

## 02/08/2022 Hazelwood Initiative Community Meeting Notes

### Get into the Building Trades

- Masters Builders' Association of Western PA
- 37 General Contractors / 89 Speciality Contractors / 111 Affiliate Members
- [recruit.agc.org/mbawpa](http://recruit.agc.org/mbawpa) - [wpabuild.com](http://wpabuild.com) - [buildwpa.com](http://buildwpa.com)
- National shortage of skilled trade workers
- DEI Opportunities
  - Lower Hill, UPMC, Univ of Pitt, CMU, Airport
  - Biden administration \$1 trillion infrastructure bill
- CHANGES COMING TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY
  - Website
    - Traditionally, the only way to learn about jobs was by word of mouth with 90% of tradespeople being white men, this process limited the pool of new recruits; the website will allow everyone to see the jobs available
    - Website has games to help you understand the jobs
  - Training courses
    - will be posted so you know when they are happening—before people didn't have enough notice before the job started
    - Will be differentiated—for example: emphasizing different kinds of math skills depending on the position sought
- Trade Careers --> Where you start is not where you have to end up!
  - Career path - A.S. Degree from CCAC - estimating and construction management
  - Engineer - architect - safety management
  - Trades programs are free
    - Driver's license, high school diploma/GED, drug test
    - Aptitude test, competitive market
- Contact Information:
  - Lance Harrell, Director, Workforce Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - 631 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
  - Telephone: 412-922-3912
  - Email: [lance@mbawpa.org](mailto:lance@mbawpa.org)
  - Web: [www.wbawpa.org](http://www.wbawpa.org)
- Question: How does the aptitude test work?
  - Each trade has their own aptitude test (ex. One may have more algebra than another)

### Lead Safe Homes, Healthy Homes

- Elevated lead levels in children
  - Routes of exposure
    - Ingestion/hand-to-mouth activity
      - Fingers, Toys, PICA
    - Inhalation - more common route for adults, usually when renovation is being performed in an unsafe manner.

- Dust - generated from surfaces painted with lead paint
      - Friction surfaces, impact surfaces, deteriorating surfaces
    - Paint - chipping and flaking paint, chalking paint, chewable surfaces
    - Soil - contaminated by paint and gasoline emissions, near old buildings & highways, stays in top layer of soil, bare soil can be a hazard
    - Water - lead pipes leach lead into water, lead can also be found in solder and fixtures
  - Preventing lead exposure - children living in older homes can be exposed to lead from contaminated dust in their homes
    - Housekeeping using wet cleaning methods, HEPA vacuum carpeting and rugs, Clean all hard horizontal surface, Dispose of wash water in the toilet
    - To minimize risk from lead in water:
      - Use a filter that is approved by NSF for removing lead, get your water tested, flush the line after water has sat for several hours, use bottled water
  - Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program—**CONTACT HI TO APPLY!**
    - Eligibility
      - Home built before 1978 in Allegheny County
      - Owner-occupied homes: a child under age 6 lives in or regularly visits the home, no child age requirement for rental homes
      - Renters must have landlord approval
      - Household's annual gross income
    - **Services provided free of charge**
      - Lead paint testing
        - Test for lead paint throughout the home to identify all hazardous areas
        - Home repairs
          - All lead paint hazards repaired by certified contractors
          - Clearance testing
    - Questions: How can renters ensure that landlords do these repairs?
      - Landlords are contacted within 30 days to check progress

### **Update on New Community Land Trust Homes**

- Chatsworth Avenue Homes
  - 3 bedroom homes
  - Project is expected to be fully funded in March
  - Groundbreaking is projected for early May
  - First home will be available for sale before the end of the year
  - Available for people making between 50%-80% AMI
- Hazelwood Initiative Updates
- Buying process
  - General Mortgage Requirements
    - 650 or 680 Credit Score (depending on bank)
    - \$5,000 - \$10,000 for downpayment/closing costs
    - URA can provide up to \$7,500

- Other sources available too! - HACP, First Front Door
- How to apply?
  - Visit: [www.cityofbridgesclt.org/apply](http://www.cityofbridgesclt.org/apply)
  - Contact CBCLT Stewardship & Engagement Manager, Crystal Jennings
    - Phone: 412-621-1811 x 110 - Email: [crystal@cityofbridgesclt.org](mailto:crystal@cityofbridgesclt.org)
- Home buying details
  - Priced at \$120,000 and \$135,000
    - Monthly payments of between \$875 - \$950
    - Income of ~\$45,000 could qualify (55% AMI for a family of 4)
  - Solar panels on each home will allow for low utility bills
  - CLT model guarantees stable property taxes
- Contact: Ed Nusser, [ed@cityofbridgesclt.org](mailto:ed@cityofbridgesclt.org) - 412-621-1811

## Updates

- **ReLeaf Greater Hazelwood**
  - 2021 Recap
    - 180 trees planted, 32 trees adopted, 2 tabling opportunities, 1 community survey with 275 responses, 1 Tree ID Hike, 1 Greenway cleanup, 8 new tree tenders
    - Pruning Workshop
      - March 3, 2022
      - 9am - Noon
      - Must be a certified Tree Tender
      - Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f48aaac2ca1f49-march>
- **Solar United Neighbors, Allegheny County Solar + EV Charger Co-op** can:
  - Help you have solar panels, electric vehicle chargers, and/or batteries installed at your home
  - Connect with a reputable solar installer
  - If your income is low enough, pay for your solar
  - <https://solarunitedneighbors.org/allegheny>
  - Contact: [pateam@solarunitedneighbors.org](mailto:pateam@solarunitedneighbors.org)
- **Hazelwood Air Quality Monitors Initiative**, Dr. Christopher Blaszczak-Boxe
  - Air pollution, a preventable risk, that can severely impact health
    - Asthma, COPD
    - Heart disease
    - Cancer
    - Depression
    - Autism
  - Air pollution causes nearly 7 million deaths globally each year
    - People now spend an average of 90% of their time inside of buildings
    - Nearly half of all deaths are from indoor air pollution
  - Hazelwood Initiative is partnering for Indoor and Outdoor air pollution monitoring
    - Abhishek, from PittSensing, and The Breathe Collaborative will focus on outdoor air pollution

- Dr. Boxe, from Penn State, will focus on indoor air pollution
  - Economic impacts
  - Public health impacts
  - Comparing Pittsburgh environmental justice communities to others he is studying, such as New York City
- Those who would like an air monitor can sign up with a form that Tiffany will email soon!