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Aggie Brose:
tenacious Garfield
advocate in memoriam

A Message from the Bloomfield-
Garfield Corporation Board & Staff

Perspective/Pittsburgh - In one sense, Agnes J. Brose is gone. The strong woman who, 44 years ago, co-founded the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, died on Wednesday, Jul. 17.

But the reality is that Aggie (on a first-name basis with her neighbors and the “powers-that-be”) is still with us, and she will forever be a part of Garfield - the neighborhood that raised her - and its evolution in the city’s East End.

Pittsburgh is famous for its distinctive neighborhoods, and the passing down of every local enclave’s lore and legend. Those who grew up in one of these little communities are familiar with the stories about its leaders, athletes, tough guys, business owners, teachers, ministers, and families of every kind - folks



ABOVE: Garfield native Aggie Brose stands proud in front of the neighborhood she always supported. Working with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation for more than four decades, through thick and thin, she always nurtured a sense of community. Brose passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Wednesday, Jul. 17. Read more at left. Photo by Rob Larson, NEXTpittsburgh.

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ABOVE: Local teens review their footage at a filmmaking workshop hosted by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s (CLP) East Liberty branch. Read more about CLP’s “Labs Summer Skills” courses on page 6. Photo courtesy of Louis Spanos.

Shadyside Giant Eagle project raises
questions about traffic, housing, food

By Margaret J. Krauss WESA

Shadyside - The Giant Eagle in Pittsburgh’s Shadyside neighborhood will be overhauled in 2020. Redevelopment of the Shady Hill Center is expected to demolish the existing 4.9-acre shopping plaza to build new retail, apartments and a smaller Giant Eagle.

David Dorsey drives to the Shakespeare Street grocery store and parks in one of the handicap accessible spots. At a public meeting in Larimer on Thursday, he worried the new store will be harder to navigate and not carry what he needs.

“What’s going to be in there?” he asked. “I thought by rebuilding it would be at least on the level of Market District [on Centre Avenue]. But from that picture they showed us, it’s nowhere near that size.”

The store will be smaller, going from about 54,000 square feet down to 37,000. But the reduction will be made in the dry goods section, said Tina Morascyzk, Giant Eagle’s vice president of real estate.

“The spirit of the redevelopment isn’t

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AT RIGHT: Aggie Brose (right) and her sister, June Coyne, enjoy a front row seat for the Garfield Night Market festivities in 2017. Raised just around the corner on Dear-born St., the sisters made sure to stake out a spot next to the old church steps - where all the Garfield kids used to gather. Photo by Andrew McKeon.



who give life to their histories and give each community its unique flavor.

So it is that Aggie will live on through Garfield's lore for a very long time.

Most people will remember her as a force for good, helping to transform the community in which she had lived for decades from a hopelessly blighted area to a neighborhood filled with unlimited potential.

Aggie's dream was to help create a community known for its diversity, one with better housing, safer streets and playgrounds, enhanced infrastructure, robust education and employment opportunities, a thriving arts district, a local grocery store and, hopefully soon, a new bank.

Those who knew Aggie best were amazed at how balanced her personality truly was. She was maternal and

nurturing with family, friends, and co-workers - always willing to impart her life's wisdom.

Yet, at the same time, she was also capable of directing outrage at the injustices she saw and the artificial limits imposed on the community by people in positions of power or influence.

When she did go nose-to-nose with recalcitrant elected officials, bureaucrats, or business owners, she never stripped them of their dignity in the process.

It was a gift that enabled her to double back months or years later, and make it seem like there had never been a hard feeling or grudge of any kind in the first place. It was a graceful quality that left all of them shaking their heads. And ours, too.

May Aggie rest in peace, now that her many labors have ended. ♦

Police changes: Zone 5 Commander Lando reassigned to Narcotics & Vice Squad

A Message from the City of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh - Changes continue to be implemented in the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police's Narcotics and Vice Division following an October 2018 incident inside Kopy's bar in the South Side, Mayor William Peduto and Public Safety Director Wendell Hissrich announced on Jul. 9.

[Former Zone 5] Commander Jason Lando, who has deep experience and background in narcotics and vice investigations, was placed in charge of the division in late June, and began his new role on Jul. 9.

After three independent investigations by the U.S. Attorney's office, the District Attorney's office and the city's Office of Municipal Investigations - as well as interviews by Director Hissrich - no criminal charges have been filed against the four undercover detectives involved in the 2018 incident. The Mayor and Director announced that the four detectives will remain on the force, but reassigned to other positions in the Police Bureau. ♦



ABOVE: The Zone 5 Citizen's Public Safety Council says a fond farewell to outgoing Commander Jason Lando (left) and welcomes new Commander Steven Vinansky (not pictured) on Jul. 9. Photo by Barry Werber.

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Good news, bad news on funding for affordable housing in city’s East End

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

East End - Struggling with an ever-tightening housing market for its working-class residents, the city’s East End received some good news, and some disappointing news, from the PA Housing Finance Agency in July.

The good news: thanks to two projects within a square mile of each other, new affordable housing will be coming to the East End within the next 24 months. For single people and couples living on modest incomes, this comes as great news.

One of the projects will be located in the 300 block of N. Negley Ave. in Garfield. The second concerns a vacant Winslow St. school in Larimer. Together, the two will produce 80 one-bedroom apartments; ostensibly, these apartments should be affordable to one-person households with incomes under \$34,000 per year, or two-person households with annual incomes of less than \$36,400.

According to a Jul. 11 announcement from the PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), the organization will provide an allotment of federal tax credits to both developments - a way to let the developers raise equity capital that is sufficient to cover more than 85% of both projects’ total cost.

These tax credits are essential if the apartments are to carry rents well below what is commonly referred to as the “market rate.” The equity capital comes from investors who purchase the credits, then use them to reduce their taxable income. Investors’ cash remains in the project permanently, sparing these developments from having to carry large mortgage loans with private lenders. With new, market-rate one-bedrooms in the East End asking rents of \$1600/month or higher, tax-credit financed rentals can be leased for less than half that number.

The Garfield project will see a former school building at 327 N. Negley Ave. transformed into 45 one-bedroom units. The building is adjacent to the former B’nai Israel Synagogue; it was the site of the Urban League Charter Elementary School until 2016, when the school moved to Larimer.

The developers, led by Beacon Communities (headquartered in Boston), will be adding several residential floors onto the existing building. They told state authorities of plans to restore the vacant synagogue structure, possibly as a multi-cultural community center. Over three decades ago, the round-domed building was awarded historic landmark status by the city. Beacon held two design “charrettes” with community groups and residents last year to surface ideas for the synagogue’s adaptive re-use.

The development in Larimer will convert a former school building - originally built in 1896, but vacant for nearly 40 years - into 35 one-bedroom apartments. Because of its unique architecture, the school building earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

The building’s transformation is part-and-parcel of the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative,” a program of the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The city’s Urban Redevelopment Authority and Housing Authority have used a \$30 million grant from HUD to leverage over \$40 million in investment from other sources that has, since 2011, spawned the development of 334 rental housing units in the Larimer community.

The bad news from Harrisburg came in the form of a PHFA snub for the third project, which sought a similar allocation of tax credits. Tentatively known as “Garfield Highlands,” the project would be a collaboration of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and Gatesburg Road Development (based in State College, PA) that would see the construction of 25 single-family homes on sites in the 5300 blocks of Kincaid, Rosetta, and Hillcrest Sts., as well as within the 200 & 300 blocks of N. Aiken Ave.

The plan calls for a mix of two- and three-bedroom homes - with basements, front porches, and rear yards. “We think we have a good project, and one that the neighborhood feels it needs if hard-working families are to retain a place to live in Garfield,” Andy Haines of Gatesburg Road Development, told *The Bulletin*.

While the PHFA has now twice rejected their application, the development’s partners remain disappointed, yet seemingly undeterred. “Sometimes, it’s just a matter of timing,” Haines said. “We’ll have to get with the folks at the PHFA to see what we can do to improve the project’s chances of being funded if we go for a third try in November, when the next round of applications is due.”

Despite the setbacks, Haines is still confident in the state agency, citing its funding of important local projects in recent years. Between two developments, one completed in 2012 and the other in 2015, the PHFA helped bring 64 affordable rental homes to Garfield.

“I’m optimistic,” Haines said, “that the third time around could be the charm.” ♦

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‘Dress for Success’ outfits young interns at West Penn Hospital

By Amber Epps Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

East End - Over the last year, Dress for Success has worked with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation’s College and Career Readiness Program (CCRP) to provide interview and work-appropriate attire for young women participating in the program.

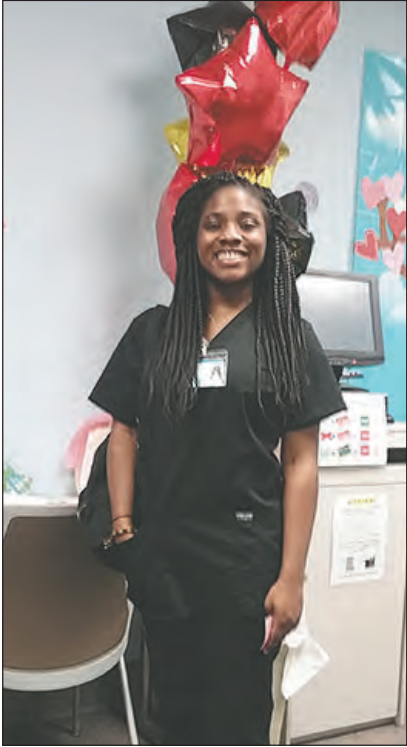
Some of the CCRP participants were able to complete an internship at Bloomfield’s West Penn Hospital - which required they wear black scrubs - thanks to clothing supplied by Dress for Success.

Per its website, the organization’s mission is “to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.”

Dress for Success not only furnishes professional attire, but also helps its clients focus on developing the professional skills needed in order to remain employed and work towards achieving career stability.

The organization conducts regular, motivational meetings where women support and encourage each other while exploring topics like confidence-building and networking.

To learn more about Dress for Success, call 412-201-4204 or visit pittsburgh.dressforsuccess.org. ♦



ABOVE: Dress for success recipient Marion Hough, a graduate of Obama Academy, is now on a “full ride” scholarship to study nursing at Clarion University. Photo courtesy of Judy Lubarski.

Lawrenceville land trust secures \$120K for Polish Hill aff. housing redevelopment

A Message from State Rep. Sara Innamorato

Polish Hill - A project to rebuild a spate of fire-damaged properties in central Lawrenceville has been selected to receive state housing support funding, state Reps. Sara Innamorato and Adam Ravenstahl announced on Jul. 16.

The Lawrenceville Corporation’s (LC) Community Land Trust Phase 3, which would create eight affordable housing units and rehabilitate three other structures, was selected to receive \$120,000. The project location in Polish Hill has been vacant since a fire destroyed several structures on the site in 2007.

“When we are able to take a fire-ravaged property and restore it to provide housing and benefits for the entire community, that’s a good thing,” Innamorato said. “Projects like this help restore our communities, while ensuring that existing homeowners and community members can continue to live in the neighborhoods where they have built their lives.”

“I applaud this decision by the state to invest in our community,” Ravenstahl said. “By helping rebuild this fire-damaged area, we’re helping revitalize the surrounding neighborhood, which will in turn attract additional investment and economic activity to the benefit of everyone in Polish Hill.”

“On behalf of [LC] and City of Bridges Community Land Trust, we are honored to receive these funds from our partners at the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority [PHFA],” said Ed Nusser, the director of real estate for City of Bridges Community Land Trust. “This marks the second year in a row that PHFA has invested in our work to create permanently affordable housing. We are thankful for the support and bold leadership of both Rep. Innamorato and Rep. Ravenstahl to address the critical housing issues our communities are facing.”

The funding is provided by the PHFA and comes from a portion of the impact fees collected from natural gas companies operating in Pennsylvania to address the housing shortages caused by the impact of drilling. Those funds are supplemented with two additional funding sources, including a portion of the realty transfer tax and money from the National Housing Trust Fund.

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Bloomfield’s Azorean Café recognized by Sustainable PGH Restaurants

By Sam Spearing Bloomfield Development Corporation

Bloomfield - After receiving a “Gold Designation” from the Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurants program in January, Azorean Café (4715 Liberty Ave.) quickly began to see the benefits of sustainability.

The local program’s criteria consist of 149 potential actions that can be undertaken in efforts to increase sustainability. When she began filling out the application, and quickly checking most of the boxes, Azorean Café owner Elsa Santos realized that her eatery had always been sustainable by nature.

“We were already doing many of these things,” she said. “It’s just part of my culture from back home.” The Bloomfield businesswoman explained that, in the Azores (Caribbean islands), almost everything is cooked fresh from a garden. This official recognition has provided Santos with a great way to make Azorean Café’ customers aware of her

commitment to sustainable agriculture.

“It put us on the map,” she said figuratively. The designation does, however, include some literal perks; the Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurants website now features her café on a map of its designated eateries, and even promotes the business with marketing supports.

Not long after Azorean Café was “put on the map,” so to speak, local organizations and businesses that prioritize sustainability began placing orders for Azorean cuisine.

Through a grant partnership between Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurants and Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC), Santos was able to purchase new equipment. The grants, limited to \$3000 per business, are available to any Bloomfield restaurants that earn the sustainability designation.

Santos put some of the grant money to-

BELOW: Thanks to a Sustainable PGH Restaurants grant, Azorean Café boasts a new cooler. Photo by Sam Spearing.



wards the purchase of an ice machine - allowing her to make ice in the restaurant instead of driving to a store several times a day, just to buy ice. The new ice machine not only saves her time, but also uses less gas and limits the plastic waste generated by commercial ice packaging. The grant also brought a new standing cooler to Azorean Café, which helps display more prepared products while simultaneously reducing food waste.

Santos is one of four Pittsburgh chefs

chosen to collaborate on a farm-to-table meal, created and publicized by Sustainable Pittsburgh, at Churchview Farms on Aug. 5.

Winners of the “#GrazePGH” social media contest, which took place in July, will be invited to attend this eight-course meal. Customers, restaurants, and volunteers who shared their commitment to sustainability on social media will be among those with a seat at the farm-to-table event.

To learn more about how to apply for a sustainable restaurant grant, contact BDC at 412-681-8800 or info@bloomfieldpgh.org. For more information on Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurants, visit sustainablepghrestaurants.org. ♦



ABOVE: A new ice cooler helps café employees save time and energy. Photo by Sam Spearing.



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BELOW: The Shakespeare St. Giant Eagle grocery store, once the company’s flagship location, is now the subject of redevelopment. This East End shopping hub is now slated to close for two years while the entire site is repurposed for redevelopment. During a Jul. 18 community meeting, local residents raised concerns about the project’s impact on their quality-of-life. Photo courtesy of Google Maps.



to make any compromises with respect to the fresh food offering,” she said.

Construction is expected to begin next year and last 18 months. Residents asked where they’d be able to pick up their prescriptions and shop for food, noting that Market District is already overcrowded. Though the company does not have a finalized plan, Morascyzk said they are considering offering residents grocery delivery and waiving the fee, creating a new curbside pickup location, or even creating a shuttle stop to take residents to another grocery.

Echo Realty [a subsidiary of Giant Eagle] owns the land, located just across from the Port Authority’s busy East Liberty Transit Center. “We want to develop our property so that it is transit-oriented,” said Philip Bishop of Echo. “It encourages mobility, walkability, the use of bikes.”

As part of the proposal for a dense, sustainable project, real estate company Greystar will build 232 new apartments, a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom units. Ten percent of those will be affordable to people making half or less than half of the area median income. The development will also accept housing choice vouchers.

The apartments will be built on top of a proposed 75,000 square feet of retail. All stores will face Penn Avenue, Shakespeare Street and Shady Avenue, but have public entrances in the rear, as well. Sidewalks will be between 16 to 24 feet wide to allow for plantings and public space in addition to travel space. The developers intend to build two more decks of parking above the existing lot for a total of 554 spots.

Shadyside resident Elise Power said the development will make already congested roadways worse.

“This is an established, livable neighborhood, but it’s being choked with traffic. And...that huge building on Bakery Square isn’t even there yet,” she said, referring to Walnut Capital’s development of Bakery Square on the other side of Penn Ave.

There are certainly challenges with growth, said Tom Price, the project’s architect and a principal with design firm Strada.

“But if you look at this site, and if you look at all the tax dollars that were spent right here,” he said, pointing to the East Liberty Transit Center, “it just deserves to be more than a surface parking lot.”

Another community meeting is expected to be held in late summer. The developers are still in the planning process.

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Carnegie Library offers filmmaking workshops for teens in East Liberty

By Louis Spanos *Bulletin contributor*

East Liberty - It is no secret that students and parents across the country are struggling to find productive ways to spend their summers without going broke.

Luckily for local youths, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) locations across the city are holding “Labs Summer Skills Intensives” - week-long, community-led workshops where students can delve headfirst into disciplines like street art, filmmaking, and music production. To make things even sweeter, participating students are granted \$100 gift cards for their time and effort.

“By giving teens a workshop that plays to their interests and giving them access to creative technology, they’re empowered to learn new skills,” Kelly Rottmund, CLP Teen Services Coordinator, said. “We’re hoping these workshops provide tangible outcomes for their work, and they’ve got a reason to see it through.”

A group of East End teens will meet at CLP’s East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield St.) to learn about filmmaking from Jordan Taylor and Andy Esper, the team at Seneca Street Studios. Although the filmmaking course is now closed for registration, area teens can still learn and stretch their creative muscles all year long by participating in various Labs workshops on filmmaking, photography, textiles, music, graphic design, and beginner computer science.

Kristin Morgan, the library’s Digital Learning Lead Librarian, spearheads much of the programming. “Libraries are meant to be accessible hubs of information and learning for all,” Morgan noted. “It’s our duty to our community to provide the opportunity to all to learn these increasingly valuable skills.”

In addition to favorable feedback from the community, the Labs Summer Skills Intensives have received international attention from global non-profit HundrED, which shines a light on the most innovative and inspiring ideas in K-12 education.

“It’s really exciting that when we say we’re offering innovative, informal educational opportunities, we really mean it,” Morgan said. “We’re very proud to offer these programs to the community, free-of-charge.”

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KeyBank, City resolve impasse over new branch at Penn & Negley Aves.

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

Insight

Penn Ave. - In February, when the city’s Zoning Board of Adjustment approved Key Bank’s proposal to open a branch office on the site of the former Babyland store, bank officials thought they were well on their way to starting construction by mid-summer at the very latest.

Then, reality intervened.

The new branch will be situated at the southwest corner of Penn and S. Negley Aves. It is intended to replace Key Bank’s current offices on N. Highland Ave. in East Liberty, and on S. Aiken Ave. in Shadyside, along with a drive-through facility on Baum Blvd. - one block from the Whole Foods store.

According to William Sittig, an attorney retained by the bank to help shepherd its application for zoning approval through the city, one major hurdle popped up almost immediately after the Zoning Board handed down its decision.

As it turned out, that obstacle became the city’s determination to deny the installation of a new curb cut - one that was needed to facilitate the bank’s drive-through customers exiting onto

S. Negley Ave.

What might seem like a minor kerfuffle became a “make-or-break” proposition, according to on an e-mail that Sittig circulated to community groups in April. If KeyBank had to eliminate the drive-through, Mr. Sittig wrote, his client would most likely abandon the project.

Without a curb cut, customers parking behind the building or using the drive-through would have to exit either back onto Penn or onto Hugus Way, an alley behind the site that runs parallel to Penn.

Concrete median strips now divide the roadway on both Penn and S. Negley, making it difficult for motorists to manage a turn into the site when coming from the north, east, or south towards the busy intersection. Sittig said the headaches this would pose for drive-through customers would be too great for Key Bank to endure.

Nevertheless, Karina Ricks, the director of the city’s Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI), told representatives of the Friendship Community Group (FCG) and Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) that she was very reluctant to approve the curb cut.

At an impromptu meeting in city Councilwoman Deborah Gross’ office, Ricks made it clear that her primary concern was ensuring the safety of pedestrians and PAT bus riders utilizing the stop that sits next to the former Babyland building.

She maintained that some cities are moving away from permitting new curb cuts to accommodate drive-throughs.

While not dismissing the validity of Ms. Ricks’ argument, representatives from the FCG and BGC maintained that this condition could leave the site undeveloped for years.

After reaching out to the Mayor’s office, an FCG representative was able to meet Mayor Bill Peduto in June at the site so that the Mayor could see, firsthand, what difficulties the denial of a curb cut would have on KeyBank’s development plans.

Within a few weeks of that visit, DOMI put forward conditions to approve the curb cut. These included: no left turn by motorists onto S. Negley Ave. from the lot; signage installed next to the driveway, advising bank customers to be alert to pedestrians as they exit the lot; a waiting area for bus passengers to

be carved out from the lot itself, and a 4-foot high brick screen wall built on the sides facing the parking lot and driveway.

The above conditions would also need to be incorporated into the occupancy permit for the bank branch.

It appears that KeyBank willing to meet DOMI’s conditions, and on Jun. 27 applied for its building permit.

In the meantime, the irony is not lost on neighbors that LG Realty Partners - the very same property owner with whom they fought in 2014 when an AutoZone store was proposed for the site - will now benefit from their support.

In 2016, a bitter court battle between LG and two community groups resulted in a decision by the state’s Commonwealth Court to deny the numerous variances LG was seeking for the AutoZone project.

A similar court fight could be brewing between these parties over the city’s decision to privatize a public street - one designed to accommodate the new retail/office development across S. Negley at the former Penn Plaza Apartments.

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Arsenal 201 to expand footprint in Lawrenceville

By Dave Breingan *Lawrenceville United*

Lawrenceville – During a community meeting at the Teamster Temple on Thursday, Jul. 11, dozens of local residents gathered to learn about new plans for the Arsenal 201 condo/apartment building.

The first phase of Arsenal 201 was a mixed-used, new construction project that included 243 units of housing and 19,000 sq. ft. of retail space on the “Arsenal Terminal” site between 39th and 40th Sts., on the north side of Butler St.

The building’s developer, Milhaus, explained to those in attendance that Arsenal 201’s second phase will be located behind Phase I. Milhaus’s new plans include 343 more residential units, a parking garage, a public green space, and green trail access through the site, as well as renovation of the “officers’ quarters” building that was part of the historic Allegheny Arsenal.

The Jul. 11 meeting was facilitated by Lawrenceville United (LU) and Lawrenceville Corporation (LC), as part of the “Lawrenceville Community Process” that provides a venue for residents and stakeholders to get information and weigh in with their own thoughts.

Matt Galluzzo, Executive Director of LC, shared some background on the project – insights from the six public meetings held since October 2015. This community process produced extensive feedback that was collated by the neighborhood groups; commitments were then formalized with Milhaus during the zoning approvals for Phase I.

Concrete commitments to public spaces, historic preservation, landscape design, and mobility connections were all baked into the agreement. Additionally, Milhaus committed to making good faith efforts to integrate affordable housing, parking infrastructure, and a construction management plan.

Plans for Phase II engage many of these areas of focus. On the topic of public spaces, Alex Sanders, Director of Development for Milhaus, shared details of a trail that cuts through the northern edge of the site to form a multi-modal pathway stretching from downtown through Lawrenceville and beyond.

His team presented plans for a public park and dog park. The parks would encompass roughly an acre, about the size of Oakland’s Schenley Plaza, to bookend the public “Arsenal Alley” pathway from Butler St. After the meeting, some residents approached Sanders to get details on park design.

Milhaus’s plans also call for extending Willow and Foster Sts., making way for a potential connection to 40th St. in the future. At the community meeting, one of the attendees’ key concerns regarded mobility issues at the intersection at 39th and Butler Sts.

BELOW: A view to the river could look much different after Phase II of Arsenal 201’s housing development, near the 40th St. Bridge in Lawrenceville. Photo by Andrew McKeon.



‘[The developer] agreed to comply with Lawrenceville’s new inclusionary zoning ordinance, which aims to preserve the neighborhood’s housing affordability.’

While the original 2016 plans had anticipated the installation of a traffic signal at this intersection, TransAssociates, the transportation engineering firm on the project, eventually pointed to some new analysis that a signal was not justified. Several residents were soon joined by the neighborhood’s City Planner in questioning TransAssociates’ new findings, expressing the need for improved pedestrian safety at the busy intersection.

Parking, which has always been a contentious issue in Lawrenceville, was another area of scrutiny on Jul. 11. Sanders detailed the Phase II plans to add additional parking that could guarantee on-site parking for every current and future residential unit.

Residents of 39th St. expressed frustration with the potential impact on their on-street parking options. Some urged Milhaus to stop charging its tenants extra rent money for basic parking privileges, as this practice encourages tenants to find free parking in front of their neighbors’ homes.

According to Sanders, the Willow St. extension beyond 39th would involve the creation of 24 additional public parking spaces. Milhaus is currently negotiating a shared parking arrangement with Pittsburgh Public Schools for teachers at Arsenal PreK-5 and Arsenal 6-8; neighborhood groups are also advocating for a new arrangement that could support school staff.

Sanders agreed to comply with Lawrenceville’s new inclusionary zoning (IZ) ordinance, which aims to preserve the neighborhood’s housing affordability. IZ was unanimously approved in a final vote by City Council on Jul. 24.

Following the ordinance for its second phase of development, Milhaus would price 35 of the units at rates affordable for individuals earning 50% area median income - any individual with an annual income of \$28,000. Lawrenceville residents encouraged the developer to make more of its units family-sized - in order to address the particular need for affordable housing faced by parents with school-age children.

Milhaus expects to present its plans to the Planning Commission in September. Meeting notes and presentations are available on LU’s website (LUnited.org). For more details, or to provide feedback, contact LU at 412-802-7220 or info@LUnited.org. ♦

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Lawrenceville neighborhood added to National Register of Historic Places

By Timothy McNulty City of Pittsburgh

Lawrenceville - The City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning is pleased to announce that Lawrenceville has been added to the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Register was authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, according to the U.S. Park Service, and it "is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archaeological resources."

The listing honors the neighborhood's history but has no effect on private property owners in the district.

"Lawrenceville was built into one of the city's greatest neighborhoods through the hard work of generations of those who came before us — our challenge now is to protect it for generations to come," said District 7 Councilwoman Deb Gross.

"Lawrenceville is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, founded in 1814. It has such unique, historic character, which has directly led to its current economic boom," said Brian Mendelssohn of the Lawrenceville Historical Society.

"We are very happy," he continued, "that the National Park Service recognizes the hard work by so many in preserving Lawrenceville's historic buildings. This designation will only encourage more historic preservation. We love that it encompasses both the residential parts and the business district."

The City's full National Register nomination document can be viewed at pittsburghpa.gov. It says in part:

"The period of significance of the historic district extends from 1814 to 1950. 1814 is the date of the founding of the original village of Lawrenceville around the Allegheny Arsenal, also established in that year, all on land purchased by William Barclay Foster. By 1950, the neighborhood had largely been built out, and Lawrenceville's industrial production had reached its peak.

"The historic district includes 22 blocks of Butler Street, the neighbor-

hood's primary commercial corridor; the site of the Civil War-era Allegheny Arsenal, part of which is now a public park, and remaining resources associated with this complex; industrial and institutional resources that provided employment and medical and educational services to the community in the 19th and 20th centuries; churches; two cemeteries, including Allegheny Cemetery, previously listed individually on the National Register; and many blocks of residential resources representing a range of architectural styles as expressed in, predominantly, working class housing from the early 19th to the mid-20th centuries."

The nomination was written by Angeliq Bamberg of Clio Consulting, Jesse Belfast of Michael Baker International and by Carol Peterson, the late Lawrenceville historian, writer and preservationist.

"None of this could have happened

without support from the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, and team members from Lawrenceville United and the Lawrenceville Corporation" said city Historic Preservation Planner Sarah Quinn.

Quinn had special praise for Peterson, who died of cancer in 2017.

"This project wouldn't have been anywhere near as successful without her vast knowledge of Lawrenceville history," Quinn said. ♦

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ABOVE: Members of the Garfield Land Trust accept a generous \$500 donation from local media outlet WESA during a community cookout on a rainy Thursday, Jul. 11. Photo courtesy of the Garfield Land Trust.

BELOW: East End neighbors dance to live jazz music during the Negley Place community picnic, which also featured a potluck buffet and kids activities on Sunday, Jul. 14. Photo by Gary Cirrincione.



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SUPPORT & ACTION

‘OneStopPGH’: City moves permitting process online

By Amber Epps Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Pittsburgh - The City is revamping its process for awarding permits, applications, and business licenses online - through a website called OneStopPGH.

City residents can now apply for, pay for, and receive their licenses & permits from the comfort of their living room. The website also allows development plans to be uploaded and violation notices to be tracked.

Business, contractor, and trade licenses are currently available on the site; building permits and city planning reviews will be made available online this summer; traffic, right of way, engineering, and fire permits will launch in the fall of 2019.

Downtown, on the third floor of 200 Ross St., the PLI (Permits, Licenses and Inspections) and Zoning counters have merged into the OneStopPGH counter. All related services are now available in person, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information about can be found online at pittsburghpa.gov/onestoppgh.

Also, as of May 1, PLI restructured its permit fees. All commercial building, residential building, demolition, electrical, HVAC, sprinkler and alarm, sign, and land operation permits will now be calculated based on the construction value of the permit.

This involves a base fee of \$5 for every \$1,000 of construction value. The minimum cost of a residential permit is \$100 and the minimum cost of a commercial permit is \$550, but additional fees may apply. Visit pittsburghpa.gov/pli/pli-permits to learn more. ♦

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BELOW: On Jul. 13, “Jeff Goldblum Day,” the Artisan crew poses with Jeff Goldblum (center) at its Garfield tattoo parlor/café (5001 Penn Ave.). Photo courtesy of Artisan.



AT LEFT: Bloomfield resident, and longtime Jeff Goldblum fan, Melissa Ciccocioppo (right) unexpectedly meets her idol during “Jeff Goldblum Day” on Jul. 13. Artisan Pittsburgh (5001 Penn Ave.) hosted the now unofficially “official” holiday at its tattoo parlor/café in Garfield. In signature Goldblum fashion, the iconic Hollywood actor - and Pittsburgh native - dropped by the festivities with the nonchalance of a regular townie. Photo courtesy of Melissa Ciccocioppo.

‘Green Zone’ project looks to take root in Garfield

By Josh Inklovich Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - For years, the Garfield Green Zone project has aimed to create a broad swath of outdoor recreation area, while permanently keeping a large section of land green and undeveloped.

It is an ambitious project designed to protect, improve, and connect more than 12 acres of land on the neighborhood’s hilltop. This green zone could provide a natural amenity for future generations of Garfield residents to enjoy.

Created by environmental architects from local firm EvolveEA, the plan is the result of collaboration between local residents and the Western PA Conservancy. Additional input was provided by Tree Pittsburgh, TreeVitalize, the Allegheny Land Trust, the City of Pittsburgh, and the URA.

One of the project’s main areas of focus is making Garfield a more walkable neighborhood - by defining and maintaining a network of pedestrian trails and interconnected roadways, alleys, and steps - and promoting a healthy lifestyle to community members.

With the support of Kraynick’s Bike Shop and the local cycling community, the addition of bike trails is a possibility, as well as access to quality bikes and opportunities for youth engagement.

Conversations are underway to discuss the transfer of 11.5 acres surrounding Fort Pitt School to “Fort Pitt Park,” which the city would still own.

Workforce development in the landscaping industry, and a jail diversion project designed in conjunction with Judge Mik Pappas’ office, are two paths to retaining the labor necessary to care for the land.

One of the potential re-uses of vacant lots involves a scattered-site sculpture project that teaches local youths how to weld.

A community conversation will be held on August 8, at the BGC Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.) from 6 to 8 p.m.; light refreshments will be provided. For more info, call 412-441-6950 (ext. 17) or email Nina@Bloomfield-Garfield.org. ♦

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LOCAL REAL ESTATE BLOTTER

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

Real Estate Sales (recorded by the County through Jun. 19, 2019)

Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, RE/MAX Select Realty

[Ed. Note: Unfortunately, Allegheny County’s online real estate portal, where the blotter’s listings are sourced, has once again gone “offline.” Since the County stopped updating its real estate data, the full list of June property transfers is not currently available; the most recent listings are dated Jun. 19, 2019. The Bulletin encourages readers to contact their elected Allegheny County Council members, like District 13 Councilperson Denise Ranalli Russell (412-350-6490, Denise.Russell@alleghenycounty.us), and ask why the real estate portal is no longer up-to-date.]

Bloomfield

Kevin E & Jamie H Deel to Rachel E Gartner at 4046 Cabinet St. for \$270,000.

Donald C Budzinski to DXV Ventures LLC at 4051 Liberty Ave. for \$130,000.

George A Cousley to DXV Ventures LLC at 4053 Liberty Ave. for \$233,000.

Betsy A Fitzpatrick to Matthew Nixon at 218 S. Mathilda St. for \$295,000.

Philip P Luciano to Yujie Sun at 608 S. Mathilda St. for \$380,000.

Friendship

No sales to report.

Garfield

City Of Pittsburgh to John Wong at 305 N. Mathilda St. for \$200.

Darryl J & Desonda Jiles to Terrence D Chiusano at 5125 Dearborn St. for \$155,000.

AMC Development LLC to Rachel & Gregory Colker at 4920 Penn Ave. for \$450,000.

Nathaniel J & Essie L Daniels to Pluto Holdings LLC at 5448 Kincaid St. for \$45,000.

Nicole E Cellone to Calvin J Michael at 5491 Penn Ave. Unit A302 for \$255,000.

East Liberty

URA of PGH to Detective Building LLC at 224 N Euclid Ave. for \$250,000.

Lawrenceville

Josephine C Gabler to Randy Rigatti at 4631-4633 Carlton St. for \$260,000.

Carlton Court Development LLC to Roy W Semaan at 4616 Carlton St. for \$639,322.

Joseph L Altenbaugh to Jodi V & John M Horgan at 4621 Bancroft St. for \$200,000.

Acadia H Klain to Matthew Puchalski at 318 42nd St. for \$359,000.

William B & Eleanor J Gialanella to Steven C & Joanne M Townsend at 226 42nd St. for \$150,250.

Donna M Heiter to William B & Eleanor J Gialanella at 4209 Bessemer St. for \$200,000.

Chi-I Chiang to Anatoli Dorosh at 339 42nd St. for \$299,000.

Stephen E Choder to John J Irwin at 4200 Main St. for \$210,000.

Emily Allegretto to Karen Naomi Kokka at 3950 Howley St. for \$270,000.

Harrison St. Assoc. LLC to Randal S Stuckwisch at 5252 Harrison St. for \$337,000.

Brent & Nicole Strike to Joshua M & Emily L Wertz at 180 49th St. for \$293,650.

Lois Gannon to Gupta Properties LLC at 4840 Blackberry Way for \$299,001.

James M Stevenson to James Bowen at 5110 Keystone St. for \$242,237.

Louis & Mary Novak to Duane Schick at 5127 Holmes St. for \$130,000.

Joseph Konzier to Thomas M & Lindsay S McQueeney at 4724 Hatfield St. for \$715,000.

Joshua S Nicholas to Lajutipa LLC at 4606

Plummer St. for \$218,500.

Justin Page to Lexicon Government Services LLC at 132 46th St. for \$425,000.

Clara A Cain to Samuel Algeo at 5333 Holmes St. for \$85,000.

Michael Zagas to Matthew P Ward Turcsanyi at 743 Kendall St. for \$240,500.

Francis J Hartnett to Max Cameron at 5404 Carnegie St. for \$170,000.

Stanton Heights

Marvin E & Jeannette C Carolina to Eliada S Nosakhere, Sr. Griffin-El at 981 Oranmore St. for \$215,000.

Charles & Margaret L Zavolta to Brian & Lauren Mclane at 1033 Oglethorpe Ave. for \$78,000.

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AUGUST 1 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Land Trust Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1, the Garfield Land Trust will hold a public meeting at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave. at Dearborn St.). Read more, and become a member today, at GarfieldLandTrust.org. Contact 412-345-3831 or GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com to learn more.

AUGUST 2 - FRIDAY

GARFIELD

Church Supper Club

Supper club is back at Morningside Church of God In Christ (5173 Dearborn St.) and Pastor Lamont & First Lady Mary Shields are hosting. On Friday, Aug. 2, enjoy live bands, anointed choirs, and comedy from 7 to 10 p.m. Delicious food will also be available for sale; admission is \$5 per person. Come out and join us for a great Friday night hangout. Call 412-361-9865 for more info.

‘Indecent Exposure’

Art Opening

“Indecent Exposure” is a solo show of works by Théo Bignon, a French artist currently in residency at Bunker Projects. The show opens for the August Unblurred gallery crawl at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, at Bunker’s 5106 Penn Ave. gallery (upstairs). Bignon’s work features heavily-ornamented mesh curtains, faux furniture, and other decorative goodies. The show will be on display at Bunker Projects until Aug. 15. Gallery hours are Sundays from Noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Visit bunkerprojects.org to learn more.

‘Reverberations of Love’ Art Opening

Visit Assemble (4834 Penn Ave.) during the August Unblurred festivities for the opening of “Reverberations of Love,” a show by Stefani Allegretti. This show explores the visual representation of sound, and aspects related to sound, through digital art and mixed media. The opening reception - a free event - runs from 6 to 10 p.m. To learn more, please visit assemblephg.org.

‘BRITNEY’ Art Opening

Britney Spears’ debut hit song “...Baby

One More Time” turns 21 this year. To celebrate, VaultArt Studio (5100 Penn Ave.) artists have investigated her very public and private life in their newest exhibition, “BRITNEY.” Spears has been living over a decade under parental conservatorship after a lengthy struggle with mental health. Vault artists will show their work, which centers on: what life is like under needed supervision; the “Oops I Did It Again” red jumpsuit; early “aughts” fashion; and the debate over Britney’s favorite junk food. From 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, VaultArt Studio invites you to come reflect on where you were, 21 years ago, when Ms. Spears became “America’s Pop Princess.” For more info, visit facebook.com/vaultartstudio.

AUGUST 5 - MONDAY

GARFIELD

Vacation Bible School

Morningside Church of God In Christ (5173 Dearborn St.) is hosting its annual Vacation Bible School from Aug. 5 - 9. Pastor Lamont B. Shields’ teachings preach the theme: “Whoosh: Take Flight to Where God Leads You.” School runs from 10 a.m. to Noon (M-F); breakfast and lunch will be served. A closing program will take place on Friday, Aug. 9, at

1 p.m. Call 412-361-9865 for more info.

AUGUST 7 - WEDNESDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Meeting: Doughboy Flats construction update

Please join Lawrenceville United (LU) and Lawrenceville Corporation on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church (225 37th St.) for a community meeting about the next phase of Doughboy Square redevelopment. ACTION Housing, which is expected to break ground soon, will provide an update about the construction’s impacts on the community. Questions? Please call LU at (412) 802-7220.

AUGUST 10 - SATURDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

‘Pancakes & Booze’ Art Showcase

On Saturday, Aug. 10, come celebrate the “Pancakes & Booze” art pop-up’s tenth year of serving free pancakes while featuring emerging artists. From 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. at Spirit (242 51st St.), more than

NEW MEETING DATE:
STATE-OF-THE-NEIGHBORHOOD

Do you care about Garfield? Then join us on **Monday, Sept. 16**, at the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation’s (BGC) Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.). Garfield’s regular “State of Neighborhood” community meeting will run from 6 - 8 p.m., featuring Magisterial Judge Mik Pappas, BGC Executive Director Rick Swartz, and others. Free pizza will be provided by Primanti Bros. (5491 Penn Ave.). The date for this meeting, which was originally advertised as Aug. 20, has been changed for scheduling reasons.

CAREER-BUILDING BLOCK: AUGUST

The Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC) offers many career-building opportunities. We encourage job-seekers to attend this month’s scheduled events at the ENEC (5321 Penn Ave.) in Garfield. Call (412) 362-8580 for more info.

- **Computer Basics I & II: Monday, Aug. 5th; 10:30 a.m. - Noon •**
These courses will cover all the skills needed to navigate computers, like understanding hardware and saving/storing files.
- **‘People Ready’ Hiring Event: Tuesday, Aug. 6th; 10 a.m. - Noon •**
Hiring for various positions in hospitality, food service, manufacturing, and more.
- **Resume Workshop: Wednesday, Aug. 7th; 6 - 8 p.m. •**
- **Computer Basics III: Monday, Aug. 12th; 10:30 a.m. - Noon •**
Computer Basics III will cover the ins-and-outs of the internet, like how to sign up for an email account and how to use a search engine.
- **A.J. Meyers & Sons, Inc. Hiring Event: Tuesday, Aug. 13th; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. •**
Hiring for van and school bus drivers; applicants must have a valid driver’s license and clean driving record. The company will help applicants obtain CDL or other licensing.
- **Resume Workshop: Tuesday, Aug. 13th; 3 - 5 p.m. •**
- **LGC Hospitality Hiring Event: Tuesday, Aug. 20th; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. •**
LGC Hospitality Staffing has full- and part-time positions for server, bartender, chef, line-cook, cashier, and utility worker.
- **Resume Workshop: Thursday, Aug. 22nd; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. •**



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AUGUST 15 - THURSDAY

BLOOMFIELD

Little Italy Days

From Thursday, Aug. 15, through Sunday, Aug. 18, Liberty Ave. will be alive with non-stop entertainment across 3 stages, food & wine, bocce tournaments, and more. Children can play at the “Kid’s Zone” in the First Commonwealth Bank’s parking lot. Thursday’s celebrity bocce tournaments will feature local politicians and media personalities.

AUGUST 21 - WEDNESDAY

GARFIELD

Land Trust Committee Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Wed, Aug. 21, the Garfield Land Trust will hold a committee meeting at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave. at Dearborn St.). Read on, and become a member today, at GarfieldLandTrust.org. Contact 412-345-3831 or GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com to learn more.

AUGUST 24 - SATURDAY

MILLVALE

Tool Giveaway

The Tool Library at the Millvale Community Library (213 Grant Ave.) is hosting a tool giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 24. Circular saws, a seed spreader, socket sets, screwdrivers, wrenches, levels, a router, hand saws, and hundreds more tools are all up for grabs. The giveaway opens to Tool Library members at 10:30 a.m, and to the public from 1-4 p.m. Become a

member (at no cost) anytime, including the morning of Aug. 24. Just bring your library card and proof of address (driver’s license or utility bill). For more info, email toolendinglibrary@gmail.com.

AUGUST 31 - SATURDAY

BLOOMFIELD

Saturday Market

The Bloomfield Saturday Market, a program of Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC), supports the neighborhood by creating a hub for health & wellness education, not to mention all the vendors who participate. It stimulates the Liberty Ave. economy by providing a venue for local and regional businesses to attract customers. This year’s vendor list can be found at bloomfieldnow.org/bloomfield-saturday-market/vendors. ♦

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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.
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Neighbors, volunteers work to “Blitz Build” East Liberty’s Enright Court

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

East Liberty - Over the last week in June, representatives from East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI), Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, and members of the community joined a Maryland-based nonprofit, DreamBuilders, to carry out Enright Court’s “Blitz Build.”

The joint initiative, which aims to clean and repair buildings in a long-neglected enclave of the city’s East End, involved long work hours; from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., residents and volunteers worked on seven vacant units in East Liberty.

A variety of tasks were accomplished, including cleanout and demolition, as well as the installation of new doors, windows, siding, gutters, and dry-wall; volunteers also landscaped green spaces and installed a new community fence.

More than 60 volunteers, hailing from a variety of organizations, came out to get their hands dirty in late June. Teenagers from The Wilksburg Sanctuary Project joined staffers and interns from Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, along with 10 residents of Enright Ct. DreamBuilders contributed the out-of-state muscle, as it brought 25 volunteers from Maryland to the Blitz Build.

DreamBuilders is an all-volunteer, faith-based organization of teens and adults that leads national and international work trips to help build and repair homes for people in need.

Two volunteers from the organization, Bill Brazis and his wife Pam, explained their commitment in a Jun. 26 story from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (P-G). “We’ve been doing this for 15 years.

It’s good to get our teens out of their affluent suburbs to learn about the resilience of other people,” Bill Brazis said. “It’s also about building community,” Pam Brazis said. “Working with homeowners, learning about their neighborhoods is really powerful for us.”

Blitz Build is part of a larger process undertaken to rehab 26 of the 98 Enright Ct. homes. Since 2016, ELDI representatives have been meeting with its residents and homeowners every month to hear their concerns and work on a plan to reestablish Enright Court as a destination for homeownership.

Enright Court has fallen into disrepair, and its residents have suffered, for a number of reasons.

First and foremost, the promise of a homeowner’s association - a key commitment when the units were first constructed in the early 1970s - was never fulfilled. Absentee owners did not help

the overall situation either.

At the end of 2018, ELDI was awarded a \$750,000 affordable housing grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank for first-time home buyers to make improvements to area homes.

Another Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh grant allocated \$410,000 to rehab 10 owner-occupied houses in the community.

The goal is to make Enright Court a beacon of affordable homeownership in the neighborhood. As reported in the P-G, Kendall Pelling, ELDI’s director of land recycling, shared that “ELDI is restricted to selling the homes it owns in Enright Court to households that make 80% or less of the area median household income. That median is \$58,521.”

Pelling also told the P-G that “families that are borrowing now for Enright Court homes are borrowing in the \$90,000 to \$110,000 range” and that “the Urban Redevelopment Authority has contributed \$400,000 for deferred second mortgages for 16 of the 20 homes ELDI owns.”

On Tuesday, Jun. 25, more than 75 local residents, volunteers, and community members filled the streets of Enright Court to celebrate the occasion with a cookout.

“It’s been great seeing the community come together to support this often-overlooked enclave,” Pelling said at the cookout. “There’s a lot more work to do, but we’re not slowing down.”

For updates on the Enright Court rehab process, visit eastliberty.org. ♦

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