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Meet LaKiesha George - Propel Hazelwood's Principal



Ms. LaKiesha George

Welcome, Ms. LaKiesha George, our new Principal at Propel Hazelwood. Please tell us a bit about yourself!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you. I am very excited to be the founding principal of Propel Hazelwood. Prior to joining Propel Schools, for the past decade, I dedicated myself to children of the South Bronx. I have taught within the NYC public

school system as an elementary classroom teacher (grades 1-5) and a dance coordinator/choreographer (grades K-5). Also, I have served teachers as a Grade Leader, Curriculum Developer, New Teacher Mentor and Instructional Coach. Additionally, I have collaborated with leadership as a School Leadership Team Member, UFT Delegate while serving the broader school community as Parent Committee Member, School Wellness Co-Chair and advocated for high-quality education for all children at many different community venues in the Bronx. I am a proud NYC Big Apple Award Nominee and a humbled recipient of the 2012 - 2013 Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. Educational Leadership Award, and the NYC 2012 - 2013 Gold Excellence in Schools Wellness Award.

I am honored to continue my commitment to education in Hazelwood. I am looking forward to helping make Propel Schools a premier school district offering a world-class education while significantly changing the educational outcome of our scholars.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

What is your educational philosophy, and how does it fit with Propel's mission?

Grounded by the philosophy that all children can learn and want to be motivated to achieve at high levels across all academic disciplines, I believe every child's interest; every single child's potential can be developed into an exceptional academic talent. My vision for Propel Hazelwood is to create a high achieving learning environment where every scholar is known by his/her strength. At Propel Hazelwood, we will create the future artistic zoologists, scientific artists, musical geniuses, singing scientists and dancing mathematicians ... a truly unique breed of scholars. My educational philosophy fits with Propel's mission because Propel is about catalyzing the transformation of public education so that all children have access to high performing schools. That is exactly what you are going to see at Propel Hazelwood ... the transformation of public education... through innovation. High expectations for all scholars and staff, a relentless demand for excellence and high levels of achievement will permeate the halls as I believe there is no substitute for excellence and will deliver a

concrete solution to education through the arts and science that yields a vision for the future of teaching and learning. Having the Hazelwood community and Propel Schools embrace me in breathing life into this vision is an honor.

What would you like readers to know about Propel Hazelwood?

Propel Hazelwood is a wonderful addition to the Hazelwood community. In 2014, education has a new face and a new meaning. Propel will prepare students to be lifelong learners and true global citizens. For the Hazelwood community, a new school means revitalization; for the students it will be a place for all learners to achieve academic excellence and build strong character. Propel Hazelwood staff, understands that their vocation to students is a lifestyle of teaching and learning and a commitment to scholars. We are excited to bring our promise of a high-quality education to all families. I am so excited to meet our Hazelwood students, families and community partners as we prepare for the upcoming school year! We will be ready to officially open the doors to Propel Hazelwood in August!

Happy 92nd, Herbert P. Douglas, Jr.!

Hazelwood Man Created Jesse Owens International Athletic Trophy Banquet

By Elliott Denman

There had been "a pause," they explained. It was an expression of understandable inexactitude that brought smiles to all in the full house that was the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Monday night.

This "pause" was 11 years, from the 23rd edition of the International Athletic Association, Inc.'s Jesse Owens International Athlete Trophy banquet at the Waldorf, in 2003, to the new and oh-so-fortunately re-energized 24th edition, on this second Monday of the third month of 2014.

Those first 23 had been masterpieces, choreographed by Mr. Herbert P. Douglas Jr. into celebrations of Olympic sport, and honoring such celebrity-Olympians as speed skating's Eric Heiden (the first winner in 1981), track and field's Sebastian Coe (1982), diving's Greg Louganis (1987), cycling's Greg LeMond (1991), gymnastics' Vitaly Scherbo (1993) and swimming's Ian Thorpe (2002.)

(Even the editions that later saw winners Ben Johnson, Marion Jones and Lance Armstrong "disqualified" for drug-related offenses seemed masterful at the time.)

But the maestro, the famed 1948 Olym-

pic long jump bronze medalist, already 80 years old in 2002, couldn't keep on keeping on forever. Searching for a team of younger guys he could pass the baton to, he ran into nothing but a series of false starts.

And that's why this gala, always a feature of the Big Apple's athletic slate, would languish for over a decade. But, the very good news, finally-but-happily revealed, was that the younger generations had actually stood up, allowing Herb Douglas to at last sit back and relax.

A team led by Wesley E. Smith, the former Penn football player now chairman of the International Athletic Association, got it all done and put on a first-class performance at the Waldorf.

The banquet's origins dated back to the day Jesse Owens told Herb Douglas of the slight he felt when, after all his four-gold medal, Hitler-defying, America-inspiring deeds at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games, he still wasn't considered good enough to win the James E. Sullivan Award as America's amateur athlete of the year. Not until Olympic 800-meter champion Mal Whitfield won it in 1954 did it go to an African-American athlete.

From this slight was created the fire inside Herb Douglas to make amends, to create an even more lustrous award, where ancient bigotries would at last be set aside and the most notable achievers of the sports world be properly recognized.

Thus, the first of these galas in 1981.

"Our father's legacy is as inspirational today as his record-setting achievements were in his time," wrote the three Owens daughters - Marlene Owens Rankin, Beverly Owens Prather and Gloria Owens Hemp-hill.

"He was as much the champion on the playground in the poorest neighborhoods as he was on the oval of the Olympic Games. His extraordinary accomplishments include receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. He is the only Olympian to ever receive both honors, which recognized his historic athletic achievements and personal commitment to building a better society."

Their dad left us on March 31, 1980.

A theme throughout: "If you can dream it, you can do it."



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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Hazelwood Initiative, as a community-based community development corporation, is to be neighborhood-driven, providing a shared stronger voice for Greater Hazelwood, by gathering community input to build a sense of hope, harmony and promise, and by supporting human, spiritual and community development.

Herb Douglas, Jr. - Continued from Page 1

The co-masters of ceremonies: famed TV interviewer and producer Roy Firestone, and noted CNN anchor (and proud Mal daughter) Fredericka Whitfield.

Jim Clerkin, president and CEO of sponsoring Moët Hennessy USA, put it this way: "Now, more than ever our young people need a role model like Jesse Owens."

Thus, the IAA is committed to helping individuals reach their fullest potential by "supporting scholarships through the Jesse Owens Foundation and the University of Pittsburgh (Herb Douglas' alma mater), and in creating unique opportunities to learn from distinguished athletes on how to embrace the character-building qualities of sports with a commitment to honest and clean competition."

And so, before the first dishes were served, Olympic gold medalists Dr. Charley Jenkins and Charles "Chip" Jenkins Jr. delivered a seminar - on life and the lessons of sports - for Metropolitan area high schoolers and collegians.

Next, following, the citrus quinoa salad with lemon scented prawns, followed by the main dish of tournedo of beef, accompanied

by sweet potato latkes and haricots verts, all with appropriate libations, it was time to get on with the real business of the night.

And the winner of the Jesse Owens International Athlete Trophy, as "the 2013 most outstanding athlete in the world" was...none other than Usain St. Leo Bolt, the pride of Trelawney, and all of Jamaica, and the whole sports world, really.

Maximizing his natural gifts, Usain has earned six Olympic gold medals, eight World Championships gold medals, and lowered the world records in three of Jesse Owens' favorite events to these astonishing performances - 9.58 in the 100 meters, 19.19 in the 200, and 36.84 (with the help of three Jamaica running-mates) in the 4x100 relay.

The only Owens event/ Douglas event he eschews is the long jump.

Bolt, training at home for the 2014 season, "appeared" and spoke to his Waldorf audience only on the big video display board. But his proud parents, Wellesley and Jennifer Bolt, had flown up from Jamaica to represent their celebrated son.

"I enjoyed every bit of it," Mr.

Bolt said of the festivities. "It was a great event, the organization was very-very good."

Back home, Mr. Bolt is a small business owner, operating a grocery store in rural Trelawney. Cricket was the name of the major game for most of those local Trelawney lads but Usain Bolt - the "lightning bolt man himself" has surely changed much of that culture.

Just as the man the young Herb Douglas most wanted to emulate was Jesse Owens, the man young Jamaicans now most want to emulate is Usain Bolt.

And so, following desert of Waldorf "red velvet" cake, and a sip of Hennessy "privilege toast," the bottom lines remained pretty clear.

Usain Bolt will mark his 28th birthday on the 21st of August. He'll be a virtual senior citizen of 30 by the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

Herb Douglas Jr., still going strong, still loaded with abundant energy, still dreaming big dreams, marked his 92nd birthday the day before the Waldorf festivities. He said his Monday "goodnights" with a very wide smile, knowing there will no further "pauses" in the staging of his year's biggest event.

May Almono Update

By Sarah Stroney

Site Grading: Work on our site grading project continues at a fast pace now that Spring is here. Current work is centered on the northern end of the site (near the Hot Metal Bridge). The site grading is estimated to be completed in late May or early June. RIDC is happy to report that the Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business participation is at 35% of the total cost of the project.

Future Construction: The plans for the first roadway - currently referred to as the Signature Boulevard - are at the 60% mark and have been issued to the permitting agencies of PWSA, City Planning, and Public Works. Once we receive comments from those agencies, we plan to present the

drawings to the community at a public meeting. Please stay tuned. Construction for the roadway (and all related utilities) is planned to start in late summer.

Upcoming Event: The Pittsburgh Business Times is hosting a "Corridors of Opportunity" event on May 21 on the South Side that will feature regional brownfield developments. After the event, attendees will be invited to participate in a tour of the Almono site. If you are interested, please see their website for more information.

Safety Reminder! We've had a number of trespassers going through the site recently by foot and bicycle as weather improves. Although we realize that the lack of a temporary bike trail is inconvenient, the property is a VERY ACTIVE construction site. The large

trucks are not anticipating people on the site since it is closed off and therefore may not be expecting or be able to see you. Please spread the word that venturing onto the property is first and foremost unsafe, but also trespassing.

Careers? Are you interested in a career in the construction trades? Our partners at the World-Class Industrial Network (WIN) continue to make connections and build relationships between contractors, unions, and community groups. Please call the Almono hotline at (412) 471-3939 (choose "4" for Almono).

As always, if you have questions regarding the Almono development, please do not hesitate to contact me at sstroney@ridc.org or (412) 315-6443.

A Community Invitation to the Hazelwood Initiative Membership And Community Forum

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 • 6:30 PM

Carbarn, 5344 Second Avenue

MEETING AGENDA

Hazelwood Initiative Business • Minutes-Approval
Treasurer's Report • Committee Reports
Executive Director's Report • Almono Development Update
Guest (tentative) Mayor Bill Peduto or Representative
Community Announcements • Adjournment

MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:

MAY 14, 2014

What's Up?

Community Notices for Greenfield, Hays, Hazelwood, New Homestead and Lincoln Place

Local Churches

- St. Stephen Parish**
5115 Second Avenue
Rev. Vincent Stegman
412-421-9210
- Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal**
2nd & Johnston Avenues
Rev. Huett Fleming
412-421-8497
- Keystone Church of Hazelwood**
161 Hazelwood Avenue
Rev. Tim Smith
412-521-3468
- First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh**
221 Johnston Avenue
Rev. Ilona Komjathy
412-421-0279
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church**
5319 Second Avenue
Rev. Brian Evans
412-521-0844
- Hazlewood Christian Church**
118 Glen Caladh Street
Rev. Scott Stine
412-421-9908
- Morningstar Baptist Church**
5524 Second Avenue
Rev. Malachi Smith
412-421-6269
- St. John The Evangelist Baptist**
4537 Chatsworth Avenue
Rev. Alvin Coon
412-521-0994
- Greater Pittsburgh Fountain of Life**
247 Johnston Avenue
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412-422-8794
- Oasis Ministries, Inc.**
4944 Second Avenue
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412-422-2588
- St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Rite Church**
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412-421-0243
- St. Rosalia's Catholic Church**
411 Greenfield Avenue
Rev. Joseph Reschick
412-421-5766
- Squirrel Hill Christian Church**
290 Bigelow Street
412-521-2447
- Holy Angels Parish**
408 Baldwin Road
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412-461-6906
- Hays United Methodist Church**
1174 Mifflin Road
Rev. Don Blinn, Jr.
412-951-2069
- Praise Temple Church**
5400 Glenwood Avenue
Dennis & Katherine Currie,
Pastors
412-422-2777
- Mary S. Brown – Ames United Methodist Church**
3424 Beechwood Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
412-421-4331
- Greenfield Presbyterian Church**
3939 Coleman Street
412-521-4226

St. Stephen Parish

Parish Office Hours
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Monday thru Thursday
Closed Friday
Phone: (412) 421-9210

Religious Education Office
Sunday ONLY
Phone: (412) 421-4748

Weekday Masses
7:30 AM - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday
Noon - Wednesday
8:00 AM & 4:00 PM – Saturday

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Confession
3:45 PM Saturday (before 4 PM Mass)

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118 Glen Caladh Street
412-421-9908

Rev. Scott Stine, Pastor

Service Schedule
Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM

Visit our Website:
www.hccpittsburgh.com



The Church of the Good Shepherd

Second & Johnston Avenues

Principal Service
Sundays 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School
10:00 AM
Healing Service-Monthly
Bible Study-Weekly

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Hazelwood YMCA Programs:

After School Care - with extended hours. For more information, please contact Kirsten Raglin at (412) 773-7314.

SilverSneakers Program - A low intensity exercise program designed for senior citizens. The program is year round Wednesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 10:00 AM. The instructor is Kristin Ward. For more information, call Kirsten Raglin at (412) 773-7314.

Congregate Feeding - Everyday, 12-12:30 PM. except holidays and weekends.

Food Bank - The Food Pantry is a need-based program for low-income families. The third Thursday of every month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Located at the Hazelwood YMCA, 4713 Chatsworth Ave. Please bring proof of income, address and ID.

Building Bridges Campaign - Scholarships available We accept all government subsidies. For information, contact the YMCA at 412.773-7314.

St. John the Evangelist Baptist Church

4537 Chatsworth Avenue
Hazelwood

Annual Women's and Men's Day
Sunday May 25, 2014

Women's Service 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Men's service at 3:30p the same day

"Just For Today" Nar-Anon Meeting

For family and friends whose loved ones suffer from Drug Addiction. Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, First Hungarian Reformed Church, Calvin Hall. Contact Cindy 412-421-7076.

Let Us Know What's Up!

Contact us with information about your community group, church, friends and neighbors, birth announcements, graduations, and other neighborhood news.

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Hazelwood Family Health Center

4918 Second Avenue
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412-422-9520

A health center operated by Primary Care Health Services, Inc. providing primary and preventative services to medically underserved individuals regardless of ability to pay.

Greenfield Presbyterian Church

3929 Coleman St.
412-521-4226

Sunday Service - 11AM
greenfieldpc@gmail.com
<http://bit.ly/GreenfieldPresby>
<http://bit.ly/CCH-Greenfield>

Oasis Ministries

Activities and Worship Schedule
Tuesday - Prayer: 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Wednesday - Fine Arts: 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Thursday - Bible Study: 7:00 to 8:00 PM

All above held at
Oasis Ministries, 4944 2nd Avenue
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM at the Hazelwood YMCA,
4713 Chatsworth Street

Call 412-422-2588 for more information
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Sunday Service Sunday, 10:30 AM
Noonday
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 12:00-1:00 PM
Celebrate Recovery Friday, 7:00 PM

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A Garden Without Care

By Jourdan Hicks

How much can nearly \$1 billion fix? This investment has come with the hope that from each monetary seed planted a garden full of socio and economic change will bloom. Just take a look around; there are traces of development and beckoning opportunity from Irvine Street to Glenwood Avenue. Our opportunity for a more vibrant Hazelwood looks like, the relocation and constructional additions to the new Hazelwood library, the pending construction of the Spar Building at the intersection of Second and Flowers Avenues, and the obvious work that's being done below Second Avenue on the former LTV Steel site. The roots of hope are sprouting up all around Hazelwood. But to this matter I direct your attention, what becomes of a beautiful and vibrant garden that exists without human care? What good will come from redevelopment if we don't share responsibility in taking care of what's ours?

Since the days of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle there has been great concern for the role the community member and neighbor. Plato once said "this city is what it is because our citizens are what they are". For many years, in comparison to the population of Hazelwood, there has been a small group of concerned and passionate neighbors who collectively have given a face and voice to the plights of Hazelwood residents. The various community groups and vigilant neighbors are the reasons why Hazelwood has a second shot at getting things right. Can you imagine the transformation Hazelwood will undergo when we begin to do our work? Our community is thirsty for the input and involvement from all of its residents. We are so fortunate to live in a community that grants us the permission to serve out of passion, and then connects us with our neighbors who share the common goals of making our neighborhood a better place.

The Hazelwood we live in today is a shell of what used to be. Growing up in Hazelwood in the nineties and early two thousands, we had a gang of caring adults who made sure we had something to do after school and during the summer months. Who remembers Aunt Verma's Drill Team or Aunt Saun's cookouts at the pool? And who can forget the St. Stephen's Bazaar.

The summer wasn't complete until you had your funnel cake and goldfish. Riding down Second Avenue, I sometimes find it difficult to imagine our family and friends who live on the corners wanting to engage in community events that promote healthy living and environmental awareness, but then I ignore those thoughts, and take pride in knowing that we all possess the ability to grow, and inspire each other to do better.

In the past, my mom taught me that no one will take care of your belongings like you will. Gone are the days where we can afford to let the crops grow where they may, and expect everyone around us to take care of them. The time for your service is now. Your service can be as small as picking up trash on your block or volunteering your time at one of the many churches and organizations in our area. On Saturday, April 26th Mr. Matthew Smutts and Action Housing are doing their part through service by planting trees at the new Hazelwood Library from 9:00 am till noon. This is taking place the same day as the Hazelwood Spring Clean Up Day. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should register by calling 412-586-2386.

Here are just a few ways you can be of service to your neighborhood:

- Volunteer at the local after school programs (Hazelwood YMCA and Center of Life)
- Start a block clean up team (once a month find some neighbors who want to volunteer and pick up the trash on your block)
- Help with a neighbor's yard work (do you have an elderly or disabled neighbor who may need help with yard work?)
- Help cross the children on your street cross the street safely.
- Plant a garden in your yard where the whole neighborhood can enjoy it.
- Help paint over graffiti in your area. (call 412-421-7234) for more information on the Graffiti/ Vandalism Task Force.)
- Begin to greet and converse with the neighbor you haven't spoken to, or the woman/man who you catch the bus with.

The opportunities are endless! Begin with the man in the mirror.....YOU!

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Support Groups are held: at:
The Car Barn, 5344 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207
The 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month
Sessions will begin Jan 8th, 2014. Time 6:30 to 8:30
All are welcome

Contact person: Cancer Survivor Deloris Livsey, Chair of Kay's Vision Association Cancer Support Group 412-521-6397

Please call so that I know how many people will be attending so that we can prepare enough materials for the group. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Birth Announcement



Summer Lynn Bonner

Theresa and Don Bonner are excited to announce the arrival of their first bundle of joy! Summer was born April 8, 2014. New and proud grandparents are Sylvia and Randy Nagy of Hazelwood, and Jill and Mark Bonner of Brookline



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One of the largest employers in Pittsburgh and our region is the health care industry, and uncompensated care is a major reason for increases in the cost of individual and employer-provided health insurance.

That's part of the reason I have been committed to helping local residents sign up for the coverage they need under the Affordable Care Act, and it's why I'm also extremely disappointed that Gov. Corbett continues to stall on taking an easy step about half the states have already taken, including eight other states that also have Republican governors.

That step would be accepting the federally funded Medicaid expansion for Pennsylvania. Under the Affordable Care Act, it would be 100 percent federally funded for the first three years and gradually phase to 90 percent federally funded – which is still a great deal for Pennsylvania.

This common-sense step could have been in effect as of Jan. 1, 2014. Unfortunately, Gov. Corbett chose to send Washington a complicated "Healthy PA" plan that he was warned could be rejected under federal law. Even if his plan does get approved, it won't be in effect until Jan. 1, 2015. In the meantime, Pennsylvania and our economy are missing out on \$7 million a day. That's vital funding that could be covering 500,000 people and creating 41,000 jobs statewide – many of them here in Pittsburgh.

I recently joined with other House Democratic leaders to send the federal government a letter outlining our serious concerns about the Corbett plan. For example, his plan could result in high premium rates that would leave health care coverage unaffordable for many of the low-income Pennsylvanians expansion was meant to help.

On behalf of the Women's Health Caucus, which I co-chair, I also sent a letter urging the federal government to make sure the Cor-



bett proposal is not used to deny women coverage for birth control.

Frankel backs equal pay

Another issue the Women's Health Caucus is tackling is equal pay. While pay-equity laws have been around for 40 or more years, Pennsylvania women on average make only 54 to 83 cents for every dollar men make, depending on which county they're in. For Allegheny County, the figure is 68 cents. Clearly these laws need to be updated and strengthened.

I'm co-sponsoring H.B. 1890, which would update the conditions under which employers could pay different wages because of a factor other than sex. These factors would include specific, job-related

attributes such as education, training and experience. This bill and its Senate equivalent, S.B. 1212, would also strengthen anti-retaliation protections for employees attempting to bring a pay-equity lawsuit against their employer and those who share information about their pay. Too often, pay secrecy only allows discrimination to continue.

If you need more information, please visit my office at 2345 Murray Ave., Suite 205, or call 412-422-1774. I also provide information about state services and legislation online at www.pahouse.com/Frankel. I invite you to follow my updates on Facebook and Twitter at facebook.com/RepDanFrankel and twitter.com/RepDanFrankel.

Tackling Local Spike In Drug Overdoses

Rep. Dan Frankel plans to introduce bipartisan legislation to combat the alarming increase in heroin and opioid overdoses in western Pennsylvania and other areas of the state.

The legislation would:

- Establish a drug overdose Good Samaritan law in Pennsylvania to protect those who summon medical assistance for an overdose.
- Increase the availability of naloxone, a prescription drug which has been proven to help prevent heroin and opioid overdose deaths.

Public health experts across the country agree: these two provisions can save lives by preventing overdose deaths. Calling 9-1-1 should not be a crime when someone is

seeking help for a drug overdose.

Also, by increasing the availability of naloxone (commonly known as Narcan) to first responders including police, law enforcement, emergency medical service providers, firefighters, and to families and friends of opioid users, we can equip people with the tools they need to stop an overdose that is in progress. Naloxone is safe, is not a controlled substance, and has no abuse potential. Providing greater accessibility to naloxone will help ensure that this life-saving drug is available when people need it.

Recently, the national spotlight has illuminated the tragedy of heroin overdose in the case of actor Phillip Seymour Hoffman, but we know this epidemic is not limited to high-profile cases. In fact, Pennsylvania ranks 14th in overdose cases in the country, and families across the state are dealing with a frightening increase in overdose deaths. Recently, in Allegheny County, public health officials raised the alarm after an epidemic of 22 heroin-related fatalities in the matter of a few days.

Land Bank Coming To Pittsburgh

After months of hard work, public forums and numerous meetings with community-based organizations and leaders, Pittsburgh now has a Land Bank with City Council voting 8-1 to pass the enabling legislation.

The purpose of a Land Bank is to provide an effective tool to deal with the city's thousands of neglected properties and blighted parcels, returning them to productive use. This mechanism for turning around communities has been very successful in diverse counties in Michigan, New York, Ohio, Georgia and elsewhere. The concept has been widely praised by experts throughout the country.

According to Liz Hersch, Executive Director of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, "Land banking is worth pursuing. It is a game changer. Like most cities in Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh's progress is impeded by blight and by abandonment. It lacks a modern, efficient system for recycling unused property at scale and getting it back onto the market and productive reuse."

Now, with the passage of this legislation, many of the city's unused properties would become new affordable homes, stores or other businesses; green infrastructure for storm water management; urban gardens or pocket parks; and undeveloped hillsides no longer considered suitable for building or side-yards would increase the value of existing homes.

Mayor Peduto echoed this sentiment, "This Land Bank will become an important and powerful tool in our efforts to empower residents to take back control of their neighborhoods from slumlords and speculators, to foster home ownership and wealth-building in our struggling communities, and to bring new investment into areas of the city that have been left behind."

Almost from its introduction, the legislation had enough votes to pass. But it lacked support from some members whose council districts have the most vacant parcels. However, through extensive outreach, we were able to strengthen the bill and ultimately reach near consensus thru diligent negotiation and conciliation. Two lengthy working sessions that we convened in the Mayor's Conference Room provided extremely valuable input.



The final bill addresses frequently heard concerns – e.g. the composition of the Land Bank's Board, the creation of a checks and balances community-based petition process, and provisions for enhanced protection for those in occupied homes.

I'm honored to share what Jim Richter, Executive Director of the Hazelwood Initiative, expressed "As an active board member of the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, I have been involved with the land bank issue since it first came up, maybe seven years ago. In that time, we have had the opportunity to study the positive impacts a system like this will have for the disposition of vacant property in the City and particularly in Hazelwood. I am grateful for the leadership that Councilman O'Connor took in bringing folks from all over the city together to recraft a bill that is fair and reasonable and most benefits the community. It's really a big win."

I'm most appreciative of Jim's comments, and I am really pleased with how the process worked to produce a comprehensive and detailed bill. I want to add a special thank you to Judy Trombetta, my Chief of Staff, who worked so competently and tirelessly on this legislation."

For additional information, please check out www.pittsburghpa.gov/landbanking.



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House Democrats Urge Feds To Weigh ‘Significant Concerns’ In Review Of Corbett Medicaid Waiver Plan

HARRISBURG, April 8 – Pennsylvania House Democrats today expressed “significant concerns” with Gov. Tom Corbett’s proposed alternative to Medicaid expansion in Pennsylvania, and urged U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to carefully consider those concerns as the federal government reviews the governor’s plan.

In a letter to Sebelius, which also served as House Democrats’ formal public comment on the governor’s proposal, Democratic leaders noted that full Medicaid expansion, as laid out in the Affordable Care Act, “is the most expedient and simplest approach to extend health care coverage to the uninsured” in Pennsylvania.

“It is unconscionable that Governor Corbett continues to leave more than half a million uninsured Pennsylvanians out in the cold, waiting for comprehensive health care when he could have expanded Medicaid on Jan. 1, 2014, like so many other states have done,” Democratic leaders noted in their letter.

Instead, Corbett has submitted a complicated alternative plan for Pennsylvania, one that even if approved in some form by the federal government, would not take effect until Jan. 1, 2015, at the earliest.

Meanwhile, weak revenue collections indicate the state’s next budget could be hundreds of millions of dollars out of balance. If the governor had opted in to Medicaid expansion on Jan. 1, 2014, Pennsylvania would have saved more than \$90 million in the current budget and \$320 million in next year’s budget.

House Democrats said they have a number of concerns about how Corbett’s plan would impact Pennsylvania’s current Med-

icaid recipients, as well as residents who would potentially gain coverage.

Those concerns include:

- significant benefit cuts and benefit limits that would impact 1.2 million existing Medicaid recipients in Pennsylvania;

- high premium rates that would leave health care coverage unaffordable for many of the low-income Pennsylvanians expansion was meant to help;

- no provision for adjusting high premiums for people whose incomes or circumstances change between annual eligibility determinations; and

- rules that would bar coverage for up to nine months for people who cannot afford to pay their premium.

“The proposed lock-out periods for non-payment of premiums are extremely punitive and should be rejected in whole,” Democratic leaders wrote. Furthermore, they noted, such lock-out periods undermine what Corbett has claimed is one of the central goals of his proposal: avoiding disruptions in coverage and provider-patient relationships.

In addition, House Democrats said they are extremely concerned about Medicaid recipients’ loss of access to so-called “wrap-around services,” which they currently have under traditional Medicaid and would retain under federal Medicaid expansion. This includes non-emergency transportation to doctor visits, which House Democrats said many Medicaid recipients could not afford on their own and would impede access to primary care physicians. Not only does the Corbett plan eliminate this benefit, it would charge enrollees a \$10 copayment on the non-emergency use of hospital emergency rooms.

Democratic leaders said while they are

pleased the governor eliminated the work-search requirement from his plan, they noted he still wants to include a voluntary job search pilot.

“While we support programs that help place people in jobs or provide additional job training,” they wrote, “we question the appropriateness of including any provisions that attempt to link work or job search activities with Medicaid.”

Finally, House Democrats said they do not believe Corbett’s plan can work unless it uses Pennsylvania’s existing private Medicaid managed care organizations. Those organizations operate statewide and currently provide care to 1.6 million recipients under the state’s Medical Assistance program. Their expertise has made Pennsylvania’s HealthChoices managed care program one of the most efficient in the nation.

“Using the same set of insurers in the private coverage option and the HealthChoices program would ... reduce costs by streamlining implementation and simplifying administration of Healthy PA,” House Democrats wrote. “It would also permit the swiftest possible roll-out of the program...so that

half a million uninsured Pennsylvanians can quickly obtain health care coverage.”

House Democrats continue to urge Corbett to expand Medicaid immediately, fully funded by federal dollars, while he awaits the federal government’s review of his proposal. The state is losing more than \$7 million a day by not expanding Medicaid, and hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians continue to have no access to health care coverage because they earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid but cannot qualify for a subsidy to purchase coverage on the federal health exchange.

The public comment period on Corbett’s waiver plan ends at 6 a.m. Friday. The letter to Sebelius was signed by House Democratic Leader Frank Dermody, Whip Mike Hanna, Caucus Chairman Dan Frankel, Caucus Secretary Ron Waters, Appropriations Chairman Joe Markosek, Policy Committee Chairman Mike Sturla, and Caucus Administrator Neal Goodman. It was also signed by the Democratic chairmen of the House Insurance, Health and Human Services committees respectively: Reps. Tony DeLuca, Flo Fabrizio and Angel Cruz.

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• **Q. Why 311?**

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• **Q. When is 311 available?**

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Easter Egg Hunt At Mifflin Field

On Saturday April 12th the Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene, with support from the 31st Ward Community Action Group and neighborhood residents, held an Easter egg hunt at Mifflin Field. About 15 volunteers packed over

1,200 eggs with candy treats. The occasion was put together by the Church's Pastor Rev Joseph Stump, Denise Parker, the Youth Minister, and Stephanie Childress, the Childrens Minister.

The children were divided into four age groups and when the word was given 1,200 eggs were picked up in about 1 minute.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped organize the event and to Playmor Bowling for the free bowling coupons.



Flag Donation Thanks

The 31st Ward Community Action Group would like to thank everyone who donated money to our flag fund. With the money collected, we were able to purchase 22 new flags for our program. The new flags are the best quality found, and are made in the United States. They

should last for quite a few years.

We would also like to thank DES in Hays for the care and the erection of the flags for the summer.

The latest donations were from Diane Craig in honor of Henry J. Zielinski, and Connie Jamison in memory of Pooch Jamison.



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Church of the Nazarene - Lincoln

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Hays United Methodist Church

1174 Mifflin Road
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Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church

1202 Muldowney Avenue
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Mt. Rise Baptist Church

80 Ingot Street
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Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church

Services begin each Sunday at 10:30 AM with Rev. Debrah Messham. Sunday School for all ages precedes services with a 9:15 AM start.

WEEKLY EVENTS INCLUDE:

- **Busy Fingers** on Mondays from 10:00 AM to Noon, where crafts and other items are worked on.
- **Senior Lunch** is served Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 PM followed by games, Wii, and fellowship until 2:00 PM.
- **Choir Practice** is from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursdays.

All are welcome. For more information call 412-461-3377.

Election Day Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, May 20th, 4:00 PM - 7:00PM
\$8.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children under 10.
Eat in or take out available. Bake sale items and crafts will also be sold. Handicap accessible and free parking in lot.

Holy Angels Parish

Regular Weekly Mass Schedule:

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM
Sunday: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon, 5:30 PM

Holy Day (Weekday) Mass Schedule:

Vigil Mass 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

Holy Angels Parish is a Roman Catholic church that began in 1903 in the town of Hays, PA and is a family community among the many parishes that make up the Church of Pittsburgh. Our purpose is to assist each member in spiritual growth, to enable all members to support the parish family and to reach out to the larger community of the Church and the World.

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May 26, 2014

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Groups wanting to participate please call Post Quartermaster, Jim Takacs, by Thursday, May 22, 2014. Telephone 412-462-1917. Please call after 4:00 P.M. We invite and encourage all vevtrans to come and participate in the parade in honor of all our fallen comrades.

History Through Newspapers

By Edward Salaj



Scouts Work Big Garden

Eight Acres At Lincoln Place On Which To Raise Food

Thursday, June 17, 1917- All local scouts and all members of the Scout Council are required to gather at the garden at Lincoln Place tonight to discuss plans for the summer. Through the kindness of the Homestead Realty Company, who gave the use of the land, and the Carnegie Steel Company, who plowed it, the Homestead Scouts are planning to become "Food Producers."

About eight acres have been prepared and partly planted. The boys will grow just four foods: tomatoes, cabbage, sweet corn and beans. In connection with the garden a camp will be maintained. Visitors will be welcomed at all times.

Robbers Loot Hays Meat Market of Provisions

Over Two Hundred Dollars Taken Away In a Truck or Wagon

Friday, November 28, 1919 - Hays Borough which has been quiet for some time past broke into the light when robbers visited the dawn and ransacked the meat market and grocery store of Jacob Pertsey, on Carter street, [Calera street] early yesterday morning and carried off over \$200.00 worth of meat and provisions.

The robbery was discovered by the proprietor when he arrived at his meat market and found the door of the store opened. Two boys were at the shop to purchase meat for their mothers and were badly frightened they found that the store had been robbed. Some of the residents living near heard some noise shortly before midnight or early in the morning but paid no attention to the confusion thinking it was a delivery wagon loaded with meat.

The matter was reported to the Hays police who are making an investigation. The proprietor was compelled to give a hurry up order for meats and provisions to supply his customers for Thanksgiving Day dinner

For some time past the robbers have patronized Johnson's Confectionary store at the Junction which has been robbed five times within the past few years. This time, however, they were after more substantial foods and cleaned out the meat market. It is thought the stolen goods were hauled away in a truck or wagon.

City Council Approves Site Of Playground

Thirty-First Ward Assured Of 23-Acre Field For Children Property Provides For Athletic Field, Park, Tennis Courts, Picnic Grounds

Tuesday, February 17, 1931-The Thirty-first ward was assured of its playground yesterday when Pittsburgh council gave approval of the ordinance authorizing the purchase of the Miller property at Lincoln Place. The site includes 23 acres and is located near the McKeesport-Lincoln Place boulevard and was formerly known as Degenkolb field. During past years it has been used as a baseball diamond and football field.

Site Costs \$26,000

The property provides for a playground, athletic field, tennis courts, picnic grove and a park. When the committee on finance drew up the budget at the first of this year, the sum of \$27,000 was set aside for the purchase of the playground site for the Lincoln Place and Hays sections. When negotiations were completed with William M. Miller, president of Miller Bros. of Hays, owners of the property, the site was purchased for \$26,000.

Ordinance to Pass

The ordinance was introduced in council at the meeting following which it was referred to the committee which met today. They took favorable action and the measure will come up for final action in council at the meeting next Monday. C.J. McBride, ward chairman, has the assurance of the councilmanic body that the ordinance will pass. Transferring of the deed, is all that remains to complete the purchase, will follow the passage. The location of the playground in the ward was the subject of passage of the ordinance. Recently at a hearing before council, one group favoring two small grounds rather than the single large one.



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The Greenfield Grapevine



Greenfield Community Association Schedule of Meetings and Events

May Meetings/Events

- **Urban Hike**
Saturday, May 3
- **Greenfield Glide Planning Committee**
Tuesday, May 6, 7 PM, Magee Senior Center
- **GCA Public Space Stewardship Committee**
Tuesday, May 6, 7 PM, Bernacki Wellness
- **GCA Board Meeting**
Monday, May 5, 7 PM Greenfield Presbyterian Church
- **GCA Development/Transportation Committee Meeting**
Monday, May 12, 7 PM Greenfield Presbyterian Church

- **GCA Public Safety Committee**
Wed. May 14, 7 PM Bernacki Wellness, lower level
- **Spring Plantings**
Saturday May 17, 9 AM to 12 noon, Irvine St. and Greenfield Ave.
- **Spring Plantings**
Saturday May 24, 9 AM to 12 noon, Ronald St. and at McCaslin St.

August

- **5th:** National Night Out Public Safety Awareness Annual Event

October

- Pet Parade
- Fall Community Clean-up
- GCA Annual Meeting

November

- Community Awards Dinner

December

- **5th:** Holiday Parade and Community Party

Dear fellow Greenfielders:

We'd like to welcome our newest member to the GCA board of directors, Stephen Zumbun. Steve was appointed to complete a Board position vacated earlier this year. Steve and his wife moved to Greenfield in 2012. He grew up in Highland Park and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 2004. He attended the College of Wooster in Wooster, OH, earning a B.A. in Psychology. He moved back to Pittsburgh in 2008 and worked for the City of Pittsburgh Office of Youth Policy. He will be receiving his J.D. and a certificate in Environmental Law and Policy from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law this month.

With Steve's appointment, the GCA now has a full complement of nine volunteer board members. They include Patrick Hassett (President), Kate Hickey (Vice President), Steve Zeigler (Treasurer), Corey Deasy (Secretary), Dave Howe, Ellen Gula, Mitch Margaria, and Mary Bernacki. Together we continue to work diligently in building the organization and impacting Greenfield's quality of life.

Also of note, we are in the process of re-designing and improving our website so as to provide a better portal into the activities of the GCA and the neighborhood. By the end of May we hope to roll out a new look and structured website. Included in the new website will be additional Greenfield photos, direct link to the community's google calendar, board meeting notes, updates on committee activities, a digital version of the Grapevine, an archive of GCA and neighborhood documents, and eventually a directory of businesses in the neighborhood. Stay tune. In the meantime like us on Facebook to keep up to date on GCA and neighborhood activities.

We remain grateful to all who pitch in and volunteer their time to the organization and to the community. We are also always looking for more helping hands so we can have an even greater impact on the neighborhood. We invite you to join a committee or help plan a community events. You can e-mail us at info@gcapgh.org for more information.

Greenfield Community Association Board of Directors



Renovations to the GO building are underway for its conversion to eight residential units with 5 parking spaces. (Photo: April 10, 2014)

Being Heard - Zoning Hearings That Affect You

By Geoff Campbell and David Howe

GCA's Development and Transportation Committee

The Development & Transportation Committee of the Greenfield Community Association wants to ensure that residents of the neighborhood stay up to date on zoning issues and that everyone is aware of their rights as neighbors when hearings are scheduled with the City's Zoning Hearing Board, regarding a property in Greenfield.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a three-member panel, one of which must be a lawyer, appointed by the Mayor. The Board meets weekly to hear appeals to consider granting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance. For more information directly from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, call (412) 255-2214 or email Greenfield's neighborhood planner, Ashley Holloway at ashley.holloway@pittsburghpa.gov.

If you are an immediate neighbor of any property coming up for

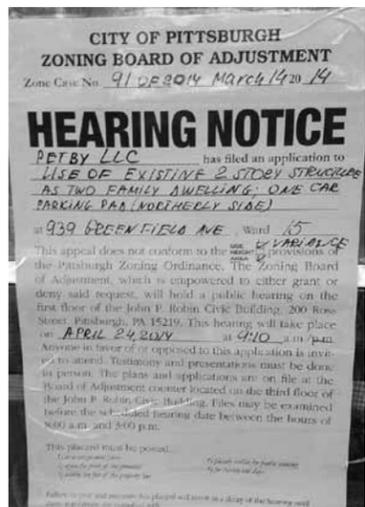
Event Look-a-Ahead:

June

- **1st:** Greenfield Glide & Community Festival at Schenley Park

July

- **4th:** July 4th Races and Festival at Magee Park



Zoning Board of Adjustments
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The proposed plans and all other documents submitted for the variance and/or exceptions are available for public review in this office during normal business hours, prior to the hearing.

For reference, the part of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances known as the Pittsburgh Zoning Code is available on line by going to the City's website www.pittsburgh-pa.gov, clicking on "City Information," then on "Municipal Code."

Members of the Development & Transportation Committee of the Greenfield Community Association, offer their assistance in understanding your options. If you have any questions, or would like further support, please email us at info@gcapgh.org. Should time permit, we also encourage attending a Development & Transportation committee meeting on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM, at the Greenfield Presbyterian Church's Coffeehouse.

discussion, you should be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing by the City Planning department. Any neighbor directly affected – even those a bit further down the block or around the corner – still may have standing to speak at these hearings. If you have a strong opinion for or against a plan, you are encouraged to appear and speak at that time. You may also submit written testimony or a petition with your neighbors to:

Call for Grapevine Articles and Bulletin Items!

Have an idea for an article for an upcoming Grapevine? Want to announce something to the neighborhood? We're always looking for content that will be interesting and informative for our community! Articles are typically 750-1000 words in length and should include at least one picture. Bulletin items are typically 150-300 words in length and will appear in this section. Send any content you'd like to include to info@gcapgh.org!

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These Are the People in your Neighborhood

Dana Cestra

By Gina Gofrey

Dana Cestra is a kindergarten teacher at the Greenfield School. Growing up in Greenfield is an experience Dana Cestra says she wouldn't trade for anything. "It was a great place to grow up. Everyone looked out for everyone else. And as a kid, you knew you had to stay in line, or your parents would be hearing about it.

When she was six, her family moved from Loretta Street to Gladstone and there she made friendships that have lasted to this day. "A bunch of kids lived on Gladstone, and we were always playing together, baseball in the alleyway, riding our bikes in the woods." Many of those kids grew up and live on Gladstone now, and they remain friends.

Dana recalls starting kindergarten at Greenfield School in the mid-seventies, and how she loved to play with the wooden block. "We probably still have those same blocks," Dana laughs. She also remembers fondly and vividly listening to the librarian, Mrs. Gavula read to her class. As a child, Dana attended swimming lessons at Greenfield School that were at that time sponsored by the Greenfield Organization. "Girls' night was Tuesday, and boys' night was Thursday. And it's so cool that now the PTO is sponsoring swimming lessons again!"



Attending Duquesne University, Dana earned first a bachelor's degree in education and then a master's degree as a reading specialist. Her first job out of school was in the Steel Valley School District. After a couple of years, she took a position with the Pittsburgh Public School as a day to day substitute. She worked in a variety of schools, including Banksville, Manchester, Minadeo and Westwood. When she joined the staff of Greenfield School it was like she "hit the lottery." This was where I had grown up. I knew many of the other faculty members; they were the friends of my parents and grandparents. And I understood the high expectations for teachers at Greenfield."

Teaching at a school in the neighborhood where she resides has a multitude of benefits, aside from an easy commute. "I am already friends with many of the parents. We come from a place of mutual respect and understanding. These parents know their children are safe with me."

Any former student of Dana's can easily tell you her other passion: her dogs. An animal lover for her entire life, Dana has rescued two pit bulls, Duchess from the Humane Society, and Prince from a shelter in Ohio.

Dana lives in the house she grew up in, on Gladstone Street, with her daughter Christine, who is a photojournalism student at Point Park University. Dana has passed on her love of animals, and Christine is currently working on a documentary project for the Humane Society.

In talking about the various families in the neighborhood, Dana utilizes knowledge gained while she delivered newspapers as a kid. She knows which homes have stayed in the same family for multiple generations (many), and who had to leave the Pittsburgh area to find better employment opportunities. She says she would love to see more of her childhood friends come back to the neighborhood which remains a great place to raise a family.



Spring is officially here! It has been long cold winter. Our Minadeo students have been patiently waiting for two things: Spring and our new playground to be finished! This past month, we have watched as the playground has finally taken shape. The week before Spring Break, the equipment was up and cemented in. The crew was at the school installing the playground surface. The permanent fence for around the playground is tentatively scheduled to be installed over Spring Break. We are hoping it will be ready to use once our students return from break!

Over the past few months, we have seen students from 3rd through 5th grade working hard to prepare for PSSAs. In addition to their schoolwork, they and their teachers have been working on short films to encourage and inspire their fellow students to work hard and do their best on the PSSAs. Kindergarten through Second Grade have cheered on our students taking the PSSAs. All of our students have worked very hard to do well on our PSSAs. We would like to thank all of the teachers and

test proctors who have worked so hard to help our students achieve success on the PSSA. A special thank you to Ms. Mongelluzzo who coordinated the testing at the school and to Ms. Stana who coordinated our teacher and student created films. Thank you to all of the students for their hard work!

Each year, there are special days to recognize and appreciate the people provide us with services. April 22 will be Administrative Professionals Day. A special thank you to our office staff, Ms. Deluca and Ms. Chan, for all of the hard work they do for us at Minadeo! Teacher Appreciation Week will be from May 5-May 9. Don't forget to thank your favorite teacher and tell them how much you appreciate them!

As the end of the year fast approaches, so does Family Fun Night. Mark your calendars: Family Fun Night will be on May 30. There is still a lot of work to be done to make this year's Family Fun Night a great success. If you would like to help with Family Fun Night, please contact us at minadeopto@gmail.com.



**Greenfield Glide 5k & Community Festival
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Race: 9:30 am / Festival: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

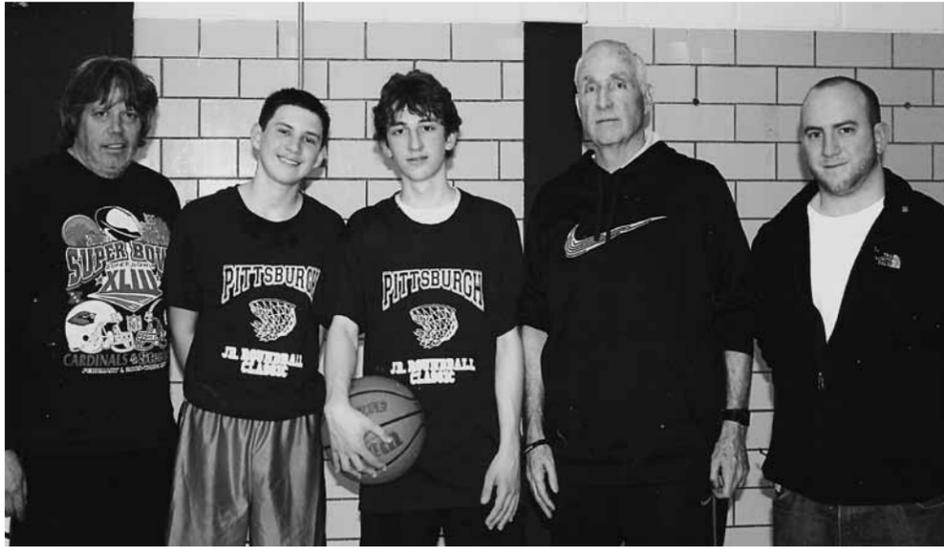
Race Registration: www.GreenfieldGlide.com

The Glide Committee is looking for a few helping hands! Please consider the following: Race Setup & Registration (8:00-9:30) - Water Stops (9:00-10:30) - Food Prep (9:30-2:00) - Festival Setup (9:30-11:00) - Festival Floating Assistance (11:00-3:00) - Festival Clean Up (2:00-3:00) (Shifts available.)

Sponsorship opportunities are still available!

For details contact Mitch Margaria (mitch_lm@hotmail.com, 412-953-6990)

St. Rosalia Players Make All-Star Team



Congratulations to St. Rosalia Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball Team players Marshall McGraw and Jacob Kosuda on their recent selection to the Pittsburgh Diocesan East Junior Roundball All-Star Classic Team. The tournament games were played at Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School on March 28, 29 and 30. The team was coached by St. Rosalia Academy coaches Jim Gregg, Kevin Kelley, and Joe Villella.



Pittsburgh Diocesan "East" Junior Roundball Team: First Row (L to R) Chase Polak, Chase McCorkle, Cal Tomasic, Vernon Clark, Jonah Deasy, Marshall McGraw, Mark Bozicevic. Second Row (L to R) Coach Jim Gregg, Anthony Young, Austin Vogel, Rory Brennan, George Mike, Cole Mason, Jonathan Russell, Jacob Kosuda, John Kromka, Coach Kevin Kelley, Coach Joe Villella.

The May Garden

Why, Oh Why, Did Our Plants Die?

By Melissa Harding

Happy Mother's Day to all of you garden mamas out there! May is such a great month in the garden; we can finally plant our scraggly tomato seedlings, put in our petunias, and breathe a sigh of relief that the frost is safely past. May has the promise of an entire season of warm weather ahead of us. All we need to imagine the future bounty of our gardens is to look at the buds and branches just ready to burst with new life. Despite all of this excitement, it is important to remember one very important thing: we are going to kill a lot of plants this year. Not on purpose, of course, but it will happen. In fact, it will happen often. Remember those tomato seedlings? A rabbit will get them. Those petunias? The weedwacker.

In the spirit of all that comes ahead in May and beyond, here are the wonderful words of expert gardener Geoffrey B. Charlesworth, author of "The Opinionated Gardener: Random Offshoots from an Alpine Garden". I first found this lovely gem on the recommendation of one of my favorite garden writers, Margaret Roach, and have taken solace in its humor ever since. May is a time for planting warm weather crops, edging garden beds and doing extra mulching, but you already know that.

This month, the best advice this column offers is this: It's only a plant.

Why Did My Plant Die?

By Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

You walked too close. You trod on it.
 You dropped a piece of sod on it.
 You hoed it down. You weeded it.
 You planted it the wrong way up.
 You grew it in a yogurt cup
 But you forgot to make a hole;
 The soggy compost took its toll.
 September storm. November drought.
 It heaved in March, the roots popped out.
 You watered it with herbicide.
 You scattered bonemeal far and wide.
 Attracting local omnivores,
 Who ate your plant and stayed for more.
 You left it baking in the sun
 While you departed at a run
 To find a spade, perhaps a trowel,
 Meanwhile the plant threw in the towel.
 You planted it with crown too high;
 The soil washed off, that explains why.
 Too high pH. It hated lime.
 Alas it needs a gentler clime.
 You left the root ball wrapped in plastic.
 You broke the roots. They're not elastic.
 You walked too close. You trod on it.
 You dropped a piece of sod on it.
 You splashed the plant with mower oil.
 You should do something to your soil.
 Too rich. Too poor. Such wretched tilth.
 Your soil is clay. Your soil is filth.
 Your plant was eaten by a slug.
 The growing point contained a bug.
 These aphids are controlled by ants,
 Who milk the juice, it kills the plants.
 In early spring your garden's mud.
 You walked around! That's not much good.
 With heat and light you hurried it.
 You worried it. You buried it.
 The poor plant missed the mountain air:
 No heat, no summer muggs up there.
 You overfed it 10-10-10.
 Forgot to water it again.
 You hit it sharply with the hose.
 You used a can without a rose.
 Perhaps you sprinkled from above.
 You should have talked to it with love.
 The nursery mailed it without roots.
 You killed it with those gardening boots.
 You walked too close. You trod on it.
 You dropped a piece of sod on it.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Greenfield Community Association's Spring Planting Schedule

Saturday, May 17 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Irving St. and Greenfield Ave. Plantings

Saturday, May 24 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Greenfield Avenue at
 Ronald St. and at McCaslin St. Plantings**

**For details contact Mitch Margaria
 (mitch_lm@hotmail.com, 412-953-6990)**

**Greenfield Community Association's
 Public Space Stewardship Committee**



Squirrel Hill Branch May Events

Genre Book Club

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. To celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month in May, we'll be discussing "Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford on May 21.

Wednesdays in May

At 6:30 pm, we'll be having a Civics 101 mini-course in partnership with the ACLU of Pennsylvania. Here are the class listings:

May 7- What Were They Thinking?: The Constitution & Bill of Rights

May 14- Who's Suing Who?: The Law and The Courts

May 21- My Free Speech is Better Than Your Free Speech: Civil Liberties Highlights in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Across the Country

May 28- The Government and You: Roles, Rights & Responsibilities

Thursday, May 8

Interested in starting your own investment club? At 6:30 pm, members of Better Investing will be here to discuss what's involved.

Wednesday, May 14

Frick Art and Historical Center will present "Land of Abundance: Pittsburgh and the American Garden" at 2 pm. Through this colorful presentation, learn about the history of gardening in America and in the region. From early explorers to our presidents to Pittsburghers like the Frick family, discover how, through our love of gardens, we quite literally have cultivated the American dream.

Thursday, May 15

Leah Vincent, author of Cut Me Loose: Sin and Salvation After My Ultra-Orthodox Girlhood, will be here at 6:30 pm for a reading and audience Q&A. Vincent is from Squirrel Hill and this title has been very popular in our library.

Saturday, May 17

Join us as Garden Dreams Urban Farm and Nursery presents "Growing Veggies in Small Places" at 12:30 pm, and learn how to grow your own vegetable garden right on your porch, window, or driveway.

Join us at 3 pm for a 101-level class in DIY bike maintenance and repair from Pittsburgh's community bike project, Free Ride! This class will give you all the basics to keep your bike safe and in working order.

Monday, May 19

Kevin Farkas, Director of Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative, will talk about his group's work capturing, preserving, and sharing the stories of local veterans. Starts at 2 PM.

Thursday, May 22

Caroline Shannon-Karasik, a local author whose new book is The

Gluten-Free Revolution, will be here at 6:30 to give a Back to (Gluten-Free) Basics talk. She will talk about how to suss out what's healthy and what's not and what a gluten-free lifestyle looks like.

Thursday, May 29

Join us for "Savvy Social Security Planning for Women" at 6:30 pm. Learn how to get the highest lifetime income stream from Social Security. Whether you're married or single, divorced or widowed, there are certain strategies women can use to maximize Social Security benefits over a lifetime. Women represent 57 percent of all Social Security beneficiaries age 62 and older and about 68 percent of all beneficiaries age 85 and older. In this seminar, we will explore some Social Security claiming strategies every woman should know to maximize her Social Security retirement benefits.

Saturday, May 31

The Pennsylvania Resources Council will present a composting and rain barrel workshop at 1 pm. Learn how to recycle your food scraps into rich compost right in your own kitchen (odor free!), create a backyard composting system and also harvest rainwater from your roof using rain barrels to use in your landscape.

Buzz Mondays

Every Monday (except a 5th Monday) at 6:30 pm:

May 5- Culture Night- Turkey

The Turkish Culture Center will visit us for a presentation about Turkey and its culture. They will also bring samples of traditional Turkish refreshments.

May 12- DIY/Crafting Suncatchers with Daviea

Local mosaic artist Daviea Davis, whose work can be seen at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, the Pittsburgh International Airport, and many other locations, will teach you how to make your own mosaic suncatcher. All supplies provided. Registration required. Call the library at 412-422-9650 to register.

May 19- Lit Night

Marisa McClellan

Philadelphia blogger, food writer, canning teacher and author of "Food in Jars: Preserving in Small Batches Year-Round" Marisa McClellan will visit us for a talk about preserving. She will also be selling copies of her books.

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A Eucharistic School Gives Thanks For New Life

After our long, difficult winter this year, everyone is eagerly anticipating the new life that each spring brings. As a gardener, it amazes me when God's miracle of new life turns the brown trees to a lovely spring green and pushes the tender green shoots through the soil.

At Saint Rosalia Academy, we celebrate and give thanks for new life. That new life may appear in various forms. There is the new life that appears in the eyes of a child when they have grasped a particularly difficult concept. There is the new life of discovery when a lesson has inspired a student. There is the new life in the heart of a teacher when a new teaching strategy has been especially effective.

During this season of Lent, we think about Christ's struggles and His death on the cross, and new life as He rose from the dead on Easter morn. May you find God's blessings as you give thanks for the new life of spring.

If you are interested in a Eucharistic Centered School for your child, join us at Saint Rosalia Academy. Registration for the 2014 - 2015 school year for grades preschool age 3 to grade 8 are now open. Please give us a call at 412-521-3005 to schedule an appointment.

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Public Safety Tip: Bicycle Theft Prevention



By Kate Hickey
Co-Chair, GCA Public Safety Committee

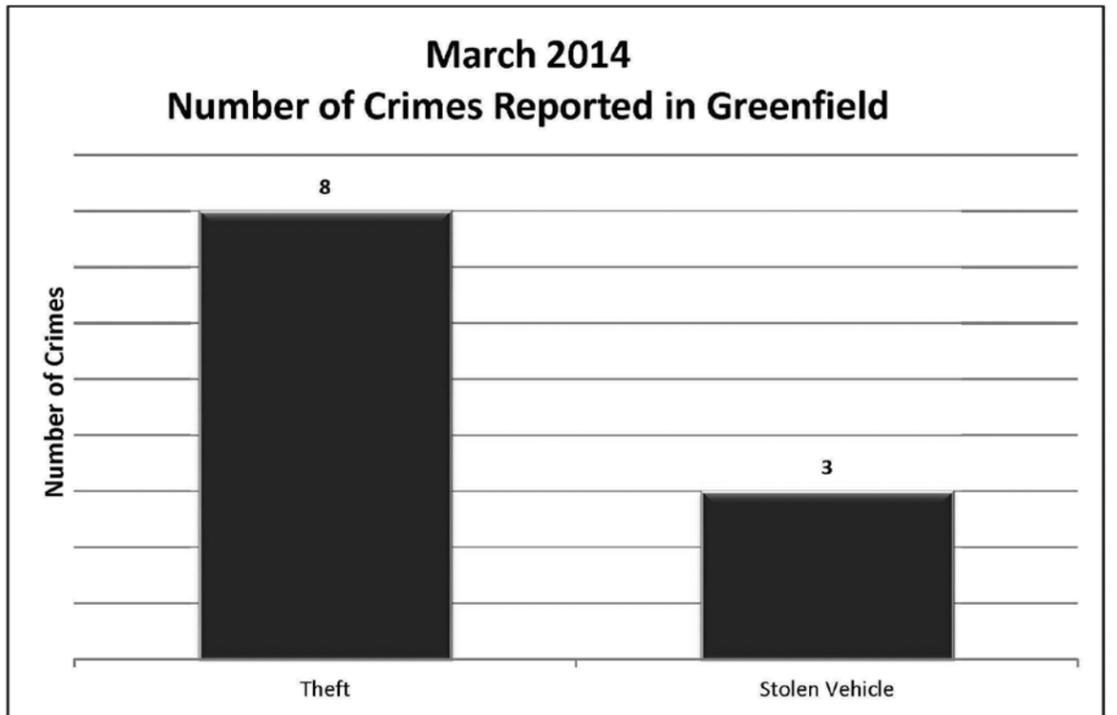
Spring marks the start up of biking season and also bike thefts. To protect your ride, lock it up at all times preferably to a bike rack using a "U" lock, like the bike across the street. Also, write down the serial number of your bike(s) and keep it in your wallet. Serial numbers usually can be found under

the crank, on the frame where the back wheel attaches to the bike and where the fork goes into the frame (see image above of possible places to find your serial number).

On that same piece of paper, include the make, model and color of the bike and any unusual graphics. Take a picture of your bike too and keep it with your records, just in case you need to provide it to the police.



The steps from Blanton Street down to Greenfield Avenue near the Magee Rec Center were reopened last month after DPW's Construction Division replaced and repaired missing and broken treads and railing. The steps are heavily used by residents to access Magee Park and the Rec Center as well as the bus stop at the bottom of the stairs. Thanks, DPW!



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Greenfield Crime Report

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Compounding is the long-established tradition in pharmacy practice that enables physicians to prescribe and patients to take medicines that are specially prepared by pharmacists to meet patients' individual needs.

Besides her 33 years of community pharmacy experience, Susan has specialized in Gentle Hormone Restoration Therapy® for over 12 years, and does private, one-on-one consultations with women and men. Other specialties include sexual health at Your-GoddessRoom.com, and LabNaturals, of course.

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Skin Analysis

Institutions teaching estheticians about skin care, classify skin according to skin conditions, usually five skin types. These types are dry, oily, aging, acneic, and combination t-zone (treatment zones). The fact is all of the above skin conditions are caused or exacerbated by the same poor habits.

- Poor nutrition
- Dehydration
- Over exposure to the sun, tanning beds, pollutants, toxins and overuse of toxic skin care products
- Overuse of skin treatment procedures, like peels and laser
- Lack of adequate exercise and stretching
- Inadequate sleep
- Stress and illness

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Anti-Aging

LabNaturals premier anti-aging products are: Vitamin C 20% Skin Serum, Daytime Firming Peptide Lotion, Eye & Lip Treatment, and Dreamy Night Cream.

Grace V. tried the LabNaturals refreshed line of products and had this to say, "I love the Daytime Peptide Firming Lotion, and the Dreamy Night Cream. These products are wonderful – I have definitely noticed an improvement in my complexion. It's smooth and firm, the lines and wrinkles are less noticeable. I love the way my face feels! The products never leave any greasy residue and the fragrance is nice and light! All in all, fantastic products!"

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The flagship products for clear skin are: Clear Skin Cleanser, Clear Skin Toner, and Clear Skin Control.

Shayne S., dedicated LabNaturals customer says, "I've had problems with my skin since I was a teenager. Antibiotics, birth control, over-the-counter and prescription solutions...You name it, I was on it to treat my acne. It wasn't until Susan introduced me to LabNaturals that myself, and my friends, noticed a clear difference in my skin."

"I tried the full set - scrub, cleanser, lotion, spot treatment, and toner. My favorite product of the group is the scrub. Not only does it make my skin feel smooth but I believe it's reduced the appearance of my scars. I use it everyday before applying make up. It's been almost 11 years since my first acne treatment and this is the first time that I can say I have little to no breakouts. I will never go back to anything else!" Shayne added.

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Wonderful Water

By Jim McCue

We live in an amazing time. Paradoxical, seemingly contradictory, results of quantum physics experiments lead to the inescapable conclusion that mind and emotion somehow have a direct effect on matter at the subatomic level. The same physics that is behind the breathtaking sequence of new inventions we've come to expect nowadays is also telling us that there is more to reality than just the physical world.

The best of science is dancing us back to a more earthy spirituality. Hard-nosed researchers, with disciplined protocols to ensure objectivity, are coming up with some of the wildest conclusions. Some are making seemingly wacky statements like that the emotional state of a person has an effect on the water that person comes into contact with. And there is a long history of tests showing that meditation and prayer somehow change the characteristics of things such as crime rates. So somehow - though humanity at this time is enmeshed in an unfathomably complex interaction of changes (many of them human-caused) - we still can know that our individual efforts can have good effects on the future. Your mind and heart make a difference.

Water has always been associated with life; no wonder, as no life form can do without it. The more I learn about biodiversity the more enchanted I become with using a variety of living things working together to clean a flow of water by making use of its pollutants as nutrients. The concept of the "living machine" comes from the recognition that a controlled water flow traveling through numerous varieties of life can filter and biodegrade toxics - using toxics as nutrients to produce, for instance: fish; earthworms; watercress; algae for food and/or fuel and/or feed; oysters or clams; greenhouse plants. This combination of constructed wetland with organic waste recycling takes problems and turns them into products. By first running the polluted/nutrient-laden water through stones, then smaller and smaller mesh-sized gravel, then smaller and smaller

sized sand, and maybe finally through clay (which is even smaller), the system filters and uses the filtrate as food for the plants, animals (mostly small like insects), and microbes living in the system.

One of the reasons Pittsburgh became a great city was the abundance of water here. Back in the day (I mean WAY back in the day, before any of us alive today were born, when forest covered most of the country), people got maybe a third of their protein from the rivers. De-industrialization in recent years has allowed some of the river life to come back. Because of the abundant rain, many plants and animals can live here that can't make it some other places. To the extent we have vegetated areas, the rain is slowed down on its journey to the rivers and then to the sea. As the living things - microbes, plants, bugs and larger animals - drink the water they hold it back. That's why planting trees, for instance, is a way to prevent the nutrients in the soil from being washed away. The trees brake and drink the water and then sweat it into the air. This even affects the weather, as more water vapor from vegetation makes for more clouds. By recognizing our dependence on our fellow creatures - plant, animal, and microbial - we can better assure our own future. So, paradoxically, simply by deepening our enjoyment and appreciation of the beauty of the life all around us we can be most productive.

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Gathering Recipes The Old-Fashioned Way

By Dianne Shenk

I was in a butcher shop in Lawrenceville last week asking the butcher where he gets his meats to cure, smoke and dry, and buying some bacon ends to chop up and mix with my greens. He had a huge pile of fresh keilbasa on the counter that he had just taken out of the smoker and was stacking to sell, and a man came in to purchase 3 lbs of it. I asked his name and wondered about the keilbasa, and he told me that the recipe came from the former butcher shop owner, who had made it there for decades - it was the one product that really kept the place open. He said he was getting 3 lbs for his elderly neighbor so she could fix it for Easter dinner. Really? I never heard of keilbasa for Easter, but he assured me that this neighbor and his family all fixed keilbasa and sauerkraut, along with pork roast for Easter dinner.

While waiting on his order, we admired the de-boned legs of lamb in the cold case and compared recipes for fixing lamb roast. I said I would use a small, sharp knife to make dozens of holes in the lamb, stuffing fresh rosemary and a slice of garlic into each slit. After roasting it a few hours, my kids just loved it. My new friend agreed, but recommended adding slices of anchovy to every third slit - "You won't taste the anchovy, just a salty blend of spices that really heightens the flavor" he assured me. I didn't buy a leg of lamb this time, but will remember this advice the next time I do!

With the advent of the internet, it seems simple to sit down and look up a recipe for anything you would ever want to cook, but I find it's much more interesting to ask people how they fix something. I get details a written recipe won't

give me, and learn from people who cook as art and love to eat, plus we can discuss cooking techniques and alternative spices or other ingredients. Everyone who cooks regularly has their special recipe additions, and I usually know how good it will be from how interested they are in describing it for me.

This year I decided to get a ham for Easter, but wanted to make scalloped potatoes to go with it. I love the creamy, chewy, crunchy taste and texture of delicious scalloped potatoes, and tried several times years ago to make them, but they never turned out. They were either runny or underdone and I gave up.

On the Saturday before Easter we had Buying Club and I was chatting with Ethel at Hazelwood Towers, asking her about her plans to go to a family dinner the next day. She asked what I was going to cook, and I explained about the scalloped potatoes and not knowing how to fix them. Well, I couldn't have brought up a better subject - Ethel raised four children and has been cooking delicious food her whole life, so she detailed how to make the potatoes. Her secret is to parboil the potatoes first - peel them and boil them whole for a few minutes before slicing them thin into a greased casserole dish, layering them with grated mild cheddar cheese, and pouring a smooth white sauce over everything before baking it. The potatoes soak up the sauce while they cook to softness, and the top cheese layer gets crisp and brown.

On Easter Sunday, I followed Ethel's directions and placed the dish of scalloped potatoes in the oven next to the ham I had patted with brown sugar mixed with maple syrup. We had a delicious Easter dinner!

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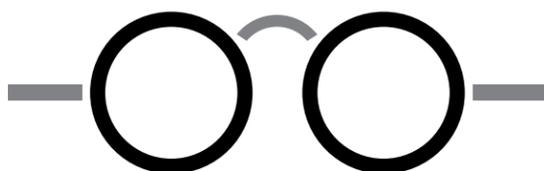
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