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Garfield advocacy group wants proof that landslide not caused by demolition

By Diana Nelson Jones

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Garfield - The Bloomfield Garfield Corp. [BGC] has asked the city for details of the demolition last year of a home on Broad St. in Garfield that stood in the middle of four others that were condemned after a landslide Feb. 20.

"It's fairly clear the landslide started on the vacant lot" where the house once stood, said Rick Swartz, BGC executive director. "In the process of taking down the house, a double garage at the rear was also removed. We are not sure if demolition of the garage was part of the [demolition] contract."

Mr. Swartz said his organization has hired a geotechnical engineer and will try to determine whether the removal of the garage was a contributing factor to the recent landslide.

The Pittsburgh Housing Authority also is conducting a geotechnical analysis because it owns part of the hillside that

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"Penn Plaza Matters": neighbors rally for East Liberty residents displaced by developers

By Jason Vrabel *Bulletin contributor*



ABOVE: Former Penn Plaza resident Randall Taylor (right, holding microphone) speaks to local community members at a Mar. 19 rally in East Liberty. Taylor and other members of the Penn Plaza Support & Action Coalition voiced concerns about the redevelopment plans for the gateway site at Penn & Negley Aves. Read more below. Photo by Jason Vrabel.

East Liberty - More than a year after the city's Planning Commission unanimously denied a redevelopment proposal for the former Penn Plaza apartment site, the public got its first full look at a revised plan during a public meeting at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on March 21 [Read accompa-

nying article, "Plans for Penn Plaza debated at contentious community meeting," on page 5].

A 2017 Consent Order between the City, developer, and other entities officially put to rest a number of legal disputes between them, and established conditions to guide the redevelopment.

But critics of the Order raise the issue that the revised plan leaves many social and economic concerns unresolved.

Pennley Park South, a subsidiary of LG Realty Advisors, the owner of the property, is the developer for the project. Envisioned in their revised pro-

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ABOVE: Volunteers, nonprofit workers, and area residents up-cycle their way through "ReUseFest 2017." This year, the drop-off recycling event will be held in Lawrenceville on Saturday, Apr. 12. Photo courtesy of Lynne Glover.

"ReUseFest" rethinks nonprofit donations

By Lynne Glover *Bulletin contributor*

Lawrenceville - On Saturday, Apr. 21, local residents and nonprofit organizations will welcome Earth Day weekend with "ReUseFest 2018," a one-day drop-off event held at 55th and Harrison Sts. Open to the public (in the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC parking lot) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the recycling party aims to divert materials away from local landfills and towards potential reuse by Pittsburgh nonprofits.

The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), an environmental organization that has hosted the event for the last six years, plans to incorporate a broader variety of programming for the seventh installment.

"This year, ReUseFest will have more of a festival atmosphere," Sarah Alessio Shea,

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CORRECTION: The Women & Biking Forum is actually on Saturday, Apr. 7. This is not an April Fool's joke.

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collapsed and the Fairmont Apartments at the bottom of the hill. Debris from the slide has resulted in the closing of the Fairmont's parking lot.

The Garfield homes were among eleven affected by landslides throughout the city after heavy rains in February, including six in Spring Hill. A home in Duquesne Heights was destroyed.

National Weather Service meteorologist Lee Hendricks said February's 7.04 inches of rain was 4.65 inches above normal for the month. It topped a 1887 record of 6.52 inches.

Two of the Broad St. families are in shelters. The other two - Frank and Sherrie Wadley and Charlie and Shirley McKinney and Charles McKinney Sr. - are staying with relatives.

"It's by our blood, sweat and tears that we are under these roofs," Mr. Wadley said recently of their homes. "It's our duty to ourselves to protect them."

They said their homes show no ill effects from the landslide. They also said the housing authority has been quick to respond and has met with them to discuss rebuilding a retaining wall. Housing authority officials could not be reached for comment.

Mr. Wadley and Mr. McKinney spent their teenage years in the houses they live in, separated by a sloping driveway where Mr. McKinney parks his truck.

On Feb. 20, Mr. McKinney came home from work and found his truck on a tilt at the end of the driveway. There,

he discovered the back third of the yard had slipped, taking trees with it. A fence kept the truck from plunging into the Fairmont Apts. parking lot.

"I heard Charles yell to us," Ms. Wadley said. "At about 4:55, the lights flickered and went off. There was no warning." Sitting in the McKinnies' cold house one recent afternoon, Mr. Wadley said the families have stuck together: "We're besties."

The placards of condemnation have been disconcerting, they said. One day, their homes were the ones their parents owned, the ones they played in and returned to from high school, the ones they raised children in. And the next day, they were in the dark, surrounded by plastic sheeting, anxious that they might lose everything.

Insurance does not pay for damage caused by landslides, and the prospect of starting over is almost impossible to contemplate, Mr. Wadley said.

"I feel let down, but it's not just us, it's everywhere," Mr. McKinney said. "What are we paying [insurance] for? Every time you do something new to your home, they want to know so that can raise your [premium]."

"It's a tough spot for them and not one they created," said Mr. Swartz of the BGC. "This is something the average person never has to confront in their lifetime."

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Community members raise funds for homeowners displaced by Garfield landslide

By Nina Gibbs Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield – In the wake of a Feb. 20 landslide that occurred behind a group of homes in the 5400 block of Broad St., three families have been dealt a heavy blow by the city's Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (PLI). Citing safety precautions, PLI has condemned four houses on Broad, mandating that the homeowners find other places to live while officials evaluate the hillside's structural condition.

Two of the homeowners have suffered damage to their properties that nobody, including their insurance companies, is prepared to help them address. A third family - that was leasing one of the now-condemned houses - has managed to find temporary shelter, at least through Apr. 15. The fourth homeowner has not requested any help.

In an effort to help provide relief for these three families, the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) has created a relief fund and solicited local support through an online fundraiser; the organization will distribute \$2,000 to each family during the last week of March. As funds continue to be donated and cleared, they will be evenly distributed to the three families. As of press time, \$6,890 has been generated via online fundraising, mailed donations, and local community members' direct contributions.

In addition, on March 17, Friendship Perk 'n Brew (300 S. Pacific Ave.) hosted a day-long benefit to collect over \$3,000 in donations for the families. Organized by the eatery's owner, Nick Redondo, the special fundraising event featured silent auctions, live music, and a few special guests.

Craig Patrick, former general manager of the Pittsburgh Penguins and an assistant coach of the 1980 USA Hockey team that won the Olympic gold medal (see: "Miracle on Ice") wore his medal proudly throughout the benefit event. On top of the proceeds from all the sports memorabilia, Hollywood mementos, and local gift cards that were auctioned off, Redondo also donated 5% of Friendship Perk & Brew's March 17 sales to the BGC's landslide relief fund.

Since the BGC is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Code, and a registered charity with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any contribution made to the landslide relief fund will be fully deductible by the donor, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Donations by check or money order should be made payable to "BGC" for "Broad St. Landslide Homeowners" and mailed to the organization's offices at 5149 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Online donations are also being accepted through Crowdrise at www.tinyurl.com/GarfieldLandslide. ♦



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Hampton Inn plots move to Penn Ave.

By David Hogan Bloomfield Development



ABOVE: The Hampton Inn proposed for 4520 Penn Ave. will bring quite a different flavor to the business corridor. Graphic courtesy of Bloomfield Development.

Bloomfield - With new businesses and upcoming redevelopment projects cropping up along the corridor, the section of Penn Ave. near Children's Hospital is undergoing a period of transition. At the center of these changes is a new Hampton Inn scheduled for construction at 4520 Penn Ave.

The hotel developer, M.P. Kratsas, has been developing plans for the site for over a year. Back in 2016 and 2017, Bloomfield Development Corp., Lawrenceville United, Lawrenceville Corporation, and Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) convened three public meetings for Mr. Kratsas to present the project to the community.

After hearing from nearby residents, Bloomfield Development decided to support the project, albeit with eleven conditions. These conditions included complete on-site or designated off-site parking for the hotel, noise-shielding for rooftop air conditioning units, solid pedestrian infrastructure, and a public entrance. The City's Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the project in June of 2017, but included the community's conditions in the occupancy permit.

One of these conditions required the developer to meet with the community again in advance of their hearing

at the City's Contextual Design Advisory Panel (CDAP). Consequently, on Monday, February 19, Mr. Kratsas presented the hotel's design to thirty-three residents at the West Penn Hospital Nursing School Auditorium in Bloomfield. Attendees approved of the general design of the hotel and the developer's use of a variety of materials and parapets to break up the mass of the building.

Yet, many residents still had concerns over the building's impact on nearby homes - and wanted more information about Kratsas's plans for the hotel's sidewalk entrance, signage, landscaping & irrigation, and lighting. Community members also voiced opposition to the developer's use of stucco, as well as the new plans' absence of a café/retail space open to the public.

After this meeting, Bloomfield Development's Board of Directors sent a letter to CDAP outlining the community's general support for the urban design of the hotel, as opposed to the very suburban design requested by Hilton, the owner of the Hampton Inn franchise.

The developer will have its hearing with CDAP most likely in April.

While significant, the Hampton Inn at 4520 Penn will probably be just one of several changes in the corridor. A set of 5 parcels across from Allegheny Cemetery (4454-4564 Penn) is for sale, as well as a building at the corner of Penn and Friendship Avenues. On the business side, several businesses - Constellation Coffee, 4121 Main, Apteka, Tina's, and Songbird Artistry—have established themselves in the past few years. With Hough's Brewpub and Chantal's Cheese Shop soon to open, others will likely follow.

To stay abreast of developments in the Bloomfield area, please feel free to contact info@bloomfieldnow.org and ask to be added to the email list, or follow Bloomfield Development Corporation on Facebook. ♦

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ECS to meet with local parents on May 2

By Rick Swartz Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Garfield - Fulfilling a commitment to reach out to parents in Garfield and surrounding neighborhoods, Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) will meet on May 2 with parents interested in enrolling their children; the school will house grades six through nine, beginning in September of 2019. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave.) in Garfield.

Although the community has been focused on ECS re-opening the long-vacant Rogers School on Black St., officials from the school will also be sharing details about applications to their K-5 school in Regent Square. ECS's Jon McCann told BGC representatives in February that "nothing would make [him] happier" than to see a large contingent of students coming into ECS from neighborhoods north of Baum Blvd. and Penn Ave., as the latter cuts through Point Breeze.

To make room for new students, ECS is adding another class to each of the existing sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. A new ninth grade class will be formed at the same time, which is a first step in what McCann hopes will be the opening of still another school by ECS somewhere in the city by 2020. The meeting in May will go over the application process for parents, and then describe the lottery system that the school will use to select students for each grade. According to school officials, ECS already has a waiting list for the lower grades.

The Rogers School building, which Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) closed in 2009 after its final year as a middle school for the Creative and Performing Arts Academy (CAPA), will get a complete make-over. McCann said that the building itself will be reflective of "the school's mission and the environment we want to create for kids to learn." East End Development - which is handling the renovation of the building - is, according to McCann, currently in the process of purchasing the property from an entity associated with Steiner Development of Edgewood.

Steiner originally purchased the property from PPS in 2015, only to surprise many in the community last fall by abandoning plans to convert it into upscale apartments. East End Development will sell the completed building to ECS at some point in the next eighteen to twenty-four months, McCann stated. ♦

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Local high school students unveil ideas for Penn Plaza redevelopment

By Elizabeth Sensky *East Liberty Development, Inc.*

East Liberty - On February 13, local residents and affordable housing advocates joined representatives from Pennley Park South (the developer of the former Penn Plaza site) in examining the work of students from Shadyside's Winchester Thurston High School.

Addressing recent controversy about Penn Plaza's redevelopment, students enrolled in an Urban Research & Design course designed their own plans for the East Liberty site and presented them to the public at the Ace Hotel (120 S. Whitfield St.).

Adam Nye, director of the school's "City as Our Campus" program, explained how local headlines influenced the shape of the project. "Each year, we examine the news headlines to determine which development projects are currently happening in our city. We consider the developments that are not only currently happening, but are also having an impact on the neighborhood and would likely yield an interesting challenge for our students," he said. "The Penn Plaza location was selected because it's been such a hot topic for the community and is located in an area that's familiar to our students. It's in close proximity to our school, and to where many of the students live."

Throughout the course, students conducted site visits and interviews with relevant individuals and businesses in the area. They also heard from speakers from East Liberty Development, Inc., the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, LG Realty Advisors, and the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, and a Neighborhood Allies representative who is also a former Penn Plaza tenant and the president of the Penn Plaza Tenants Association.

BELOW: One student's proposal for a reimagined Penn Plaza involve green spaces, water features, solar panels, and recreational facilities. Photo by Jason Cohn.



The key, Nye pointed out, was offering a balanced perspective so that students could understand the many, often contradicting, sides to an issue like Penn Plaza and the complexity of community development.

Issues of gentrification were not shied away from, either, as students worked to understand long-term plans to provide affordable housing in the East Liberty neighborhood. According to Dr. Michael Naragon, Winchester Thurston's history & social studies department chair, and the instructor for the course, "every student presentation grappled with the issues associated with gentrification."

"Each group authored a collaborative essay in which the students had to sort through competing definitions of gentrification," he said. "Most presentations looked for ways to encourage economic development and transformation simultaneously."

The students' design proposals featured plans for affordable and mixed-income housing, community centers, small-business incubators, and facilities that could support services like child care and job training. While accounting for local retail space (shops, restaurants, grocery stores, etc.), the proposals also focused on safety and environmental concerns.

Since the assignment did not require students to submit revenue plans, they were free to create without any budget in mind. The real-life plans that Pennley Park South has in store for the Penn Plaza site influenced some of the students' proposals, as well; Nye said that many included grocery stores in their designs.

During presentations at the Ace Hotel, the activists and developers fully engaged the students, interrogating their work and, as the day unfolded, each other.

"From an instructor's point of view, the day could not have been more successful. Students raised their voices, and the quality of their work sparked significant and healthy debate," Naragon said. "In the final analysis, this entire process forced students not only to imagine the world as it ought to be, but also to grapple with the very difficult process of how best to work towards that end."

For more information about the students' proposals, visit www.winchesterthurston.org or www.cityasourcampus.org. ♦



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posals is a mix of high end office and retail space for the site that previously provided several hundred units of affordable housing.

According to documents furnished by the property owner, the estimated \$150 million project will improve the urban realm, enhance Enright Parklet, provide a range of job opportunities, and reaffirm a “commitment to East Liberty and Fair and Affordable Housing.”

In February of 2017, a lack of community engagement was cited by the Planning Commission as a primary reason for denying the plan. The Consent Order sought to correct this, but stated that the first of two public meetings must be scheduled within ten days of a “determination of completeness” by the City’s planning department.

The meeting was announced on March 14, giving everyone less than a week to review Pennley Park South’s 84-page plan. This slim timeline actually emboldened the advocacy group, Penn Plaza Support & Action Coalition (PPSA), which encouraged its members to attend. In a written statement, PPSA deemed the rushed timetable “a violation of democratic public process.” Still, the organization managed to attract over 200 attendees to the March 21 meeting.

“LG Realty and the City have refused to engage the real community,” former Penn Plaza resident and PPSA member, Randall Taylor, said following a March 19 press conference in front of the empty Penn Plaza site. “The more you involve the community and former residents, the more opportunities you have to make sure that days like this don’t happen.”

PPSA objects to other aspects of the order, including tax incentives for high-end development in the rapidly gentrifying East Liberty neighborhood.

The site is within a Transit Revitalization Investment District (TRID) that will reduce Pennley Park South’s future tax obligations. As part of its settlement with the City, the developer agreed to use 50% of the tax break for infrastructure investments like new sidewalks & sewer lines. The remaining 50% will help fund improvements to Enright Park and the creation of a local housing fund.

According to the developer’s plan, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh has estimated that “Pennley Park South’s total pledge, upon completion of all phases of the Development, will amount to approximately \$6 million of direct investment towards Enright Park and the [housing fund].”

Specifically, the plan states that the

funds will “provide amenities such as (a) accessible roads and sidewalks, (b) bicycle enhancements, (c) community and recreational spaces; and most significantly (d) GAP Funding for Affordable Housing.”

The Order states that no housing will be built on site, and that replacement housing will be built “within one mile” of the intersection of Penn and Negley Aves. PPSA members argue that this distance will place people too far from job opportunities, public transportation hubs, and supermarkets.

The housing fund will target those earning 60-80% of the area median income (\$817-\$1,090 for a one-bedroom unit), which PPSA has stated will be far out of reach for low-income renters.

As Alethea “Lee” Sims, president of the Coalition of Organized Residents and another former Penn Plaza resident, said at PPSA’s press conference, “We need housing more than office. We need housing more than stores. We need places for people to live.”

PPSA members say that the Order was “negotiated behind closed doors” and, that by not including any representation for displaced residents, it sets a “dangerous precedent” for the city.

“It is okay for you to destroy a neighborhood’s affordable housing and create plans behind the community’s back,” PPSA member Dan Yablonsky said facetiously. “In fact, we will give you huge tax breaks - as long as you promise that, down the line, you use a portion of that tax break to fund housing in a different neighborhood, at costs that displaced residents can no longer afford,” he continued. “Pittsburgh deserves more.”

The group will use the Planning Commission Hearings to illuminate other aspects of the project that they deem unacceptable. The allocation of the housing funds will be determined by a “Housing Committee,” represented by the City and four community groups. PPSA sees this as part of an ongoing exclusion of former tenants, and has demanded that the committee add representation for displaced residents.

However, Taylor said that the future elements of the plan are not his primary concern right now. “We intend to stop their plan, so that stops all of that. I think we’re going to stop this plan.”

As per the Order, “All parties shall respond to issues raised [in] the first meeting at the second meeting.” On Monday, Apr. 16, the second community meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (250 N. Highland Ave.); it is open to the public. ♦



ABOVE: Jerry Murry (foreground) joins fellow supporters at a March 19 rally organized by the Penn Plaza Support & Action Coalition. Photo by Jason Vrael.

Plans for Penn Plaza debated at contentious community meeting

By Joe Reuben *Bulletin contributor*

East Liberty - Over 200 people crowded into an auditorium at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on March 21 to hear details about a plan to build a new retail-office complex at the site of the now-demolished Penn Plaza Apartments.

LG Realty Advisors, the project’s developers, presented their completed “Pennley Park South” plan to the public. Judging by the reception their plan drew that night, it appears that they - along with the city and a broad swath of community members - are on a collision course for what is shaping up to be a heated debate before City Council, as early as mid-summer.

The meeting, hosted by the Dept. of City Planning, was billed as an opportunity for the public to learn more about a sprawling commercial development that would eventually span an entire city block from S. Euclid Ave. on the east to S. Negley Ave. on the west. A number of retail and office buildings would dot the site, ranging in height from two stories to as high as six stories.

Two new streets would be built (one off of Penn Ave. and the other off of S. Negley Ave.), to take vehicle traffic into the heart of the development. Also, Enright Park (or “parklet” as it is known), an existing 2.2 acre city park, would be reconfigured and restored.

While few specifics were shared as to what kind of stores or tenants would ultimately occupy the Pennley Park South development, what became clear to the audience was that there will be no housing of any type built at the site to replace the 300 units that were demolished by LG Realty Advisors in 2016 and 2017. This piece of information drew angry reactions from the twenty-odd speakers who addressed the city and the developers for an hour after a thirty-minute presentation on the development by the architects for LG Realty.

The criticisms voiced by audience members that evening centered around the following contentions: 1) A plan to build “affordable” housing elsewhere in East Liberty to compensate for what was lost at Penn Plaza may never end up serving those who were displaced from the half-century old apartment complex that was razed. Instead, critics say, it will likely go to individuals whose incomes are able to cover what might well be a \$900 to \$1200 monthly rent payment for a one or two-bedroom apartment. This, many housing activists claim, is the new “affordability index” for the East End, when compared to new market-rate units in the East End renting from \$1400 to \$2100 per month. 2) The city government has stood by and watched as low-income residents are uprooted from neighborhoods across the city in the name of progress and revitalization. By the account of one critic, the city has lost 25,000 African-American residents since the year 2000. The Pennley Park South development is another step in what he said has been an on-going wave. 3) Projects like Pennley Park South development are not deserving of public subsidies. For a number of opponents who spoke that night, despite LG Realty’s commitment to redirect tax monies back into public improvements and affordable housing, they see the gesture as “too little, too late.”

When given an opportunity to respond to the speakers’ questions and criticisms, Jonathan Kamin, the attorney for LG Realty Advisors, instead directed his attention to the plan’s elements that will be the focus of a review by the Planning Commission - starting with a 2 p.m. hearing on Apr. 3, downtown at 200 Ross St.

Because the site was re-zoned by City Council in 2016 for the type of large-scale commercial development proposed by his client, Kamin evidently intends for the site plan, even minus housing of any kind, to pass muster as is. The commission must then decide whether to recommend it to City Council for final approval. ♦

Engineers survey Garfield hillside in wake of Broad St. landslide

BELOW: Contractors hired by Gateway Engineers conduct test borings of soil behind one of the Garfield homes affected by the Feb. 20 landslide. Photo by Rick Swartz.



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"Neighborhood Conservation Districts": city eyes candidates for working group

A Message from the City of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh - The City is seeking applicants to participate in a working group to establish the framework for the "Neighborhood Conservation District" (NCD) zoning overlay.

This process is to develop the tool that will be available for neighborhoods, not to identify the specific neighborhoods where it could be applied; it is intended that neighborhoods will determine potential locations through their own planning efforts.

NCDs are a zoning overlay tool intended to protect a neighborhood's character by considering the relationship between place and architecture and community.

The City of Pittsburgh's "Cultural Heritage Plan" called for study to determine the feasibility of adding "Conservation Overlay Districts" as part of the zoning code. Subsequently, City Council passed legislation that supports the possible development of conservation districts and backs the adoption of legislation that will allow for the establishment of these districts.

This led to work initiated by the Dept. of City Planning, with Winter & Co. studying the application of conservation districts.

The NCD working group will take that work and define how neighborhood conservation districts can be applied in Pittsburgh, developing guidelines that will delineate eligibility for future overlay candidates. NCDs will be used to conserve and enhance significant areas within a community, beyond what is specified in the existing zoning code in Pittsburgh.

The NCD policy requires a broad consensus among experts in urban design, architecture, planning, and culture with a strong knowledge of city neighborhoods. Applicants for the NCD working group should have architectural experience and expertise discipline with strong, diverse urban design aesthetics and experience.

The group also welcomes applicants with other backgrounds like urban sociology, community development, public art, and cultural & architectural history. Applicants should be willing to dedicate a minimum of four hours a month for a period of six months.

To learn more about NCDs and apply to the working group, visit <http://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/projects/ncd/index.html>. Email any application questions to felipe.palomo@pittsburghpa.gov. ♦

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Garfield Community Farm opens for season

By John Creasy Open Door Church

Op-Ed



AT LEFT: Garfield Community Farm welcomes local residents to get their hands dirty while learning about topics like solar energy. Photo by John Creasy.

Garfield - Located at the very top of the hill, just under the water tower, Garfield Community Farm is gearing up for its tenth consecutive growing season. We who work the farm know that it exists to serve the neighborhood with fresh fruits and veggies - and to teach about sustainability, health, and faith. If you've never been to the farm, there is a plethora of opportunities for you to check out this season.

On Earth Day, Sunday, Apr. 22, the Open Door Church will begin the morning with annual worship service at the farm; all are welcome to join from 10:10 to 11:30 a.m. Guided farm tours will follow, and a food truck will be on site - along with "Mobius," the mobile farmer's market, selling spring produce for your kitchen and plants for your home garden.

Every Thursday, from 5:30 p.m. to dusk, the farm is open to volunteers of all ages. If you want to get your hands dirty, give back a bit to your community, and learn more about urban farming, join us at the farm any Thursday evening.

On Sunday, May 20, we'll host our annual neighborhood cook-out from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Wicklow St., in the middle of the farm; any and all side-dishes and friends are welcome. Keep up to date on what's happening at the farm by following our facebook page (www.facebook.com/garfieldcommunityfarm) and checking the blog on our website (www.garfieldfarm.com). As we get the farm growing for its tenth season, we hope to see you plenty this spring and summer. ♦

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-Jennifer M. (39 years-old, Lawrenceville, PA)

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Neighborhood FOCUS

Residents detail textured history of Friendship

By Ellen DiBiase *Bulletin contributor*

Friendship - Once known as the “little Bohemia” of Pittsburgh, the neighborhood of Friendship has seen a dramatic transformation over the last thirty years, due in part to the efforts of a small group of determined neighbors.

Two long-time residents, Stefani Danes and Dr. Martha Terry, relayed the trials and triumphs of their involvement in the neighborhood’s evolution during a Mar. 6 lecture at Friendship Perk & Brew (300 S. Pacific Ave.). Danes and Dr. Terry have both lived in the neighborhood for more than two decades. An architect and urban designer, Danes has been teaching at Carnegie Mellon since 1979; Dr. Terry, who is trained as a cultural anthropologist, serves as the Director of a Masters in Public Health program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Not so long ago, Friendship, known for its large four-squares and late Victorian/Queen Anne architecture, was considered to be a “weak market” neighborhood. Only advertised to “long money” investors, the neighborhood was soon beset by a slew of “absentee landlord” rental properties that suffered from deterioration, and sometimes housed hot spots for drugs and prostitution.

Danes, who has worked on revitalization initiatives with more than thirty communities, described how - when faced with the threat of losing two of the neighborhood’s iconic houses in the late 1980s - a group of Friendship residents set up two distinct organizations. Friendship Preservation Group (FPG) and Friendship Development Associates (FDA) were both tasked with improving the quality of life and preserving the character of the neighborhood. While FPG was a general community advocacy group, FDA served as its nonprofit development arm.

One of the iconic houses threatened at the time was a badly burned house at the intersection of Friendship and Roup Aves. It was set to be demolished, but was saved and redeemed by a team of neighborhood architect/developer volunteers. The other at-risk property, at the intersection of Roup, Harriet, and Fairmont Aves., had been the site of a beautiful home that was razed by a car dealership to create a parking lot.

According to Dr. Terry, “the FDA intervened and bought the parcel for \$1, turning it into what is now known as ‘Baum Grove.’” This beloved green space plays host to parties, picnics, and annual community events like the Friendship Flower & Folk Festival.



ABOVE: Friendship residents (l-r) Aziza Shaaban, Dr. Martha Terry, and Diana Ames pose for a photo at Baum Grove, a public park and green space that they helped purchase decades ago. Photo courtesy of Ellen DiBiase.

BELOW: Stefani Danes (right) hosts a lecture and discussion about neighborhood history at Friendship Perk & Brew on Mar. 6. Photo by Ellen DiBiase.



While eventually collaborating with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and a more recent group, called “Baum-Centre Initiative,” to improve Friendship’s commercial edges, both Friendship groups maintained a priority to restore the neighborhood’s image as a great place to live. To encourage restoration efforts among both new and current neighbors, the FDA invested time in educating real estate agents on the potential value of the little-known East End neighborhood; they also began using grants and loans from the City to purchase and rehabilitate the most visibly blighted houses, the properties that were defining Friendship’s image to the outside world.

These efforts must have paid off because, in 2006, Pittsburgh Magazine identified Friendship as one of Pittsburgh’s “Ten Neighborhoods You Need to Know About.” More recently, in Pittsburgh’s 2017 market value analysis, Friendship was listed as one of the city’s most robust housing markets.

According to Danes, this listing reflects the high demand for housing in the area. As the neighborhood’s market has strengthened, the local community’s priorities have shifted from attracting residents and investment to preserving affordable housing and preventing displacement. Much like neighboring areas, domiciles in Friendship still maintain a high renter occupancy at an even 50% owner-to-renter rate.

Currently in her third year as president of the Friendship Community Group (FCG), a not-for-profit volunteer organization that now helms efforts once

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“The Friendship Development Associates intervened and bought the parcel for \$1, turning it into what’s now known as ‘Baum Grove.’”

– Dr. Martha Terry, Friendship Community Group

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pioneered by the FDA and FPG, Dr. Terry looks at change on the horizon and sees potential. “Maintaining a high level of community involvement and fostering even more inclusion are the biggest challenges,” she stated.

In growing a place that was once complacent with ongoing deterioration, the FCG hopes to keep its neighbors invested in their neighborhood by reaching out to new residents and orchestrating multiple community gatherings throughout the year.

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Lawrenceville United seeks local input on organization, neighborhood’s inclusivity

By Dave Breingan *Lawrenceville United*

Lawrenceville - As we at Lawrenceville United (LU) work with Just Collaboration, we are currently developing goals that hold us accountable to our values of diversity, inclusion, and equity.

In launching the first part of this multi-year effort, we are engaging our membership and the larger Lawrenceville community by collecting feedback through a survey. We invite Lawrenceville residents to complete the survey on our website (www.LUnited.org) or fill out a paper copy at our office (118 52nd St., Suite 2026).

Residents may also complete the survey at any of the following locations: 52nd Street Market, Lawrenceville Family Care Connection, Stephen Foster Community Center, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (Lawrenceville branch), the Tobacco and Beer Outlet, and the Lawrenceville Healthy Active Living Center. Our goal is to collect 1,000 responses by Apr. 12.

As an inclusive nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve and protect the quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents, LU must face the many ways that our city, our community, and our organization have failed to build opportunities for all.

While Lawrenceville receives national accolades as one of the “coolest neighborhoods in America” and a “poster child for urban renewal,” we acknowledge that many neighbors have not benefited from reinvestment in the neighborhood.

Many residents have been displaced, and this disproportionately affects local residents of color. We acknowledge the history of institutional racism within our country, and our community,

and its continued existence today.

We also recognize that Lawrenceville has been - and continues to be - a neighborhood whose residents’ diverse cultural, economic, and racial backgrounds are integral to our community; despite their contributions to the neighborhoods’ well-being, many contributors have still not received proper recognition from their fellow stakeholders.

We face the fact that our organization has not been adequately representative or inclusive of this diversity in its Board, staff, and membership, especially with regard to residents of color. We further acknowledge that, historically, LU has perpetuated racial disparities and discrimination.

Consistent with our organizational values, we commit to working intentionally to eliminate these disparities and actively build a more inclusive organization and neighborhood - one where all residents are welcome, valued, and enjoy access to opportunity.

We commit to beginning this work with a specific focus on racial inequity, for the reasons described above; we recognize that many different forms of discrimination affect Lawrenceville residents, and we approach this work as part of our larger commitment to remove barriers to opportunity in all forms. Over the next two years, we are undertaking a multi-year initiative to build a more diverse and inclusive organization.

We ask that you join us in this work, support us in these efforts, and continue to hold us accountable. Please feel free to contact us at 412-802-7220 or email Info@LUnited.org. ♦

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BELOW: The pop-up market was a hit at last year's "ReUseFest" and promises to offer a wide variety of vintage and salvaged goods. Photo courtesy of Lynne Glover.



Shea, PRC's Environmental Education Coordinator, noted. In addition to the drop-off recycling, she said, PRC will provide a multitude of fun activities – fit for people of all ages – under the umbrella of "reuse."

Participants are invited to shop at the "I Made It" mini-market and purchase reused goods, enjoy educational children's activities, and learn about environmentally conscious organizations in the area.

Alessio Shea said the drop-off initiative helps community members easily donate items that may otherwise end up in the trash. "ReUseFest helps connect these usable materials with great nonprofits in the area that can find ways to give these materials a second life, while benefiting those in need."

Residents are invited to drop off gently used items for donation, including: animal accessories to benefit Humane Animal Rescue; biking supplies to benefit Free Ride Pittsburgh; business casual shoes, jewelry, and purses to benefit Dress for Success Pittsburgh; furniture and bedding items for Off the Floor Pittsburgh; general household items to benefit Free Store Wilkinsburg, Catholic Charities, and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania; medi-

cal supplies to benefit Global Links and Brother's Brother Foundation; skateboarding supplies for Trash to Thrash; and usable building materials for Construction Junction.

For the Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse and its executive director, Ashley Andrews, this annual event provides an opportunity to take the "whole show on the road." The North Point Breeze-based nonprofit will collect reusable art supplies, sell up-cycled craft kits at the pop-up shop, and offer a hands-on activities table this year.

"What I really like about ReUseFest is that it embraces the idea of a circular economy," Andrews said of the event, which collected 967 pounds of donated material last year in the North Side.

Pledging to reduce and minimize their waste in partnership with ReuseFest, the Franktuary and Revival Chili food trucks will be on hand to make sure no attendees go hungry while they recycle.

"We want this to be a call-to-action for the public," Alessio Shea revealed. "It'll be wonderful for people to come and donate, and then enjoy the many fun activities in the festival portion – all while learning, too."

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Bloomfield Development issues statement on ShurSave redevelopment

A Message from Bloomfield Development

Bloomfield - Over 400 people attended a Jan. 29 community meeting on the future of the ShurSave site, many voicing their concerns to the developer, known only as "Milhaus," based out of Indianapolis. Upon reviewing the meeting notes - and fielding more than sixty calls and emails, along with numerous social media posts - Bloomfield Development Corporation has heard that the following four items are a requirement of any redevelopment of the ShurSave site:

1. Ground Floor Grocery Retail Space: A grocery store similar to the scale and lower price structure of Aldi, Trader Joe's, Kuhn's, or Lidl.

2. Mixed-Income Housing: A minimum of 15%, but a goal of 25%, truly affordable housing units to include a mix of 50-60% and 80% Area Median Income (AMI); affordability means less than one-third of income will be spent on housing.

3. Parking Infrastructure & Reduction Plan: Structured parking within the building, as well as a commitment that residents may not apply for the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program. The developer will support the expansion of parking enforcement hours surrounding the development. In addition, the developer, through architectural design and resident incentives, shall encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation to reduce the number of personal vehicle trips in and out of the development. Strategies include: offering building residents public transit subsidies, incentives for those residents who do not own a car, "bike-share" memberships, "car-share" memberships (like ZipCar), secured and covered bicycle parking, covered bus shelters, etc.

4. Bloomfield Bridge Intersection Investment Plan: Investing in resources and working with the city towards a holistic plan for the Bloomfield Bridge intersection, which will be heavily impacted by any development at the ShurSave site; this includes changes the developer is making or may anticipate in the future. Investment shall also include improvements for pedestrians and cyclists around the site, and throughout the intersection, to create a multi-modal development. These improvements include curb cuts/ramps, high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian-scaled lighting, street trees/plantings, etc.

Additionally, Bloomfield Development requires a signed, legally enforceable cooperation agreement outlining the above items, as well as others that the developer is willing to agree to, prior to the zoning hearing. Bloomfield Development remains committed to working towards the inclusion of the above-outlined components, which have been identified as critical through a public and transparent community process. Any updates on the ShurSave redevelopment will be made available at www.bloomfieldnow.org. ♦

Church celebrates 150 years of worship in Lawrenceville

By Shirley Freyer Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lawrenceville - The neighborhood's oldest existing church, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (237 37th St.) will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sunday, Apr. 22, with a 2:30 p.m. worship service.

Guest preacher Rev. Eugene Reddel will preach the message and Rev. Dr. Dan Hahn, the pastor at sister congregation St. John's Lutheran Church (in Millvale), will be the lector.

Both have served as guest preachers during the church's current vacancy. Two hymns, which were sung in German at the first anniversary celebration, will be performed as part of the service.

In 1868, Zion was named "Third German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Pittsburgh". A total of 3,069 baptisms, 756 marriages, 1,695 confirmations, and 1,498 funerals have since been conducted; until 1928, the church

conducted only German-language services. The congregation soon outgrew its small, wooden-frame church building and purchased an adjacent lot and house in Lawrenceville.

The current pipe organ was built for the church's sixtieth anniversary in 1928. Over the years, sixteen different pastors have been called to serve Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. Martin Hein served the longest tenure with a twenty-six year stay from 1880 until 1906.

The church organist, Ruth Molkenthin Miller, has been on the bench since 1975. According to Terry Miller, Zion's president, several congregants will be recognized on Sunday, Apr. 22. The oldest member who attends services is Robert Kuepper, age 92, of Hampton Twp.

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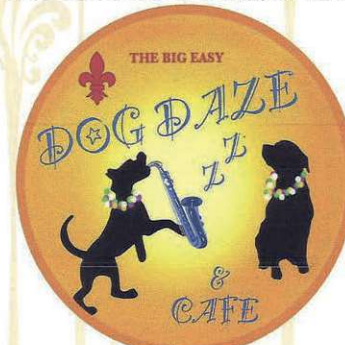
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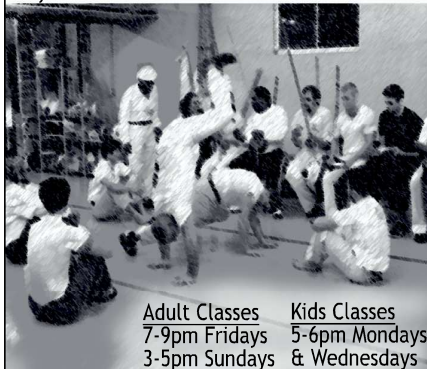
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April Fool's Page: a *Bulletin* tradition

By The *Bulletin* Editorial Board

While digging through the archives here at *The Bulletin*, we came across the April 1992 issue of our esteemed publication, which featured an "April Fool's" theme. Headlines like "Elvis mugged in Friendship" and "Commission urges entire city be made historic district," were splashed across the cover with a wink and a nod.

In reconnecting with this creative *Bulletin* tradition, we would like to have some fun with "Fake News" this month, and direct you to the same disclaimer that ran in the April 1992 issue: "These and other stories will not appear in this issue. We decided that we could all use a good laugh. We hope you agree." ♦

Not a pothole: lifeguards needed for new Citiparks pool on N. Pacific Ave.



ABOVE: Lifeguards are needed at this new Citiparks pool in the middle of N. Pacific Ave. in Garfield. The natural, organic construction of this new facility has saved the city enough money to hire 78 new lifeguards to staff it. Photo by William Eggerton.

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Zachary Kambic to Harrison Thurman at

Friendship

No sales to report.

Garfield

City Of Pittsburgh to Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation at 507 Edlam Way for \$100.

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City Of Pittsburgh to Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation at 509 Wicklow St. for \$100.

City Of Pittsburgh to Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation at 511 Edlam Way for \$100.

City Of Pittsburgh to Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation at 513 Edlam Way for \$100.

City Of Pittsburgh to Ryan England at 5130 Rosetta St. for \$11,000.

Garfield Jubilee Revitalization Partners to 212 Properties LTD at 5319 Rosetta St.

for \$72,000.

Vincent & Helene Trapolsi to Sergii Kuryshko at 5168 Hillcrest St. for \$22,500.

William H Hearld to Highland Associates LLC at 5014 Dearborn St. for \$75,000.

East Liberty

Alice Hollinger to Marina Yanko and Susan Marie Brecko at 433 Enright Ct. for \$90,000.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Ravindra Gupta at 337 Enright Ct. for \$48,000.

Lawrenceville

Beth Jones to Tyler Setcavage at 4824 Blackberry Way for \$289,900.

Christopher Voltz to Anthony Gross and Catherine Shea at 257 38th St. for \$339,000.

City Of Pittsburgh to Lawrenceville Corporation at 5235 1/2 Natrona Way for \$15,000.

George E Moan to Tyler Nansen at 5400 Harrison St. for \$17,500.

Irwin M Fletcher LP to Zachary Buzza at 3607 Butler St. #401 for \$344,700.

Lauren Winberg to Joseph and Karen Teplitz at 3618 Smallman St. for \$375,000.

Marlin Chapman to Louise Rieber at 5175

Dresden Way for \$301,500.

Michael Golensky to Mia Greer at 4516 Davison St. for \$290,000.

Ngoc-Tram Dinh Le to Bach-Cuc Truong at 5217 Lotus Way for \$1.

Patrick Logan to HHI Properties LLC at 247 42nd St. for \$1.

Ronald and Mary Ellen Schnurr to Jacqueline Roth at 4813 Hatfield St. for \$299,900.

Ryan Mulvaney to Dane Bennington at 238 42nd St. for \$370,000.

Stanton Heights

Irene Wilson to Amy Butler and Michael Foley at 185 E Stanton Ct. for 184,800.

This column is usually comprised of data from Allegheny County's Department of Real Estate. Since the available data was not complete this month, supplemental data from the West Penn Multi-List was incorporated into this month's list. If a local sale did not make it on the list, or if anything else looks off, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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. ♦

SOJOURNER HOUSE

Sojourner House is a licensed Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Residence where admission is based on determination of need. To be eligible for admission, women must be at least 18 years old and have at least one child age 12 years or younger, or be actively seeking custody of a child, or be pregnant. Priority Population is as follows:

PREGNANT IV DRUG USERS | PREGNANT SUBSTANCE USERS
| INJECTION DRUG USERS |
OVERDOSE SURVIVORS | VETERANS

Sojourner House responds to admissions inquiries from women and their loved ones, other drug and alcohol programs, case workers, social agencies, physicians, prison and probation officers, counselors, and Children, Youth and Family courts. We will consider patients who are dually diagnosed with both addiction and mental illness.

Our house has 14 apartments, with a waiting list during periods when the house is full. Priority of admission is determined by order on waiting lists and urgency as defined by the priorities above. The program is designed for a six-month stay. Inquiry for admissions should go to 412-441-7783.

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Art All Night 2018

Building on 20 years of fun shows, Art All Night, a free and uncensored twenty-two-hour exhibition, will be embarking on one more this spring. Check out the show from Saturday, Apr. 28 through Sunday, Apr. 29. Over a thousand artists typically participate each year; to participate, simply preregister online and drop off one piece of artwork during the drop-off hours. As usual, Art All Night will feature live performances and children's activities, including a D.I.Y. cardboard city. All are welcome to enjoy the festivities for free.

Art All Night will have an unusual and exciting location this year! The Lawrenceville community has been a special driving force for 20 years, for which everyone at Art All Night are very grateful. For info about our address and tips on how to participate, attend, or volunteer, check out <http://www.artallnight.org> or look up "Art All Night Pittsburgh" on Facebook.



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the BulletinBOARD

Sorry, but we do not accept listings by phone.

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 May issue are due by Wednesday, April 18.** Please submit any listings using our online form at www.bit.ly/bulletin_submit.

APRIL 5 - THURSDAY

GARFIELD

Garfield Land Trust Community Forum

Come to the Garfield Land Trust Membership Meeting & Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 5, at the Community Activity Center (113 N. Pacific Ave. at Dearborn St.). Light refreshments will be available. Become a member of the land trust today at www.GarfieldLandTrust.org. Contact 412-345-3831 or GarfieldLandTrust@gmail.com for more info.

APRIL 7 - SATURDAY

GARFIELD

Make & Swap Event

It's spring cleaning, Assemble-style! Support our youth programs while participating in a reimagined clothing swap. This is an event for folks of all ages, bod-

ies, and genders. How it works: bring an assortment of clothes, shoes, and accessories to Assemble (4824 Penn Ave.) on Saturday, April 7, between 5 - 8 p.m. Find some new-to-you clothes and alter/decorate/rework them to make them your own. Making stations will be set up around the space for visitors to remix their finds. We'll have sewing supplies, beads + buttons, and bedazzlers. For more info, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/make-and-swap-tickets-43115377254.

APRIL 8 - SUNDAY

EAST LIBERTY

Art of Song Performance

Celebrating the interaction of the visual arts with the vocal arts, talented singers from the ELPC Music Ministry will take us on an international journey through art and song on Sunday, April 8 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary of East Liberty Presbyterian Church (116 South Highland Ave.). For more information, please visit www.ELPC.church, or call 412-441-3800.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Name Society of Lady of the Angels Parish will hold their annual "All the Pancakes You Can Eat" Breakfast on Sunday, April 8, from 9 a.m. until Noon in the lower level of Saint Mary's Lyceum (329 45th St.). Take out service available. Tickets for adults are \$6; admission for children (under 12) costs \$3. Tickets will be on sale in advance, and at the door. Proceeds benefit local and parish charities. Holy Name Society members will be collecting the following items for a homeless shelter: new pair(s) of socks, toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, men's and women's razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products.

APRIL 13 - FRIDAY

EAST LIBERTY

Mission Conference

World Mission Initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's mission conference (4/13-4/14) will focus on how individuals and congregations can be more effectively involved in God's global mission. This conference will bring together local, national, and international mission leaders to talk about the integral role of justice in God's mission. Topics will include U.S.-Mexico border ministry, human trafficking, contextual ministry in local communities, ministry to the homeless, and more. Church/group registration rate includes unlimited individual registrations. Contact rmenard@pts.edu to learn more.

GARFIELD

Youth Maker Night

Youth Maker Night is a free, interactive monthly workshop for students in grades 6-8. Make new friends in a community setting while participating in hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) projects led by guest experts. No experience necessary. We meet every second Friday of the month from 5 - 7 p.m. at Assemble (4824 Penn Ave.). Pizza and snacks provided. Please email Hannah at hannah@assemblepgh.org if your student has any dietary restrictions. Read more about this program at: <http://assemblepgh.org/ymn/>.

APRIL 15 - SUNDAY

CITY-WIDE

Good Deeds Day

Good Deeds Day is a part of an International Volunteering Day, which is cele-

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brated in more than ninety countries all over the world. The Jewish Federation Volunteer Center and Community Relations Council are facilitating this event in Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 15. About fifty sites with different projects will be set up in the Greater Pittsburgh Area for volunteers (time and locations vary). Registration is open at <http://jfedvolunteer.org/good-deeds-day-2018/>. Contact person: Joyce Hinnenbusch, jhinnebusch@jfedpgh.org.

EAST LIBERTY

Enright Community Garden Kick-Off Event

Enright Community Garden is welcoming the spring season by hosting a kick-off, potluck event. Anyone and everyone is invited to come learn about the garden, check out our open plots, and chat with the locals. There will be children's activities, a chance to hear about the benefits of gardening, great conversation, and delicious food. Bring a dish to share and get involved in the community from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The garden is located on Topaz St. between South St. Clair St. and Stamar Way, at the Southeast corner of Enright Parklet. For more information, contact us at facebook.com/enrightgarden or enright.park@gmail.com.

APRIL 18 - WEDNESDAY

GARFIELD

Garfield Community Farm Advisory Team

Garfield Community Farm is forming a Community Advisory Team. This team will be a group of Garfield residents that will meet regularly to discuss ways that the farm can better respond to community needs and desires. If you are interested in having your voice shape the farm's programs and impact, please come to one of two important informational meetings to learn more about this opportunity. Meeting location: Valley View Presbyterian Church, 601 N Aiken Ave.

The Wednesday, April 18 meeting will convene at 6 p.m. The Saturday, April 21 meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided at both. Please contact AJ Monsma at ajbisesi@gmail.com or 412-545-3602 with any questions.

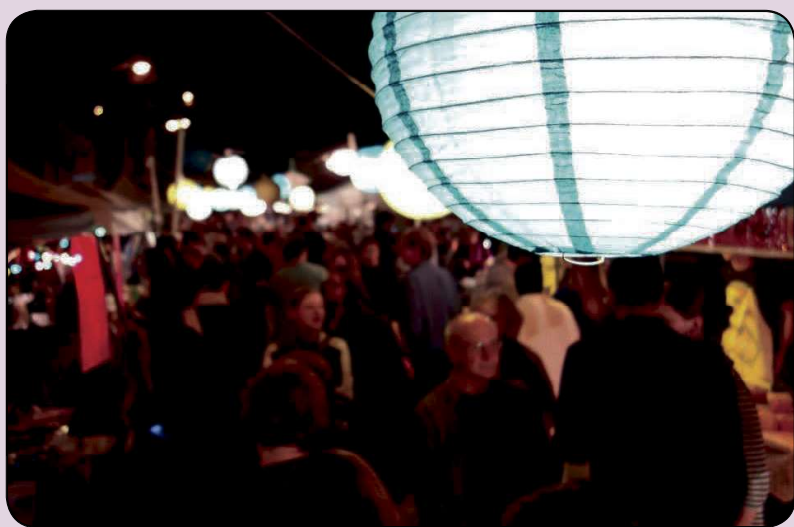
APRIL 20 - FRIDAY

EAST LIBERTY

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GARFIELD

Fab(rication) Friday

Fab(rication) Friday a monthly workshop series for high-schoolers. Hang out with friends in a community setting while participating in hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) projects led by guest experts. No experience necessary. Pizza and snacks provided. We meet every other third Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Assemble (4824 Penn Ave.). Design your own projects and learn new skills. Read more about this program at <http://assemblepgh.org/fabrication-friday/>.

APRIL 21 - SATURDAY

CITY-WIDE

Walk for One Promise

Education can transform a life and a region. The Pittsburgh Promise depends on the generosity of our community to ensure post-secondary scholarships for Pittsburgh's kids. On Saturday, April 21, join our 5K walk to raise awareness and essential scholarship funds. The 5K Walk will begin and end at Pittsburgh Obama 6-12, and go past Pittsburgh Fulton, Dilworth, and Lincoln along the way. Start time is 8 a.m. To learn more, visit www.pittsburghpromise.org/walk.

APRIL 26 - THURSDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Book Pre-sale/Party

The Friends of CLP-Lawrenceville (Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Lawrenceville) will hold their book pre-sale and membership party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library (279 Fisk St.). In exchange for paying your \$5 annual dues, you'll get food, drink and a chance to shop the book sale first at incredible prices. Books, CDs, and DVDs in excellent condition are being accepted at the library.

APRIL 28 - SATURDAY

LAWRENCEVILLE

Annual Book Sale

The annual book sale of the Friends of CLP-Lawrenceville (Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Lawrenceville) will be from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the library's basement auditorium (279 Fisk St.). Books, DVDs, music, magazines, baked goods, and crafts will be sold at incredible prices. Visit www.facebook.com/FriendsofCLPLawrenceville/.

APRIL 29 - SUNDAY

GARFIELD

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

Join us for this family-friendly fundraiser to support Assemble (4824 Penn Ave.). All ages are welcome to participate in a "Seek-n-Build" scavenger hunt around our Garfield. Each team will solve a series of clues that lead to special locations and items. When assembled, these items

will make an awesome, useful tool for the final competition. Visit www.assemblepgh.org to learn more.

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CITY-WIDE

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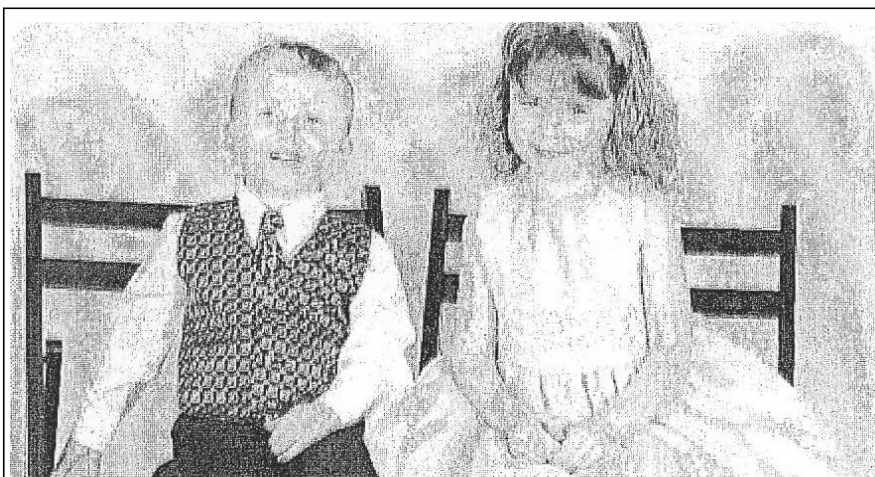
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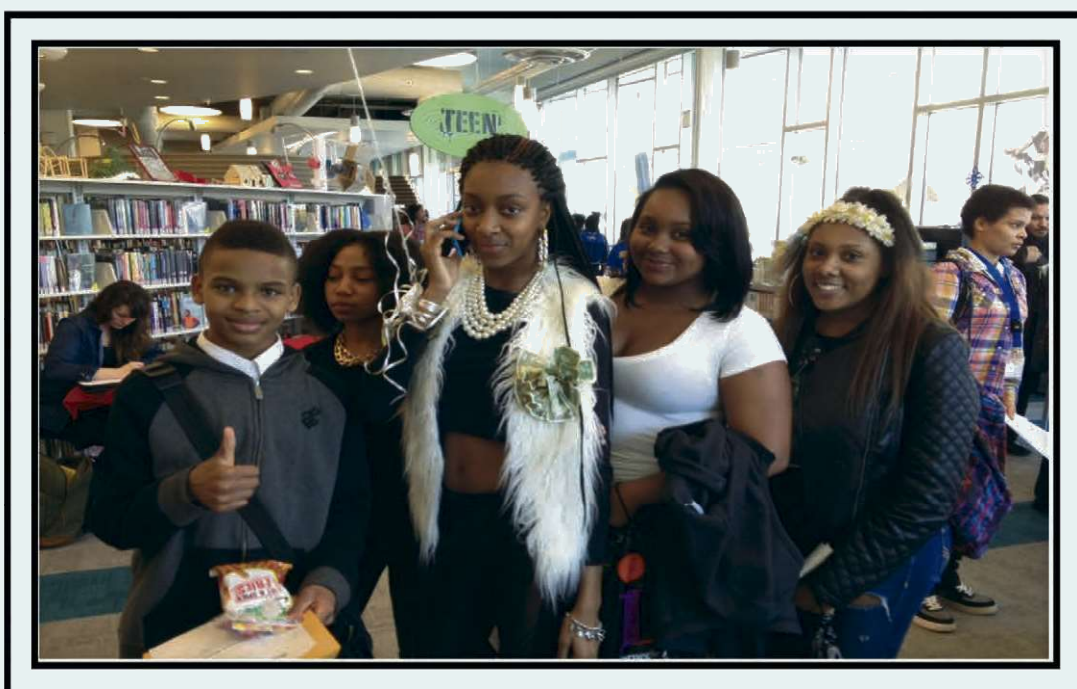
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