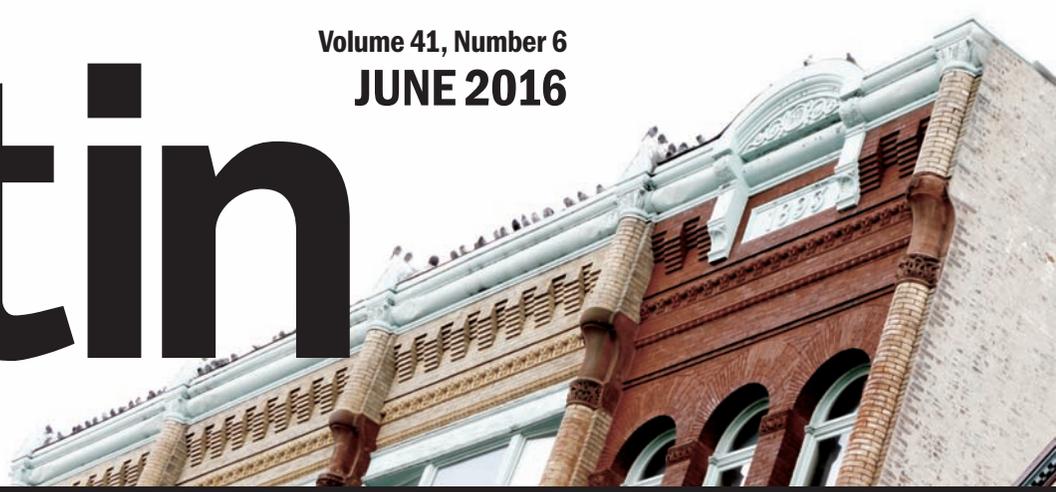


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Penn Mathilda window spaces lure commercial tenants

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

Garfield - Now that the new Penn Mathilda Apartments are finished and ready for occupancy at the corner of Penn Ave. and S. Mathilda St., thirty-nine apartments have now been leased to people looking for affordably-priced housing. Commercial activity should soon begin to pick up in that block, especially now that two new storefronts have been leased to groups already known to many in the Garfield and Friendship neighborhoods.

Assemble, Inc., a non-profit organization that runs a one-of-a-kind learning center at 5125 Penn Ave., will be moving down the street from its current quarters into a new, ground-floor space at 4824 Penn. Assemble's executive director, Nina Barbuto, said that her organization has been in something of a "growth mode" recently; after a months-long search for space, her board's committee arrived at the choice of Penn Mathilda.

"With the move, we'll be able to have almost twice the space of our current location, which means we should be staying put in the Penn Avenue corridor for the foreseeable future," Barbuto said

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ABOVE: The Penn Mathilda building cuts an impressive figure along the Penn Ave. corridor where its new tenants plan to work, shop, and play. While several of the ground-floor commercial spaces have already been leased, the large corner storefront is still on the market. See the story about this new affordable housing development at right and on page 6. Photo by Keith Williams.

Port Authority set to vote on weekend bus service in Garfield

By Molly Nichols *Pittsburghers for Public Transit*

Garfield/Op-Ed - Pittsburghers for Public Transit (PPT) is thrilled to see that the Port Authority's annual service report includes proposals to add transit service. These

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Bloomfield Saturday Market returns with more than just food

By Ricky Kowalewski

Bloomfield Development Corporation

Bloomfield - Farmers' markets have always been preeminent destinations for buying fresh local produce. Over the last few years, though, these markets have grown into

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ABOVE: "Gay for Good: Pittsburgh" founder Jared Pascoe (right) signs up volunteers at the "Harvey Milk Day of Service" in Lawrenceville's Arsenal Park. After working to beautify the neighborhood, volunteers traded their raffle tickets in for the playful reward of bananas. Photo by John Colombo.

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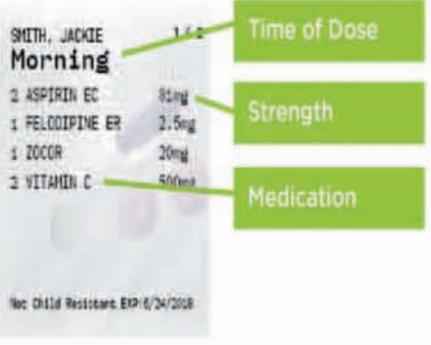
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'A Mulligan Toast' to Lauren Connelly, LU's outgoing executive director

By Matt Galluzzo *Lawrenceville Corporation*

Op-Ed

Lawrenceville - A few weeks ago, the neighborhood of Lawrenceville hosted a sendoff celebration for the outgoing Executive Director of Lawrenceville United (LU), Lauren Connelly. Friends, colleagues, and family members shared some very nice stories about her work in the community and personal accomplishments.

As executive director of Lawrenceville Corporation, I was asked to say a few words at the ceremony. Needless to say, I was incomplete with my remarks. So, I would like to take another crack at it here.

Community development is not a typical profession. The work is never-ending; we tirelessly, and often helplessly, tackle things over which we have little to no control. The work sometimes resembles television fiction. Sometimes, it feels like an episode of Law & Order, or The Maury Povich Show, or Parks and Recreation. Other times, it is not like television at all. It can be something so much more organically elegant. When community development works, it is like jazz.

For the last six years, I have had the honor of working in partnership with Mrs. Connelly. We came to our respective roles at about the same time and inherited a neighborhood on the cusp of some rather remarkable change - some good, some not so much. But, we both understood that the neighborhood needed to develop faith and trust in its community institutions. To her credit, Mrs. Connelly understood that we needed to work as a team in order to be effective in building that faith and trust. She knew we needed to play our parts as an ensemble cast.

It cannot be overstated how uniquely that inter-organizational dynamic has worked. Community organizations are not usually places where you see the greatest level of collaboration or teamwork, especially for organizations working within the same neighborhood. Too many things get in the way: funding pressures, competing constituency interests, turf wars, ego, whatever. Pestering obstacles seem to always hinder neighboring organizations from actually vaulting community interests above all else.

That is where Lawrenceville has been special. LU and LC have been a team during our tenures. We have shared funding and developed a shared community process to curate development, transparently and openly. By communicating as partners and collaborating on organizational initiatives as a team, together we have built faith and trust in our respective organizations. It has been messy and fluid at times, but we have transcended long-held divisions to work toward success, while also balancing multiple interests within the community. It has been like jazz and Lauren has been the bandleader.

I feel a strong sense gratitude for having been able to learn so much from such a dynamic and caring leader and friend. I think it is safe to say that Lawrenceville would not be "Lawrenceville" without having Lauren at the helm for the past six years. The neighborhood, LC, and I owe her a healthy debt of gratitude.

We offer most sincere congratulations to Lauren as she enters her next chapter to take a position with Allegheny County Economic Development. And, since she will still be a neighborhood resident, I am already looking forward to signing her up for random neighborhood volunteer opportunities. Sláinte! ♦



ABOVE: Lauren Connelly is leaving Lawrenceville United for a position with Allegheny County Economic Development. Her legacy of hard work and community outreach has become a local benchmark of neighborhood advocacy. Photo courtesy of Pittsburgh Magazine.

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Pittsburgh Public Schools names new superintendent: Dr. Anthony Hamlet

By Jed Gaither *Bulletin contributor*

Pittsburgh - Dr. Anthony Hamlet has been appointed the next Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) for a five year term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021. The PPS Board unanimously approved the appointment at its special legislative meeting on May 18 before holding a press conference to introduce the new superintendent.

To support the transition to a new superintendent, the Board authorized a consulting contract with Dr. Hamlet for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2016. Board action also created an employment contract with Dr. Hamlet; his salary as Superintendent will start at \$210,000 per year.

"I lead by allowing others to take greater ownership for their work, by understanding their strengths and helping them with their weaknesses. True leadership is earned by one's actions, not bestowed by virtue of having 'administrator' in your title," Dr. Hamlet said. "I am humbled to be in the service of others, not being served by them."

A native of Palm Beach County, Florida, Dr. Hamlet is also a product of the West Palm Beach Public School system. Upon graduating high school, he attended the University of Miami, where he was a starting defensive end on the football team. After Dr. Hamlet received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1992, his achievements on the gridiron led him to a

brief tenure as a professional football player with the Seattle Seahawks and the Indianapolis Colts. When he left the NFL, Dr. Hamlet began his career in the service of children and families in the state of Florida.

Displaying, in his words, "humility and integrity, not hubris and self-interest," the new superintendent is not afraid of tackling any problems off the field. "I am one that listens more and talks less, while knowing what questions to ask rather than knowing all the answers," he said.

The start of Dr. Hamlet's career in education began with his work as a case manager and behavioral specialist with a Palm Beach County mental health unit. From there, he has held positions as teacher, dean of students, assistant principal, principal and district administrator in a variety of school settings - urban and suburban, poverty-stricken and affluent districts within Palm Beach County.

Dr. Hamlet says he is responsible for the transformation of dozens of schools; he claims to be especially adept at providing leadership in very challenging educational settings. "I strive to create opportunities and remove roadblocks...for it is a process, not an outcome," he continued. Dr. Hamlet will begin his post as Superintendent July 1 following current superintendent Linda Lane's decision to opt out of her contract after it expires on June 30. ♦

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Researcher lights way for *Bulletin* archival tour

AT RIGHT: Forty years on, the *Bulletin's* June 1976 cover tells quite a story about community development. Thanks to the intrepid research of Bobby Abramson, a graduate student from Carnegie Mellon University, the *Bulletin* has digitally archived nearly every single issue dating back to 1976. Below a picture of Father Leo Henry, founder of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), the front page features a list of community stakeholders working to create a better neighborhood along Penn Ave. A story about the prosperous stock market hangs above an article about Garfield Community Day and another about local gospel group "Sweet Rejoicing." As the BGC grew its mission of improving the quality of life for all in Garfield and the surrounding neighborhoods, the Penn Ave. corridor endured many growing pains. Stewarded through all the changes by thoughtful community organizers, the BGC has given voice to local stories and developments in the *Bulletin* for the last four decades. Photo by Keith Williams.



PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

By Aggie Brose *Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation*

East End - On May 9, Pittsburgh Police narcotics detectives say they encountered a fugitive by the name of Reginald David Lee Harbour, 25, of Arlington, who was wanted on an outstanding warrant. According to Zone 5 police, Harbour agreed to sell crack cocaine to an undercover officer in Garfield, indicating that he would meet the detectives on Margaretta St. Harbour, along with another male, Tyriq McClelland (24, from Garfield), arrived at the rendezvous site a short time later. Police said both men were found to be in possession of crack cocaine and were arrested without incident.

On May 12, narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at a known nuisance property in the 5400 block of Broad St. Zone 5 officers stated that they constantly respond to complaints of drug trafficking, loud noise, and other disturbances at this house. Upon searching the residence, detectives reportedly found marijuana, packaging materials, and ammunition for a .38 caliber handgun. Sheldon Hawkins, 32, of Garfield, was taken into custody by police.

On May 13, Pittsburgh Police and US Marshall's Fugitive Task Force officers reportedly searched a house in the 600 block of Lenora St., looking for Meiko DeVaughn, 22, of Larimer. DeVaughn was wanted by police on felony firearms violations related to the triple homicide that occurred in Bloomfield in December of last year. According to Zone 5 police, officers spotted the suspect as he tried to drive away from the scene. Upon being stopped, DeVaughn fought with the officers, who proceeded to subdue him. Police say they subsequently found the suspect in possession of a Taurus .45 caliber pistol and marijuana and placed him under arrest. ♦

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proposals, along with the budget for 2016-2017, will be voted on by the Port Authority board in June. Among the proposed expansions is weekend bus service on the 89 route in Garfield.

PPT, along with the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation (BGC), supported a resident-led campaign for weekend service on the 89 in Garfield. "We would like to acknowledge all the elected officials representing Garfield who listened to the residents and helped highlight this need," BGC Deputy Director Aggie Brose said. "We all came together and organized, and we are thrilled to see this recommendation for added service."

PPT commends the Port Authority for making their service planning and decision-making processes more transparent

and inclusive. The service report carefully indicates how each request for service was evaluated; it weighs equity as a crucial factor and helps the public understand how the agency responds to community requests.

After hearing about the proposal, Garfield resident Annie McGowan was undeniably excited. "Wow, that is so great," she exclaimed. "Me and my mom have to depend on someone else to take us to church. A lot of senior citizens can't get out for church activities, shopping, and meeting family and friends. Now we'd be able to hop on the bus!"

Working with the Lincoln Park Community Center, PPT supported a campaign in Penn Hills for extended 79 and P17 service along Mt. Carmel Road. Hundreds of resi-

dents came together to advocate for this much needed service. PPT also supported residents in Moon Township who called for reverse service on the G3. Joyce Davis, of the Lincoln Park Community Center and Penn Hills NAACP, knows the proposed changes will make a huge difference in these communities by providing more access to everyday destinations.

"We are glad there is an opportunity to expand transportation in Penn Hills because it is greatly needed," she said. "We see so many residents who struggle to get to appointments, jobs, training programs, and the store. This expansion would really help them."

PPT is disappointed to see that many communities who made requests for service, including the campaign for service

along Perry Highway (to CCAC North and Northland Public Library), are not getting service extensions. Our elected officials, public agencies, institutions, and communities need to all come together to secure more funding for Port Authority.

There is sixteen million dollars in the drink tax fund balance. This fund is dedicated to public transit in Allegheny County and there is no reason a few million dollars could not be allocated to Port Authority's operating budget each year, enabling the agency to provide service to more communities in need.

[Editor's Note: As of press time, the Port Authority Board had yet to pass the aforementioned proposals. All indications point to a green light, which would put the proposals up for a final vote in June.] ♦



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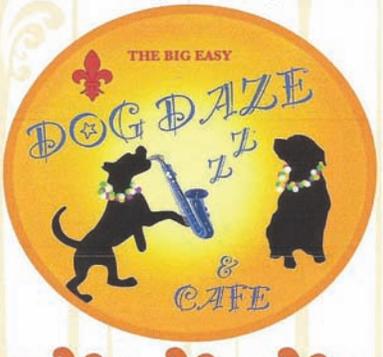
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In conversation with local filmmaker Chris Ivey: the politics of teamwork

By Andrew McKeon *the Bulletin*

Before he moved to Pittsburgh, Chris Ivey grew up in Jesse Helms' North Carolina hometown. As a professional filmmaker, Ivey has worked on all sorts of projects. Yet, none have resonated with the personal velocity of his *East of Liberty* documentary series. Released in three installments, the film confronts active forces of gentrification, but stands the test of time - and reflection - amidst a changing East Liberty landscape.

Ivey welcomes all perspectives into the dialogue by hosting screenings and subsequent panel discussions featuring the likes of *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* columnist Tony Norman and journalist/historic preservationist Karamagi Rujumba, as well as a number of local residents and students. A consummate documentarian, he manages to find ugly truths where others fear to look. Ivey's work is multi-valent and, metaphorically speaking, the sum of many moving parts headed for conflict. The following Q&A is just a brief transcript of a conversation to be continued in subsequent issues of *the Bulletin*.

Bulletin: On the topic of fighting for social equity, you mentioned that there is no way to be polite about certain situations. Could you elaborate upon how hard it is to rally people around an impolite issue?

"A lot of people in Pittsburgh are not ready for that fierce, direct anger. Something needs to be done and I'm just going to be very vocal about it until people stop cowering in the corner and finally say, 'let's try to deal with this.' That's the whole thing... When I first started doing the documentaries, I got an interesting reaction from a lot of the Black community. People would come up to me and say, 'why are you trying to make us look bad?' They were more worried about 'looking good' and all that than they were about what was happening around East Liberty. Unfortunately, now that some time has passed, a lot of those same people are now saying, 'oh, they're really coming for me.'"

Bulletin: At the Ace Hotel screening, Karamagi Rujumba declared that "Pittsburgh needs to talk more." Do you think local residents share as much as they think they do?

"He's absolutely right about that. From the top down, everybody talks about being inclusive and being open. But, it just comes across like 'bull----' sometimes, especially when you see people's underlying actions to sabotage things that aren't going their way. The thing that you've got to understand when it comes to community development is that you have to do it all together. Why in the hell do you think it's called 'community development?' Everyone thinks they know what's best and that's why we keep going in circles. Thinking about the Penn Plaza residents who got displaced, I can't help but think of a

decade ago when people were being kicked out of those three East Mall high-rises just down the street. They were promised to be able to move back into the neighborhood, but some of [the former residents] fell through the cracks because promises were broken."

Bulletin: You've said before that, for the first *East of Liberty* film, you had to pursue some form of arbitration in order to secure funds originally pledged by East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI). How exactly did everything get to that point?

"I was going to raise the first half of the funds for the movie and ELDI would raise the second half. I did my part, but never heard back from them, like no communication whatsoever. When I showed them the first cut of the film, they flipped out and wanted nothing to do with the movie. I was like, 'it's just a real documentary.' After the Sprout Fund helped me get funding, we all agreed to work together. Then, [ELDI] stopped returning phone calls again..."

"A year after cutting me off, they started blowing up my phone all of a sudden. At that time, I was also going back and forth from Pittsburgh to New Orleans to document the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. When [ELDI] started calling me out of nowhere, to me, it was like the best example of 'first-world' problems that are still here in Pittsburgh. You go down there [to post-Katrina New Orleans] and everything is devastated, but you get to really know people. You get to know struggle and pain and everything. That really changed my mindset for what my film series is about. It kind of renewed my contract with my soul." ♦



ABOVE: Local filmmaker Chris Ivey engages the community in discussion at the Thomas Merton Center (5129 Penn Ave.) in Garfield during a May 6 'Unblurred' event. Photo by Keith Williams.

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BELOW: Sandy Augustus gathers herself before embarking on a second round of unpacking boxes at her new Penn Mathilda apartment. As she moves into the new corner unit, Augustus says she is pleased that ACTION Housing dedicated half of the building's residences to veterans like herself. Photo by Keith Williams.



recently. “We like the fact that the extensive window glass will enable passers-by to look in on what we’re doing. We’ll have air-conditioning, hopefully some off-street parking, and accessibility for those in wheelchairs as well.” Assemble embraces STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) principles in much of what it teaches, and has become a leader in the so-called “maker” movement in Pittsburgh. Kids and adults of all ages often spend their weekday afternoons or Saturdays at Assemble just building things that help them discover the world around them and the world within themselves.

Mario Quinn Lyles, a local dance professional, will soon open his “LevelUp Studios” at one of Penn Mathilda’s neighboring storefronts at 4836 Penn. Although this will be his first solo undertaking, Lyles has been associated for some time with the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater in East Liberty. He has enlisted several partners to help operate dance classes and sell retail wares; they will offer exhibit space and other services to artists and entrepreneurs.

“We’re both excited and a little nervous,” Lyles told *the Bulletin*. “We describe LevelUp as the creative playground for the collaborative culture. We want to be a part of Garfield and help make Penn Avenue a more diverse, interesting place. We’ll be looking to hear what it is the community wants to see in the way of activities and events, and then try to respond to that vibe.” He credited Kelly-Strayhorn with helping him to incubate LevelUP through its “Penn Avenue Creative” project.

According to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation’s executive director, Rick Swartz - who is responsible for leasing and managing the ground-floor spaces, this leaves two storefronts where other community-oriented groups or businesses could be operating by the fall. “The plan at this stage is for the BGC to make one storefront at 4828 Penn available to a rotating group of individuals or organizations that have something to offer or share with the larger community,” Swartz said.

“It could be someone who needs it for an exhibit, or a training program, or a poetry night. We’re trying to be open to all of the possibilities, whether it’s for a few hours, a few days, or even a few weeks.” A fourth storefront (4812 Penn) was projected as a space for a possible breakfast/lunch-style restaurant that would cater to neighborhood tastes and budgets.

Sitting at the intersection of Penn and S. Mathilda, with large windows, the space would seem to be an ideal site. But, as Swartz reminded, finding someone who can raise the necessary funds and finish the space can prove a difficult proposition.

“We haven’t given up just yet but, by late June, if we haven’t found someone who can make this happen, then we’ll have to shift gears and head in another direction,” he said. The overall development is owned by a limited partnership created by ACTION-Housing, Inc., a Downtown-based non-profit. ♦

Hepatitis C poses threat to local baby boomers

By Andrew Ptaschinski *Pittsburgh Aids Task Force*

East Liberty – Hepatitis C now kills more Americans than any other infectious disease, according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 2014 alone, nearly 20,000 deaths across the U.S. could be attributed to the disease, representing an all-time high.

CDC data also shows that the number of Pennsylvanians infected with acute hepatitis C more than doubled from 2009 to 2013, the most recent year for which data is available. In response to the rising need in Pittsburgh and the surrounding region, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PATF) now offers free hepatitis C testing, along with its established HIV testing program and testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, six days a week at its East Liberty office (5913 Penn Ave.). Hepatitis C testing involves a quick finger prick and results are ready in twenty minutes.

The CDC estimates that there are 3.5 million Americans living with hepatitis C, but roughly half are unaware of their infection. Since most people do not have any symptoms or might only experience very mild symptoms, until many years later - when the infection has already caused serious liver damage, such testing is of critical importance.

“Baby boomers,” those born between 1945 and 1965, have the highest rates of hepatitis C, accounting for 75 percent of all infections, and many have been unknow-

ingly living with the virus for years. According to officials, many were infected via medical procedures in the years following World War II - when receiving an injection, inoculation, or blood transfusion was not as safe it is today. As part of routine health care, PATF recommends anyone in this age group get a test if they have not already done so.

The majority of new hepatitis C infections occur among people who inject drugs, most of whom are young individuals living in rural and suburban areas. Most markedly in the rural areas surrounding Pittsburgh, injection drug use has surged, putting many at risk for hepatitis C infection.

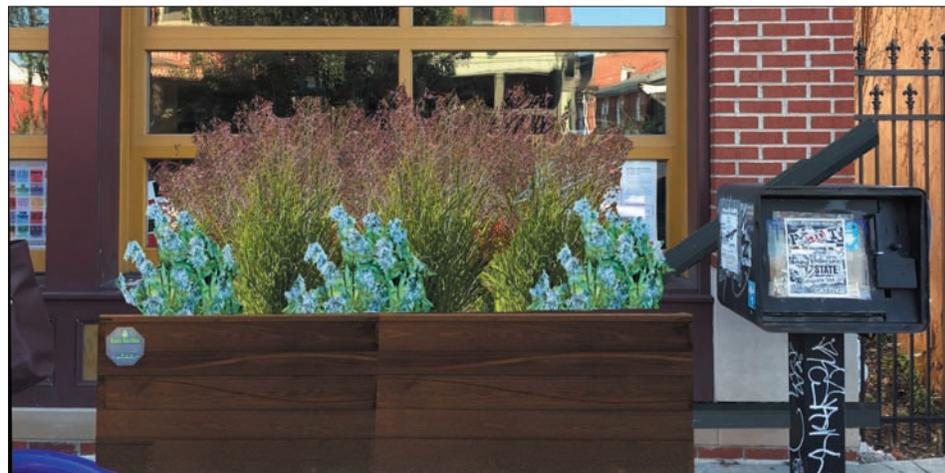
“We’ve seen a rise in hepatitis C cases among injection drug users locally, but they are not the only ones at risk for infection,” PATF’s director of programs and communications, Jason Herring, said. “Baby boomers, especially veterans, are at high risk - as well as those that may share injection equipment for hormones or medications, especially in the surrounding rural regions hit hardest by the heroin epidemic.”

Testing is available at PATF’s office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; on Wednesdays, testing is available from 9 a.m. to 6:30p.m. and, on Sundays, from noon to 3:30 p.m. For additional information, please visit patf.org or call 412-345-7456. ♦



Stormwater planters bring beauty, other benefits to Butler St.

By Chelsea Arnold *Tree Pittsburgh*



ABOVE: Stormwater tree planters, like this one in front of Franktuary (3810 Butler St.), are quickly becoming a new fixture along Butler St. Thanks to the efforts of Lawrenceville United, Tree Pittsburgh, and Lawrenceville Corporation, initiatives like “ReLeaf Lawrenceville” are changing the neighborhood one rainstorm at a time. Image courtesy of Tree Pittsburgh.

Lawrenceville - Anyone who frequents Lawrenceville might have noticed the cheerful new flower boxes that were recently installed outside of local businesses along Butler St. These boxes - which were placed at Franktuary, Tender, Toll Gate Revival, Lawrenceville United, and City Grows - do a lot more than just make the street look nice. They are actually stormwater planters, and they were put at these specific locations to beautify the street, collect stormwater, and help irrigate street trees.

According to the Allegheny County Sanitation Authority’s (ALCOSAN) “Wet Weather Plan,” different locations in Lawrenceville have an annual stormwater/sewage overflow volume of anywhere from 2.8 to 173 million gallons. This rainwater flows along the sidewalks and streets, collecting sediment, contaminants from motor vehicles, road salts, and other runoff materials before draining into Pittsburgh’s combined sewer system. The planters are designed to capture and store the first 100 gallons of runoff from a roof, thus alleviating some of the pressures on the sewer system during rain events.

The water captured in the planters will be used for irrigating street trees outside of businesses along Butler. The trees require about twenty gallons of water per week, which can be difficult to come by during the drier summer months. Having a localized source of water along the sidewalk will greatly increase the chance of these trees surviving into maturity. As the trees grow, they will continue to mitigate the stormwater runoff by absorbing and filtering water through their roots, while also improving air quality and shading the street and sidewalks.

These stormwater planters have made their way to the Butler business district as part of the “ReLeaf Lawrenceville” initiative, which focuses on increasing tree canopy cover in the neighborhood. The planning and implementation of this project has been a truly collaborative effort between various community organizations. Lawrenceville Corporation works with local business owners to identify the best locations for the planters while Lawrenceville United promotes the planters to businesses in the neighborhood with its educational outreach. Tree Pittsburgh helped identify possible locations to plant the street trees.

All those involved with the project hope that it will be a great success and even serve as a model for other neighborhoods in the city. For more information about ReLeaf Lawrenceville and the stormwater planters, check out treepittsburgh.org. Any business owner interested in getting a stormwater planter of their own may contact assistant@lawrencevillecorp.com. ♦

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creative forums that aim to address community needs.

Not only do spots like the Garfield Night Market and the Lawrenceville and East Liberty farmers’ markets offer access to locally sourced food, they are also helping to redefine the use of public space in Pittsburgh. Thanks to all of the new entertainment, family activities, and intentional social interaction, neighbors are now coming to these marketplaces seeking more than just their week’s supply of fresh fruits and vegetables.

In 2014, Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC) created the Bloomfield Saturday Market to improve the local quality of life with a new neighborhood gathering place at 5050 Liberty Ave. The Saturday Market transforms a nondescript parking lot (between Winebiddle and Gross Sts.) into a venue for promoting community business owners, incubating entrepreneurs, attracting new customers, and drawing new businesses to the neighborhood. By stimulating the local economy in a fun outdoor arena, BDC hopes to raise Bloomfield’s profile in the greater Pittsburgh region.

On Saturday, June 4, the summer season’s opening day, the market will launch weekly, kid-friendly, cooking demonstrations in partnership with Let’s Move Pittsburgh and 412 Food Rescue. To accommodate families of all kinds, market organizers have added a dedicated children’s space featuring nutrition-themed games and activities.

Building on a partnership formed in 2015, Just Harvest and BDC will again provide a \$2 match for every \$5 spent by SNAP benefit users this year. With the support of West Penn Hospital, the market will continue offering free health screenings and accessibility features such as level-entry toilets, tables, and seating.

A sampling of this year’s ongoing market programming features fitness classes, educational demonstrations, free concerts, and a host of information offerings from partnering nonprofit and community organizations. The Bloomfield Saturday Market will run from June 4 through November 5. For more information, including a full list of market vendors, visit <http://bloomfieldnow.org/bloomfield-saturday-market/>. ♦



ABOVE: Visitors to the Bloomfield Saturday Market enjoy a variety of attractions that extends well beyond just fresh produce. Among the fitness classes and free concerts, market customers can also find great vegetables - and even pay for everything with SNAP benefits. Photo courtesy of BDC.

Heads Up! Lawrenceville Farmers’ Market Moves to Arsenal Park

The Lawrenceville Farmers’ Market is changing locations, and will be based in Arsenal Park in Central Lawrenceville beginning this summer! Arsenal Park is located between 39th and 40th St., between Penn Ave. and Butler St. Lawrenceville United (LU) surveyed more than 250 market customers and received an overwhelming response from residents who wanted the market to engage the neighborhood’s fantastic green spaces in a central location that can accommodate access from all three wards.

With opportunities for kids to play and families to picnic, neighbors can now enjoy the natural beauty of a park instead of wading through wares in a parking lot. The Farmers’ Market committee feels that the best location to create a sustainable fresh food source for the Lawrenceville community is Arsenal Park. Organizers thank market hosts Goodwill, Allegheny Valley Bank, and the Tenth Ward. Running from June 4 to October 29, the Saturday market will operate on the 40th St. side of Arsenal Park (1 to 4 p.m.).

Neighborhood FOCUS

Penn Ave. traffic prompts citizen study

By Andrew McKeon *the Bulletin*

Commentary

Garfield - Despite its well-established history and deep-seated roots, Garfield is still just a means-to-an-end for many city drivers; when it comes to the commute, Garfield becomes a neighborhood best seen in their rear-view mirror. The Penn Ave. corridor might be coming to life with day-trippers and pedestrians but, for most drivers, that only means more human road hazards to hurdle past.

Regardless of their proximity to other local destinations, Friendship and Garfield residents deserve a safe, livable avenue. On the night of Tuesday, May 2, when two bicyclists were struck by an SUV at Penn Ave. and N. Graham St. - with one pinned under the vehicle until paramedics arrived - "safe passage" might as well have been a privilege afforded only to motorists.

In an old city like Pittsburgh, where the contagion of car traffic has outpaced the infrastructure, accidents are bound to happen. Yet, there is still much to be done in the way of creating safer thoroughfares and passage points throughout the city. On the one hand, Pittsburgh has adopted new modes of transport with bike-share initiatives like "Healthy Ride." On the other, the city still lacks many of the appropriate channels, like bike lanes, for citizens to fully enjoy such transportation alternatives.

"We're not out here because we enjoy this. We're out here because, a few nights ago, someone almost died down the street."

- Adam Mistick, Volunteer

The old way of doing things just does not compute anymore, especially now that more cars, bikes, and pedestrians are cohabitating the city's intersections. Thinking of the Penn Ave. corridor as its proverbial front yard, Bloomfield Livable Streets - an independent community organization advocating for infrastructural enhancements - guided a group of volunteers to gather some raw data.

"We're not out here because we enjoy this," volunteer Adam Mistick reminded *the Bulletin*. "We're out here because, a few nights ago, someone almost died down the street." While the Friday rush hour lingered on May 6, volunteer Jason Hochreiter held a "radar gun," the very same kind used by state law enforcement, toward oncoming traffic on Penn Ave. As he clocked how fast each passing vehicle was going and called out the corresponding speeds, Mistick jotted the numbers down on a notepad. The rain was persistent, but so were the volunteers; Bike Pittsburgh's Dan



ABOVE: Jason Hochreiter aims a radar gun at oncoming Penn Ave. traffic during a "citizen science traffic study" on Friday, May 6. Conducted by Hochreiter and other volunteers from Bike Pittsburgh and Bloomfield Livable Streets, the study aims to collect data on foot and vehicle traffic to help promote safer passage along Penn. Photo by Keith Williams.

Yablonsky helped rally supporters in front of the ALDI grocery store. Toting pens and paper, groups embarked to keep a running tally of the vehicular bi-pedal traffic at different intersections along the avenue.

Aiming the radar gun at the gridlock, Hochreiter remarked that "some of these cars just gun it into a stop sign," as the vehicles just sat still and their operators waited for it to be over. Traffic crawled along and the longer each car remained motionless, the more their drivers came into view; tired and frustrated, they were like encapsulated characters longing for home.

Then, when the slimmest window of opportunity arose, someone would step on the gas and floor it until they had to slam on the brakes. "Instead of trying to maintain a constant speed, most of these drivers try to go as fast as they can, then rapidly decelerate," Mistick noted.

While looking down the barrel of a radar gun, this editor could not help but think of a similar, gun-related incident on Penn. Last summer, this editor and his intern were crossing the street - jaywalking, actually - when they were threatened by an oncoming vehicle. Even though the car was heading for a red light at N. Evaline St., it sped up as if to frighten any pedestrians. As the pair crossed the street to the other side of Penn, the driver shouted from his window before pointing a handgun at them. Violent theatrics like this pose a far greater danger than jaywalking; crosswalks or not, the streets should provide safe passage for everyone in Garfield. ♦

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ABOVE: In partnership with fellow do-gooders from Gay for Good, Tree PGH volunteers help beautify Lawrenceville's historic Doughboy Square. During the "Harvey Milk Day of Service," a volunteer opportunity honoring the legacy of a pioneer in the gay community, green-thumbs broke into groups and fanned out over the neighborhood - weeding, mulching, and planting for a much better tomorrow. Photo by John Colombo.

"Circles" building relationships to fight poverty

By Elizabeth Sensky East Liberty Development, Inc.

Commentary

East Liberty - "Circles" is not your average anti-poverty program. There are no money handouts, vouchers, or caseworker assignments. Instead, Circles fights poverty through friendship.

A national program that connects people across socioeconomic lines to raise individuals and families out of poverty, Circles takes an approach based on the philosophy of creating a network, a proverbial circle, of people who will support and learn from each other. People struggling in poverty (known as "leaders") are paired with at least two volunteers from different socioeconomic, and often racial, backgrounds (known as "allies").

These intentional relationships are then fostered over the course of eighteen months. Leaders grow their skills through trainings, goal setting, and planning - not to mention the strength that comes from knowing there is a network that has their back. "People in poverty are often isolated and afraid to share their struggles," Ted Melnyk, Director of Circles Greater Pittsburgh, said. "Over time, as trust is built, Circle leaders share their goals and dreams and become open to problem solving with their allies. Sometimes just talking through issues and saying it out loud helps them find a solution."

Allies are encouraged to listen and provide guidance rather than try to jump in and "fix" everything. The idea is that, by simply developing these relationships, people are given the means and opportunities to help themselves. "When your only source of support comes from people who are in the exact same situation as you, it is very difficult to see hope and make changes," Tammy Thompson, site facilitator for Circles-East Liberty, said.

"The relational approach solves one of the most crippling effects of poverty: isolation. People who expand their network and are open to new people and new experiences are more likely to apply those new perspectives to a plan for moving forward." For Sandra, a 29 year-old single mother,

the Circles method was the way forward she never expected. After dropping out of college two years ago, at the time unemployed and without a family support system, she tagged along to a Circles meeting with her friend.

Sandra was paired with some allies, to whom she slowly began to open up and share her heartbreaking story. Soon, after a lot of confidence-building, she was rehired by her former employer. Today, Sandra is preparing to graduate from the Community College of Allegheny County with an Associate's degree; she plans to continue her studies and pursue a Bachelor's degree.

Such a success story is not uncommon within the Circles program. 24 year-old Joshua found some support to overcome the many challenges he faced growing up in East Liberty. When he got a promising new job at a reputable Pittsburgh paint contractor, but had no car to take him to his work sites, Joshua was left in a tough situation. With some help and encouragement from his Circles' allies, he was able to buy a car of his own.

"Circles helped me by broadening my resources, which eventually led me to Community Auto. Through Circles, I also learned about Hebrew Free Loan, and by taking advantage of the opportunities provided by both programs, I was able to get a car," he said. "I am more self sufficient now that I don't need to rely on others for transportation, public or otherwise."

The product of more than twenty years of community leadership research and development by Move the Mountain Leadership Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Circles is a national program active in over seventy communities in twenty-three states and parts of Canada. Within Pittsburgh, the program also has sites in Sharpsburg, Turtle Creek, McKeesport, Homewood, and the Southside. Those interested in getting involved with the Circles program may visit <http://circlespg.org>. ♦

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Local summer camp sampler: kids free to explore many options

By Wesley Davis Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

A variety of camps in the Bulletin's coverage area will provide out-of-school fun and enrichment for kids this summer. Below are details on a few camps in the area.

ESC Boys and Girls Club/Lawrenceville United

Location: 4600 Butler St.

Ages: 4 to 13 years old

Dates: June 20 to August 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Details: This camp will provide hot lunch and snack daily. Field trips will include Pittsburgh Zoo, Carnegie Science Center, Carnegie Museum, and Swimming at North Park pool.

Contact: To learn more, contact John Daugherty at 412-682-4013 or email j_daugherty@bgcwp.org.

Earthen Vessels Outreach (CCIS/CYF accepted)

Location: 250 S. Pacific Ave.

Ages: 3 to 14 years old

Dates: June 20 through July 29, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Details: science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) curriculum, weekly field trips, swimming, and tennis activities will be included. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Limited "August camp" is available. Before and after-camp care is available for an additional fee.

Contact: To enroll or learn more, contact Marilyn Chaney at 412-414-2993.

Assemble (free for Garfield residents)

Location: 5106 Penn Ave.

Ages: Different weeks provide programming for different ages. Age groupings are 6 to 7 years old, 8 to 10 years old, and 11 to 13 years old.

Dates: June 20 to August 12 for various age ranges, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with potential pre and post-camp childcare.

Details: All of Assemble's camps focus on the inclusion of STEAM as well as "maker education." Each Camper will receive a camp T-shirt. Lunches will be provided for those who qualify. Each camp will have projects for kids to take home at the end of the week. All camps will also bring in local experts, such as scientists from University of Pittsburgh, to give kids a real-life career connection.

Contact: Interested families can register their child through the links on Assemble's website (<http://assemblepgh.org/summer-camps2016/>) or by contacting Nina Barbuto at 412-254-4230 and nina@assemblepgh.org.



ABOVE: Summer campers juggle the many opportunities for fun and enrichment at the Irma Freeman Center (5006 Penn Ave.) in Garfield. Photo courtesy of Sheila Ali.

Irma Freeman Center (pictured at left)

Location: 5006 Penn Ave.

Ages: 6 to 12 years old

Dates: June 20 to July 29, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Details: The Irma Freeman Center will offer youth camps with "a combination of a flair for the unusual and the original, as well as age-old traditional crafts - like the art of pinhole photography, creative writing, quilting, silk screen, costume design, painting, and drawing - and the science, art, and philosophy of Sacred Geometry."

Contact: To enroll and learn about financial aid options, contact director Sheila Ali at sheiladali@irmafreeman.org or call the office at 412-924-0634.

Neighborhood Learning Alliance/Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Location: 113 N. Pacific Ave.

Ages: 5 to 10 years old

Dates: June 20 through August 5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Details: Every camp day includes reading, science, crafts, and fitness activities. The camp will also provide a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Transportation will be provided to and from locations including Garfield, Upper Lawrenceville, Woolslair, Arsenal, and the North Side. This camp is designed for students at Pittsburgh Arsenal and Pittsburgh Woolslair who need academic support.

Contact: To learn more, contact Rick Flanagan at 412-441-9833 or rickf@bloomfield-garfield.org.

"Summer 16" launches countywide campaign, connects kids with out-of-school activities

A message from Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, and United Way of Allegheny County's APOST

Pittsburgh - Mayor William Peduto, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and the United Way's Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) recently launched a youth-centered campaign for summer activities called "Summer 16 Dream! Explore! Do!" Summer 16, as it is known, provides thousands of local children, grades K-12, with fun learning activities. The goal is to engage at least 16,000 youths throughout the city and county in meaningful summer learning opportunities.

"Summer is a time for our local students to have fun with friends, share new experiences and create memories that can last a lifetime," Mayor Peduto said. "It is also a time to broaden interests, develop new skills, and build confidence. Summer 16 is the first collaborative effort around summer learning. The City of Pittsburgh will partner on a number of initiatives like 'Learn and Earn,' our summer youth employment initiative; 'GrubUp,' our summer meals program; and a number of other camps that will take place in our Citiparks programming."

The Summer 16 website includes a checklist for parents, an activities calendar, and a centralized repository of summer programs. The website also enables parents and youth of all ages to request information about no-cost and fee-based summer activities in the region. "Learning doesn't stop at the end of the school year, and there are more and more opportunities available each and every year for children of all ages in our community," County Executive Fitzgerald said.

"The Summer 16 program provides access to everything going on in our community,

for parents and youth alike. Whether you're looking for a summer job - or you're interested in biking, cultural activities, a camp, or nature activities - we have something for everyone." The campaign's partners hope to boost academic performance while promoting physical health and providing a safe, structured environment for youth through meaningful summer learning. Research shows that participation in summer activities can improve classroom behavior, school attendance, and academic aspirations while reducing the summer learning slide.

"Many local agencies and partners have come together and are committed to making this program a reality," Bob Nelkin, CEO, United Way of Southwestern PA, said. "Our goal is to help local children develop into successful adults by providing them with quality opportunities that help them develop both academically and emotionally. We are proud to work together - with our community partners - to provide fun learning opportunities for all of our city's children."

In addition to the aforementioned, other Summer 16 partners include: Allies for Children, A+ Schools, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Citiparks, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Remake Learning Network, the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, Saturday Light Brigade, the Sprout Fund, the Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and other organizations that provide programming to youth. Children and parents can search for summer programs that fit their interests and needs by visiting: pghsummer16.pittsburghpa.gov. ♦

Garfield home makeovers: face-lifts funded by facade grants

By Aggie Brose Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) of Pittsburgh is now offering residential facade grants to property owners in Garfield.

The residential facade program offers a matching grant that covers 50% of the cost of improvements made to the facade of a house. Grants range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000.

According to the URA, eligible improvements can include, but are not limited to, the following: "restoration of architectural details, replacement of deteriorated or inefficient windows, cleaning and re-pointing brick, removing or repairing awnings, porch replacements and upgrades, gutter and downspout repair/replacement, lighting fixtures, and painting."

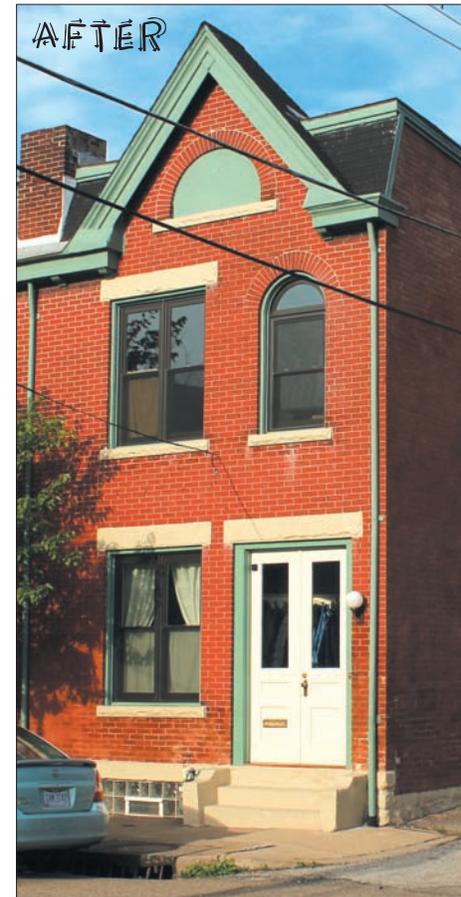
Garfield residents who want to learn more about applying for the facade grant program are encouraged to contact Quianna Wasler at the URA. Wasler can be reached at 412-255-6644 or qwasler@ura.org.

In order to receive a residential facade grant, applicants must complete the application and review process before beginning work on their project. Grants will be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis.

From its 5149 Penn Ave. office, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) can provide local homeowners with copies of the application and help them find a general contractor. Interested homeowners may contact the BGC's Wesley Davis at 412-441-6950 (ext. 17). ♦



ABOVE: Before URA facade grants funded its restoration, this residence at 110 N. Pacific Ave. was not living up to its full potential. Photo courtesy of Quianna Wasler.



ABOVE: After the facade grants came through, the owner of this Garfield home was able to re-point the brick, install a new door, and put down a new paint job. Photo by Keith Williams.

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Open Streets PGH makes room for car-less summer celebrations

By Aryssa Shultz *the Bulletin*

Pittsburgh - Thanks to the third annual "Open Streets PGH," playing in the street will be encouraged this summer. On the last Sundays of May, June, and July, this all-day event will open up a city street route to facilitate anything and everything but car travel. From Lawrenceville through the Strip District, and all the way to Downtown, the main avenues will be strictly reserved for all kinds of alternative travelers, families, merry-makers, performers, aerobics instruction, and more.

Open Streets PGH encourages healthy living and the re-imagination of city spaces. By opening up a section of streets, people get to experience the city in a new way. They can walk, run, bike, skate, and anything in between - all while learning more about the different city neighborhoods as they explore the open streets.

Local shops will connect with new customers via event hubs along the route. Lawrenceville, the Strip District, and Market Square will all feature participating shops. For example, Lawrenceville's Gallery on 43rd Street (187 43rd St.) will be holding an indoor sale, as well as a small arts and crafts festival outside. The gallery's owner, Mary Coleman, participated in Open Streets PGH last year. "I love Open Streets," she recently told *the Bulletin*, "Everybody slows down. With no cars or trucks going by, the streets are so quiet that you can really enjoy being outside."

The event is once again chaired by Bike Pittsburgh, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote healthy and fun living through accessible walkways and bikeways throughout the city. Mike Carroll, the Event Director of Bike Pittsburgh, expects a much larger crowd than last year's forty-four thousand. This year,

as the word about Open Streets spreads, he expects three to five thousand more participants to get involved.

On May 29, the first date of the event, the route will be from Lawrenceville to Downtown. The subsequent June 26 and July 31 events, however, will sport a different route: from Downtown to the West End, including the West End Bridge. "Unless you run the Three Rivers Marathon, you probably haven't experienced a way to hang out over the West End Bridge," Carroll said. "This is a way for people to sit back and enjoy the view."

Open Streets PGH is part of a larger global movement known as "Ciclovía," which encompasses 100 cities around the world. This movement encourages green and healthy living through alternative transportation. Now the second city in Pennsylvania to take part, Pittsburgh joined Philadelphia during a 2014 pilot event.

Last year, Bike Pittsburgh worked with environmental experts to gauge pollutant levels in the air and monitor the effects that such an emission-free event can have on regional air quality. According to their measurements, air pollutants dropped by 400% on each of the Open Streets Sundays. Carroll is hoping to continue that trend this year while also encouraging people to adopt greener ways of transportation.

"Some peoples' first experience riding bikes on the streets is through Open Streets," he noted. "People learn how close the neighborhoods are to each other, and they find new ways to get around the city." Other than creating a greener city, Carroll is most excited about people and families getting involved. "When people ask how I measure success, it's 'people outside smiling,'" he observed. ♦

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West Penn hosts Mom/Baby Expo for expectant parents

By Morgan Rupert Allegheny Health Network

Bloomfield - For expecting moms, finding the right doctors for prenatal care and delivery is an important decision, but it does not have to be stressful. To help with these decisions, West Penn Hospital (WPH, 4815 Liberty Ave.) - a part of Allegheny Health Network (AHN), and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield teamed up for the first ever "Mom/Baby Expo" on Wednesday, May 4.

The Mom/Baby Expo in Bloomfield invited expectant parents and those considering parenthood to come and meet the hospital's obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians, neonatal specialists, "stork nurses," and more. Other vendors in attendance included Vision Works, REM Works, The Happy Baby Company, Rooted Beauty, Three Rivers Milk Bank, and PNC Bank.

Over 125 attendees took advantage of free nursing bra fittings, free health screenings, free vision screenings, and educational sessions. WPH's Obstetric Anesthesiologist, Tracey M. Vogel, MD, hosted the first educational session. She spoke to expectant parents about the hospital's approach to delivering anesthesia and providing the safest means to an optimal anesthetic outcome during labor and delivery.

"The Mom/Baby Expo was a wonderful opportunity for me to introduce expectant patients to our obstetric anesthesia services at West Penn Hospital. Our mission here is to provide outstanding care to our patients and to educate them about their options for pain relief during labor and cesarean sections, and to establish appropriate expectations," Vogel said afterwards.

I believe the pregnant patient should have the knowledge and understanding of the various anesthesia techniques so that they feel empowered to make choices they feel are appropriate for them."

AHN midwives Katie Caldwell, MSN,

CNM, and Nicole Rawson, RN, CNM, also held educational sessions. These sessions focused on "well-woman care" - a more natural, more personal, and less institutional approach to childbirth. The midwives also answered questions about other areas they cover, including gynecologic and obstetric exams, contraceptive services, and breastfeeding support.

WPH's International Board Certified lactation consultants spoke to expectant parents about the importance of breastfeeding and the support services they offer in Bloomfield. Attendees were able to learn about services such as prenatal consultations, monthly prenatal breastfeeding classes, and outpatient services - including lactation consultations for mothers having difficulties with breastfeeding.

"Through the Mom/Baby Expo, expectant parents received positive messages about delivering at West Penn Hospital and learned about the exceptional facilities and programs to enhance and support the health of expectant women, their newborns, and children," Sandra M. Porco, MSN, RN, LCCE, IBCLC, Manager, Maternal Child Support Services, said.

In addition to attending the educational sessions, over 100 people were able to tour the labor and postpartum units at WPH. The tour highlighted delivery rooms that provide a "home away from home" for moms and families.

Boasting a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and an exceptional obstetrics program for women and infants, the hospital also serves as a regional referral center for high-risk pregnancies and maternal fetal medicine.

For more information on maternal fetal medicine at West Penn Hospital, please visit <http://ahn.org/westpenn>. To make an appointment, call 412.DOCTORS. ♦

Children's Home champions infant sleep safety

By Tara Stief Children's Home of Pittsburgh & Lemieux Family Center

Garfield - The Children's Home of Pittsburgh & Lemieux Family Center (5324 Penn Ave.), an independent non-profit organization that works to promote the health and well-being of infants and children, has attained the National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program's highest designation: "Gold Sleep Safe Champion."

In the United States, there are approximately 3,500 infant sleep-related deaths due to accidental suffocation, strangulation, or undetermined causes during sleep. By establishing a hospital infant "safe sleep" policy and partnering with "Cribs for Kids," the Children's Home has fully committed to reduce infant sleep-related deaths and since achieved the highest certification level.

According to the organization's clinical director, Erin Colvin, "in order to impact and reduce the number of sleep-related infant deaths in our community, it is critical to provide a consistent and repetitive message about infant sleep safety. The Children's Home of Pittsburgh is the ideal setting to begin the message of safe sleep for infants." Since 1998, Cribs for Kids has been making an impact on the rates of babies dying of accidental sleep related death in unsafe sleeping environments by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for infants.

In addition to partnering with Cribs for Kids, the Children's Home recently began implementing the "HALO Safer Way to Sleep Initiative," which benefits approximately 200 patients in the Pediatric Specialty Hospital. Infant patients may no longer sleep with traditional blankets or other loose bedding in the crib, as these items can wrap around the infant and/or their medical devices, thereby creating an unsafe sleep environment.

In order to decrease the risk of SIDS and accidental suffocation, the Children's Home introduced wearable blankets that help newborns sleep safer. Encouraging families to use caution in the crib, the Pediatric Specialty Hospital sends each infant's family home with their own "HALO SleepSack" so that they can successfully model this safe sleep behavior at home. For more information, please call 412-441-4884 or visit <http://childrenshomepgh.org>. ♦

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The Bulletin Board publishes listings of volunteer opportunities, free or low-cost events and classes, fundraisers, and services that are of particular interest to our neighborhoods. Listings are published on a space-available basis; we cannot guarantee placement or thorough edits of any listings. Announcements for the July issue of *the Bulletin* are due by **June 17**. Please submit listings using our online form at http://bit.ly/bulletin_submit.

City's vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree maintenance, planting, education, and advocacy. Set up begins at 7am. Open to the public from 8am-2pm. No early birds please! Cost per 10' x 10' selling/vending spot is \$30. Space is limited so reserve your spot today. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date is June 11 (same time). 100% of all proceeds benefit Tree Pittsburgh.

Farmers Market in Arsenal Park

The Lawrenceville Farmer's Market was founded in 2011 with the support of Councilman Patrick Dowd and Lawrenceville United. The market not only provides access to fresh, healthy foods for Lawrenceville residents and visitors, but also connect low-income individuals and the senior community by engaging farmers to participate in subsidy programs. The Market will run every Saturday from June 4 through October 29 from 1p - 4p in Arsenal Park, near the 40th Street entrance.

June 7 - Tuesday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Stress Management

Get the low-down on stress management. This event is for everyone age 55 and older, starts at 11:30am and will take place at PERSAD: 5301 Butler St. Suite 100. RSVP required by June 6th (412) 802-7220. Free lunch and free event parking.

June 9 - Thursday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Free Resume Help

Goodwill's Workforce Development Center at 118 52nd Street from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Lawrenceville and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania have teamed up to offer free computer classes to residents who want to brush up on their computer skills. Our June 9 workshop will focus on resumes, and will offer students free help and advice. Classes are held in Goodwill's computer lab. Participants must register in advance by calling 412-632-1842.

June 10 - Friday

FRIENDSHIP

Montessori Fun Fair

Pittsburgh Montessori Parent Teacher Student Council welcomes all to the annual Fun Fair: Games, Bounce House, City Vehicles, Food, Cotton Candy, Obstacle Course, Art Activities, Raffle, 50/50, Talent Show, Cupcake Walk, Colonel

June 2 - Thursday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Storytime: Family Fun

Bring the whole family to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Lawrenceville for books, songs and action rhymes. Designed to engage children of all ages, Family Fun storytimes provide an opportunity for a shared library experience for all family members. During this 20-40 minute program, children will meet new friends and, together with their caregivers, will be introduced to the joy of reading. Storytime: Family Fun takes place every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. For further info, call 412-682-3668.

On Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th Mission of Mercy will provide free dental care to individuals who are unable to afford it at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Ft. Duquesne Blvd. Care will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Pediatric dentists will be on site on Saturday, June 4th. For more information visit www.mom-n-pa.com.

June 4 - Saturday

HIGHLAND PARK

Annual Zone 5 Community Open House

12:00pm - 5:00pm at Zone 5 Police Station (1401 Washington Blvd.) Come meet Your Cops! The afternoon will feature: Food, Music, Displays/Demonstrations by PGH SWAT, Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, Traffic (Motorcycles), as well as Fire and EMS vehicles. Paramedics will also be training the community in CPR!

LAWRENCEVILLE

Flea for Trees

Spring cleaning is upon us! Organize your home, make some extra green, and support a noble cause. Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the

June 6 - Monday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Plein Air Painting

On the first two Mondays in June, join the Teen Time group to walk from Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to Arsenal Park, and take in the beauty while painting an original picture outdoors. Get some fresh air and make new friends. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so please call 412-682-3668 to register. Art will happen June 6 & 13 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

June 3 - Friday

GARFIELD

Vera England Art

Bantha Tea Bar - 5002 Penn Ave. 6-10pm. "Oceans" - Looking out, beyond the usual boundaries of our lives and thoughts, to a place where trust is without borders. Watercolors by artist Vera England.

DOWNTOWN

Free Dental Clinic

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



June 4 Progressive Dinner. You can host or simply bring a portion of the meal. To sign up, send an email to: liztafel@gmail.com
6:00 PM; Hosted in homes around the neighborhood

June 15 Community Meeting. This month's meeting will be hosted by the Neighborhood Academy school. Check out their beautiful space!
6:30 - 8:00 PM; Neighborhood Academy

June 25 Neighborhood Yard Sales. This year we will be coordinating with Morningside to draw even more shoppers to the neighborhood! Sign up on our website to participate or volunteer.
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Maps Available in the Sunnyside Parking Lot

Aug 20 Community Festival. This annual event features activities for the kids, music, food trucks, and more!
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Sunnyside Elementary

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Volunteer Opportunities & Services

Eagleburger's Highstepping Good Time Band + much more! \$5 per child includes three tickets and all-you-can-play games. Extra tickets sold for food and some activities. Benefits the PTSC and Grow Pittsburgh Edible School Yard program. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Rain or Shine. 201 S. Graham Street.

June 14 - Tuesday

BLOOMFIELD

Working & Breastfeeding

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Returning to work and continuing to breastfeed can be made easier through helpful insights and practical advice provided by our board-certified lactation consultants. This class is recommended 4-6 weeks after delivery; cost is \$25 per family. To register, call 412.578.7030. West Penn Hospital, 4800 Friendship Ave.

June 17 - Friday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Weekly Community Garden Dinner for Kids

Beginning Wednesday June 17th, the Lawrenceville Community Organic Garden will be hosting a weekly dinner for all children ages 18 and under. Through an alliance with the Southwestern

Pennsylvania Food Security Partnership and the United Way of Allegheny County, the Community Garden will be home to all manner of food and activities from 6-8 PM every Wednesday evening.

June 18 - Saturday

GARFIELD

Yoga Teacher Training

Join the Yoga Hive for an intense and exhilarating training program. Whether you want to make the leap to become a teacher, or simply want to deepen your practice, these fully comprehensive training will provide all the tools you need to take your understanding of yoga to a whole new level. Our 2016 Training takes place over 2 separate weeks. Week 1 : June 18-June 25. Week 2: August 13-August 20. Check our website or Facebook page for more information: yogahivepgh.com.

June 22 - Wednesday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Membership Meeting

Stop by Pints on Penn to get updates on Lawrenceville United's programs, meet your neighbors and vote on 2016-2018 Board positions.

June 23 - Thursday

BLOOMFIELD

Medicare Workshop

6-7 p.m. In this educational workshop, a local Highmark Medicare Sales Advisor will explain what you need to consider when looking for the right Medicare health insurance plan. You'll have a chance to ask questions and speak with an expert. To register, call 412.544.1848. West Penn Hospital, 4800 Friendship Ave.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Free Computer Class

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June 25 - Saturday

FRIENDSHIP

Neighborhood Yard Sale

The annual Friendship Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th. Yards sale maps can be picked up at the Baum Grove (Baum Blvd and S. Fairmount St.) starting at 8 a.m. You can also find the map electronically at: <http://friendshipyardsale.blogspot.com>. Rain Date: June 26.

BLOOMFIELD

Car Seat Safety

June 25, July 30, and August 27. Noon – 2 p.m. Allegheny Health Network is proud to sponsor "Infant Car Seat Inspections," provided by McCandless-Franklin Park EMS. To register for an onsite car seat safety check, please call 412.578.7030.

Classifieds

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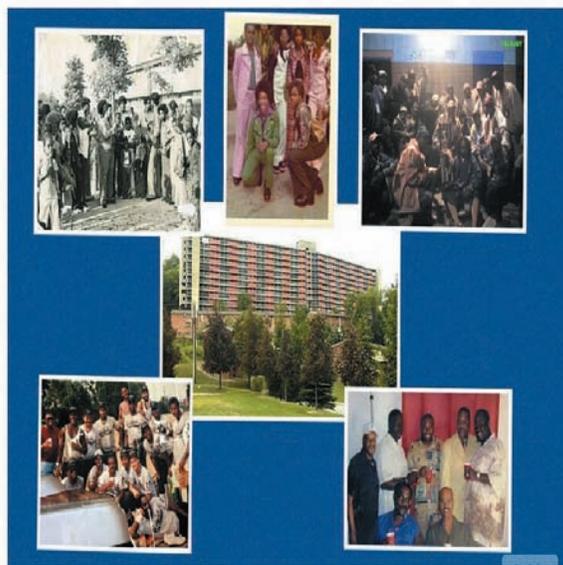
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A donation in any amount makes you a member.

Visit <http://Bloomfield-Garfield.org> to donate online. Donations are also encouraged via standard mail ; look to next month's issue of *the Bulletin* for a printed remittance card that can help you become a BGC member.

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