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## Community mourns passing of Jeff Holt, beloved owner of Hambone's

By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.

Lawrenceville - Jeff Holt passed away on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the age of 46. As the owner of Hambone's Restaurant & Bar (4207 Butler St.), a Lawrenceville institution for the last four decades, Holt is fondly remembered by his neighbors and regular customers.

As soon as he took over the business in 2011, Holt set out to broaden its horizons. He turned to the local arts community, organizing "open mic" nights and other event platforms to include new perspectives in a changing Lawrenceville.

Along with its chatty bartenders and inexpensive, tasty food, Hambone's quickly became known as a venue for local performers. Musicians, comedians, and art-

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**ABOVE:** The grand opening of ADDA Bazaar (4905 Penn Ave.) draws a crowd on Friday, Oct. 23. A full service coffee and tea bar, ADDA also doubles as a retail space. See more snapshots from the grand opening on page 11. Photo by John Colombo.

## Residents show little support for Rosetta St. housing proposal

By Joe Reuben Bulletin contributor

Garfield - An Oct. 12 community meeting, attended online by over 50 residents, produced little support for a private developer's plan to build twelve, single-family homes in the 5100 block of Rosetta Street.

Module Design, Inc. seeks to acquire nine lots from the city's Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), and one lot from a private owner, in order to construct six sets of double or semi-detached homes. These two-story dwellings would include basements, as well as some provisions for off-street parking.

The developer has stated that at least eight of the homes would sell at market-rate prices - and that as many as four of the homes could sell at prices below the market rate.

Hosted by the city planning department, the meeting gave Module an opportunity to unveil its site plan, preliminary house design, and other pertinent information - in an effort to win over residents, whose opinions will influence the stance that the Board of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

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**ABOVE:** Friendship residents Leah Friedman (left), Diana Ames (center), and Emily Bush stand proud of their pollinator gardens. See more on page 6. Photo courtesy of Diana Ames.

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**ABOVE:** Jeff Holt, who passed away on Sept. 24, was instrumental in nurturing the local arts community at Hambone's Bar & Restaurant. Photo courtesy of Nina Gibbs.

ists found a home with Holt, who was not only a talented bartender, but also a Lawrenceville artist himself.

As local artist Jenn Gooch recently shared with *The Bulletin*, "Jeff's generosity is what really made the neighborhood a 'neighborhood.'"

Heartfelt sentiments like these rippled across the community at the news of Holt's death. Garfield artist Jason Sauer shared a similar story about Holt's willingness to help him launch Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery (formerly at 5015 Penn Ave.).

In 2005, on his first night back in town [after returning from a sojourn to Scranton, PA], Sauer said he discovered a newspaper ad for "Open Mic Night" at the Birmingham Bridge Tavern, where Holt bartended in the South Side. According to Sauer,

Holt was enthusiastic about hanging one of Sauer's paintings behind the stage.

This is how their "Most Wanted Art & Rock Show" began; over the next three years, both artists showed their own works side-by-side while also providing more than 1,000 artists with opportunities to display their work at the tavern.

"He was always so generous with his space," Sauer said. "As an artist himself, [Holt] understood how important these opportunities could be, and how life-changing they could be for young artists. He always wanted to share the spotlight with others, even when he could have kept more of it for himself."

Cheers to Jeff Holt and the lives he changed. May his memory live on in laughs, drinks, and song. ♦

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## City collects input on Garfield's Ft. Pitt Park

By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation



**ABOVE:** Garfield residents gather at Fort Pitt Park's football field to provide feedback on the City's plans to enhance the park. Photo courtesy of Nina Gibbs.

Garfield – Over two days in October, the City of Pittsburgh hosted a second phase of community engagement for its “Fort Pitt Park Master Plan.” The in-person events, which drew approximately 40 adult residents and countless children to the Fort Pitt football field in Garfield, solicited input from local residents about how they utilize the public park today.

The resulting data, compiled with online survey responses, influenced the development of four different proposals. Each of the proposals is still open to public feedback; community members are encouraged to submit their reactions to the various park designs and amenity packages in the coming weeks.

The City wants to study which aspects people like the most, and which ones they disapprove of, when it comes to Fort Pitt Park. Garfield's community input is critical to the drafting of a Master Plan in the next phase.

Residents are welcome to review their neighbors' responses, and share their own, at [engage.pittsburghpa.gov/fort-pitt-park](http://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/fort-pitt-park). The deadline for feedback is Friday, Nov. 20; residents may also call the 3-1-1 response center to offer comment over the phone. ♦

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**BELOW:** One of several options under consideration for improvements to Fort Pitt Ballfield and its adjoining park. Rendering courtesy of LaQuatra Bonci Landscape Architects.



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ration (BGC) ultimately takes in regards to the development. Since Module is asking the URA to accept title to nine land parcels from the City [for eventual sale to Module], a letter from the BGC - expressing community input on the project - becomes a necessary precondition for their sale.

Brian Gaudio, a principal with Module, opened the meeting by sharing his firm’s recent history in building three single-family homes in Garfield (5400 block of Black Street), and one home on Latham Street in Friendship. The BGC supported Module’s development of a single-family home (5456 Black St.) that sold at a reduced price to a low-income homebuyer, thanks to subsidies Module obtained from the URA and other sources. The remaining two homes are selling for prices in excess of \$400,000.

The notion of building market-rate homes on this stretch of Rosetta, between N. Pacific Avenue and N. Evaline Street, is what drew the most concern from residents who were on the call. Gaudio said he plans to build a “mixed-income” development that would have eight or more homes selling at prices “in the high 300’s,” and possibly three or four homes selling at prices under \$200,000 apiece. Because the project planning is still in the early phases, Gaudio said, Module has yet to pin down the exact numbers for each home.

On Oct. 12, nearly all of the participants’ questions were framed as critique, producing the following responses [either from Module or the BGC]:

***Why is the BGC, a community nonprofit, promoting a development that could add to the gentrification of the neighborhood?***

Rick Swartz (the BGC’s executive director), who was also on the call, said the BGC is not promoting Module’s plan, but rather aiming to work with the firm in developing a project that can address both the concerns of Garfield residents and the current shortage of affordably-priced housing in the East End.

***Why is the project targeting a section of the neighborhood - one that many residents thought was already designated to be part of a “Green Zone”?***

Gaudio responded that he does not want his project to encroach upon areas that residents have already identified as assets to be protected under the umbrella of a green zone. He made an observation that the block in question has become blighted because the City is either unable, or unwilling, to properly care for the extensive amount of vacant land under its control on Rosetta Street.

***Why are Module and the BGC focused on developing new homes that will be expensive to build, as opposed to dealing with all the vacant houses still dotting the neighborhood?***

Swartz responded that, in the coming years, the BGC and other groups will be mounting efforts to reclaim a number of vacant homes as affordable home ownership projects. The partnering groups include City of Bridges Land Trust; East Liberty Development, Inc.; Open Hand Ministries; and a new nonprofit (Rising Tide Partners, Inc.), whose executive director, Kendall Pelling, lives in Garfield. Swartz invited those on the call to consider joining the BGC’s various committees, which are currently working on these challenges.

***How does a project like this one fit within the framework of the fight for greater racial and economic justice?***

Swartz noted that reduced-price homes are often built in tandem with market-rate units, but said the BGC works to open up more opportunities for Black Pittsburghers, and all People of Color, by assisting in home purchases at affordable prices.

He cited the BGC’s experience with Garfield Jubilee Association - building 48 for-sale homes in Garfield between 2002 and 2014; Swartz said that nearly 88% of these homebuyers were Black. According to Gaudio, Module aims to build homes that allow households earning less than \$60,000/year to qualify for reduced-price units.

***Why don’t Module’s home designs match the style that has traditionally defined Garfield?***

Gaudio confessed that, while he is sensitive to that aesthetic issue, Module must build as economically as possible to provide well-constructed, energy-efficient houses with tight floor areas (under 1,300 sq. ft.). Although the firm is willing to consider any modifications befitting a traditional “Garfield” look, Gaudio maintained that he would not do so if it runs the risk of driving up costs.

***Why can’t a smaller housing project be designed and built?***

According to Swartz, it was his advice to Module that they consider breaking the development into two separate, six-unit phases. In response, Brian Gaudio expressed concern that the economics of doing so would impair his firm’s ability to cover all of their costs while still generating a modest profit for the company.

Swartz said he remains worried that there may not be enough subsidy funds available for the construction of the affordable units, if they are all done at one time. He also noted how the BGC is not in line to receive any income from whatever it is that Module ultimately builds. Stephanie Joy, the city planning representative who moderated the meeting, brought it to a close after more than two hours of dialogue.

In the aftermath of the community meeting, the BGC received an Oct. 19 e-mail from Brian Gaudio; he stated his firm’s willingness to increase the percentage of new homes made affordable to lower-income homebuyers, reduce the total number of homes to be built, and enhance the greenspace in and around the proposed development.

The URA requires Module to produce an “expression of community input” on the project. At the Oct. 19 meeting of the BGC’s Board, the decision was made not to issue a letter of support for Module’s project at this time. ♦

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**ABOVE:** Volunteers from the Student Conservation Association (SCA) clear land to create new habitats at N. Evaline & Kincaid Sts. in Garfield. Photo courtesy of Joanna Lemmon.

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## Meet Paris Wright: Garfield resident supporting neighbors' job searches

Hello Neighbors,

It is my privilege to work as the Program Assistant for the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC).

I have worked for the BGC since March 2018, mostly serving in a behind-the-scenes role. As the Program Assistant, my job is to help create youth and workforce development programs that could benefit Garfield and the surrounding communities.

Outside of the BGC, I am currently a student at Duquesne University, majoring in Organizational Leadership with minors in Psychology and Creative Writing. I am also heavily involved in the Garfield community, both as a resident and as one of the Ministers at the Morningside Church of God in Christ (5173 Dearborn St.).

In my work with the church, I serve as the Audio Visual Technician, a musician, and a Food Bank volunteer - just to mention a few of my duties. In my spare time, I enjoy listening to music, playing instruments, singing, reading, writing, going for sunset walks, and advocating for my community.

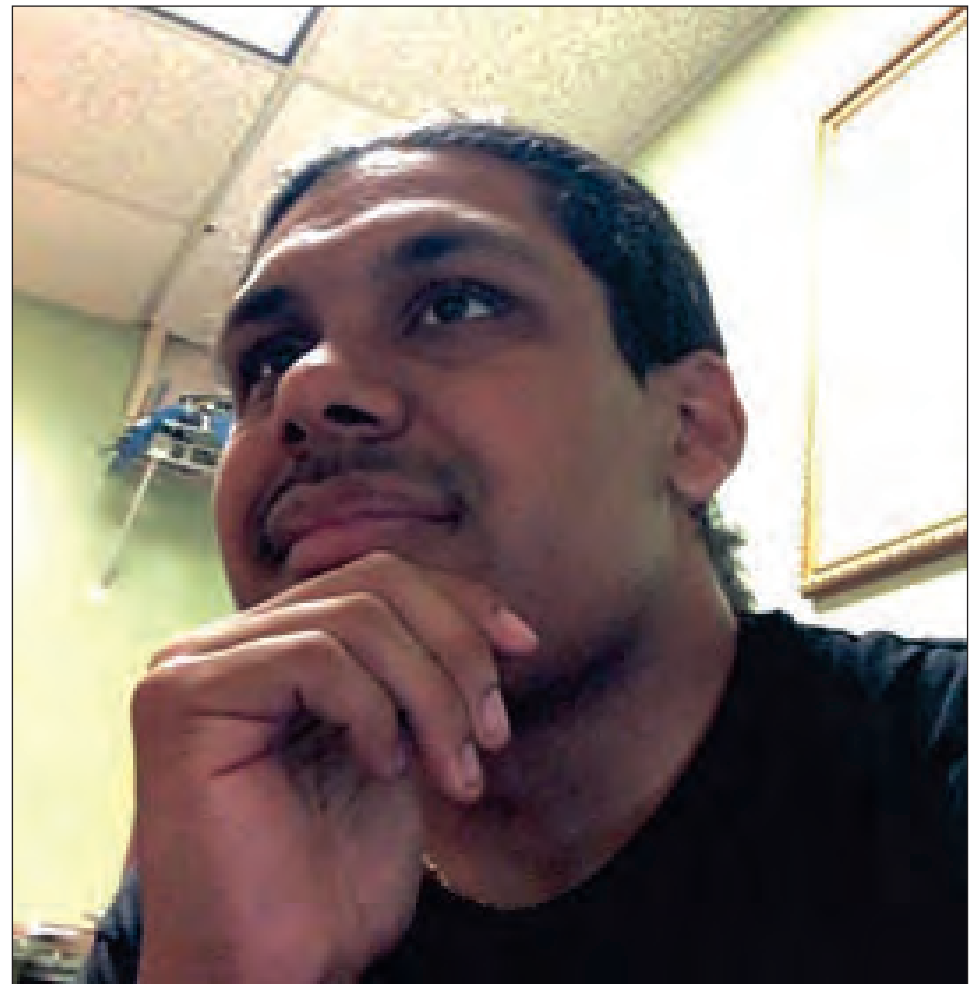
Speaking of the local community, I would like to share an announcement from the ENEC. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will no longer be holding "Resume Workshop Wednesdays" in large groups at the ENEC. If you need help creating or updating your resume and/or cover letter, I'd be happy to set up an appointment to work with you, either virtually or in-person at the ENEC (5321 Penn Ave.).

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Sincerely,

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Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation ♦



**ABOVE:** Paris Wright channels his knowledge of the Garfield community into his work with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's employment programs. Photo by Paris Wright.



# Fredericka Street buzz: growing pollinator gardens in Friendship

A Message from Friendship Community Group

**BELOW:** A bee studies the finer things in life at a pollinator garden in Friendship. Photo courtesy of Diana Ames.



*Friendship* - We should all treat bees as if our lives depended upon them, because they really do.

Bees pollinate at least a third of the crops that provide our food - including fruits, vegetables, and nuts - as well as Earth's most beautiful, fragrant flowers. Yet the global bee population remains in serious decline due to pesticides, disease, and extensive loss of habitat.

At the local level, one of the best ways to

help bees is by growing certain types of plants that bees and other "pollinators" need for their nectar and pollen. This is the chief purpose of the Fredericka Street Pollinator Project.

A few years ago, neighbors Emily Bush and Diana Ames began growing pollinator gardens at the back of their respective properties, along Fredericka Street. As the plants grew, the local green-thumbs searched for additional sites in the area; Bush and Ames soon began working with the Friendship Community Group's (FCG) Neighborhood & Environment Committee to submit a grant proposal.

The City of Pittsburgh's "Love Your Block" (LYB) program rewarded their efforts with \$1,500 in grant monies to help develop more pollinator gardens on the same block [LYB's stated mission is to "revitalize Pittsburgh, block by block"].

Planting gardens at several sites along Fredericka Street, the neighbors have created a habitat corridor - a block where bees, butterflies, and birds do not have to fly long distances just to find what they need to survive.

"Because we chose native plants," Ames

noted, "these gardens should be relatively easy to care for in the future. It's our hope that this project will become an enduring and cherished part of our neighborhood."

Ames, who is also a member of the FCG Board, said the LYB grant funding was a key element of the project's success.

"We are very grateful for the City's sup-

port in creating these gardens. It has really transformed Fredericka Street!"

FCG urges everyone to don their masks and take a stroll down Fredericka Street, a block that is now buzzing with butterflies, birds, and lots of very busy bees.

To learn more about the LYB program, visit [pittsburghpa.gov/oca/about-lyb](http://pittsburghpa.gov/oca/about-lyb). ♦



**ABOVE:** A fetching garden on Fredericka St. - a small block that features multiple habitats for bees and other pollinators, thanks in large part to the City's "Love Your Block" grant program. Photo courtesy of Diana Ames.

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## Audubon Society inspires creation of backyard habitats in Garfield

By Porchea O. Andrews Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Garfield* - Local residents may have noticed “pollinator gardens” springing up around the neighborhood this year.

As neighbors work to enhance their natural green spaces, many are turning to pollinator gardens as a means of attracting more birds, bees, and butterflies to Garfield [see the story on page 6 about Friendship’s “pollinator street”].

The Audubon Society of Western PA (ASWPA) operates a “Certified Backyard Habitat” program that helps Allegheny County residents engage with the global pollination effort. ASWPA staff members begin the process by visiting each property to assess site conditions. They can then assist in setting goals for each habitat, producing a customized report and giving participants recommendations on what can be grown on the property.

The program awards three ascending levels of certification: Habitat Guardian (silver level); Habitat Champion (gold Level); and Habitat Hero (platinum Level). After receiving a personalized plan for their backyard, participants are free to begin installing their gardens; once they are finished, an Audubon staffer will visit each property to assess the habitats for official certification.

ASWPA plans to partner with Garfield community members, through the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), to install between 50-100 native pollinator gardens - free of charge to residents.

Those interested in transforming their yards into pollinator gardens may contact me (Green Zone Coordinator for the BGC, porchea@bloomfield-garfield.org) for more details on how to get started today. ♦

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**ABOVE:** Neighbors gather across from the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation’s Community Activity Center (Dearborn St. & N. Pacific Ave.) on Oct. 24 to hand out 100 bookbags (filled with school supplies) to local children. Photo courtesy of Nina Gibbs.

# They were missed then. They’re missed now.



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# Neighborhood FOCUS

## Local groups unite to save rare magnolia tree in East Liberty

By Elizabeth Sensky East Liberty Development, Inc.

East Liberty – Nobody seems to remember [exactly] how long a southern magnolia tree has been towering over traffic at the intersection of Collins Street and Negley Run Boulevard. Everybody is fond of the tree's presence, but few know about its provenance.

This is one of western Pennsylvania's last remaining, fully blossomed, southern magnolia trees. With a slate of new construction threatening the tree's survival, a dedicated group comprised of professionals from East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI), The Davey Tree Expert Company, and Tree Pittsburgh are now joining forces to save East Liberty's most unique arboreal specimen. The roots of this story stretch back to 2016, when ELDI was appointed conservator of a deteriorating house at 529 Collins St.

*'With only a handful of these trees left in Pittsburgh, this gives us all the more reason to save every last one of them.'*

- Shivam Mathur, ELDI project manager

"One thing we knew from the beginning," Shivam Mathur, project manager for ELDI, explained, "is that we were not only inheriting the structure on the site, but also the magnificent southern magnolia tree on the same lot."

After analyzing the site's potential functions, ELDI suggested that it could be used as a parking lot, which would reduce congestion on Collins Street. "We had to design the parking lot so that there was zero, or minimal, disturbance to the tree," Mathur revealed.

Brett Carter (Space Development, LLC), who owns the neighboring apartment building at 531 Collins, also wanted to make use of the parking lot. He eventually worked out an agreement with ELDI; Carter extended a loan to cover the cost of not only finishing the lot, but also preserving the tree.

According to Matt Erb, director of Urban Forestry at Tree Pittsburgh, the Collins

**BELOW:** Local arborists pose beneath their impressive handiwork, the preservation of the Collins Street magnolia tree in East Liberty. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.



Street magnolia is remarkable for many reasons. Somehow, a plant designed to thrive in warmer climes has taken root in East Liberty; no native to Pittsburgh, or anywhere in the region, this tree is truly one-of-a-kind.

"We always noted how special [the tree] was," Erb said, "when discussing its historical function in the neighborhood," Erb said.

Estimated to be more than 60 years old, this tree has lived through many phases of East Liberty. After witnessing the grand opening of a Home Depot store in 2000, the tree was also present for the 2005 demolition of Penn Towers - a neighborhood casualty that still resonates with longtime residents.

Robert Kruljac, Assistant District Manager at the north Pittsburgh office of The Davey Tree Expert Company, said his organization is working to ensure how the magnolia will remain front-and-center throughout East Liberty's next life-cycles.

"The environment around the tree has changed significantly. With the recent removal of a nearby house, it's now exposed to wind and light coming from new di-

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rections. The tree's root system likely sustained damage during the removal of the adjacent structure, and it will again be impacted during scheduled construction on neighboring parcels," he explained. "Surrounded by buildings and concrete, there aren't any new areas for the tree's roots to grow into; just like any living creature, the older it gets, the less it can possibly adapt to stress."

By revitalizing its root system and infusing organic material and "bio-char," Davey Tree is working to provide an optimal environment for tree growth.

Tree Pittsburgh offered to collect the southern magnolia seeds in an effort to supply its Heritage Nursery, which seeks to preserve and propagate various plant species and sell them to reforestation efforts.

"We don't know if this southern magnolia's seedlings will be quite as 'cold-hardy' and tolerant of Pittsburgh's winters," Erb noted. "However, with climate change and uncertain weather in the near future, it's worth propagating these seedlings just to see how they fare."

ELDI has pledged to work with both organizations to protect the tree's root zone, keep it watered, and ensure that any future use of the site has minimal impact on its health. During a year defined by its division, this tree has become something of a uniting symbol.

"In these challenging times, this tree has given us the strength to persevere despite the doom and gloom," Mathur said. "With only a handful of these trees left in Pittsburgh, this gives us all the more reason to save every last one of them." ♦



**ABOVE:** A certified tree tender hoists his way up the trunk of a southern magnolia tree on Collins Street. The rare tree, which has lived in East Liberty for 60 years, was recently safeguarded against any threats posed by new construction. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.

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## BFG Café celebrates 10 years on Penn Ave.

By Deacon John Wright Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Additional reporting by Andrew McKeon The Bulletin



**ABOVE:** BFG Café owner John Edgos (center) has formed a lifetime of friendships over the last decade at 5335 Penn Ave. in Garfield. Photo by Andrew McKeon.

Garfield - For the last 10 years, BFG Café (5335 Penn Ave.) has held true to its motto: "real food, real fresh, every day." Owner John Edgos built on his robust experience in the restaurant industry to help bring a Greek-American café to Garfield. Serving up delicious pizza, hoagies, gyros, and more, BFG has since managed to become a staple of the changing neighborhood.

"When I first started, if you wore the wrong colors here, you got beaten up. Now, anybody can wear whatever they want and feel safe. That's a huge change," Edgos observed. "Garfield is more diversified than it's ever been. It's eclectic now, but it remains a 'neighborhood' - one that's able to transform and still maintain its identity."

Pointing to his policy of hiring only Garfield residents to work at BFG, Edgos said, "I'm a Gator for life." He currently lives with both BFG employees, Daniel and Freddy, above the café.

When it comes to improving Penn Avenue's business corridor, Edgos believes some of the nearby models, like Lawrenceville's Butler Street corridor, are a recipe for disaster. He looks to nonprofits like the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation to help make sure the Penn Avenue Reconstruction Project can provide assets like improved traffic flow to small businesses along the ever-changing corridor.

Although he is partial to the home-made moussaka and oven-baked falafel, Edgos also recommends engaging with the good work of The Children's Home of Pittsburgh & Lemieux Family Center, his neighbor at 5324 Penn Ave. "I can't say enough about that place. I've seen them perform at least one miracle a year," Edgos revealed.

Above anything else, the café owner cherishes all the personal connections he has made with countless families who just walked across the street to get a bite to eat. "If I did this for money, I wouldn't be here," he said.

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# Neverending story of the Garfield Gators in 2020

By Bob Jones *Brothers & Sisters Emerging, Gators Football Coach*

*Garfield* - In a year of chaos and uncertainty, and with no Garfield Gators youth football, the Gator family has been able to stay engaged by following the exploits of a few of our brothers on high school and college football fields across the country.

Listed to the right are 47 Gators who are currently playing football for their respective high schools, universities, and colleges. Some of our post-secondary Gators are playing, and some are not due to seasons being cancelled or pushed back to 2021.

As the culture surrounding youth football in the city of Pittsburgh changes, the one thing that will always stay intact is the culture of the Garfield Gators. We will continue to expect success, both on and off the field. We will continue to preach Gator pride, and respect for others. We will continue to seek excellence in the classroom, and push ourselves to be productive leaders in anything and everything we do.

Not only are Gators serving as captains of their respective teams, but now we also see some of our alumni Gators coaching high school teams. Our expectation of excellence goes beyond the football field; our alumni are currently serving as CEOs, organizational leaders, entrepreneurs, corporate sales managers, firefighters, police officers, and local political figures. We are adamant about maintaining a strong presence, and high profile, throughout the Pittsburgh region, so we do our best to help our athletes become potential high school and college standouts.

Most, if not all, of our coaches played high school football; many of us played college football as well. As coaches, we always tell each Gator that it takes hard work, discipline, and focus to be find success as a student athlete at the next level. We believe that the game of football can prepare our Gators for life, so we also teach and preach what it takes to be successful in their lives away from the football field.

So, what does it mean to be a Gator? It means that you are a member of a unique group of men and women that, for the past 26 years, has made a serious impact in the lives of many local families. It also means you are a member of a team, a group, a family. All members of our Gator family know that no one is more important than the team.

One of our weekly sayings to hype all the kids up is “everyone will and must play this week.” We play those who work hard, and have the skills to be on the field. It is impossible to win as many games and championships as we have by running a team in any other way.

We have averaged three teams in league championship games for 25 of the last 26 years. From the big team down to the “Baby Twerps,” every coach emphasizes how important it is for their players to work hard, and pay close attention, in order to get out on the field during game day.

We play to win, and we want every Gator to embrace that same attitude in their journeys beyond football. Our student athletes know that, no matter where life takes them, one thing is for certain: “Once a Gator, always a Gator.” ♦



**ABOVE:** Nikhai Hill-Green, who now plays for the Wolverines at the University of Michigan, will always be a Garfield Gator at heart. Image courtesy of Bob Jones.

**High School Gators [Name - High School]**

- \*TyJuane Abram - Westinghouse
- \*Nehemiah Azeem - Our Lady of Sacred Heart
- \*Camden Branch - Our Lady of Sacred Heart
- Daniel Cain Jr. - Obama-Sci Tech-Milliones
- \*Mark Fancher - Cornell
- \*Malik Harvey - Westinghouse
- \*Michael Harvey - Westinghouse
- \*Paul Helvy - Obama-Sci Tech-Milliones
- \*Michael James - Woodland Hills
- Terrell James - Allderdice
- \*Noah Johnston - Allderdice
- \*Solomon Johnston - Allderdice
- \*Keylan Kenney - Westinghouse
- \*Darren Keys - Woodland Hills
- \*Jairon King - Westinghouse
- Kaden Latham - Westinghouse
- \*Maxwell Martin - Scioto (Dublin, OH)
- Brandon Massey - Allderdice
- \*Keyshawn Morsillo - Westinghouse
- \*Allen Parker - Penn Hills
- Aki Parker - Penn Hills
- \*Khi'Lee Patterson - Fox Chapel
- Ramon Poindexter - Westinghouse
- Leonard Sherrod - Gateway
- \*Daron smith - Our Lady of Sacred Heart

- \*Donte Taylor - Westinghouse
- \*Da'MonnTaylor - Woodland Hills
- \*Claude Vangelus - Penn Hills
- \*Deontae Williams - Woodland Hills
- James Williams - Pittsburgh Central Catholic
- Musa Bangura - Westinghouse
- Samir Grayson - Westinghouse
- [\* denotes current starters at their position(s)]*

**College Gators [Name - Secondary School]**

- Rashod Allen - Lackawanna College
- Chance Battle - McDougale Technical Institute
- Samuel Fairley - Slippery Rock University
- Paris Ford - University of Pittsburgh
- George Freeman - Washington & Jefferson College
- Konota Gaskins - Bowling Green
- Ray Harvey - Edinboro University
- Nikhai Hill-Green - University of Michigan
- Kevonte Simpson - Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
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## ADDA Bazaar: grand opening on Penn Ave.

All photos by John Colombo



**ABOVE:** The team at ADDA Bazaar (4905 Penn Ave.) stand at the ready to serve customers during the coffee shop's grand opening in Garfield on Friday, Oct. 23.

**BELOW:** ADDA offers full coffee and tea service, as well as a variety of pantry products and other items crafted by local artists.



**ABOVE:** As part of its lineage in the ADDA Coffee & Tea House family, the Bazaar is required to serve a good coffee + donut.

## Restaurants transform Bloomfield streets to support outdoor dining

By Sam Spearing Bloomfield Development Corporation

*Bloomfield* – In an effort to offer safer dining options, several restaurants in the neighborhood are now expanding their outdoor seating capacity.

The management at Station, Azorean Café, Bantha Tea Bar, and Tina's recently received permission from the City to occupy street space [adjacent to each business] in order to create more socially distanced seating options. By repurposing street and parking spaces, these restaurants are exploring creative ways to expand their seating capacity while simultaneously keeping their employees and customers safe.

While many local residents have supported Bloomfield's small businesses by ordering takeout food and cocktails to-go, the experience was just not the same - for patrons and servers alike.

Now, neighbors can enjoy a Saturday afternoon brunch at Azorean Café (4715 Liberty Ave.); outside tables are set up in the parking lane, directly in front of the restaurant. When the weather is a little cooler, a hot cup of tea from Bantha Tea Bar (5002 Penn Ave.) might hit the spot. Anybody looking to dine *al fresco* could

reserve a table at Station (4744 Liberty Ave.), under a tent where delicious entrees taste even better, thanks to the restaurant's outdoor heaters.

In solidarity with other Bloomfield establishments, the folks at Tina's (4114 Main St.) formed a partnership to help their customers support multiple small businesses. While enjoying a supper from Bitter Ends Luncheonette or Duncan Street Sandwich Shop, along with some of Tina's classic cocktails, customers may support any of three small businesses at once.

With winter weather fast approaching, many restaurants are exploring new options to help accommodate safe outdoor seating. Heaters, which have been implemented to rave reviews outside Station, could potentially extend the season for outdoor dining across Bloomfield.

To learn more about each restaurant's seating arrangements, contact them online or by phone: Tina's (tinaspgh.com, 412-230-2658); Station (station4744.com, 412-251-0540); Azorean Café (azorean-cafe.com, 412-586-4241); and Bantha Tea (banthateabar.com, 412-404-8359). ♦

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# LOCAL REAL ESTATE BLOTTER

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

Real Estate Sales (for the month of September 2020)

Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, RE/MAX Select Realty

## Bloomfield

August P Peluso to Uri Fakiro at 425 S. Winebiddle St. for \$275,000.

B Under Will of Harvey F Light Trust to Chen Family Liberty LLC at 4115 Liberty Ave. for \$2,820,000.

Carla Dominguez to Antham LLC at 234 Pearl St. for \$274,000.

Helen R Westman to Melih Ozbek at 5456 Upsal Pl. for \$389,200.

Laura J Meixell to Joshua Nygaard and Sandi Kruse at 4043 Mintwood St. for \$212,000.

Lauren P Jacobs to Mark Buttweiler at 4514 Idaline St. for \$255,100.

Monica S Nicola to Katherine H Colwell at 4607 Carroll St. for \$275,000.

Penn Pioneer Ent. LLC to Intent Realty LLC at 4406 Woolslayer Way for \$130,000.

Richard J & Lisa M Cercone to Capital LLC Brennan at 4744 Juniper St. for \$207,500.

Robert T & Gloria J Ledonne to Capital LLC Brennan at 744 Edmond St. for \$210,000.

Santo C Policicchio to Tayor 317 LLC at 317-319-321 Taylor St. for \$335,000.

Tina E Deaver to Seiden Family Trust at 4224 Milgate St. for \$217,000.

Yinzer Pacific Realty LLC to Kevin P Leary at 352 S. Pacific Ave. for \$501,000.

## Friendship

No sales to report.

## Garfield

BFB Enterprises Inc (Trustee) to Leon D Boykins at 315 N. Evaline St. for \$140,000.

Betty A Goldsmith to Notrab Partners LLC at 130 N. Fairmount St. for \$150,000.

Dawson W Lindauere to Susan M Divila at 5491 Penn Ave. Unit A202 for \$252,500.

Harriette V Saunders to Eric Taveras at 4919 Dearborn St. for \$278,000.

James E Tegge to Aspen Associates at 4826-28 Dearborn St. for \$195,000.

Johnie & Annie Jones to NYC Corporation X at 5449 Kincaid St. for \$100,000.

NCRC Housing Rehab Fund LLC to Samantha Doyle Small at 5115 Dearborn St. for \$389,000.

## East Liberty

88 Pittsburgh Management LLC to Finn

River LLC at 5556 Black St. for \$252,000.

Andrew M Barza to Joelle R Keats at 722 N. Euclid Ave. for \$599,000.

Bernadette Brush to IBuyPittsburgh Inc at 6210 Huntress St. for \$10,000.

Cocktosten LP to 6007 Penn Ave. LLC at 6007 Penn Ave. for \$575,000.

East Liberty Development Inc LLC to Samantha L Gillcrese at 409 Selma St. for \$155,000.

Ripsey Street Partners LLC to Ruth Fey at 322 N. Euclid Ave. for \$42,000.

## Lawrenceville

Alex O Imas to Thomas R Crosby at 4603 Plummer St. for \$315,000.

Andrew S Datt to Erica Adams at 137 42nd St. for \$430,000.

Creative Solutions Investments LLC to Sayer Real Estate LLC at 903 Mccandless Ave. for \$94,900.

Darwin Copeland to Joshua T Lang at 5148 Dresden Way for \$228,000.

Francis John & Karan Ann Lach to Steel Town Properties MC LLC at 125 43rd St. for \$125,000.

Hhdr LP to 3250 Liberty Owner LLC at 3224-3262 Sassafras Way for \$1,361,497.

Housing And Urban Development to Anastasia B Martin at 4371 Stanton Ave. for \$100,000.

Jean Burkman to 4622 Carlton Street LLC at 3918 Mintwood St. for \$121,600.

Joanne Byerly to Jeremy T Brown at 5152 Natrona Way for \$135,000.

John R & Lubie F Radziewicz to Samantha P Skelton at 4214 Sherrod St. for \$272,499.

Joshua T Smith to Katy Fang at 4414 Woolslayer Way for \$262,800.

Lawrenceville Sunrise II LP to Benjamin D Steiner at 334 39th St. for \$240,000.

Michael A Stoltz to Kevin T Oconnor at 5159 Keystone St. for \$314,900.

Michael B Vanbuskirk to Mitchell Torrens at 5219 Carnegie St. for \$338,000.

Nesby LLC to Shahrzad Bozorg at 213 38th St. for \$715,000.

Patrick J Breiner to Tara Matthews at 5150 Natrona Way for \$220,000.

Paul R & Wendy E Meng to Madeline Saxon at 159 44th St. for \$435,000.

Rch Pittsburgh LLC to 3250 Liberty Owner LLC at 3224-3262 Sassafras Way for \$4,988,503.

Regina Caeli McGowan to Hannah Schneider at 148 44th St. for \$350,000.

Robert N Kelly Irrevocable Trust to Eric M Christopher at 254 Fisk St. for \$585,000.

Ronald J Temple to Sara E Needham at 262 Service Way for \$174,800.

Scott Andrews to J Cameron Barge at 153 45th St. for \$377,330.

Stone Village Property Management LLC to Nicholas J Disanti at 5401 Carnegie St. for \$313,000.

Susan B Gross to Carolyn K Kastroll at 5267 Holmes St. Unit 401 for \$563,000.

## Stanton Heights

Denise M Bradley to Gregory J Adamczyk at 1130 Fairfield St. for \$266,000.

Erin E Oldynski to Gabriel Andrew & Kate Ryan Rossi at 938 Oranmore St. for \$155,000.

Marion L Schollaert to Stanton 5209 LLC at 5209 Stanton Ave. for \$125,000.

Melanie M Hayllar to Ronald V & Erika L Romano at 1514 Simona Dr for \$205,000.

Nathaniel K Goodson Jr to Faizul Islam at 4409-4411 Coleridge St. for \$124,000.

Raymond & Mary Lou Conley to Maren M Herman at 1029-1031 Downlook St. for \$231,500.

Sarah Ann Brunn to Ryan J Walker at 5560 Camelia St. for \$135,000.

Shoshana Mahler to Benjamin DH Gordon at 1337 Simona Dr for \$280,000.

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**BELOW:** A friendly ghost stays well camouflaged by Halloween decorations in Garfield. During the month of October, ghosts were scattered throughout the neighborhood to support the Garfield Ghost Busters scavenger hunt. Search “#GarfieldGhostBusters” on social media to see more ghosts and their respective Busters. Photo by D.S. Kinsel.



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## BGC Board Member Spotlight: Kuwame Kinsel

Interview by Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - Kuwame Kinsel [pictured at right] joined the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's (BGC) Board of Directors in October of 2019. An artist himself, Kinsel works with BOOM Concepts and other local groups to elevate the arts across Pittsburgh.

Kinsel recently fielded a few questions about his work with the BGC. The following transcript has been edited for space.

**Why do you volunteer for the BGC Board?**

**Kinsel:** "I believe there needs to be more young Black representation."

**What is your connection to Garfield?**

**Kinsel:** "I'm a six-year resident of Garfield, and I work in the community here."

**What are your areas of focus for Garfield?**

**Kinsel:** "I want to help rehabilitate vacant homes into 'below market rate' housing for poverty-level residents. Creating more green space infrastructure, and adding more public art/gathering spaces, are among my priorities for beautifying the neighborhood."

**What would you like to say to the greater Garfield community?**

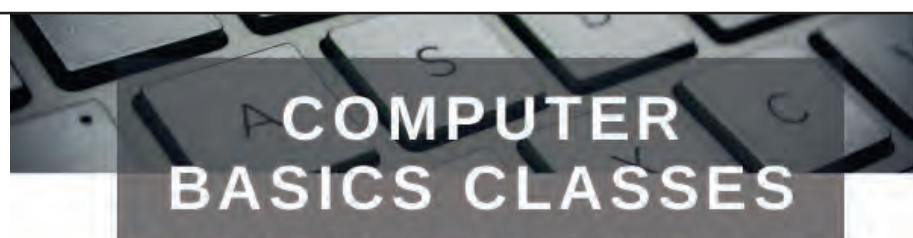
**Kinsel:** "Our meetings are open to the public; come voice what's important to you."

**What aspects of the BGC's community work have been the most meaningful to you?**

**Kinsel:** "I'm a big believer in our intentional housing provisions for vulnerable communities. Also, the BGC engages a wide range of small businesses to ensure that Penn Ave. boasts a diversity of goods and services...Organizations with real community track records, like the BGC, are necessary advocates for allocating funds here in Garfield. In the process, we must be transparent about the very process of community development." ♦



**ABOVE:** BGC Board Member Kuwame Kinsel hands out bookbags and school supplies on Oct. 24. Photo by Nina Gibbs.



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## Bloomfield Winter Market provides fresh produce despite cold weather

By Abi Gildea Bloomfield Development Corporation

*Bloomfield* - A farmers market that operates during the winter months might seem strange, especially since produce usually peaks in the summer.

But the vendors from the Bloomfield Saturday Market refuse to let any cold weather stand in the way of serving their loyal customers.

From December through March [ 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month], patrons will get a chance to do their seasonal shopping at the Bloom-

field Winter Market (5050 Liberty Ave.).

The winter season kicks off on Dec. 5 with a special “Holiday Market,” featuring handmade gifts from local crafters and makers; 22 or more vendors will be on hand at each Market.

Because greenhouses allow for micro-greens to be grown during any season, and cold storage allows root vegetables to be sold throughout the winter, a variety of produce will be available throughout the winter months. Shoppers can now pick

up their groceries while also crossing off a few names on their gift lists.

Vendors will also offer non-seasonal products like maple syrup, pickled vegetables, milk, bread, and olive oil for sale. During the holiday season, customers are encouraged to “shop with their heart” - and support a hard-working family by purchasing holiday turkeys, pies, or biscuits at the Market.

In order to better protect its staff, volunteers, vendors, and customers, the Market will be following strict COVID-19 protocols for the entire winter season. All visitors, except small children, must wear a mask properly; dogs will not be allowed to attend; and an alternate entrance is now available to any customers for whom waiting in line is physically difficult.

In concert with Bloomfield’s winter plans, the Lawrenceville Farmers Market is likewise extending its season at Arsenal Park (276 39th St.). The Lawrenceville Market will operate every Tuesday, from 3 to 6 p.m., through Dec. 15. ♦

**BELOW:** A local vendor from the Bloomfield Saturday Market inspects fresh produce. Many merchants utilize greenhouses to help grow vegetables that they sell at the Winter Market. Photo courtesy of Abi Gildea.



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