National conference to examine housing justice in East End neighborhoods

By Elizabeth Sensky
East Liberty Development, Inc.

East End - "Intersections," a national conference focused on pursuing racial justice through housing, will make landfall in Pittsburgh on Oct. 1 with a robust schedule of events running through Oct. 4.

The conference - organized by the national affordable housing advocacy group, Grounded Solutions Network (GSN) - chooses a new city every year by looking at the housing programs, policy, and community activities happening across the country.

"Intersections 2018 provides an unequaled chance to network, learn and gain essential tools to revitalize communities and provide greater access to opportunity," Jessica Grant, operations

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Broad St. homeowners sue City, Housing Authority over landslide

By Joe Reuben Bulletin contributor

Garfield - Six months after a landslide devastated the hillside behind their properties in the 5400 block of Broad St., it seems like a foregone conclusion that two Garfield homeowners would press forward in August with the filing of lawsuits against the City, the city Housing Authority, and a Homewood demolition contractor.

The homeowners and their family members contend that the three parties share responsibility for both families still being unable to return to their homes six months after the hillside fell away from their backyards. Using funds raised online and from in-person donations - including those made at an April fundraiser hosted by the Friendship Perk and Brew - homeoweners Charlie & Shirley McKinney and Frank & Sherrie Wadley retained the law firm of Burke Cromer Cremonese to file their claims at Common

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Breaking new ground: Waldorf School designs ‘living building’ classroom

By Ellen DiBiase Bulletin contributor

Friendship - The master plan for the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh’s campus is driven by the maxim that “continued success requires expansion.” Comprised of four phases, the plan involves enhancing the main Victorian-era building at 201 S. Winebiddle St. to accommodate students in grades 1-8.

The plan also calls for improvements to the adjacent yellow building that houses the school’s childcare program, which serves children between the ages of 18 months and 4 years. Finally, the addition of a completely new structure at the rear of the school’s 2.4 acre property would be the final project under Phase 1 of the master plan.

Since 2012, Waldorf has completed six classroom renovations, as well as three grounds-related projects. The new single-classroom building, which is designed to house a class of 25 eighth graders, will help the school provide each grade with its own learning space (based on projected enrollments).

Founded in 1993, the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh began in a small rental property on the South Side - with an enrollment of approximately 90 students in pre-K through fifth grades - before moving to the Bloomfield/Friendship area later that year. Waldorf now supports just over 240 students each school year; its first eighth grade class graduated in 2014.

As the school expands, administrators are focused on aligning its physical growth with ideals of sustainability and place-based learning. Initially, their hope was to build a SEED (Sustainable Education Every Day) classroom for the eighth graders. Yet, after considerable deliberation, school officials decided that this type of modular classroom would not increase the value of the property and did not allow for enough aesthetic choices in the building’s design.

The architectural firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson (BCJ) was hired to design a new 1,000 square-foot space that not only adhered to sustainable building practices, but also harmonized with the main building’s architectural character. In concert with the natural green spaces on campus, the materials’ palette of the new building is muted and natural; an arced wall embraces outdoor green space that doubles as an amphitheater for large school events.

According to Kirsten Christopherson-Clark, the Head of School at Waldorf, the project will break ground next year - early enough to get the classroom ready for the 2019-2020 school year.

City Council approved the school’s Conditional Use application at a July hearing. In anticipation of the hearing, school officials hosted a public community meeting in May. Christopherson-Clark said she that most of the issues raised by the neighbors in attendance were inquiries about the structural details, energy systems, and how the community would be invited to share in additional uses of the building.

BCJ is pursuing both a Living Building Challenge Petal certification and a WELL Building Standard with the new classroom’s construction. Living buildings give more than they take, creating a positive impact when interfacing with the human and natural systems around them. Waldorf would be the first school in Pittsburgh to achieve this recognition.

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manager for GSN, explained, “Sessions and seminars are led by some of the most committed and creative professionals dedicated to building equitable and inclusive communities in our nation.”

The majority of attendees come from GSN’s member organizations, most of whom are undertaking initiatives dedicated to affordability and strong housing policies, from local housing advocates to community land trusts. Many conference guests will travel from across the country to participate in sessions and tour Pittsburgh neighborhoods like Lawrenceville and Garfield. Although it will be headquartered downtown at the Omni William Penn Hotel, the conference will feature numerous bus and walking tours throughout the city.

Highlighting the first phase of its Community Land Trust, Lawrenceville Corporation will host a tour of one of the seven completed homes. Grow Pittsburgh will take guests to community gardens, parks, and other steward green spaces in each neighborhood.

“We look forward to partnering with local members,” Grant noted, “to bring some Pittsburgh spirit and flair to the general sessions, panel discussions, receptions, and tours.”

Sessions will cover diverse topics like gentrification and displacement, homeownership program design and practice, and storytelling for advocacy. The conference’s stated goal is to provide support while helping people learn from and understand what other cities are doing to combat the legacies of “red-lining” and other discriminatory lending practices.

“This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Yet, despite the original intent of the legislation, racially segregated residential communities and the lack of equal housing opportunity remain harsh realities for far too many Americans,” Grant said. “At Intersections 2018, we seek to illuminate both the opportunities and challenges inherent in the struggle to achieve equitable progress, including frank conversations regarding continuing barriers and potential solutions.”

Registration is open for the conference and scholarships are available. Learn more about the conference, including the event schedule and how to register, at www.groundedsolutionnetwork.com/Intersections2018.

Lawrenceville church celebrates 150th anniversary with ‘Day of History’

By Shirley Freyer Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lawrenceville - Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church continues celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a “Day of History” on Sept. 15 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at its 237 37th St. location.

The tri-part event will feature 15-minute docent tours of the church sanctuary, led by Zion church historian Rebekah Johnston, from 12:30 until 2 p.m. and also from 3 to 4 p.m. Lawrenceville’s well-known historian and author, Jim Wudarczyk, will elaborate on the topic of “German Ethnicity and the Lawrenceville Experience” at 1 p.m. in the church undercroft.

The lecture will demonstrate how German immigrants’ quest to maintain their European roots led to the rise of several religious and cultural organizations in America. Wudarczyk will also explain how the areas around 37th St. became one of several German enclaves in Pittsburgh. Following the presentation at 2 p.m., attendees are invited to journey to the past with The Pittsburgh Historical Music Society Orchestra as its members recreate concerts and experiences from colonial times through the Civil War era.

Anybody who has ever visited Lawrenceville is likely familiar with the “Doughboy” statue that stands at the wishbone intersection of Penn Ave. and Butler St. For the third and final performance, Dan Simkins, Avonworth Historical Society Board member, will present a lecture on the life of a doughboy (WWI soldier) while dressed in full uniform from the period.

The event is free to the public; refreshments will be available. Please call 412-621-2720 for more information.

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Community conversations in Garfield: residents speak on pressing concerns

By Nina Gibbs

Garfield - Over the last few months, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) hosted community meetings to invite Garfield residents to express their concerns and ideas about the change that has come to their neighborhood.

Each meeting was held in a different locale within the neighborhood, and focused on the needs specific to residents in that area and the surrounding streets. Average attendance was about fifteen community member; the atmosphere was lively, but the nature of communication was that of a chat between friends.

Executive Director Rick Swartz joined other BGC staff members in fielding residents’ questions, addressing their hopes and fears about everything from homes with accessory dwelling units to neighborhood schooling. Topics included affordable housing projects, property taxes, traffic issues, and predatory home-buying solicitations.

Many attendees pointed to a lack of opportunities for the community to come together. Some connected the dots between their neighborhood’s rash of car break-ins, and other “opportunity crimes” for bored teenagers, to the need for a youth recreation center in Garfield. Residents stressed the need for bonding experiences with their new neighbors, who are often fresh to the community and hesitant to engage with longtime residents.

Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess pledged to get the City to commit as much as $50,000 in order to seed planning efforts for the future of Ft. Pitt School and an adjoining ball field. The school building has lain fallow, yet full of potential, since 2011.

In a March letter sent to Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) Superintendent Anthony Hamlet, Brothers and Sisters Emerging, Valley View Presbyterian Church, and the BGC sought collaboration from the school district in creating a Ft. Pitt facility that could be used by both PPS and the local community; PPS has still not responded to the letter.

The next session - for residents of the “central” part of Garfield, along Dearborn St. and Penn Ave. - is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. at the BGC Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.). As always, the neighborhood Primanti Bros. (5491 Penn Ave.) will provide pizza. Call 412-441-6950 (ext. 17) with any questions.

Lawrenceville puts on party for good cause at Teamster Temple

By Chuck Gerbe

Lawrenceville - On Saturday, Sept. 8, Lawrenceville United (LU) will host its sixth annual party and fundraiser, “LIVE! in Lawrenceville,” from 7-10 p.m. at the Teamster Temple (4701 Butler St.).

The event celebrates the best of what Lawrenceville has to offer residents and visitors alike. Party-goers can play retro games, enjoy entertainment from the neighborhood’s own DJ Steely Dang, and sample craft beers from local breweries.

A “baskets of cheer” raffle will feature prizes donated by neighborhood businesses; local artists’ work is to be featured in a new silent auction. The evening will also feature the awarding of “Neighbor of the Year” and “Outstanding Community Partner,” which recognize a Lawrenceville resident and organization, respectively, that have gone above and beyond for their community.

All proceeds from the night benefit LU’s mission to improve and protect the quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents. “LIVE! in Lawrenceville” is made possible by LU’s all-volunteer Board of Directors and the generosity of numerous local sponsors.

Visit www.LU.United.org to see the event sponsors and purchase tickets; party-goers can also purchase tickets in person at LU’s office (located at the Goodwill headquarters at 118 52nd St., Suite 2026). Tickets cost $30 each at the door ($10 for a member of LU’s AdvANTAGE or PE P Rally programs, and $15 for any volunteer who takes a shift); price includes admission, food, and drink.

For more info, please call 412-802-7220 or email info@LU.United.
The separate lawsuits allege that the negligent manner in which the City oversaw the demolition of a house and rear garage at 5472 Broad St. damaged their rear yards, causing the City’s subsequent condemnation of their homes and the shutting off of all utilities to their properties.

“I don’t understand why we are the ones who’ve been made to bear the burden of responsibility for what occurred on that hillside,” Charlie McKinney told The Bulletin in late July. “We’ve been left with little choice but to move forward with the lawsuit. I don’t expect that we will be back in our home in time for the holidays, and another winter without heat or electric could be devastating in and of itself.”

The city Housing Authority, which is the landowner for roughly two-thirds of the hillside behind the Wadleys and McKinneys’ homes, has taken no steps to repair the damage caused to the Authority’s property, leaving the hillside pretty much as it looked in the aftermath of the landslide.

A tarpaulin put down by the Authority covers most of the hillside today, but fallen tree limbs and mud still sit in a parking lot behind the Fairmont Apartment complex in the 5400 block of Penn Ave.

The homeowners’ suits contend that, without any action by the Housing Authority to remedy conditions on its land and restore stability to the hillside, neither the Wadleys nor the McKinneys can ever hope to return to their homes.

The Bulletin previously reported that an assessment of the damaged hillside performed by Gateway Engineers, under contract to the Housing Authority, pointed the finger of responsibility at the demolition work done at the top of the hillside, where the Broad St. house, a rear garage, and retaining wall once stood. The City rejects that finding, countering that a retaining wall at the base of the hillside, on land owned by the Housing Authority, collapsed first, causing the landslide to come down on top of it. Both the Housing Authority and the two homeowners dispute the veracity of the City’s version of events.

A second report - prepared by Garvin Boward Beitko Engineers and commissioned by the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation - also strongly suggested that the point of origin for the landslide was the lot where the house, garage, and wall were removed by the demolition contractor, A & A Roll-Off Systems and Trucking. A & A is named in the homeowners’ suits as well.

The law firm representing the Wadleys and McKinneys managed to obtain a copy of the one-page contract between the City and A & A, which has been attached to the two complaints. In that document, there is no mention of any removal of the retaining wall that ran along the top edge of the hillside behind all of the properties in question.

Added to this is the homeowners’ contention that the demolition contractor delivered several loads of topsoil to the rear of the lot, intended to fill a void created by the razing of the garage, and that it may have inadvertently worsened the situation. According to the report from Garvin Boward Beitko, the additional weight from the new topsoil increased the load burden on the hillside’s edge, thus contributing to its collapse.

As is the case with lawsuits filed against governmental bodies, no one at either the City or Housing Authority was available for comment on this latest action by the homeowners.

“I am not a litigious person, nor is my wife,” Frank Wadley said in a recent interview. “We like to resolve things amicably. We are not seeking some type of windfall from this. We just want to be able to move back into our home and not face the loss of everything we’ve worked our entire lives to build.”

Francis Wymard, the attorney at Burke Cromer Cremonese who has been assigned to the lawsuits, said it could be months before any type of hearing is scheduled by the court. “We could be looking at months, or even a year or longer. It’s hard to say. We’ve asked for a jury trial, and as we get closer to a court date, I’m hopeful the City and the Housing Authority will begin to show some interest in bringing this to some resolution. If not, then we’ll have to put our faith in a jury.”

Above: Artist Michael Moessner poses with the aluminum flowers he created to beautify Penn Ave., which are posted in front of businesses and organizations along the avenue. Photo by Nina Gibbs.
Lawrenceville house tour: spotlight on urban living through the years

By Kate Bayer Bulletin contributor

Lawrenceville - On Sunday, Oct. 7, visitors to the Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour will luxuriate in ten unique, owner-occupied homes that have been restored, renovated, or newly constructed. Homes featured on this year’s tour offer a glimpse into the past, present, and future of the urban living experience.

This year’s selection focuses on environmental sustainability and the blending of technology with historic architecture. The homes’ solar panels, sun tubes, and unfettered windows promote the use of natural light and also generate heat for bathroom floors.

Technology is on full display in some of the state-of-the-art security systems that allow homeowners to monitor their property and pets remotely. Tour goers can also delight in the sight of gaslight fixtures from the 1890’s perched outside a thoroughly modern, 21st century bathroom.

Multiple fireplaces are located throughout the homes’ living and sleeping areas, which was common at the turn of the 20th century - along with original wood floors, trim, and pocket doors.

Tickets for the tour go on sale beginning Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the following Butler St. businesses: City Grows (5208), Wild Card (4209), Pavement (3629) and T’s Upholstery Studio (3611), as well as Gallery on 43rd Street (187 43rd St.).

The tour is self-guided and walkable with no transportation provided between homes. More information can be found at www.lha15201.org or by following the Lawrenceville Hospitality Association on Facebook.

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Westinghouse valedictorian reflects on work of PPS Student Advisory Council

By Jeremiah Nash

Westinghouse Academy valedictorian

Foreword by Daniel Jackson

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Jeremiah Nash has been an active participant in the BGC’s College and Career Readiness Program for seniors; he has secured internship placements at the Lumen Institute and the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh. Jeremiah also worked closely with CCRP staff on college preparation and earned a grant to help pay his tuition deposit at Morehouse College, where he is set to begin this fall.

He recently graduated at the top of his class at Westinghouse Academy. Jeremiah’s valedictorian speech reflected on his time at Westinghouse, and expressed his optimism about the future. His academic, athletic, research, leadership, and volunteer accomplishments led teachers and administrators to select Jeremiah as the school’s recipient for the Westinghouse scholarship, which will help him pay tuition at Morehouse College in Atlanta this fall.

'The Future of Student Voice'

Many articles find that student voice activities can create meaningful experiences for youth that help to meet fundamental developmental needs. The district’s Student Advisory Council also worked on additional projects such as the creation of the district mascot redesign, PPS website design, United Way fundraising campaign, Month of Non-violence, and many others.

These events not only exemplified the work of student voice, but how impactful they are amongst the students, lives, families, and communities. The Student Advisory Council brought together students from different backgrounds, but similar ambitions and desires for change within the district. It not only exposes the members to district content, but enhances their ability to confront issues that indirectly affects them. The council ignited a fire that hopefully will continue to light up the heart of student voice with district and administrative work.

When student voice is looked at Pittsburgh Public Schools, based off of this years success and critical feedback received from students, staff (district wide and school based), and administrators, a three tiered structure for next year will be proposed: Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council, PPS youth Participatory Budget Council, and Ongoing Student Voice Opportunities.

Although student voice was not initially treated as a top priority and the council did not get off to a good start, I am glad that the committee became something positive that can be useful and instrumental as PPS progresses, and that student voice in high school is becoming common and a powerful tool not only in PPS but across the nation. Pittsburgh Public Schools is moving in the direction that will comprehensively address any concerns.
Neighborhood FOCUS

Festival spectacle: Bloomfield’s Little Italy Days

By Andrew McKeon The Bulletin

[Op/Ed] - Bloomfield – Little Italy Days (LID), a massive festival that over-takes Liberty Ave. for four days every year, was nothing short of spectacular from Thursday, Aug. 16 through Sunday, Aug. 19.

As I trawled Liberty Ave. before the rainstorms landed on Friday evening, and then again on Saturday afternoon, when the sun was blanching the avenue - the festival’s distinct aroma preceded itself.

It is nearly impossible to describe the sights and sounds of LID in objective, news writing terms. It is, for better or worse, a sensory experience. Fryer oil, exhaust fumes, and the smells and smokes of “fair food” hovered over the avenue all weekend as LID patrons meandered along Liberty Ave.

Each year, the festival features more out-of-town vendors, (think: BBQ trucks from Ohio), and national corporations like Comcast, Geico, and McDonald’s; some business owners find the vendor fees too steep for the mere privilege of setting a table in front of their store.

Bloomfield is no stranger to commerce, but the scale of LID has become other-worldly for many area residents. Some plan their vacations to avoid the festivities altogether; a few small businesses on Liberty Ave. close their doors for the weekend, too.

"Want a free packet of Szechuan sauce?"

– McDonald’s street team member on Liberty Ave.

The people-watching was extraordinary, and most of the seemed quite delicious, but the most impressive part of the festival was the attentive trash removal. Litter piled up quickly, and overwhelmed a few garbage cans here and there, but the streets were generally clean thanks to a team of LID employees.

Bocce ball tournaments, wood-fired pizza, and Sinatra classics (simultaneously blaring from three different speakers) were but a few of the toasts to Italian-American heritage on display; movie posters for The Godfather and tattoos of the Italian flag were some others. One of the stranger sights was an “open-faced” bar (with no street-facing exterior to speak of) where Pollock’s once stood; one man apparently stayed guard at the bar every night, from Thursday to Sunday, to ward off any potential intruders.

It is hard not to be smitten, and also overwhelmed, by the whole scene – especially when most of the adults are openly drinking alcohol. LID is full of bewildering moments, like when a uniformed member of the McDonald’s street team motioned to me and asked, "Want a free packet of Szechuan sauce?"

Although it is still marketed as a cultural heritage festival, LID has broadened its scope to that of a county fair, making many neighbors yearn for the smaller community fairs they remember from years past. Hopefully, some LID visitors might find their way back to Liberty Ave. soon, when things are back to normal.

Below: Scores of festival-goers take to the streets during Bloomfield’s Little Italy Days. Photo by John Colombo.

Below: Vendors Nael Kakish (right) and Ray take a conversational break on the Liberty Ave. sidewalk during Little Italy Days. Photo by John Colombo.

Below: Salvatore Merante enjoys a cold lemonade drink during the LID festivities on Saturday, Aug. 18. Photo by John Colombo.

Above: Dumplings, a local rock trio, plays in front of Howler’s (4509 Liberty Ave.) on Friday, Aug. 17. The bar hosted bands around the clock. Photo by John Colombo.

Above: A festival-goer tries to negotiate some space in an overflowing trash can at Liberty and Millvale Aves. Photo by John Colombo.
In conversation with Ana E. Collins, new co-owner of 52nd St. Market

By Andrew McKeon  The Bulletin

‘Lawrenceville - When Ana E. Collins became the co-owner of 52nd St. Market (601 52nd St.) in June, she knew she wanted to bring flavors from her home country of Venezuela to customers in Upper Lawrenceville. The Bulletin recently connected with Collins to learn more about her vision for the market and its menu. What follows is the transcript of that conversation.

‘Bulletin: Who helps you run things at the market?
Collins: “Running the market is a family endeavor; my husband (Rob) is teaching my sister Maria Conchita and me the ropes of owning and operating a grocery store. Rob has been in the grocery business his entire life and is the owner of the Bryant Street Market in Highland Park. My sister and I are the faces of the market, but we also have great employees that help things run smoothly.”

‘Bulletin: How did you become the owner/operator of the 52nd St. Market? Were you a market customer before taking over the business end of things?
Collins: “I am an auditor by career; I’ve worked both in public accounting firms and corporate audit departments my entire life. But, in January I resigned from my job at Highmark and was looking for something to do. The previous owners of the market approached my husband when they wanted to sell the business and we thought it’d be the perfect project for me. I knew it would be ideal if my sister and I could manage the market, but she was still in the midst of her asylum application process. When her application was approved, that’s when we really green-lit the project.”

‘Bulletin: What have you learned about Lawrenceville from your customers?
Collins: “I think that the main thing we have learned from our customers at the market is that we are neighbors, we have established great relationships and I’d dare say even friendships in the two months we have been operating the market. We have learned that they welcome change, that they are willing to try new things like arepas.”

‘Bulletin: Could you give a brief description of arepas for the unfamiliar eater?
Collins: “Arepas are the bread for Venezuelans, we eat it for breakfast, lunch or dinner. They are patties made of white corn meal, cooked on a griddle and then filled with savory fillings. They can be grilled, fried or even boiled (boiled arepas are called ‘bolillos’). In Venezuela, the 24-hour ‘arepera’ is where you stop after going to the clubs/discos at 2 or 3 a.m. to eat arepas and drink fresh fruit juices.”

‘Bulletin: How has your heritage influenced your vision for the market and its menu?
Collins: “Growing up in Venezuela, we had probably three to four major supermarket chains, but there is a small market (abastos or bodegas) in each neighborhood, where you can find your pantry staples, fruits and vegetables. There are also the panaderias (bakeries), where you find fresh bread, pastries, dairy, cheese, etc. As a kid, your mom sent you to the bodega to pick up something to prepare a meal. We wanted that. We wanted to be an integral part of the community.”

‘Bulletin: Is Pittsburgh becoming more welcoming to Spanish-speaking residents like you and your sister?
Collins: “I came to Pittsburgh 13 years ago and I can tell you that Pittsburgh has always been welcoming to immigrants. It is way more diverse now than 13 years ago and there are more Spanish-speaking individuals these days; I love this city and its people!”

‘Bulletin: Are there any upcoming market promotions or seasonal specials that Bulletin readers should know about?
Collins: “We will keep on having arepas (every other Thursday) and introducing different fillings. We will have Brunch once a month, and we are thinking of introducing ‘ready to-go’ meals on weeknights, so people can skip making dinner one night per week. If you follow us on social media, you will hear about any specials or events coming up.”

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‘As it Stands’: Historic B’Nai Israel building’s future remains uncertain

By John Kohl Bulletin contributor

BELOW: Built in 1923, the building at 327 Negley Ave. that once served the B’Nai Israel congregation has remained vacant since 2016. Its curved exterior and impressive brickwork still mesmerizes architectural enthusiasts like Bulletin contributor John Kohl (bottom left), who marvels at its scale as he takes notes. Photo by Andrew McKean.

East Liberty - Architects often think long and hard about the fundamentals of perception, problem, and statement - a lexicon familiar to many graduate students. But they can almost never predict just how their work will function 100 years down the road.

Almost a full century after its construction, the B’Nai Israel synagogue building still cuts a considerable figure at 327 Negley Ave., yet it awaits an uncertain future. Constructed between 1921 and 1923, the building was designed by local architect Henry Hornbostel to serve the growing Jewish community in the city’s East End.

The building housed the B’Nai Israel congregation until 1996, and most recently served as the home of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School, which vacated the site in 2016. Since then, local developer Walout Capital has obtained control of the site as it attempts to finance the potential construction of 48 rental housing units in the historic building. Last year, Catalyst Academy also made a proposal to use the site as a K-8 charter school.

Perched atop a three-acre site, the building continues to intrigue the casual passerby with its functional, albeit timeless design. In understanding just how different life was back when Hornbostel first endeavored to create the synagogue, one must consider that prohibition was still in effect and the American public still had no conception of a Thanksgiving Day celebration.

An impressive display of Greek Byzantine architecture, the Negley Ave. building was created from two smaller, “pendentive” structures - each built upon one another - to culminate in a central “eyelid” feature.

Hornbostel designed a wooden arch to define the synagogue’s main room, known as the “Ark of the Tabernacle.” Nearly a century later, one can still feel the impact of building materials; the subtle brick against Grecian tile-type mesmerizes from a structure seemingly built of the hill.

Although it was recognized as a historic landmark by the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation in 1979, the building - which is still owned by the Urban League - is not protected by any historic designation from the City. Therefore, despite any good intentions, a developer that purchases the property can make alterations to the building’s exterior and change its character without any concern for its historical legacy.

As it stands right now, the building still exudes beauty and promise. One can only hope that, as sacred East End buildings like Albright Church are about to be demolished, the B’Nai Israel building can remain intact and be utilized in a creative way for years to come.
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New business district coordinator to cultivate ‘sustainability’ in Bloomfield

By Christina Howell  Bloomfield Development Corporation

Bloomfield – The concept of “sustainability” is a buzz term thrown around everywhere these days but, for restaurants, it means serious business.

According to Sustainable Pittsburgh, the term applies to restaurants with proper portion sizes, environmentally friendly practices, and a commitment to fair wages and local sourcing. The organization uses a 149-question assessment to determine a restaurant’s level of sustainability, and then promotes those restaurants to help encourage patrons’ choice of a sustainable dinner.

Of the more than 100 restaurants listed by Sustainable Pittsburgh, none are located in Bloomfield. In an effort to remedy this, Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC) is partnering with Sustainable Restaurants to bring some local flavor to the list.

For the next ten months, BDC staff will work with local restaurants to help them get certified and, once certified, award a total of $12,000 in grants to help the restaurants enhance their sustainability practices.

Leading the effort will be Sam Spearling, BDC’s new Business District Coordinator. Spearling comes to BDC as a PULSE fellow, through a program that cultivates a community of young servant leaders to transform Pittsburgh.

A recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Spearling worked in local politics before entering the PULSE program. During his term of service at BDC, Spearling is working to connect small businesses with resources, other businesses, and new customers - with an additional focus on filling vacant storefronts.

BDC’s business district program underwent a transformation this year. By intensely surveying 117 businesses over five months, BDC received a clear mandate from small business owners on where and how to focus its work.

Sustainable Restaurants and the grant program it offers is one of a number of initiatives that BDC will undertake over the next year to support Bloomfield businesses. To learn about becoming a Sustainable Restaurant, contact BDC at 412-681-8800.

Friendship composer makes his mark

By Nina Gibbs  Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

‘Friendship’ - In 2007, award-winning composer Federico García-De Castro co-founded “Alia Musica Pittsburgh.” Since then, the Friendship resident has produced and conducted ten seasons of music by living composers and classics of modern music, as well as the 2014 and 2016 editions of the Pittsburgh Festival of New Music (PFNM).

This September, Alia Musica will present the third edition of PFNM; local, national, and international new music artists share bills and stages in a month-long celebration of modern chamber music. In collaboration with the Pittsburgh Opera - and with support from The Heinz Endowments, PCN Charitable Trust Fund, The Opportunity Fund, and the Fine Foundation – the PFNM is tailor-made for local music lovers.

García-De Castro has lived on and around Penn Ave. since 2010. Born and raised in Colombia, he came to Pittsburgh in 2001 for graduate studies in composition at the University of Pittsburgh.

“I feel that [the East End] is my kind of community, more than other places in Pittsburgh. For several years, I taught at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, where I created a children’s orchestra and ran it from 2009 to 2014 - one of the experiences I’m most proud of,” the composer said. “So, the Penn Ave. corridor, from about Pearl St. to Negley Ave., has been central to my life, especially to my life as a professional.”

Centered at the Pittsburgh Opera’s headquarters in the Strip district, PFNM will feature events at Aftershock Theater (115 57th St.) and pop-up performances throughout the city, including a pop-up during the Unblurred festivities on [First] Friday, Sept. 7. To learn more about the festival, visit www.pghnewmusic.com."
LOCAL REAL ESTATE BLOTTER

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

Real Estate Sales (for the month of July 2018)

Compiled by Lillian Denhardt, Howard Hanna Real Estate

Bloomfield
Alberta M. Rogers to Beau Tessa LLC at 5217 Celia Pl. for $296,000.
Angela D. Jasper to Kris L. & Marcia D. Billingsley at 345 Eula St. for $175,000.
Craig Fleishuaser to Justin Stayrook at 4781 1/2 Yew St. for $215,000.
Debra A. Turek to Anthony G. Vaccaro at 4419 Milgate St. for $210,000.
Elizabeth D. Deilingler to Michael & Carlene Halmo at 6621 Torley St. for $340,500.
Collinger Inc. to MLS Properties at 237 Cedarville St. for $297,000.
John Felix Lusi to Cedarville Street Land Trust at 427 Cedarville St. for $140,000.
John Jack Samuels to Joshua Rolan at 313 1/2 Eula St. for $139,900.
Joseph S. Annegar to Alistair Gorst at 431 Taylor St. for $205,000.
Katherine A. Hansen to Alexander P. Lake at 4214 Milgate St. for $220,000.
Lei Jin to Wei Clark at 225 Morewood Ave. for $320,000.
Park Tree Properties 17 LLC to Hannah Frances Cranville at 323 West Penn Pl. for $239,000.
Plan B Real Estate LLC to Bloommer LLC at 4725 Lorigan St. for $164,913.

Lawrenceville
3811 Associates to Kalal Holdings LLC at 3511 Butler St. for $650,000.
5267 Holmes St Unit 102 to Kara S. Mcclain at 5267 Holmes St. Unit 102 for $355,000.
5257 Holmes St Unit 104 to Karen B. Chaminas at 5267 Holmes St. Unit 104 for $347,500.
5285 Holmes St to Sara E. Ladley at 5285 Holmes St. for $409,000.
Alexander E. & Molly E. Deuson to Christina Marie Caruso at 3709 Penn Ave. for $312,500.
Bernard & Patricia Nolan to TB Property Holdings LLC at 176 39th St. for $224,000.
Burgh Brothers LLC to Melissa A. Pearlman at 5240 Lotus Way for $400,000.
Cathedral Property Group LLC to Anna Burnette Adams-Sarbhoo at 4749 Butler St. for $409,000.
Chuck & Sons LLC to Allison M. Remo at 5158 Keystone St. for $450,000.
Cynthia McGlinen to Ari Enterprises LLC at 147 43rd St. for $35,000.
Daniel R. & Donna Ricca Drischler to Andrew Peter Underhill Funk at 9238 Bissell Way for $135,000.
Deanna & Steven Jones to Kathleen & Ryan Gagnail at 4118 Foster St. for $290,000.
Debra Lamin to Hilary E. Bastin at 227 45th St. for $258,347.
Don Raymond Marchione to JBK Properties LLC at 4623 Bancroft St. for $90,000.
Eugene Palermo Supplemental Needs Trust to Wylie Holdings LLC at 6328 Butler St. for $200,000.
Gregory Mcdonald to Daniel J. Kessler Jr. at 305 46th St. for $277,000.
Jessica L. Gelber to Benjamin M. Hunt at 244 Fisk St. for $453,500.
John W. Schmidt Jr. to Steel Town Properties M3 LLC at 226 38th St. for $51,000.
Joseph M. Lapinski to Nichelle R. Hughley at 229 44th St. for $215,000.
Lawrenceville Properties LLC to Joseph Cardosi at 3644 Penn Ave. Unit 101 for $25,000.
Lillian D. & Mary Frances Spehar to Kevin & Erin Johnson at 5223 Lotus Way for $220,000.
Lisa M. Paukolic to 2017Wry-08 LLC at 258 45th St. for $387,000.
Richard F. & Margaret M. Flot Irbacher to Pittsburgh Residential Solutions LLC at 293 Fisk St. for $259,000.
Richard F. Jr Begenwald to Wylie Holdings L.P. at 6300, 6304, 6306, 6308, 6310, 6320 Lotus St. for $155,000.
Robin Berman to Duncan A. Campbell at 5137 Keystone St. for $278,000.
Ryan Thomas Cypher to James Jacob Strong at 148 Almond Way for $285,000.
Schober LLC to Three Rivers LP at 1705 Holmes St. for $119,900.
Stella Trading LLC to Allison L. Quinn at 184 4th St. for $229,800.
Stephen J. Gross to Schoolhouse Lane Partners LLC at 143 Home St. for $135,000.
William M. & Patricia L. Jones Goetsch to Brightminds Properties LLC at 5121 Carnegie St. for $155,000.
William M. & Patricia L. Jones Goetsch to Brightminds Properties LLC at 5119 Carnegie St. for $265,000.
William M. & Patricia L. Jones Goetsch to Brightminds Properties LLC at 5139 Carnegie St. for $225,000.
Zachary H. Morgan to MRA Global Solutions LLC at 4839 Butler St. for $475,000.

Stanton Heights
Bethany Community to Jared Frank & Heather Daney Lanza at 1004 Ogletorpe Ave. for $196,400.
Charles & Mary Alice Kennedy to James Kelly at 6923 Greenwood St. for $176,000.
Dorit L. Shaulis to Christopher M. Vaynans at 947 Millendale St. for $67,000.
Edward R. & Mona L. Wicker to Fubagold Investment Group LLC at 6620 Greenwood St. for $212,000.
Mary Grace Aulicino to Alexandrea O. Korshin at 1707 Trinity St. for $180,000.
Nancy L. & Maxwell Addy-Baddoo to Sheldon L. Stewart at 11 Fairfield Ct. for $218,000.
Paige Beauchemin to Katherine A. Sipos at 4407 Stanton Ave. for $194,500.

For questions, comments, or just to chat about real estate in our neighborhoods, feel free to email Lillian at agent.lillian.pgh@gmail.com or call 412-335-6068.
PWSA Rate Increase Public Input Hearing

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) will hold public hearings to gather input on the rate increase requests filed by the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA). The PWSA requests propose a $27 million per year (17.1% percent) increase in operating revenues. All are welcome to attend the Sept. 5 input hearing at 7 p.m. at the Kingsley Assoc. Community Center (6435 Frankstown Ave.). Public testimony will be part of the record on which the PUC will issue its final decision. Visit www.puc.pa.gov to learn more.

SEPTEMBER 7 - FRIDAY

East Liberty
Family Playshop @ CLP

Come to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s East Liberty location (130 S Whittred St.) 10:30 AM. Laugh, play, discover and explore. Spend time together, make friends, use toys to learn about the world and talk one-on-one with child development specialists. For children (birth to age 3) with a parent or caregiver.

SEPTEMBER 12 - WEDNESDAY

Stanton Heights
SHNA Community Meeting Potluck

The Stanton Heights Neighborhood Association (SHNA) will hold its September community meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Sunnyside School at 6:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly event; pizza will be provided, as well as free child care.

SEPTEMBER 17 - MONDAY

Friendship
‘Haiku al fresco’

Release your inner poet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Baum Grove (400 Roup Ave.). The ancient Japanese art of Haiku captures the essence of any topic—from nature and memories to dreams and goals—in a mere 17 syllables. Hosted by the Haiku Ninja, this event is free; donations will be accepted for the upkeep of Baum Grove. Bring a chair, pen + paper, and a snack to share.

SEPTEMBER 19 - WEDNESDAY

Garfield Land Trust Committee Meeting

The Garfield Land Trust will hold a committee meeting at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave at Dearborn St.) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Contact 412-345-3831 or email GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com with any questions. Visit http://garfieldlandtrust.org/membership to become a member.

SEPTEMBER 22 - SATURDAY

Downtown
Citizen’s & Student’s Police Academies

The Citizen’s Police Academy, for individuals 18 years of age and older, will be held weekly beginning Thursday, Sept. 6. The Student Police Academy, for youths in grades 9 through 12, will also be held weekly beginning Wednesday, Oct. 10. All classes are held Downtown; they will begin at 6 p.m. at Point Park University. For more info, contact Sgt. Eric Kroll of the PCHI Bureau of Police (412-323-7869 ext. 209), eric.kroll@pghpolice.gov.

above: Celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7, Garfield residents joined volunteers, neighborhood advocates, and community servants in an impromptu line dance called the “Capul Shuffle.” Photo by Andrew McKeon.
Volunteer Opportunities

Garfield
GJA Fall Festival
Please join Garfield Jubilee Association (GJA) on Saturday, Sept. 22, for the neighborhood’s annual Fall Festival. Bring the family to 5323 Penn Ave. (rear entrance of the St. Maria Goretti church) for an afternoon of fun games and music from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by Federal Home Loan Bank and GJA, the festival will also feature “World of Animals,” a talent show, free food, and line dancing. All are welcome; feel free to donate a canned good. Interested vendors may contact GJA at 412-665-5200.

Eddie Watkins Concert
Come to the Unity Center of Pittsburgh (5343 Kincaid St.) to enjoy a performance by Eddie Watkins, a very accomplished recording artist. Watkins has recorded with Motown legends Diana Ross and The Temptations, jazz legends Quincy Jones and Herbie Hancock, and rock legends Peter Frampton and Santana. His inspiring songs include “What Would Love Do Now” and “Making All Things New.” Tickets ($20 in advance and $25 at the door) are available at www.Unity-CenterofPittsburgh.org.

SEPTEMBER 23 - SUNDAY

Friendship
Annual House Tour
The 2018 Friendship House Tour is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come explore the unique architecture of this small East End neighborhood, meet the homeowners, and learn more about the building structure from local docents and historians. Advance tickets cost $20 each; day-of-event tickets are $25 a piece.

SEPTEMBER 29 - SATURDAY

Lawrenceville
Artists + Farmers Market
Lawrenceville Farmers’ Market is currently accepting artist applications for the inaugural Artists + Farmers Market, which is scheduled for Sept. 29, from 1-4 p.m. in Arsenal Park. This extended market will feature 40+ artists and makers from across the region. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to apply; email Market@U.United.org.

City-wide
Girls’ Lacrosse Camp
EILax is a nonprofit organization offering playing opportunities for youth players. Summer Camp will be offered to girls entering 3-9th grades. Fall programming is for boys/girls 4-14 years old. No experience is required. Discounted family rates and loaner equipment are available. Check out our website (http://eastendlacrosse.com) and join our email list.

Cub Scouting
Cub Scout Pack 343 is looking for new Cub Scouts to join us for the fall. Cub Scouting is a year-round, family-oriented part of the BSA designed for children who are in first through fifth grades (or are 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Pack 343 meets weekly again in September. See us at the Reservoir of Jazz on Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. We will hold fall sign-up night on Sept. 5. Please contact Rudy at 412-414-6189 with any questions.

Dental Research Study
The University of Pittsburgh is recruiting African American mothers who have been pregnant for up to 29 weeks, planning to follow them with visits and phone calls through their baby’s 2nd birthday. Participants will be compensated for time and travel for each visit (6 total visits over 2 years), and can earn up to $3,000 if they complete each part of the study. A dental screening is provided during each visit for both mom and baby. No dental procedures are performed, but notifications and referrals are provided. To learn more, email tm065@pitt.edu or visit www.dental.pitt.edu/oral-health-studies.

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‘Fresh Fest’ elevates local taste-makers

By Joseph Mason Bulletin contributor

North Side - On Saturday, Aug. 11, “Fresh Fest” kicked off its inaugural event at Nova Place. Created by The Drinking Partners and Black Brew Culture, Fresh Fest was Pittsburgh’s first African-American beer festival.

The event featured African-American brewers from around the country, as well as local breweries who were paired with various artists and entrepreneurs. These pairings resulted in more than 15 custom beers crafted for the event.

One such collaboration was between Garfield’s BOOM Concepts and Hitchhiker Brewery, who developed a handcrafted beer called “BOOM Shandy” Brewed with wheat and conditioned with blackberries and lemons, it is currently on tap at Sharpsburg Brewery.

Another fruitful pairing was local hip hop artist Dr. HollyHood and Butler Brew Works; they developed “Ice Cream & Moscato,” made with Muscat grapes, lactose, and vanilla, boasting a 9.35% ABV. This golden ale is currently available at Butler Brew Works and will make a special appearance at Mixtape (4907 Penn Ave.).

Alongside the collaborative beers, Fresh Fest hosted a number of food trucks and also featured musical artists from the Pittsburgh area such as Clara Kent, Jonny Good, and Byron Nash. Garnering national attention, the festival drew over 1,200 people, visiting each station to sample the beers that were on tap. Day Bracey, Ed Bailey, and Mike Potter, the founders of Fresh Fest are already talking about next year’s event.

More information can be found at www.freshfestbeerfest.com.

Garbage Olympics’ cleanup competition

On Saturday, Sept. 22, the Garfield neighborhood will participate in a city-wide cleanup competition known as the “Garbage Olympics.” Training to compete against other city neighborhoods - to see who can pick up the most litter from 9 to 11 a.m. - the Garfield Team is now seeking volunteers.

At 9 a.m., volunteers will meet up at the corner of N. Alken Ave. & Hillcrest St. to help clean up the streets. This is an all-ages, rain-or-shine event. Please let Renee know that you plan to volunteer as an Olympian; email ReneeL10@hotmail.com.

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Zion’s 150th History Event

September 15, 2018 - 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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1 p.m. - Lawrenceville’s own Jim Wudarczyk will address the topic of “German Ethnicity and the Lawrenceville Experience.” The talk will demonstrate how the Germans’ quest to maintain their European roots led to the rise of several religious and cultural organizations. It will also show how the areas around 37th Street became one of several German enclaves in the City of Pittsburgh.

2 p.m. - Journey to the past with The Pittsburgh Historical Music Society Orchestra recreating concerts and experiences from colonial times through the Civil War. Lively and engaging performances include the music of gentile society as well as popular songs of the time.

3 p.m. - Dan Simkins, Avonworth Historical Society Board member, will give a full uniform lecture on the life of a doughboy, a WWI soldier.

12:30-2 and 3-4 p.m. - Zion’s church historian Rebekah Johnston will provide 15 minute docent tours of the church building.