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## City's demolition program grinds to complete halt

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

*Perspective/Pittsburgh* – Local homeowners are no strangers to “eyesore” properties, often located right across the street, but the stakes certainly change when the City of Pittsburgh is the property owner.

Pick any abandoned property within city limits and you're bound to come across a City-owned building with a collapsing roof and wall. The structure may even have a blue condemnation placard nailed to the front door, yet it seems like it's become a house that Pittsburgh, and time, have long forgotten.

According to the city's website, only 33 houses were demolished last year; 1,737 houses remain on the official condemnation list. At that pace, it would take 50 years to work through every address - assuming

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**ABOVE:** A volunteer from Catapult Greater PGH greets a local family with supplies for curbside pickup in East Liberty. Read more about Catapult, and its newfound trajectory, on page 7. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sensky.



**ABOVE:** A vacant house blights the 5000 block of Jordan Way in Garfield. Read above to learn about the city's stunted demolition program. Photo by Joe Reuben.

## ACHD sees historic Clack Facility's new potential in Lawrenceville

By Lauren Connelly *Lawrenceville Corporation*

*Lawrenceville* - Neighborhood advocates from Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) and Lawrenceville United (LU) recently announced a public visioning process around the Allegheny County Health Department's (ACHD) historic Clack Facility at 3903 Penn Ave.

The potential redevelopment of this 6.5-acre site presents quite an opportunity for both the ACHD and longtime Lawrenceville residents. The site enjoys a proximity to major amenities like Arsenal Park, traffic arteries, bus lines, public schools, farmers markets, and the Penn Ave. & Butler

St. business corridors.

“This is an exciting, historic site with so much opportunity for equitable development,” Dave Breingan, Executive Director of LU, noted. “We’re grateful the County has given the community an opportunity to envision its future, with Bloomfield’s engagement process around the ShurSave site as an outstanding model.”

To date, neighborhood planning efforts have not contemplated a future reuse of the site -despite lots of development ac-

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no properties will be rehabilitated, which is unlikely. If you're a neighbor to one of these homes, you're not alone.

The capital budget for 2021, approved by Pittsburgh City Council in December 2020, has \$3.5 million slotted for demolition contracts that the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (DPLI) will be able to spend in taking down private and City-owned houses exhibiting decrepit condition.

These are homes that are typically considered "far gone"; local developers prefer to raze such properties in the name of building something new. Although our fair city owns a number of these homes, it continues perpetuating blight by ignoring the funds made available to address this very problem.

A case in point: an empty row-house [5335 Kincaid St.] in Garfield. The city took possession of the property in 2016, after the previous owner had stopped paying their real estate taxes.

Charles King, who lives nextdoor at 5337 Kincaid, has been trying to get the city to tear down the house for many years.

"I've been able to see the interior of the

house when the back door wasn't securely boarded, and I can tell you it's a complete wreck," King revealed to *The Bulletin* in November 2020. "The roof has fallen in, the wooden floors are thoroughly soaked from the rain, and raccoons have taken up residency in the house. I've set traps for them, and I think I've caught at least ten of the critters in the past 2 or 3 years."

King thought there was a commitment from the DPLI to demolish the house, but said he was told recently by a staff person in the city's real estate department that someone has tendered an offer to purchase the property.

"Frankly, I was astonished," King admitted. "How long will it take them [the city] to process the sale? Another 2 or 3 years? In the meantime, my foundation wall that adjoins their structure has been suffering damage because of all of the moisture that collects in the basement of 5335. Why would the city agree to sell it in its present condition?"

King discovered that it's the city's policy not to disclose the name of the purchaser of any city property to the public. "It's like the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing," he said in frustration.

Dana Sperry, who lives in the 5400 block of Rosetta Street in Garfield, has tried to get the city to demolish two homes [5466 and 5468 Rosetta St.].

"Normally, I am all for saving homes and trying to recycle them," Sperry said last year. "But just take a look at the condition of these two homes. They have roofs that have fallen in, and one even has a large hole in the masonry wall."

County assessment records confirm that the city took possession of 5466 [Rosetta St.] in 2017, and 5468 in 2016.

Another vacant, City-owned house at 5137 Broad Street became a focal point last summer, following a shooting that had occurred on the street. According to neighbors, drug dealers were allegedly using the rear of the house to store their cache of drugs while they dealt openly on the street.

Linda Fulmer, who works for a private firm that manages a number of rental homes in close proximity to 5137, thought she had an iron-clad commitment from the city to raze 5137. Months later, the house still stands.

"I was new to all of this," Fulmer confided to *The Bulletin* recently. "We had support from Councilman Burgess' office, from State Rep. Ed Gainey's office, and from Commander Stephen Vinansky [Zone 5 station] to have that very house torn down. But, apparently, that wasn't enough to see that something actually got done."

Nina Gibbs, the BGC's community planning and engagement specialist, said that a November 2019 community meeting in Garfield gave some indication of a light at the end of the tunnel - when it comes to the city's willingness to tackle this admittedly difficult challenge.



**ABOVE:** A vacant house at 5137 Broad St. in Garfield. Photo by Joe Reuben.

"The supervisor from the DPLI who came out to meet with us was full of enthusiasm and wanted to work alongside us to remove these derelict properties," Gibbs explained. "A few months later, we found out that she was gone. At this point, we have absolutely no idea who has replaced her."

*The Bulletin* reached out to DPLI to learn why there has been a halt to demolition activity in Garfield, and across most of the city, and when it might resume.

Sarah Kinter, a department director, is scheduled to meet with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation on Jan. 29. Look to next month's edition for updates on the city's demolition program. ♦



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**ABOVE:** The 5100 block of Garfield's Jordan Way has given way to blighted, eyesore properties. Photo by Joe Reuben.



# BGC issues statement on hate symbols, incident in Garfield

A Message from the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Garfield* - On December 29, 2020, it was brought to the attention of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) that a vehicle – belonging to the employee of a subcontractor who was working on our office building – displayed insignia that we consider offensive, inappropriate, and in total opposition to the values of our organization.

The BGC’s executive director immediately got in touch with the general contractor, informing him that this display of hate symbolism was absolutely unacceptable.

The architect in charge of the project was also contacted and made aware that, if the vehicle’s owner did not leave the work site, the work would have to come to a halt. The subcontractor’s employee left the work site and did not return in the days that followed.

We apologize for any harm that seeing this truck and the insignia might have caused our community members. The BGC recognizes and values the diversity of the neighborhoods that we serve, and while we support the idea of free speech, we will not tolerate hate speech or any related symbolism when it comes to the work that we do inside and outside of our community.

Over the summer, the BGC released a statement outlining our support for Black Lives Matter and our commitment to combating racial injustice. The BGC has served Garfield and surrounding neighborhoods since 1975 and we remain committed to fighting for racial justice – in our local community, and in Pittsburgh as a whole.

Our community is actively working towards the changes that are needed, and we are proud of what our neighbors have been able to accomplish thus far. The BGC’s statement can be found on our homepage [bloomfield-garfield.org].

We’ve been in communication with both our architect and general contractor to ensure that this type of symbolism is kept as far from our building as possible. All have been made aware that anyone depicting offensive slogans or insignia will be asked to leave our site immediately, or the project’s work will cease. ♦

## the Bulletin

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tivity in the area, as well as major planning efforts underway at adjacent sites like Arsenal Park, the 40th Street corridor, the Bloomfield Central Gateway, and Milhaus’s Arsenal 201 site.

Allegheny County has agreed to support a planning process for the site, one that will engage local residents around setting community priorities for future redevelopment.

“It’s really important for communities to be proactively planning around key development sites like this, with an eye toward

place-making,” Lance Chimka, Allegheny County’s Economic Development Director, explained. “We’re appreciative of LC and LU for convening this process.”

Both organizations will work in partnership with representatives from the County’s Department of Economic Development, among other partners, to facilitate a public planning process that accurately captures the hopes and needs of Lawrenceville stakeholders.

The organizations have looked to the Bloomfield Central Gateway planning

process, facilitated by Bloomfield Development Corporation, as a model in how to approach the planning for this site. As in the Bloomfield process, the end product, a planning document, will serve as a framework for any partners in the redevelopment of the site.

LC and LU are working to coordinate public meetings - tentatively planned for March and April. To learn more, and get involved in the planning process, email [info@Lunited.org](mailto:info@Lunited.org) or call 412-802-7220. ♦



**ABOVE:** The potential redevelopment of ACHD’s Clack Facility in Lawrenceville presents a host of opportunities for longtime residents. Photo by Lauren Connelly.

## Correction: ‘Let’s try that again’

[Editor’s Note: In last month’s edition, we ran a very confusing, incomplete caption under a graphic of Arsenal Park on page 2. Please consider the following photo (now featuring a full caption) as a “Mulligan,” a do-over that hopefully provides better description.]



**ABOVE:** Lawrenceville’s historic Arsenal Park is primed for significant upgrades, as illustrated by one of its potential site plans. Graphic courtesy of Dave Breingan.

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## 2020 IN REVIEW

# 1200+

1200 plus neighbors came through our doors for some kind of service in 2020. The ENEC helps neighbors with all phases of their job hunt, as well as assists them in accessing the resources that they may need to improve their prospects of getting hired.

## NEIGHBORS ASSISTED



The main mission of the ENEC is to help as many people as possible find long-term, gainful employment. COVID-19 did not stop us from helping more than 45 neighbors find employment in 2020, and you could be next!

## 45+ EMPLOYED



# 1800+ SERVICE HOURS



The ENEC provided over 1800 hours of service to neighbors in 2020, including computer access, job search assistance, resume and cover letter construction & revision, employment informational sessions & hiring events, computer classes, job skills trainings, printing, copying, scanning, faxing, and much more.

# 200+ UNEMPLOYMENT HOURS

COVID-19 turned everything upside down in 2020, including some of the services that we provide to our neighbors. Therefore, we adapted by assisting offering assistance in a variety of circumstances. As an example, we provided over 200 hours of support in helping neighbors to file their unemployment claims and answer questions to the best of our abilities. Many of those neighbors are now on the way to seeking long-term employment with our help!

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## Bloomfield, Garfield, Lawrenceville groups bring e-commerce to small biz owners

By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*East End* - Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC), Lawrenceville Corporation (LC), and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), have joined together to offer assistance to small businesses in their neighborhoods.

As part of the multi-neighborhood collaboration, the organizations are creating new digital platforms to support local commercial districts. They are working with C-Leveled, a Bloomfield marketing firm, to build the website and e-commerce platform. Last year, the three groups received a grant from the RK Mellon Foundation to complete the project, which will include an online directory to all three business districts, an event calendar, and an e-commerce platform where local customers will be able to shop online and navigate by neighborhood.

The RK Mellon Foundation seeks to improve the competitive position and strengthen the vitality of southwestern Pennsylvania, particularly in the City of Pittsburgh, and protect neighborhoods' precious green and natural infrastructure.

Using the digital platform, local business can highlight specific products for sale; neighborhood organizations can also use the platform to advertise and coordinate community-wide business district events.

In addition to the creation of these digital platforms, the organizations will be connecting current business owners with technical assistance, helping them devel-

op their own online presence. A new incentive program will encourage customers to purchase gift cards redeemable at their favorite local stores.

The project, and its online approach, has not yet been seen in Pittsburgh. In terms of business district work, it has been rare for multiple organizations to join together for the promotion of small businesses, and the online approach does not currently exist in the region. This presents a unique opportunity to develop a model for business districts confronting new challenges across the region.

The website launches in February - hopefully in time for Valentine's Day shopping - with the introduction of subscription boxes. Each box will contain gift cards and small items from businesses in and around the Penn Ave. & Main St. intersection in Bloomfield, Garfield, and Lawrenceville [from Main to Graham St.].

After receiving funds from the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to complete this project, the three groups arrived at subscription boxes as a no-contact solution for connecting local customers and businesses.

BDC, LC, and the BGC will be responsible for packing and sending the boxes to subscribers; boxes will soon be made available for purchase on the groups' e-commerce site. Interested in learning more? Email [nina@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:nina@bloomfield-garfield.org) for details. ♦

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# Measure of success: BGC by the numbers in 2020

By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Perspective/Garfield* - Community-based and board driven, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) aims to involve every community member in our work to generate physical revitalization, greater economic opportunity, and a strengthened sense of social well-being in the neighborhood. How? Let's take a look at the numbers from 2020.

## Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization in Garfield

*Opened door to homeownership, affordable rental housing for working-class persons*

- 232 homes and apartments built or renovated since 1983 to reduce blight
- 140 rental units owned by the BGC, priced for individuals and families earning less than \$40,000 a year
- 25 rental houses planned for construction in Garfield starting in the fall of 2021
- 1 house to be renovated for affordable homeownership in 2021
- 3 new houses to be built with ground-floor "granny flats" in 2021

## Workforce Development for Teens and Adults

*One-to-one assistance with job searches, resumes, job interviews, and placements*

- 410 individuals received help with employment-related challenges last year
- 45 clients of the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center placed at jobs in 2020

## Academic Supports and College & Career Readiness Prep for Local Youths

*Assisted children with homework and reading/math-related challenges, health & wellness issues; aided teens in identifying post-secondary college and career possibilities*

- 360 youths served in 2020 via after-school programs, summer camps, college and financial aid applications, and 100 hours or more of workplace internships

- 65 students received health-care services via UPMC/public school partnership
- 100 filled backpacks given out to children during the fall of 2020

## Commercial District Infrastructure and Business Development on Penn Ave.

*Kept our commercial district (Mathilda St. to Negley Ave.) a vibrant and safe destination*

- 55 businesses & nonprofits attracted to vacant storefronts on Penn Ave since 1987
- 9 commercial spaces on Penn Ave rented to arts orgs and nonprofits by the BGC
- 24 years of the monthly gallery crawl, Unblurred, on Penn Avenue and 6 years of Garfield Night Market for small vendors

## Public Safety Advocacy for Garfield, Bloomfield, and Friendship

*Advocated for neighbors' quality-of-life concerns, from potholes to nuisance properties*

- 63 abandoned and neglected homes demolished in Garfield since 1986
- 68% reduction in reported crime since 1999 with help of Public Safety Task Force
- 350 coats & toys given out to children over the winter months of 2020
- 12 streets placed on the three-year paving list based on 2019 input from the BGC

## Community Outreach to East End Neighbors

- 199 individuals received free help in filing their tax returns in 2020
- 46 years of publishing a free monthly newspaper, mailed to 14,000 homes
- \$22,300 raised for Neighbors in Need and distributed to 69 households in 2020
- Over 93,000 pounds of food from 412 Food Rescue [averaging 77,645 meals, valued at \$232,935] given out to the community, with the help of Everyday's a Sunday. ♦

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## Launch plan: Catapult leverages support for Black communities

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*



**ABOVE:** The Catapult Greater PGH team [left to right]: Brettney Duck, Keisha Young, Tammy Thompson, Latasia Rich, Jodi Salant, and Lachelle Binion. Photo courtesy of ELDI.

*Pittsburgh* - With the New Year comes a new look for the nonprofit Circles Greater Pittsburgh, now known as Catapult Greater Pittsburgh.

Six years ago, Circles Greater Pittsburgh was founded as a local chapter of the national anti-poverty organization Circles USA. Ever since, the organization has grown steadily with its unique, community-centered approach to helping individuals overcome poverty and achieve financial stability.

By 2020, the group had already expanded on the original Circles model by adding entrepreneurship and homeownership programs - and a retail space for budding minority businesses, Gallery on Penn (5935 Penn Ave.), in East Liberty.

"After six great years in partnership with Circles USA, we decided to launch as an independent organization on January 4th," Jodi Salant, Innovation and Growth Manager of Catapult, explained. "Although the leadership, professionals, and many of the programs remain the same, our offerings will be more robust and better suited for the communities we serve."

Tammy Thompson, Catapult's executive director, said the shift will help her organization become more intentional in supporting Pittsburgh's Black communities.

"We want to provide access to wealth-building opportunities for communities who have been systemically disenfranchised for generations," she said. "We want to support communities in unpacking the trauma associated with experiencing long-term poverty and racism, and challenge the policies that disproportionately keep Black families living under the poverty line."

Thompson understands this trauma firsthand. Facing many of the common barriers of systemic racism, her personal path was paved with homelessness, food insecurity, job loss, and countless other obstacles. She was able to use her pain to move out of poverty, and has since dedicated her life to empower individuals and families to do the same.

This perspective informs Catapult's holistic program offering. From emergency resources and peer-to-peer support groups to trauma-informed financial education, wealth-building, and political advocacy, the idea is to meet participants in their own comfort zone.

Last year, the PNC Foundation awarded the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) a \$10 million grant for equitable economic recovery initiatives in the city; the URA earmarked \$1 million of the funds for Catapult's "Startup to Storefront" entrepreneurship program.

This money is also helping to bring a new retail incubator space, Gallery on Centre, to the Hill District. Catapult will introduce new programs throughout the year, including "kidpreneur" and culinary programs.

"At Catapult, we do not want to see any individual or family lose their footing based on a temporary financial crisis," she said. "We understand that it is going to take us working with one individual at a time to pursue economic justice. It has to be done with compassion, flexibility, innovation, and dignity, [in order] to create the urgently needed opportunities for personal growth in our communities."

To learn more, follow Catapult's progress online at [catapultpittsburgh.org](http://catapultpittsburgh.org). ♦

### Preparing & Filing 2020 Tax Returns?

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The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), in cooperation with the IRS, will once again be assisting individual taxpayers with filing their federal and state tax returns online. There is no charge for this service, which will be offered every Saturday - beginning Feb. 6, and ending on Saturday, Apr. 14. Taxpayers will need to make appointments in advance, then come to:

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# Neighborhood FOCUS

## 2020 in rear view, Bloomfield continues growing opportunity

**A Message from Bloomfield Development Corp.**

*Bloomfield* - When the global scale of COVID-19 became apparent in March 2020, Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC) was forced to quickly pivot and adapt to keep our staff, board, and neighbors safe. Our staff and board spent countless hours in Zoom meetings; online communication became the “new norm.”

Our regularly scheduled meetings - a community-building tool and learning experience that we never truly appreciated - became a real lifeline in 2020. While nothing went to plan last year, we were able to start new initiatives and find creative ways to support Bloomfielders that will continue well beyond the calendar year.

When the COVID-19 pandemic required that we make drastic changes to ongoing programs, we were only six months from the beginning of the Saturday Market's summer season. Since the traditional market layout at 5050 Liberty Ave. would not allow for proper social distancing, most of the market's hands-on experiences had to be modified. Despite the challenges, BDC remained committed to offering a safe environment for neighbors to access an essential service; the market continued providing access points for local vendors during a critical time of need. Bloomfield's Saturday Market provides a weekly example of how pandemic safety protocol benefits local vendors and their customers. Chief among the redesigned elements is a one-way customer flow, which limits customer capacity, and the requirement that masks be worn by everyone to keep things as safe as possible.

We were able to safely hold the Saturday Market all season, serving over 35,000 visitors; Market patrons spent a total of \$28,000 in SNAP and Food Bucks, a 280% increase over 2019.

In addition to ensuring the market opened on time, our board worked to deep-

**BELOW:** Vendors fulfill orders at the Bloomfield Saturday Market (5050 Liberty Ave.). Photo courtesy of Sam Spearing.



en our organizational commitment to the values of inclusion and equity. A new Intersectional Anti-Racism committee was formed to ensure that every program and project was built on an inclusive, accessible framework, to identify bias and exclusionary practices within BDC, and to restructure and monitor our systems and processes.

One of the first projects the committee helped to implement was a new scholarship program for vendors who are Black and People of Color to attend the Bloomfield Saturday Market. Recognizing that farmers markets are traditionally white spaces and understanding the ways in which People of Color have been denied access to capital, our goal is that minority entrepreneurs have an equal opportunity to access the revenue that the Saturday Market can provide.

Our first two scholarship recipients joined us in December as vendors for our winter market. The Intersectional Anti-Racism Committee's next project is hiring a

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consultant to further the work of BDC’s board and staff to undo white supremacy within our own organization.

As COVID-19 continued to shut down or limit business operations into the spring season, we knew that many Bloomfield residents and small businesses were struggling with burdensome costs. In order to provide assistance, BDC launched a “Neighbors In Need” fund to offer emergency assistance in the form of small grants. Grants of up to \$500 have been used to help cover residents’ critical needs such as rent, utilities, and childcare. In total, BDC granted approximately \$9,000 to 19 neighbors who needed assistance. The Neighbors In Need Fund has continued to operate as additional monies have been raised.

Despite more people than ever staying at home, we know that neighbors still need to travel and that eventually things will return to normal. Before COVID-19 had become a concern, BDC had started to work with Studio for Spatial Practice to develop a set of “mobility principles” for the neighborhood. Instead of the indoor meetings we had planned, a series of outdoor pop-up workshops were held outside of the Bloomfield Saturday Market and Linea Verde (4619 Liberty Ave.). We gathered input from neighbors about their experience travelling in and around Bloomfield while walking, biking, or driving. Using the feedback from neighbors, Studio for Spatial Practice is working to create a set of principles to direct BDC’s advocacy and work around transportation and street design.

BDC was able to provide over \$10,000 in grants to businesses to replace broken equipment and to help take advantage of outdoor space. Additionally, the neighborhoods of Bloomfield, Garfield, and Lawrenceville were awarded a grant from the RK Mellon Foundation to create a single online business directory and events platform [read more on page 5]. These grant funds supported “Bloomfield Blitzin” and “Garfield Glitzin” – holiday promotions that rewarded folks who shopped locally with gift cards. BDC and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation jointly gave away over \$1,400 in gift cards.

BDC is here as source of support for residents and businesses. If you need help getting SNAP benefits, paying for a critical need, navigating a City process or permit, dealing with an issue on your street, expanding your business outside, we are here for you. You can reach BDC staff at [info@bloomfieldpgh.org](mailto:info@bloomfieldpgh.org) or 412-681-8800. ♦

# Garfield Community Farm offers ‘vegetable subscription’ service

By John Creasy Garfield Community Farm



**ABOVE:** A local family picks up produce from the Garfield Community Farm veggie stand. Photo courtesy of John Creasy.

*Insight/Garfield* - This year marks the thirteenth season growing fruits and vegetables at Garfield Community Farm, located under the water tower at the top of the hill.

The farm is an ongoing effort in ecological restoration and food justice made possible by hundreds of people. Thirteen years of hard work from many different volunteers, staff members, and interns have made the farm what it is today.

We did not start with good soil or fields ready to be plowed. We began the farm with vacant homes, foundations still in the ground, and rubble. This year, we hope to make our produce available to even more people in the Garfield neighborhood.

Our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program, operating in the spring and summer months, is basically a “vegetable subscription” program. Participating families receive an allotment of produce from the farm every week. All are welcome to join the CSA, and we offer three different ways to participate.

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The second way to participate is through our “work-share” program. Participants in the work-share put in three or more hours of volunteer hours each week in exchange for a CSA share.

This is a great opportunity to learn from the farmers who run Garfield Community Farm while participating in the very growth of your own food. Priority in the work-share will be given to Garfield residents, but space is very limited.

If your family is struggling with food security and the work-share option is not feasible, we are offering up to five spots in the summer CSA at a greatly reduced cost - or even free to some families. Approximately \$400 worth of produce can be yours at a huge discount because we want to get our food into the hands of those who need it most.

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# Crossword puzzle: clued into Penn Ave. corridor

Engineered by Amber Epps Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Penn Ave.* - Think you know the Penn Ave. corridor, and its adjacent neighborhoods, like the back of your hand? Then put your neighborhood knowledge to the test in our first-ever, local crossword puzzle [at right].

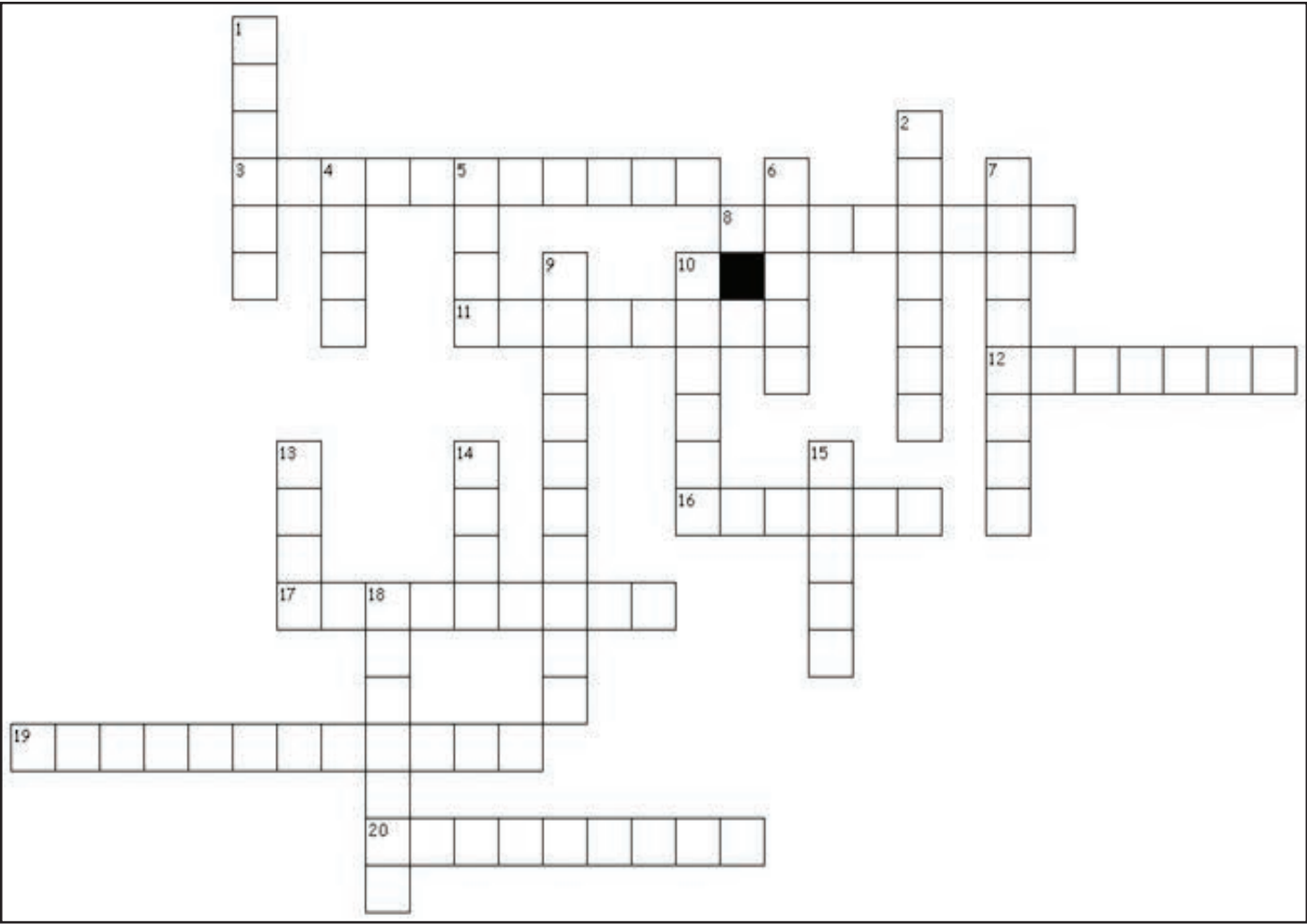
If you recently moved to the area, dear reader, these crossword clues could be tricky. But fear not, because the answers might just help you clue into your new neighborhood. Look to page 15 for answers to the following clues.

Across

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In these uncertain times many of our community members face problems related to affordable housing, food access, and access to gainful employment. The BGC cannot do this work without you! Help the BGC provide a safe place for people to live, career and college readiness, small grants for financial hardships, and help with home repairs.

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# Pittsburgh Glass Center celebrates 20 years glowing strong

A Message from Pittsburgh Glass Center

*Garfield* - Established in 2001, Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC, 5472 Penn Ave.) is a nonprofit, public-access education center; an art gallery; a state-of-the-art glass studio; a community builder; and a hub for innovation and creativity.

Anyone can take classes, explore the contemporary glass gallery, and watch the live hot glass demonstrations. World-renowned glass artists come here to both create and teach. PGC is the largest arts organization on Penn Avenue and has been vital to the redevelopment of the city's rapidly growing East End.

Now celebrating 20 years in the neighborhood, the center fuels a glass art ecosystem of people, facilities, and innovative programming that shapes our region's creative economy. We seek to amaze, educate, and inspire, as well as demonstrate the power of the arts to positively transform a city. We share our passion locally, nationally, and internationally to make the glass art community more diverse, vibrant, and accessible. Our guiding principles of creativity, collaboration, sustainability, diversity and excellence enable us to extend our region's extraordinary glass legacy far into the future.

PGC is unique to the region. Our contribution to a healthy arts environment is bringing diversity to the ecology – we are like nothing else that exists in southwestern Pennsylvania. We are a blend of visual & performance art, and a vital partner in the region's educational, cultural, and economic development.

**BELOW:** On Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Pittsburgh Glass Center collaborated with Pittsburgh East Rotary Club to design and install a Little Free Library, complete with some hidden surprises for everyone to enjoy. Image courtesy of Nina Gibbs.



We selected our 5472 Penn Ave. location specifically to be a part of the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative, a collaborative community effort to revitalize this East End corridor through arts-related program development. By making our home here, PGC provides support to the efforts of neighboring arts groups, youth programs, social service agencies and community-development initiatives. At the time, we knew the area was rapidly becoming a vibrant arts district, with neighbors such as Dance Alloy, Spinning Plates lofts, and Kelly-Strayhorn Theater. In addition it was important for us to be near the colleges and universities since we provide classes to students and faculty members.

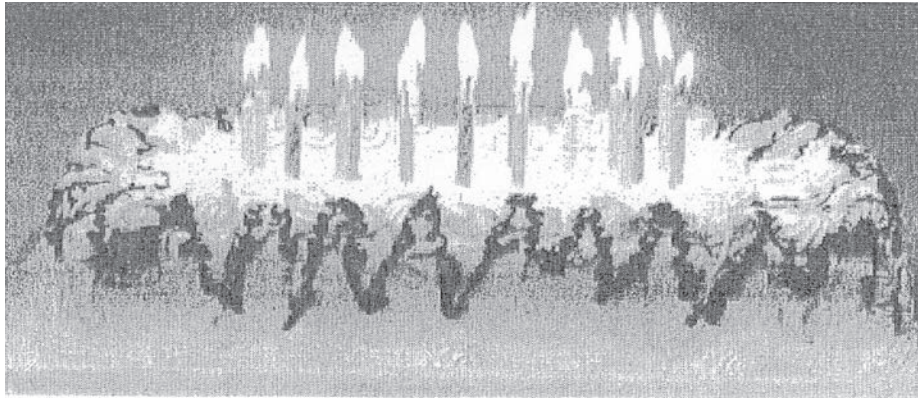
Due to the closure and cancellations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, PGC faced losses of over \$500,000 in earned income last year. That means donations are more important now than ever - so that we can continue serving the community through exhibitions, classes and workshops, and state-of-the-art studios and equipment. We continue soliciting support from the community through email and social media campaigns.

In solidarity with, and in support of, the Black Lives Matter movement, we also led a special fundraising initiative to auction off pieces - made during our Hot Jam demonstrations over the summer - in support of local black-led organizations. The demo piece from our June 2020 session raised over \$700 for IHoodMedia, and proceeds from the auction of our July demo piece directly supported Brothers And Sisters Emerging (BASE), a youth-serving organization based in Garfield.

The pandemic caused us to get very creative and find new ways to offer hands-on glass experiences. Our new at-home glass art kits include everything you need to combine brilliantly colored pieces of glass to create a luminous glass suncatcher, votive holder, dish, or fun mosaic tiles and stepping stones. The kits have been extremely popular with all ages and we're thrilled to reach new audiences and share the art of mosaic making by shipping kits across the country. So far, we've sold over 1,200 kits and earned over \$37,000, far exceeding our goal.

Despite the pandemic, it has remained important for us to continue to provide free, accessible, and safe programs to our community. We offered free virtual field trips to our community of teachers in the spring. During the summer, we hosted the BASE summer camp program for socially distant, fusing activities in our parking lot. We welcomed middle school girls from around the city in the "Tour Your Future" program for virtual glassblowing demonstrations and free mosaic kits.

In the fall, we partnered with Assemble to offer a week of virtual mosaic making lessons with 50 mosaic kits for their students. We also collaborated with Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) to offer a free glassblowing demonstration and artist conversation for their "Create Hope" program. And at the end of last year, we donated 23 mosaic kits to the Bloomfield-Garfield Free Holiday Market. Learn more about PGC, and how you can access its diverse programming, at [pittsburghglasscenter.org](http://pittsburghglasscenter.org). ♦



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LOCAL REAL ESTATE BLOTTER

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

Real Estate Sales (for the month of December 2020)

Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, RE/MAX Select Realty

Bloomfield

Alexandra C Lee to Nicholas Quinn Ryan at 207 S. Millvale Ave. for \$400,000.

Eugene Buccigrossi to Esther Jane Carpenter at 251 Edmond St. for \$190,000.

Franjessica LLC to Kress Brothers Builders LP at 604 S. Mathilda St. for \$38,000.

Gail S Ransom to Ted Cmarada at 228 S. Mathilda St. for \$321,750.

Giuseppe & Maria Rapone to Dillon Charles Mclaughlin at 4611 Torley St. for \$199,900.

Harold W Agnew to Hank R Ou at 440 S. Graham St. for \$430,000.

Harvinder Singh Saini to Arnold Lau at 4058 Howley St. for \$245,000.

Joseph A Friedman to David Hayden Demerson at 4086 Howley St. for \$270,000.

Julie Ransom to Lauren Zito at 200 S. Millvale Ave. for \$148,500.

Maria A Willis to Rhonda L Bauer at 439 S. Pacific Ave. for \$365,000.

Mario A Mancini & Anna C Mancini Real Estate Trust to 447 South Aiken LLC at 447 S. Aiken Ave. for \$350,000.

Michael J Terrigno to Alejandro Diaz at 350 West Penn Pl. for \$309,000.

Patricia Villalobos to Jake Wilfong at 103 Gross St. for \$290,000.

Sandra-Maelissa J Gould to Tanya Randall at 406 S. Evaline St. for \$377,500.

Stacey & John Olson to Ludwig Quincy Reimmer at 113 S. Evaline St. for \$575,000.

Friendship

Constance L Lucey to DJ Assets LLC at 321 Amber St. for \$370,188.

Jung J & Show S Sung to Costello Properties LLC at 300 S. Fairmount St. for \$390,000.

Michael K & Clarence B Herron to Lin Yuan Sophia Wang at 340 Roup Ave. for \$400,000.

Regina & Chandler Victor T Arvon to Montella Management LLC at 229 S. Fairmount St. for \$485,000.

Garfield

Board of Education School District of PGH to Denise Grant at 0 Mossfield St. for \$500.

Florence C Arrington to Aspen Associates LLC at 5346 Hillcrest St. for \$67,000.

Frances A Saban to Janel A Saban at 137 N. Millvale Ave. for \$60,000.

James L & Charlotte M Davis to Kelsey M Dolan at 5441 Hillcrest St. for \$85,000.

R.E.I.D.M. Inc. to Victor Hills LLC at 5200 Broad St. for \$87,500.

East Liberty

701 N. Negley LLC to Joseph A Friedman at 703 N. Negley Ave. for \$529,000.

701 N. Negley LLC to Rodrigo Lecas Pereira Oberlander at 707 N. Negley Ave. for \$528,200.

Inc. Lojek to Joseph Steven Annegarn at 5441 Black St. for \$314,900.

James J Abraham to Bik Management LLC at 5700-5706 East Liberty Blvd. for \$462,500.

Mary Worth Investment LP to City of Bridges CLT at 506 Borland St. for \$225,000.

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Mary Worth Investment LP to City of Bridges CLT at 514 Borland St. for \$225,000.

Steel Town Properties M3 LLC to Michelle Cook at 6210 Saint Marie St. for \$510,000.

Lawrenceville

100 Awoa LLC to David Elliott Balent at 5146 Keystone St. for \$353,000.

39th Street Associates LLC to Alexander Robert Lafroschia at 204 39th St. for \$639,900.

46th Street Trust to Jacob Lee Artuso at 260 46th St. for \$635,000.

5515 Butler Street Development LP to Lisa Dellasalla at 131 55th St. for \$584,400.

5515 Butler Street Development LP to Robert A & Amanda E Haney at 5523 Berlin Way for \$479,500.

5515 Butler Street Development LP to Yuchi Song at 5519 Berlin Way for \$499,900.

Adam Tristan Scarr to Regis S & Heather Beattie at 459 40th St. Unit 1 for \$485,000.

Brian J & Kimberly Maiers to Yanbing & Ye at 4218 Calvin St. for \$228,750.

Brianna Circle to City of Bridges CLT at 476 44th St. for \$127,500.

Caleb J Zelanko to Martin Neale at 308 44th St. for \$309,800.

Casey A Taylor to Mark Schuman at 260 42nd St. Unit 6 for \$217,000.

Cjb Partners LLC to Alexis England at 246 38th St. for \$232,000.

Earl D Childs to Cela 4107 LLC at 4107 Siebert St. for \$1,071,591.

Emma N Diehl to Elise C Nam at 161 Almond Way for \$305,000.

Everything Construction LLC to Megan Elizabeth Mccarty at 5312 Holmes St. for \$359,900.

George Richard & Faye Evans to Tucker C Marder at 4800 Harrison St. for \$826,000.

George Richard & Faye Evans to Tucker C Marder at 4806 Harrison St. for \$826,000.

Green Mountain LP to Kelsey A Hagelgans at 268 Service Way for \$235,500.

Harrison Street Associates LLC to Rafic & Farah at 5246 Harrison St. for \$349,900.

Idg Improvements LLC to Darren L Gruetze at 5325 Mccandless Ave. for \$135,000.

Ivana & Kathleen A Perman to Stephanie Lynn Nix at 3911-3913 Howley St. for \$350,000.

James Damian Founds to Brian S Zuckerbraun at 335 37th St. for \$799,900.

Jeesoo Kim Sohn to Paige Deverts at 173 38th St. for \$415,000.

John L & Karen M Siriano to Coquelicot Properties LLC at 5313 Keystone St. for \$120,000.

Jonathan T Parker to Alyssa Caitlin Boden at 4213 Milgate St. for \$375,000.

Jordan D Albert to William B Ludes at 4933 Plum Way for \$235,000.

Katherine Elise Clark to Craig R Carioto at 3605 Mintwood St. for \$272,000.

Loretta Wudarczyk to David Bonaroti at 315 45th St. for \$277,500.

Marino Vince Rentals LLC to Michael Hull at 3509 Leech St. for \$110,000.

Marino Vincent Development LLC to Michael Hull at 3510 Leech St. for \$115,000.

Mcchow Holdings LLC to Anna Skipper & Brandon B Jewart at 342 45th St. for \$510,000.

Nicholas Daniel & Darby Lynn Testa to Geoffrey W & Kelly M Locher at 4919 Hatfield St. for \$390,000.

Patrick Byrne Jr to Erin Marie Lopata at 5200 Keystone St. for \$375,000.

Philip A Schlimmer to Mackinzie Louise Miller at 253 42nd St. for \$280,000.

R Benson Gabler to James P Cullen at 405 44th St. for \$295,000.

Ronald Garland to Maritsa M Scoulos Hanson at 181 45th St. for \$225,000.

Ronald W Nugent to Easy Rental LLC at 4211 Dunkeld Way for \$45,000.

Stabilizer Rental LLC to Taylor Ave. LLC at 321 38th St. for \$185,000.

Steel City Images LLC to 43rd Street Pitt LLC at 108 43rd 1/2 St. for \$275,000.

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Wai Ching Lam to Esther Dormer at 5120 Lotus Way for \$283,500.

Stanton Heights

Arthur J Lawniczak to Shawn Patrick O'Donnell at 4529 Stanton Ave. for \$250,000.

Claudia N Saulsbury to Andre L Owens at 915 Woodbine St. for \$220,000.

John R Filleau III to Melissa Schaefer at 1122 Oglethorpe Ave. for \$130,000.

Joseph K & Dinah M Adjaye to Tara R & Jason M Geyer at 1140 Brintell St. for \$236,500.

Rebecca Corrigan to Mirasol & Christopher M Moncadaleiden at 4814 Stanton Ave. for \$188,500.

Theresa McWilliams to Louisa Muniain at 4720 Stanton Ave. for \$260,100.

Virginia B Hochmuth to Carroll LLC at 1136 Fairfield St. for \$130,000.

*This column uses data from Allegheny County that contains occasional errors. We strive for accuracy every month so, if something looks off, please let us know.*

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## UPMC's 'Freedom House 2.0' program: job training for first responders

By Taylor Andres UPMC

*Pittsburgh* - UPMC and UPMC Health Plan recently launched "Freedom House 2.0," a project designed to recruit, train, and employ first responders from economically disadvantaged communities - many of which have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

"This community-based training program recognizes how emergency response has evolved," Dan Swayze, UPMC Health Plan vice president of community services and director of operations for UPMC Innovative Health Care Solutions, said. "UPMC and UPMC Health Plan understand that today's paramedics need to take time to find out what an individual actually needs and get him or her connected to the right system of care, rather than just assuming the emergency department has the best

solution."

Operated by the UPMC Center for High-Value Health Care, the program will provide training and support in two, 10-week cohorts to individuals facing health and economic disparities.

The training will focus on traditional emergency medical services (EMS) and on equipping first responders to help address critical, non-emergency psychosocial needs - such as poorly managed chronic medical and behavioral health conditions and a lack of access to resources to address them - that comprise a significant portion of 911 calls.

The project echoes Pittsburgh's original "Freedom House" initiative from 1968-1975, which provided EMS training to

economically disadvantaged individuals in the city's Hill District neighborhood.

"Just as Pittsburgh's original Freedom House modernized emergency, pre-hospital response, Freedom House 2.0 has the potential to help transform community health," Swayze added. "The programs will galvanize a new part of the health care workforce who can be empowered to deliver meaningful service."

Freedom House 2.0 participants will receive mentorship and financial support, as well as state approved EMT certification and community paramedic and community health care worker training.

Successful graduates will be guaranteed an interview with UPMC and other job placement support.

Freedom House 2.0 is funded from a \$235,000 grant from Partner4Work, the public workforce investment board for Allegheny County; it builds upon UPMC's "Pathways to Work" program and ongoing collaborations with the board on strategies to offer low-income individuals meaningful job training and support.

Participants will receive instruction and training at the Neighborhood Resilience Project, a community-based organization and health clinic, located in the Hill District. Outreach to new candidates includes a focus on new Medicaid members in Allegheny County and UPMC Health Plan's existing efforts with Partner4Work.

Visit [upmchp.us/FreedomHouse](http://upmchp.us/FreedomHouse) or email [pathwaystowork@upmc.edu](mailto:pathwaystowork@upmc.edu) for details. ♦

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 Ground breaking and start of construction is estimated for 2022



TO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING  
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Crossword: answers to page 10 puzzle

Answers to the neighborhood crossword puzzle on page 10 are as follows:

Across

- 3. Dance studio [nombre en español] (Los Sabrosos)
- 8. Make stuff here (Workshop)
- 11. Street named after a local borough (Millvale)
- 12. Best Indian restaurant in the city (People's)
- 16. BGC's Executive Director [last name] (Swartz)

Down

- 17. Street next to Healcrest Urban Farm (Hillcrest)
- 19. Summer youth employment program (LearnAndEarn)
- 20. First Friday gallery crawl (Un-blurred)
- 1. Avenue along East Liberty & Garfield (Negley)
- 2. Local park & school share this name (Arsenal)
- 4. Where to get vegan cheese pizza (Spak)
- 5. Concepts (BOOM)
- 6. Garfield Gators Coach Bob (Jones)
- 7. Former school beneath water tower (FortPitt)
- 9. Neighborhood next to Garfield (Bloomfield)
- 10. Not crocodiles (Gators)
- 13. Pho (Minh)
- 14. BGC's employment center [acronym] (ENEC)
- 15. Aggie (Brose)
- 18. Dance studio at Penn/Mathilda (LevelUp) ♦

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What are we learning from public input and how are we using it?


Module is seeking feedback that will be used to guide the project.

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation Staff & Board use community input to guide decisions

Pittsburgh Department of Planning will use feedback to determine support for project

Please go to the BGC website, read the new proposal and take the survey!  
[www.Bloomfield-Garfield.org/Housing](http://www.Bloomfield-Garfield.org/Housing)

Some questions include:  
What is your relationship to Rosetta St?  
What would you like to see as far as green amenities?  
What would you look for in terms of an affordable housing partner?  
How would you define success on a project like this?  
Tell us what you think of the proposal.  
You can mail responses to 113 N. Pacific Ave, 15224



**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Nina at the BGC Office  
[nina@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:nina@bloomfield-garfield.org)  
412-441-6950 x 17

## TELL THE CITY WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE IN GARFIELD!

Neighborhood plans create a path to sustaining a place - and its people - at the local level, but the ForgingPGH Comprehensive Plan aims to set a vision for the entire city.

ForgingPGH incorporates city-wide goals into each neighborhood's plans for growth and development. View the City's plan, and sound off on what you'd like to see in your neighborhood, at [forgingpgh.org](http://forgingpgh.org).



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for the latest neighborhood information and community updates.





# **NEED A JOB? UNDER-EMPLOYED? WE CAN HELP.**

Through the **Career Services Expansion Project**, PA CareerLink® and seven local partners are helping eligible clients find employment.

## **What does this project offer?**

- **Individualized career coaching**
- **Job search assistance**
- **Resume and interview preparation**
- **Supportive services, including but not limited to:**
  - **Transportation assistance**
  - **Equipment and/or tools**
  - **Clothing & uniforms**
- **Educational services, including but not limited to:**
  - **Financial literacy courses**
  - **Post-secondary classes**
  - **Adult literacy courses**



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