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Environmental Charter School opens in Garfield

By Rick Swartz

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield – In late August, the Environmental Charter School (ECS) moved into its new home in the 5500 block of Columbo St., with very little fanfare and 300 middle-school students in tow.

The students' arrival caps an intensive, three-year process that began with ECS searching for a new facility that could accommodate an expansion of its middle-school enrollment.

The former Rogers Middle School became available after an Edgewood developer, who had purchased the vacant building for \$275,000 from the Pittsburgh Board of Education in January of 2015, suddenly abandoned his project.

This opened the door to another developer, who purchased the 2.65-acre property in 2018 for \$700,000 and

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ABOVE: Referees restore order after the Garfield Gators earn a turnover-on downs during a Sept. 7 youth football game. Playing on their home field [known as "The Swamp"], the Gators took on the Northside Steelers in a contest for the ages. Look to page 16 for more glimpses of the local gridiron action. Photo by John Colombo.



ABOVE: Garbage Olympics competitor Jason Sauer (right) hoists a collection of trash bags onto the Garfield team's collective pile on Saturday, Sept. 21. Check out local photos from the cleanup effort on pages 3 & 16. Photo courtesy of InvolveMINT.

New programs help homeowners build generational wealth

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

East Liberty – In an effort to build wealth in the city's East End and beyond, Circles Greater Pittsburgh is introducing two innovative programs that help both new and existing low-income families benefit from homeownership.

The first program, Developing Ownership Opportunities for Residents (DOOR), is a comprehensive homeownership program that guides low- to moderate-income individuals through the process of buying their first home.

Like many other first-time homebuy-

er programs, DOOR provides credit counseling and budgeting & mortgage education, but it also focuses additional energy on how to build family wealth through homeownership.

This includes training on topics like how to quickly build and keep equity, how to increase the value of one's home, and the importance of estate planning – along with tips on how to manage unexpected costs like insurance, taxes, and maintenance.

Once families move in, the KEY

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undertook a \$10 million+ renovation project to ready it as a third campus for ECS.

The developer, Rogers Real Estate LP, is leasing the building to ECS, and could sell it to the school down the road. Regardless of the building's future, it is a good bet that the school board never intended for the old Rogers School to end up in the hands of ECS.

ECS plans to use one wing in the new complex to launch a ninth grade next year - on its path to opening a high school in the city at some point in the not-too-distant future - according to Jon McCann, the chief executive officer for ECS. This move will likely bring opposition from the city school board once more.

ECS is retaining its campuses in Regent Square and Park Place in order to house its K-5 school population.

Although it's often mischaracterized as a private school, ECS is a nonprofit charter school, plain and simple. What, exactly, are charter schools?

They are publicly-funded, independent schools that are usually established by teachers, parents, or community members - or some combination of the three. Unlike the traditional system, which requires directors to run for office, these schools have an appointed board of directors.

Charters are often mistaken for private schools because a student's admission to the school is not automatic, even if he or she lives in the neighborhood where the school is located.

ECS uses a lottery system, drawing students from across the city, in order to provide a random process to identify children for its student body. The lottery system does allow the school to give added weight to applications from children whose families qualify for the federal free, or reduced-price, lunch program.

If and when a charter school is finally able to open - never a guarantee - the school district must set aside the revenues from its existing budget to cover the expenses of the charter school's operation. In essence, the money must follow the students.

If a charter is successful in attracting students from private or sectarian schools (e.g., those operated by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh), then there must be sufficient public revenues to cover those new entrants into the public school system. This angers many supporters of the traditional sys-

AT RIGHT:

Sixth-graders are heading to class at the Environmental Charter School's (ECS) new campus in Garfield. By transforming the old Rogers School building with new "green design" elements, ECS can now provide its middle-school students with a top-flight education in an environmentally responsible setting. Photo by Rick Swartz.



tem as well.

Charter school advocates argue that they save families from the burden of having to pay the tuition charged by private and parochial schools. In 2019, the Pittsburgh Board of Education adopted a budget of \$650 million, with \$270 million projected to come from the state. From that budget comes the bulk of the money for the operation of charter schools in the city.

The Pittsburgh Board of Education has made it policy over the past 30 years to oppose virtually all applications for new charter schools in the city. Each application must first be submitted to the Board for review and approval. If the school Board decides to turn down the application, the charter school entity can appeal that decision to the state; the state Charter Appeals Board has overturned a majority of the rejections issued by the Board in recent years.

McCann reported last month that ECS received close to 1,000 applications for the 300 middle-school students that the new building can accommodate. As this high demand left many families on a waiting list, McCann said he is concerned that the list might grow even longer as news of the Garfield school's state-of-the-art facility spreads across the city.

When he first engaged Garfield residents at a community meeting in October of 2017, McCann faced a healthy dose of skepticism that ECS' entry into the neighborhood would spell any tangible benefits for low-income children.

According to SchoolDigger.com data posted last November, approximately 28% of the school's student body is

considered to be low-income.

McCann admittedly understands that critics of charter schools will always exist, and he is not one to be defensive about what ECS is, or is not.

In a recent interview for *The Bulletin*, he explained that the school's administrators "will always be working to perfect what it is we are, and how well we fulfill the mission that we've set for ourselves. Most of our faculty

and staff have worked in the traditional public-school system, and we can't allow ourselves to think that merely because we're here, we're somehow better. There are probably any number of publicly-funded schools in Pennsylvania who may be doing things better than we are, and from whom we could learn something."

McCann went on to say that he would invite collaboration with the Pittsburgh Board of Education so that ECS is not seen as an interloper, and that best practices between the two systems could be shared.

"Our goal is to grow the next generation of thoughtful citizens. We want our students to be interested in, and knowledgeable of, the world around them," he said. "We go to great lengths to see that they can come to learn what is good and bad about our world, and then discern what it will take to preserve the good, and improve on the bad. That's our vision of a good public education, and we are happy to share it with others."

Later this year, ECS will hold a new lottery to form its 2020 class. Families interested in having their children considered for admission may contact the school at 412-247-7970. ♦



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BELOW: A young volunteer lends a (gloved) hand to the cleanup effort in Garfield during the Garbage Olympics on Saturday, Sept. 21. Thanks to the combined efforts of dozens of volunteers, Garfield won first place. Photo courtesy of InvolveMINT.



ABOVE: In the process of cleaning up Garfield, a Garbage Olympics volunteer uncovers a mess of tangled trash. The competition even awarded teams for “strangest item found.” Photo courtesy of InvolveMINT.

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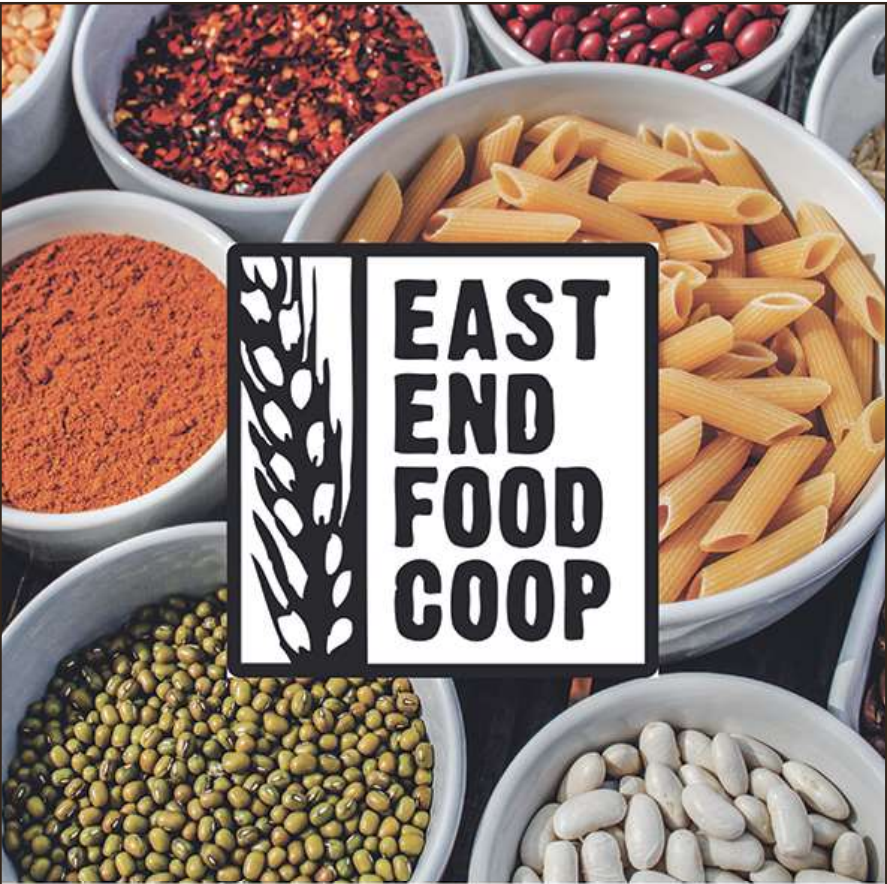
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BBQ in Review: Spork Pit revisited

By The Occasional Diner *Bulletin contributor*



ABOVE: Spork Pit (5349 Penn Ave.), a barbecue joint in Garfield, has redeemed itself in the eyes of *The Occasional Diner*. Read more below. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

Garfield - Last fall, I visited Spork Pit for the first time and had a less-than-impressive visit. However, I decided to give it another go in late August.

Everyone deserves a second chance, right?

Well I'm glad I did. This time around, I went with the jerk chicken instead of the turkey, but still had the mac & cheese and potato salad as my side dishes.

As a person who loves jerk seasoning, and someone who is skeptical of the jerk sold in establishments that are not Caribbean-influenced, I was definitely surprised. The chicken was tender and perfectly seasoned; it more than exceeded my expectations. I would even consider buying it to take home for family dinner on a day when I might not have a lot of time to cook. That says a lot!

As for the mac & cheese and potato salad, they were much better this time around - a big relief. I really wanted to try the greens but, since they are cooked with pork, I was unable to partake. Hopefully, Spork Pit will consider making a dish of greens cooked with either smoked turkey or no meat at all, so that those of us who do not eat pork are able to enjoy them.

All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed my return trip to Spork Pit and I look forward to visiting again in the near future. ♦

412 Food Rescue joins forces with Food Bank

A Message from 412 Food Rescue

Pittsburgh – On Sept. 18, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB) and 412 Food Rescue announced a new collaboration, formed to increase the organizations' impact on reducing food waste and hunger in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

As food rescue partners, the initiative combines the resources of both organizations in expanding on their current offerings and identifying new food-recovery and distribution opportunities.

"412 Food Rescue is excited to forge this important partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to ensure that more fresh food reaches people who need it," David Primm, Chief Program & Impact Officer at 412 Food Rescue, said. "We look forward to our collective work in reducing food waste and hunger throughout the Pittsburgh region."

The Food Bank and 412 Food Rescue will utilize joint logistical services, volunteers and refrigerated vehicles to pick up and deliver food and food-related products to housing communities with which 412 Food Rescue has an established relationship.

Through the new partnership, both or-

ganizations are working to expand the food distribution networks..

"This is a wonderful first step in the partnership between our organizations," Justin Lee, Chief Operations Officer at the Food Bank, said. "By leveraging the collective strengths of both the Food Bank and 412 Food Rescue, we can have a greater impact as we increase the provision of fresh and healthy food to our community."

As part of the collaboration, the organizations have established an Executive Committee that will explore new ways they can work together to combat hunger in the Pittsburgh area.

Utilizing technology to solve the logistics challenge of retail food recovery, 412 Food Rescue is the only organization in Allegheny County that focuses on food that would otherwise be discarded, impacting not only hunger but also the environment.

412 Food Rescue's goal is to introduce innovative solutions to eradicate food waste in the region and expand its model to cities around the country.

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Lawrenceville Corporation welcomes Lauren Byrne Connelly as new executive director

A Message from the Lawrenceville Corporation

AT RIGHT:

Lauren Byrne Connelly, who is returning to Lawrenceville in her new capacity as executive director of the Lawrenceville Corporation. She is the granddaughter of the late Aggie Brose, one of the founders of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. Photo courtesy of Ed Nusser.



Lawrenceville – On Friday, Sept. 6, the Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) announced Lauren Byrne Connelly as its new executive director. Byrne Connelly succeeds Matthew Galluzzo, who served the nonprofit community development organization for nearly a decade.

During his time at LC, Galluzzo facilitated over \$200 million in public and private investment in Lawrenceville and oversaw the creation of the first Community Land Trust in Western PA. Galluzzo is now moving on to lead Riverlife, a regional nonprofit that works to implement a community vision for Pittsburgh's riverfront.

Byrne Connelly, who was inspired to pursue a career in community development at a young age, has worked in community development for over 13 years.

Working most recently as an Assistant Director of Business Innovation & Technology in Allegheny County's Department of Economic Development (ACED), she supervised community development loan and grant programs, Main Street

revitalization programs, real estate development projects, and business development programs throughout the county's 130 municipalities. Prior to joining ACED, Byrne Connelly served as the Executive Director of Lawrenceville United (LU) - a community-based organization that works in tandem with the LC to focus on improving the quality of life of Lawrenceville residents and stakeholders.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to return to Lawrenceville," she said, "and join the LC team in building on the organization's long history of collaboration with partner organizations, residents, and all stakeholders to catalyze and steward responsible, community-driven growth and development in Lawrenceville."

Under Byrne Connelly's leadership, LU created engagement programs and community-driven processes that have become regional models for community planning, school-based parent-engagement programs, entertainment & hospitality district planning and development, workforce development, public safety, and community health & wellness programs.

"We're thrilled to announce Lauren as the new Executive Director. Lauren's experience working for [LU], the City of Pittsburgh, and Allegheny County give her a unique perspective on development - both locally and regionally," Nina Chase, Vice President of the Lawrenceville Corporation's Board of Directors, said. "We look forward to working with her, alongside Lawrenceville's residents and business owners, to define the next generation of the Lawrenceville Corporation."

Byrne Connelly's hiring comes as LC begins to implement a robust strategic plan for 2020, including planning for permanent affordable housing, responsible hospitality, accessibility and mobility, commercial development, and business district repositioning.

"I look forward to deepening LC's impact within the community, and regionally, as we build on a great foundation established under Matt's leadership," she explained. "I'm also looking forward to working with current and former colleagues in new ways on important issues facing the Lawrenceville community as it continues to grow. I know that, through hard work and strong partnerships, Lawrenceville can be a community for all that offers everyone the opportunity to thrive - and I'm excited to get to work in realizing that vision." ♦

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BELOW: Homeowner Gerald McClendon (left, seated) hoists his keys to celebrate his new home with representatives from the URA, Circles, HACP, and LifeVenture. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.



(Keeping Equity Yours) program equips them to maintain their home and finances.

Participating homeowners attend seminars on how to maintain good credit, how to take advantage of budgeting/savings programs, and how to avoid predatory lending. Much like DOOR, KEY focuses on estate planning - an often unfamiliar topic, but one that is crucial to understand in order to pass wealth on to future generations.

In a *New York Times* article ["How Home Ownership Became the Engine of American Inequality," May 9, 2017], Matthew Desmond illustrated the devastating impact that low levels of home ownership have on the wealth of black families.

"Differences in homeownership rates remain the prime driver of the nation's racial wealth gap," he asserted.

"In 2011, the median white household had a net worth of \$111,146, compared with \$7,113 for the median black household and \$8,348 for the median Hispanic household."

In Pittsburgh, where African-American families continue facing barriers to affordable homeownership throughout the city, the same wealth gap has been evident for decades.

At Circles, this disturbing data only serves as motivation for its partnerships with nonprofit housing developers from Open Hand Ministries, East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI), Operation Better Block and Rebuilding Together PGH.

Helping new homebuyers access affordable credit, Circles works with lenders at First Commonwealth Bank, Northwest Bank, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.

Since DOOR and KEY are approved by the city's Housing Authority, they are also open to any public housing residents interested in buying a home.

"Homeownership has historically been an equalizer in terms of asset building and legacy wealth in this country," Tammy Thompson, Circles Greater Pittsburgh's executive director, said.

"Unfortunately, many black Americans have been left out of that opportunity to create wealth for their families and within their communities as a result of government policy, income inequality, and lack of education regarding the homeownership process," she explained. "We believe that it's our responsibility, as an organization focused on reduction of poverty, to provide programming that helps families generate and sustain asset wealth through homeownership."

Readers interested in these programs may visit circlespg.org to learn more. Potential homebuyers - those who have already been pre-approved for a mortgage, and would like to learn more about affordable, for-sale housing - are encouraged to contact ELDI's Mary Hester at (412) 361-8061 (ext. 19) or mary.hester@eastliberty.org. ♦

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BELOW: Local resident Jason Sauer (right) moves trash bags into a gigantic pile of refuse during the Garbage Olympics in Garfield. Photo courtesy of InvolveMINT.



ABOVE: Having toppled their foe [garbage], volunteers from the Garfield team take a moment to appreciate their hard work. Photo courtesy of InvolveMINT.

Youths earn work experience at summer jobs across city

By Amber Epps Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - This year's Learn & Earn summer employment program, which ran from the end of June until the beginning of August, was another big success.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) placed 107 youths, ages 14-19, in jobs at a total of 40 work sites across the city, where they were able to learn new job skills.

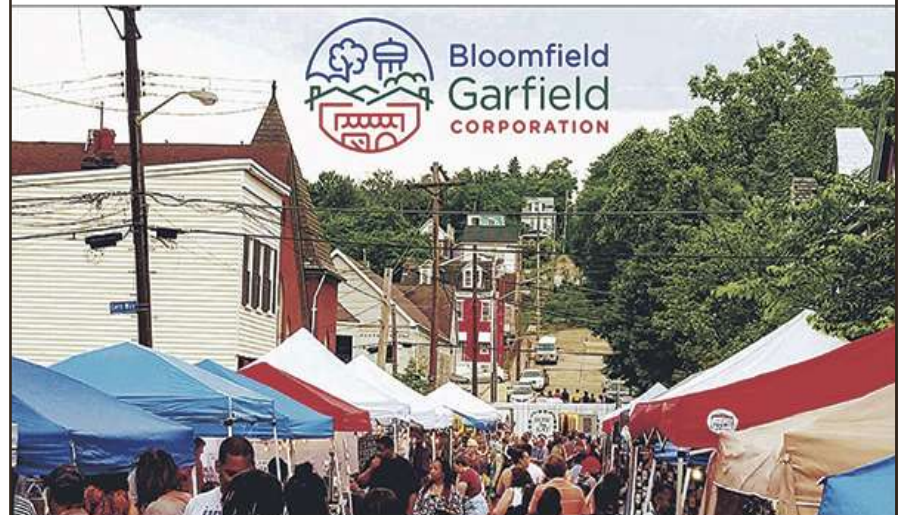
Some of the local hosting sites included SLG Sports & Entertainment, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Brothers and Sisters Emerging, Allegheny General Hospital, West Penn Hospital, Bantha Tea Bar, and more.

These youths not only gained work experience, but also received 12 hours of workforce development training in areas such as communication skills, financial literacy, resume writing, and team building.

Over the course of 6 weeks, participants earned over \$80,000 combined. The application process for next year's Learn & Earn program will open in March 2020.

For more information about applying to the program, please call Judy Lubarski of the BGC at 412-441-9833 (ext. 17) or email her at Judy@Bloomfield-Garfield.org. ♦

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Bloomfield hospital shares new long-term plans

By Christina Howell Bloomfield Development Corporation

Bloomfield - West Penn Hospital (WPH) presented the final version of its 10-year "Campus Master Plan" during a Sept. 4 community meeting at its School of Nursing on Friendship Ave. The hospital's plan only concerns property located within the Educational, Medical, Institutional (EMI) zoning - bordered by Liberty & Friendship Aves., and S. Mathilda & Gross Sts.

Within this footprint, WPH plans to build a new, eight-level parking garage on Gross, then link it up with an existing garage so that it spans Corday Way. According to Ron Andro [CEO of WPH, and the presenter at the meeting], moving the garage back would allow for more green-space along Gross.

Plans call for a new outpatient pavilion to be situated between S. Millvale Ave. and Gross, abutting Mend Way and connecting to a pedestrian bridge above Corday. Andro said the heights of the building as it fronts onto Gross will be "stepped back" in order to offset the intended "massing" of 8 stories.

As per the 10-year plan, the hospital's Mellon Pavilion, which currently houses its outpatient services, would be demolished and replaced; the aim is not only to replace an aging structure, but also to create a more welcoming entrance on Liberty Ave. The helipad, now located on top of Mellon Pavilion, would move to a more central location on the WPH campus.

Additional campus transformations include upgrades to equipment - some of it decades-old - at the hospital's power plant. These upgrades aim to increase energy efficiency and reduce noise, which has been a constant concern among neighbors. In talking of a potential 25-year plan, Andro said WPH is not focusing on new construction projects outside of the EMI district, and instead is making plans to fill in two campus parcels that are presently fallow.

As a means of reducing any impact on two Gross St. homes that fall within the

BELOW: Ron Andro (center, CEO of WPH) presents WPH's expansion plan to residents. Photo by Rick Swartz.



'[CEO] Andro said WPH is not focusing on new construction projects...and instead is making plans to fill in two campus parcels that are presently fallow.'

EMI district, a Corday Way *cul-de-sac* would be built to help residents and service-providers access the garages, and also turn their vehicles around at the end of the alley. The hospital's current plans address many of the concerns raised during two community meetings, held last year in Bloomfield. One element of the plan, WPH's proposal to reconfigure Gross - from Liberty to Friendship Aves. - for two-way traffic, was unanimously criticized by those neighbors in attendance.

In its updated plan, the hospital proposes to permit two-way traffic on Gross, but only up to the entrance of the new parking garage. A new traffic signal would be installed at Liberty and Gross to ease the strain of additional cars exiting the parking garage.

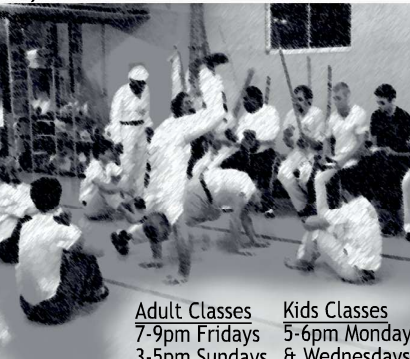
Andro ensured the audience that WPH is considering the implementation of pedestrian safety upgrades all across its campus. He cited speeding drivers on Millvale Ave. and unsafe pedestrian crossings at Liberty & Mathilda, and across from Friendship Park.

Another issue that residents have brought up at every meeting concerns hospital employees parking their vehicles on residential streets adjacent to the campus, particularly in the evening and at night. At the Sept. 4 meeting, Andro committed to searching for parking solutions, promising that management would continue reminding employees not to park on residential streets.

He also said the hospital amended payment policy at its Lawrenceville parking lot so that WPH employees could park there, free of charge, and then take a shuttle to Bloomfield. Since campus parking is often under-used at night, WPH administrators are weighing the possibility of offering free, on-site parking to any employees working night-time shifts.

The master plan will next be presented to the city's Planning Commission for approval, at a date yet to be decided. When the date is announced, info will be made available on the Bloomfield Development Corporation's (BDC) website, as well as on Facebook and Nextdoor. Full notes from the presentation are available on the BDC website [bloomfieldpgh.org]. ♦

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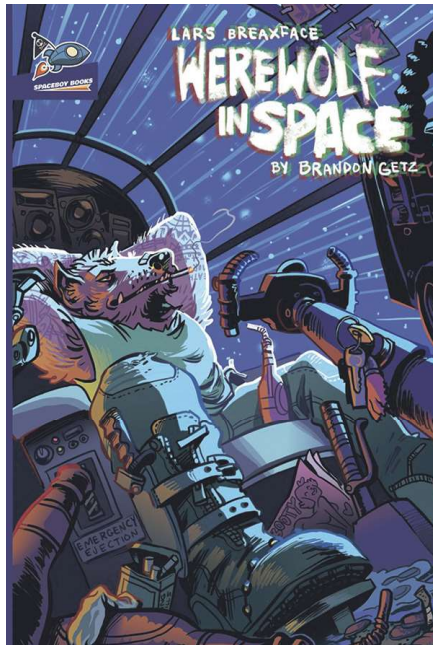
East End author delivers debut novel, 'Lars Breaxface: Werewolf in Space'

Interview By Andrew McKeon *The Bulletin*

East End - On Friday, Oct. 11, local author Brandon Getz will unveil his debut novel, *Lars Breaxface: Werewolf in Space*, at Caffè D'Amore (5400 Butler St.) at 7 p.m.

At what might be an otherwise normal book launch, in a fairly normal setting, the event is sure to be a wild ride thanks to the intergalactic, werewolf protagonist created by Getz.

The author found a muse for his creation years ago, while living in Bloomfield and Garfield, and has worked hard to shepherd the *Lars* universe ever since. Getz recently chatted with *The Bulletin* about his novel's unique take on narrative and pop culture.



Bulletin: What inspired your title character's look, as well as his name?

Getz: "Lars Breaxface is kind of a grungy badass – a little bit metal, a little bit crust punk, soaring through space without bothering to shower much. That just seemed the kind of vibe a lonely beastly guy like Lars would have. The name itself was like a lightning strike from the gods; it just came to me, years ago, as the most ridiculous name I could possibly imagine."

Bulletin: What about Lars' world riffs on your experiences as a Garfield resident?

Getz: "I wrote almost the whole novel & revised in the former 'Schmutz Lodge' (what we called our home in Garfield), though I'd started it while living in Bloomfield. Garfield's arts vibe was great to pickle in while working on a piece like this. I came up with a lot of plot points while walking my dog on Penn Ave."

Bulletin: As an illustrator yourself, how did you choose your collaborating artist(s)?

Getz: "I had 24 individual artists do three dozen illustrations, which was amazing. The first was Jonas Goonface, who used to do a lot of drawing at Artisan Café and the Bloomfield Crazy Mocha. I asked him to do the cover since his style very much matched Lars' cartoon grittiness. Other artists in the Garfield orbit include Megan Shalonis, Joe Mruk, Brian Gonnella, Maggie Lynn Negrete, Spaz, and Melissa Ciccocioppo."

Bulletin: What cultural touchstones influenced Lars' creation?

Getz: "Too many to count. *Lars Breaxface* is a hodge-podge of pop culture nods and remixes. It's *Guardians of the Galaxy* meets Universal monster movies, with a little *Evil Dead* and *Big Lebowski* thrown in, and more."

Bulletin: How did you manage to get 'kudos' from legendary Pittsburgh actor Tom Atkins in the book-jacket?

Getz: "I was in a film with Tom called *Judy's Dead* back in 2011. He was awesome. When I was finishing the book, I reached out, and he read the book and wrote up a really amazing blurb. It blew my mind."

Bulletin: According to Atkins, Lars' spaceship is modeled after a muscle car: "Sheila roars like a souped up '67 Chevy." How does the story's central vehicle help convey its grand narrative?

Getz: "Sheila is the only thing Lars has in the whole universe. She's home and friend and sanctuary. Part of the narrative is Lars learning to connect with others, to not be such a lone wolf. But, before any of that, the ship is all he has."

Bulletin: Your work has been termed 'rhapsodic.' How would you describe the fictional 'playlist' of Lars' universe?

Getz: "Truth be told, there is a playlist! 'Lars Breaxface Space Trax' on Spotify. Lars is a death metal fan, but I'm not. My playlist goes chapter by chapter, with a lot of rockabilly, 'psychobilly,' 'dad rock,' and glam. Plus a few surprises." ♦



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City of Bridges Land Trust celebrates official incorporation

A Message from City of Bridges Community Land Trust

Allegheny County - City of Bridges Community Land Trust (CBCLT) is now celebrating its incorporation, which [as of press time] becomes official in October.

City of Bridges CLT is a regional, nonprofit community land trust that fosters local homeownership by creating permanently affordable housing throughout the Pittsburgh area. To celebrate its incorporation, CBCLT will host a "launch party" on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Millvale Moose (112 E. Sherman St. in Millvale); the event is free and open to all.

The wildly successful Lawrenceville Community Land Trust, which brought the first community land trust units to Western PA, was a natural antecedent to City of Bridges. Thanks to its recent incorporation, CBCLT is now positioned to bring the CLT model to scale by working with community partners throughout the region. Aiming to produce 100 affordable homes within its first five years of operation, the land trust is working to expand local homeownership opportunities while also reducing residents' risk of displacement.

"As our city and region witness a level of growth unseen in the last half-century," Ed Nusser, CBCLT Executive Director, explained, "safe, affordable housing, and the inter-generational wealth it can create, seems to be moving out of reach for too many of our neighbors. Community land trusts offer a tool, proven throughout the country, for the creation and preservation of permanently affordable housing."

With seven homeowners and counting, CBCLT is developing an additional six units, for sale beginning in early 2020. Readers interested in becoming a part of the CLT are encouraged to participate in the "Buyer-Initiated Program."

It provides homebuyers with a down-payment assistance program to help them with closing costs and home repairs [on homes listed at \$150,000 or less]. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available for first-time homebuyers who meet program requirements. Homes purchased through the program will become part of the community land trust model, and therefore remain affordable for future sales.

To learn more about City of Bridges, including the CLT homes available for sale, visit CityofBridgesCLT.org or contact CBCLT's Real Estate Program Coordinator, Julia Pascale at Julia@cityofbridgesclt.org. ♦

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Profiles in 'career readiness': Jason Walter & Robyn Russell

By Amber Epps Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - For the past 12 years, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) has offered internships in the College & Career Readiness Program to Pittsburgh's high school seniors.

Many of the students come from families that lack the resources and/or experience to guide children through the college application and admission process.

Every year, the BGC spends up to eight months coaching and advising the students, helping them find the right program and the best institution where they can realize their individual career goals. The program coordinators work hard to customize each career plan to the unique needs and goals of each student.

This year, BGC coordinators would like to highlight the hard work of Jason Walter and Robyn Russell [pictured at right], two Lawrenceville natives who became some of the most dedicated interns in the program's history.

Walter recently graduated from University Prep High School, and is now attending Edinboro University, where he is studying Graphic Arts & Design. During the 2018 school year, Walter pursued an internship Downtown at the Benedum Center (Pittsburgh CLO). After graduating, he assisted the BGC on several projects over the summer.

"Truthfully, CCRP is what got me to college. If it weren't for the hard work Miss Judy [Lubarski] and Mr. Paul

[Johnson] did on my behalf, I wouldn't be here at Edinboro University," Walter admitted.

"Miss Judy still keeps in contact with me every week or so. She reminds me that 'yes, college is difficult, but it's also a new learning experience' and that I will get through the tough times," he said. "I have found a second home and family with the BGC, as well as steady employment when I need it. I can't thank Miss Judy, Mr. Paul, and the BGC enough for making this dream come true for me."

Robyn Russell participated in CCRP, as well as the summer Learn & Earn program, where she assisted staffers at the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC, 5321 Penn Ave.) in Garfield.

Now a freshman at LaRoche College, Russell's academic concentration is in international business. She plans to move to Japan after graduating college and either pursue a career in business or participate in the JET (Japan Exchange & Teaching) program, where she could help Japanese students master the English language.

"I had a wonderful time working at the ENEC," Russell said. "I picked up job skills that I never could have imagined and met some amazing people."

To learn more about participating in CCRP, or the summer Learn & Earn program, please call Judy Lubarski at 412-441-9833 (ext. 17) or email her at Judy@Bloomfield-Garfield.org. ♦

BELOW: Jason Walter (left) and Robyn Russell, participants in the BGC's College & Career Readiness Program, smile upon their accomplishments while also looking forward to their post-college careers. Photo courtesy of Judy Lubarski.



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Volunteer Voices: Jarmele Fairclough

Interview By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - Jarmele Fairclough, a Garfield resident known for her sunny disposition, enjoys connecting with her neighbors and lifting people's spirits. A member of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's (BGC) Board of Directors, she regularly donates her time and energy to local initiatives.

Fairclough says her volunteer work is inspired by a quote from her mother, Darline Mitchell: "I'm just a little person. I don't know big people and I don't have much money. I just want to see what I can do."



ABOVE: Jarmele Fairclough, BGC Board Member and community volunteer. Photo courtesy of Jarmele Fairclough.

Bulletin: When did you first begin volunteering?

Fairclough: "I started volunteering with the Salvation Army years ago as a 'kettle bell ringer,' along with my grandmother and my sisters."

Bulletin: What is your main area of focus as a BGC Board Member?

Fairclough: "I'm very active on the Youth, Education, & Employment Committee because I want to help the youths here in my community."

Bulletin: What motivates you to stay involved?

Fairclough: "I joined the Board because I wanted to be part of the decision-making process for my neighborhood...The BGC has always tried to do what is best for the Community as a whole. It's not easy trying to make so many diverse groups of people happy, but we do our best."

Bulletin: Who has been the most supportive of your community involvement?

Fairclough: "My Husband Mark. He encourages me to be true to myself and my beliefs, no matter what."

Bulletin: Anything else you'd like to share with our readers?

Fairclough: "I'd like to say that one of the main reasons I love being part of the BGC is [Board President] Bill Cornell. Bill has always been welcoming and supportive; he encourages us to speak our minds at meetings and never criticizes or downplays our responses. He's a true leader, and someone that I look up to." ♦

BELOW: Paul Johnson, one of the BGC's coordinators for the College & Career Readiness program. Johnson will advise 42 high-school seniors in the coming school year as they make plans for post-secondary education. Photo courtesy of Amber Epps.



Local artists to 'activate' city steps

By Alexandria Shewczyk Bike Pittsburgh

Polish Hill - Area residents are welcome to join Bike Pittsburgh (BikePGH) and the Office of Public Art (OPA) for a new event series celebrating city steps and walkable neighborhood connections.

Launching on Oct. 4, "Steps We Take" will partner four Pittsburgh neighborhoods [Polish Hill, Fineview, West End, and Troy Hill] with local artists to design and implement temporary "activations" on city steps.

Artist team Merritt Chase, in collaboration with Polish Hill Civic Association, will temporarily transform Polish Hill's city steps into a system of vertical parks with seating, gateways and signage.

The vertical parks will be activated with

BELOW: Plans for an 'activation celebration' on a set of city steps in Polish Hill. Graphic courtesy of BikePGH.



two "vertical parties," including a block party along the Harding Way steps on Friday, Oct. 4 and a pierogi party on the Phelan Way steps on Sunday, Oct. 6.

"Pittsburgh is passionate about its steps, and the city steps present a fantastic platform for artists and communities to activate and use to foster civic dialogue," Sallyann Kluz, Director of the Office of Public Art, noted.

"What we're finding," she continued, "is that the collaborations are already creating conversations about how communities are connected, and in some cases are not connected, to each other, and about what these connections may mean for the future."

The temporary art activations will create excitement, awareness, and engagement around city steps and the City Steps Plan, which was released by the City of Pittsburgh in 2018.

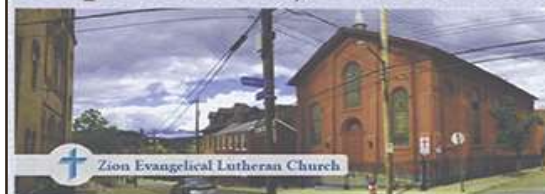
"Thousands of residents rely on these stairs for transportation and this project will highlight vital connections across the four communities," Scott Bricker, Executive Director at BikePGH, said.

Pittsburgh has approximately 800 sets of steps – more public staircases than any other city in the United States.

Visit BikePGH.org/StepsWeTake for more information the event series and follow BikePGH on Facebook for event updates and details. This program is generously supported by the Hillman Foundation. ♦

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September 15, 2019 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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2 p.m. - Journey to the past with The Wayward Companions. A small group of musicians, in 19th Century Period dress, will perform lively and engaging music of the era's popular songs.

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.

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

Real Estate Sales (for the month of August 2019)

Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, RE/MAX Select Realty

[Ed. Note: After being on hiatus for the last two months, the Local Real Estate Blotter is back. Allegheny County's online real estate portal, where the blotter's listings are sourced, was recently updated with current info. While we cannot print the entire backlog of names, addresses, and prices that have been absent since the July edition, we hope local blotter fans enjoy this month's return to form. The Bulletin applauds Allegheny County for updating its property transfer listings - and our loyal readers for contacting County Council on our behalf. Thank you!]

Bloomfield

Ching Li to Carradine LLC at 445 Taylor St. for \$185,000.

Elizabeth A Ebel to Samuel X Chandler at 312 Sapphire Way for \$209,000.

Jean A Kirby to Susanna C Weyandt at 408 S Evaline St. for \$325,600.

John Leventis to Thomas K & Sherry Y Miller at 224 Pearl St. for \$345,000.

John N & Virginia Dipucci to Dunamis Capital Partners LLC at 4600 Friendship Ave. for \$366,500.

Thomas W & Barbara Cardinal Busse to Michael & Melissa A Walmsley at 221 S Mathilda St. for \$549,900.

Wall Garage 203 LLC to George Leventis at 634 Edmond St. for \$150,000.

Wanying Shao to Lisa R Kessler at 4793 Yew St. for \$314,000.

Friendship

No sales to report.

Garfield

Corinthian Development LLC to Andrew J & Patience R Markiewicz at 5444 Kincaid St. for \$225,773.

Mccabe Bros Inc to Pedantic LLC at 5226-5230 Penn Ave. for \$87,500.

Pgh Investors Inc to Nicholas & Angela Bland at 5456 Kincaid St. for \$178,550.

Stacey Legum to Strike Construction

Corporation at 5358 Hillcrest St. for \$65,000.

East Liberty

Anthony S Rankin to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 705 Chislett St. for \$1.

Jose Couri Araujo to Maria Claudia Renjifo at 525 N Euclid Ave. for \$415,000.

Kathryn E Sell to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 5708 Rural St. for \$70,000.

Richard Scampone to J & Z Rentals LLC at 633 Collins Ave. for \$177,500.

Robert B & Diane M Sheets to H Brothers LLC at 727 Mellon St. for \$160,000.

Shirley L Williams to East Liberty Development Incorporated at 372 Enright Ct for \$41,900.

William J Paris Charitable Remainderunitrust to Donglu Zhang at 5519 Hays St. for \$325,000.

William J Paris Charitable Remainderunitrust to Donglu Zhang at 621 N Negley Ave. for \$315,000.

Lawrenceville

Alan D & Kimberly Gennari to Carradine LLC at 5229 Natrona Way for \$1,350,000.

Anna Kanidis to Frederick E & Sherri Mayer at 0 Manion Way for \$9,000.

Carlton Court Development LLC to Jeffrey Daniel Weinstein at 4618 Carlton

St. for \$620,000.

Carlton Court Development LLC to Steven S Nielsen at 4614 Carlton St. for \$611,000.

Charles J Young to Zachary Alexander Schwartz at 5320 Keystone St. for \$416,025.

Citizens Bank Of Pennsylvania to Isabella Holdings LP at 4112 Butler St. for \$825,000.

Cyb Holdings LLC to Alicia M Iott at 5275 Duncan St. for \$163,000.

Debbie Fedzen to Debbie Schwieger at 3816 Clement Way for \$314,000.

Diane Novosel to Ryan N Mason at 5541 Camelia St. for \$255,000.

Eric J Phillips to Taylor B & Brittany N Stein at 5207 Holmes St. for \$329,000.

Frank J Kaminski to Angela M Vincent at 312 Service Way for \$150,000.

Gregory Usner to Mcchow Holdings LLC at 307 46th St. for \$141,000.

Iron Valley Capital Investments LLC to David Alexander & Chelsealn Rose at 5304 Holmes St. for \$379,000.

John P & Anastasia M Montgomery to Fortune Foreclosures LLC at 5146 Dresden Way for \$120,000.

Joseph & Barbara A Adkins Zunic to Sell Pittsburgh Now LLC at 5252 Carnegie St. for \$60,000.

Joseph M Lentz to 201712Wy-42 LLC at 5119 Duncan St. for \$97,500.

Joshua S Nicholas to Elena Bresciani at 4602 Plummer St. for \$375,000.

Joshua S Nicholas to Elena Bresciani at 4604 Plummer St. for \$75,000.

Kaitlin E Bell to Property Trio LLC at 5268 Holmes St. for \$158,000.

Lawrence D Kanselbaum to Nicholas D Weir at 4503 Stanton Ave. for \$194,000.

Lawrenceville Corp to Sixth Ward Flats LP at 3404 Penn Ave. for \$425,000.

Mark E Michalski to Apiary Holdings LLC at 5555 Camelia St. for \$160,000.

Norma Fitzpatrick to 20186Wy-44 LLC at 5153 Carnegie St. for \$151,500.

Patrick C Auth to Collough Bethany Nicole Mc at 5305 Carnegie St. for \$401,000.

Pgh Developers LLC to Christopher Robert & Lindsay Anne Busch at 728 52nd St. for \$190,000.

Pygmalion Home LLC to Dale M Kobrin at 338 45th St. for \$452,000.

Rmu Properties LLC to Michael & Caitlin Truax at 3603 Penn Ave. for \$509,000.

Sell Pittsburgh Now LLC to Pluto Holdings LLC at 5252 Carnegie St. for \$130,000.

Somar Realty LLC to Mercer Lawrenceville LLC at 176 Lodi Way for \$605,000.

Somar Realty LLC to Mercer Lawrenceville LLC at 4925 Butler St. for \$605,000.

Somar Realty LLC to Mercer Lawrenceville LLC at 5339 Carnegie St. for \$605,000.

Steel Town Properties M2 LLC to David A & Noelle C Conover at 4640 Hatfield St. for \$800,000.

Stephen E Choder to CSMF LLC at 4124 Main St. for \$215,000.

Steven Lee Smith to Bryan A Aungst at 237 44th St. for \$435,000.

Tb Property Holdings LLC to Alyssa Kali Webb at 176 39th St. for \$365,000.

Tim Brophy to Carradine LLC at 5227 Natrona Way for \$1,350,000.

Timothy & Melanie Brophy to Carradine LLC at 5231 -5235 Keystone St. for \$1,350,000.

Timothy D & Teresa M Orseno to Maria Theresa Proto at 5207 Stanton Ave. for \$260,000.

Urban Redevelopment Auth Of Pittsburgh to Sixth Ward Flats LP at 3350 Penn Ave. for \$30,000.

William R Kirby to Michael S Pampena at 910 53rd St. for \$105,000.

Stanton Heights

5515 Butler Street Development LP to Blaise W & Julie Abramovitz at 155 55th St. for \$539,119.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Homewood to Debra P Dennison at 5138 Rosecrest Pl. for \$170,000.

Andrew Simm to Neeraj & Raj Shriti Kumar at 6529 Stanton Ave. for \$345,000.

Carol & Matt Sprinke to Michalek Realty LLC at 1522 Simona Dr. for \$122,000.

Charles Jr & Mildred Louise Johnson to Bishoy Maher Emmanuel at 4506 Camelia St. for \$227,950.

Christopher M Foreman to Eric Mckeegan at 6755 Adelphia St. for \$125,000.

Dna Custom Home Builders to Shivam Kranti Gupta at 6512 Adelphia St. for \$30,000.

James G Jr Beam to Gene Jr Frederick at 1653 Trinity St. for \$171,000.

Peter F Madaus to Dan Wang and Victoria Thurmond at 1062 Stanton Ter. for \$271,000.

Richard Hess to Luke C & Laura G Leiden at 1007 Fairfield St. for \$147,650.

This column uses data from Allegheny County that contains occasional errors (sale price, owners' names, etc.). We strive for accuracy every month so, if something looks off, please let us know.

For questions, comments, or just to chat about real estate in our neighborhoods, email Lillian at agent.lillian.pgh@gmail.com or call 412-335-6068. ♦

BELOW: Dr. Staci Flint (left) enjoys the festivities at the Garfield Jubilee Association's Fall Festival along Atlantic Ave. Photo courtesy of Nina Gibbs.



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OCTOBER 3 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Land Trust: Members Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, the Garfield Land Trust will hold a members 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.

OCTOBER 4 - FRIDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

First Friday Fish Fry

On Friday, Oct. 4, New Bethel Baptist Church (221 43rd St.) will hold its First Friday Fish Fry from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Baked sweet potato pies & pound cakes for sale; will deliver in close vicinity. To place orders, call 412-291-8185. Please contact Ann Walker at 412-231-3128 with any questions.

OCTOBER 6 - SUNDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Hospitality House Tour

Annual event featuring resident-owned and -occupied homes that have been renovated, restored, or newly constructed. This year's tour will feature seven homes and three points of interest including the TRYP Hotel and MEWS on Butler. Advanced tickets are for sale at Von Walter & Funk, City Grows, Wild Card, Pavement, and T's Upholstery. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$12 for Senior Citizens with proof of age. Tour books and maps can be picked up at the Allegheny Cemetery gate only on Sunday, Oct. 6, beginning at 11:45 a.m.

GARFIELD

Celebrating Pastor's 15th Anniversary

Morningside Church Of God In Christ (COGIC, 5173 Dearborn St.) will celebrate District Superintendent Elder

LaMont B. Shields' 15th Pastoral Anniversary all month long. The order of services (all beginning at 3:30 p.m.) is as follows: on Sunday, Oct. 6, Pastor Calvin Cumming (Providence Baptist Church, Ellwood City) will deliver a sermon.; on Sunday, Oct. 13, Bishop David Brock (Prelate Love Fellowship of Pittsburgh) will deliver a sermon; and on Sunday, Oct. 20, Pastor Michael Anthony Day (Legacy International Worship Centre) will hold the grand finale celebration. Any questions, please contact Evangelist Margaret Young at 412-404-2263.

OCTOBER 7 - MONDAY

EAST LIBERTY

Urban Leadership Series

This season's Metro-Urban Institute Urban Leadership Series begins on Monday, Oct. 7, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N. Highland Ave.). The theme is "Surviving to Thriving: How Communities and Individuals Can Escape Generational Poverty." Executive director Tammy Thompson, of Circles Pittsburgh, will share information on how Circles connects people across socioeconomic lines to help move people and families out of poverty. The event is free and open to the public. Networking and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Call (412) 362-5610 to learn more.

OCTOBER 9 - WEDNESDAY

EAST LIBERTY

Assemble Happy Hour

Come hang with Assemble board members, staff, friends, and family offsite to enjoy great food & drinks and see what programming they have planned for this fall. Folks interested in joining Assemble's Board or becoming a Guest Expert are strongly encouraged to attend on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6 - 8 p.m. Lorelei (124 S Highland Ave.) will host the happy hour, donating \$1 for every beer purchased - in support of Assemble's free STEAM programs.

OCTOBER 10 - THURSDAY

EAST LIBERTY

Learn Infant Massage

On Thursday, Oct. 10, join the certified massage instructors of ACHIEVA to learn the proper techniques for infant massage. Meet at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch (130 S Whitfield St.) at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required; contact Emily Hayburn at ehayburn@achieva.info or 412-995-5000 (ext. 473) to learn more.

OCTOBER 12 - SATURDAY

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Neighborhood Dog Show

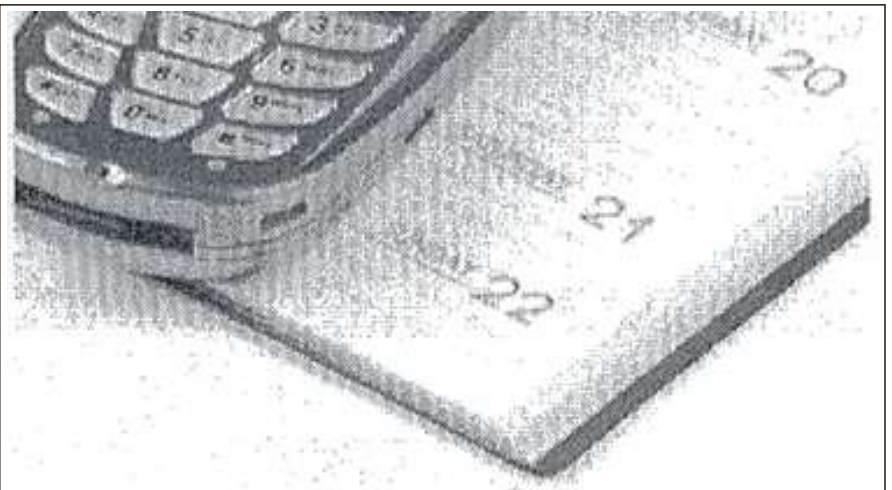
The Friendship Neighborhood Dog Show returns on Saturday, Oct. 12. All Friendship canine residents and their owners are welcome to attend this free event at Baum Grove, which runs from

1 to 4 p.m. In addition to vendors, music, refreshments, prizes, and gifts, an artist will be on hand to draw a portrait of you & your dog; a dog therapist will also be onsite. Contests include: Best Dog Trick, Best Costume(s), Silliest Dog Trick, Dog Jeopardy, Blind Taste Test ("is it dog food...or people food?"), Owner/Dog Look-a-Like, Best Human Dog Imitation, and many more. Participants will even get to be in a "Friendship Community Dog Group" photo.

GARFIELD

Fall Festival/Fundraiser

Join your neighbors at Garfield Community Farm for the annual Fall Festival & Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon to 3 p.m. There will be music, cider pressing, farm swag, food, pie, and more. Ticket price includes 2 drinks and 1 piece of pie. Suggested donations are:



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'Taste of Africa'

Go on a culinary tour of Cameroon at the ninth annual "Taste of Africa" event at Teamsters Local Union 249 (4701 Butler St.) at 7 p.m. Enjoy authentic African food and experience musical performances, live & silent auctions, a dance party, and much more. Proceeds benefit Open Field, a Pittsburgh nonprofit dedicated to improving workforce skills, gender equity, conflict mediation, and mental health among low-income minority and refugee youths in Pittsburgh. Tickets available at the door, or online at openfieldintl.org. Questions: emma@openfieldintl.org.

OCTOBER 16 - WEDNESDAY

BLOOMFIELD

Teen Writing Workshop

Creative Nonfiction (5119 Coral St.) will host a writing workshop every Wednesday from Oct. 16 through Dec. 11. This intensive, free workshop is an opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to write about subjects and challenges like sexuality, gender identity, peer & family relationships, bullying, mental illness, racism, etc. Workshops will be led by author Julie Albright, owner of The Writing Studio, who has 27 years of experience conducting workshops. Email yates@creativenonfiction.org to learn more.

Land Trust: Committee Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, the Garfield Land Trust will hold a committee 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.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Free Lecture: Public Squares of Beaver, PA

At the Lawrenceville Historical Society's public lecture series, Rebekah Johnston will explore the development of the neighboring county seat of Beaver. The town was slow-growing, and expansion never dictated that it divide and sub-divide public lots (surveyed in 1793). Beaver's intact town layout and the use of public squares indicate its significance in urban form. This free lecture takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library (279 Fisk St.).

OCTOBER 24 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Assemble's 21+ Night

Every month, Assemble brings in a different local expert to share their unique craft during an adults-only night of food, drink, games, and making. On Thursday, Oct. 24, Katy Dement will help participants make "Frankenpets" from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info, or to learn about participating as a guest expert, email tom@assemblepgh.org.

OCTOBER 26 - SATURDAY

EAST LIBERTY

STEM 'Spooktacular' Day

STEM Spooktacular Day is a free, local event that provides kids with interactive learning experiences related to science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). There will be a wide variety of Halloween-based activities and demonstrations, prizes and giveaways (including a signed photograph from Steelers player Cam Heyward). Come and join us at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield St.) from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26; don't forget to wear your costumes.

OCTOBER 31 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Harvest Festival

Morningside Church Of God In Christ's (COGIC, 5173 Dearborn St.) Youth Department will present its annual Harvest Festival on Thursday, Oct. 31. Come join us at 5 p.m. for some fun & games. ♦

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CAREER-BUILDING BLOCK: OCTOBER

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, Oct. 7th; 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, Oct. 8th; 10 a.m. - Noon •**

• **Computer Basics III: Monday, Oct. 14th; 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.

• **Resume Workshop: Thursday, Oct. 24th; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. •**



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Garfield Gators vs. Northside Steelers: youth gridiron action

Photos by John Colombo

BELOW: Gators players exchange game strategies, and the football, ahead of a Sept. 7 tilt with the Northside Steelers.



ABOVE: Audience members watch the Gators play at "The Swamp" on Sept. 7.

BELOW: The Garfield Gators youth football squad (left) lines up to face a pass-rush from the fearsome Northside Steelers. Despite any encroaching defenders, the Gators' quarterback remained calm under pressure throughout the game.



ABOVE: The Gators' cheer squad practices one of its regular formations during a Garfield home game on Saturday, Sept. 7.

BELOW: Embracing his "inner reptile," a young Garfield Gators player stares at the Northside Steelers through a snake-plated, visor mask.



PENN AVE RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE



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