed by PW Campbell and funded by a loan that ELDI received from Dollar Bank.

“Projects like this carry lots of unique requirements, and there were some regulatory hurdles to get through,” Eric Jester, a development consultant for the project, recently commented. “But the things we worry most about, like the quality of construction and the way the

units blend seamlessly into the neighborhood, we got those things right.”

Moving away from the densely concentrated housing projects of the urban renewal era, these new units aim to fulfill ELDI’s vision of a truly mixed-income, diverse community - with high-income neighbors living next to those of low-income, and no discernable difference between them.

“It might not be popular to say it, but East Liberty’s diversity is the sum of years of hard work by ELDI,” Jester proclaimed. “I’m proud of [the Housing Authority] for helping us keep going with this approach, because it isn’t easy. I’m only sorry that there wasn’t money for 200 more units just like this, because that’s what’s needed.”

The HELP initiative originated from a partnership between East End communities looking to prevent displacement and foster healthy, mixed-income communities. Those interested in applying for tenancy may visit [EastLiberty.org](http://EastLiberty.org) to learn more. ♦

## Old Howley St. print shop to become office/retail space in Bloomfield

By Sam Spearing *Bloomfield Development Corporation*

*Bloomfield* - On Wednesday, Dec. 12, Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC) held a community meeting about the proposed redevelopment of 4433 Howley St.

A former print shop, the building has been vacant since New Image Press closed in 2015 - before Icon Development purchased the site in 2017. Jason Lardo, of Icon Development, presented plans at the meeting for a project that will add significantly to the commercial space utilized by New Image.

He was seeking community feedback before the plans go to the city’s Zoning Board. Lardo presented plans to renovate the interior of the building and reuse the existing 8,000 sq. ft. of office space. The developers also plan to convert 3,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space into additional offices. In total, the renovated building will contain 11,000 sq. ft. of office space; another 11,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space will be designated for tenant use.

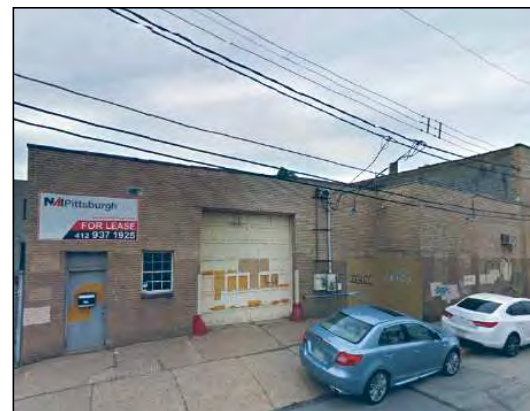
Plans include a complete renovation of the existing building façade at 4433 Howley St., an eyesore that has recently been “decorated” with graffiti. According to Lardo, two street-facing storefronts will host office or retail space on Howley. An existing thirty-car parking lot, accessed from Milgate St., will be resurfaced as part of the project.

Noise, storm-water runoff, and obtrusive lighting were among the primary concerns voiced at the meeting. The potential of a reactivated parking lot could pose strains on local traffic patterns, and also affect pedestrian safety.

Despite apprehensions about the project’s impact on the surrounding area, most residents are excited to see the building facade receive a much-needed face-lift. It appeared that most attendees were unanimous in their support for this project.

To keep up with new developments in the Bloomfield area, sign up for BDC’s e-newsletter at [bloomfieldpgh.com](http://bloomfieldpgh.com) or follow “Bloomfield Development Corporation” on Facebook. ♦

**BELOW:** At the former site of New Image Press (4433 Howley St.), the husk of an old Bloomfield print shop is soon to be transformed into office/retail space. Photo courtesy of Google Maps.



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# Steelers bus stops in Garfield, picks up spirits at Children's Home

By Andrew McKeon *The Bulletin*

*Garfield* - On Saturday, Dec. 15, a few familiar faces stopped by The Children's Home at 5324 Penn Ave. Former Steelers Jerome Bettis, James Harrison, Charlie Batch, and Arthur Moats brought a bus-load of toys for local families to unwrap over the holidays.

Along with Josh Dobbs, the Steelers' backup quarterback, Pittsburgh's gridiron legends brought nothing but kindness on Dec. 15. The "Bus Stops Here" campaign - an initiative spearheaded by its namesake, Bettis - delivered smiles to the center's families in need. While entertaining autograph-hounds and Steelers super-fans, the athletes still found time to connect with medically fragile kids who call The Children's Home "home."

Accolades [and Super Bowl rings] aside, these heroes demonstrated an understanding of just how the "little things" can make a big difference in a kid's life. Look to next month's *Bulletin* for a follow-up story about Dobbs' continued involvement at the Garfield center. ♦



**ABOVE:** Former Steelers (l-r) Jerome Bettis, James Harrison, Charlie Batch, and Arthur Moats headline the Garfield charity event on Dec. 15. Photo by John Colombo.



**AT LEFT:** The Klimko family reflects on their own Children's Home success story on Saturday, Dec. 15. Ashley (center) took her pregnancy needs to the Garfield center a few years ago; she and her daughter (left) have never looked back. Along with her mother, Dorothy, Ashley has since raised thousands of dollars' worth of donations for Children's Home families every year. Photo by John Colombo.



**ABOVE:** The unstoppable Jerome Bettis (right) parks the proverbial bus to lean into a moment with Alex at The Children's Home. Photo by John Colombo.



**ABOVE:** Steelers quarterback Josh Dobbs (center, wearing beanie) connects with one of the families he regularly visits at The Children's Home. Photo courtesy of Abigail Blake.

**BELOW:** Pam Keen, CEO of The Children's Home, poses with the center's "spirit dog," Josie, in front of a Christmas tree. Photo by John Colombo.



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## Ravenstahl, Innamorato: \$180K in tax credits to benefit Lawrenceville residents

By Liane Leshne House Democratic Communications Office

Lawrenceville - Tax credits worth \$180,000 approved through the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) will help fund projects and programs undertaken by Lawrenceville Corporation and Lawrenceville United that will provide greater support for neighborhood revitalization, bolster job opportunities and leverage infrastructure improvements for local residents, according to state Rep. Adam Ravenstahl (D-Allegheny), and Rep.-elect Sara Innamorato (D-Allegheny).

"The tax credits approved [on Dec. 17] are all about opening up doors for residents," Ravenstahl said. "They're funding projects aimed at providing workforce training and jobs, connecting residents with health services, enhancing seniors' access to resources and completing infrastructure improvements."

According to Innamorato, who with Ravenstahl represents parts of the Lawrenceville community, "these tax credits will fund resident-driven, sustainable and community-oriented projects and planning efforts, some that have been nearly a decade in the making."

Ravenstahl noted that the tax credits support infrastructure work including parking stalls, bike corrals, and storm water work, among other improvements. The monies are part of a package of \$18 million in credits approved through the NAP to support 136 community revitalization projects across Pennsylvania.

The NAP provides tax credits to businesses that donate capital to support projects that address community issues; it ensures that, as investments come to a neighborhood, no resident is left behind. ♦

## Rolling strong in East End, 'Healthy Ride' bike share launches 100th station

By Erin Potts Pittsburgh Bike Share

Garfield - On Nov. 29, Healthy Ride, Pittsburgh's bicycle sharing program, celebrated the launch of its 100th station. Situated at the intersection of Penn Ave. and Winebiddle St., in the heart of Garfield's business district, the new "centesimal" station speaks to the bike share program's growth in the East End.

Throughout the summer and fall of 2018, Healthy Ride doubled the number of stations in Pittsburgh and expanded the system into new neighborhoods like Homewood, Larimer, and Squirrel Hill; 75 additional stations will be installed in the spring of 2019.

Ridership increased in connection with the 2018 station expansion. Building on the consistent ridership of previous years, and by connecting new areas of the city this year, Healthy Ride experienced a 5% growth in overall ridership, with increases of over 30% in its busiest months of July and August.

The most popular new stations were located in the Strip District and Lawrenceville neighborhoods: the Burns White Center at 3 Crossings, Smallman & 24th Sts., Butler St. & Stanton Ave., Butler & 36th Sts., and Smallman & 36th Sts.

"We are really excited to deliver a more convenient and reliable network of Healthy Ride stations in Pittsburgh. We'll continue working with neighborhoods, installing new stations in 2019 to create quick connections so that thousands of people will only ever be a few minutes' walk from jumping on a quick bike ride," David White, Bike Share Pittsburgh's executive director, said.

"We think everyone should have access to short bicycle trips. That means installing new stations, but also increasing access to all - with easy options for Port Authority Connect Card users, and options for low income residents."

In the spirit of creating a more convenient network, the new stations also look a bit different than what was installed in the original network; Healthy Ride stations are now smaller and more densely located. Previously, each station had an average of 19 docking points; new stations average six to eight docking points.

"It's all part of meeting the demands of Pittsburgh," White explained. "We are 'right-sizing' the system. We're not New York City or D.C., we're Pittsburgh. We need more points for people to access bike share, but don't need the mega-stations that you see in America's largest cities. Individual stations take up less space on streets and sidewalks but, with dozens of new connections, the system has become much more convenient and reliable."

Once the full expansion is complete, Healthy Ride will be able to connect over 170,000 individuals who live within a quarter mile of a bike share station, nearly doubling the population served over years past. Healthy Ride also maintained focus on bringing stations to neighborhoods with less access to personal vehicles and a greater need for more transportation options.

For more info on Healthy Ride, including a full list of bike share station, visit [www.healthyridepgh.com](http://www.healthyridepgh.com). ♦

**BELOW:** The 100th Healthy Ride station is ready for all riders at the corner of Penn Ave. & Winebiddle St. in Garfield. Pittsburgh's bike share program has robust expansion plans for 2019. Photo courtesy of Erin Potts.



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- Bloomfield, Friendship, Garfield, East Liberty, Lawrenceville, & Stanton Heights -

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Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, RE/MAX Select Realty

## Bloomfield

Carl J Trakofler to Robert Trakofler at 709 -711 Edmond St. for \$1.

Charles Douglas & Catherine Dolores Castor to Franjessica LLC at 429 Ella St. for \$115,000.

David & Julie Didiano to Allyson Garcia at 127 Pearl St. for \$275,000.

Denise L Gaynor to Gunian Real Estate LP at 307 S. Aiken Ave. for \$430,000.

Diggins Builders LLC to 200 Gross Street LLC at 200 Gross St. for \$868,375.

Edward J Raymond & Mary Suzanne Raymond Asset Protection Trust to Rogue Operation Real Estate One Limited LLC at 3820 Liberty Ave. for \$370,000.

Elisabeth Crago to Samuel B Williamson at 243 S. Pacific Ave. for \$1.

Eugene F & Karen A Manning to Robert Huebert at 338 S. Pacific Ave. for \$425,000.

Jeffrey Chen to Jeffrey M Garofalo at 3942 Liberty Ave. for \$200,000.

Joseph Edelstein to Austin P McDonald at 244 S. Millvale Ave. for \$620,000.

Kenneth C & Lois F Boehm to Karen A Melick at 247 S. Mathilda St. for \$1.

Kevin Beck to Alyssa Smith at 4067 Howley St. for \$164,000.

Kristy L Pieranunzi to Bloom Living Trust at 631 Edmond St. for \$265,000.

Liberty Empire LP to Robert J & Sandra L Gross at 0 Liberty Ave. for \$400,000.

Patricia K Dice to Jason Dice at 4776 Cypress St. for \$132,000.

Scott C Timm to Elizabeth L Fishback at 336 Ella St. for \$192,000.

Sherry Mitchell to Nicholas A Sloan at 4744 Lorigan St. for \$245,000.

Tobacco Outlet Inc to 4501 Liberty Avenue Partners LLC at 4501 Liberty Ave. for \$750,000.

Tobacco Outlet Inc to 4501 Liberty Avenue Partners LLC at 4503 Liberty Ave. for \$750,000.

William W & Pauline C Smith to Easy Rentals LLC at 4039 Cabinet St. for \$150,000.

## Friendship

No sales to report.

## Garfield

Garfield Jubilee Revitalization Partnership to Mark A Schramm at 5331 Rosetta St. for \$72,500.

James Wojcicki to Ampleton Group Lp at 5319 Kincaid St. for \$88,000.

John T Edgos to Ioannis Ventures L L C at 5333 Penn Ave. for \$101,000.

Katherine M Cunic to Vladic Bizyayev at 4815 Dearborn St. for \$75,000.

## East Liberty

2020 Seventeen LLC to Alexander L & Carla M Holmquist at 5547 Columbo St. for \$321,500.

Donald A Haselrig to B & B Capital LLC at 6121 Saint Marie St. for \$170,000.

East End Group LLC to Scb Capital LLC at 512 N. Saint Clair St. for \$119,500.

Giulio & Josephine Parente to Martin A & Susan A Parente at 6112 Stanton Ave. for \$1.

Maxine Coates to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 326 Enright Ct for \$48,900.

Melissia G Blakey to Jla Properties Lp at 712 Collins Ave. for \$33,000.

Mm Capital Group LLC to Jason Brahim at 608 N. Saint Clair St. for \$420,000.

Rippeys Garden Inc to Granmac Holdings L L C at 5627 Rippey St. for \$2,970,009.

Steel Town Properties M3 LLC to Reema K Padia at 714 N. Beatty St. for \$540,000.

Three 5ths LLC to Gregory P Meyer at 619 N. Saint Clair St. for \$477,500.

## Lawrenceville

Anne H Birely to Britta Ulm at 357 42nd St. for \$310,000.

Carol A Rutkowski to Peter Heisler at 3939 Liberty Ave. for \$130,000.

City Of Pittsburgh to Sean Mason Bryan

at 5320 Butler St. for \$50,000.

Daniel & Shari Schlosser to Blinov Construction LLC at 5222 Keystone St. for \$50,000.

Dominic R & Linda L Lippello to Stephen L Lippello Sr at 327 37Th St. for \$1.

Eko Developments LLC to Stefan E Kosik at 3516 Leech St. for \$275,500.

George Kane to Harrison Street Associates LLC at 5246 Harrison St. for \$112,000.

Henry J & Irene Hrabolowski to John C Hrabolowski at 131 43rd St. for \$1.

James G & Betty I Rall to Oladipupo Olafiranye at 715 Leydon St. for \$40,000.

Janice Muto to Chen Yi at 447 42nd St. for \$165,000.

Nicholas A & Amanda C Burkhart to Candlewood Mesa Investments LLC at 3830 Mintwood St. for \$145,000.

Nikko J Leitzel to Carolyn & Don Williams at 159 1/2 42nd St. for \$282,000.

Osman Muya to Quality Home Investments LLC at 3819 Liberty Ave. for \$180,000.

Patricia A Hastings to Harrison Street Associates LLC at 5244 Harrison St. for \$135,000.

Patricia L Wachtman to Bryan Cecil at 5123 Dresden Way for \$160,000.

Paul E Metts to Zachary J Grieco at 170 Lodi Way for \$84,500.

Paul J & Ursula V Sumic to Tyler R Fondrk at 32 48th St. for \$245,200.

R & M Homes LLC to Philip A Schlimmer at 253 42nd St. for \$250,000.

Ralph & Ellen Chirico to Pgh Developers LLC at 5195 Stanton Ave. for \$290,000.

Randall Gottus to 4629 Plummer LLC at 4629 Plummer St. for \$115,000.

Rasha Al-Ghazi to Laura Licari at 3636 Mintwood St. for \$255,000.

Ryan J Adams to Gerbe Holdings LLC at 183 Banner Way for \$185,000.

Selene Y & Caleb A Richardson Jr to P & B Realty Holdings LLC at 3822 Clement Way for \$150,000.

Sheila & John Adams to Nesby LLC at 224 38th St. for \$150,000.

Sth Development LLC to Matthew Alan Bearrow at 5414 Harrison St. for \$180,000.

Terrence J Franciscus to Hanover Valley

LLC at 5413 Carnegie St. for \$144,100.

## Stanton Heights

Alexander W Hebert to Phillip M Cappel at 236 57th St. for \$210,000.

Christopher Schneider to Jonathan A Schneider at 1455 Simona Dr for \$1.

Gertrude L Ricketts to Regis J & Sarah Ricketts at 1729 Trinity St. for \$0.

Harry & Mildred Simon to 4Pg Investments LLC at 4361-4363 Coleridge St. for \$150,000.

Jacqueline Lester Moten to Mahaca Development Group LLC at 5058 Rosecrest Pl. for \$175,000.

Leonard & Irene Miller to Anthony G & Marybeth Kress at 1630 Hawthorne St. for \$222,500.

Lucy F Robinson to Aztec Realty LLC at 4408 Coleridge St. for \$36,000.

Penn Pioneer Enterprises LLC to Ang Real Estate LLC at 1116 Oglethorpe Ave. for \$70,000.

Thomas Mcconnell to James T Kunz III at 992 Oranmore St. for \$280,000.

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**ABOVE:** During a Dec. 7 hiring event at West Penn Hospital, job applicants learn about career opportunities with Allegheny Health Network. Photo by Rick Flanagan.



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#### JANUARY 3 - THURSDAY

##### GARFIELD

### Land Trust Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, the Garfield Land Trust will hold a meeting at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave. at Dearborn St.). Light refreshments will be available. Read more, and become a member today, at [GarfieldLandTrust.org](http://GarfieldLandTrust.org). Contact 412-345-3831 or [GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com](mailto:GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com) to learn more.

#### JANUARY 4 - FRIDAY

##### GARFIELD

### 'HyperLocal' Showcase

HyperLocal is Assemble's (4824 Penn Ave.) annual showcase of local artists and makers. From December 2018 to January 2019, we celebrate local artists and makers in the Bloomfield, Garfield, Friendship, and East Liberty neighborhoods. Join us for opening night on Jan. 4 (from 6-10 p.m.) to see the work of local makers & artists of all ages. Email [Unblurred@Assembleph.org](mailto:Unblurred@Assembleph.org) for more info.

#### JANUARY 5 - SATURDAY

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### Chatham Baroque Musical Performance

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., Chatham Baroque will present lively instrumental selections of the baroque period at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield St.). Families with children (ages birth to grade 5) can meet instrumentalists and participate in engaging questions. Call (412) 363-8232 for more event info.

#### JANUARY 9 - WEDNESDAY

##### ALLEGHENY COUNTY

### Free Tax Prep

Just Harvest and the United Way Free Tax Prep Coalition are providing free tax-filing assistance to low-income households from Jan. 22 to Apr. 15. For fifteen years, JustHarvest has helped its clients maximize their tax refund without any fees or expensive loans. Appointments are available Monday-Saturday, day and evening, at four Just Harvest sites or 15 other sites sponsored by partner organizations across Allegheny County. Appointments are required; to set one up, call the United Way Help Line (starting Wednesday, Jan. 9) by dialing 2-1-1.

##### BLOOMFIELD

### Open House: new ICU @ West Penn Hospital

Please join West Penn Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 9, for an open house to celebrate its new, family-centered Neonatal Intensive Care Unit wing. The open house will run from 1-7 p.m. in the

hospital's East Tower, 5th Floor (4800 Friendship Ave.). Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Please contact [Cynthia.Mueller@ahn.org](mailto:Cynthia.Mueller@ahn.org).

#### JANUARY 16 - WEDNESDAY

##### LAWRENCEVILLE

### Free Lecture: Liberty Township Explored

The Lawrenceville Historical Society continues its public lecture series on Jan. 16, with a presentation by Tom Powers and Jim Wudarczyk. Their presentation will explore the search for the short-lived "Mysterious Liberty Township," which encompassed part of East Liberty, Bloomfield, Shadyside, Point Breeze, and Squirrel Hill. Powers and Wudarczyk will also show how some of the prominent residents of Liberty Township had a profound effect on the Lawrenceville community. Event takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library (279 Fisk St.) Free to the public; no reservations required.

#### JANUARY 18 - FRIDAY

##### GARFIELD

### Assemble Learning Party: 'Fun with Food'

Do you love to play with your food? Join Assemble (4824 Penn Ave.) as we meet and learn from bakers, farmers, scientists, and artists who are creating the food that you love. Party with us on Friday, Jan. 18, from 4-6 p.m. All ages welcome.

#### JANUARY 19 - SATURDAY

##### EAST LIBERTY

### Youth Book Club

At the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield St.), reading is central to children pur-

suage their dreams. On Saturday, Jan. 19, join Dr. Griffin-El as he introduces children to Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech" at 1 p.m. For children (ages birth to 3rd grade) and their families. Call (412) 363-8232 to learn more.

#### JANUARY 23 - WEDNESDAY

##### GARFIELD

### Land Trust Committee Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Garfield Land Trust will hold a meeting at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave. at Dearborn St.). Read more, and become a member today, at [GarfieldLandTrust.org](http://GarfieldLandTrust.org). Contact 412-345-3831 or [GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com](mailto:GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com) to learn more.

#### JANUARY 26 - SATURDAY

##### EAST LIBERTY

### Winter Carnival

Play carnival-style games, win prizes, participate in crafts, and enjoy hot chocolate & cookies at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield St.). The Winter Carnival will run from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26. Recommended for families with children (ages birth to grade 5); teens are also welcome. Call (412) 363-8232 for more info.

#### JANUARY 28 - MONDAY

##### CITY-WIDE

### PGH Project's Service Camp: Open House

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The open house will run from 7-8 p.m. at the organization's 2801 N. Charles St. headquarters in the city's Perry South neighborhood. The Pittsburgh Project has served the city and its surrounding boroughs for 34 years. The goal is to share the powerful work we're doing - as well as expand our network of connected leaders in churches, organizations, and other groups. Email [headquarters@pittsburghproject.org](mailto:headquarters@pittsburghproject.org) or call 412-321-1678 to learn more and register.

### JANUARY 28 - MONDAY

#### EAST LIBERTY

#### 'Melody & Movement'

Beginning at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, children will experiment with movement, songs, and instruments to develop musical appreciation & ability. For chil-

dren (ages birth to age 3) at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield St.). Call (412) 363-8232 for more info.

#### - ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES -

#### STRIP DISTRICT

#### 'Transformation 10'

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," is the perfect idiom for Contemporary Craft's current exhibition. "Transformation 10: Contemporary Works in Found Materials" features 26 national and international artists; it showcases artworks that incorporate found materials in unexpected ways and challenge notions about commonplace objects, found materials, and contemporary art. This exhibition is free and open to the public; Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.

- 5 p.m. Located at Contemporary Craft (2100 Smallman St.), the exhibition is on view through March 23. To learn more, email [ssun@contemporarycraft.org](mailto:ssun@contemporarycraft.org).

#### - SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY -

#### LAWRENCEVILLE

#### 'Art All Night' Meeting

Art All Night is looking for volunteers to steer the Planning Committee into creating a positive, memorable art event for 2019. The 22-hour art festival is a free, grassroots event that welcomes new ideas and creative minds. Be part of this year's planning committee; the first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 13**, at 7 p.m., at the Shiloh Building (3832 Mintwood St.) in Lawrenceville. To view info and photos from past shows, check out [www.artallnight.org](http://www.artallnight.org) ♦

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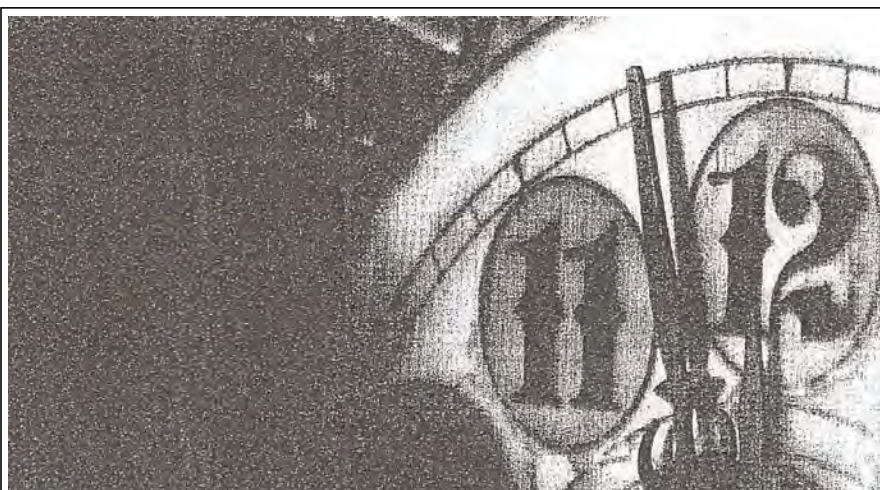
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# HIRING EVENT

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11am at 113 N. Pacific Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15224  
Feb 7 May 2 Aug 1 Nov 7

**State of the Neighborhood Meeting**

6pm at 113 N. Pacific Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15224  
Feb 19 June 18 Aug 20 Oct 15

**Community Clean Up**

10am at 113 N. Pacific Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15224  
March 23 May 18 July 21 Sept 21

**Community Ambassadors Meeting**

6pm at Primanti's 5419 Penn Ave, 15224  
Jan 15 April 16 Nov 19



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