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City Theatre Announces Reimagined 2020-2021 Season

By Nikki Battestill

City Theatre is proud to announce its updated 2020-2021 season which includes a live drive-in experience, virtual content, and more. Due to the on-going uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, City Theatre has adapted its 46th season. Beginning September 10, the 2020-2021 season will open with the Drive-In Community Arts Festival at Hazelwood Green, celebrating Pittsburgh’s cultural community and featuring artists curated by eight different arts organizations. It will be immediately followed by Manual Cinema’s *Frankenstein* for an extended run. All programming will be performed live on stage while projected on an adjacent screen in a parking lot next to RIDC’s Mill 19 at the Hazelwood Green development. City Theatre has partnered with Hazelwood Green and RIDC to create this innovative outdoor experience.



Banner draped over Mill 19 at Hazelwood Green Photo: City Theatre

The Drive-In festival will mark the first in-person performances from City Theatre since mid-March when government health mandates restricted indoor gatherings and instituted “stay-at-home” requirements. The organization quickly pivoted to a digital footprint, creating over 40 unique virtual events and performances from short educational playwriting exercises to

full-length play readings as part of the Momentum Festival, which had over 28,000 unique viewers.

At the same time, City Theatre staff began developing strategies on how to present programming outdoors—a throwback to the organization’s origin story as its first performances were held in parks around Allegheny County. This included scouting for possible sites

that could accommodate a drive-in stage and screen, raising the necessary funding, and crafting a detailed safety plan for audiences, artists, and staff. “One of our very first steps this spring was to develop an internal Safety Committee representing every aspect of the City Theatre operation—from the public’s experience to backstage—and sought out the advice and counsel of experts from the medical field,” said James McNeel, managing director. “The drive-in concept quickly became the most obvious and exciting path forward as it provides a low-risk environment for the performers and for our patrons, who will be safely inside their vehicles. It’s a real testament to our team that we have found a way to perform again while also following the incredibly important health guidelines necessary to defeat this pandemic.”

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Hazelwood Initiative Expands Anti-Displacement Efforts During Pandemic

By Tiffany Taulton,
HI Director of Community Initiatives

At the core of our mission at Hazelwood Initiative is a commitment to “building a stronger Hazelwood through inclusive community development.” We want to see a Hazelwood that is a wonderful place for people of all ethnicities, cultures, ages, abilities, and income levels to live. To achieve this holistic goal, we have become involved in many aspects of development, from buildings and transportation to the environment.



Tiffany Taulton on the phone with a resident applying for assistance from HI

Affordable housing:

- We are in the process of acquiring 63 rental units and building 53 more in the former Gladstone School building.
- We have helped 16 renters to gain more stable housing by becoming homeowners through our Affordable Home Ownership Program (AHOP).

Affordable commercial space:

- We help local entrepreneurs stay in the neighborhood by giving them an affordable lease.
- During the height of the pandemic closures, we worked with our small business tenants to significantly reduce—and in some cases even cancel—their rent to help them to remain open.

Transportation Policy:

- We advocate for equitable transit solutions that benefit our community in terms of fare costs, bus stop locations, and frequency of bus service.
- We also provide input to developers, planners, and nonprofits on the deployment of bike infrastructure in the neighborhood and

designs to improve riverfront access for residents.

Environment:

- We have a garden manager that oversees the Hazelwood Community Garden behind the former YMCA building.
- We are interested in improving the quality of greenspaces in the neighborhood and have had conversations with organizations like Tree Pittsburgh and the Student Conservation Association about cleaning up the greenway, in addition to applying for grants to plant more trees.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic has created both a health and an economic crisis in our community. Many people have lost their jobs as a result of the business closures and are now unable to pay their bills. Moreover, because of historic injustices that have kept many Black and Brown residents from owning their

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Hazelwood Initiative, as a community based development corporation, is to build a stronger Hazelwood through inclusive community development.

Connected Program Brings Job Opportunities and Relief to Small Businesses Amidst COVID

By Gerri Tipton

The whole world has been affected by the COVID pandemic. It's amazing how your life can completely change due to a deadly virus spreading rapidly and nonstop all across the planet. Homes were immediately changed into work spaces, daycares, after school programs, gyms, etc. While some people were fortunate enough to keep their jobs, many more lost their jobs and had to file for unemployment, small businesses had to shut down and figure out how they were going to make money while being closed, and trying to find other means of employment, even if it was a part time job, was seemingly impossible.

That is where Hazelwood's Connected program came into play—to help the residents of Hazelwood with employment and help small businesses stay open. The Connected program came out of a response to requesting ideas from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, who's focus is on economic development and conservation. "The request was for a grant to specifically help with some type of economic recovery project. I felt that it was a perfect fit for DCS as we are able to help work with both job seekers and small businesses," said Danielle Davis, CEO of her own company, Davis Consulting Services.

Davis' services include helping those who are seeking employment, small business development, job coaching and readiness, workforce development and more. Her organization, along with POORLAW, Community2Work and Hazelwood Initiative, came together to create this program with the idea to help people who have been affected by COVID. "We wanted to try and find ways to help reduce any economic disparities, and also help people navigate through some of their financial concerns, and wanted to ensure that the small businesses had resources that can keep them open to the public."

The services Connected will provide are coaching for job seekers, training around job readiness, resume writing, interviewing and more. Hazelwood Initiative will partner with DCS on their regional programming and local organization POORLAW to help broaden relief efforts. "H.I. (Hazelwood Initiative), in partnership with Davis Consulting Solutions and POORLAW, designed Connected to assist job seekers, entrepreneurs and families navigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis," said Sonya Tilghman, Hazelwood Initiative's executive director. Besides wanting to help those who were affected by COVID, the mission was to build Hazelwood back stronger through inclusive development through the community.

"We seek . . . to assist residents of Greater Hazelwood to prepare for and secure long-

term family sustaining employment, including entrepreneurship and small business ownership," said Tilghman. Some other things to expect from Connected are business events, business training and consulting. Businesses and entrepreneurs will have increased access to capital marketing and communication and outreach assistance. "We will also network events, and they can get assistance with completing loan applications, review of business plans or formulating them, receive assistance with technology, and any other resources that are available," said Davis.

There are two overarching goals these organizations hope to achieve with the Connected program: to assist job seeker access to regional job training and employment, and to provide development assistance to businesses and technical assistant services. "We are working with our partners to help unemployed or underemployed identify in-demand career paths with the intent of developing a more stable future for residents in our community," said Tilghman.

As for help with small businesses, supporters such as Google and Amazon came on board by providing job opportunities. DCS, who has a contract with UPMC, will also have a recruiter available to train and hire people. "Small businesses will be provided with training opportunities covering topics such as business planning, identifying funding and business formation, and customer outreach support with business-related technical assistance sessions on topics such as cash flow management, understanding financials and obtaining funding for sustainability," said Davis.

Even though the program started in July, it is expected to last for at least a year. "To help save our businesses is very exciting to me. It gives us a greater opportunity to work with our Hazelwood residents. It's a win-win situation to be able to help our community with employment opportunities and help our businesses survive," said Davis.

For more information on the Connected, you can email connected@hazelwoodinitiative.org or call 412-407-2490.



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POORLAW	For Glen Hazel residents - poorlaw@gmail.com 412-670-8421 or 412-478-8299
Praise Temple Deliverance Church	For Glenwood residents 5400 Glenwood Ave 412-277-0113

Article: Hazelwood Launches Pittsburgh's Community Currency: ChangeMakers Complete Initial Project (August 2020)

By Michael B. Marks and Stacy Desai

“involveMINT is supported by the Hillman Foundation in working with local stakeholders in the Food Sovereignty project in Hazelwood.”



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Covid-19 Online Resource Guide
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Hazelwood Initiative Community Updates
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The Drive-In Arts Festival at Hazelwood Green consists of 12 nights of Pittsburgh-based programming. Community partners include: 91.3 WYEP, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 1Hood Media, MCG Jazz, Drinking Partners, City of Asylum, The August Wilson Center, and more. A full schedule of events and tickets will be available on August 17th for City Theatre subscribers and August 24th for the general public.

“As construction continues at Hazelwood Green, we are pleased to be able to welcome visitors to the site, and to host this unique festival experience,” said Todd Stern, Hazelwood Green project director and managing director at U3 Advisors. “The vision for Hazelwood Green, and in particular the public Plaza (which will be completed in late fall 2020) is one that embraces collaboration with local artists and arts organizations. We look forward to many more opportunities to safely present events, performances and community programming.”

“The arts have always had the ability to bring people together and the Drive-In Arts Festival was designed to do just that,” explained associate artistic director, Clare Drobot. “The response from our partner organizations has been tremendous as we build a much-needed venue for

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live performances that’s safe for audiences and artists alike. It’s really thrilling to be able to work with so many different partners and support Pittsburgh’s vibrant performing arts community. We’ll also be collaborating with a number of Hazelwood-based organizations to celebrate the neighborhood as part of the festival.”

Following the festival, the original season opener, *Frankenstein* by Manual Cinema, will take place on the drive-in stage, running through October 18. “The thrilling theatricality of Manual Cinema’s *Frankenstein* is a unique take on Mary Shelley’s classic—a perfect fit for a fall evening on the drive-in stage,” said City’s artistic director, Marc Masterson. “With a live score played against an original silent film using shadows and light to tell the tale, this is a *Frankenstein* like no other.

We can’t wait to share this family-friendly production with Pittsburgh.”

The 46th season will continue with a brand-new world premiere holiday musical, *Claws Out*. Monteze Freeland and Shua Potter (the team behind Santa’s Ted Talk last holiday season) are joined by composer Douglas Levine to present a new interactive holiday production created specifically for the digital stage. “Collaborating with Shua Potter and Doug Levine in the midst of a pandemic to create a gut-busting original holiday drag musical comedy has easily been a creative highlight of my 2020,” said co-creator and City’s associate producer, Monteze Freeland. “We are anxious to share the laughs and love that went into creating this project with audiences from the comfort and safety of their homes. All I can say about the piece is the North Pole has never been so icy, henny! A competition for the title of Mrs. Claus leaves Rachel and Roberta fighting for the crown and the beautiful gowns. We hope you’ll find time to join us for this fabulous ‘slay’ ride this holiday season.”

Acknowledging the inherent uncertainty that the pandemic presents, City Theatre is cautiously optimistic about a return to regular performances in early 2021. All decisions about programming will be based on the guidance of the CDC and state and local health departments, as well as advice from hired medical advisors from Allegheny Health Network. Additional titles slated for winter and spring include *AmericUs* from Universes, *Vietgone* by Qui Nguyen, *The Garbologists* by Lindsay Joelle (world premiere), and *The Sound Inside* by Adam Rapp.

In addition to live and virtual productions, City Theatre will continue to curate stage readings, artist discussions, and community engagement programs through City Connects. The 21st season of the Young Playwrights Festival will return in January, featuring three new plays by local students Elena Eiss, Amelia Kovach, and Rivers Leche.

When the COVID-19 crisis began in mid-March, City Theatre was forced to cancel its runs of *Cry It Out* by Molly Smith Metzler and the world premiere of *PerkUp* by Isaac Gomez. Both were shared with ticketholders through a virtual platform. At the time, City Theatre

had planned to restart its programming with the postponed world premiere of *F*ck7thGrade* by Jill Sobule and Liza Birkenmeier. While the organization was unable to reach an agreement to produce the show live this fall, the creative team has pivoted to create a unique, one-of-a-kind concert version of the show to be distributed online only. Ticketholders for *F*ck7thGrade* will be provided private access to this digital production later this fall along with behind-the-scenes artist conversations. Those with tickets to the show will be contacted with more information by the City Theatre box office.

Due to local safety guidelines, THE BASH, City’s street party fundraiser scheduled for September 12, has been canceled. Two productions originally scheduled for the 46th season, *Paradise Blue* by Dominique Morisseau and the world premiere of James McManus’s community-based production funded by a RADical Impact grant, will be rescheduled for the 2021-2022 season.

Current season ticket-holders should look for correspondence from the theater regarding their subscriptions. Season updates and programming details available at CityTheatreCompany.org



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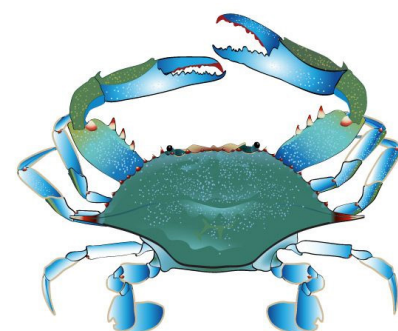
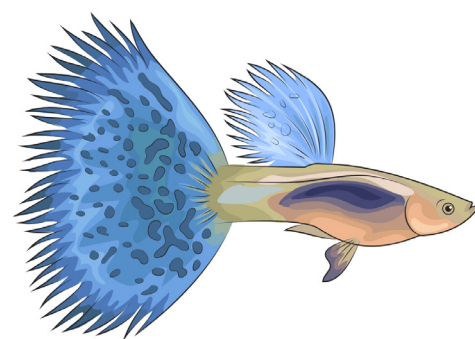
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HI Expands Anti-Displacements Efforts: - Continued from Front Page

own homes or getting the education needed to have high-paying jobs, the looming eviction crisis could have devastating effects on the continued racial diversity of our community, where roughly 70% of black households are renters. And, in a community where the average resident is older than in most other Pittsburgh neighborhoods, most of our youth—our future workers—live in rental housing. How will they attend their online classes without a stable home to live in? How will our community grow if all the young people leave?

More has to be done. In response to the crisis, we have begun several new initiatives centered on housing assistance, workforce development, and small business support.

First, we converted our Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) grant program from its usual focus on community events and programs to direct payments to help people stay in their homes, take care of emergency repairs to make sure their homes are safe, and purchase needed items like food, diapers, and cleaning supplies. Within just 6 weeks, we distributed approximately \$50,000 to help nearly 90 households. The NIF C-19 grant is now closed, but we are currently seeking funding and hope to be able to re-open it in the future. We are not done fighting displacement in Hazelwood!

Our rapid response to the crisis and commitment to preventing evictions led the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) to select Hazelwood Initiative as one of only four Community Engagement Ambassadors in the entire city to help connect residents of historically under-resourced communities with its Housing Stabilization and Eviction Prevention Programs. These programs can provide up to \$3,000 in assistance to pay the rent, utility, and legal fees for households suffering a temporary, non-recurring, crisis. Funds are limited, though, so make sure you apply early! To get started, call 211 (the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania) and ask about the Housing Stabilization Program. Then, let them know that you would like to work with the Hazelwood Initiative to complete your paperwork if you live in Greater Hazelwood or Greenfield.

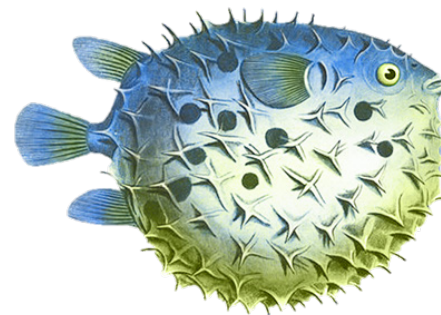
Another program you can apply for is the Allegheny County CARES Rent Relief Program (CRRP). This

program offers up to \$1,500 per month for rent and \$200 for utilities—including internet—for qualifying households for up to six months. To be eligible, you must prove that you lost your job after March 1st or that you have lost at least 30% of your income since March 1st. To get a faster response, it is strongly recommended that you apply online at covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us. However, the paperwork for this grant can be challenging to collect. If you call Action Housing at (412) 248-0021, they can assign a specially trained community Housing Resource Navigator to assist you. The deadline to apply is September 30th and payments will be made as long as funds are available. Homeowners can apply for CARES funding through the CARES Pandemic Mortgage Assistance Program (PMAP): phfa.org/pacares. Although Hazelwood Initiative does not specialize in the CRRP or PMAP grants, please feel free to reach out to us at (412) 421-7234 and we will do our best to help you or connect you with a specialist.

Our second initiative in response to the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic was to increase support for our small businesses. Staff have been sharing federal and state COVID-19 relief resources with local business owners and even providing technical assistance, where needed, to help them upload and complete the required documents. As a result, local business owners have accessed tens of thousands of dollars in grants and loans that will allow them to keep their businesses open and respond to changing safety guidelines.

Lastly, we launched CONNECTED, a workforce development and entrepreneurship support program, a few weeks ago in partnership with Davis Consulting Solutions and their Work2Community® program and P.O.O.R.L.A.W. Davis Consulting Solutions has connections with many major employers in the area—including UPMC, Google, and Amazon—and can help you get an interview for a good job with a living wage. They can also provide trainings and private consultations to help entrepreneurs expand their businesses. Call (412) 407-2490 or email connected@hazelwoodinitiative.org to get started on the road to financial security!

With these expanded responses to the COVID-19 crisis, Hazelwood Initiative looks forward to seeing familiar faces in the neighborhood for years to come.



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Early History of Lincoln Place

By Edith Markle Hillman

The following is the beginning of a retelling of the early years of Lincoln Place that was originally published in August 1944. It was shared with us by a current resident of the area, but little else is known about the work or its author. Since the original story is quite long, but also quite interesting, we will be publishing the remaining two parts over the next two issues.

The town site of Lincoln Place was known as the Stoney Farm, owned by John Means, and comprising 106 acres. It was, as far as I know, a grant from the government to his ancestors. By the will of John Means, the farm was donated to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. As they naturally wanted the money, the executors of the estate, a nephew James Means and Obadiah Rockwell sold the farm and all mineral rights to the James Hayes' estate. Homer Swaney, attorney for the Hayes' Estate, sold to the Pittsburgh Railway Company the right of way from Hays to Dravosburg. Streetcars began running in 1895 at which time Calhoun Park opened. This was one of the largest and most popular amusement parks in Western Pennsylvania.

Stoney Farm was sold to Edwin and Lula Haslett for \$23,670.75 through Mary Lea Power, a real estate agent of Pittsburgh. The deed was made March 1, 1898, and recorded April 12, 1898. Before selling, or at the time of sale, she gave Mr. Trestle permission to cut the timber from the section of the farm now known as Keefe Street, providing he would cut sufficient boards for sidewalks for the town. Trestle agreed to this, and thus the first industry was started in Lincoln Place. A saw mill was setup at the corner of what is now Keefe and Muldowney Avenues. Pittsburgh Railways used some of the timber to build the viaduct in Dravosburg.

Mr. Haslett sub-divided the farm into 936 lots, with all necessary streets and alleys. The name of the town was to be "Lincoln" but was later changed to "Lincoln Place." Mr. Joseph Markle painted an enormous sign upon which the name of the town appeared. This greeted folks at the center of town, which was then at the car stop known as

the "Lincoln Place Stop."

The first lots were sold on July 7, 1898 to Lula Haslett, Obadiah Hodder, C.D. Gaton, Elizabeth Thomas, Bella Beggs, Sophia Fidler, James Longden, Thad Hoch, Mr. Emanuel, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Johnson. The tenants on the farm at this time were John Beehler, who lived in the min house called "Stone House" and Mrs. Simen, who lived in the little house known as "Black House." Mr. Haslett decided to tear down the "Stone House" and use the fine old timber in a residence for himself. Thus, the first new house built in Lincoln Place is the one next to the Nazarene Church on Rodgers Street. At this writing, it is occupied by Dr. George Stewart. When Mr. Haslett built this larger house at the corner of Muldowney and Beggs Streets, next to the car line, he turned the first house over to the Nazarene Church. It was later sold to David Reese of Braddock to liquidate the Church debt.

Old fashioned street oil lights were at different intersections over the town, and Carl Johnson was the official lamp-lighter. A men's club was later formed, known as the Progress Club, and each member was pledged to pay ten cents per month towards the upkeep of the boardwalks and lamps. For quite a few years we were without street lights entirely. We are now fortunate enough to have electric street lights.

The first election held in Lincoln Place was in February 1900. Prior to this time, citizens voted in Lebanon. Very often after walking that distance, many were denied the right to vote because they were not known. Ben Clinton, an early settler, was elected the first commissioner from our district, and George Reynolds was our first school director. (C.J. McBride has been our outstanding politician, having served as State Legislator for four terms). C.J. still takes an active interest in politics, although he holds no public office at this time.

Soon came the subject of a post office. Heretofore, the citizens were obliged to go to Hays, which was then known as Hope Church Post Office. It was thought for a time that the name of "Lincoln Place" would have to be changed due to the two names. The government finally ac-

cepted the name and Harry Van Antwerp was appointed the first Postmaster of Lincoln Place. The post office, along with a grocery store, was situated on the street floor of the house occupied by the Bruce family. Later, the post office and store were operated by Mr. Forker, Mr. Howard and A.N. Ford, in succession.

The early contractors were James Emanuel, Obadiah Hodder and Frank and John Poorbaugh. When the citizens first started building, the question of water was vital. Water was hauled in barrels by Mr. Ben Clinton and his old horse, Julie, who would not pull unless Ben walked through the mud at her head. Those who lived near a spring were saved trips from Ben and Jule. I wonder, how many of us know that one of the finest of those springs still runs clear and cold as ever? It was used by some of the citizens last summer. In 1904 the water was turned into the mains by the South Pittsburgh Water Company. At first, the service was very poor, but this condition was gradually adjusted. Gas, too, was an early convenience, but common service of electricity was not

general over the town before 1920.

Early History of Lincoln Place to be continued in October's issue of The Homepage



31st Ward Fall Clean-up

October 10, 2020

Mark your calendar:
The 31st Ward CAG (Community Action Group) will host a community clean-up event on the morning of
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(Start time: TBD).

More details to follow: Check
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Healing Trees

By Jeff Karwoski

Trees exhibit a number of unique survival methods to make it through their lives. The one I want to tell you about today is their ability to heal. No tree makes it through the entirety of its life without being damaged. There are countless ways in which trees receive damages, starting at the very beginning of their life and on into their old age. It's part of their natural cycle of life.

Imagine a seedling, newly sprouted, full of life and eager to grow. It sprouts up from the ground and grows two leaves, and then it grows two more and two more again. This little plant is gaining momentum all summer long growing taller and stronger. The little tree outlives many of its fellow offspring who die for any number of reasons. Life is looking good, and then one day in the fall, a hungry deer comes along and chomps the seedling down to a stub. Many seedlings won't recover from this damage, but this little

seedling has rooted in a good spot and managed to build up some energy. The following spring it tries again.

New leaves unfurl, first two and then three and then six and then eight. Things are looking up for the little guy as he eyes a sunny spot in the canopy to shoot for. A year passes—then two. The tree escapes the deer and some hungry caterpillars that munched down its neighbors, and manages to grow twelve inches. Life seems promising and the future looks bright until one day, while minding its own business (photosynthesizing), a dead limb falls from the very tree that produced its seed. Now the sapling is smushed down and bent over. It's a little crooked and leans to one side—that's okay. It sets its sights back on the goal of reaching the canopy, straightens itself up and resumes growing, but not quite as fast as before. There is an injury to recover from. Energy that would be given to making new leaves and growing larger must now

be dedicated to heal where the tissue was damaged. The tree is still growing—just a little slower as it dedicates resources to healing its wounds.



Photo: Jeff Karwoski

After a growing season, the wounds have healed and the little tree is back in business. It is shooting for the sky. Six inches this year

and then ten the next. It continues this pace and grows undamaged for fifteen years, reaching the middle canopy and a certain measure of success. One night, there's a storm. There have been storms before but this one is a doozy. There is heavy rain and the ground is soft. Wind gusts are fierce and leaves are flying everywhere. An old tree, missing some roots that died long ago from a lightning strike, sways hard and breaks free from the earth. It lets out a crack as the remaining roots fracture and it crashes to the ground, but not before bashing down the side of the young tree. It rips off branches and gouges down the trunk tearing young bark off in a long gash. Another wound to heal—a big one at that. One that will take years to fully heal.

The tree knows what to do. It contains the code for healing in its ancient archives of DNA. Without alarm, the young tree designates

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The Green Way Natural Law

Things will never be the same. The three greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide are increasing rapidly. Nitrous oxide, a byproduct of chemical fertilizer manufacturing, is both increasing global warming and destroying the ozone layer. Many species of life are going extinct. A new world is being born; let's work together to make it better.

The world economy may collapse. We need to recognize that we are all part of the family of man. If we don't stop warring, we're goners. Working together as one, we have incredible power. During times of emergency, people can find community sharing. Nature, of which we are a part, is more about love than fear. The whole Universe is conscious; Saint Francis of Assisi knew this—"Brother Rat and Sister Moon." Charles Darwin's book, *The Origin of Species*, with the phrase, "survival of the fittest", has been often misunderstood to mean that we have to fight. But that phrase only appears three times in the book, while the word "love" appears 87 times. Darwin loved nature and

wrote a whole book about earthworms.

During the Great Depression, people survived by sharing. You've got gas, I've got a truck. Someone else has potatoes, someone else has land, someone else has tools, others have other vehicles and machinery. We live in a world of plenty and we're acting like we're full of needs. There is no shortage of food, for instance; it's a distribution problem.

When Cuba's economy, subsidized by the Soviet Union, fell apart after that country went bankrupt, Cubans lost an average of 40% of body weight. But Cuba did not fall apart. It got off of chemical agriculture and combined organic ag (rural and urban) with bicycles, buses, and sharing. No one starved to death and the country recovered to the extent that Jimmy Carter said they had achieved an excellent educational system. Spain, from 1934-36, thrived in spite of the fact that things had become so expensive nobody could afford them. They survived by seeing that they were all in the same boat. Money was not needed. The banks were not needed. The po-

lice had little crime on their hands, as people helped each other. The original ideals of communism also involved cooperation. We have everything we need.

My two favorite words are composting and bioremediation. Hazelwood has embarked on the goal of getting all of our organic waste returned to the soil to improve the nutritional, microbial and immune status of our neighborhood. Please don't put your kitchen scraps, grass clippings, wood chips, and leaves into the garbage cans to go to the landfill; we need them. We have the ambitious goal of getting all that composted. Nature, Gaia, cleans soil by biodegrading (rotting). What man made, Nature (or God, if you will) can unmake. The entire Earth has been affected by man. Our pollutants are everywhere. But we can heal.

Everybody's Garden is being rejuvenated and improved with the help of Grounded Strategies (grounded-pgh.org). While not everything is producing at the moment, it's filled with rose-of-Sharon, thyme, arugula, sunchoke (Jerusalem artichoke),



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resources to send to the wound and start the process of healing. The tree is not in a rush no matter how badly it is injured. It only knows that it has a wound and would like to recover so it can get back to growing up strong. It works on recovering a little bit each day, growing and healing. Visible signs of its recovery show up soon. Some new tissue grows around the wounds like a scar. This is called reaction wood or, in some cases, a callus roll. Just like we grow calluses on our hands from hard work, the tree grows a callus around the injury, walling it off from healthy tissue. The wood that makes these calluses is strong and dense—more so than undamaged tissue. By the time its injuries have healed, the damaged areas will have become its strongest parts.

Life will go on like this for all the years the tree is alive—growing, getting damaged and healing unavoidable wounds. It does this without resentment or animosity. It does this with a desire to live life to its

fullest potential. The tree accepts its injuries with grace, diverting energy as needed to make the damaged parts the strongest ones. Throughout this process, it grows—sometimes faster, sometimes slower and, in a bad year, not much at all. But it tries. It's the growth that moves them forward through each stage of their lives, from seedling to sapling and on through maturity. It is this growth that gives them energy to heal.

No matter what, trees are growing and healing in an ongoing cycle up until the day they die. Even then, they live on as homes for countless animals, plants and fungi that occupy their decomposing structures as they sink slowly into the Earth. These structures of gentle decay attract and enrich the new life sprouting up all around it, beginning again the cycle of healing and growth.

Project Elsewhere

By Ray Gerard

A devastating flash flood occurred in August of 2016 in the Four Mile Run (The Run) neighborhood of Pittsburgh. A resident and his young son were trapped on the roof of their car by the quickly rising water and were eventually rescued by firefighters. Multiple cars were submerged, and many basements saw several inches of stormwater mixed with raw sewage. This was not an unusual event in The Run. Even without a severe flood, various amounts of rain bring soaked foundations, yards turned into swamps and inches of sludge on the streets. These events occur more frequently and severely with the combined effects of climate change and the irresponsible, over-development of higher elevation nearby areas. Water, after all, runs downhill, along with the contents of several thousand additional toilets flushing in next-door Oakland.

For years residents have suffered the traumatizing effects of severe flooding during successive city administrations. They've begged public officials to fix it, only to be told that there is no money to solve what is clearly a chronic public health issue. It's been said that budgets are

moral documents, but instead of budgeting for basic lifesaving infrastructure, city officials stubbornly choose to spend our money elsewhere.

When it comes to private development projects though, city officials always have a blank check at the ready. Throwing millions at privateers will supposedly solve all of our problems, and money will trickle down like rain. But for years, residents of The Run have only been soaked with excuses from officials and even more heavy rain. The neglect exponentially rises to the level of abuse with every flood.

The private development roadway project dubbed the Mon-Oakland Mobility Plan/Mon-Oakland Connector (MOC) is just such a project, and its origins go back to at least the year 2000. City officials met behind closed doors with Oakland's two largest universities, PITT and CMU, and struck a deal. The public was to pay for a shuttle roadway from Oakland campuses and through the Junction Hollow portion of Schenley Park; then on to the Hazelwood Green development site. One of the neighborhoods in the direct path is The Run, and residents were kept in the dark about the plan for at least



Flooding in The Run (August 2016)

15 years.

When announced as a done deal through a news article in August of 2015, Run residents staged a revolt. They demanded that city officials fix the problem of desperately needed flood relief, and adamantly rejected a roadway through their community. Within a few months came the 2016 flood, and the city was dripping with embarrassment. News reports, including photos and video of the damage, finally revealed to the public the chronic neglect caused by the city's practice of spending unsparing amounts of money for corporate

welfare deals, but nearly nothing for basic lifesaving infrastructure.

Although the city was caught with its waders down, officials told residents they'd have to produce a comprehensive survey showing that flooding is an issue in order to secure the money to fix it. Afterwards, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) entered the story with its own troubled history, announcing that \$40 million was acquired to fix the problem. But as predictable as the next flood, folks were told the stormwater mitigation work would include the community-erasing MOC. It should come as no surprise that all PWSA board members are appointed by the Mayor.

The Four Mile Run Stormwater Project is complicated, and to include an approximately half-mile long (39,600 sq. ft.) impervious surface that eliminates a great deal of old-growth tree canopy from the next-door park, which would most likely harm flood control. That amount of paving would generate about 295,000 gallons of runoff. Every 1 acre of impervious surface generates about 27,000 gallons of runoff for each inch of rain, and

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Pittsburgh has seen a range from around 36-60 inches of rain over the last 10 years.

After the initial presentation of the plan, multiple engineering experts approached residents, affirming that adding the roadway could harm flood control, and most importantly, revealing that the overall plan would not sufficiently address The Run's flooding. The majority of flooding comes from the other end of the Watershed—Squirrel Hill and Greenfield—and not the Oakland/Schenley Park end, where the main leg of the proposed MOC project would be.

On June 18, 2020, the PWSA revealed that their newest version of the flood mitigation project is for a 10-year flood plan. The Run has experienced periodic 25 (and even 75) year floods as well as regular 10-year events within the last 15 years, which means residents will continue the ongoing task of replacing their furnaces, hot water tanks and washers and dryers out-of-pocket, due to an inadequate plan and their inability to acquire flood insurance.

Documents acquired through RTK (Right-to-Know) requests show that the Mayor's office and their private partners concerns are not with the plight of residents, but elsewhere.

Meeting minutes dated February 22, 2019 show Mayor Chief of Staff Dan Gilman saying that the messaging to residents must be improved because residents, "Have an expectation that this project will eliminate their flooding." He also described the overall project as a "clusterf***."

Rather than focus the \$40 million dollars on the actual life-threatening chronic problem, the city and private partners are more concerned with "messaging" and driving the project to force the inclusion of an unwanted, non-essential and publicly subsidized private development roadway through The Run. The proposed solution-looking-for-a-problem MOC project will also drain an additional minimum of \$24 million dollars from our city budget instead of lifesaving, much-needed infrastructure and real transportation solutions.

The economic effects of the Coronavirus on Pittsburgh prompted the Mayor's recent announcement of a projected \$115 million dollar deficit this year, along with the admission that major development projects would have to be delayed by years. Logic dictates, and morality demands, that all of the above reasons should be proof enough to scrap the MOC, and shift a good bit of the \$40

million dollars to the other end of the watershed to effectively address the majority cause of chronic flooding.

Residents of The Run and their growing coalition of allies continue to push back against the rising waters and the corrupt practices of private interests who wish to construct yet another publicly subsidized private development project that benefits only a handful of insiders. Eventually, Run residents may build an ark and sail it to City Hall to force accountability; perhaps in time for the May 2021 primary election, where city residents can send Mayor Peduto elsewhere. Herent foot trail network connecting us to neighborhoods like Oakland and Greenfield to the northeast, and Swissvale/Regent Square around the river's bend at the other end of Hazelwood, would provide a carbon-free transportation corridor that would compete fairly with the time it would take to get to these neighborhoods in an automobile. These kinds of quality-of-life features are what will attract the next generation of Hazelwood community members, every bit as much as clean jobs and safe schools. How does one measure the effect that a glimpse of a fox has on the value of a home there in the neighborhood? What will the value of a functioning food-forest system be in ten or 20 years? These factors

must be included with the calculations when deciding whether and how to "develop" this or that piece of earth.

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For more information, visit: junctioncoalition.org If you would like to support residents in The Run, contact city officials and demand they fix the flooding and redirect taxpayer money to responsible infrastructure/transportation solutions:

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PWSA: 412-255-2423

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Out of Hazelwood, Another Other

By Andrea Coleman-Betts

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Graduated from: Brashear High School

Temple University

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Former member of St. John the Evangelist Baptist Church (Hazelwood), under Pastor Alvin Coon, Sr. (04/02/1929-07/10/2018)

Currently serves on the Board of Directors for Center of Life (COL)

DJ has strong family ties in Hazelwood, PA and Glenwood, PA, especially in the St. John the Evangelist Baptist Church and Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church memberships. His parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and friends, but most importantly himself, deem him Hazelwood Proud! DJ's words say: "I would not be where I am today without the lessons and support I received growing up in Hazelwood. I am truly grateful to have had a support system (from the youth programs to being an active member in church) around me while growing up in Hazelwood that allowed me to succeed. I was and am truly blessed."



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Buying a Home Isn't for Everyone: 3 Reasons Renting Could Be the Better Option

By Julie Block

As realtors, we love helping people find the perfect home. There are few moments better than watching someone's excitement as they sign their name and receive their keys in anticipation of the next big step in their life. It is our honor to support people along their journey to find the right home for their goals, whether it is a small fixer-upper to help them build equity, a large family home to grow into, or a low maintenance house so that they can focus on their passions outside of the home. There's a right fit for each person, and we love helping people discover that.

One lesson we have learned throughout the years is that the "right house" isn't only about the house itself. It's also about the timing. Our current market strongly favors sellers, and it is particularly challenging and emotionally exhausting to lose repeated bidding wars because your wish list is bigger than your budget. Sometimes the best advice we can give aspiring homeowners is to wait a year or two before taking the leap into homeownership.

Why You May Want to Wait to Buy Your Home:

Here are a few reasons we sometimes recommend waiting to buy:

1. Your costs are predictable when you rent.

When you rent, you don't have to worry about the financial costs of a flooded basement, a worn roof, or installing a new heating system. Although you'll likely be responsible for most of your utilities, your rent is your biggest monthly expense, designed to cover any future costs of your home. With renting, you don't need to set aside any sort of cash for a sudden home emergency. If a tree falls through the roof, you don't need to worry about dealing with the insurance company or a construction crew. Instead of setting aside money for unexpected repairs, you can predictably set aside money towards the down payment and closing costs on your future home.

2. You aren't ready for a long-term commitment.

There's no doubt that moving is challenging and stressful whether you're renting or buying, but it is particularly expensive to move

when you have to sell and buy a new home. You'll face around 5% closing costs as a buyer and close to 10% closing costs as a seller. This means that in order to buy and sell a different \$200,000 home, you'd lose a total of \$30,000! That's not a small price to pay to move a couple of miles. This is why we believe it's so important to understand your goals and take your time when you're buying. Selling your house because your lifestyle has changed is one thing, but selling it because the house wasn't the right fit to begin with is another. If you are going through a major lifestyle change or anticipate change coming soon, it may be best to wait for some dust to settle and rent until you have a clear vision of your long-term goals.

3. The market conditions aren't in your favor.

Here is an all too common story we see right now: You've done your diligence. You have a great, stable job, and you have been saving for years to buy your first home. You have researched which neighborhoods you like, and you know how much house you can afford. But every time you put an offer in, you're outbid by other buyers who are tak-

ing on unreasonable risks or paying unreasonable amounts of money for the house you want. While many people, ourselves included, thought the pandemic may lead to a more favorable market for buyers, in the short term what we're seeing is that current homeowners who were toying with the idea of selling are often staying put. This means inventory is lower than ever, leaving buyers fighting with each other for almost every house that comes on the market. While we keep a lot of tools in our back pocket to help buyers navigate the challenges of our current market, if you have the flexibility, the best option may be to wait.

For more details on evaluating whether buying a home is the right choice for you, continue reading this article on blocksintheburgh.com.

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Hazelwood Initiative: New Staff Profiles

HI recently hired two new staff members that wanted to introduce themselves, along with our new Director of Community Initiatives, Tiffany Taulton, who started late last year.



Jenn Kim, Project Manager
Started August 2020

1. Where are you from?

I am proudly Korean-American, and I was born in Maryland and raised mostly in the suburbs of Bergen County, New Jersey.

2. What brought you to this line of work?

I studied international relations and economics in college, which led me to think a lot about social and economic optimization. In other words, how can we help improve people's lives through good social infrastructure and economic policy? I spent several years in the consulting world where I hoped to learn how the interests of big players in the business world shape much of the financial landscape. Eventually, I pivoted to a degree in architecture when I saw an opportunity to learn about the more tangible counterpart, the built environment. I believe the housing industry has far-reaching consequences that directly affect the quality of life of billions of people, which makes it a compelling locus of change. After several years of studying architectural design, I realized that my skills and interests are better aligned with the processes behind real estate development, specifically in affordable housing development. Pursuing my interests have led me to Hazelwood Initiative, and I am thrilled to be part of its mission.

3. What's your favorite thing about Hazelwood so far?

Getting to know the people in Hazelwood has been by far the best part about being here. It's always in-

spiring to see honest, hard-working people working to serve the community. If there is any way we can help the community become healthier and more vibrant, I am all for it!

4. What's something you look forward to doing when the pandemic is over?

I am new to Pittsburgh, so it is less than ideal to try to get to know the city and build relationships during the COVID era. I would love to get a chance to explore the city and meet people without the barrier or being "socially distanced." In the meantime, I wholeheartedly believe that safety comes first.



Sarah Kanar, Program Assistant
Started July 2020

1. Where are you from?

I am from Pittsburgh. I grew up in Whitehall around the South Hills area.

2. What brought you to this line of work?

I went to the University of Pittsburgh and majored in urban studies with a concentration in urban planning and community organization. I have always taken an interest in development in cities, particularly Pittsburgh. For my program, I did an internship at the Pittsburgh Downtown Community Development Corporation and really got interested in the work they do. I have been very fortunate to end up at Hazelwood Initiative as a result of my studies and interests!

3. What's your favorite thing about Hazelwood so far?

I absolutely just love the community members. I made balloon animals for last year's Light Up Night and loved interacting with Hazelwood families! I have made so many

friendships thus far. I hope to meet more people when this pandemic is over and maybe make more balloon animals for future events.

4. What's something you look forward to doing when the pandemic is over?

I look forward to traveling more and visiting new places! I really want to go to the beach again. Hopefully I will also get to resume twisting balloons!



Tiffany Taulton
Director of Community Initiatives
Started October 2019

1. Where are you from?

I was born in Pittsburgh, but my dad's family is from Clairton and when the steel mills shut down, he joined the Navy, so I grew up all over the place. I've been to over 20 countries and speak 5 languages—English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Mandarin Chinese—although some of them are starting to get pretty rusty. I moved back to Pittsburgh from New York City in 2014 to be closer to my family.

2. What brought you to this line of work?

After Superstorm Sandy devastated New York in 2012, I realized that climate change wasn't something that people in faraway countries—and far off in the future—would have to worry about. Climate change was already happening, and it was something that could hurt me, my friends, and my family in this country, right now. I was stranded in Virginia during the storm, and for two days as I made my way back home by bus, I couldn't buy food because I didn't have cash and store card-readers weren't working because there was no internet or phone service. My office at work was dark and freezing because there was no electricity, and subway service was disrupted for months. It was also really weird to be at work when so

many offices were empty because my colleagues' houses in New Jersey were flooded, and there was no transportation from Long Island, Staten Island, or parts of Brooklyn. I started to attend planning meetings to learn what was being done to help the city build back better and to be ready for the next storm. However, I was disappointed to see that in rooms that often had 300 people or more, there were very few other Black people.

At the same time, I became aware that historic conditions of economic disenfranchisement and land-use policies such as redlining and housing covenants that limited where Black people could live had resulted in the city's Black and Brown residents living in some of the most vulnerable places for storm surge flooding and blackouts. Ironically, because their homes were often valued less, they were also eligible for fewer recovery funds. I decided to work in community development and planning because I want to make sure that the concerns of all people—especially those from vulnerable communities—are addressed in a way that preserves health, family relationships, community history, and wealth into the future.

3. What's your favorite thing about Hazelwood so far?

I love to take walks along the Hazelwood Green Trail. My nephew really likes to ride his bike there and throw his toy airplane because it's safe since it's separated from the cars. It's also nice because we can stop to look at the flowers, or sit on a bench and read a book together.

4. What's something you look forward to doing when the pandemic is over?

I'm the Secretary of the Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) of Pittsburgh, so family is really important to me. I can't wait to visit my grandmothers, hold my new baby niece, and start going to family reunions again!

Have You Ever Met a Mere Mortal?

By Vicar Silas Hasselbrook

I had always been familiar with C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* series as a child, particularly the BBC rendition. So, you can imagine how excited my siblings and I were when the "cooler," more "exciting" films came out in the early 2000's. But it wasn't until my years as an undergraduate at Concordia University Wisconsin that I actually read some of C.S. Lewis' writings on religion and Christianity. One quote of his has always stuck with me, emblazoned on my mind since I first read it. It is from his book, *Weight of Glory*, a collection of nine sermons he gave to those who were troubled and confused during the years of WWII. The quote goes like this: "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption."

There are many wise words that could be spoken to us in the troubling and confusing times in which we live. But this quote from C.S. Lewis is especially helpful, and just as fitting for our day as it was for his. He says that we must take each other seriously, no superiority, no presumption. Just having this mindset alone would do a lot for the riots and disagreements that are wracking our country.

The reason Lewis said that we owe this respect to each other is not because of how rich or powerful someone is, how talented or strong someone is, or any other reason except for this: we are not mere mortals. In other words, humans are immortal creatures. Yes, our bodies will die. But there is a part of every single person you meet that never dies: their soul.

Lewis operated with the understanding that we are created in the image of God, and part of that image means that we are immortal like He is. Though we have a beginning

(God has no beginning or end), we have no end to our existence. The question then becomes, what happens after our bodies die? What becomes of our soul?

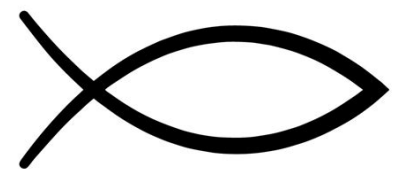
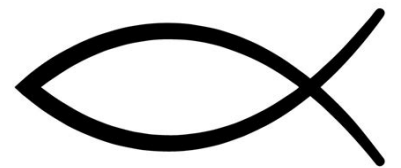
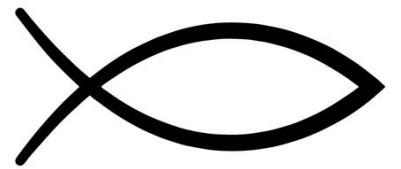
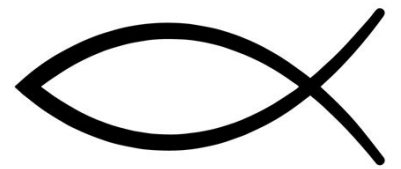
Scripture tells us that God the Father sent God the Son, who became human, who lived and walked and talked as a human among humans. But He also healed and taught and loved as God among humans. He came to live the life of obedience to God that we could not, and to die the death we deserved for not loving God. And when He rose from the dead, it was proof that He conquered death for us. Our imperfections, faults, mistakes, bad decisions, our sins separate us from being in a right relationship with God. They are like a trash heap that prevents us from seeing God. But Jesus' actions wiped away our sins so that we have a clean slate before God, every day, every hour, every minute, always. God is reconciled to us. No more needs to be done than what Jesus has already done. He has taken care of all things for you, because He loves you with a love that would not even stop Him from dying for you, to offer you peace of mind, and comfort of soul.

This is good news. This is the Gospel message. This is the message of life. So, what about when we die? Scripture tells us that one of two things will happen. There are many who do not want to listen to this Gospel message, who reject the Gospel message that Jesus has saved them. If they die without repenting and believing in Christ, Scripture tells us that God wills them what they want: life without Christ. They have rejected the message of life, so their judgement is eternal torment in hell. The other thing that will happen is eternal life for those who trust that what God says in His Word is true—that they are right with God because of Jesus and that heaven's gates stand open for them. In heaven, there is no pain, struggle, or fighting. It is a fulfilled and joyful life that never ends, a life of being near to the One who loves you more than anyone else: God.

Every human is immortal. This informs Holy Cross in how we interact and operate in Hazelwood. We strive to respect all who come for food and clothing—as we serve their bodies—so they may come here to be served in soul. We want to

converse and interact with others as immortal people, people who God wants to be with forever. This means no matter whoever, from wherever, or whatever they have done, all people are immortal people who deserve respect. Holy Cross extends an invitation to all immortal humans so they may know the message of life. God is concerned about where you will spend eternity, and this is why He sent Jesus to save you. He desires you to enjoy immortal life with Him, not immortal death apart from Him. We invite you to gather with us so that you may know what eternal happiness awaits you, and know the blessings God offers you as an immortal being.

We have a Sunday morning service at 9:30 followed by Bible Study, Wednesday Prayer services at 12:00 p.m. followed by Bible study, and Friday Stations of the Cross at noon. Additionally, we have Matins at 9:30 Tuesday-Saturday, and at 8:30 on Sunday. You can always stop in and speak with me, Vicar Silas Hasselbrook, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday about anything you'd like. Our address is 5319 2nd Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. God bless you this month of September.



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Brewery Expected to Open in Hazelwood Next Year

By Gerri Tipton

What's a good way to come together with a group of friends and family to have a great time? Over a nice glass of beer, of course. But, how about being able to sample as many beers as you want right in the comfort of your neighborhood? That's right, Hazelwood will soon launch its own brewery for everyone to enjoy.

David Kahley, president, founder and CEO of the Progress Fund, spoke with me about the brewery and how the idea came about. The Progress Fund is a known community development nonprofit organization that helps fund small businesses. The process of starting the brewery began in 2016 when a potential brewer wanted to create a craft brewery in Hazelwood. They contacted the Progress Fund for a loan, and Hazelwood Initiative assisted in the discovery of the building they are now working on: 5007-5111 Lytle Street, the former Derby Brewing Company, which closed back in 1938.

But it wasn't long before the brewer decided to back out of the project. "The brewer decided to do other things but it stuck in my head to continue with the idea of the brewery," said Kahley. Kahley then bought the building in 2017 and kept moving forward with the idea. "Somebody came in, somebody left, and the idea stuck in my head like a magnet." The process of starting a brewery is not as easy as some may think. It can be expensive, hard work and very complicated, especially when it comes to the community and real estate development.

"You have competition, you have to make a good product, and most of it comes with on-the-job training, but it is doable. That is why we are creating a brewery space and then having brewers come in, and they'll be brewing the beer. We are doing what we know how to do, and we will have three brewers who are coming in doing what they know how to do."

The building was constructed in 1905, back when it was already known as the Hazelwood Brewery, which was independent until it was closed down by government agencies. Kahley thought it was a good


idea to bring the brewery back to its historic roots in the original building. "I just think with Hazelwood pride, here's its own original brewery, and what's better than to bring it back?"

Kahley describes breweries as fun gathering places, which was one of the reasons he wanted to bring it to Hazelwood. It will also create job opportunities. "All three brewers that are interested in coming [will] look for people locally to hire. We really want to find people that want to work and learn the trade, along with other jobs to help around the brewery." The million-dollar question is, when is the brewery expected to open? Due to COVID and the long process of getting things together within the brewery, it can take nine months to a year.

So, what will make this brewery different from other breweries around the city? Well, it's in Hazelwood, it was a brewery before and it has a great history in a historic building, and they'll have a variety of at least 30 different beers for you to try. "You're going to make great beer if there is competition. If you want to go out and only have time to go to one place, you can go and see three brewers in one place. It's going to have a really nice beer garden and rooftop deck."

Kahley has been proud to be a part of the community when it comes to the development of Hazelwood. "We are very excited about the idea and have gotten a lot of support from the community. It has been an honor to be doing this project, and I want it to be a place everyone in Hazelwood is proud of."





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Former Hazelwood YMCA to Become New Home for Three Rivers Village School

By Sarah Kanar, HI Program Assistant

Hazelwood can expect Three Rivers Village School (TRVS), currently located in the Spartan Center, to move into the former YMCA, located at 4713 Chatsworth Ave. This year marks the eighth year the school has been open. The school was previously located in Stanton Heights in 2013 and moved to Hazelwood in 2015.

TRVS is inspired by the Sudbury Valley School, located in Framingham, Massachusetts. Staff member Maggie Bogdanich states, "Our school is run democratically, meaning that students and staff have . . . a working relationship in all matters pertaining to school." The students have a self-directed learning environment, where they can pursue their interests as they wish, and the teachers are there to provide support and resources.

Operating during the pandemic has been difficult for the school, as many schools have discovered. The school began offering an optional daily zoom call for the students as well as gave the students an opportunity to create a class for themselves. The transition to online courses has been difficult, and they are searching for ways to be more efficient in the future.

TRVS is glad to have the opportunity to stay in Hazelwood. Maggie explains, "You know, we wanted to remain in Hazelwood be-

cause we've, you know, established connections and made friends." TRVS looks forward to using the outdoor space and having ADA accessibility at the YMCA. TRVS also looks forward to putting a kitchen in where the students can cook and create group meals. Maggie reveals, "We're right across the street from a playground and we're still close to the local businesses that kids like to frequent. So yeah, there's a lot of pluses for us."

Every year, the school has two fully funded tuition grants that can last up to three years. These grants are open to kids ages 5 to 15 from all over the city. The first grant is offered on a lottery system while prioritizing Hazelwood residents. The school also offers two full tuition grants for Hazelwood residents.

Maggie expresses gratitude towards Hazelwood and its residents for having such a positive response to their students and curriculum. She stated, "I think most adults expect kids to be in classrooms at desks all day, and you know our kids—that's not how our school runs. And so, I feel like there's been an overall . . . understanding and acceptance of our kids." Maggie also revealed they will miss the location, event space, and people at the Spartan Center, but are looking forward to the move and the new opportunities to come!

Reader Call: The Six Word Challenge

The concept of distilling a story or poem down to a mere six words has existed for several decades, with the first well-known example being attributed to Ernest Hemingway in the 1920's (though there is no official record of him writing any six-word stories). For years, Eric Boyd wrote one or more six-word pieces a day, often by request. People wrote to him with long, complicated prompts or real-life experiences which they wanted to see condensed into six words. Often these were philosophical or deeply personal, sometimes they were downright absurd. Readers of The Homepage are continually invited to reach out, participate and request such works as well! Please email editor@hazelwoodinitiative.org with your prompts, challenges, or real-world scenarios to be turned into a six-word story/poem.

Check out the latest prompt submissions and the poems created by local writer Sherri Adelkoff, below!

Write a 6-word poem about cooking during the hottest summer on record.

I am forsaking cooking and baking.

Write a 6-word poem about positive change brought on by the pandemic.

Decorating complete. My house looks sweet!

Write a 6-word poem about a life-altering experience you had while visiting another country.

Africa's mysterious. It left me delirious.

—Sherri Adelkoff

Here are prompts for next month's issue!
Please submit your work by Friday, September 25th.

Write a 6-word poem about:

- **Meditation.**
- **How writing poetry affects you.**
- **A change you'd like to see in 2021.**



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