Penn Avenue Revitalization Project Moves Closer to Launch

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

After almost seven years of meetings and more meetings between community leaders and public officials, plans to revitalize a 2-mile stretch of Penn Avenue from Friendship to Lawrenceville are finally close to implementation. On August 9, the Central Office of PennDOT sent the City a letter of approval for a “revised scope of services” for what is officially known as the Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan.

Déjà vu? As reported in The Bulletin 15 months ago, PennDOT did approve an earlier plan that came out of community meetings held from late 2000 to 2006. That plan addressed problems along the avenue from Penn Circle West in East Liberty to Main Street in Lawrenceville, including crumbling sidewalks, aging sewer and water lines, and decrepit lampposts.

PennDOT issued the original letter of approval in April 2006, agreeing to finance 80 percent of the project (the City would bankroll the other 20 percent) and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with L. Robert Kimball & Associates, an engineering and architectural firm. Business leaders along the avenue backed the plan, and it looked like the project might finally get underway in June 2006. But that summer, Pittsburgh underwent enormous changes when then-Mayor Bob O’Connor became gravely ill and eventually died on Sept. 1, 2006.

What followed was a change of administrations and political faces. And after more meetings between community groups and city officials, the Penn Avenue project also changed, particularly the length of the corridor to be included in the plan. With the consensus and support of the community groups involved, the City drew up a “revised scope of services” to submit to PennDOT, extending the area to be covered from Negley Avenue down to 34th Street in Lawrenceville.

Now, PennDOT has issued a new letter of approval, and the project can finally begin winding its way through the signature process – several city offices and the mayor all have to sign off on it. Kimball should be able to get underway in the early fall of this year, beginning with an extensive data-collection process.

“This is a huge victory for the neighborhood,” said Aggie Brose, deputy director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and chair of the Penn Avenue Corridor Phasing Plan Committee. “We have a great committee, and we’re all so appreciative of the support the project has gotten from the support the project has gotten from...”

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Lawrenceville Seniors Go for the Gold...and the Silver...and the Bronze at Keystone Senior Games

They may be grandmothers in their early 80s, but Mary Szulborski of Lawrenceville and Shirley Steele of Aspinwall understand that the secret of staying young is staying active.

Regulars at the Lawrenceville Senior Center on Butler Street, both women were members of the neighborhood team at the Keystone Senior Games in York, Pa., at the end of July. But more than just participating, the women took home 23 medals between them, with Szulborski winning 12, the most of any female competitor – 5 each gold and silver, and 2 bronze.

The Senior Games is a multi-sport competition, modeled on the Olympics and held every summer as part of the Keystone State Games. The purpose of the event is to promote physical fitness and health awareness among state residents ages 50 to 94, through competitions in sporting activities such as archery, basketball, bocce, darts, horseshoes, shuffleboard, softball, and tennis. This year, the Games welcomed more than 500 participants.

Lawrenceville Senior Center has been sending a team to the Senior Games for about 20 years, and this year, 20 seniors boarded the bus for the York Expo Center, accompanied by chaperone Kerm McIntosh, administrator of the Lawrenceville center. Team Lawrenceville - which included...
PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

National Night Out: Not Just a One-Night Stand

By Deandra Keener
Public Safety Coordinator

- Make sure that your property is well-lit, installing more lights if necessary. Darkness provides a great cover for illegal activities, but is easily addressed. Outside security lights (motion-detector lights) are recommended, particularly on the alleyway side of properties.
- Be aware of your environment. As you go about your daily life, whether walking your dog, working in your yard, driving down the street, or sitting on your porch, if you notice illegal activity or something suspicious that needs to be addressed (like a broken street light), please report it immediately to either 911 (emergencies) or 311 (non-emergencies).
- Get to know your neighbors! This is an easy and enjoyable way to create a community in which neighbors know each other well enough to look out for one another and be able to notice and warn others when something is amiss.

With a little collaboration, we can have a big impact on creating safer, friendlier communities...and possibly even enjoy ourselves along the way!

Zone Meetings

If you would like to stay up-to-date with police efforts in your area, then please attend one of the monthly zone meetings.

The next Zone 5 Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. in a new location: The Union Project, 801 N. Negley at Stanton.

For more information, call Zone 5 at 412-665-3605.

The Zone 2 Public Safety Council Meeting is held the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Hill House, 1835 Centre Avenue.

For more information, call Zone 2 at 412-255-2827.

Looking for a way to make change in your neighborhood? Come take a seat at the table!

As a Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation Board Member, you can make a difference in your community!

If you’re interested in finding out more about the duties and responsibilities of being a BGC Board Member, then join us on Monday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Avenue, for a special “Get Acquainted” session. Light refreshments will be served.

Young people, ages 21-35, are especially encouraged to attend!

Please RSVP to 412-441-6950 by noon on Friday, September 14, if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

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Bloomfield Home Looks Picture Perfect

This month, we congratulate Paul and Doris Donatelli, owners of 325 Gross Street in Bloomfield, who were nominated as “Good Neighbors of the Month.” The Donatellis have resided at this location since 1992, having previously owned a home across the street.

When the BGC staff visited the site, we immediately knew that this nomination was well-deserved. Set on a meticulously manicured lawn, the two-story red-brick house with blue shutters is like a page out of House and Garden magazine. Lush trees and shrubs, colorful flowers, and whimsical garden ornaments rim the property, enhancing its appeal.

Mr. Donatelli was in the yard when the BGC staff arrived, and was very pleased to hear that his home had been nominated. He explained that when he sold his property across Gross Street 15 years ago, he could have moved anywhere, but there was no question in his mind that he wanted to remain in Bloomfield. He noted that he particularly loves seeing folks walking around the community.

Before he retired 10 years ago, Mr. Donatelli operated another asset to the community – Donatelli’s Italian Food Center on Liberty Avenue, which is now run by his sons. The value of the Donatellis’ home to the neighborhood lies not only in its great warmth and charm, but also in the pride the Donatellis have in being Bloomfield residents. We are appreciative of the commitment they have shown to the community. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Donatelli, for being such good neighbors and continuing to live and invest in Bloomfield!

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Neighborhoods Gear Up for Annual House Tours

By Paula Martinac

It’s almost time to put on your walking shoes and head over to Friendship and Lawrenceville for their annual house tours.

Organized by Friendship Preservation Group, the 2007 Friendship House Tour takes place on Sunday, September 16. Coinciding with the city’s yearlong celebration of “Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass,” this year’s tour showcases eight homes with stunning glass windows and features.

Included is the beautiful 1905 home of Gregg and Kathy Connolly on South Atlantic Avenue, where they have lived for 20 years. Both of them have roots in the neighborhood; Gregg’s go back to his grandmother, who taught at Friendship School.

Their home features pristine leaded glass windows in the living room and a stunning stained glass window on the staircase landing. “We’ve done so much to the house, it would be hard to list,” Kathy said when asked about improvements they’d made since taking ownership.

By chance, relatives of previous owners have knocked on the Connollys’ door over the years. “A woman stopped by a few years back and said her grandfather had built it for his new bride,” Kathy related. Kathy has a connection to the house herself: she remembers her father wanting to buy it back in the 1960s.

Lynn Lewandowski of Lawrenceville also had past encounters with the house she now owns with her husband, Larry Rautio – she grew up on Fisk Street, and her mother still lives there. “I remember this house growing up - we used to rollerskate down the street,” she recalled.

Their residence is on the 2007 Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour, to be held on Sunday, October 7, and presented by the Lawrenceville Stakeholders and the Lawrenceville Historical Society.

Built in 1950, Lynn and Larry’s two-story brick house still has some

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Will Power: Passing On Your Property After You’re Gone

By Frank Pistella
Neighborhood Legal Services Association

A will is the key document in making sure that your wishes are followed after your death. If you die without a will and leave property titled in only your name, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania determine who receives it. To make sure valuable property and sentimental family heirlooms are distributed and that minor children are cared for according to your wishes, it is wise to plan ahead by drafting a will.

What are the important or necessary parts of a will? First, the person making the will (called the “testator”) must be at least 18 years of age. Second, the testator must also be of sound mind, which means that they must fully understand what they are doing by creating the will. This is known as testamentary capacity. Third, the will must be in writing, because an oral statement regarding the testator’s intentions will not be valid. Lastly, the will must be signed by the testator at the end of the document.

While witnesses are not required for a valid will in Pennsylvania, the better practice is to have at least two adult individuals witness the testator signing the will. If special affidavits are signed by the witnesses when the will is signed, it may help if the executor lives close to the county where the will is being submitted for probate. It is also good to have an alternate executor in the event that your first choice cannot serve in that capacity.

The executor is charged with managing the assets of your estate. This includes collecting any debts owed to you, paying any bills, and paying any taxes or expenses. The executor must also file any necessary court documents as part of the probate process. It is always best to first ask if someone is willing to serve as an executor before you name them in your will. Make sure that you inform the prospective executor what is expected of them should they agree to take on the job.

If you have minor children, it is important to include directions within the will for their future care if there is no surviving parent to care for them. This would include appointing a testamentary guardian. While the appointment of a testamentary guardian is not absolutely binding on a court, the choice of the executor is given great deference. If you do not include the naming of a guardian in the will, the court may appoint someone you would not have chosen. You can also provide a testamentary guardian a statement of your wishes you have for your children.

There are limitations on what you can transfer by will. For example, any property that you own jointly, with a right of survivorship, cannot be transferred by will. (Owning property in this manner is called joint tenancy with right of survivorship.) This rule also applies to property owned jointly by you and your spouse. Property owned like this cannot be transferred by will, since the law says that it automatically passes to the survivor, whether the survivor is your spouse or a third party with whom you own the property. This property can be things such as a home, land, vehicles, bank accounts, stocks, certificates of deposits, or money market funds.

Another limit upon your ability to transfer property are “payment on death” benefits. These are usually contractual arrangements where a person has either a pension or insurance policy that is payable to a designated beneficiary upon the death of the pensioner or insured. Since these are contracts, the will cannot be used to change the beneficiary.

What happens if you do not have a valid will upon your death? This is called dying “intestate.” While an estate will still need to be opened to distribute your property and to pay your bills, the Pennsylvania law will determine which outstanding debts get paid, how your assets will be divided up among any survivors, and who will raise your minor children. Often this distribution may not be in accord with your wishes. The best thing you can do for your family and friends is prepare a will.

NLSA has a toll-free number for its Pittsburgh office that can be accessed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (1-866-761-6572). For more information on NLSA, please visit us at www.nlsa.us. At our website, you will also find a link to www.PaLAWHelp.org, which also provides valuable legal information on a multitude of legal topics.

Next month: What is Power of Attorney and why do you need it?
By Bill Stanhope and Kate Bayer

In Memory and Honor of Jay Bernard

Daffy is a 6-year-old female mixed-breed awaiting a loving home. Daffy came to Animal Friends through humane officers, who found her abandoned, living in a filthy, cluttered house without utilities. Conversations with her owners told a sad tale of how Daffy had gotten into a fight with a buck, was never given veterinary treatment for a broken pelvis, and was then later allowed to become pregnant. Daffy delivered her six puppies in excruciating pain, and now walks with a limp.

Despite all that she's been through, Daffy is an exceptionally sweet dog. Her personality is calm and gentle, and she seems to be very housebroken. She likes to bury her treats and is quite comical when she does so. Daffy is truly a marvelous dog with a kind soul and a loving spirit. Words cannot adequately describe how special she is.

To find out more about Daffy or other wonderful animals available for adoption, please contact Animal Friends at www.animal-friends.org or call 412-847-7000.
Longtime Garfield Bar Owners Are Neighborhood Treasures

By Martha Vasser

The winds of change along the Penn Avenue corridor are bringing great progress while also unveiling hidden treasures. One is Toro’s Bar and Grill at 5128 Penn Avenue, which has weathered various changes over time and yet still prepares to ride the wave of the future.

Toro’s is owned by two grand treasures of this community. For 19 years, husband and wife Don and Jackie Smith have proudly owned this neighborhood establishment, which bears Don’s boxing name, “Toro,” given to him by sports editor Al Abrams.

When Toro’s first opened, patrons came from all walks of life, and the place was always packed. Now the Smiths find it heartwarming to see the children of their former customers patronize them now.

Back then, they employed neighborhood residents when business was at its peak. Currently, since the Smiths’ children and grandchildren are of age, they work in the family business. Chef Del, with her special country cooking and 20 years of food-service experience, is the newest addition.

The Smiths are more than just business owners; they’re lifelong neighborhood residents and community advocates. They both welcome the change that is taking place in the Penn Avenue corridor and are committed to staying a vital part of the neighborhood.

Don’s experiences in Garfield began more than 38 years ago, when he purchased a home on Hillcrest Street, which his daughter currently owns. He has been investing in real estate in the community since then. His career moves have ranged from boxing, to selling women’s wigs, to working with adjudicated youth as a Corrections Officer for the State Penitentiary. He proudly claims to have reinvented his life exactly six times.

Don’s fondest memory is of being a positive influence to the many youths he has mentored, instructed, and nurtured. He expresses appreciation to community and clergy members such as the late Bishop Leonard, who supported him in maintaining his passion during the lean years, and also Aggie Brose (of Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation), Father Leo Henry, and Father James Graham, with whom he shared a vision and commitment to the youth and the neighborhood.

Don did not limit his involvement to Garfield. He was instrumental in saving the Kay Boys Club in the Hill District. He has fond memories of Father O’Malley and Father Pat Jones of St Joseph’s in Manchester, where he gave boxing lessons and garnered a wide range of support to help youth.

At 70 years of age, Don believes that, were it not for his mentors, he would not have been able to overcome his challenges. He says his biggest blessing is sharing his experiences with young people and helping them get on the right path to independence and self-sufficiency. He urges others to “see the potential in our youth, not their mistakes. Give them the opportunity and the resources to overcome their challenges. Business owners can support positive change in individuals. Give your time.”

Even though they appreciate the investment of big institutions in the neighborhood, the Smiths believe resident involvement and meaningful intergenerational dialogue will provide the opportunity for our youths to flourish. As former board members of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, they applaud all the progress that has taken place, but stress that the work is not complete. Jackie expressed the need to bring more minority- and women-owned businesses to the neighborhood.

Both believe that their business is a definite asset to the neighborhood and a legacy they will leave behind to their children. Jackie credits their success to her husband’s family-oriented approach to business. “He has given his blood, sweat and tears to the business,” she notes. Of Jackie, Don says, “She is a great trooper…She can sing, you know. She sang for the pope and my family. I am crazy about them all.”

“There have been great times,” Jackie adds. “It was a great place for networking and we made some good friends along the way.”

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East Liberty Section (3) Job Training and Referral Initiative Seeks Job Applicants

By Kevin Mickens
Coalition of Organized Residents of East Liberty

Additionally, I will develop and manage an East Liberty resident job-skills database, including information on employment interests, career goals, education, experience, and training needs. To better manage this task, COR will be moving into new office space at 100 Sheridan Square. Congress established Section (3) of the Housing Urban Development Act of 1968 to foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. The policy aims to guarantee that the employment and other economic opportunities created by federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs should, if possible, be directed towards low- and very low-income persons (HUD.gov). Opportunities under this policy include employment, job training, and contracts. For more information, contact me at (412) 361-8061, ext. 27. Applications can be obtained at the following neighborhood locations:

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Each year as the world remembers the tragic events of September 11, 2001, many people may feel renewed feelings of anxiety, grief and sadness. But we should take great pride in the strength and courage of our military personnel. We are painfully reminded that the price of liberty is constant vigilance. Proving once again, that good will triumph over evil.

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ATTACK THEATRE’S NEW SEASON
Attack Theatre presents “Someplace, not here,” September 28, 29, October 1, 2, 4 & 5. All shows: 8 p.m. at 4801 Penn Avenue. Features the full-throttle energy of Attack Theatre dancers and the heart-rending sounds of Pittsburgh’s own Local Honey. For more information: www.attacktheatre.com or 412-441-8444.

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CRISIS SPECIALISTS TRAINING PROGRAM
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GOURMET SPIAGHETTI RETURNS
Save the date! The Boys of Lawrenceville’s Gourmet Spaghetti Dinner is back! This year’s dinner is in honor and memory of founder Jay Bernard. Please join us for fabulous pasta, entertainment, and more on Friday, October 5, from 6 to 10 p.m., at St. Matthew Parish, St. Kieran Church Hall, 5322 Carnegie St., Lawrenceville. For more information call 412.683.1164 or e-mail spaghettisusan@aol.com. Tickets are $8.00 in advance, available at Jay Design, Perk Me Up Coffee, or Who New?, all on Butler St. in Lawrenceville; or $10.00 at the door. Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Angels Food Pantry & St. Vincent DePaul at St. Matthew’s.

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SETTING A PLACE FOR MY SISTER! BREAKFAST
Kick off the season for giving at the eleventh annual “Setting a Place for My Sister” breakfast, Friday, October 5, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center. WTAE-TV news anchor Sally Wiggin will emcee the breakfast, which features a raffle, Chinese auction and a very special performance by the children of Sisters Place. At this year’s breakfast, the Homeless Children’s Education Fund (HCEF) will receive the

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD
Community Partner Award, given by Sisters Place to honor those who have made a difference in the lives of homeless families. Tickets are $75, and can be purchased by calling 412-233-3903 or e-mailing info@sistersplace.org. Proceeds from the “Setting a Place for My Sister” breakfast will benefit the families of Sisters Place, Inc., a nonprofit organization offering transitional and permanent housing and supportive services for homeless single parent families in Southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.sistersplace.org.

L’VILLE PARISH SERVES UP PANCAKES
The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of the Angels Parish will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish social hall, 256-44th Street, Lawrenceville. Donation: $5 for adults, and $3 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the event.

RETIRED TEACHER’S ART AT L’VILLE GALLERY
Trinity Gallery, located at 4747 Hatfield Street in Lawrenceville, will showcase the work of local artist Ron Sobolewski from Sept. 22 to Nov. 3, in an exhibition entitled “Work from the Hall Closet.” The opening reception will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and is free to the public. Sobolewski is an artist and educator whose work encompasses a variety of media and experiences; he taught art for 32 seasons in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. For more information about the show, contact Dan Gaser at 412-687-2458 or e-mail him at imdan@verizon.net.

ANNUAL H.H. GARNET DAY CELEBRATION
On September 30 at 3 p.m., the annual Henry Highland Garnet Day celebration will be held at Valley View Church in Garfield (corner of Aiken and Black). Henry Highland Garnet, an escaped slave turned radical preacher and abolitionist, was the founding pastor of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church on the Hill. Please come and celebrate with us as we honor Garnet’s legacy by recognizing 6 modern day Pittsburgh Champions for Justice.

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**New Show at Everyone an Artist Gallery**

“Saturday Morning Cereal,” artwork by Malcolm Gittins, will be shown at Everyone an Artist Gallery, 4128 Butler Street in Lawrenceville. This is Pittsburgh’s only gallery devoted to artists with disabilities. The opening reception is Friday, September 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. It’s free and all are welcome! The exhibit runs from September 7 to November 2. Gallery hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; or by appointment. For more information about the show or gallery, call 412-681-2404 or e-mail nmir@semhmr.org.

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**Mayor’s Neighborhood Forum**

Join Mayor Luke Ravenstahl for a Neighborhood Forum on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence O’Toole Gymnasium, 3523 Penn Ave., Garfield. The mayor will report back to Bloomfield, Friendship, Garfield, Highland Park, Lawrenceville, Morningside, Polish Hill, and Stanton Heights on initiatives such as the “Neighborhoods First Agenda” and solicit input on the state and future of the community. For more information, contact Jennifer Watson at 412-255-4765 or Jennifer.Watson@city.pittsburgh.pa.us.

**Cancer Caring Center Programs**

The Cancer Caring Center, 4117 Liberty Ave., Bloomfield, offers private couples therapy on the first and third Monday of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required. Other programs at the Center: Gentle Yoga, Thursday, September 6 and 20, 7 to 8 p.m., led by Lilt Bailey-Kroll; Stress Management, led by Fabi Chesitwer, MS, Wellness Consultant, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 to 8 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 11; “Family Fun Day” featuring storytelling and pet therapy on Saturday, September 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Dr. David Clippinger of Still Mountain T’ai Chi presents Soaring Crane Chi Kung, Wednesday, September 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call 412-622-1212 for more information.

**Martial Arts Beginner Class**

The Traditional Martial Arts Society (TMAS) will be offering a 6-week program to ease people into martial arts training. TMAS will focus on concerns of adults starting for the first time. The cost of the program is $80 and includes a uniform. Classes are 6 to 7 p.m., Thursdays, September 13 to October 18, and will be at TMAS, 5738 Baum Blvd, in East Liberty. To register or receive more information, call 412-361-1080.
not just a generic business district, but a place where you don’t need a banner to tell you you’re entering an arts district.”

“This kind of opportunity won’t come along again for 50 years,” noted BGC executive director Rick Swartz. “This is a historic opportunity to redo a major urban corridor.”

Tickets for the Lawrenceville tour are $10 in advance, $12 the day of the event. They are available at the following Lawrenceville establishments: Jay Design; Gallery on 43rd; Coca Café; Perk Me Up; and Dandelions. Molly’s Trolleys will be operating from the Butler Street entrance to Allegheny Cemetery beginning at 12 noon.

Tickets for the Friendship tour are $15 and can be purchased from the Friendship Development Associates Office, 5330 Penn Avenue, or online at www.friendshiphousetour.org. Tickets are also available the day of the event at the tour registration site – Pittsburgh Glass Center, 5472 Penn Avenue. The self-guided tour takes two to three hours to complete on foot, and trolleys will depart from the Pittsburgh Glass Center.

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Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church, 6111 Rodman Street in East Liberty, is accepting enrollments for its after-school program. The program caters to kindergarten through sixth grade for tutoring, homework assistance, and much more. Call Mona Mophas at 412-363-8082 or 412-951-6059.