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'88 Penn bus stops here': community responds to Port Authority plans

By Christina Howell

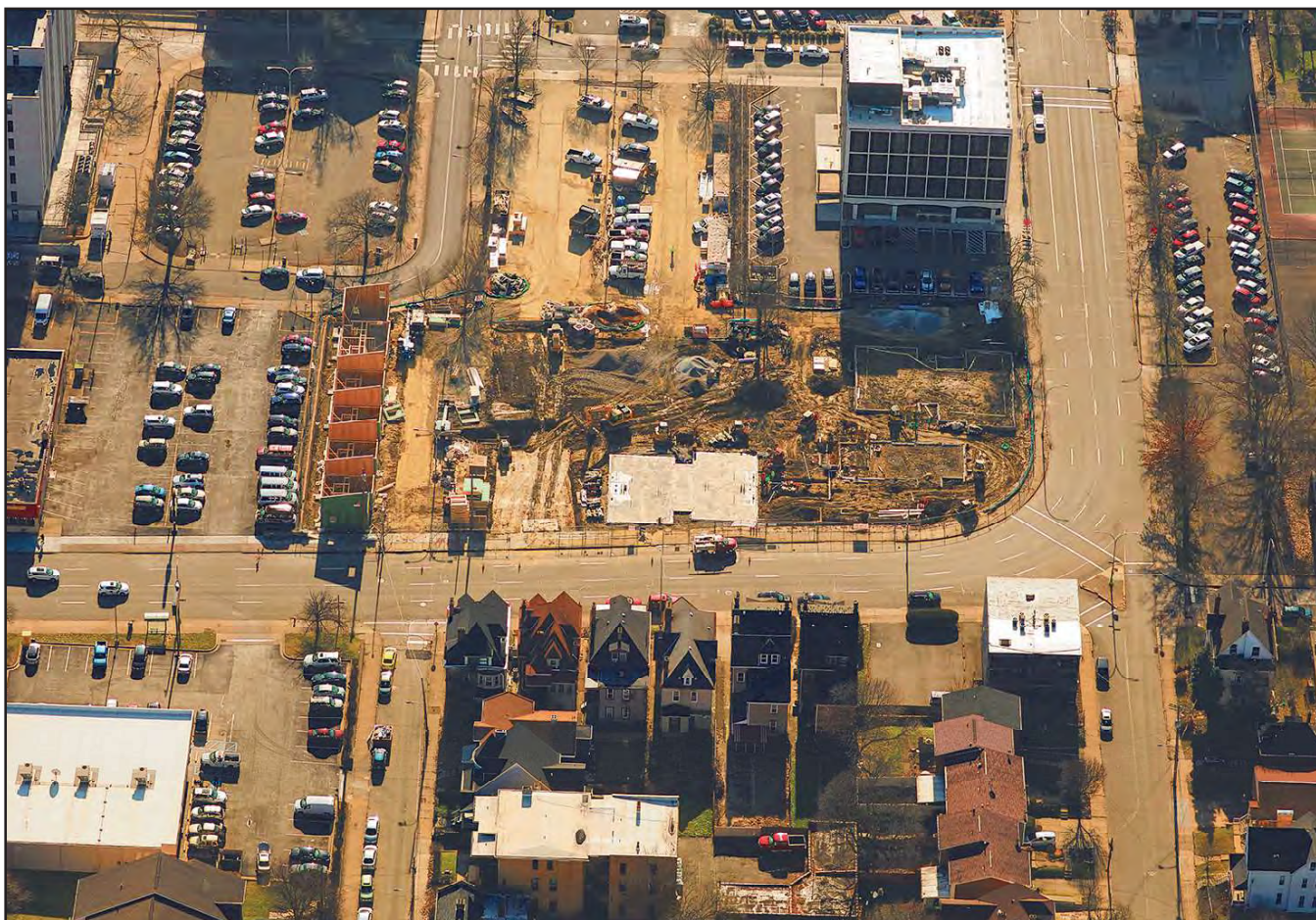
Bloomfield Development Corporation

Insight/Penn Ave. - On Thursday, Jan. 23, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC) hosted a community meeting to gather feedback about the Port Authority of Allegheny County's proposed consolidation of bus stops on the 88 Penn route.

Before an audience of nearly 40 people at the BGC's Community Activity Center in Garfield, Sam Spearing, Housing & Mobility Coordinator for BDC, presented information about the proposed changes and took questions from local transit riders.

Many older adults spoke about their present difficulties walking to the bus stops - and how eliminating the Mill-

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ABOVE: A construction crew lays the foundation for new affordable housing along the northwest bend of Penn Circle. "Mellon's Orchard South" is the first of two developments designed to offset East Liberty's lack of affordable housing. Read the story below. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.



ABOVE: The new executive Board members of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation: (l-r) Zach Restelli, Board Treasurer; Jeanette Coleman, Vice President; Jarnele Fairclough, President; Kuwame Kinsel, Board Secretary. Photo by Rebekkah Ranallo.

Three years after Penn Plaza exodus, new affordable housing underway

By Elizabeth Sensky East Liberty Development, Inc.

East Liberty - Trek Development Group is currently working to turn an empty lot at Station and N. Beatty Sts. [pictured above] into a pair of mixed-income residential developments.

The first phase of the development, called "Mellon's Orchard South," will comprise 47 units; 37 of these units will be affordable [to households earning 60% or less of median income for the region].

The \$13.7 million plans for this first phase were approved last year by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) and construction

kicked off in September.

"Harvard Beatty Housing," the second phase of development, is still in the planning phase and is now slated to provide 42 units; 32 will be affordable.

According to Trek project manager Janelle Kemerer, "these developments came about in 2015 as a response to the closing of the Penn Plaza Apartments and the displacement of residents."

The City of Pittsburgh signed a 2015 Memorandum of Understanding with the URA, Pennley Park South, Inc.,

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vale/Penn stop will require them to walk further, increasing the risk of tripping or slipping. One woman pointed out that the Millvale/Penn stop is situated half a block away from a day care and one block away from West Penn Hospital, two frequent destinations for mothers with children, older adults, people with disabilities seeking medical care, or low-income residents commuting to work.

As the Port Authority's own maps show, the Millvale/Penn stop is more heavily used than all nearby stops, and there is no clear explanation [from the published consolidation criteria] as to why that stop would be chosen for elimination.

Other than the Millvale/Penn stop, the primary concern voiced by most of those in attendance was the Port Authority's lack of transparency in its decision-making process. Residents cited the Authority's refusal to seek community input before announcing the changes as a contributing factor to the confusion that now overshadows the roll-out of its consolidation plans.

On Friday, Jan. 24, the morning after the meeting, I addressed the Port Authority's Board of Directors to express the local community's concerns. The following is a summary of my statement [edited for space]:

"Thank you for providing this opportunity to address the Board. On behalf of residents and employees of Bloomfield, as well as many residents of Garfield and surrounding neighborhoods who attended a community meeting in Garfield last night, I am here to speak to the bus stop consolidation process.

"First, the Millvale/Penn stop on the 88 Penn is slated to be consolidated with the stop at Mathilda/Penn. However, the Millvale stop is the more heavily used stop. This means that more minority and disabled riders undoubtedly use that stop - and these are protected classes of people.

"The Port Authority has a policy against discrimination and, by not being transparent about the criteria used to make consolidation decisions, the decision to remove the Millvale/Penn stop appears to discriminate against these protected classes. Our organization is not against consolidation, yet this decision does not make sense.



AT LEFT: At a Jan. 23 meeting in Garfield, local transit riders review the Port Authority's plan to eliminate stops on the 88 Penn route. Photo by Nina Gibbs.

"BDC requests the release of all detailed criteria used to make consolidation decisions, including how each criteria is weighted. Many different data points can be included in the term 'ridership,' and the Port Authority has an obligation to users and taxpayers to make that information immediately accessible to all.

"Finally, there needs to be an equitable community process. BDC and other organizations like us want to be a partner in community engagement. An equitable community engagement process is vital, and organizations like ours can help bring people to meetings and distribute information.

"However, instead of partnering with the community to make informed decisions about riders' needs to access vital services such as food pantries and homeless shelters, we are forced into an antagonistic role in order to address the needs of our vulnerable populations."

It is not too late to tell the Port Authority what you think about its plans to eliminate bus stops for the 88 Penn. You have until Friday, Feb. 7, to comment online (portauthority.org/busstop) or by calling 412-442-2000.

The Port Authority is analyzing every route and every bus stop; it will be making cuts to most, if not all, bus routes in its system. The 88 Penn happens to be in the first four routes to be consolidated, but this will continue to happen all over the city. Your voice is important in asking the Port Authority for a better process that proactively seeks to listen to the most vulnerable transit riders. ♦

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Neighborhood Partnership Program: vital to sustaining community development

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

Pittsburgh - Most community development organizations spend a lot of their time trying to drum up support for their programs and general operations.

It is a task that can be quite daunting, because community development corporations - known as CDCs - are not public agencies, and therefore cannot tap into local taxpayer revenues. And, since they are not private companies, they cannot use profits from their endeavors to sustain operations.

CDCs fall into a large, gray area between the two, where their mission requires them to serve disadvantaged populations who generally do not pay for the help that CDCs provide to them. That help can come in for the form of securing decent housing, or finding better-paying jobs, or graduating on-time from high school, or developing dedicated green spaces, or dealing with blight or crime in their part of the neighborhood. Unlike traditional social service agencies, which often can count on a contract with Allegheny County's human service department to fund 80% or more of their budget, groups like the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), Lawrenceville United (LU), and Bloomfield Development Corp. (BDC) must track down every prospect for financial support.

The BGC, like the LU and BDC, finds support in many different places. The BGC runs a year-round donor appeal to residents of the Garfield, Bloomfield, and Friendship neighborhoods. It receives support from area businesses, either through annual donations or the purchase of monthly ads in *The Bulletin*. The BGC holds annual fundraising luncheons to honor those working in the fields of community development or public service. The organization also picks up small grants from family foundations in the city, and receives about \$35,000 each year in funding from the city's pool of federal monies from the Community Development Block Grant program. But taken all together, these monies may account for only 50-60% of the BGC's budget in any given year.

To fill the gap, the BGC has turned, time and again, to the state's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), which invites corporations registered in Pennsylvania to support neighborhood revitalization projects, grass-roots education programs, and economic and workforce development efforts. Under the NAP umbrella, the Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP) gives corporate donors even greater incentive to support such initiatives.

Any corporation willing to contribute at least \$50,000/year for six years will be able to take a credit on their state corporate tax return equal to 80% of their donation to an NPP-approved program. The state's Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) holds final approval over the application.

Since the window to participate only opens once every six years, the BGC is now in a position where it must renew its NPP participation for another six years. From 2014 until now, it has enjoyed sponsorships from Dollar Bank and WesBanco Bank; the organization does not yet know if either bank will renew its existing commitment for another six years. If either or both decide not to, then the BGC must rustle together new commitments totalling \$250,000. Ali Doyle, a regional manager for the DCED in western Pennsylvania, was encouraging in her visit with the BGC's Board of Directors on Jan. 13.

"Ongoing participation in the NPP is not automatic," Doyle advised the Board members. "Communities change and, with those changes, the need for the kinds of projects and programs CDCs have been doing can change as well."

She said the state looks at conditions within the communities that CDCs want to target for some type of long-term improvement. DCED then looks at the experience and capacity of the community organization and determines whether the corporate funding can be put to good use and achieve the intended impact.

"We think there is still more work to be done in Garfield, and along the Penn Avenue corridor, judging by conditions," Doyle said. "We know the BGC wants to increase housing and employment opportunities here in the community for low-income persons. We know that there are still several hundred children living in poverty or near-poverty in the community. And we can see that Penn Avenue, despite significant progress, still has an inventory of vacant buildings."

The BGC has begun its outreach to potential new corporate sponsors; any companies interested in becoming new contributors under the Neighborhood Partnership Program are encouraged to contact the organization via email (RickS@bloomfield-garfield.org). ♦

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and the Penn Plaza Tenant Council to redevelop the Mellon's Orchard South site into multi-family, mixed-income residential rental units - with a reasonable, non-discriminatory preference for displaced Penn Plaza tenants.

In 2016, Trek was selected to redevelop the site. By 2018, the project was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, and Trek broke ground in the fall of 2019. Around the same time, Trek submitted a second LIHTC application for the Harvard Beatty Housing development.

East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI) has been working with Trek throughout the planning process to ensure that the new developments are in line with the local community's vision.

"We've been advising Trek to ensure that the developments are consistent

with the vision outlined in the 2010 East Liberty community plan," ELDI's deputy director Skip Schwab explained.

"Trek was very responsive to the questions and concerns raised at our community planning meetings," he continued. "They came back to the committee with revised plans, and we were then happy to support their development."

Trek also met with the Penn Plaza Support & Action Coalition for design and development feedback, then convened a community working group to establish clear guidelines for the tenant selection process, which will ensure preference to displaced Penn Plaza residents. The "Tenant Preference Plan" is complete and under review with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP).

Once approved by HACP, the plan will be submitted to the Department of

BELOW: A bird's-eye view of "Mellon's Orchard South," a new housing development taking shape at the intersection of Station and N. Beatty Sts. in East Liberty. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.



Housing and Urban Development for final approval.

"We have received honest feedback from community groups and that has definitely improved the development," Kemerer noted. "We haven't received any objections to the project, and we're excited to add needed affordable housing units for low-income households."

Mellon's Orchard South is expected to be completed in November 2020 and Trek is still waiting on the 2020 LIHTC funding awards to proceed with the Harvard Beatty Housing development.

If LIHTC funding is awarded, the developers anticipate a one-year construction period starting by the summer of 2021.

"All of us at ELDI are excited about what this new development will bring to East Liberty," Schwab said. "Not only will it rebuild residential units closer to the neighborhood's commercial core, but it will also provide much-needed affordable housing to help maintain a vibrant, mixed-income community."

For more information about these new developments, visit eastliberty.org. ♦

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Open letter: Executive Director of Open Hand Ministries stepping down

A Message from Michael Stanton Open Hand Ministries

[Editor's Note: Open Hand Ministries, Inc. (OHM) has renovated over a dozen homes in East Liberty and Garfield in the past decade. OHM's buyers are typically families who would otherwise have great difficulty becoming homeowners due to economic disadvantage.]

East End - It is with a great deal of sadness, yet certain confidence, that I announce my intentions to resign my position as Executive Director of OHM.

I will be stepping down in the summer of this year. As many of you may know, I am credited with founding OHM 12 years ago. And, as some of you know, it is rare for a founder to succeed long-term with an organization. Many founders miss their cue to step aside, often at the expense of the organization. While I longed to be an exception to this reality, it has become clear to me that it is time for me to step aside.

To clarify: I am not stepping down because I've been asked to step down. I am not stepping down because I have another job. At this point in time, I don't know what's next for me. I am not stepping down because I've lost faith in the mission/vision of the organization or this community. To the contrary, I have never believed in it/you more than I do right now. I am stepping down because I truly believe it is the right time to step down, for the sake of the organization.

Together, we have proven that we can build a vast and diverse community, working together for the good of a marginalized community. That's no small thing! Together, we've created something beautiful, unique, powerful, transformative - and I have had the privilege of playing a unique role in that.

The potential for this organization remains largely untapped; now is the time to prove that it can grow into that potential. Now is the time to prove that it can be done for the long-haul.

Over the last two years, it has become clear to me that I am not the best person to lead OHM beyond this point. While, I confess, it is difficult for me to imagine my life anywhere other than at the helm of Open Hand Ministries, I have always believed that OHM is more than one person, more than Michael Stanton.

OHM is a community: the beautiful, diverse individuals that gather on Tuesday evenings to support and encourage one another to accomplish great things; the incredible families that work so hard, trust so much, and accomplish so many amazing things in the face of the adversity or injustice; the hundreds of volunteers, from all over the country, who gather at our worksites to give of themselves to something other than themselves; the very gifted individuals who make up the staff and Board with whom I have had the privilege to serve; the vast network of financial supporters who faithfully support our community, year after year.

Now, more than ever, I see OHM as a "we," not a "me." The truth is: I didn't do this. We did this. This truth is, and has always been, at the core of this organization and our community. It's what makes us strong. It's what makes us unique. It's what has gotten us through the hard times, and it's what has enriched the good times. It's what has given meaning to the in-between times. It's what will move us into the future.

I am grateful for the staff - Tim, Tamika, Anika, Dan, & Tazi - a gifted set of individuals who work so hard to serve and support this community.

I am grateful for the Board of Directors, a committed group of compassionate individuals who are already hard at work shepherding OHM through this transition and into its future. Most importantly, I am grateful for you. You are the future of this organization. As such, its best days lie ahead.

Blessings,

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Climate change, inversions, and the rise of 'super pollution' air events

By Kristina Marusic *Environmental Health News*

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Pittsburgh - Residents of the Mon Valley, a cluster of townships along the Monongahela River 20 miles south of Pittsburgh, endured some of the stinkiest and most polluted air in the nation this Christmas.

Starting on Dec. 21, the region's air exceeded federal safety standards for daily levels of particulate matter - microscopic particles that penetrate the lungs and can trigger heart attacks and respiratory disease - for six consecutive days. One of the region's air monitors recorded the worst air quality in the entire U.S. and registered in the "Code Red" range for several hours on multiple days.

Residents complained that the air smelled like "rotten eggs," "sewer backup," "burning plastic," and "hospital waste," and reported symptoms like wheezing, coughing and choking, nausea, stinging eyes and headaches through the Smell-PGH app, which uses crowdsourcing to map smells and symptoms associated with air pollution. The monitor that registered the Code Red sits near U.S. Steel's Clairton Coke Works plant, which converts coal into "coke" used in steelmaking by cooking it at extremely high temperatures.

The plant - one of the region's primary sources of air pollution - is notorious for breaking clean air laws and sickening residents. But this time the facility was operating in full compliance with its permit, according to the Allegheny County Health Department, which oversees air quality in the greater Pittsburgh region.

The unhealthy air was caused by a combination of U.S. Steel's emissions and a temperature inversion, which occurs during unseasonably temperate winter days when a warm air mass sits above a colder air mass, trapping pollutants that typically blow away close to the ground.

The same type of inversion also caused the worst air pollution disaster in U.S. history - the 1948 "Donora Smog," which killed 20 people in the Mon Valley town of Donora, just 13 miles south of the Clairton Coke Works Plant, spurring the creation of the Federal Clean Air Act.

Temperature inversions like these are historically unusual, even in a place like

the Mon Valley, which, like all valleys, is especially prone to stagnant air since the surrounding hills and mountains hem it in.

But the last five years were the hottest ever recorded on the planet, and inversions are becoming more frequent. While the Mon Valley saw just four inversions of this scale in the previous decade, this was the second one to hit the region so far in 2019. Some experts say that trend is likely to continue, and that cities around the world could see an influx of similar "super pollution events" as Earth continues to warm.

"For the last at least 60 years we have data for, we can clearly see a trend of increasing temperature inversions in midlatitude regions," Shiliang Wu, an atmospheric chemist and associate professor at Michigan Technological University, told EHN. "I believe this trend will continue in the coming decades, which will likely lead to an increase in extreme air pollution episodes."

Midlatitude regions are the temperate zones between roughly 30 to 60 degrees north or south of the equator. The midlatitudes encompass about 36 countries, including the U.S. and most of North America, and are home to more than half of the world's population.

Wu co-authored a 2016 paper on long-term changes in extreme air pollution meteorology, which he believes was the first to look at six decades of global meteorology data, to learn how events like temperature inversions and heat waves have changed over time. He found that heat waves in the summer and temperature inversions in the winter - both of which can lead to extreme air pollution events - have increased by up to 50 percent in the last 60 years in most midlatitude regions.

Heat waves often lead to higher ozone levels, while temperature inversions tend to have a stronger impact on particulate matter pollution. Like particulate matter pollution, ozone can also cause chest pain, coughing, throat irritation, and airway inflammation, reduce lung function, and worsen bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma.

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Particulate matter pollution is also linked to heart disease, heart attacks, and premature death in people who have respiratory or heart disease. Extreme air pollution events like the one that recently plagued the Mon Valley have also happened in Salt Lake City, Paris, London, and Beijing in recent years. Many of them were the result of either heat waves or inversions, and some have occurred despite relatively decreased emissions.

There is still some debate in the scientific community about the increase of inversions in winter, and about exactly how future changes in weather patterns will affect levels of particulate matter pollution. Wu believes the data from the last 60 years points to a clear and growing increase in wintertime temperature inversions, and that policymakers in urban areas should take note.

"Certain geographical regions like those in a basin or valley and major urban areas are more likely to be affected by inversions and see this kind of extreme pollution events," Wu said. "What just happened in the Mon Valley is obviously not as deadly as what happened during the Donora Smog, but it's still a serious threat to public health when you have air pollution at this level."

In the Mon Valley, local environmental organizations have pointed out that this concern is not new to the region, and have continually called for stricter coke oven emission standards in general. Meanwhile, the local health department has acknowledged that climate change will lead to more temperature inversions, and has announced intentions to create regulations that would allow them to require polluters like U.S. Steel to reduce their emissions when they know an inversion is coming.

"[Allegheny County Health Department] recognizes that the increasing frequency of these temperature inversions is associated with climate change," an agency spokesperson said in a statement. "While we will continue to advocate for residents to do what they can to reduce emissions, we must also explore new regulations that would impose corrective action requirements on industry during short-term pollution events."

Other cities - particularly those located in basins and valleys - may need to take a similar approach. "Air pollution permits are currently designed for average, normal day-to-day conditions, not extreme weather events like heat waves and inversions," Wu said. "I think that will have to change in the future." ♦



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Historic Bayard School preserved in Lawrenceville lofts

By John Kohl *Bulletin contributor*

Lawrenceville - The spirit of Bayard Elementary School can still be seen in the residential development that now inhabits 4836 Hatfield St.

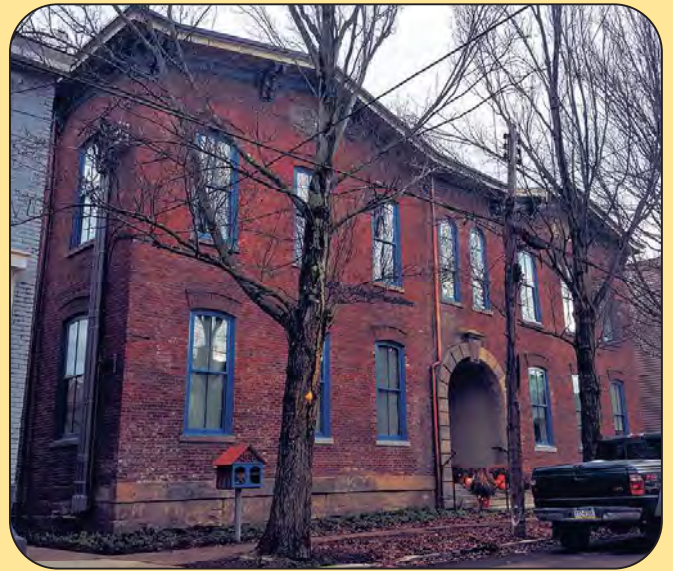
A modern apartment facility known as the “Bayard School Lofts” offers testament to the historical significance of its namesake. Upon the school’s creation in 1874, the City spared no expense - using the most expensive materials, and the greatest abundance of them - in constructing a new facility to educate Pittsburgh’s growing youth population.

The school building’s foundation was comprised of thick stone and rubble, and its upper walls made of masonry. Think “floor-to-ceiling chalkboards” and “banks of steel lockers” and the image of a 19th century educational environment really comes into focus - aided, in no small part, by the light filtering in through tall, wood-framed windows.

The property on which the building stood was originally owned by John Bayard, a farmer who donated several acres of his tract for the benefit of the school. Around the perimeter of the building, plant and herb gardens provided the students with an agricultural learning space, as well as some added sustenance to bring home to their families.

After serving students for over six decades, Bayard School closed in 1939 due to a combination of overcrowding and concerns about the building’s

BELOW: Built in 1874, the Bayard School building (4836 Hatfield St.) has been simultaneously preserved and retro-fitted for modern apartment living. Photo by Andrew McKeon.



“Our philosophy is to preserve the fabric that has made Lawrenceville ‘Lawrenceville.’”

- Rick Belloli, Q Development

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structural integrity. The nearby Foster School [286 Main St., now home to the Stephen Foster Community Center] also closed that same year, along with the Lawrence School [3701 Charlotte St, now home to Eleventh Hour Brewing]. Students from Bayard and the other two schools were transferred together to the new elementary wing of Arsenal Junior High School, a beautiful building that remains fully intact to this day.

Following the closure of Bayard School, the building at 4836 Hatfield St. fell on hard times for quite a long time. After Lawrenceville’s once-high real estate values began plummeting, the building was sold in 1941. For the next six decades, it served a number of different functions – warehouse, administrative office, and meat processing facility, just to name a few - until being essentially put out to pasture in the 1990s.

Once the building was shuttered, and left vulnerable to illegal use and occupancy, its function in a changing Lawrenceville gradually became a point of contention among neighbors. Angelique Bamberg, a historic preservation consultant at Clio Consulting, described the structure at 4836 Hatfield St. as “a museum of infill materials, with much of its graceful curved windows and entrances blocked with a hodgepodge of cement, glass block, dissimilar bricks, plywood, and particle board. Much of the ornate gutter trims were deteriorated, or missing; period-specific paint was faded, and graffiti marred the exterior.”

When Rick Belloli - CEO of Q Development, a local firm of national renown - noticed the former school building one day in 2015, he had an electrifying “aha moment.” Upon returning to his office, Belloli and his partners, Douglas Duerr and Matthew Quigley, laid out plans for a complete historic renovation of the Bayard School building.

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“We had three primary goals, which were to save the school from demolition, re-use the building in a manner consistent with community promotion, and do a high-quality project that we could be proud of,” he said.

Belloli and his team labored over which elements to preserve, and which ones to adapt, for future residential use. “Our philosophy is to preserve the fabric that has made Lawrenceville *Lawrenceville*,” he explained. “We saw how the building had great historic fabric to it. Although we knew that restoring it would be the more expensive route, Q Development decided to take on the project and bought all the land, outright, in 2016.”

The approximately 10,000 sq. ft. project was zoned for residential use; after completing construction in 2018, units were leased as urban lofts/apartment dwellings, at a price-point that most local realtors would describe as “moderate.” Throughout the planning process, Belloli worked closely with Lawrenceville United (LU), the local community group, and Sota Construction Services, Inc., the general contractor.

“Once we truly realized the school’s layout, we were able to configure the former classrooms into loft apartments,” Belloli said. “We looked at the idea of adding more space to the structure, but it didn’t feel right from a building perspective.”

In a neighborhood where parking spaces have become increasingly few and far between, Q Development was wise to add 11 parking spots to the development’s final equation. The developers were also wise to select an architectural firm, Perfidio Weiskopf Wagstaff + Goettel (PWWG), known for its work in historic preservation.

PWWG’s Susan Englert commends her colleagues [Kevin Wagstaff, Joe Filar, and Amy Ahn Baade] for focusing on the building’s prior use to help guide its transformation into apartment lofts.

“It’s one of the City’s earliest ‘Ward’ schools that still stands, and it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986,” she said. “Bayard School has been described as simple and elegant, but understated. Once the Italianate-styled building stopped [serving as] a school in 1939, it was partitioned for a variety of purposes. Corridors, windows, and doors were blocked; original finishes, like tin ceilings and wood floors, were covered over.”

Considering how much of the surrounding neighborhood’s housing stock has been gobbled up and ground to bits in making way for new cookie-cutters, Englert remains surprised by the Bayard School Lofts’ ability to persevere. “Because of the building’s poor condition,” she noted, “and because Lawrenceville is a lucrative place for new, more dense development, it was likely to be torn down,”

Now, the former school building will live well into its second century – albeit with a newfound purpose. ♦



ABOVE: A built-in document of the building’s 19th century provenance, “Seventeenth Ward Public School” is written in cement below the apex of the former Bayard School in Lawrenceville. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

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'Preparation and Resilience' contest motivates local residents in planning for worst

By Tim Cimino *Bulletin contributor*

Perspective/Pittsburgh - Some of you are going to be much more prepared and resilient a month from now, with a newfound set of urban survival skills.

What I mean is, thanks to a new contest that I've organized, some readers will soon get an added incentive to prepare for the worst circumstances. With a little bit of planning, anything is possible.

For instance, if there were a long-term electrical blackout, you'd be able to camp out in your home or apartment for months. You'd be able to cook your food; collect and purify water; stay warm in the winter, and cool in the summer; maintain your health and hygiene; generate your own light at night; protect yourself and loved ones from marauders and critters; and know how to organize your neighbors for mutual protection.

You'd probably also be wise to use a small solar charger for your phone, especially since it would help you access my free 50-page *Preparation and Resilience Guide* for quick reference.

There are many reasons to become resilient these days – not the least of which is the new threat of the coronavirus epidemic. Now, my "Preparation and Resilience Contest" [keep reading for more details] gives you another reason: the chance to win one of three \$100 prizes.

Using my guide, it only takes about 15 or 20 hours to become super-prepared and resilient. My philosophy is that you quickly prepare, and then move on with your life because you've "insured" yourself and loved ones. That's much different than the foxhole mentality of some "doomsday preppers."

Another motivation for preparation, as documented in videos and official U.S. documents on my website (AmericaMobilizes.org), is that the electric power grid really can blackout for months - even though it's never happened before. Terrorist destruction to as few as nine key transformers can overload and fry many other transformers in a cascading domino effect, causing a coast-to-coast blackout for months.

Cyber-attacks could cause shorter blackouts, but even if a power outage lasted only a week, there would still be widespread panic. FEMA and the Dept. of

Homeland Security cannot protect and supply 300 million people at once. My prep tips also apply to any mega-disaster - pandemics, major earthquakes, hurricanes, super-volcanoes, limited nuclear war - that leaves survivors in its wake.

I will answer questions and give personal support and encouragement to at least the first 50 participants. It will be like having your own professional urban survival consultant for free.

Your self-esteem will zoom when you realize that you can survive almost any mega-disaster with some confidence and guarded optimism. Many others will be clueless as they begin the most terrifying ordeal of their lives, but you and your loved ones will be emotionally and physically ready to live the unplugged life for months if necessary.

Most people have insured their home, belongings, car, and health. But they haven't insured their own survival and that of their loved ones. That's the most important, and least expensive, insurance of all. People, it's time to prepare!

Contest Rules: Participants must register by Thursday, Feb. 20. As soon as you register, you have four weeks (28 days) to get as prepared and resilient as possible. Register either by texting 412-390-4675 or by emailing timcimino@gmail.com. Just include "CONTEST" in the subject line and list your name & contact info.

1. Read or carefully skim the Preparation and Resilience Guide, available on the homepage of AmericaMobilizes.Org.
2. Read the three-page "America Mobilizes" plan (americamobilizes.org/3page) for starting a chain-reaction of people supporting and insuring each other.
3. Email or text me four brief, weekly reports of what you've done: preparation, telling others, supporting others, etc. (Previous preparation efforts will not count for this contest.)
4. Starting on Friday, Mar. 20, I will contact the top participants to verify their preparedness and their support of others to prepare. The prizes will be in the form of three \$100 money orders; *Bulletin* staff will certify that the money orders are sent to the winners beginning on Mar. 20. ♦

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'Suffragette City': Pittsburgh celebrates centennial of women's suffrage

A Message from the City of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh - Mayor William Peduto recently kicked off a 2020 celebration of the centennial of women's suffrage.

The year-long celebration will highlight the many Pittsburgh women who took on the cause and reached what had, for decades, seemed like an impossible goal.

Rarely acknowledged for their integral part in the struggle for the vote, a feisty contingent of Pittsburgh women used their intelligence, wits, and endurance to mount a fierce campaign against forces that were conspiring to deny them the vote.

Over and over again, Pittsburgh suffragists rose to the challenges - like bright, glittering stars in the suffrage movement. Pennsylvania legislators were won over to the suffragists' cause thanks to the "Pittsburgh Plan."

Yes, the Pittsburgh Plan.

A brilliant strategy conceived by Pittsburgh's own Jennie Bradley Roessing, it was implemented with the help of

western PA suffragists and their active network across the Commonwealth.

As the plan's impact grew throughout Pennsylvania, states across the nation began adopting it.

Among the suffragists were White and Black women, and Christian and Jewish women; some of them were wealthy, some of modest means; part of the group was educated, others were barely literate.

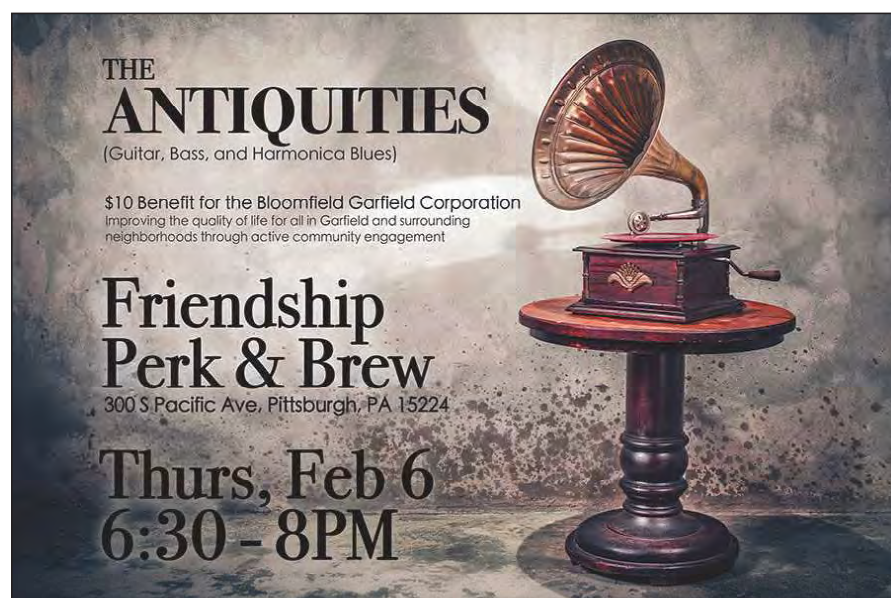
These women hadn't been raised to be leaders speaking in front of hundreds of strangers; fundraisers calling on wealthy, potential donors for support; activists meeting with legislators, senators, and governors; or strategists engaging thousands of Pennsylvanians without the benefit of today's communication tools.

But they did it.

For a starting point, a place to begin exploring Pittsburgh's remarkable suffragists, please visit pittsburghpa.gov/womens-suffrage). ♦

Blues band to perform BGC benefit show at Friendship Perk & Brew

By George Hill *Bulletin contributor*



Friendship - On Thursday, Feb. 6, Friendship Perk & Brew (300 S. Pacific Ave.) will host a benefit performance by "The Antiquities," a local band that specializes in classic blues and related music. The show, which runs from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., is a fundraiser for the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC); suggested donation is \$10 per person.

The Antiquities - Seth Glickman on bass, Jeff Ritter on guitar, and Ralph Vituccio on harmonica/vocals - is an offshoot of a larger band, The Relics, that has played benefit concerts for a variety of local nonprofits in recent years. Playing in a smaller configuration, the band has tailored its lineup to suit a venue like the Perk & Brew; band members enjoy getting a chance to engage the audience in a more intimate environment.

"It's refreshing to play blues - to play by ear, and from the heart, for people," Glickman revealed. "Being with [Ritter and Vituccio] means so much to me because we can connect and converse musically. It's not something one finds every day."

The musicians see their craft, a blues music tradition built upon by many different communities, as a means of supporting the ongoing work of local organizations.

"We like to play to raise money and awareness for great community groups like the BGC," Ritter said, "as they are the bulwark of democracy, where people really get things done for neighborhoods that have been ignored or forgotten."

For more details, call Friendship Perk & Brew at 412-404-2726. ♦

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College & Career Readiness Program welcomes 2020 participants



ABOVE: Participants in the College & Career Readiness Program connect with local representatives like Pittsburgh Promise's Danny Jackson (right) during a welcome event on Thursday, Jan. 9. Photo by Amber Epps.

Local collective presents anthology of Black women's work

A Message from These Black Midwives

Pittsburgh - The world is not tender with Black women.

And Pittsburgh, in particular, is not known for tenderness where Black women are concerned.

TENDER - a literary anthology & book of spells: evidence is a fruit that grew out of local Black women's longing - for connection, for comfort, and for each other's company.

The multi-generational collection of poetry, prose, and visual art by 19 Black Pittsburgh women writers and visual artists is now available. Copies of the 93-page collection may now be purchased online [these-black-midwives.myshopify.com].

In January 2017, artist vanessa german and writer/editor Deesha Philyaw formed a collective, These Black Midwives, and issued a call to local Black women for writing and visual art on the subject of "tenderness." They only intended to publish 10 submissions, but they received dozens.

"We hadn't ever done anything like this," german said. "We moved with tenderness, faith, and patience throughout the process. Both Deesha and I have very full lives; we were the team. Sometimes it was very difficult for me to keep up with everything. But, once the call for artists went out, and submissions began coming in, it was so exciting! And, moving! And... the number and quality of submissions took our breath away."

The collection's authors include previously published writers, as well as emerging writers, ranging in age from 18 to 50-something.

The contributors are Mequitta Ahuja, Melanie Dione, vanessa german, Ada Griffin, Cheryl Hall-Russell, I Medina, Tereneh Idia, Tyra Jamison, a.k. payne, Shaniqua Peterson, Deesha Philyaw, Lisa Pickett, Almah LaVon Rice, TeO-nna Ross, Jennifer N. Shannon, Celeste C. Smith, Christina Springer, Aaliyah Thomas, and Alona Williams.

As german's co-editor and co-publisher, Deesha Philyaw, explained: "When we were sending the book to press, Pittsburgh's Gender Equity Commission had recently released a report on stark racial and gender inequities and disparities in the city, as experienced by Black residents, particularly Black women."

"The report applied statistics to what we already knew: this 'most livable' city is most unlivable for us, thanks to generations-old, systemic racism," she continued. "So, we are writing to you from a city that is, quite literally, killing us. Our intentional process of collaboration and creation with *TENDER* was a much-needed healing process. And through this book, we hope to bring healing and a sense of boundless possibility to other Black women and girls."

Shaniqua Peterson, 28, of Homewood contributed two poems to the anthology, her first publication.

"I didn't think anyone would like or even read my work. I had a baby really young, and my focus has been on taking care of my kid, not on writing," she said. "I didn't think anyone would care what I had to say, but my English teacher at CCAC told me about the call for submissions, so I did it. I couldn't believe my work was chosen. And considering the fact that I did this with a group of Black women? I'm honored."

On Thursday, Feb. 27, City of Asylum will host a launch celebration for These Black Midwives' *TENDER* at its bookstore (40 W. North Ave.) in the city's North Side.

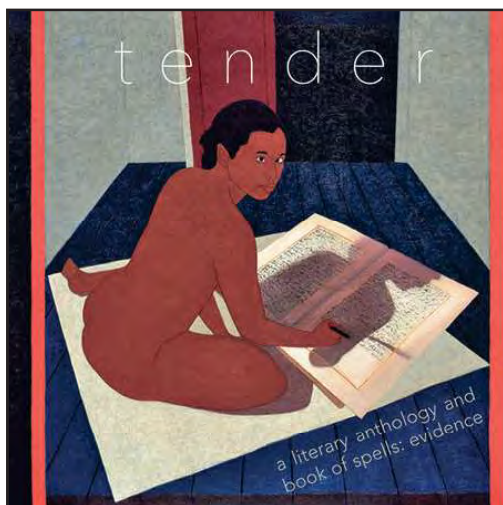
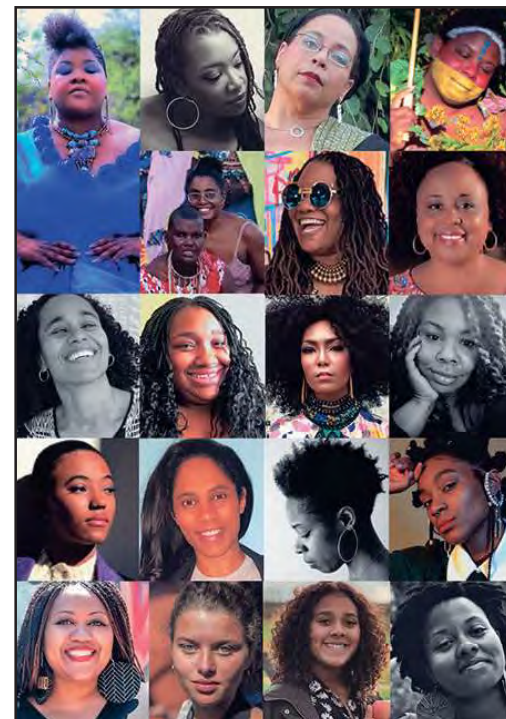
Also for 2020, the collection will be available at independent bookstores around the city, in conjunction with a local book tour.

They will also tour the book nationally in partnership with the Free Black Women's Library [facebook.com/thefreeblack-womenslibrary].

"We hope that if other Black Women are inspired to publish books," german said, "*TENDER* gives them the fuel that they need to act on their deepest inspirations, to pool their resources and publish the books that shape us whole and help to re-shape the world of possibilities."

For more info about *TENDER*, the launch event, and the book tours, visit facebook.com/these-blkmidwives. ♦

BELOW: "These Black Midwives," a local author collective, will release its first anthology on Feb. 27. Image courtesy of These Black Midwives.



ABOVE: These Black Midwives' first publication, "*TENDER*," is now available for online purchase at these-black-midwives.myshopify.com. Graphic courtesy of These Black Midwives.

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LOCAL REAL ESTATE BLOTTER

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

Real Estate Sales (for the month of December 2019)

Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, RE/MAX Select Realty

Bloomfield

Anthony J & Joann Balistreri Rev Tru to Yu Zhao at 445 Taylor St. for \$189,500.

Jarret Kasan to Alexander T Hypes at 333 West Penn Pl. for \$334,500.

Jennifer L Nelson Revocable Trust to Catherine A & Duane J Rieder at 424 S. Atlantic Ave. for \$410,000.

John V Hoffmann to Daniel F Fedzen at 324 Pearl St. for \$135,000.

Patrick A Sleckman to Michael Budzinski at 437 Taylor St. for \$310,000.

Pittsburgh Resident Solutions LLC to Satya N Sah at 5111-5113 Penn Ave. for \$290,000.

Plum-Bloomfield Associates to Philip P Luciano at 5129 Liberty Ave. for \$389,000.

Stephen Tremaine & Karen Gardner to Christopher John Rowe at 422 Pearl St. for \$233,000.

Friendship

No sales to report.

Garfield

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation to Odie's Development Company at 0 N. Aiken Ave. for \$2,000.

City Of Pittsburgh to East Liberty Development Inc. at 5543 Black St. for \$1,000.

City Of Pittsburgh to Odie's Development Company at 0 N. Aiken Ave. for \$11,600.

Denise Jordan to Michael Jackson at 5475 Hillcrest St. for \$28,966.

East Liberty Development Inc. to Allegheny Land Trust at 5543 Black St. for \$25,000.

Thomas J Lynch to Thomas & Joanne Germanos at 5015 Jordan Way for \$10,000.

East Liberty

522 North Euclid LLC to Alison L & Kevin R Patterson at 522 N. Euclid Ave. for \$98,500.

Alfred Rebersak to 6325 Penn LLC Div at 6315 Penn Ave. for \$700,000.

Carole A Lee to Wilmington Savings Fund Society at 6117 Saint Marie St. for \$9,465.

City Of Pittsburgh to Wylie Holdings LP at 708 Collins Ave. for \$0.

David B & Beverly S. Mcilwain to Robin M Whitmer at 80-82 44th St. for \$345,000.

Dorothea A Burke to Ryan E & Sofya Irwin at 5715 East Liberty Blvd for \$255,000.

East Liberty Development Inc. to Phic LLC at 5625 Hays St. for \$105,000.

East Liberty Development Inc. to Pittsburgh Equitable 02 LP at 0 Rural St. for \$1,862,279.

H Ward & Shirley Olander to Rejai Investments LLC at 5929 Penn Ave. for \$900,000.

Hsia Sheng Yu to Ying Lien Yeh at 327 Amber St. for \$118,500.

Mellons Orchard Apartments I LP to Pittsburgh Equitable 02 LP at 300 N. Negley Ave. for \$1,862,279.

Mellons Orchard Apartments I LP to Pittsburgh Equitable 02 LP at 316 N. Negley Ave. for \$1,862,279.

Mellons Orchard Apartments I LP to Pittsburgh Equitable 02 LP at 330 N. Negley Ave. for \$1,862,279.

Racquetball One Associates to Div 6325 Penn LLC at 6325 Penn Ave. for \$6,550,000.

Rebecca Alice Carter to Rebecca Alice Carter at 502 N. Sheridan Ave. for \$10,000.

Yulia V Bhonsle to Christine M Guthrie at 5501 Broad St. for \$225,000.

Lawrenceville

144 Lawrence LLC to Mark H Worthy at 144 45th St. for \$510,000.

5515 Butler Street Development LP to Gregory L & Cathy Bissoon Bradley at 5533 Butler St. for \$558,000.

Aglk Property Solutions LLC & 3M Holdings LLC to Christopher & Megan Szymanski at 5316 Keystone St. for \$366,500.

Alec J Grieco to Samuel Noah Silverberg at 124 41st St. for \$375,000.

Alison Lennox to Adam M Darr at 5407 Carnegie St. for \$265,000.

Anthony Sorichillo to Blight 2 Light Inc. at 3902 Liberty Ave. for \$40,080.

Blight 2 Light Inc. to Xiu Feng Chen at 3902 Liberty Ave. for \$98,000.

C&N Real Estate LLC to David Schach at 819 Mccandless Ave. for \$152,000.

Caden Manson to Abigail & Benjamin J Hines at 5641 Carnegie St. for \$351,700.

Carter Louis LLC to Lawrenceville Lofts LLC at 3725 -3733 Butler St. for \$0.

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David Zwier to Stevie H Sheridan at 20 48th St. for \$280,000.

Davison Square Apartments (The) to Redstone Apartments LLC at 265 46th St. for \$1.

Edward J & Dolores Barry to Dennis & Collen M Steigerwalt at 339 46th St. for \$127,000.

Eko Development LLC to Sarah G Hass at 5110 Stanton Ave. for \$386,617.

Elizabeth Marsonnek to Antham LLC at 316 Ella St. for \$209,999.

Foster Street Development LLC to Abraham Hart at 4124 Foster St. for \$385,000.

I & M Charlotte Partners LLC to Owen P Cantor at 3733 Mulberry Way for \$713,655.

Jason M & Melissa Damratoski Julius to Sunny Day Renos LLC at 243 Fisk St. for \$420,000.

John Travis Mitchell to Christopher L Bevel at 269 40th St. for \$510,000.

Justin E Rossini to Limerick Property Management LLC at 4840 Hatfield St. for \$253,000.

Kinwew Holdings LLC to Vaneet Malhotra at 186 44th St. Rear for \$177,500.

Kiwew Holdings LLC to Vaneet Malhotra at 188 44th St. for \$177,500.

Maryann & Robert Lawrence Mccaul to Walter Rogowski at 127 42nd St. for \$125,000.

Nesby LLC to Hardinder Singh at 219 38th St. for \$737,262.

NSB Butler LLC to David Rosen at 3436 Ligonier St. for \$390,000.

Peter Cody Hunt to JSJ Sustainable Investments LLC at 4424 Milgate St. for \$70,000.

Rebecca A Welsh to Snowman Management Company LLC at 296 Main St. for \$257,500.

Robert Fagen to Monte C Miller at 5243 Stanton Ave. for \$40,000.

Rosella Catania to Steel Town Properties M3 LLC at 469 42nd St. for \$100,000.

Walter M Rogowski to Timothy D & Dianne M Pfund at 5236 Butler St. for \$575,000.

Stanton Heights

David R Lemon to Kurtis D & Stephanie L O'Neill at 4708 Stanton Ave. for \$132,000.

Eric Brooks to The Firefighter Benefit Trust at 5154-5158 Natrona Way for \$138,500.

Georgia M Lester to Al Jebori Assim at 4272 Stanton Ave. for \$160,000.

Jean A Tait to Palmer D'Orazio at 4260 Coleridge St. for \$183,000.

Jennifer M Sabol to Anthony J Larussa Jr at 1016 Woodbine St. for \$139,000.

Tara Swierczynski to Jill Elizabeth Terner at 5527 Camelia St. for \$177,000.

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

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The Bulletin Board publishes listings of volunteer opportunities, free or low-cost events & classes, fundraisers, and services that are of particular interest to our neighborhoods. Listings are published on a space-available basis; we cannot guarantee placement or thorough edits of any listings. **Announcements for the March edition are due by Friday, Feb. 21.** Please submit your listings using the online form at bit.ly/bulletin_submit.

FEBRUARY 5 - WEDNESDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

'Art All Night' Committee Meeting

"Art All Night," a one-day grassroots gathering of arts and community, will return for its 23rd year this April. Last year, art and performances by over 1,200 artists were featured. Volunteers plan and run the show, and help out before and/or during the event. Everyone is welcome to attend the weekly planning meetings which are held at the Shiloh Building (3832 Mintwood St.) on Wednesday evenings. For more info, visit artallnight.org.

FEBRUARY 6 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Land Trust Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, 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.

FEBRUARY 8 - SATURDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast

The Lawrenceville Rotary Club will hold

its 18th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at New Bethel Baptist Church (221 43rd St.) in Lawrenceville. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (age 10 and under). Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and real PA maple syrup will be served, as well as juice, coffee and tea. Gift baskets available at silent auction; proceeds benefit local nonprofits and Rotary International projects.

GARFIELD

Youth Purity Class

Morningside Church Of God In Christ's (MCOGIC, 5173 Dearborn St.) Youth Department will present its youth purity class, "Black & White Tea: Making it Plain." Do you have questions, as a youth, that you want answers to? Come join youths of all ages to find out answers to the most-asked youth questions at

MCOGIC on Saturday, Feb. 8, beginning at 1 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY 15 - SATURDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Concert: 'Love Space'

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater (5941 Penn Ave.) will host the "Love Space" concert. Curated and produced by Dennis Garner, Love Space is a romantic concert featuring vocalists Anquenie Wingfield, Chantal Joseph, Timothy Woodruff, Chris Jamison and the BVGS, with backing ensemble Cliff Barnes (keys), Loren Kirkland (aux), Denzel Chismar-Oliver (bass) Spencer Geer (guitar) and Dennis Garner (drums). Ticket price: "Pay What Makes You Happy"; visit kelly-strayhorn.org for details.

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Free Homebuyer Education Workshop

Denise Bunker and Natalya Pinchuk, real estate agents with Keller Williams Pittsburgh East, will share info about down payment assistance grants, like the Housing Opportunity Fund (up to \$7,500) and City of Bridges Buyer-Initiated Land Trust program (up to \$30,000). Workshops take place at the Lawrenceville Carnegie Library (279 Fisk St.) on Saturday, Feb. 15, and Feb. 29, from 10 a.m.-noon. RSVP at 15february.eventbrite.com or 29february.eventbrite.com.

FEBRUARY 17 - MONDAY

DOWNTOWN

Performance: 'An American Aromanticism'

"An American Aromanticism" is a theatre/dance piece exploring the aromantic relationships we have with some of America's biggest stereotypes. This piece is intended to raise money for the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, an organization that serves African-Americans and other minorities. The performance will be held at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, at the George Rowland White Performance Studio (201 Wood St.).

FEBRUARY 19 - WEDNESDAY

EAST LIBERTY

'Working' Series: Project Management

"Working" is a professional development series for artists, built to equip attendees with project management skills, industry-specific knowledge and out-of-the-box tools to advance their careers. Join us every third Wednesday, from January to May, to learn and share with industry professionals. From 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, learn how to take an idea for a performance/dance/installation into

a practical and logistical realization at KST's Alloy Studios (5530 Penn Ave.). We'll talk about time-lining, building and resourcing a budget, and what it takes to bring your project to fruition. Ticket cost: "Pay What Makes You Happy."

FEBRUARY 22 - SATURDAY

HOMEWOOD

Rich Black Heritage in Presbyterian Church

Learn more about the rich history of African Americans and their contributions in the Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by the Black Presbyterian Caucus, this event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church (7220 Bennett St.) in Homewood.

BLOOMFIELD

Saturday Winter Market

Located at 5050 Liberty Ave. in the heart of Bloomfield, the Saturday Winter Market runs through March 2020. From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (every first and third Saturday), come shop local growers and makers while connecting with your neighbors and local community. The Bloomfield Saturday Market is a program of the Bloomfield Development Corporation (bloomfieldpgh.org).

FEBRUARY 23 - SUNDAY

GARFIELD

Black History Community Celebration

King of Kings Baptist Ministries will host its annual Black History program on Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 3 p.m. at the Ministries' 5169 Broad St. location in Garfield. There will be spoken word, music, and vendors at this event. Come out and join us as we celebrate the impact of African Americans in our culture.

Black History Service

Morningside Church Of God In Christ (MCOGIC, 5173 Dearborn St.) presents a Black History service called "Change! It's About Time!" at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23. You don't want to miss this program. Bring your friends, and be blessed.

FEBRUARY 29 - SATURDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

'Swap412' reuse event

"Swap412" is a community reuse event. Bring items that are in good condition to Carnegie Library's Lawrenceville branch (279 Fisk St.) meeting room on Saturday, Feb. 29, from noon to 3 p.m. Come shop the Swap; knock down the entry fee to \$5 with a donation of a nonperishable food item. For more info, visit Swap412.org. ♦

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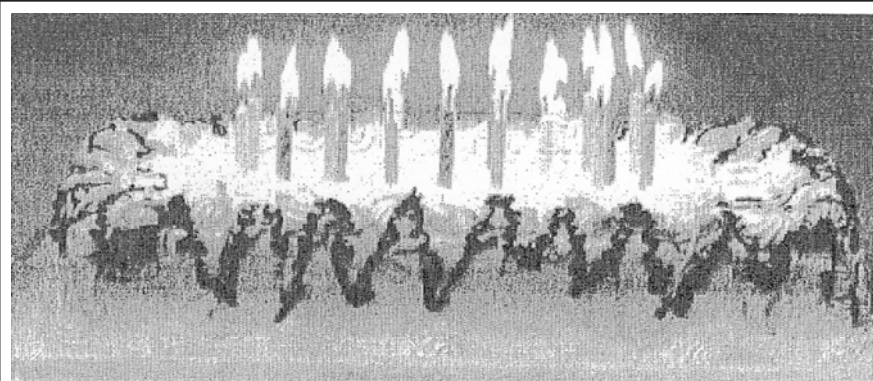
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CAREER-BUILDING BLOCK: FEBRUARY

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 Class: Tuesday, Feb. 4th; 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. •

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

- Computer Basics III: Wednesday, Feb. 5th; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. •

Manor Care Health Services will be hiring to fill medical and non-medical positions.

- Computer Basics Class: Tuesday, Feb. 18th; 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. •

• Informational Event: U.S. Census Bureau: Wednesday, Feb. 19th; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. •
The U.S. Census Bureau will be hiring canvassers for the 2020 Decennial Census; starting wage of \$23.50/hour. Participants must be a U.S. citizen (at least 18 years old).

- Resume Workshop: Every Friday; 1 - 4 p.m. •

Stop by the ENEC every Friday to get help constructing or editing your resume.



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COMMUNITY LEAD RESPONSE

PWSA is replacing lead service lines on the following streets at no cost.

Visit pgh2o.com/leadmap to access our interactive map to determine if your property is eligible, or call our Lead Help Desk at **412.255.8987**.

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Cedarville St
Comrie Way
Coral St
Corday Way
Edmond St
Friendship Ave
Gem Way
Gross St
Ingalls Way
Joliet Way
Latham St
Pearl St
Penn Ave
S Aiken Ave
S Atlantic Ave
S Evaline St
S Graham St
S Mathilda St
S Millvale Ave
S Winebiddle St
Sapling Way

GARFIELD

Black St
Broad St
Columbo St
Dunkirk St
Hillcrest St
Kincaid St
Margaretta St
N Aiken Ave
N Fairmount St
N Graham St
N Negley Ave
Penn Ave
Ripley Pl
Rosetta St

UPPER LAWRENCEVILLE

52nd St
53rd St
54th St
55th St
56th St
57th St
58th St
Berlin Way
Butler St
Carnegie St
Donson Way
Dresden Way
Duncan St
Harrison St
Holmes St
Kendall St
Kent Way
Keystone St
Leydon St
Lotus Way
McCandless Ave
Natrona Way

Poe Way
Ruby Way
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Stanton Ave
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34th St
35th St
36th St
37th St
38th St
39th St
Ater Way
Bandera St
Butler St
Cabinet St
Charlotte St
Clement Way
Foster St
Howley St
Leech St
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Manion Way
Mineral Way
Mintwood St
Paxton Pl
Penn Ave

PWSA recently mailed an information package to customers eligible for our 2020 Lead Service Line Replacement Program. If you received a package, please sign the enclosed agreement and return it immediately in the postage paid envelope.

Funding is limited, replacements will be performed on a first come, first served basis.

Do you have questions about our Community Lead Response?

Call our Lead Help Desk at **412.255.8987** or email at LeadHelp@pgh2o.com.

If your street is not listed above, please call us to find out about financial assistance programs available for line replacements.