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# THE YEAR OF THE BRIDGE



## Editorial: From Point A to Point B - The Greenfield Bridge Meeting

By Annie Quinn

From point A to B. That is what was on the minds of the standing room only crowd at St. Rosalia's Wurel Hall on February 3rd. How in the *WORLD* are we all going to get from point A to point B without the Greenfield Bridge?

The meeting was attended by residents of Greenfield, Squirrel Hill and South Oakland. The press, local council office, and the mayor's office were present for questions and the presentation. Visual representations of the bridge, its surface layout and the detours were presented by the design firm. They had numerous individuals circulating to answer questions and interact with attendees around the design plans.

At 6:30 PM, City Councilman Corey O'Conner opened the meeting and included talking points about the support of local businesses to the neighborhood. I look forward to hearing more about that plan in the future. He then turned the microphone over

to Patrick Hassett, Assistant Director for the Bureau of Transportation and Engineering in the Pittsburgh Department of Public Works and Past President of the Greenfield Community Association and longtime resident. The neighborhood is lucky to be represented within the planning stages by an individual that will also be directly affected by this project. Patrick completed a Power Point presentation that covered the history, timeline and construction schedule for the bridge.

Several outspoken people in attendance discussed the detours, the parkway traffic and problems with specific intersections, yet no one at this point is arguing that the bridge should not be removed. We all know that it has to come down. Now we need to find the best way to survive without it.

The design of the bridge was only lightly discussed. Several comments were made about the correction of traffic from Greenfield Road to the bridge. However, people fail to realize that currently Greenfield

Road is a single lane road. Because of its width (similar to the historical use of Second Ave), people have been using it as two lanes. Greenfield Road is a park road. I am excited to slow traffic down to keep it safe for the public that will flow along its edges. Returning the bridge to park use enhances our neighborhood and allows better access by foot, car, and bike. But for 18 months-it doesn't matter what Greenfield Road or Schenley park roads look like. What are we going to do about traffic control?

People worried about the Swinburne Bridge and interaction onto Greenfield Avenue. Currently there is not assistance given to people who use the bridge and want to make a left hand turn. The Swinburne road itself is dangerous and reminiscent of Pocusset Street. It also flows into a residential neighborhood in Southern Oakland. The streets are 25 miles per hour and already bogged with traffic. Several neighbors were both concerned with the interior intersections and the intersection at Boulevard of the Allies.

People are also worried about the amount of traffic that will flow up Greenfield Avenue and along Beechwood Boulevard. The entrance to the parkway at Squirrel Hill on Beechwood remains a contested problem that has already seriously dead-locked the neighborhood. What will the route look like without the Bridge?

People are definitely nervous about what will happen and Patrick was honest that Public Works, the Police and the Construction Company cannot predict people's behavior. We are not going to know what the problem areas are until we see how many people are using alternatives. I believe it was important that future funds will be used to keep the detours and traffic under analysis while the construction proceeds. This is vital to address issues as they arise. The posted detours are suggestions, but local Greenfield residents will each have to come up with their own commuting and transportation changes.

I, as both a resident of this neighborhood and a member of the GCA, think the biggest issue that needs to be addressed was the choice of both Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Port Authority's failure to be present at the meeting. Public transportation is the staple of this neighborhood. Our neighborhood has a significant population of school aged students. I believe the neighborhood needs to hold accountable these organizations to present plans and hold public forums *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*. They have the time to plan- this is not a surprise. They have the time to organize- this is not a surprise. It will only result in failure if they choose to wait to act. They cannot wait until the bridge falls to plan for our neighborhood riders.

## Alternate Routes for Getting Around on Foot and Bike Without the Bridge

By Kate St. John

Do you walk from Greenfield to Schenley Park or Oakland? If so, you probably walk the Greenfield Bridge. What will you do when it closes in mid-October?

At the February 3 Greenfield Bridge Public Meeting, Pat Hassett outlined six ways to cross the Parkway East. Two of them, Swinburne and the Parkway itself, are only suitable for vehicular traffic. One of them, the Junction Hollow Trail, provides a quiet protected path through Schenley Park for only bikes and pedestrians.

In January I experimented with the Junction Hollow Trail, comparing its time and distance from Magee Field to Pitt's Cathedral of Learning with the same destination via the Greenfield Bridge.

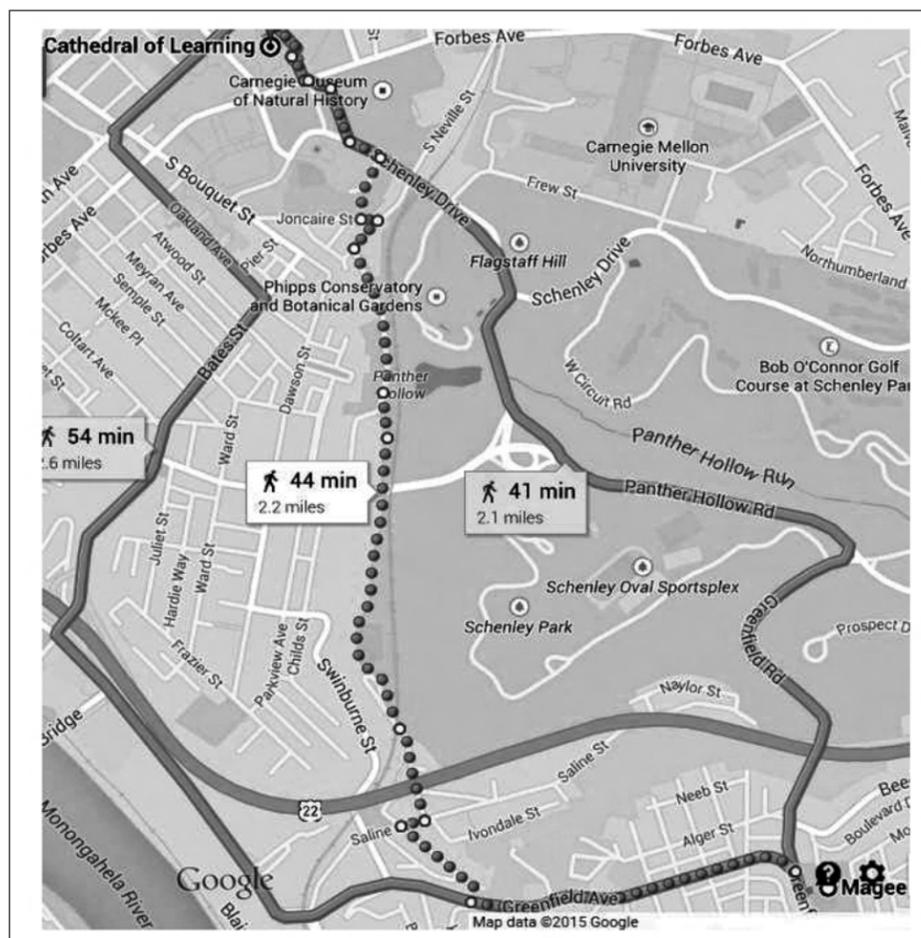
To walk from Magee Field to Pitt via Junction Hollow, take Greenfield Avenue to the Alexis steps, Alexis Street to the Junction Hollow Trail in Schenley Park, Bound-

ary Street in Oakland's "Little Italy" to the Joncaire steps, then up to Frick Fine Arts Building and Schenley Drive.

The Junction Hollow detour compares favorably in time and distance to the Greenfield Bridge walking route. The Bridge route takes 41 minutes and 2.1 miles. Junction Hollow takes 44 minutes and 2.2 miles. Junction Hollow won't be posted with pedestrian detour signs because, by law, pedestrian detours have to be ADA accessible.

Ready to experiment? Don't try it just yet. Right now the Alexis steps are closed because of a structural failure. The good news is that this summer the top flight of the Alexis steps will be replaced and the Joncaire steps will be rebuilt with a bike rail similar to Oakland's Louisa Street steps.

By this October our alternate pedestrian route will be ready. After climbing the Alexis steps we can reward ourselves with food and drink at the businesses along Greenfield Avenue.



How to get from Greenfield to Oakland via foot or bike while the Greenfield Bridge is closed.

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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.

## Fire Station Smoke Detector Installation Program

Many Hazelwood residents have become aware of the new smoke detector requirements in Allegheny County through the efforts of the Fire Department and the Hazelwood Initiative Public Safety Committee. The new rules for every home are:

1. A smoke detector in each bedroom.
2. A smoke detector on each floor. (different from the ones in the bedrooms)

3. Each floor includes the basement and attic if you have usable steps to those floors.

You must have these additional smoke detectors for your home to be up to code. The Pittsburgh Fire Department will install free detectors if you are a homeowner and fill out a request sheet, which are available at the Fire Department on Flowers Avenue or at the Hazelwood Initiative office on Johnston Avenue or at Hazelwood Initiative

meetings.

If you are a renter, you have to ask your landlord to install the extra smoke detectors. The Fire Department will not put smoke detectors into rental properties.

Please stop and fill out the forms, or have your landlord make sure to install the required smoke detectors. Not only are these important safety measures, but they're now required by law.

## PAEYC's Hazelwood Early Learning Hub

### By Chad Dorn

Anyone that has spent time with a young child knows that the first years are a time of tremendous growth. It is a time filled with first smiles, first steps, and first words. The Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC) works with local caregivers, early childhood educators, and families to ensure that those first years are filled with opportunities for healthy development.

All children are born ready to learn and explore the world through hands-on activities and play. As the adults in their lives, it is our responsibility to give them healthy environments full of love, respect, and nurturing relationships.

PAEYC's new Early Learning

Hub in Hazelwood provides professional development to child care providers, support and guidance to families, and offers reading programs and opportunities to learn through play. The Early Learning Hub is located on the ground floor of the newly renovated library. It works in collaboration with the Greater Hazelwood Family Support Center and the Hazelwood branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to offer programming for community residents and early childhood professionals.

Every Monday morning, for two hours starting at ten o'clock, families, children, and child care providers are invited to Come Play! at the family support center. Come Play! is a time for children and their caregivers to learn through unstructured play. It is an

opportunity for creative play by building with the big blue blocks of the Imagination Playground, or to engage the senses at the water table. Most importantly, it is a time to for parents to laugh, play and learn with their young children. Anyone can attend. All you have to do is show up.

In addition to the Hazelwood Early Learning Hub, PAEYC's new space houses a training center that draws early childhood and out of school time educators, caregivers, and advocates from across the region to participate in innovative professional development.

If you have any questions, or want more information about the Hazelwood Early Learning Hub and its programming, you can call the PAEYC office at 412-421-3889. Or, feel free to just stop by.

## New City Program Notes and Updates From Councilman O'Connor

### By Corey O'Connor

City Council, District 5

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on some of the new programs and service updates recently planned by the city. Stay tuned as we continue to roll out programs and enact legislation that helps improve your quality of life and sustain the city.

### Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement Rate Increases

Has your sidewalk been damaged by roots from city trees? City Council amended a city ordinance that raises the compensation rate from \$4.00 per square foot to \$8.00 per square foot. To submit a claim, the damaged sidewalk must be adjoining or adjacent to your property.

Homeowners should first contact the city's Forestry Division, 412-665-3625 and someone will come out to measure the amount of damage to the sidewalk that can be attributed to the tree roots. Forestry will then notify the owner by mail with the results and will also advise whether the tree(s) will be root pruned or removed. The homeowner's contractor or homeowner must file for a sidewalk permit at the Permit Counter, 611 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, 15219. There is a fee of \$30.00 for this permit.

Claim Forms can be found online at Claims must be mailed to the City of Pittsburgh, Department of Law, 313 City-County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh,

PA 15219. Any additional questions or concerns can be directed to the Claims Division at 412-255-2031.

### Residential Homeowner Assistance Program

An agreement between the federal government, the City of Pittsburgh, the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) mandates that owners of residential property must perform and pass a dye test when selling a home. This is to show compliance with the requirement to disconnect storm water connections from sanitary lines prior to final sale. Costs to a homeowner to comply ranges from \$250 to as much as \$30,000.

Now, PWSA has launched the Residential Homeowner Assistance Program to help defray the cost of decoupling storm water connections, such as downspouts, from sanitary sewers. In cooperation with the nonprofit Dollar Energy Fund, \$200,000 in seed money will be available to help homeowners offset some repair costs.

Grants and loans distributed by the program will be determined on an income-based sliding scale. The long-term goal is to grow the fund through contributions from foundations, state and local government, and other entities. It will help PWSA comply with its federal order to reduce the flow of untreated sewage into local rivers and will also help homeowners eager to sell.

For additional information, call PWSA 412- 255-0801 or 412-255-0804 or check out the website [www.pgh2o.com](http://www.pgh2o.com).

### Online Registration for Park Shelters

For the first time in city history, residents can now register online to rent park shelters. No more waiting in line overnight for the annual Permit Day which required in person registration! You may still choose to register in person at the Public Works Permit Office, 611 Second Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

A step-by-step guide for creating an online account and reserving a shelter can be found at [www.registerparks.pittsburghpa.gov](http://www.registerparks.pittsburghpa.gov). You will be able to find detailed information about the location, capacity, and amenities of each city shelter. Park-specific Shelter Information Sheets have pictures of each shelter along with a map showing its location.

Shelters are available for rent up to 365 days in advance on a rolling, first come/first served basis. Online shelter rentals must be completed 72 hours before the desired date; during the 72 hour window prior to that date; residents must contact the Permit Office to see if it is still possible to rent the shelter. As with all of the city's credit card processing services, Paymentus will facilitate the shelter online registration fees. For assistance or questions, call 412-255-2370.

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DEADLINE

March 12, 2014

## 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

### Hazelwood Christian Church

118 Glen Caladh Street  
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  
Bishop Gerald Loyd  
412-422-8794

### Oasis Ministries, Inc.

4944 Second Avenue  
Elder Ray Lankford  
412-422-2588

### St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Rite Church

506 Saline Street  
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  
Rev. Robert J. Ahlin  
412-461-6906

### Warriors of Holiness in Power (W.H.I.P. Ministries)

1174 Mifflin Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-461-5572  
Pastor James and  
Apostle Denise Samuel  
[www.whipministries.com](http://www.whipministries.com)

### 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

3929 Coleman Street  
412-521-4226

# What's Up?

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

## Greenfield Presbyterian Church

3929 Coleman St. • 412-521-4226

Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, Pastor  
[greenfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:greenfieldpc@gmail.com)  
[www.greenfieldpresbyterian.org](http://www.greenfieldpresbyterian.org)

Sunday Service: 11 AM  
Children's worship and education during service.

Pastor's "Office Hours"  
Mondays 4-6 PM - Hough's  
6-7 PM (Mondays 6-10 PM)  
Community Coffee House

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## Hazelwood Christian Church

*Committed to God's Word in Christ, and God's Word in Scripture*

118 Glen Caladh Street  
412-421-9908

### Service Schedule

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

Visit our Website:

[www.hccpittsburgh.com](http://www.hccpittsburgh.com)

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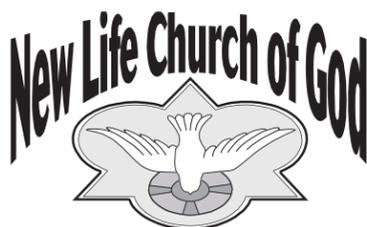
## Mary S. Brown–Ames United Methodist Church

3424 Beechwood Boulevard

Jeffrey Lukacs, Pastor

*"The church with the bright red fence"*

Sunday Service 10:30 AM  
Bible Study every Tuesday: 7:30 PM



*Bringing new life to all walks of life*

1120 Greenfield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
(412) 421-7101 Office

Pastor Mark K. Richardson  
E-mail: [newlifechurchofgod@verizon.net](mailto:newlifechurchofgod@verizon.net)  
Web: [www.nlcogpg.com](http://www.nlcogpg.com)

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

EPICS Classes..... Sunday, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM  
Sunday Service.....Sunday, 10:30 AM  
Noonday  
Prayer Meeting.....Wednesday, 12:00-1:00 PM  
Celebrate Recovery.....Friday, 7:00 PM

For New Believers and those who want a tune-up:



### Next Step Discipleship

*"Giving Direction to New Believers"*  
[www.nextstepdiscipleship.org](http://www.nextstepdiscipleship.org)

Text: NEXT To: 96362

## 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.

**The BTOP Computer Lab** - Located onsite at the Hazelwood YMCA is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from noon- 3 PM. Adults can come and job search, fill out resumes, learn basic computer skills and complete online job applications, as well as access benefit bank to learn of resources and government programs they may qualify for. Onsite help is available. For more information, contact Su Meyers at 412-421-5648.

**The Propel Hazelwood YMCA Resource Center** - Located on the lower level of the Propel Hazelwood School. Learn about resources in Greater Hazelwood, from childcare, afterschool, and all daycare services. Free tax preparation program, utility assistance, food bank, computer access, as well as educational workshops for parents and guardians. The hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The purpose of the space is to provide accessibility to community members and parents.

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## "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.

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## Because He Loves Me Kingdom Adult/Youth Community Bible Study

March 27, 2015 • 6:30 PM

*"Come Out, Come Out, From Wherever You Are"*

**Prophetess Dora Powell**  
4708 Sylvan Avenue  
Hazelwood Pa 15207  
412-586-7165

WHERE JESUS IS LORD!  
GOD BLESS YOU

## Let Us Know What's Up!

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## 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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## 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

Pastors Ray & Kim Lankford

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## St. John the Evangelist Baptist Church

4537 Chatsworth Avenue  
Reverend Alvin Coon, Pastor



## 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

*A church of the Anglican Communion*

# What About Food? Fish Fry Fridays and Fellowship

By Dianne Shenk

“Are you doing Fish Fridays this year? People have been asking me about it all day.”

This message flashed on my phone at noon on Fat Tuesday, and I quickly responded, “Yes, I’m bringing the menu and sign-up sheet down today!” An hour later I headed for Hazelwood Towers to post a copy of the menu, along with a sign-up sheet for lunch orders on Friday. Residents can sign up for dinners, sandwiches, soups or sides on the sheet, make payment to one of the residents who helps me every year, and come pick up their hot lunch in the Community Room on Friday at 11:30 am.

For the past 3 years, I’ve been volunteering as part of Fishes and Loaves Buying Club to bring Friday Fish Lunches to residents of Hazelwood Towers from the fish fry at Holy Angels Parish in Hays. We started the program because residents really wanted fish lunches but had no way to go and get them from Holy Angels. From the beginning, one of the residents has kept track of the orders and payments, and last year she began going with me to pick up the meals.

The first time we drove through Hazelwood and across the Glenwood Bridge, she said quietly, “This is the first time I’ve been across the river.” Really? She has lived her entire life in Hazelwood and the East End, but never had reason to ride the bus across the Mon to Homestead or West Mifflin. As we turned into the crammed parking lot at Holy Angels, she looked at me a little nervously and asked, “Am I allowed to go in?” I hadn’t thought about it until then, but nearly everyone at the church was white, and my tiny African-American companion was feeling a little intimidated. “Of course you’re allowed here. You’re welcome anywhere

you want to go,” I assured her. Smiles, welcomes and warm service inside quickly made her comfortable, and by now the volunteers at the church recognize us and ask about Hazelwood Towers and the Buying Club.

I wasn’t raised Catholic and had never lived in a city with a strong enough Catholic presence to have readily-available Friday fish fries during Lent. I felt strange the first few times I drove to Holy Angels and figured out the routine of making payment, picking out a few desserts to add to our order, and sitting or standing in line with a dozen or so others waiting for the kitchen to open at 11:00 am. I was amazed by the refrigerated truckbed in the parking lot for extra supplies, the crowds of volunteers in the kitchen area working the assembly lines at the fry vats and the packing tables, the quickly-filling tables in the basement as older couples, groups of friends or families seat themselves and eagerly order their fish dinners.

Taking part in Lenten Friday fish lunches illustrates how the many ways we eat bring us together and build community. Fish Fridays come from religious traditions in the Catholic Church, and have also evolved as an important fund raising opportunity for parishes. St Stephens Parish is opening an evening Friday Fish Supper this year and the group at Hazelwood Towers may opt to order there instead during Lent this year to support a Parish many residents are part of.

Many people of other faiths interact with the Church through sharing these experiences – my background is Mennonite and my helper’s is Baptist, while others in Hazelwood Towers come from other traditions. As we share the adventure of our trek to Holy Angels, we deepen our friendship and appreciation of each other, and bring back extra dessert treats to share with the other

residents. Usually some of us sit and eat together, creating community in the tough living space of a highrise apartment building. Purchasing a meal from a local food provider, in this case a Parish, recirculates our food dollars back into the community, where they are used for the work of the Parish and their community school.

The ways we choose to purchase and share our food are so important in building

community. The Lenten Fish Fridays give residents of Hazelwood Towers the opportunity to connect to Holy Angels Parish, work together to organize the ordering and collection of lunches, and then share a meal and conversation together. Every year I look forward to this break in the winter routine, and six weeks of Friday lunches at Hazelwood Towers.

## The Green Way: Enjoy Your Cold

By Jim McCue

I love winter. One winter (decades ago), during lambing season on a small family farm in West Virginia, I made the mistake of complaining about the cold. “Don’t you EVER second-guess the Lord!”, my farmer boss reproached me. “For one thing, this cold weather kills the bugs.” He knew what climate change experts know - that if temps don’t get down below a certain range (different for each different species of insect), then the coming season would have more of that particular bug. In the big picture web of life, insects play an important role (such as food for birds); but they are kept in check by weather, and by being eaten by birds and other creatures.

Now that weather patterns are changing and species of life are going extinct (faster than at any previous time in human history), we need to hold dear all forms of life and protect them whenever possible.

The more we learn about history the more we realize how liable to change things are. Assuming that things will keep on as they are will get you into all kinds of trouble. If you happen to be frustrated about one thing or another in the world (And who isn’t?), don’t worry because this too shall pass. The only thing we can

be sure of is that things will change. So, as Thoreau said, go confidently in the direction of your dreams. You don’t know what will happen, but if you try you can know it’ll be something more to your liking.

The peacefulness of winter, like the relative quiet at night, allows for deeper thought, big picture analysis, getting a handle on how you might want to try and do things differently next time. You don’t have to feel bad about the things that didn’t work out last year. Just look at it from a creative new point of view. I learned in the rooms of recovery not to “stand on the corner singin’ my coulda shoulda woulda’s”. A new growing season is coming, and I’m going to try some new things.

In its beginning, our first community garden - the Ladora Way Urban Farm - showed how all types of people can enjoy working together to help beautify and feed the immediate neighborhood. If you’re feeling some winter doldrums right now, watch this sweet little video-clip about that garden; guaranteed it’ll raise your spirits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7z1gzYQ9JBE>.

In our part of the world, we have gotten into some very destructive habits. As we rest this winter, it makes sense to calmly consider some of their consequences. And to consider trying some new things. I’m more convinced daily both of the depth of our problems, and of our ability to deal with them. Balance can be maintained by realizing that the human-caused problems are growing in synch with breathtaking scientific advances that - properly applied - can help us solve those problems. We can, literally, create a heaven on earth - if we learn to work harmoniously together.

For my part, I want to serve life by facilitating the safe, proper recycling of various types of organic wastes. We have profoundly torn the web of life. In previous history, when animals or plants died, their bodies returned to feed new plants - not to a landfill. When animals excreted, that organic sector also returned to nourish Earth’s web of life. By returning to being a part of a system that nurtures both quantity and diversity of life, we can work as part of the community of life to put our ecosystem back in balance.

We can thrive by recognizing we each have a unique part to play in the universe. With the increasing rate at which climate change is taking place, we need to appreciate the value of cold weather as well as hot - and everything else in between. Enjoy your cold.

## YOU can make a difference for your Greater Hazelwood Community.

### Become a member of the Hazelwood Initiative!

As a membership organization, any resident, property owner, neighborhood volunteer or local employee can be part of the decision-making process.

### Annual Contribution & Membership Form

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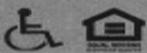
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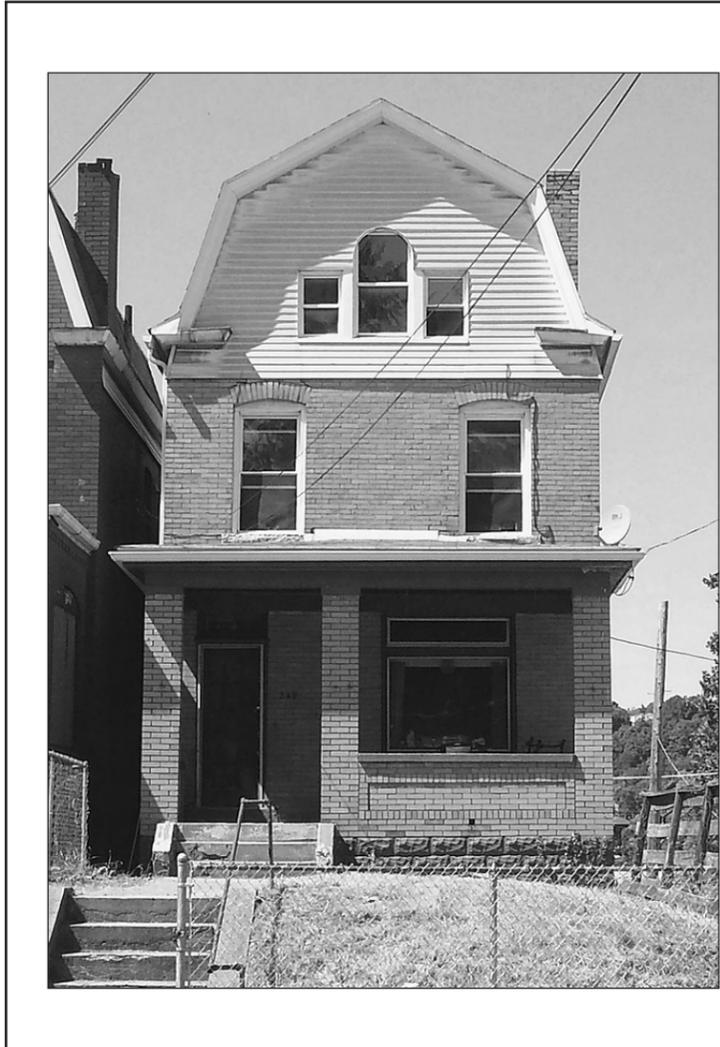
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# LOCAL BRANCH HAPPENINGS

## Hazelwood Branch

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412.421.2517

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from 10AM - 5PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday  
from 10AM - 8PM



## For Everyone

### Public Art Meeting

Join the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Hazelwood Artists in Residence and the Office of Public Art for the last of three meetings to explore and discuss a community determined creative project in greater Hazelwood. An introduction to public art will be presented by Office of Public Art Director, Renee Piechocki, followed by a review of ideas submitted by community members, and ending with a brainstorming session. It is free and open to all residents in the greater Hazelwood area. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, March 28th at 11:00 AM

## For Adults

### Grandparent Coffee Hour

Attention all grandparents! Stop at the library to socialize with other grandmothers and grandfathers from the community. Refreshments will be served.

Moderator: Andrea Coleman-Betts  
Friday, March 27th at 1:00 PM

## Programs for Children

### Game-o-Rama: Youth Chess Tournament

Do you have what it takes to be

a chess champion? Compete head-to-head with other young chess players! Junior Division- grades K-4 or Senior Division- grades 5-8. Winners from each local library tournament will be eligible for the county-wide Finals Tournament, date TBA. Registration is required. Please call 412.421.2517 to sign up. Please register and play in only one local tournament. All skill levels welcome.

Saturday, March 7th at 1:00 PM

### Storytime: Preschool Pals

Children 3 to 5 years and their parents or caregivers will sing songs, share action rhymes and meet new friends. Children and adults will explore books to expand the imagination, inspire self-discovery and develop early literacy skills in this 30-40 minute program.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st at 10:00 and 10:45 AM  
Thursday, March 5th, 12th and 19th at 10:00 AM

### Fine Art Miracles presents Reading with Romibo

Explore interactive stories using robotic technology presented by Fine Art Miracles, Inc. Romibo the robot shares his favorite books. Come and make a new robot friend at the Library. For preschool-age children and their families.

Tuesday, March 24th at 10:00 and 10:45 AM  
Thursday, March 26th at 10:00 AM

## Kids Club

The Library is the place to be! Kids Club programs may include crafts, games, books, technology and more. Each week will be something different. Meet new friends, hang out with old friends and try something new.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 4:30 PM

## Teens!

### Teen Time

If you're into cool art projects, epic games, music, movies, and just chilling out - come kick it at Teen Time! Open to all middle and high school students.

Thursday, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 3:30-5:30 PM

### Digital Corps: Tech Lab

Meet digital makers to collaborate and share your digital creations. We'll be mashing up YouTube videos, making Gifs, creating ringtones and gaming through code activities! Yes, we will have snacks! Open to anyone in middle or high school.

Thursdays, March 19th to May 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

### Teen Manga Club

Want to talk about your favorite manga and anime? On the last Saturday of each month we will talk about manga, watch some anime,

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Saturday, March 28th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM



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# The 31st Ward Wire

## Serving Hays, Lincoln Place & New Homestead Neighborhoods

### 31st Ward Community Action Group Minutes From February Meeting

The meeting was brought to order at 7 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The financial report was given and accepted.

The Easter Egg hunt will be April 4th, look for more information on the 31st Ward Facebook page.

Sgt. Kevin Gasiorowski, from the Bureau of Police, was our first guest and reported on burglaries in the 31st Ward. In 2013 there were 13 burglaries; in 2014 there were 10 burglaries. There have been 5 burglaries since September 2014. Of these 5, one was determined to be unfounded and 2 were the result of a domestic dispute.

Tips to avoid burglaries include, leaving a porch light on all night, trimming bushes that may give burglars a place to hide, and cutting up boxes from expensive purchases to avoid advertising your new item when you put them out for the trash.

Sgt. Gasiorowski provided statistics for burglaries for the entire city for 2014. South Side Flats, Sheraden, Brighton Heights, Mt. Washington, and Carrick led the list with 92, 84, 75, 68, and 64 respectively.

At the bottom of the list were Ridgemont, North Shore, East Carnegie, and Mt. Oliver with 2 each and Bon Air with 1.

It was pointed out that the Fire Department will give home owners in the city 2 free smoke detectors, a carbon monoxide detector and a flasher for your porch light to alert

Paramedics if they need to be called to your house.

Sgt. Gasiorowski mentioned the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police site on Facebook.

Curt Conrad, Councilman O'Conner's new Chief of Staff was the next speaker. He urged residents to call 311 to report problems (pot holes, overgrown lots, abandon cars, etc.) that need to be addressed. When you call 311 a paper trail is created that follows the problem until it is resolved and it ensures that the problem is sent to the proper department.

Mr. Conrad then explained about the letter sent to announce a special meeting on Feb. 23 to focus on the construction on Mifflin Road and the idea of a dog park at McBride Park.

Lex Janes, the Deputy Community Affairs Manager from the Office of Community Affairs, was our last speaker. He spoke about the Real Estate Tax discount date being extended to Feb. 28, Civic Leadership Academy applications, and the "Love your Block" mini grants from the City.

Nancy DeGregorio stated that the Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church is working with City Parks to have a farmers Market at the Church. Details will follow in the Homepage and on our Facebook page when a day and time are determined.

A motion was made and carried and the meeting was adjourned.

### 31st Ward Community Action Group 2015 Annual Fund Campaign

We wish to announce that we are kicking off our 1st Annual Fund Campaign. The Group is asking for each household in the 31st Ward to donate \$20.00 to help us carry out the various programs and events that we have planned for 2015. Your support of your community group is essential in helping us make the 31st Ward a pleasant place to live, work, and enjoy the various assets of our neighborhood. Please take a minute to fill out the form below and write a check to support our activities.

This Campaign will run from Jan. 1, 2015 thru March 31, 2015. The 31 Ward Community Action Group is a Non-Profit 501-C-3 PA. Corporation. All donations are tax deductible; our Tax ID Number is 20-2410100.

Here are some of the activities the Group has undertaken the past 2014 year:

**Erecting U.S. Flags on the Main Street corridors in Lincoln Place & Hays.** We have had plenty of feedback on what a nice welcoming touch and appearance this is to our neighborhood.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our little ones love to run for their prizes and get their visit from the Easter Bunny.

**Elderly Services:** We support groups who deliver services to the neighborhood elderly.

**National Night Out:** We participate in this national event, with a gathering at Mifflin Field that included a bounce castle, dunk tank, disk jockey, face painting, magicians, clowns, visits from fire, police and k-9 of-fices, as well as games, prizes, free food and drinks.

**Neighborhood Clean Up:** We gather local volunteers and recruit over 30 college students in a fall and spring community clean up. We provide all the gloves, trash bags, and safety vest, to pick up trash & debris, and arrange for its pick-up. We then provide a thank you lunch for the volunteers.

We act as your representatives arranging for local public officials to speak at our monthly meetings, and following thru with them to see that any issues that you have are addressed. We advocate for the residents

of the 31st Ward with the City, County, and State Governments.

We are on the lookout for various grants that we can apply for Community Projects. We administer the grants that we receive.

#### What Are Our Plans Are For 2015?

Here are some of our plans for the coming year:

- Spring & Fall Neighborhood clean up. Easter Egg Hunt. National Night out.
- Continued placement of flags on the main streets.
- Explore the possibility of a dog park area in McBride Park.
- Repair of the picnic shelter at McBride Park. This shelter was built in the 1930's as a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project to put people to work during the depression. It is a Community Historical asset, unfortunately time and vandals have taken a heavy toll on it. We plan to work with the City and organize volunteers to help restore this shelter so it can be enjoyed again.
- A 31st Ward Day Neighborhood Picnic once the shelter is restored, so that you can come out and enjoy the park and meet your neighbors.

• Attempt to re-establish the L.P.Y.A.A. (Lincoln Place Youth Athletic Association) to provide for neighborhood little league teams with uniforms & equipment.

We will also work with local government officials on problems that may arise. If our fundraising drive is successful we plan on retaining a professional Grant Writer to write grants to obtain funding to build the Community Center at the old Trailer Park site on Mifflin Road. We have the land available and engineering drawings of the building ready.

So please take a minute to fill out the donation form and write a check to help your neighborhood. Our success is dependent on your generosity and interest. Thank You.

We would like to thank Mr. Barry Martine, and Mr. and Mrs. Regis Ketter for their donations. We also received two donations from residents who wish to remain anonymous.

### Receive The Homepage Via E-mail

If you know a former 31st Ward resident or someone in the military service who would like to keep up with local news, send their E-mail address to us. We will work to send them the Homepage via E-mail. Send their information to Neilscham@aol.com or message us on our Facebook page.



Look for the 31st Ward Community Action Group on Facebook. Join us to see pictures of past events and receive notices of upcoming events.

### 31st Ward Flag Fund Donation Form

The 31st Ward Community Action Group would like to thank everyone who donated money to our flag fund. We are still accepting donations, and your help would be appreciated. Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to help my community and make a donation of \$25.00 for a US Flag to line the streets of the 31st Ward.

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_

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### 31st Ward Community Action Group Donation Form

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## 31st Ward Churches

### Holy Angels Catholic Church

408 Baldwin Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-461-6906  
[www.holyangelshays.org](http://www.holyangelshays.org)  
Rev. Robert Ahlin, Pastor

### Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene

5604 Interboro Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-462-2524  
[www.lpnazarine.org](http://www.lpnazarine.org)  
Rev. W. Joseph Stump,  
Senior Pastor

### Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church

1202 Muldowney Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
Rev. Deborah Messham  
412-461-3377

### Mt. Rise Baptist Church

80 Ingot Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15120  
(New Homestead)  
Pastor Stephen Doniel

### St. John The Baptist Cathedral

210 Greentree Road  
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## Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church

### SUNDAY

Services begin 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.
- **Free Lending Library** is open Monday & Tuesday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Borrow a book, sit and read. Donations of used books are welcomed.

### LENTEN EVENTS:

**March 29th:** Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM.

**April 2nd:** Green Dinner, 6:30 PM. Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion, 7:30 PM.

**April 3rd:** Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 8:00 PM.

**April 5th:** Sunrise Service, McBride Park, 6:30 AM. Breakfast to follow at LPPC Easter Worship/Communion 10:30 AM.

*All are always welcome.*

### RUN FOR THE RED ROSE TEA PARTY

**Saturday, May 2nd • 1:00 PM • \$15.00**

Ladies, join us on Saturday May 2nd for an old fashioned Kentucky Rose Tea Party. There will be a buffet loaded with delicious goodies, a variety of teas and delectable desserts.

Bring your Fantastic You and enjoy an afternoon of fun, great conversation and live entertainment. Wear your prettiest "Derby" hat and receive a red rose!

Call Nancy for tickets at 412-462-6148. Proceeds benefit the Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church.

## Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene

### SUNDAYS

**Sunday School:** 9:30 AM (all ages)

**Morning Worship:** 10:40 AM

**Children's Church:** 10:40 AM

**NYI Youth Group:**

Sundays at 6:30 PM

**Adult Bible Study:**

Sundays at 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

**Intercessory Prayer:** 10:30 AM

**Naz Kidz:** 7:00 PM

**Worship on Wednesday:** 7:00 PM

### THURSDAY

**Ladies' Bible Study:** 10:30 AM

• **Monthly Food Pantry:** 3rd Saturday, 8:30 AM. Distribution is at Lincoln Place Presby Church. Call 412-461-2524 for eligibility.

• **Need a ride to church?** call Darrel at 412-461-6742.

## 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.

## Share Your Stories, News and Memories With Us in The Homepage

The 31st Ward Community Action Group is looking for residents to help with articles for submission to the Homepage. If you have any experience writing, or would like to try your hand at it, we would be happy to have your help. Articles could be about local residents, businesses, or stories of growing up in the neighborhood.

Maybe you remember an incident from school or riding the streetcar. An experience that stayed with you from your childhood, playing baseball or softball, a neighbor, a relative, the big snow; all would be good subjects for a story. Share these moments with all of us.

Don't worry about spelling or grammar; the editor will fix those issues.

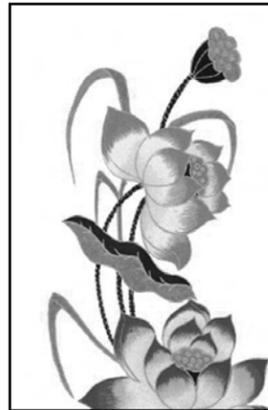
You can send your story by E-mail, through the regular mail, or a message to us on our Facebook page.

E-mail us at [neilscham@aol.com](mailto:neilscham@aol.com), or send it to: 31st Ward Community Action Group, 5121 Interboro Ave., Pgh, PA 15207.

We eagerly await your stories.

## Redd-Up Pittsburgh Held on April 25th

The 31st Ward Community Action Group will be participating in this year's Redd-Up Pittsburgh. The spring clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 25th. We will meet at 10:00 A. M. at the corner of Muldowney and Beggs, at the old bus loop. We need an hour or two of your time to make this year's event a success. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be provided after the clean-up. If you have any questions contact Sue at [31stwardcommunitycleanup@gmail.com](mailto:31stwardcommunitycleanup@gmail.com)



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# The Greenfield Grapevine

**Greenfield**  
Community Association

## Logic and Teamwork the Key to Escape Room, Pittsburgh's New Mystery Adventure

Dear Greenfielders-

Spring is officially here despite Punxsutawney Phil's prediction! We should all congratulate ourselves for surviving yet another season of snow and all of the dips and plunges of the pesky polar vortex. We can't wait to feel the warmth of the sun on our faces as the warmer weather approaches.

The arrival of spring can often illicit thoughts of new beginnings. In many ways, our neighborhood clean up events organized by our Public Space Committee often signify the beginning of spring for us. As always there are several opportunities throughout the year to get involved while helping to clean up and beautify our special neighborhood. Please check out the list of events where you can jump right in, get your hands dirty and volunteer with our various committee happenings. It is always a great way to get to know people in the neighborhood and see Greenfield close up.

We also would like to take the time to say thank you to all who participated in our Meet Your Neighbor and Our Volunteers! This brand new spring event celebrated the contribution of our wonderful volunteers, donors and residents. We had a great time at the Magee Senior Center where we were able to get to know each other accompanied by some fine homemade food thanks to our ten GCA board members.

We hope we'll see you around the neighborhood and of course at an event soon!

Sincerely,  
Kate Hickey, GCA Board President

### GCA March Meetings and Events

#### Monday, March 2

GCA Development/Transportation Committee, 7 PM.  
Greenfield Presbyterian Church

#### Monday, March 9

GCA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM.  
Greenfield Presbyterian Church

#### Tuesday, March 10

GCA Public Space Committee, 7 PM, Bernacki Wellness, Lower Level, Coleman St. entrance

#### Wednesday, March 11

GCA Public Safety Committee, Bernacki Wellness, Lower Level, Coleman St. entrance

#### March 13

Greenfield Grapevine deadline for April issue

#### TBA

- GCA Events Committee—Planning for Greenfield Glide
- GCA Public Space Committee—Planning for Spring Cleanup

### GCA April Meetings and Events

#### Monday, April 6

GCA Development/Transportation Committee, 7 PM.  
Greenfield Presbyterian Church

#### Monday, April 13

GCA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM,  
Greenfield Presbyterian Church

#### Tuesday, April 14

GCA Public Space Committee, 7 PM,  
Bernacki Wellness, Lower Level, Coleman St. entrance

#### Wednesday, April 15

GCA Public Safety Committee, Bernacki Wellness,  
Lower Level, Coleman St. entrance

#### April 15

Greenfield Grapevine deadline for May issue

#### TBA

- GCA Events Committee—Greenfield Glide planning
- GCA Public Space Committee—Spring Cleanup and Plantings

By Michael A. Fuoco

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

*We were excited, even giddy, about our chances of successfully analyzing clues, riddles, puzzles and gadgets allowing us to "escape" from Dr. Stein's Laboratory, one of two Escape Room Pittsburgh attractions in Greenfield.*

*But as the clock on an iPad began ticking down our one-hour time limit and the exit door was locked, our group of seven Pittsburgh Post-Gazette journalists initially felt lost. We fumbled around a bit. And then, Eureka! — we solved our first puzzle!*

*A surge shot through each of us. It was an adrenaline rush none of us foresaw — like out of nowhere finding yourself on Kennywood's Phantom's Revenge and plummeting down that second gigantic hill.*

*Emboldened, energized, entertained, we immediately sought another clue. After all, the clock was ticking.*

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Joe Deasy, 24, of Munhall knows that Escape Room rush. He first experienced it in Budapest, Hungary, in the summer of 2013 when he and his sister and two cousins, looking for something to do, visited one after Googling top attractions there. He immediately was hooked.

"I fell in love with it. We went back and played the second game in the afternoon and had a blast."

And he had a brainstorm: Why not open one in Pittsburgh? After all, while Escape Rooms are big in Europe and Asia, there are only about a dozen in the United States in cities such as New York, Niagara Falls, Seattle, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

As soon as he touched down in the



Cousins Corey Deasy, left, Joe Deasy in Dr. Stein's Laboratory, one of two "escape room" Pittsburgh attractions in Greenfield.

United States, he called another cousin, Corey Deasy, 32, of Greenfield, and pitched his idea. "He was skeptical at first. But after a couple of weeks of research he came around."

They searched for a suitable building and then realized there was one in Greenfield owned by their fathers that would meet their needs. Unused for 40 years and located at 569 Greenfield Ave., it's across the street from Hough's brewpub, which caters to the same demographic they were targeting — 20- and 30-somethings who like to try new things.

Since Escape Room Pittsburgh's soft opening last month, upward to 100 test groups have tried the two rooms — Dr. Stein's Laboratory, with a maximum of eight participants, and Prison Escape, with a maximum of five. The cost is \$20 per person.

The cousins have attracted the desired demographic — and more. They've entertained groups ranging from 13-year-old girls to 60-year-old teachers, from families to friends and

co-workers and everyone in between — including seven PG journalists.

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*Our group — fellow reporters Anya Sostek, Maria Sciuolo, Jon Silver and Dan Majors, columnist Brian O'Neill, data reporter Andrew McGill and me — was making progress, even as the clock kept clicking down.*

*The problem solving, logic, analysis, creativity, resourcefulness and teamwork were invigorating. What it's not is scary in any way. Players are given a code to exit if there is an emergency and groups are monitored by close-circuit television. It's like being in a live version of a board game like Clue. Or on a scavenger hunt. Or part of an interactive theater production. And, yet, it's something completely different from other entertainment experiences.*

*Even when I'd glance at the countdown clock — "Only 40 minutes left!" — I found the pressure both daunting and exciting. We put even more pressure*

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## These Are People In Our Neighborhood - Ashley Zito

By Gina Godfrey

Alyssa Zito is a seventh grader at Greenfield School. On February 7th, Alyssa participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition and received a first place award. This is the first year that Greenfield School students have participated in PJAS, led by middle school science teacher, Emmanuel DiNatale. PJAS is a statewide organization of junior and senior high school students designed to stimulate and promote interest in science through the development of research projects and investigations. There are 12 PJAS regions. Pittsburgh is in Region 7, which includes Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

Alyssa experimented with different methods of triggering a prosthetic hand in order to determine which trigger method was the most efficient. First, she built the hand with a Lego Mindstorm kit. Then, she developed and tested four different trigger methods: a neck touch-sensor trigger, a right elbow touch-sensor trigger, a left elbow



touch-sensor trigger and a laser and light-sensor trigger. She wrote software to operate the hand and test the different trigger methods. She tested the methods by timing how long it took to pick up and move several items using the different trigger methods. Alyssa says she chose this project because she hopes to be a biomedical engineer when she grows up.

In addition to receiving a first place award from PJAS, Alyssa received an award for Scientific Excellence from the Society of Women Engineers. She

was also honored with recognition by the Quality of Life Technology Center of the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University for innovation in the field of quality of life technology.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Alyssa is very active in a wide range of sports and activities at school and in the neighborhood. She has represented Greenfield School on the cross-country and swimming teams, and will play on the soccer team this spring. Alyssa has also played flag football and soccer through the rec center in addition to competing with the Magee Pool swim team. Alyssa participates in the music program at school, playing the flute in the band. She also takes piano lessons at home.

Alyssa lives with her parents Tony Zito and Kim (Kern), her sister, Alexis, 15, and her brother, Josh, 14. They live around the corner from her grandmother, Virginia Kern. In warmer weather, Alyssa says, she enjoys spending time on the trampoline.

## Alexis Street Steps Closed

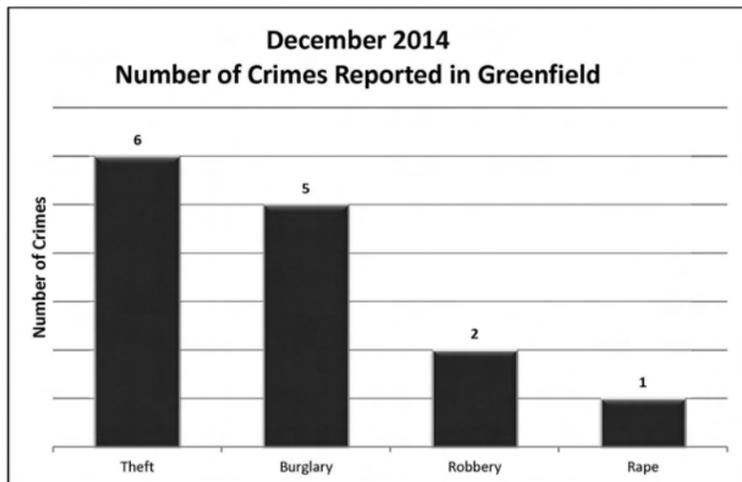


The City closed the Alexis Street steps off Greenfield Avenue Thursday, January 15, 2015 as a result of subsidence and tread displacement that rendered the steps impassible. DPW crews will be working on the site to provide immediate repairs. The immediate repairs will allow the steps to be open on an interim basis. This interim basis will help, but the entire top section will need to be replaced this Spring.

## Learning Lab at Greenfield Presby



Greenfield Presbyterian Church's Community Learning Lab hosted its first seminar - Math Concepts for the Community (Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.), instructed by Malcolm Mobley, student, of Greenfield. The lab will be open for self-directed study on Mondays between 6 and 9 p.m. An orientation to free and open software and general computer and web browser use is in the works.



## Greenfield Crime Report

Crimes reported always spike in December, 2014 was no exception with this years numbers almost double December 2013. Two thefts were from businesses, two from unlocked autos, and two from persons including a purse rifled through in an unattended grocery cart. Three of the burglaries were from residences although one was related to an eviction process and one did not report anything missing. The armed robberies occurred at two Greenfield Businesses and the rape was reported at a December party in Greenfield.

GCA Public Safety Committee

## A Man on a Nutrition Mission

We are what we eat! You've probably heard that expression countless times, but it's a saying that deserves to be taken seriously, because it's absolutely true. The human body is best able to perform the many amazing processes that keep us alive and healthy when it is provided with the fuel that it needs, through regular, healthy, well balanced meals.

"Food provides the building blocks that our bodies need to grow, feel good, fight disease and function well," says Jesse Sharrard, Food Safety and Nutrition Manager for the Food Bank. "But nutritious eating seems to be out of reach for many Americans. Much of the food that is available to low income people is not providing good nutrition. Fast food, processed food and junk food are easy to obtain, but they provide empty calories. It can be tough to eat a healthy, balanced diet on a low income."

Sharrard is a man with a mission, determined to change that. He is helping the Food Bank's clients eat well on a budget, and he has identified a creative way to do that: teaching people to cook, through recipe photo cards, distributed through Food Bank member agencies. It's part of the Food Bank's Recipe Rainbow nutrition and cooking program, which is designed to help people learn to cook foods that are available from the Food Bank. The free cards include step-by-step photographs so that those who don't speak English or have low literacy can use the cards. There are even cards that focus on simple, basic cooking skills, like how to chop an onion.

Sharrard says the idea came to him after doing a cooking demonstration at a food pantry. "I was making omelets and had brought some flyers that showed how-to steps based on some pictures I had taken with the camera on my cell phone. One of the clients, who didn't speak English, pointed at the



pictures and gave me a thumbs up to indicate they were helpful. After that, I set about figuring how to make better photo recipes and make them available to more people."

Sharrard, a classically trained chef, is looking for ways to get the community involved in the project, and the Pittsburgh Pirates are leading the way. Their chef created six recipe cards, each one printed with a picture of a different Pirate player, endorsing the recipe. They printed 10,000 copies of each card and will be providing them to the Food Bank for client families. The recipes are easy, tasty, family-friendly and nutritious.

"The Pirates have been enthusiastic about the project," Sharrard says. "I heard one of the TV announcers say that a key to the Pirates success was nutrition. I thought they might be interested

in promoting nutrition for the community, and they were."

Hunger, says Sharrard, looks different in America. "You can get 2000 calories pretty easily - a few donuts will do it. But to eat healthy, you have to cook. We try to give people a way to take nutritious food from the Food Bank member agencies and turn it into meals that are good for you. We all build habits around the things we like, and we can all make healthy eating a habit if we find recipes we enjoy."

Recipe Rainbow includes hundreds of great recipes, as well as resources for healthy eating and nutrition education. It is available as a mobile app for iPhone or Android. Visit [www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/recipearainbow](http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/recipearainbow).

Jesse is a long time Greenfelder active in the Connect Greenfield days. He lives across from Hough's with his wife Aurora and family.



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**Escape Room** *Continued*

on ourselves by choosing not to use the option of getting clues from the iPad because doing so lowers your final score.

Yes, we were that confident. Hubris? Perhaps, especially because only about a third of participants get out, even by using all of the clues available from the iPad.

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It took the Deasy cousins eight months to design and build their escape rooms. Even as all escape rooms everywhere use the same concept, all are unique. The Deasy cousins plan to change the mysteries of their rooms every 10 to 12 months so participants who have done both can return for new challenges.

“People who generally like puzzles like this type of entertainment. Anybody from the typical daily ‘Jeopardy’ watcher to an avid gamer and everyone in between seems to like it,” Joe Deasy said.

The interactive, immersed experience is what sold him both as a player and as an entrepreneur.

“You immediately make up your own fantasy that puts yourself in the room. I grew up watching [the TV show] ‘MacGyver’ and that’s what I kept thinking of when

I played the one in Budapest,” he said.

The owners have used only their website — www.escaperoomph.com — their Facebook page, Twitter and word-of-mouth to promote their business. A grand opening is in the offing. And they’ve talked about expanding to other cities in other states.

“We’re still testing it. We constantly want to improve it,” he said.

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*There was a spirit of competition among us but not between us. Regardless who divined the meaning of a clue, we all shared in the joy of discovery.*

*Maria remembered being “thrilled” at being the person who unlocked a mystery using answers to puzzles others had figured out. “I was happy to be on base even if I didn’t hit the home run.” Anya called the team solving of clues “a pure adrenalin rush.” And Dan said, “the voila! moments” of puzzle-solving “moved us toward our goal and generated cheers from all. When does that happen in daily life?”*

*With only 20 minutes left, our forward propulsion stalled. We just couldn’t get to the next step. That’s when Joe Deasy, who was watching on a closed circuit monitor, slipped us a clue under the door.*

*He does that when a team seems stuck. We were off again. But time was running out!*

*We stalled again. Another clue slid under the door. We knew what we needed but just couldn’t figure out how to get it. Before we knew it, the clock read “0:00” and Mr. Deasy opened the door — the one we were so sure we were going to open ourselves.*

*“You were really close,” he said, showing us a fatal mistake we made.*

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It didn’t really matter. We were still pumping adrenalin — sort of like that feeling when the Phantom’s Revenge ride ends but you still feel the thrill of a 23-story plummet at 85 mph. And we wanted more.

Mr. Deasy said the most common reaction from those who succeed and those who don’t is “‘When can we play the next one?’ Your emotions are still going. The reaction leaves you wanting more.”

That’s exactly how we felt but reality intervened. We had to get back to work. And there was no escaping that.

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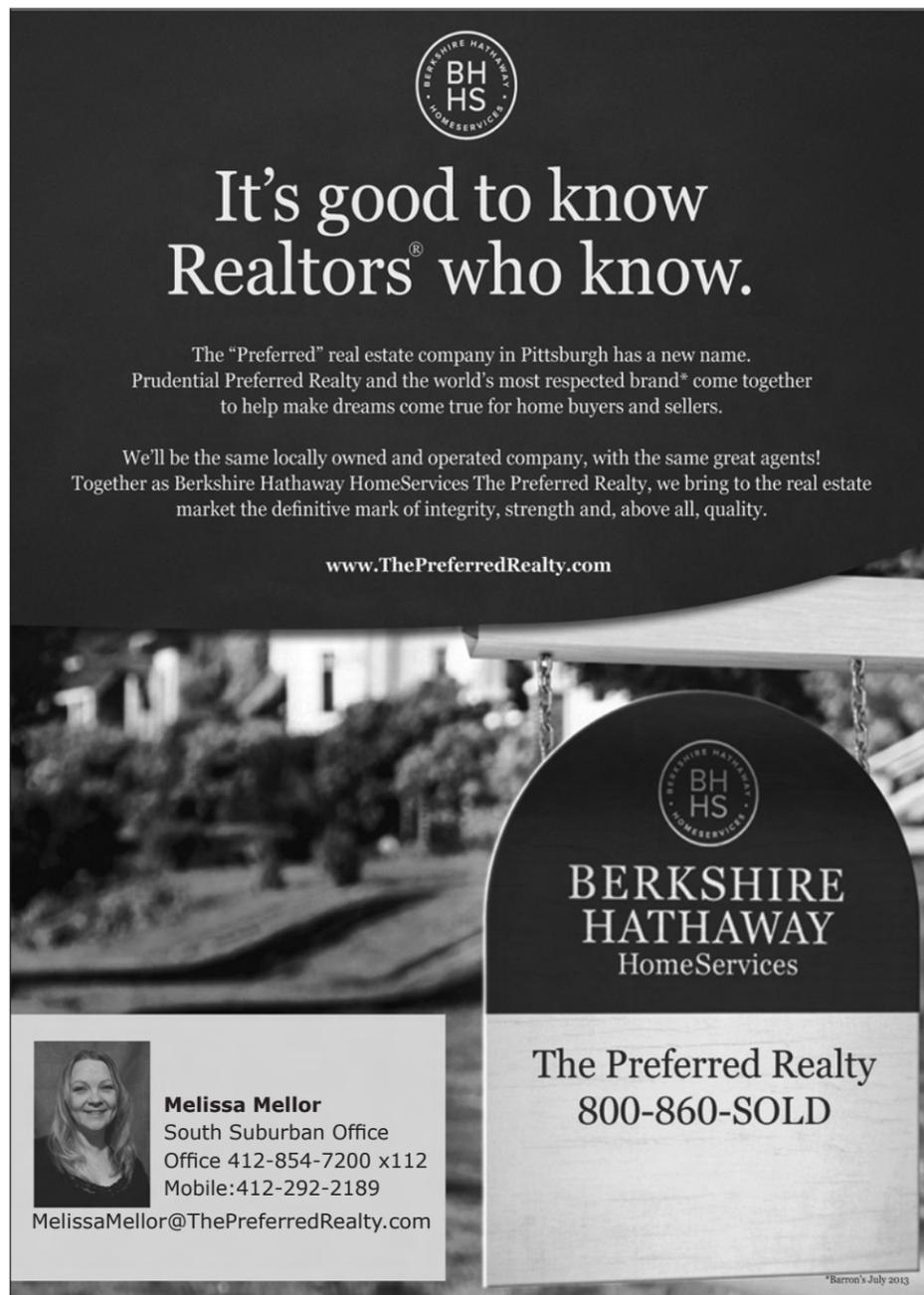
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