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'Garbage Olympics' competition breeds clean-up success

By Nina Gibbs

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Pittsburgh - On Saturday, Sept. 21, neighbors young and old will take part in a clean-up competition called "Garbage Olympics."

The city-wide competition - to pick up the most trash between 9 and 11 a.m. - will be judged by the Clean Pittsburgh Commission; prizes will be awarded for the most trash collected, as well as the "weirdest item found" and other surprises.

Garbage Olympics is the brainchild of Garfield resident Renee Robinson. "I worked with Lena Andrews, who headed up the East Liberty Trash Warriors, and I was aware that Bloomfield had the Bloomfield Gladiators. One day, I just told Lena we should do a Garbage Olympics," Robinson explained.

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ABOVE: Jarmele Fairclough (center, hands up) leads local residents through the "Cha-Cha Slide" dance during Garfield's National Night Out party on Tuesday, Aug. 6. The annual community event, which is comprised of simultaneous block parties throughout the country, celebrates public safety in every neighborhood. Photo by John Colombo.



ABOVE: Twenty years on, Friendship's Playpark remains a neighborhood fixture. Thanks to local residents' long-term investment, the park has become a neighborhood hub for children. Photo by Vicoria Haggerson. Read more on page 8.

As home prices rise, neighborhoods turn to community land trusts to preserve affordability

By Nora Mattson *PublicSource*

Pittsburgh - The five properties on Lanark Street that could become the Perry Hilltop and Fineview community land trust have a stunning view of Downtown that rivals the more-frequented overlooks in Pittsburgh.

It's this proximity to Downtown that gives some residents a sneaking fear that their neighborhood may soon be subject to rising housing prices seen in other North Side neighborhoods.

"Perry Hilltop and Fineview right now is affordable, and our goal is to keep it affordable," said Fred Smith, a long-

time resident and co-chair of the housing working group of the Fineview and Perry Hilltop Citizens councils.

The key, Smith said, is to be sure affordable housing options are sustainable for generations, even if prices rise.

Durability is important, according to co-chair Sally Stadelman, because she has seen affordable housing lost in nearby communities as priorities shift toward economic development. "Their boards changed, and their priorities changed," she said, "and they sold off

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Remembering Aggie Brose: a life in pictures

By Andrew McKeon *The Bulletin*

Garfield - Agnes Jean Brose, known to everyone as “Aggie,” always championed her neighbors while advocating for the Garfield community. For more than 40 years, she pushed leaders to effect change in Garfield, the neighborhood where she spent her childhood and raised her children. When Aggie passed away on Wednesday, Jul. 17, she left more than a legacy - she left hope.

She co-founded the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) as an extension of her indomitable spirit. The fledgling organization could barely keep the lights on at first, but Aggie still kept busting down doors and smashing “glass ceilings” to effect change along Penn Ave. Stretching far beyond her work with the BGC, she has touched many lives along the way. Aggie’s family members encourage her friends to submit their favorite “Aggie anecdotes” to AggieStories@gmail.com. ♦

BELOW: A proud descendant of Irish heritage, Aggie takes a family trip to Ireland. Photo courtesy of Lauren Byrne Connelly.



ABOVE: After the Bottom Dollar grocery store backed out of its obligations at the corner of S. Pacific & Penn Aves., Aggie rallies the troops. From 2014-2015, she lobbied a number of national grocery chains to occupy Bottom Dollar’s former location. When ALDI expressed interest, Aggie organized local residents to petition the company for a new grocery store in Garfield. Photo by Andrew McKeon.



ABOVE: The Brose family poses for a family portrait in Garfield. Photo courtesy of Lauren Byrne Connelly.

BELOW: Aggie was an avid dancer. She was always up for cutting a rug. Photo courtesy of Lauren Byrne Connelly.



BELOW: Aggie was a staunch advocate for public safety in the East End. Photo courtesy of Wesley Davis.



ABOVE: Along with her sister, June Coyne Givens (left), Aggie greets Mayor Bill Peduto during his first term. Photo courtesy of Lauren Byrne Connelly.



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Community groups mobilize to save East Liberty's Enright Park

A Message from Enright Park Neighborhood Association

Op-Ed / East Liberty - The battle to preserve Enright Park continues. This fall, the fight will shift to Orphan's Court [a division of Common Pleas Court] as a judge hears the City's petition to authorize the exchange of land with Pennley Park South, Inc.

This land exchange will give the developers the final piece needed to construct a large office-retail development in East Liberty. But at what cost to the public? Nowhere in the City's petition will there be a guarantee that a new, reconfigured park will emerge as the first phase of the commercial development comes out of the ground. Nor will it ensure that, when the park is finished, the public will enjoy unfettered access to it.

Many local residents are still waiting to see when and how a community process – one that oversees the use of tax dollars generated by the new development – to fund local, affordable housing will be implemented.

The judge will be asked to review a complex set of terms & conditions and we, as community groups, believe that we need to be in the room as those deliberations take place. In order to be heard in that courtroom, attorneys must be hired to represent the interests of the larger public. The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), together with the Enright Park Neighborhood Association, is creating a legal fund for just that purpose.

The fund will allow both community groups to go to court and ensure that, when the new retail-office complex at former Penn Plaza Apartments opens, there is an Enright Park sitting next to it. Donations can be made online (ioby.org/Enright) or via check or money order - made payable to "Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation" for "Enright Park Legal Fund" and mailed to the BGC offices at 5149 Penn Ave. / Pittsburgh, PA / 15224.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the BGC so that the public is not left holding the short straw when all the dust has settled. Contributions of any size are welcome.

For more background on what is at stake, visit www.enrightpark.org. ♦

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"I knew that different neighborhoods had clean-up days and just figured, with Pittsburgh being a City of Champs, that it would be fun to put an element of competition into cleaning up our neighborhoods."

Lena Andrews partnered with Alicia Carberry from the Clean Pittsburgh Commission to make it a reality. "The first year of the garbage Olympics, I couldn't help with much planning because I had a newborn baby," Robinson said. "Much of the credit for getting it off the ground and making the heavy

push has to go to Lena Andrews and Alicia Carberry." Robinson was not out of the loop long, though, as she returned to the planning committee the following year, and is now Team Captain for her neighborhood.

As the Garbage Olympics enters its third year, it has grown by leaps and bounds - from five neighborhoods competing in its first year to 30 neighborhoods participating this year. The clean-up event was recently recognized by the nonprofit group, Neighborhood Allies, with a 2019 Healthy Neighbor-



ABOVE: Garbage Olympics competitors clean up in Garfield. The city-wide event opens its third year of competition on Sept. 21. Photo courtesy of Nina Gibbs.



hood award. The city's Department of Public Works (DPW) helps provide supplies and collect the trash piles after the judges have rendered a decision.

"Sadly, many neighborhoods find tires, refrigerators, couches, and really large trash," Robinson noted. "But, with the new recycling efforts that the City has to offer, there will hopefully not be as many of those items."

Anyone who is interested in competing can start a team or join one that is already fielding volunteers in their neighborhood.

Garfield participants can meet at either 113 N. Pacific Ave. or N. Aiken Ave. & Hillcrest St. to get trash bags at 9 a.m.

Volunteers may begin their clean-up efforts earlier on Sept. 21, but they must finish and deposit their full trash bags at the drop-off location (N. Aiken Ave. & Hillcrest St.) by 11 a.m.

Judges will then survey the trash piles before announcing the winning team at noon during a closing ceremony held at Threadbare Cider House in the city's Spring Garden neighborhood.

Any Garfield volunteers who cannot make it to the closing ceremony will be treated to pizza at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.).

Contact garbageolympicspgh@gmail.com to learn more about the city-wide competition. ♦



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Community development briefs: East End

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

East End – The following news items affect East End residents' quality of life.

City Council approves inclusionary zoning for Lawrenceville

As was briefly noted in the August issue of The Bulletin, City Council did give unanimous approval in July to an ordinance that will require an allotment of affordably-priced apartments or homes to be included in any Lawrenceville housing development that consists of 20 or more units. Known as "inclusionary zoning," the legislation is intended to offset a trend cited by neighborhood advocates that they say has added over 700 rental units to the neighborhood's housing stock since 2010, with only 10 of those deemed to be "affordable." Lawrenceville United, a local community group, led the push for passage of the ordinance.

Whether built as new or renovated housing, the requirement will now be that at least 10% of any rental units created be made affordable to individuals or families whose household incomes are less than 50% of the median income for the Pittsburgh region. This means that individuals earning \$28,000/year or less should be able to pay no more than 30% of their gross monthly income, or a maximum of \$700/month, and still be able to rent in such developments.

City Councilman pledges new recreation center for Garfield

If Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess has his way, the city could be operating a new recreation center in Garfield within the next three years. The councilman announced to persons attending a July 30 ribbon-cutting ceremony in Garfield that he intends to have the city, or one of its authorities, purchase the vacant activities building that was once a part of the former St. Lawrence O'Toole parish, and refurbish it for community use.

The activities building was closed for good by its owner, the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, in the summer of 2018 due to its faltering physical condition. Situated at the corner of Broad St. and N. Atlantic Ave., the facility was built in 1960, largely with financial contributions from St. Lawrence's own parishioners. A number of Garfield residents have long clamored for an indoor gymnasium facility for the community to use. With the recent consolidation of three parishes in Garfield and Bloomfield into one, the Diocese reportedly has plans to sell off the entire St. Lawrence campus in the next 3 years. The campus is comprised of the activities building, a rectory, and the church sanctuary.

New modular homes targeted for 5400 block of Black Street

A private developer is seeking to build three single-family homes in the 5400 block of Black St. that he hopes will offer a new way to fill in vacant lots in Garfield. Brian Gaudio, a principal with Module Development LLC, designed the homes so that their shells can be built in a factory in Clarion County, and then shipped to the site to be finished.

Gaudio approached the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) last year to seek the group's help in building one of the homes for a buyer whose income would be 80% or less of the median household income for the region. Together, they are applying for grants that would reduce the cost of a two-story, two-bedroom home with a basement; they are targeting it for a lot adjacent to the former Rogers Middle School property, now re-opened as the Environmental Charter School.

Demolition of city-owned houses in Garfield moving slowly

Sally Stadelman, the new coordinator of the city's demolition process, joined an Aug. 22 meeting of the BGC's housing & land use committee to explain what is happening with several dilapidated, city-owned houses in Garfield. Over the past year, the BGC has lobbied the city's Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections to take down these houses that have been badly damaged by the elements. The process has been slow to unwind, and any homes adjacent to these city properties are vulnerable to rodent infestation and water seepage.

A half-dozen houses identified by the BGC, including those at 5323 Rosetta St., 5335 Kincaid St., and 323 N. Aiken Ave., have all sat vacant for over a decade. Only one, the house on Rosetta, is currently being contracted by the city for demolition. Stadelman said that the city shifted a large chunk of its dollars away from housing demolition last year, moving it into a fund to help deal with the growing number of landslides in the city. She hopes that a portion of the demolition budget will be restored for 2020 so that she can move ahead with addressing conditions at these properties. ♦

"LIVE! in Lawrenceville" party celebrates historic neighborhood with modern fare

By Dave Breingan *Lawrenceville United*

Lawrenceville - On Saturday, Sept. 7, Lawrenceville United (LU) will host its seventh annual party and fundraiser, "LIVE! in Lawrenceville," from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Teamster Temple (4701 Butler St.).

The party will feature food and drink from local restaurants and breweries; a dance party deejayed by Arie Cole, who is a regular at Brillobox, Umami, and Cattivo; raffle baskets; and retro games, including "Roller Bowler" and "Money Wheel." Awards for "Neighbor of the Year" and "Outstanding Community Partner" will also be delivered.

All proceeds from the night's festivities benefit LU's mission to improve and protect quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents.

In service to this mission, LU works on public safety, fights for affordable housing, holds free community events for local families, runs the Lawrenceville Farmers Market, partners with neighborhood schools to strengthen education opportunities, supports older adults to age in place successfully, cleans and greens the neighborhood, and advocates on behalf of residents.

"LIVE! in Lawrenceville" is made pos-

sible by the organization's all-volunteer Board of Directors and the generosity of local sponsors, including 43rd Street Concrete, McConway & Torley, Salem's, P2 Contracting, A+ Schools, Boys & Girls Club of Western PA, Confections by Casey Renee, Driftwood Oven Pizza, Lawrenceville VFW Post #214, Standard Bank, Trellis Legal, Tom Troy Enterprise, Sherrard German & Kelly PC, Arsenal Cider, Bloomfield Development Corporation, Crystal Bead Bazaar, Dive Bar & Grille, Dreadnought Wines & Palate Partners, Espresso a Mano, Hop Farm Brewery, Lawrenceville Corporation, Lawrenceville Vision Care, Spirit, Make + Matter, Merchant Oyster Company, North Park Lounge, Vestis, and others.

Tickets are available on LU's website (bit.ly/LIVEinLV) and can also be purchased at LU's office at 118 52nd St., Suite 2026. Each ticket covers admission, food, and drink; the cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door (\$10 for members of LU's AdvantAGE and PEP Rally programs, and \$15 for volunteers who work a shift).

To learn more about "LIVE! in Lawrenceville," please call LU at 412-802-7220 or email info@LUnited.org. ♦



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their affordable housing.”

A community land trust is one long-term solution. The model has been used in the United States since the late 1960s. Land trusts retain ownership of the land below a building, leasing it to a new homeowner each time the home is sold.

The goal is to preserve affordability through price controls each time a land trust home is sold to a buyer in need of affordable housing. Potential funding sources include government and foundation grants and private donations.

After Lawrenceville was the first to establish a community land trust in the region in 2015, several other communities began the process of setting up trusts or considering if the model is right for them.

Oakland has a working land trust, while leaders in Garfield and the Hill District have more recently formed land trust organizations. Etna, Millvale, Sharpsburg and Polish Hill have joined an expanded version of Lawrenceville's trust, which is continuing to grow.

Communities evaluating the model must consider how useful a tool community land trusts will be in preserving affordability and how one could work in their neighborhood. They must also decide the level of affordability they want to maintain and how they will acquire properties for their trusts.

In Fineview and Perry Hilltop, they're still deciding if a community land trust is the right model. Stadelman said their concern is that an emphasis on homeownership could displace the many Fineview and Perry Hilltop residents that cannot afford a mortgage.

But a trust also sends a message to speculative investors. “We are drawing a barrier or a line in the sand, saying, ‘Hey, you can't come over here,’” Smith said. “We are locking arms.”

Piloting in Lawrenceville

In Lawrenceville, Daylin Chatley searched for a house for about a year. She'd been renting in the neighborhood already, but it seemed she was priced out of being a homeowner there.

Ed Nusser, real estate and planning manager for the Lawrenceville Corporation, an economic development organization, said that 2012 was the last year that a moderate-income family could find a house they could expect to afford. Anticipating even higher

prices, the Lawrenceville Corporation set a goal to increase affordable housing in the neighborhood, the result of a community visioning process that began in 2012.

That led to the creation of the Lawrenceville Community Land Trust in 2015.

Around the same time, the City of Pittsburgh was looking for more affordable housing tools by forming the Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Allegheny Land Trust, which preserves natural spaces, studied the feasibility of community land trusts in the area, using funding from The Heinz Endowments*.

Matthew Galluzzo, executive director of the Lawrenceville Corporation and co-director of City of Bridges Land Trust, said there was a need for a community to test the viability of the land trust concept.

“You've got to find a place where you can pilot this model,” said Galluzzo, who is leaving to join the redevelopment nonprofit Riverlife as president in September. “Nothing breeds success like success.”

The trust received funding from the Housing Opportunity Fund managed by Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority [URA], as well as the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and several local foundations, businesses and developers.

So far, the trust has built six houses on vacant lots and refurbished one home in Upper Lawrenceville. The homes went on sale at the end of 2017, with prices ranging from \$125,000 to \$140,000. Around 200 people have already applied for future slots, Nusser said.

Eligible buyers for the trust must have incomes below 80% of the area median income [AMI], an annually adjusted federal measure used to gauge afford-

able housing. In 2019, 80% of the AMI for a family of four in the Pittsburgh area is \$63,900.

Chatley, a physical therapist's assistant, bought the first home in early 2018. The narrow two-story home has two bedrooms and two bathrooms, with a backyard that touches another land trust property.

Since then, she has been able to adopt a dog, make changes in her house and build a small amount of equity that she hopes will help her buy another house should she choose to grow her family.

“It's been great to do whatever I want,” Chatley said. “It feels like a home, and I haven't been able to have that.”

Chatley also joined the board of the land trust. The model requires that a third of the 14 board members be land trust residents.

Most buyers of the Lawrenceville houses, Galluzzo said, fell into the 60% to 80% AMI range. That means their income is low enough to qualify for the trust but high enough that they could get traditional mortgage underwriting.

A community land trust is a nonprofit that sells homes to low- or moder-

ate-income buyers at an affordable rate while retaining ownership of the land beneath it.

When the buyer later decides to sell, they'll be required to keep the price low, and the land lease is renewed between the new owner and the trust. The homeowner can build equity, though less than they might with a home that could be sold at a higher price.

Lawrenceville's success led to inquiries from other area communities about how the model might travel. In 2017, the group began splitting from the Lawrenceville Corporation to form the regional City of Bridges Community Land Trust; they formed a steering committee to look at the possibility of expansion before officially launching in 2019.

City of Bridges is now expanding to Polish Hill, Etna, Millvale and Sharpsburg. Its goal is to grow the trust from seven to 100 properties in the next five years.

In Polish Hill, housing prices have risen sharply in the past couple of years. The trust plans to build eight homes on URA-owned land known as Fire Site because the current buildings were damaged in a fire.

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Leaders in Polish Hill see the trust as a way to ensure affordability amid rising prices. But John Rhoades, a City of Bridges board member and housing and development committee co-chair at the Polish Hill Civic Association, wrote in an email that the trust “just helps with one particular housing challenge in our community.”

Because potential homeowners need enough income to qualify for a mortgage, he noted that the trust “ends up targeting folks within a pretty narrow income range.” He said the civic association must still bring other affordable housing options to the neighborhood.

In Etna, Millvale and Sharpsburg, housing prices haven’t ballooned like in Lawrenceville or Polish Hill. To acquire properties, the trust’s Buyer Initiated Program provides up to \$30,000 in assistance to homebuyers looking to buy a market-rate house priced below \$150,000. The home then becomes a part of the land trust and will be subject to affordability standards on resale, which would shelter it from future inflation in the housing market.

The Buyer Initiated Program is more efficient than building houses from scratch, Nusser said. If prices don’t

rise, he said, the land trust would be able to improve the housing stock in the boroughs.

“Not everyone is going to be Lawrenceville,” Nusser said. “But no one thought Lawrenceville was going to be Lawrenceville.”

Pittsburgh’s independent land trusts

In Garfield, an independent land trust is taking a resident-driven approach to combat displacement.

“We were seeing that there were a lot of African Americans being displaced without cause,” said Jeanette Coleman, board chair of the Garfield Land Trust.

Not only were home prices rising, but the area lacked financial support for existing homeowners, Coleman said. There were “elderly people that had roofs leaking, ovens not working, porches not looking good,” she said. They couldn’t afford repairs and didn’t know where to look for help.

When considering the land trust model, Coleman said she asked her neighbors not about the land trust itself, but what they thought about Garfield.

“We were seeing that there were a lot of African Americans being displaced without cause.”

The consensus, she said, was that “it’s changed, and that the community is not considered in the change.”

The trust started in 2016, and decisions are made by residents who attend quarterly meetings and pay a \$1 annual membership fee.

But the trust has been slow-moving. After more than two years of meetings, the trust doesn’t have any properties. The organization is technically under the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation [BGC] until it is designated as a tax-exempt nonprofit, a process that is necessary to receive the level

of funding needed to operate a land trust. Coleman described that process as their “one big holdup.”

John Stullken, secretary of the Garfield Land Trust, acknowledged that things have gone slowly, but he said the process is necessary to ensure community residents have ownership over the model. Otherwise, he said, people may wonder, “Is this a Trojan horse for displacement?”

Galluzzo said Garfield was invited to join with City of Bridges but decided to stay independent. “They said, to their credit, ‘We have a vision for how we want our [community land trust] to work,’” Galluzzo said.

The Garfield Land Trust anticipates that its first properties will likely be inherited from the BGC, meaning they won’t have to purchase market-rate houses, but the trust will still need funding for taxes and home maintenance.

In Oakland, a land trust run by the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation [OPDC] has used a number of methods to get houses into the trust. In addition to buying and building properties, the trust is looking to expand by buying land while current residents still live in their homes. The trust would take on the home when the resident dies or decides to leave the neighborhood.

The large student presence in Oakland means the population is always in flux as students move in and out with the school year. The trust is unique in that it’s also trying to create market-rate housing with permanent owner occupancy restrictions.

Because the neighborhood attracts so many renters, the trust’s leaders see promoting homeownership as an attractive feature of this model, according to Annemarie Malbon, manager of the Oakland Community Land Trust.

The Hill Community Development Corporation [CDC] announced the formation of its community land trust at the beginning of 2019. Similar to Garfield, the trust is envisioned as a means to provide more community control over land use. Felicity Williams, programs and policy manager at the Hill CDC, said a majority of Hill District land is owned by the URA, the City of Pittsburgh or the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

The development corporation is considering a variety of potential owners, including businesses and homeowners

who aren’t income restricted. That strategy, Williams said, would help subsidize housing reserved for lower-income buyers and provide “an entry point to homeownership for those who would otherwise not be able to be homeowners.”

‘Figure it out as we go’

As community land trusts develop in areas with unique housing needs, they have developed differently. However, they face common challenges of how to structure and build their organizations to permanently ensure affordability.

In Perry Hilltop and Fineview, community leaders are still working with consultants to figure out how their land trust should work and how prominently it should feature in their affordable housing strategy.

“Not everything can be solved with real estate,” said Valentina Vavasis, one of those consultants, who also teaches at the Carnegie Mellon School of Architecture. The need for affordable housing, she said, comes from a much larger issue of economic disparity.

Smith and Stadelman, as co-chairs of the housing working group, are still considering whether to stay independent or join City of Bridges’ larger trust.

After meeting with City of Bridges, Smith was concerned that the organization was fairly new, which meant they wouldn’t know where Fineview and Perry Hilltop would fall on their list of priorities. Stadelman is attracted to the long-term sustainability that might come with the resources of a larger organization, but understands how others may worry about control.

“It could be an argument either way,” Smith said. “We are trying to figure it out as we go.”

As leaders in Fineview and Perry Hilltop weigh their options, Stadelman stresses the need to find an affordable housing solution that preserves Pittsburgh’s affordability in the long term. “I would certainly hope that everyone is feeling the urgency to figure it out quickly,” she said, “before we become every other city in the United States.”

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Lasting community investment: FCG Playpark

By Victoria Haggerson *Friendship Community Group*

Friendship - Twenty years ago, the northeastern corner of S. Graham St. and Friendship Ave. was an open space, almost begging for a feature that could serve the children who attended Friendship Academy, along with new families moving to the neighborhood.

In 1989, the Friendship Preservation Group (FPG) was formed as a community-based advocacy organization, and the Friendship Development Associates (FDA) was formed as a community development corporation.

The FPG and the FDA worked to help reverse the neighborhood's decline by lobbying for zoning efforts to limit absentee-owned rental properties. Both groups also worked together to build the green space/park now known as "Baum Grove," which has become a foundation property for community gatherings.

In 1994, over 300 community residents shared in the creation of the Friendship Community Plan. During a kick-off meeting, area children were asked to illustrate and write about the changes they wanted to see in their neighborhood.

Along with wishes for world peace, an end to interpersonal violence, and a clean environment, children wrote that they needed a playground and drew pictures of slides, swings, and climbing equipment. At the meeting, local parents made it clear that creating a safe place to play was likewise their top priority for the community.

Shortly after moving to the neighborhood in 1997, Diana Ames heard this call and led the FPG/FDA committee that spearheaded the design, building, fundraising, and maintenance of the what is now the Friendship Community Group (FCG) Playpark at the Friendship Montessori School.

The Pittsburgh Board of Education, the Mayor's Office, and even some neigh-

BELOW: Friendship's Playpark is a hub for kids' outdoor play on a sunny day. Photo by Victoria Haggerson.



bors did not want to see it built. Yet, the committee persevered and marshaled support from the state of Pennsylvania, the neighborhood's City Council rep, other City officials, and local community members – who contributed a whopping \$17,000 of their own money to fund the park's creation.

The "community-built" playpark came to life in 1999 after several years of planning and fundraising. Once the slides and other equipment were purchased, additional money was set aside - an endowment fund, held by the Pittsburgh Foundation, for the upkeep of the playpark. About a decade after its construction, neighbors again rallied to secure a grant for a makeover of the equipment and play surfaces.

‘The Playpark is a striking example of how the commitment and sheer hard work of community members, sometimes in the face of opposition, has effected positive changes in Friendship over the last three decades.’

When the 2006 closure of Friendship Academy left the playpark in jeopardy, Ames and her fellow PTA leaders created a proposal to amend the school district's "Right-Sizing Plan" by moving the Montessori magnet program to Friendship. "The playpark," Ames said recently, "was seen as a tremendous asset in this transition."

The Playpark is a striking example of how the commitment and sheer hard work of community members, sometimes in the face of opposition, has effected positive changes in Friendship over the last three decades. Today, FCG volunteers continue maintaining the equipment, often collaborating with volunteers from the Montessori School.

To celebrate these past and future efforts, join the FCG and the Montessori PTA for a joint fundraiser benefiting the playpark on Sept. 13, from 4 to 8 p.m. Visit friendship-pgh.org to learn more. ♦

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3 p.m. - Lawrenceville's own Jim Wudarczyk, author of several local history books, will address "Butler Street: Footsteps of the Past". The talk will discuss the history and architecture of Butler Street.

4 p.m. - Tom Powers, President of the Lawrenceville Historical Society, will address "The History of Penn Avenue". He will be discussing the rich history of Penn Avenue and some of its architecture.

1:30-2 and 3-5 p.m. - Zion's church historian Rebekah Johnston will provide 15 minute docent tours of the church building and courtyard.

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This publication begins and ends with you, local community members, so we respectfully invite your opinions & insights.

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Redesign in store for East Liberty's Broad Street Plaza

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

East Liberty - Broad Street Plaza, a 13,612 sq. ft. public space across the street from Hotel Indigo, was created during the urban renewal era of the 1960s - in concert with the Penn Ave. pedestrian mall. Boasting only a few planters and a parking lot, the plaza does not currently provide much benefit to the neighborhood.

Thanks to a community-led design process initiated by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) in August 2018, Broad St. Plaza is now ripe for a redesign. The idea of transforming the space at the corner of N. Highland Ave. and Broad St. first came about in 2010 during a community planning process led by East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI); the concept was more thoroughly explored in 2013 at public meetings for the East Liberty Transit Revitalization Investment District.

"For the last 50 years, this space has been some version of a public plaza, but it has evolved in such a haphazard manner that it doesn't function as an inviting space," Kryn Sausedo, project manager at the URA, explained. "There is surface parking that is awkwardly shut off, trees without seating underneath, lighting without functioning conduits, and storm sewer pipes that back up in heavy rains."

Last year, ELDI helped the URA organize a series of community meetings to find out what the community hoped to see for the space. Soon after, a public request-for-proposals was issued and Klavon Design Assoc. was chosen as the architect for the project. Having designed similar spaces all over the city, including Downtown's Market Square, Klavon worked to incorporate the East Liberty community's feedback into a cohesive design.

The new blueprint features an open layout with wide walkways, new planters, bike

AT RIGHT: *The architectural rendering of a redesigned Broad St. Plaza. Plans from Klavon Design Assoc. present a transformed public space open to pedestrians. Graphic courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.*



racks, overhead string lighting, and a sidewalk extension planned to accommodate local food trucks and café seating. Electrical wiring will also be installed so that the space can be used for community events and performances.

"There was a lot of alignment around wanting this space to be more inviting and vibrant, but there were also some concerns about negative actions that can take place in public spaces," Sausedo said. "I think we were able to take the right measures to keep the space safe while also not letting that overwhelm the design in an over-protective manner."

The URA, which owns the land parcel, is currently raising funds for the \$1.63 million project. Upon receiving approval from the city's planning commission in June, the agency began soliciting contractors with the goal of beginning construction in early 2020.

"We hope the space can provide an inviting location for everything from dance performances to farmers' markets to political rallies," Sausedo said. "We hope it helps the surrounding businesses attract customers, provides workers a relaxing place to eat their lunch, and creates a safe place for teens to sit and chat with friends."

Follow the redevelopment process at eastliberty.org/news-events/. ♦

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House tour spotlights former home of late preservationist Carol Peterson

By Kate Bayer *Bulletin contributor*

Lawrenceville - Many residents of Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, and Polish Hill know and respect the work of the late Carol Peterson, a champion of historic preservation.

Peterson not only rescued, rehabilitated, and restored many historic homes in these neighborhoods - she also researched and wrote 1,940 house histories during her lifetime.

One of the homes Peterson rescued and lived in until her untimely death [Dec. 17, 2017] will be featured on Sunday, Oct. 6, as part the annual Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour.

In March 2018, the house (172 46th St.) was nominated as a national historic landmark. It offers a spectacular representation of the Italianate style architecture that was popular during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Overall symmetry distinguishes the exterior, including double-hung, one-over-one windows crowned by limestone sills. A three-paneled door welcomes visitors into the home.

All of the interior brick is unpainted and the windows, doors, and cornices are all made of wood; restored pocket doors, original woodwork, and vintage wainscoting can be found adorning

the living and dining rooms.

The home's current owners, who personally hand-stripped and refinished all the hinges and locks, have taken great care to showcase the building's historic perspective.

Additional historic details include flared newel posts and spindles, mar-



ABOVE: At the former home of the late Carol Peterson, a time-warped kitchen features a working stove built in 1930. Photo courtesy of Kate Bayer.

ble and wood mantels with arched openings, four-panel doors ornamented with porcelain knobs and cast iron hinges, and wall paper with a vintage circa 1950.

The kitchen is a time-travel adventure, complete with a functioning kitchen stove from 1930 and a separate nook housing the kitchen sink.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, visitors are welcome to tour this stunning home from noon to 5 p.m. The self-guided Lawrenceville Hospitality Tour will feature additional homes that have been renovated, restored, or newly constructed.

On Sept. 3, advance tickets for the tour will be available for purchase at the following Lawrenceville retailers: Von Walter & Funk, City Grows, Wildcard, T's Upholstery, and Pavement.

Tickets are also available for online purchase at LHA15201.org. ♦

BELOW: The Lawrenceville home's tall windows bathe its living room in sunlight. Photo courtesy of Kate Bayer.



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Volunteer Voices: Rocky Cristobal

By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - Rocky Cristobal wants everybody to enjoy bicycling. The Bloomfield resident, whose background is in medicine, recently took over the helm of Kraynick's Bike Shop (5003 Penn Ave.) in Garfield.

Guiding local cyclists on group rides, Cristobal understands the importance of bike safety in the city's East End neighborhoods. The local volunteer recently shared his thoughts on volunteering with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Nina Gibbs.



ABOVE: Rocky Cristobal (center) leads young bikers on a ride through Bloomfield. Photo courtesy of Nina Gibbs.

Bulletin: When did you first begin volunteering?

Cristobal: "I've been volunteering since my childhood. I got started working in community outreach programs and volunteered throughout grade school."

Bulletin: What organizations are you currently involved with as a volunteer?

Cristobal: "Kraynick's Bike Shop, "Positive Spin" with BikePGH, and PAGES (Philippine American Group of Educators & Surgeons) medical missions."

Bulletin: How do you like to engage your local community?

Cristobal: "I run a small bicycle shop in Garfield that promotes independence through cycling. We have a free workshop where people can learn about, and work on, their bikes. We also have a holiday bicycle giveaway program that has been running strong for 17 years. I'm also hoping to become part of the planning process for the Garfield Green Zone, and help include cycling infrastructure in the project plans."

Bulletin: What motivates you to stay involved?

Cristobal: "I want to help members of our local community by making cycling accessible for all...My family keeps me inspired. I want to make sure our children will have a healthy environment to become the best that they can be. ♦"

Local Scout Troops host annual fundraiser in Morningside

A Message from BSA Troops 3945 & 9945

Morningside - On Friday, Sept. 27, Morningside VFW Post 3945 will host its third annual spaghetti dinner, a fundraiser benefitting Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troops 3945 and 9945.

The dinner will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. at VFW Post 3945, located at 1820 Morningside Ave.; tickets cost \$10 each at the door, or \$7 in advance.



ABOVE: BSA Scouts from Troops 3945 & 9945 enjoy a hike in Ohio's Hocking Hills State Park. Photo by Patrick Caroff.

This fundraising event also functions as a "community day" for the Scouts, who want to meet more of their neighbors and help spread the word about Scouting. All youths (age 11-18) are welcome to participate in Scouts BSA, regardless of their gender. New Scouts can join at any time.

Active in Morningside and the surrounding communities, Troop 3945 is a troop for boys and Troop 9945 is a troop for girls. The scout troops operate cooperatively, but each troop has its own scoutmaster and youth leaders.

Every Tuesday, the scouts meet at the Morningside VFW to work on traditional Scouting skills. At least once a month, they camp overnight and put those skills into practice.

Everyone is welcome to attend the spaghetti dinner on Sept. 27 to learn more about Scouts BSA. For more info about both of these troops, please visit Troop3945.com. ♦

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE BLOTTER [AGAIN]?

Unfortunately, the Local Real Estate Blotter, a Bulletin feature regularly found on this page, is currently on hiatus. Allegheny County's online real estate portal, where the blotter's listings are sourced, has once again gone "offline" and not updated data in nearly two months.

The Bulletin will resume publishing real estate listings as soon as the County website is back up and running. Until then, readers can look to the Sunday edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for updated listings. We encourage 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 online real estate portal is no longer up-to-date.

City awarded funding for electric vehicle charging stations in East Liberty

A Message from the City of Pittsburgh

East Liberty - On Aug. 1, Gov. Tom Wolf and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that the City of Pittsburgh is receiving \$245,000 to install six electric vehicle charging stations at a public parking lot in East Liberty.

Mayor William Peduto's administration and the Pittsburgh Parking Authority (PPA) are seeking to support the usage of clean energy with these funds.

The city will implement the charging stations at the 6117 Kirkland St. lot as a pilot project that could be repeated in other neighborhood parking lots around the city. Charging stations are currently available in four PPA garages Downtown.

The City will install two dual-hose, DC fast-charging stations and four dual-hose, "level 2" EV charging stations in the lot. These stations can be utilized by local residents, small businesses, restaurants, and hotels. They can also be used to charge electric vehicles in the City of Pittsburgh fleet.

"Pittsburgh is continuing to build out [electric vehicle] infrastructure city-wide, getting us ever closer to reaching our goals of being 100% fossil-fuel free by 2030," Mayor Peduto said. "I want to thank Gov. Wolf, the DEP, the Parking Authority, and our hard-working city staff for believing in this vision and helping to make it a reality."

The charging stations are expected to be used by visitors to the business district, workers in office buildings and shared office spaces that have popped up in the neighborhood, and residents of East Liberty. The charging stations will be accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With the dual hoses at the 6 charging stations, a total of 12 vehicles will be able to charge simultaneously. The City plans to install the stations by the end of the year.

The Governor's announcement about the Pittsburgh charging stations was part of \$8.5 million awarded [state-wide] last month to support the reduction of transportation pollution. ♦

BELOW: During a July 30 ribbon-cutting in Garfield, local kids, elected officials, and community leaders herald the transformation of a basketball court behind the former Ft. Pitt School. Refurbished, and repainted in the Garfield Gators' signature orange-and-blue color scheme, the court is now ready for action. Photo by Corey Buckner.



GARFIELD

State of the Neighborhood Meeting

TUESDAY SEPT. 17, 2019

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Announcements for the October edition are due by Monday, Sept. 23.

Please submit listings using the online form at www.bit.ly/bulletin_submit.

SEPTEMBER 5 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Land Trust Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 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.

Volunteer Farming

Garfield Community Farm invites volunteers to lend a helping hand at the farm every Thursday evening, from 5:30 p.m. to dusk. Please consider joining other farm volunteers on a Thursday. The farm is located near the top of the hill in Garfield, on the corner of Wicklow and Columbo Sts.

SEPTEMBER 6 - FRIDAY

GARFIELD

'CAPTCHA' Art Exhibition

Bunker Projects presents "Completely Automatic Public Turing Test to Tell Computers & Humans Apart," featuring new works by resident artist Lizzy Lubitsky. The CAPTCHA term was coined in 2003 by four computer scientists. They created the test to determine if a user is human or A.I., and it has since been employed as a security check for most on-

line platforms. The exhibition includes several interpretations that take the form of absurd machinery and interactive sculptures. Come to Bunker Projects (5106 Penn Ave.) on Friday, Sept. 6, for the opening from 7-10 p.m.; make sure to bring quarters. An artist talk is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15 from 2-4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7 - SATURDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Heritage Fest at Allegheny Cemetery

Allegheny Cemetery is celebrating 175 years of Pittsburgh history (1844 - 2019) with Heritage Fest. Festivities will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the fountain lawn - inside the entrance at 4734 Butler St. Live jazz, Irish music, a petting zoo, face-painting, food trucks, and historical reenactors will be included in the program. All are welcome at this free event. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy a picnic in the park.

'LIVE! in Lawrenceville'

Join Lawrenceville United (LU) for its annual party and fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 7-10 p.m. "LIVE! in Lawrenceville" celebrates the neighbors, volunteers, and leaders that make the neighborhood special. Festivities will be held at the Teamsters Local Union 249 (4701 Butler St.). Admission includes food & drinks from local businesses, fun games, and music spun by Arie Cole. To get tickets, call 412-802-7220 or visit bit.ly/LIVEinLV.

Interested in volunteering? Click the link on our Pittsburgh Cares site (buff.ly/2SuVY3x) to learn about the different volunteer shifts available.

SEPTEMBER 10 - TUESDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

10th Ward Block Watch

Monthly block watch for the 10th Ward (Upper Lawrenceville), including a public safety update, takes place at 6:30 p.m. at Goodwill's Workforce Development Center (118 52nd Street). Questions and accommodations: 412-802-7220 or info@LUnited.org.

SEPTEMBER 11 - WEDNESDAY

EAST LIBERTY

'Kids Create': Sun Catchers

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, kids get a chance to repurpose CDs into bedazzled sun catchers - perfect to hang wherever they need some extra "bling" - at the Carnegie Library's East Liberty branch (130 S Whitfield St.). Recommended for children in grades K-5. To learn more, email sommererc@carnegielibrary.org.

SEPTEMBER 14 - SATURDAY

GARFIELD

GJA Fall Festival

Families from all over Allegheny County are invited to Garfield Jubilee Association's (GJA) Fall Festival on September 14. Running from Noon to 6 p.m. at GJA's 5323 Penn Ave. location, families are welcome to come to participate in all the fun: petting zoo, face-painting, kiddie rides, dog parade, line-dancing, & free food.

CITY-WIDE

PGH Urban Farm Tour

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Pittsburgh Urban Farm Tour will be held all over the city from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This self-guided tour features 12 urban farms and community gardens throughout Pittsburgh. Participants can bike or drive. Proceeds support honorariums for each participating farm and fund an Urban Growers Scholarship. Admission is \$15; kids age 12 and younger are free. More information and registration can be found online at eastendfood.coop/farmtour.

SEPTEMBER 16 - MONDAY

EAST LIBERTY

Preschool Readiness Play Session

Join TEIS Early Intervention therapists in a play session at the Carnegie Library's East Liberty branch (130 S Whitfield St.) on Monday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. Therapists will help children build preschool readiness skills. This program is designed for parents with children ages birth to 3. Email sommererc@carnegielibrary.org for more info.

SEPTEMBER 17 - TUESDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

9th Ward Block Watch

Monthly block watch for the 9th Ward (Upper Lawrenceville), including a public safety update, takes place at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Lyceum. Questions and accommodations: 412-802-7220 or info@LUnited.org.

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On Wednesday, Sept. 18, Melanie Linn Gutowski will take folks on a tour of some prominent family homes from Pittsburgh's 19th century industrial boom era - as featured in her book, "Pittsburgh's Mansions" (from Arcadia Publishing). The Heinz, Frick, and Mellon families are among the most familiar names featured. This event takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library's Lawrenceville branch (279 Fisk St.). It's free to the public; no reservations required.

SEPTEMBER 22 - SUNDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

LHS Walking Tour

This year's annual Lawrenceville Historical Society (LHS) walking tour will explore the history of lower Lawrenceville. The free 1.5 hour walking tour starts at the corner of 34th and Liberty Ave. at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. In addition to old favorites, this year's tour will examine new sites, including two new monuments. The tour will end at the Washington Crossing Bridge; wear comfortable walking shoes. Rain date is set for Sunday, Sept. 29, at the same place & time.

SEPTEMBER 24 - TUESDAY

GARFIELD

Herbal Medicine Making

Michelle Soto of Cutting Root Farm & Apothecary will host an herbal medicine making workshop at Garfield Community Farm on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are limited. Please email garfieldcommunityfarm@gmail.com if interested in attending.

SEPTEMBER 30 - MONDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

6th Ward Block Watch

Monthly block watch for the 6th Ward (Lower Lawrenceville), including public safety update. 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church (Lower Room). Questions and accommodations: 412-802-7220 or info@LUnited.org.

- OPPORTUNITIES -

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The Bloomfield Pool & Citiparks would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's carnival a success for the kids. The free event was sponsored by generous patrons/businesses who donated their time and money. Big shout-outs to the following: PPG Aramark Arena, Pizza Italia, Liberty Beer, Tobacco Outlet, Paddy Cake Bakery, Meranti's, Lin-ea Verde Green Market, Wilson's Drug Store, and all our wonderful patrons! ♦

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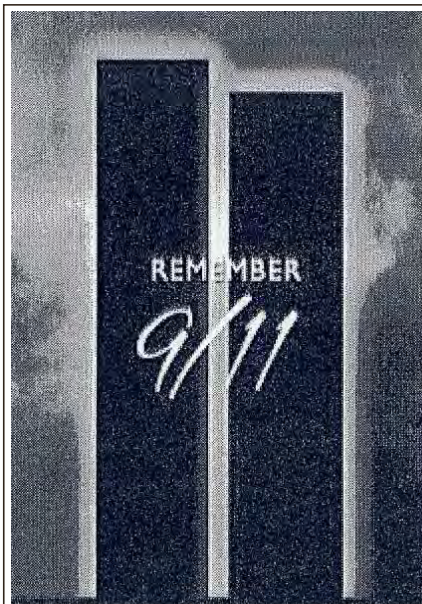
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CAREER-BUILDING BLOCK: SEPTEMBER

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.

• **Ace Hotel Pittsburgh Hiring Event: Tuesday, Sept. 5th; 1 - 3 p.m.** •

Ace Hotel is hiring for breakfast cook, host, event server, room attendant, and more.

• **Computer Basics I & II: Monday, Sept. 9th; 10:30 a.m. - Noon** •

These courses will cover all the skills needed to navigate computers, like understanding hardware and saving/storing files.

• **Resume Workshop: Tuesday, Sept. 10th; 3 - 5 p.m.** •

• **Computer Basics III: Monday, Sept. 16th; 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.

• **'Delta-T Group' Hiring Event: Tuesday, Sept. 24th; Noon - 3 p.m.** •

Delta-T Group is hiring caregivers.

• **Resume Workshop: Thursday, Sept. 26th; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** •

• **Expungement Clinic: Monday, Sept. 30th; 10 a.m. - Noon** •

Neighbors celebrate 'National Night Out' in Garfield

By Andrew McKeon *The Bulletin*

BELOW: Garfield resident Rowdy Sauer tests his luck in a skill game during the National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Photo by John Colombo.



ABOVE: Kids crawl through the bounce house at National Night Out in Garfield. Photo by John Colombo.

BELOW: Students show off their free backpacks from Frank Walker Law during Garfield's National Night Out festivities. Local community groups and businesses helped outfit young scholars ahead of the school year. Photo by John Colombo.



ABOVE: Volunteers serve hot food during Garfield's National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Photo by John Colombo.

PUBLIC MEETING: WEST PENN HOSPITAL'S MASTER PLAN

ATTN: Bloomfield Residents!

The next Development Activities Meeting for Bloomfield's West Penn Hospital (WPH) Institutional Master Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. at the WPH School of Nursing Auditorium (4900 Friendship Ave.).

October Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Sept. 16

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